



2023 Official Haskell Stakes Guide

5 Stakes Races



Your complete guide to winning with analysis and selections for Monmouth Park's Saturday Stakes races.



MATCHMAKER STAKES—GRADE III — 1 1/8 MILES TURF

Race #5—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

6—**CONSUMER SPENDING** has brilliant late pace at times and consistently delivers high quality starts. She should be in top form making her third start after a layoff.

7—**SURPRISINGLY** missed as the public’s top choice in their last outing. Trainer Claude McGaughey III rebounds at 18 percent the next time out with beaten favorites.

4—**GAM'S MISSION** ran the highest last race speed figure. She has seven workouts since the last race in mid-April and should be fit and ready to return.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

2—**PERSONAL BEST** probably has the most back class and could have a tactical advantage here as a horse with early speed versus a field that mostly wants to stalk or close.

3—**TIC TIC TIC BOOM** could be a live longshot. She has run well on Monmouth turf with a win and a third in a pair of efforts. In the event the race is taken off grass, she hit the board in four of four on an off track.

5—**BIPARTISANSHIP** won her last with a power move in the stretch. Adding distance today could work to her advantage.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

Canisy, Personal Best

STALKERS:

Consumer Spending, Surprisingly

CLOSERS:

Tic Tic Boom, Gam’s Mission, Bipartisanship

CANISY usually runs her best when she is upfront. She will try to set the tone but her early pace numbers suggest **PERSONAL BEST** will be the pacesetter. **CONSUMER SPENDING** and **SURPRISINGLY** should get the jump on the closers.

THE PLAY

CONSUMER SPENDING is one for one on Monmouth grass in her last. She has a chance to be better in the classic third start after a layoff. **SURPRISINGLY** hit the board in six of seven on turf and has some sharp workouts between races. **GAMS MISSION** has a couple grade III wins on her resume and will be coming hard at the wire. **PERSONAL BEST** never ran out of the money at the distance and should be ready for another good one with a bullet workout on July 15.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME	EXACTA
WIN	5/2	6	CONSUMER SPENDING	6,7/2,3,4,6,7
PLACE	3-1	7	SURPRISINGLY	
SHOW	9/2	4	GAM’S MISSION	TRIFECTA 6,7/2,4,6,7/2,3,5,6,7
WILD CARD	3-1	2	PERSONAL BEST	
ALT 1	30-1	3	TIC TIC TIC BOOM	
ALT 2	4-1	5	BIPARTISANSHIP	



MONMOUTH CUP STAKES—GRADE III — 1 1/8 MILES

Race #8—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

6—**PROXY** drops from a Grade I at Churchill Downs. He has more triple digit speed figures than the rest of the field combined. A bullet work on July 15th says another good effort is on tap.

7—**WHELEN SPRINGS** tried Monmouth for the first time in his last outing. He won posting one of his best speed figures. Perhaps, a budding horse for the course.

1—**ANTIGRAVITY** has run well on Monmouth’s main track, which can be tricky. He has three wins, a second and three thirds in 10 trips around the New Jersey course.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

3—**CALIBRATE** ran the highest last race speed figure by a decent margin. He could continue to be sharp with a a bullet workout on July 15th at Parx for trainer Jamie Ness.

4—**HIGHER QUALITY** could be a nice price that has a chance to hit the board. He is a head away from winning his last three races and ran a little faster in his last race than the previous effort.

2—**FOREWARNED** ran better internal race numbers from start to finish in his most recent race; a sign of an improving horse.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

Higher Quality, Fowler Blue

STALKERS:

Calibrate

CLOSERS:

Antigravity, Forewarned, Proxy, Whelen Springs

None of the horses in this field come equipped with sprinter speed out of the box. **HIGHER QUALITY** and **FOWLER BLUE** prefer to be forwardly placed. They’ll probably try to set the pace early, but it’s doubtful they can shake free and will probably prove to be cheap speed.

THE PLAY

PROXY looks like the class of this spot. His resume says he should step up his output in round two off the bench. **WHELEN SPRINGS** is stepping up in class by a lot. His early pace should put him close to the front and that is where he has the most success. **ANTIGRAVITY** is coming off one of his best efforts showing the most late punch. He might be even better in the second start after a layoff. **CALIBRATE** lost to **NEXT** in his last. There might not be any of NEXTs caliber in here.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME	
WIN	3/5	6	PROXY	EXACTA 6/1,3,4,7
PLACE	8-1	7	WHELEN SPRINGS	
SHOW	6-1	1	ANTIGRAVITY	TRIFECTA 6/1,3,7/1,2,3,4,7
WILD CARD	7/2	3	CALIBRATE	
ALT 1	30-1	4	HIGHER QUALITY	
ALT 2	12-1	2	FOREWARNED	



WOLF HILL STAKES— 5 1/2 FURLONGS TURF

Race #9—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

2—**MID DAY IMAGE** ran much better early in his last race and should up his output in the third start after a layoff. His early speed should involve him from the jump at a distance where he has two wins in three races.

7—**NOTHING BETTER** loves the Monmouth Park grass course with four wins, a second and a pair of thirds in eight races. He has two strong work between races to keep him sharp.

9—**FORE HARP** ran the highest last race speed figure. He has never missed the money in five at the distance with two wins, a second and a couple of seconds.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

6—**CORDUROY ROAD** might have a chance at a price. He tried Monmouth turf for the first time in his last race, winning wire to wire in an easy win at today's distance.

4—**BELGRANO**'s trainer Frank Russo doesn't enter many into the non-graded stakes level, but won four of the 11 he did enter. This one has a chance too improve in its second run after a short rest.

3—**ALOGON** is making his third start after a layoff. He should come from off the pace and could benefit from extra distance here.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

Corduroy Road, Nothing Better, That's Right
Fore Harp, Just Jeremy

STALKERS:

Mid Day Image, Alogon

CLOSERS:

Eamonn, Belgrano, Witty, Synthesis (MTO)

It is a short sprint with plenty of early speed when the gates open and the grass goes flying. A lot of the early pace is to the outside, which could hamper their chances trying to clear before the first turn. **FORE HARP** is probably the fastest of the outside horses, but **NOTHING BETTER** tends to be better through the turn. The set up could favor a stalker.

THE PLAY

MID DAY IMAGE could get an excellent trip as a stalker. Most of the early speed is on the outside which could make for an aggressive start as they hustle to clear the field before the turn. **NOTHING BETTER** drops in class from a Grade I to a level where he is not far from winning four in a row. **FORE HARP** ran the highest last race speed figure and will try to take them wire to wire. **CORDUROY ROAD** ran better internal numbers from gate to wire in his last outing and first on Monmouth turf,

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME	EXACTA
WIN	4-1	2	MID DAY IMAGE	2,6,7,9 BOX
PLACE	3-1	7	NOTHING BETTER	
SHOW	7/2	9	FORE HARP	TRIFECTA 2,7,9/2,7,9/2,4,6,7,9
WILD CARD	30-1	6	CORDUROY ROAD	
ALT 1	5-1	4	BELGRANO	
ALT 2	10-1	3	ALOGON	



MOLLY PITCHER STAKES—GRADE III — 1 1/16 MILES

Race #10—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

4—**SEARCH RESULTS** can pop some amazing late pace numbers at times. She should not be too far from the front with this bunch and could roll by in a big way of today is one of those amazing late run days.

3—**DISTINCTLYPOSSIBLE** has run well on a fast track with three wins and two seconds in six races. She’s also a fan of the distance with three wins and a second in four tries.

8—**SHOTGUN HOTTIE** was a win, place and show in three Monmouth Park outings. She is a horse on the rise, improving her speed figure in the last four races.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

6—**LOVED** won her last three and none of them were close. This will be her toughest test but she ran early pace numbers through the first half mile in her last race that fit at any level.

1—**MISTY VEIL** is running her favorite distance where she has five wins in 16 races with six seconds and a third. She has just one trip to the winners’ circle in a dozen at any other distance.

2—**FALCONET** would be tough to beat if she can run back two races. Her two most recent works says it is possible.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

Falconet, Loved

STALKERS:

Distinctlypossible, Search Results, First to Act
Shotgun Hottie

CLOSERS:

Misty Veil, Le Da Vida

LOVED won her last three either on the lead or pressing the lead. That’s where you’ll find her today as long as she gets a clean break. **FALCONET** will likely ride shotgun with a heard of stalkers right behind.

THE PLAY

SEARCH RESULTS resume says she should be at her best in the third start after a layoff. **DISTINCTLYPOSSIBLE** increased her speed figure in the last two races including tying for the highest last race speed figure. **SHOTGUN HOTTIE** finished in the money six of nine at the distance with solid pedigree for routes. **LOVED** is unbeaten in three in 2023 after spending more than a year on the sidelines.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME	EXACTA
WIN	8/5	4	SEARCH RESULTS	3,4,6,8 BOX
PLACE	9/2	3	DISTINCTLYPOSSIBLE	
SHOW	6-1	8	SHOTGUN HOTTIE	TRIFECTA 3,4/3,4,8/1,2,3,4,6,8
WILD CARD	5-1	6	LOVED	
ALT 1	12-1	1	MISTY VEIL	
ALT 2	10-1	2	FALCONET	



UNITED NATIONS STAKES—GRADE I — 1 3/8 MILES TURF

Race #11—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

3—**CATNIP** might be a horse for the course winning two of two on his last couple of outings. A couple of good works between race including a bullet say another good one could be on tap.

9—**RED KNIGHT** ran the highest last race speed figure by a wide margin, He will have to regress or all the others make a big move forward to make up the difference.

6—**PLANETARIO** ships in from Santa Anita after heading north from Brazil. He showed the class to win at this level two back. He regressed a little in his last. Three solid works since suggests a rebound could be at hand.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

4—**OCEANS MAP** is our price horse for this race. His last race was better than it looks on paper with better pace numbers and a Z pattern in his first race after five months on the sidelines.

5—**LIMITED LIABILITY** tends to run some of his best races after some time off, like today. Thirty furlongs of workouts since his last race say he will be fit and ready today.

7—**YAMATO** will be rolling late and has stakes level late pace at times. However, slow starts have put him too far behind.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

STALKERS:

So High, Catnip, Foreign Relations

CLOSERS:

Therapist, Oceans Map, Limited Liability, Planetario
Yamato, Red Knight, Kygo

There isn't a real frontrunner in this group. There is no doubt trainers see the same thing and at least one will try to steal this one upfront on modest fractions. **SO HIGH** is a price horse what has flashed brilliant early pace in previous races but faded late.

THE PLAY

CATNIP has run robust early pace in some races and robust late pace in others. He will be a monster when he puts the two together. **RED KNIGHT** has run nine high quality races in his last 10 outings. He will not beat himself. **PLANETARIO** usually wins or runs off the board. He has visited the winners circle six times in 11 races with a second. **OCEANS MAP** upped his speed figure in the last two races and could stay on the trend in his round two off the bench.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME	EXACTA
WIN	4-1	3	CATNIP	3,9/3,4,5,6,9
PLACE	5/2	9	RED KNIGHT	
SHOW	3-1	6	PLANETARIO	TRIFECTA 3,9/3,6,9/3,4,5,6,9
WILD CARD	30-1	4	OCEANS MAP	
ALT 1	5-1	5	LIMITED LIABILITY	
ALT 2	15-1	7	YAMATO	



HASKELL STAKES—GRADE I — 1 1/8 MILES TURF

Race #12—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

8—**ARABIAN KNIGHT** has only race twice and has been off since January. He won both races with ease and his workouts hint at another big performance.

3—**SALUTE THE STARS** improved in each of the three starts after his debut. He is coming off of his most complete start to finish race and could be in for a career best outing in the third start after a layoff.

4—**MAGE** returns after finishing third as the favorite in the Belmont Stakes. If he is in form, then he will make his trademark mid move and run by at the end with his turn of foot.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

5—**TAPIT TRICE** ran the highest last race speed figure by a decent margin last out. The Kentucky Derby is the only race in seven that he finished out of the money.

6—**HOWGREATISNATE** is making the classic third start after a layoff. A fast track is a key for this long priced horse. He has five wins and a third in seven races on course rated as fast.

1—**GEAUX ROCKET RIDE** has three consistent, high quality races in his short career. A complete effort here could get this one.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

Arabian Knight

STALKERS:

Geaux Rocket Ride, Awesome Strong, Howgreatisnate

CLOSERS:

Salute the Stars, Tapit Trice, Extra Anejo

No horse has been within a length of **ARABIAN KNIGHT** from the start to the **finish of his two races. He'll clearly try to race to the front again, but AWESOME STRONG** will likely make sure **ARABIAN KNIGHT** has to earn it.

THE PLAY

ARABIAN KNIGHT is yet to be challenged winning both of his races by pulling away by a lot in the stretch. **SALUTE THE STARS** made a power move in the stretch last out. Adding some distance today could be beneficial today. **MAGE** is working well and should be fit for his return with a bunch of long works getting prepped for his return. **TAPIT TRICE** ran better pace numbers from start to finish in his last race which is usually an indication of a horse on the upswing.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	5/2	8	ARABIAN KNIGHT
PLACE	8-1	3	SALUTE THE STARS
SHOW	3-1	4	MAGE
WILD CARD	3-1	5	TAPIT TRICE
ALT 1	20-1	6	HOWGREATISNATE
ALT 2	9/2	1	GEAUX ROCKET RIDE

EXACTA

3,4,5,8 Box

TRIFECTA

3,4,8/3,4,5,8/3,4,5,6,8