



# THE WIZARD'S NATIONAL SIMULCAST BEST BETS

Includes the pick of the day

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With the advent of full card simulcasting just about everywhere, handicappers are no longer limited to playing just one track. When you factor in that horse races are televised directly into homes via cable or satellite dish, and that horse players can wager over the phone or over the internet, then opportunities are endless for bettors to watch and wager on a vast array of racetracks. Because of this recent boon, the Wizard's National Simulcast Best Bets Sheet was developed for handicappers wishing to play multiple tracks, but who don't necessarily have the time or desire to handicap numerous tracks, searching for the best wagering opportunities. The National Simulcast Best Bets sheet is comprised of the Crystal Ball Best Bet selections from every track for which The Wizard provides full card selections and analysis. In addition, the popular Wizard's Pick of the Day is included in the National Simulcast Best Bets sheet, free of charge. Detailed analysis is provided for each selection contained in the National Simulcast Best Bets sheet, along with a recommended wagering strategy aimed at helping you to maximize profits. In order to make a profit in this game, you need to be skilled in both handicapping and money management, and this sheet will assist you in both regards. All plays are given on the sheet in order of post time, with all times converted to Eastern Standard, to make it easier for you to follow the sometimes rapid-fire nature of playing multiple tracks.

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**WIZARD'S PICK OF THE DAY Tampa Bay Downs - Race 3**

**Post: 1:15 EST**

**RACE 3** Post Time 1:15 5 1/2 Furlongs | Open | 3 Year Olds |  
 Allowance Optional Claiming(\$75,000) | Purse: \$21,200



Prg. #	PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Wt.	Claim \$	Equip.	Med.	ML
1	1	Jazzy Tune	De La Cruz F	Smock L	118	\$75,000		L	10-1
2	2	Affluence	Villa-Gomez H	Potts R	118	\$75,000		L	5-2
3	3	Close It Out	Morales P	Towne S	118	\$75,000		L	3-1
4	4	Peace Cat	Goncalves L	Ness J	118	\$75,000		L	9-2
5	5	Great Aztec	Herkova L	Boileau R	118	\$0			20-1
6	6	Peaceadaaction	Ramgeet A	Maragh A	118	\$75,000		L	7-2
7	7	Deal in the Lot	Galviz W	Navarro J	118	\$75,000		L	4-1

**PACE SCENARIO**

A lot of pace is present in this optional claimer going 5 1/2 furlongs, a distance at Tampa typically favors runners right off the early pace.

**PICK OF THE DAY # 3 Close It Out**

Ships up from Gulfstream Park for trainer Steve Towne, who wins at a strong percentage year-in and year-out with his small barn but rarely ships out of town unless he has a very good reason. This son of Closing Argument has picked up minor checks at this level at Gulfstream, but will be the one to beat facing softer here at Tampa, so Towne has picked out a wise spot for this three year old. In his first career starts, his only races on a fast dirt track like he will get today, this gelding scored a 5 length win and lost the other race by a neck, both in fast time. He has shown the ability to rate and that is a huge asset in this race. I also like the fact that Pablo Morales, who has been tearing it up at Tampa recently, has picked up the mount.

**Wagering Strategy**

- \* A win and place bet on (3)CLOSE IT OUT
- \* Four unit exacta part-wheel with # 4, 6, 7, reverse for two units
- \* Two unit exacta with # 2, reverse for one unit

A unit = your base wager. For example, if you are a \$2 better, one unit would equal \$2. These are just suggestions, so please remember to wager within your comfort level. Every effort has been made to ensure the program numbers are correct but please double check before wagering.

<b>Gulfstream Park - Race 3</b>	<b>Post: 1:58 EST</b>
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**# 3 Coup de Theatre:** 4 yo filly comes into this contest after coming off a short vacation last out. In that effort going 1 1/8th she was never seriously asked for run yet still managed to make a bold middle move in which she signaled her readiness to shine soon. That 'soon' is today, as trainer Peter Walder cuts her back to the odd distance of 7 1/2f which is where she's managed to win all 3 of her career victories. Not only that, but Walder himself has posted some awesome stats when it comes to sending his runners route to sprint, with the latest being a gaudy 70% under such circumstances. While that number may be slightly inflated, it still bears consideration as it was derived from actual races nonetheless. The morning line odds of 5-1 also makes for some appealing reading and may well stand up with a Nick Canani runner likely to take a majority of the money.

**Wagering Strategy**

- WAGERING STRATEGY:
- \* A win bet on (3)COUP DE THEATRE
  - \* Exacta box 1-3
  - \* Smaller exacta box 3-8

<b>Gulfstream Park - Race 4</b>	<b>Post: 2:27 EST</b>
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**#11 Beer Stien:** Having just finished talking up the qualifications of huge Maryland based trainer Dale Capuano and here we have him with the perfect opportunity to prove our opinion. Capuano brought this hard hitting 9 yo gelding down to Gulfstream for more then just sun and relaxation, and this 5f turf affair appears to be just the ticket. This modestly bred Fabulous Champ runner has been in the money 25 times while going today's distance over the lawn and that includes 12 winning efforts. In this case, he'll be making his 3rd start off the shelf following 5 months of R-n-R, and would appear well poised to fire his best shot

against a field just waiting to be taken. Breaking from the outside is actually an advantage for his stalking running style, as is having veteran rider Carlos Marquez taking over at the controls.

## Wagering Strategy

TURF OR DIRT

\* A win and place bet on (11) BEER STIEN

### **Oaklawn Park - Race 2**

**Post: 2:57 EST**

**# 3 Put and Take:** The only way this daughter of Put It Back would qualify for this event is if she was made eligible for the tag, so that's why trainer Scott Becker has her in for the 60k price. She was victorious last time out in a similar event as she wore down the embattled pacesetters after stalking the pace. This filly's two local starts at this meet have both been very strong as she ran the best race of any horse in the Dixie Belle and was an unlucky 3rd place finisher. The increased amount of early speed and expected hot pace will play into her hands as she's developed into a very handy off the pace threat.

## Wagering Strategy

\* A win bet on (3) Put and Take

\* Exactas 3-5, 3-4, reverse each for half as much

### **Tampa Bay Downs - Race 7**

**Post: 3:13 EST**

**# Dream With Us:** Mare was claimed in late November at Calder for \$16000 by one of the sharpest barns , Pete Walder, year in and year out at haltering stock and making them better. As is his m.o., Walder sent her in for some rehab work and returned her at Gulfstream Jan.16 racing for \$25K. Breaking from a tough outside post she was involved in the pace from start to finish and checked in 3rd, beaten less than a length in a very strong performance. Brought back 19 days later at the same level, she "stumbled" at the start and predictably tired after rushing up to chase fast fractions in a race that should be viewed as a "toss". Barn had her entered here on Feb. 19 against a field of males at this price but declined as the group was a very "salty" one for the tag. Anchored today on the a.e. list, she needs one scratch in the main-body to compete, but is the choice to win this if she does.

## Wagering Strategy

WAGERING STRATEGY:

\* A win bet on (11)DREAM WITH US

\* Daily Doubles 11-1(entry), 11-4

### **Aqueduct - Race 6**

**Post: 3:39 EST**

**# 4 Shalaka:** Could clear to the lead and never look back while stretching out from sprints and catching an otherwise paceless field. She's also dropping in class to a career-lowest class level. Two starts back she finished 2nd behind a next-out repeater and was nearly 3 lengths clear of 3rd. Her dam is by Kentucky Derby winner Charismatic, so there's plenty of stamina in the pedigree, and trainer James Bond is quietly having an excellent meet at 24% wins.

## Wagering Strategy

\* A win bet on (4)SHALAKA

\* Trifecta 4 over 1-7-8 over ALL = \$18 for a \$1 wager

### **Oaklawn Park - Race 5**

**Post: 4:21 EST**

**# 5 Bronze Fox:** Class dropper is going 2nd off a claim by trainer Randy Morse and exits a 3rd place finish where she was the only survivor of a pace battle that gave way to a pace meltdown. This guy's Oaklawn meet has gone well but his trainer has been the one to really knock it out of the park as he's hitting at a 33% clip with claimers at this stand (\$3.03 ROI). There's very little early zip in this affair and it looks like he'll be able to get clear in the early stages. Considering how much softer this field is than the one he faced in his last start, he's likely to take them the distance.

## Wagering Strategy

\* A win bet on (5)BRONZE FOX

\* Exactas 5-6, 5-7, reverse each for half as much

## Gulfstream Park - Race 8

Post: 4:23 EST

**#10 Animal Kingdom:** 3 yo colt comes from a modest background but has already begun making a name for himself. Despite having superb grass breeding he has started out by winning over the polytrack at Keeneland. Now, he moves into the barn of top turf trainer Graham Motion who makes the move to the green where it figures this horse will improve. If that's indeed the case then what this horse does today may set a new standard in his brief career. At any rate, we're expecting a big and hopefully winning performance to come out of him this time around. Motion already shows a strong positive ROI with new arrivals and does equally as well with runners making their move from the synthetic surfaces.

### Wagering Strategy

TURF ONLY

- \* A win bet on (10)ANIMAL KINGDOM
- \* Exacta 10-9, reverse for half as much
- \* Smaller exactas 10-3, 10-6, small reverse on each

## Aqueduct - Race 9

Post: 5:15 EST

**# 3 Sewan Indian:** Bruce Levine almost never wins with first time starters, but they often improve a ton second time out, and thus his excellent 19% win rate with such horses in 2010-11. This gelding is by young sire Bandini, who's getting a lot of very good runners, and Sewan Indian's half-brother Chief's Lake was a 3-time NY bred stakes winner, including once as a juvenile. Indian showed nice early speed over a wet track in his Jan 30 debut to press the pace to mid-stretch before giving way. He may have had an excuse for tiring, as he now adds Lasix, a 24% winning angle for Levine in 2010-11. He's also won 26% during that span when adding blinkers, which also go on today. Second leading jockey David Cohen got a feel for this gelding in that debut try and is back aboard. Very attractive 8-1 morning line odds.

### Wagering Strategy

WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \* A win and place bet on (3)SEWAN INDIAN
- \* Exacta boxes 1-3, 3-5

## Santa Anita - Race 4

Post: 5:33 EST

**# 4 Ranchero:** Closing Argument colt took some betting action and ran well enough to win despite drawing the rail in his debut. He rated off the pace, looped the leaders on the turn and closed strongly for a close-up 2nd place finish. There was a big gap back to the rest of the field and the race was won by the favorite who got a dream trip. Baffert put two stiff five furlong drills in him since that race and he seems sure to improve for hot trainer Bob Baffert. Baffert has won or placed with 8 of his last 10 2nd time starters in MSW sprints. Bejarano returns at the controls.

### Wagering Strategy

- \* Exactas 4-3, 4-7, small reverse on each
- \* Trifecta 4 over 3-6-7 over ALL = \$18 for a \$1 wager

## Oaklawn Park - Race 8

Post: 5:44 EST

**# 7 King Aragorn:** Many signs point to this son of Aragorn as the one to beat today. His first dirt start at Aqueduct in December was filled with trouble as he was very wide around the first turn before making a huge move to go from the back of the pack to contending for the lead. When push came to shove he was exhausted but wound up hanging around gamely until the late stages. Trainer Tony Dutrow has phenomenal numbers with dirt starters cutting back from routes to sprints off of 45+ day breaks and he's also hits at better than a 30% clip with MSW-MCL droppers. Expect big improvement in his 2nd dirt start.

### Wagering Strategy

- \* A win bet on (7)KING ARAGORN
- \* Exacta part-wheel 7 over 2-6-8, reverse for half as much

## Santa Anita - Race 6

Post: 6:35 EST

**# 4 Ohana Spirit:** Developing 3yo in peaking form ships south for Chuck Jenda. Gelding was clearly best last time when beaten by American Wildcat. Rated at the back of the pack behind a fast pace, he made a big move on the turn, then was forced to check in tight quarters turning for home. When jock Couton finally got him to the outside he closed with a rush and was gaining fast. Ohana Spirit showed an affinity for dirt when he won his debut at Santa Rosa. The pace figures to be at least an honest one, with Gomez stalking in mid-pack.

### **Wagering Strategy**

- \* A win bet on (4)OHANA SPIRIT
- \* Exacta box 3-4
- \* Smaller exacta box 4-5

**Santa Anita - Race 8**

**Post: 7:35 EST**

**# 5 Semper Augustus:** Flower Alley gelding has trained sharply for Kathy Walsh and should be live first out. All four of his siblings were winners, including 8-time winner Standing High. 'Augustus recorded a near-bullet 5F from the gate when asked for speed on January 28. Walsh has scored with 31% of her first time starters during the past year, including 4 of her last 9. Since none of the experienced runners have figures approaching par, the door is open for a well-prepared first timer. Jock Rosario has won with half of his ten mounts for Walsh.

### **Wagering Strategy**

- \* A win bet on (5)SEMPER AUGUSTUS
- \* Exacta box 5-6
- \* Smaller exacta boxes 3-5, 5-8

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