



Aqueduct: MarriedToTheMusic tries to fire fresh in allowance sprint

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OZONE PARK, N.Y. – When the Ruthless Stakes failed to fill for Saturday, a pair of New York-bred first-level allowance races became the co-features on the nine-race program at Aqueduct.

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Marriedtothemusic, trained by Dominic Galluscio for Dutchess Views Farm, has 3 wins and 2 seconds from 6 career starts. A son of Disco Rico, Marriedtothemusic ran three times during the Saratoga meet, winning an optional claimer July 21 before running second in the Claramount Stakes on August 7 and second in this same condition on August 24.

“I ran him too close at Saratoga. I thought it was prudent to give him a little time,” Galluscio said.

Despite having his training interrupted due to recent cold weather, Marriedtothemusic has a pair of five furlong workouts in December and a sharp half-mile move in 48.60 seconds on New Year’s Day.

Marriedtothemusic’s speed is his thing, and he will likely look to the wire this field breaking from post 4 under Cornelio Velasquez.

Ed’s Magic, who was beaten a head in this same condition December 28, finished nearly seven lengths clear of the rest of the field. In that race, he was making his first start since being claimed for \$35,000 on November 20 by Jeremiah Englehart. Jose Ortiz rides from post 7.

Billy the Bull, a son of Holy Bull trained by Eddie Kenneally, was a debut winner from just off the pace over the inner track in March. Sent off the favorite in his next start over the main track April 6, Billy the Bull got caught up in a speed dual and finished 10th in the 12 horse field. This will be his first start since then, and he has attracted leading rider Irad Ortiz Jr.

The other allowance race for statebreds goes as the first and is carded 1 1/16 miles.

Alwaysimycircle, second in two starts off a 75 day layoff, could play out as the primary speed under Jose Ortiz.