



## Dennis Stagliano's Horse Racing Tip Sheet Belmont Stakes Day Tip Sheet – Saturday, June 9, 2018



**#4 HOFBURG** is the wise guy horse play. Hofburg became a Belmont buzz horse after closing strongly in the Kentucky Derby after fighting through traffic. He's lightly raced, having made only four starts in his career and he shapes like a horse who is open to further improvement, and his regal pedigree lends itself to the final jewel of the Triple Crown. His sire, Tapit, has fathered the winner of three of the last four Belmonts. Mott noted that Hofburg has the key Tapit trait: stamina. "You know it seems like that's been his forte. He keeps coming," Veteran horse handicappers know that if you have a photo finish and a Tapit horse is in the finish, they nearly always win. I'll similarly use. **#7 TENFOLD** who is stepping out for the fifth time. He took a significant step forward in the Preakness and his trainer Steve Asmussen -- who won this race with Creator in 2016 was bullish about his Belmont chances prior to his strong Preakness effort and so am I. As an Army vet I'm biased because only the most cynical could object to the arrangements made by the connections of Tenfold, a three-way partnership with Winchell Thoroughbreds, the horse's owner; Sentient Jet; and Homes For Our Troops, a nonprofit organization based in Massachusetts that builds custom homes for injured and disabled veterans. His breeding is ideal, he is coming off a strong race, and his trainer has won this race recently. His ideal trip is to sit just off the pace, patiently waiting until later when he can make a move down the long Belmont stretch. He is a factor in the exotics for sure. **#8 VINO ROSSO** may not appear to have shown a whole heck of a lot in the Derby. After being marooned from the 18 hole, this one was never better than ninth, but did in fact gain ground twice during the race. Note it was Vino Rosso's first run on a sloppy track. Pletcher said he believes Vino Rosso "didn't handle the surface that great," Pletcher said. "He ate a lot of mud. I like how this one didn't fold up the tent completely. Certain trainers regress after a horse gives a solid performance, and the great ones can figure out how to reverse course with their finest stock. Pletcher is no exception, (ref Tapwrit LY). He'll be closing late down the stretch. Hard to leave out **#1 JUSTIFY**. Several seem to be under the impression the No. 1 post position will doom Justify. But jockey Mike Smith will make sure the son of Scat Daddy gets the best break possible and will put him right on the lead. They may never look back. All the other major speed influences are parked toward the outside of the field. Tenfold and Noble Indy are in the 7 and 9 holes, respectively, which are outside of Restoring Hope, Justify looks to have a completely unopposed path to the lead and cagy Mike Smith will attempt to slow the pace to save horsepower. If that happens, we will witness a Triple Crown winner. I just don't believe Tenfold and Hofburgh will let him get away with cruising around the track. All of my wagers are based on Justify not winning today. **#3 BRAVAZO** showed a nice lil' "Z" pattern in Pimlico, when losing two lengths from the half to the top of the lane before regaining 4 1/2 from that point to the finish, while coming along nicely to help comprise our \$300 long shot triple box we hit right here. Hard to knock off that effort but I think the last leg of the triple crown will slow his close.

<b>Race 1:</b> # 7 Bonita Springs # 3 Out Of Trouble # 6 War Canoe # 1 La Moneda # 2 Hardly Mate	<b>Race 6:</b> <b># 5 Disco Partner (Best Bet)</b> # 2 Pure Sensation # 7 Blind Ambition # 1 Stormy Liberal # 4 Conquest Tsunami	<b>Race 11:</b> # 4 Hofburg # 7 Tenfold # 8 Vino Rosso # 1 Justify # 3 Bravaso
<b>Race 2:</b> # 2 Mask # 5 Prince Lucky # 3 Rugby Man # 6 Breaking The News # 8 High North	<b>Race 7:</b> # 12 Strike Power # 8 Kanthaka # 1 Madison's Luna # 11 World of Trouble # 3 Engage	<b>Race 12:</b> # 6 Compass Zone # 3 Slim Shadey # 9 Battle of Blenheim # 5 Snap Decision # 10 Soluble
<b>Race 3:</b> # 6 Abel Tasman # 4 Pacific Wind # 1 Unbridled Mo # 5 American Gal # 3 Highway Star	<b>Race 8:</b> # 5 Proctors Ledge # 3 Off Limits # 7 A Raving Beauty # 4 Lull # 1 On Leave	<b>Race 13:</b> # 1 Proven Reserves # 8 Hyndford # 9 Chris And Dave # 6 Autostrade # 3 Just Whistle
<b>Race 4:</b> <b># 5 Caledonia Road (Best Bet)</b> # 3 Monomoy Girl # 6 Starcloud # 2 Spectator # 7 Talk Veuve to Me	<b>Race 9:</b> <b># 1 Mind Your Biscuits (Best Bet)</b> # 2 Bolt d'Oro # 5 Good Samaritan # 4 McCracken # 10 Bee Jersey	<b>DENNIS' BELMONT STAKES WAGERS</b>  <b>\$1 Exacta:</b> 4,7,8 with 1,4,7,8 = \$12  <b>\$1 Trifecta:</b> 478 with 1,4,7,8 with 1,3,4,7,8 = \$36  <b>0.50 Cent Superfecta:</b> 478 with 1,4,7,8 with 1,3,4,7,8, with 1,3,4,7,8 = \$36
<b>Race 5:</b> # 4 Take Your Guns # 2 Hoppertunity # 9 War Story # 3 Hard Study # 8 Outplay	<b>Race 10:</b> # 10 Beach Patrol # 3 Hi Happy # 8 Sadlers Joy # 1 Robert Bruce # 2 One Go All Go	