

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## RAVEN RUN STAKES

Raven Run Stakes (G2)

7 Furlongs

PURSE \$250,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Royal Charlotte	3-1
2	Bell's the One	12-1
3	Indian Pride	7-2
4	Oxy Lady	30-1
5	Free Cover	30-1
6	Restless Rider	4-1
7	Istan Council	12-1
8	First Star	6-1
9	Horologist	5-1
10	Needs Supervision	30-1
11	Irish Mischief	12-1

TOP PICKS	
6	Restless Rider
3	Indian Pride
1	Royal Charlotte
8	First Star
\$50 WIN	
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The \$250,000 Raven Run Stakes (G1) will be run at seven furlongs for three-year-old fillies on the main track at Keeneland. The Saturday feature race comes up especially strong since many of the connections decided to stay home with their age group instead of going to Santa Anita for the Breeders' Cup where they would have to face older rivals.

#1 ROYAL CHARLOTTE won her first four career starts including a grade three stakes race at Belmont park in good time. In the Test Stakes (G1), which turned out to be super competitive, she chased the pace and fell apart in the stretch. The Chad Brown runner returned in the Prioress Stakes (G2) going six furlongs and she won handily but against a small field. She picks up Tyler Gaffalione and already shows a win here over the main track.

#2 BELL'S THE ONE won her first four career starts on dirt, synthetic and turf. She was soundly beaten going two turns here in the Ashland Stakes (G1) then came back with a good second going this distance in a grade two stakes race at Churchill Downs. She could not stretch out to a mile against grade one stakes company but returned going seven furlongs and was a distant second in blazing-fast time.

#3 INDIAN PRIDE went off at 3/5 odds in her career debut at Saratoga and she lived up to the advance billing by romping by eight lengths in fast time going six furlongs. She has trained brilliantly since then for Chad Brown and picks up Johnny Velazquez who has been getting more live mounts from Brown lately. The home-bred daughter of Proud Citizen gives up a lot of experience to her rivals but her talent is immense and if she shows the usual improvement second-time starters do, she will be tough in here.

#4 OXY LADY won a grade three stakes race when blinkers were added for the first time then ran inconsistently since then. She just missed two starts back then failed to stretch out going two turns at Oaklawn Park. On her best effort, she is a marginal contender in here but has too many bad races on her card to be considered.

#5 FREE COVER beat allowance foes in decent time two starts back going 6 1/2 furlongs at Ellis Park then made her stakes debut last out in the Dogwood Stakes going this distance behind #2 BELL'S THE ONE. She has the look of an improving filly but she has to take another step forward here to run with these.

#6 RESTLESS RIDER won her career debut so she showed that she can run well fresh. She won a grade one stakes race here going two turns and ran well in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly (G1) behind a front-end winner. Off for over four months, she just missed here going two turns against grade one company but could not overcome post 14 in the nine-furlong Kentucky Oaks (G1). Off for 169 days, the daughter of Distorted Humor returns for Ken McPeck who has been drilling her hard in the morning.

#7 ISTAN COUNCIL broke her maiden here last year but finished off the board in her two tries against stakes company. She did win by 10 lengths two starts back going a two-turn mile at Ellis Park when she earned a BRIS speed rating of 101. She's already had 12 career starts so it's unlikely she improves much more.

#8 FIRST STAR rallied from just off the pace to break her maiden first time out at 27/1 going 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar. She came back against allowance foes there and won going two turns in a wide trip from post nine. Off for 57 days, she returns for Ron Ellis off a series of six-furlong workouts and Drayden Van Dyke is back to ride – flat-bet profit with his 148 sprint rides this year.

#9 HOROLOGIST won three races in a row including a grade three stakes race going two turns at Monmouth Park then was a good third against a fabulous field in the Cotillion Stakes (G1) last out. She has run well lately but is it due to stretching out? If it is, turning back to a sprint might not work for her.

#10 NEEDS SUPERVISION sophomore filly has raced on five different main tracks and has fired every time. She returned off a long layoff last out with a good second in fast time going six furlongs and shows some fast workouts since then. Daughter of Paynter will have to improve more but at least she is versatile.

#11 IRISH MISCHIEF added blinkers three starts back and was a good second. She went to Ellis Park where she won easily going six furlongs then was second around two turns in a grade three stakes race on a muddy track at the Charlestown. The Brad Cox-trainee picks up Mike Smith for the first time.