

Analysis By: **Mike Beer**Best Bet: **Stubbins (9th race)**

2 **VENEZUELAN HUG** got a terrible ride when defeated in a maiden claimer in March and was taken for \$40k, and he has looked good winning his first two starts for Gargan while making powerful runs from off the pace; had no right to get up last time after trailing a slow pace and having to come after a leader who wasn't stopping on the lead.

1 **DECORATED INVADER** a Grade 1 winner as a 2yo and he ran an excellent race in the Breeders' Cup while enduring an impossible trip; took the step forward in his 3yo debut while coming wide and closing down a strong pace late with a new top figure; the horse to beat. **3** **PROVEN STRATEGIES** was still a maiden when finishing a very good 4th behind DECORATED INVADER in the Summer and he had a lead late in the Breeders' Cup at 116:1 before getting outfinished; has improved noticeably as a 3yo and possesses the early speed that the top two lack.