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Purse \$1,300,000 | Grade 1 — Blue Grass Stakes | 9-Horse Field | 3YO | Post: 6:22 PM ET

DUAL-ENTRY NOTE: Ocelli (#7) and Otinho (#9) are both also entered in the Grade 2 Wood Memorial Stakes at Aqueduct on this same day. If either or both defect to the Wood Memorial, the Blue Grass field drops accordingly and the pace scenario adjusts. This report is based on the full 9-horse field as listed. Monitor scratch decisions carefully — Ocelli's presence specifically affects the early pace projection.

SECTION 1 — PACE ANALYSIS

True Front Runners

REAGAN'S HONOR (#4) — The DeVaux trainee projects as the primary pace setter with the field's second-highest Q1 at 40.18 MPH. His two FG route wins were both wire-to-wire efforts, and his allowance demolition on February 19 — routing against older horses with a FAST projected half — is the most dominant recent performance in this field. The model identifies him as the horse most likely to establish early command.

CREOLE CHROME (#5) — The Sharp trainee has shown natural early pace instincts in his four-win career, projecting at 36.89 Q1. He won the La Stala Year B100k at 1 1/16 miles at FG wire-to-wire in his most recent start. If Reagan's Honor takes his usual front-running position, Creole Chrome figures to track from just off the pace rather than force a duel — but his presence in the field applies pressure that Reagan's Honor will feel through the first half.

MOONSTROCITY (#8) — Two maiden starts showing early pace instincts; projects a 38.63 Q1 from a co-pace position. His VULNERABLE SSR makes him a pace contributor rather than a closing threat.

Stalkers / Pressers

TALKIN (#1) — Projects at 38.96 Q1 with a pressing profile. His Tampa Derby trip — tracking from second before being outpaced — is the template for today. ELITE SSR makes him a legitimate late-race factor.

CLASS PRESIDENT (#2) — The Pletcher trainee projects at 38.79 Q1 with a presser profile derived from his Rebel G2 win, where he pressed through the opening half before edging clear late. His ELITE SSR and accelerating Q4 velocity (+11.5%) are the model's strongest closing figures from a presser in this field.

FURTHER ADO (#6) — The Cox trainee projects at 38.79 Q1 from a stalking position. His Tampa Derby second showed him pressing from third before being edged at the wire. ELITE SSR and a Keeneland maiden win on this track are the analytical positives.

GREAT WHITE (#3) — The Ennis trainee projects at 37.19 Q1 from a tracking position, but all his form is on synthetic — this is his first dirt start. ELITE SSR is derived from synthetic times and carries a surface-conversion caveat.

OCELLI (#7) — If he runs here rather than at Aqueduct, the Beckman trainee projects the highest Q1 in the field at 40.36 MPH — but his VULNERABLE SSR (-18.0%) means that early energy produces the worst late-race deceleration in the field. His presence primarily accelerates the early pace without adding closing danger.





Closers

OTTINHO (#9) — If he runs here, the Brown trainee projects as the field's deepest closer at 36.89 Q1 with an ELITE SSR derived from his slow-pace maiden win. The model notes his slow Withers trip (third after wide move) against a stronger field raises questions about whether his ELITE figure translates to graded stakes company.

Pace Scenario Projection

The model projects a MODERATE to FAST early pace. Reagan's Honor projects to lead and will face Creole Chrome and potentially Moonstrocicity from just off the pace. The projected half in the :45.8-:46.5 range falls at the FAST-to-MODERATE boundary, which is a structurally different scenario than the HOT pace races analyzed earlier on this card. In a MODERATE scenario, the model's analytical work shifts from identifying pace-collapse beneficiaries to identifying which horse has the most efficient velocity profile from an optimal stalking position. Reagan's Honor's -1.8% deceleration — the tightest ELITE figure in the field — means he will not slow down materially even after setting honest fractions. Class President's accelerating Q4 profile from a presser position is the primary threat to Reagan's Honor's dominance. The model projects a race where the primary pace setter does not fade and the primary presser closes the gap, with Further Ado as the outside stalker.

SECTION 2 — WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

Horse	ML	Model Win %	Model Top-3 %	Value Rating
#4 Reagan's Honor	7-2	28%	72%	VALUE
#2 Class President	5-2	24%	68%	FAIR
#6 Further Ado	4-1	18%	58%	VALUE
#1 Talkin	8-1	10%	40%	VALUE
#3 Great White	12-1	7%	30%	VALUE
#9 Otinho	10-1	5%	24%	FAIR
#5 Creole Chrome	6-1	4%	18%	NEGATIVE
#7 Ocelli	30-1	2%	10%	FAIR
#8 Moonstrocicity	50-1	2%	8%	FAIR

SECTION 3 — CONTENDER ANALYSIS

#4 Reagan's Honor ★★★★★

Strengths:

- ELITE SSR at -1.8% — the tightest deceleration figure in the field; the model identifies him as the only horse who projects to sustain virtually his full opening velocity through the final quarter mile
- FAST projected half (45.8s) combined with ELITE SSR is the analytically rare combination: he can set honest fractions without paying a steep late-race price





- Dominated an allowance field that included older horses on February 19 — beating elders as a three-year-old in February is a meaningful class signal
- Two-for-two at 1 1/16 and 1 1/8 miles — the distance profile is confirmed at two-turn routes
- Ortiz Jr. aboard — the field's leading jockey in 2026 at 27% win rate; the tactical rider for a pace-setting horse
- DeVaux barn at 26% win rate on dirt routes in 2026; 24% J/T with Ortiz Jr. across 168 starters

Concerns:

- Three career starts — thin sample at the Grade 1 level; the model is projecting a significant class jump from allowance to Grade 1 stakes
- Never faced stakes competition; every rival in this field has at least one graded stakes appearance
- Honor A.P. x Medaglia d'Oro dam — the sire is a developing influence; limited staking data to anchor projections
- At 7-2 ML, the market has already priced much of the analytical advantage; the VALUE overlay is present but not dramatic

Race Shape Fit: Optimal. Reagan's Honor is the rare horse who projects to set the pace AND sustain it. His -1.8% deceleration means there is no pace-collapse scenario — he simply dictates the race at his own tempo and arrives at the wire fastest. The only way to beat him is to have a faster horse, and no horse in this field projects above him in the Q4 velocity table among the legitimate contenders.

Projection: The model projects Reagan's Honor as the most likely winner at 28% probability — a VALUE overlay at 7-2 ML (implied 22.2%). His ELITE SSR from a FAST pace is the single most compelling analytical profile the model has produced across the entire April 4 stakes card. The win bet recommendation carries strong conviction.

#2 Class President ★★★★★

Strengths:

- Highest Q4 velocity projection in the field among legitimate contenders (43.27 MPH) — the model projects him accelerating through the stretch, not maintaining flat speed
- Rebel G2 winner at Oaklawn — the strongest graded stakes credential in the field; beat a quality field in his first two-turn start in his own natural pace style
- Pletcher barn at 18% overall and 30% won-last-start in 2026; J/T with Velazquez at 33% at Keeneland in 2026 — elite local operation
- Uncle Mo x Quality Road dam — exceptional sprint/route versatility pedigree; the model's stamina projection is strong
- Only horse with a graded stakes win on a major track at this distance going into this race

Concerns:

- 5-2 ML implies 28.6% win probability; model assigns 24% — FAIR valuation with no overlay at morning line; a tightening to 2-1 at post creates NEGATIVE value
- His accelerating Q4 is derived from the Rebel, where he pressed through an Oaklawn pace that the model rates MODERATE — it is a high-quality figure but against a different caliber of competition than Reagan's Honor's February field





- First start at Keeneland — no track record; the specific Keeneland dirt configuration has not been tested

Race Shape Fit: Very good. Class President's pressing profile and accelerating Q4 are exactly what a presser needs to challenge a pace setter with ELITE SSR. The model projects a genuine stretch duel between Class President closing from the second position and Reagan's Honor defending his lead.

Projection: The model projects Class President as the second-most likely winner at 24% — FAIR value at 5-2 ML. He is the most logical betting alternative and the model's primary alternative in multi-race exotic structures. The specific concern is that Reagan's Honor's -1.8% deceleration means Class President must produce a better Q4 to win, and the model is not fully confident the Rebel figure translates to Grade 1 competition.

#6 Further Ado ★★★★★

Strengths:

- Won his Keeneland maiden by twenty lengths — the model treats an exceptional margin on this specific track as a meaningful indicator
- ELITE SSR (+8.6%) from the Tampa Derby is the third-best Q4 projection in the field among horses with credible graded stakes form
- Cox barn at 28% win rate overall and 29% route win rate — the model's top route-trainer in this field; Cox won this race in 2021 with Essential Quality
- Gun Runner x Sky Mesa dam — the stamina and speed pedigree combination is ideal for 1 1/16 miles at Keeneland
- Ortiz Jr. is on Class President, not Further Ado — but Irad Ortiz's presence on Class President validates Pletcher's confidence; further Ado's jockey change to Ortiz I Jr. is a meaningful upgrade note that needs to be checked post-scratch

Concerns:

- Tampa Derby second — pressed through the opening half and was edged at the wire; the model cannot confirm he has the tactical speed to press Reagan's Honor
- Kentucky Jockey Club win at CD, then Tampa Derby second — the form trajectory is competitive but not dominant at this level
- 4-1 ML implies 20% win probability; model assigns 18% — FAIR position at morning line; VALUE overlay requires post-time drift to 5-1+

Race Shape Fit: Good. Further Ado's stalking profile and ELITE SSR position him as the ideal third player if Class President and Reagan's Honor engage in a stretch battle. The model projects him finishing fastest of the trio but potentially without the ground to close.

Projection: The model projects Further Ado as the third-most likely winner at 18% — a VALUE overlay at any price above 5-1. His Keeneland maiden win, Cox trainer angle, and ELITE SSR make him the strongest speculative inclusion in this race. He is the recommended 'B' horse in multi-race structures.

#1 Talkin ★★★

Strengths:





- ELITE SSR (+7.3%) — legitimate velocity sustainer from a pressing position; his Tampa Derby trip showed him competitive through three-quarters before being outpaced
- Won his Saratoga maiden against a field that included further Ado — the maiden form is legitimate
- Good Magic x Tiznow dam — the dam sire connection adds substantial stamina heritage; the model views this as a distance asset
- 8-1 ML implies 11.1% win probability; model projects 10% — FAIR-to-VALUE position at that price

Concerns:

- Pattern of regression at two turns: Tampa Derby fifth after a dull Remsen G2; the model notes both two-turn starts underperformed his one-turn sprint wins
- Gargan barn at 15% on routes in 2026 — modest route trainer stat

Race Shape Fit: Moderate. Talkin's pressing profile and ELITE SSR give him a legitimate path, but the pattern of two-turn underperformance is a structural concern the model cannot dismiss.

Projection: The model projects Talkin as the fourth-most likely winner at 10% — VALUE at 8-1 for exotics. He is a 'C' or 'D' horse in multi-race structures.

#3 Great White ★★★

Strengths:

- Won the Joe Battaglia Memorial L174k at Turfway on synthetic — a legitimate stakes win that demonstrates ability
- ELITE SSR (+9.2%) — the figure is credible within the synthetic context; a positive indicator if he takes to dirt
- Worked :47.3 four furlongs on Keeneland dirt on March 29 — the most relevant pre-race data point; the work suggests he is handling the surface
- Ennis J/T at Keeneland at 0-for-0 in 2026 but Grade Stakes win rate of 20% — the trainer has placed stakes winners before

Concerns:

- Zero dirt starts — this is his first career dirt appearance; the synthetic-to-dirt conversion is the primary risk factor and the model cannot resolve it with existing data
- 12-1 ML implies 7.7% win probability; model assigns 7% — FAIR valuation that becomes an overlay only if the dirt switch works seamlessly

Race Shape Fit: Uncertain. Great White's ELITE SSR and stalking profile are analytical positives, but the model assigns a significant discount for the surface conversion uncertainty.

Projection: The model projects Great White as the fifth-most likely winner at 7% — VALUE at 12-1 specifically for multi-race exotics where the risk is distributed across multiple legs. Not a recommended win bet due to the surface uncertainty.

#9 Otinho ★★★

Strengths:

- ELITE SSR (+16.9%) — the highest acceleration figure in the field; he was the only horse who gained significant ground late in his maiden win at Aqueduct





- Brown barn at 28% win rate — elite trainer who ships horses with purpose; his 27% J/T with Prat in 2026 is the strongest trainer-jockey pairing in this race
- Quality Road x Giant's Causeway dam — outstanding stamina pedigree for a two-turn 1 1/16-mile race

Concerns:

- Dual entry at the Wood Memorial — may not run here; analyze conditionally
- His ELITE SSR was produced in a slow-pace maiden at Aqueduct; the model cannot confirm the figure translates to a FAST-pace Grade 1
- Withers trip was disappointing (third after wide move); Brown's confidence in this spot is genuine but the last stakes figure is not encouraging

Race Shape Fit: Potentially excellent — his closing profile from off the pace in a fast scenario is the optimal structural position. The concern is whether his one ELITE figure is genuine or pace-inflated.

Projection: The model projects Otinho as the sixth-most likely winner at 5% — FAIR value at 10-1 if he runs. He is worth including on the widest exotics for his Brown / Prat angle and pedigree, but not recommended as a primary selection.

#5 Creole Chrome — TOSS

Projection: The model respects Creole Chrome's perfect three-for-three record on dirt but cannot overcome the state-bred competition class gap. His La Stala Year win was against Louisiana-breds at FG — a fundamentally different level than the Grade 1 field he enters today. His ELITE SSR is genuine but derived from that soft competition. At 6-1 ML (implied 14.3%), the model's 4% projection makes him a NEGATIVE value. His presence in the race is analytically significant as a pace contributor, but the model does not project him as a winning threat against Class President and Reagan's Honor.

#7 Ocelli — TOSS

Projection: Also entered in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct — may not run here. If he does run, the model's VULNERABLE SSR (-18.0%) is the defining data point. He carries the field's highest Q1 projection but loses velocity the most steeply in the field. In a moderate-to-fast early scenario, Ocelli's natural pace energy will accelerate the fractions and benefit the ELITE-rated closers behind him. He is a TOSS at any price. FAIR value at 30-1 for widest exotics only.

#8 Moonstocity — TOSS

Projection: Two maiden starts at Gulfstream Park against soft maiden fields; the model cannot project meaningful Grade 1 performance from that data. His VULNERABLE SSR (-15.6%) projects him as a pace contributor who fades. Antonucci barn at 4% win rate in 2026 — the most concerning trainer figure in the race. His notable work tab from GP (five bullets, including :1:00.0 five furlongs on 3/27) is the one positive signal. FAIR value at 50-1 for the widest possible exotics only.

SECTION 4 — MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS



Opening Velocity Projections (Q1 — First Quarter Mile)

Horse	Q1 Proj MPH	Role
Ocelli (#7)	40.36	Stalker — VULNERABLE
Reagan's Honor (#4)	40.18	Pace — ELITE
Talkin (#1)	38.96	Presser — ELITE
Class President (#2)	38.79	Presser — ELITE
Further Ado (#6)	38.79	Stalker — ELITE
Moonstrocicity (#8)	38.63	Co-Pace — VULNERABLE
Great White (#3)	37.19	Stalker — ELITE
Creole Chrome (#5)	36.89	Pace — ELITE
Ottinho (#9)	36.89	Closer — ELITE

Closing Velocity Projections (Q4 — Final Quarter Mile)

Horse	Q4 Proj MPH	Decel %	Sustained Speed Rating
Class President (#2)	43.27	+11.5%	ELITE
Ottinho (#9)	43.10	+16.9%	ELITE
Further Ado (#6)	42.13	+8.6%	ELITE
Talkin (#1)	41.82	+7.3%	ELITE
Reagan's Honor (#4)	40.91	-1.8%	ELITE
Great White (#3)	40.61	+9.2%	ELITE
Creole Chrome (#5)	39.75	+7.8%	ELITE
Ocelli (#7)	33.09	-18.0%	VULNERABLE
Moonstrocicity (#8)	32.61	-15.6%	VULNERABLE

* Great White's MPH figures derived from synthetic (Turfway) starts and carry a surface conversion discount. All other figures derived from dirt starts. ELITE ratings are applied uniformly per the model's methodology, but synthetic-derived figures carry elevated uncertainty for dirt projection.

Critical MPH Insight

The Blue Grass field presents the model's most analytically complex assignment on the April 4 card. Unlike the Carter, Distaff, and Gazelle — where a single ELITE horse stood apart from a VULNERABLE field — the Blue Grass has seven ELITE-rated horses, meaning the SSR tier alone does not differentiate the winner. The model's critical finding is instead the combination of Q1 pace and SSR deceleration for Reagan's Honor: his 40.18 Q1 marks him as the pace setter AND his -1.8% deceleration is the tightest figure in the field. Every other horse who projects above him in Q4 velocity (Class President at 43.27, Ottinho at 43.10, Further Ado at 42.13) achieves that closing figure from a stalking position that requires them to make up ground on a horse who is not decelerating. The model's conclusion is that Reagan's Honor's combination of





early control and minimal late-race velocity loss is analytically superior to any closing profile in this field — and that winning from the front in a MODERATE to FAST scenario is a more reliable prediction than projecting a late runner to close the gap.

SECTION 5 — IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

Likely to Improve

REAGAN'S HONOR (#4) — The model projects Reagan's Honor as the primary improvement candidate on the card. His February 19 allowance win was produced in conditions — fast track, older competition, wire-to-wire — that the model views as sub-optimal for a Grade 1 prep. Today's Keeneland surface, Grade 1 field, and the specific tactical challenge of managing a serious early rival (Creole Chrome) will draw out a level of performance the February effort did not require. The model's projection is a career-best figure.

CLASS PRESIDENT (#2) — The model projects Class President as a secondary improvement candidate. His Rebel G2 win was his first two-turn start — horses with ELITE SSR profiles typically improve in their second two-turn effort as they develop tactical route efficiency. The model projects a tighter, more controlled Rebel performance from Class President today.

Bounce / Regression Risks

TALKIN (#1) — The model projects Talkin as the primary regression candidate. His form pattern — sharp one-turn sprint wins, flat two-turn route efforts — is a documented structural risk that the model weights heavily. His Tampa Derby effort was competitive but not improving relative to the expected trajectory. A third consecutive subpar two-turn performance would confirm the pattern.

CREOLE CHROME (#5) — The model projects Creole Chrome as a regression candidate by class exposure rather than form deterioration. He has never faced open stakes company; the Grade 1 Blue Grass is an enormous step from Louisiana state-bred competition. The model projects him contributing to the early pace before fading in the stretch.

SECTION 6 — SUGGESTED BETS

Win Bet: #4 Reagan's Honor Confidence: 7/10

The model assigns Reagan's Honor a 28% win probability against a 7-2 ML implied 22.2% — a VALUE overlay at morning line. His ELITE SSR at -1.8% combined with a FAST projected half is the defining analytical edge in the race: the model does not project him to decelerate in a scenario where every closing threat must make up ground on a horse who is sustaining his velocity. At 7-2, he is the recommended win bet. If public money compresses him to 2-1 or lower at post time, the value diminishes but the structural case remains intact.

Value Play: #6 Further Ado Confidence: 6.5/10

At 4-1 ML, Further Ado represents the best alternative price in the race. His Keeneland maiden demolition, Cox trainer angle (route win rate 29%), and ELITE SSR make him the most structurally sound stalker in the field. The model projects 18% win probability against the 20% implied at ML — a FAIR position that drifts to VALUE above 5-1. He is the recommended secondary inclusion in win betting and the primary 'B' horse in all multi-race structures.

Top 3 Multi-Race: A / B / C A — #4 Reagan's Honor B — #2 Class President C — #6 Further Ado Confidence: 6.5/10





The model recommends structuring the Blue Grass with Reagan's Honor as the primary A-horse, Class President as the B-horse given his Rebel credentials and accelerating Q4, and Further Ado as the C-horse given his Keeneland advantage and Cox trainer angle. Talkin (#1) and Great White (#3) are the recommended additions to wider tickets — Talkin for his ELITE SSR and stamina pedigree, Great White for his attractive 12-1 price if the dirt-switch works. The model advises against using Creole Chrome as a primary horse in any structure given his NEGATIVE value rating and state-bred class limitation.

SECTION 7 — CONFIDENCE RATING

Overall: 6 / 10 ★★★★★★

The Blue Grass is the most analytically challenging race on the April 4 stakes card. Unlike the Carter and Distaff where one horse was structurally isolated as ELITE against a VULNERABLE field, the Blue Grass has seven ELITE-rated horses — making the within-tier differentiation the critical analytical exercise. The model's confidence in Reagan's Honor is primarily derived from the uniqueness of his combination (-1.8% deceleration from a FAST projected pace), which the model has not seen replicated in this field. The primary uncertainties are the class jump from allowance to Grade 1 for Reagan's Honor, the synthetic-to-dirt surface conversion for Great White, and the dual-entry situations for Ocelli and Otinho. If Great White takes to the dirt and Otinho runs here rather than in the Wood Memorial, the race complexity increases and confidence should be adjusted downward accordingly. The model's recommendation holds at Reagan's Honor as the win selection with Further Ado as the highest-value alternative.

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Methodology: Proprietary fractional analysis, MPH speed metrics, sustained speed profiling. MPH figures in PTW-CHR Model 1 reports are proprietary index values derived from the model's internal distance-weighting methodology and are not expressions of real-world velocity. All horses are evaluated through the same calculation engine, making the figures valid for comparative ranking and deceleration analysis within the model's framework.

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