

TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



RISEN STAR STAKES - G2

1 1/16 Mile

PURSE \$400,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS	TOP PICKS
1	Plus Que Parfait	10-1	3 Mr. Money
2	Roiland	20-1	14 War of Will
3	Mr. Money	12-1	10 Limonite
4	Chase the Ghost	30-1	8 Owendale
5	Henley's Joy	10-1	
6	Hog Creek Hustle	8-1	
7	Manny Wah	12-1	
8	Owendale	6-1	
9	Country House	20-1	
10	Limonite	10-1	
11	Dunph	20-1	
12	Frolic More	10-1	
13	Kingly	12-1	
14	War of Will	5-2	
15	Gun It	10-1	

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\$40 WIN
3 Mr. Money (\$40)

\$10 EXACTA
14, 10, 8 with 3 (\$30)

\$1 TRIFECTA BOX
3, 8, 10, 14 (\$24)

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Things really heat up this weekend on the Road to the Kentucky Derby (G1). On Saturday, a full field is entered in the Risen Star Stakes (G2) going 1 1/16 miles on the main track at Fair Grounds. The Kentucky Derby eligibility points jump up to 50 for the winner, 20 for second, 10 for third and 5 for fourth. There will be a decent run into the first turn and we saw in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) four weeks ago that you do not have to get to the rail but can stalk the pace on the outside and still win.

#3 MR. MONEY was a trainer scratch in the Lecomte four weeks ago and shows up here for this more lucrative spot. He was a good second going five furlongs in his well-bet career debut at Ellis Park then he came back there and had a nightmare trip going seven furlongs with trouble right from the start. Bret Calhoun shipped him to Churchill Downs and he promptly broke his maiden by almost four lengths in his two-turn debut. The win was good enough to try the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) next time out and he didn't run bad. After hopping at the start, he chased the pace in a wide trip and finished a respectable fourth. Behind him were Gunmetal Gray, winner of the Sham Stakes (G3) last month and Mind Control, winner of the Jerome Stakes on New Year's Day.

I like how he was working out before the Lecomte and he has had two solid breezes since then for Bret Calhoun who shows a flat-bet profit off 90-day layoffs. Gabe Saez rides back.

#14 WAR OF WILL was an imperious winner of the Lecomte Stakes when he stalked the pace well off the rail and drew off to an easy win by four lengths. He hasn't scared anybody away and draws terribly but Tyler Gaffalione has enough time to get over and gain an early position. He started out as a turf horse but since switching to the main track, the son of War Front has two, blowout wins. Mark Casse's barn has heated up and he will be the one to beat in here.

#10 LIMONITE is a runner from Steve Asmussen that has little gate speed. He finishes strongly and was a good third in the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) on a sloppy track going this distance at Churchill Downs. He will need every foot of Fair Grounds' long homestretch. #8 OWENDALE just missed going gate to wire here two starts back then he came back and beat the same first-level allowance group on a wet track when he earned a healthy BRIS speed rating of 96.