

# **AQUEDUCT**

**POST 1:10** 

By Kevin Cox

First Race #1A AUGUSTINE RED has hit the board in his last three outings, and while he's always been a bit of a notorious nibbler right here, should be absolutely no worse than second for all you place punters out there - - especially with an upgrade in the saddle today. #5 NARCISO DALI showed marked improvement in the second off of layoff attempt, and looks to be the main threat to the above. #4 VINSANITY is in a second off the layoff spot for the first time in his career, and was a dead game runnerup behind a next out winter the last time he was piloted by Sofia.

Race 2 #2 ON A PROUD NOTE returned off of freshening to pick up 20% of the pot when completing the exacta down in Maryland, and Trombetta seems to have this one decently spotted for today's second attempt with the miracle drug. #3 MELANCIA has some nice early zip, and like the above, immolated some baccala when placing in the most recent. Should be in the thick of things once again. #5 TECA gets the "Big L" for the first time in this comebacker, and finds herself at depths unseen.

Race 3 #4 CAJUNETTE is halved in price today after completing the superfecta at 18-1 two fortnights back, and rates a slight edge in a heat with one first draft elimination. #7 LUMENIQUE is another one sliding down the ladder a few pegs after finishing up the track at the end of February, but goes from an apprentice to a top flight pilot for today's third of the bench jammie, and must be left in the mix, given the outfit. #6 SHE'S WICKED SMART has been extremely disappointing for the connections thus far, as after plunking down \$120,000 for her at Ocala a couple of years ago, she has yet to come even close to getting that back -- especially when you factor in the expenses over that time. She is once again entered at her lowest level yet, and there were no slips dropped for her in the four other outings where the "For Sale" sticker was attached to her tushie. Keeping beneath because of the frigid 1 for 30 streak that Falcone is on these days.

Race 4 #4 MAGICAL ROAD finally got the job done after burning a bit of bread in four straight outings, as he procured the sheepskin at Philadelphia Park a week and a half ago. The jock from that day takes the trek across the Verrazano today, and sometimes when the light bulb comes on, it could stay on for a while. Mild edge. #1 AIN'T NO JOKE has been beset by back-to-back layoff lines, but got the job done in his only dirt deal after one of them, and the pre layoff pilot from that day returns, which is something we always like to see. #3 MR. PAPAGIORGIO is 1 fer 3 right here on a track labeled "fast", and barn enters this chap for his lowest price yet.

Race 5 #1 INTO STARDOM was a lively runnerup finisher and in an identical placement five weeks ago, and today's added panel should help if there are any difficulties in breaking from the paint. #3 CALLING AN AUDIBLE was a dead game 2nd place finisher at this level on 2/28, and is logical once again. Expect her to go off between 4-1 & 9/2, as in a bit of an anomaly she has done just that in her last 5 outings. #4 OUR PREFERRED PAL has hit the board in her last two starts over a glib surface, and is another solid ITM selection.

Race 6 #8 FLY'N FRISBEE returned off a 15 month hibernation to show marked improvement in the speed figure department at 96-1, and showed a bit of early hoof that day, as well. Gelding is halved in price now, and gets a weight break with a decent apprentice assigned for today's second of the bench jamboree. Bombs away! #5 BEACH BLANKET hasn't been in action since the end of September, and although he has yet to finish in the front half of the race, the adjusted Figaros from his two starts on a fast surface are solid enough to merit inclusion here. #2 PRAIRIE DUNES was a snappy exacta completing finisher the only time he went from "blinkers off to blinkers on", and has partaken in the superfecta in all three heats when breaking from the innermost two slots.

Race 7 #1 UNCAGED set some money on fire when finishing next to last when making his first start off of 7 month respite, and has the hood added now in hopes of procuring some early flash. Meek choice. #3 UNCLE JIM was claimed out of a freewheeling score right here on the 28th of February, and a repeat is well within reach in this similar placement. #5 TOGA D'ORO got up in time to best maidens right here when making her first start on a track listed as FST, and the decent pedigree tells us the result that day was likely not a fluke.

Race 8 #5 AFRAIDOFTHEBUNNY has a lot of early zip, and owns a three for five record after a loss. Slight edge in the nightcap. #6 MAJESTIC FRONTIER has done some nice work in his last pair, but hasn't done much to get the heart thumping here, on the hole, so we are going to relegate to the unders. #3 ICE ROAD closes out our race, day, week, month, and meet right here at Aqueduct. We want to thank all of you who have followed not just through this stand, but for the nearly 12 years we've been doing it. We'll see you in five days for the beginning of the Aqueduct spring meet!!

# TAMPA BAY DOWNS ( 12:00)

By Kenny Peck

First Race

4 Michaela 4-9-13-8

SECOND RACE

Admiral's Wave 7-2-4-8

THIRD RACE

Red Miller 2-7-4-5 2

FOURTH RACE

6 Macho Music 6-2-7-5

FIFTH RACE

Mimzy 4

4-1-10-2

SIXTH RACE

7 Factorbella 7-1-3-9

SEVENTH RACE

Bella Cleopatra 8-7-1-6

EIGHTH RACE

2 Forever Souper 2-8-9-12

NINTH RACE

2 Dancing N Dixie 2-11-1-5

TENTH RACE

Comedy Town 4-7-2-3 4

ELEVENTH RACE

9 Tank 9-7-3-10



- 12:10

# RACE 1

6 SPIRIT AND TRUTH wasn't a factor coming back from a long layoff last time out; Barr typically takes a patient approach off long breaks and is dropping her back down to maiden claiming competition for this one; she hasn't come within six lengths of the winner in two starts, but she hasn't been able to put consecutive starts together either. 5 WARRIORS JEWEL is fastest in the field on paper, but it's getting hard to

Analysis By: Patrick Moquin

winner in two starts, but she hasn't been able to put consecutive starts together either. 5 WARRIORS JEWEL is fastest in the field on paper, but it's getting hard to ignore her hesitance at the wire at this point; runner-up finish last time out as the 3-5 favorite was her eighth finish in the money in nine career starts; maybe she's just faster than this group, but that has been said before. 2 CHESTERTOWN JANE raced twice at Monmouth last year and did a little more running while switching to dirt in August; though she didn't have anything to offer in the stretch, she did get involved at long odds that day and showed far more than she did on turf; class relief is also helpful for a filly that might need a race off the layoff.

#### Race 2

5 ARTILLERY GUNNAR doesn't have many excuses for a flat performance last time out, though he was the only horse to come from off the pace and challenge a pair of front-runners in the stretch; his victory at this level two back would still be more than enough to win against this field and he might have a more reasonable target out in front. 2 TYCOON MOGUL didn't do any running last time out on a sloppy track, which can be forgiven because he had never done it before and ran well in January; Ness is dropping him in class again and seems to be finding a good spot for him to bounce back. 3 AIKMANS AUDIBLE will be making a lot of adjustments here, as he was claimed by Magee last time out and will race against winners for the first time while cutting back to six furlongs; his maiden victory was commanding and all of these changes are usually productive moves for the trainer, though they don't often occur all at once.

Race 3 4 VENETO seemed like a likely maiden winner last time out but weakened in the stretch as a 4-5 favorite; in that race, he tried to go to the front at a route distance, which has always led to a disappearing act in the stretch for him; he's cutting back to seven furlongs, where he earned a 61 Beyer over this track in February, a performance that would probably be enough to win here. 1 LATIN REBEL tried a statebred maiden special weight at Colonial last time out and improved, finishing fifth in a blanket finish; it was a strange race in which all six runners finished within three lengths of one another, but it was a nice start for this gelding after he suffered some bad racing luck in February. 2 REGENCY TALE seems most interesting among the firsters, a likely sprinter based on the pedigree; Ferris almost never fires with runners in their debuts so don't expect a runaway, but Rodriguez is an interesting addition and the gelding has five siblings through the dam who have collectively won five of 26 starts (19%) as 3-year-olds.

#### Race 4

3 SLAM NOTION has finished second at this level in three straight starts, but he certainly seems to be landing in the right field this time around; defeat last time out came against an improving runner who figured on paper, and he likely wouldn't have had to deal with him if his rider hadn't lost his crop before a photo finish loss in February; he's clearly the one to beat. 6 TOJO'S MOJO earned a coveted maiden special weight victory as a juvenile and unsuccessfully tried a statebred stakes at Colonial last time out in August; Salzman can be brave with runners making their 3-year-old debut and he certainly has some form from last year to suggest long-term potential. 1 WHERE'S MY CHEW nearly fell on his face in his debut and still came flying home to win a maiden claiming race; the competition is clearly tougher here and he has his work cut out for him, but that was an educational outing last time out and he may have more to offer with a clean start.

#### Race 5

5 HORNBEAM is taking an appropriate drop in class after displaying regressed form in three straight starts in allowance conditions; as recently as November, he was stringing together very impressive performances, but it's unrealistic to expect him to return to those while the trainer tries to find a softer spot; the hope is that the class relief puts him in the mix near the wire, at which point he can muster enough to put away this relatively soft field. 1 ABERKS returned to the track off a layoff in February and won at the lowest claiming condition of his career, making him the only last-out winner in this field; the gelding seemed to be drifting through 2024 but showed a spark in his 2025 debut; maybe Ness has found another edge that will allow him to gradually step back up in class. 8 SPEARGUN hasn't earned serious consideration from bettors in nearly a year, running way over his head in deep allowances in four starts off a long layoff; Gaudet is dropping him to claiming competition for the first time since August 2023, a race he happened to win at Delaware.

#### Race 6

BEST BET 2 DEVIL PAYS IN GOLD won a starter handicap at Laurel in October, ending a busy 4-year-old campaign in which she won five races; this is her first start of 2025 and Magee has success firing fresh off this sort of layoff; with a lot of pace in front of her, she figures as the most likely contender to find a favorable trip behind the front-runners. 7 DISCREET OPS was a consistent runner in stakes competition last year, finishing third in a graded stakes and improving as the year went on; tailed off in December and January against older horses, so Feliciano gave her a short break; in the past five years, the trainer is 3-for-12 with Laurel runners returning after layoffs between 61 and 180 days (25%, \$3.38 ROI). 2-7-3

Race 7 2 ANONYMOUSLY has run for three different trainers since November, but Magee took her off the market last time out and got to keep her for an extra race; mare has won three of her last four starts, and a distant runner-up finish last time out was partially due to her steadying and having to re-rally in the stretch; she figures as a straightforward win contender. 1LADY ZETA has participated in five straight claiming races at three different tracks since November, crushing one at Penn National and finishing as runner-up at Aqueduct and Parx; this is a step up for the mare, but she drew the rail and should have the chance to take an early lead; her most recent start in New York was easily her best in some time, and should be taken as a sign that she's moving in the right direction. 2-1-3



Sunday, March 30 Ron Nicoletti

### Race 1:

6 Gettin' There

4 How About It

5 Hello Jello

#### Race 2:

7 Timayyyy

2 Nudge

4 Proudly Hailed (GB)

#### Race 3:

6 Kosher Capone

8 Who's the King

10 Line Astray

#### Race 4:

1 Notorious

6 Insanity it Seems

8 Outta Money

#### Race 5:

6 Light Fury

7 War Beat

1 Nate the Great

## Race 6:

5 Surprise

8 Kapoor

3 Laulauga

#### Race 7:

10 Carrington

5 Gimme Mo Baby

8 Free to Roam

### Race 8:

7 Balino

6 Shangrala Road

5 Meritorious

#### Race 9:

2 Billy the Greek

3 Bold Looker

9 Top Recruit

#### Race 10:

2 Midred Pierce

3 Restless Dreamer

4 Counterinteligence (GB)

# Race 11: The Sunshine State

1 Soulmate (BB)

6 K. C. Chief

7 Alley Oop Johnny

## **Race 12:**

3 Baby Lala (LS)

12 Obeissante

5 Keepthedreamalive

# Best Bet: R11: 1 Soulmate

Stretches out to 9 panels after responding in the first race over the GP Tapeta with a driving score. The 9-year-old is bred to love the added distance.

# Longshot: R12: 3 Baby Lala

Makes the third career start after taking a positive step forward when stretching out around two turns last out. She's bred up and down to love more distance.

# Gulfstream Analysis

- Race 1 6 GETTIN' THERE ran evenly in his debut even in the mud. This gelding only cost 15K yet connections keep him protected. Two of three sibs beat winners and earned 48K and 113K
- Race 2 7 TIMAYYYY ran evenly in his debut and is more likely than not to improve second time out. We like that this colt, that cost 300K, wanted two turns in his debut. He is bred to love the green with his 377 turf Tomlinson while added half furlong is another plus due to 368 distance Tommy.
- Race 3 6 KOSHER CAPONE returns to the Tapeta where he got a 71 Beyer only three back. Class drop is hard to miss and of course we like the jock switch to Irad. Tactical speed to help the trip but more importantly is that it gives Irad some early options.
- Race 6 5 SURPRISE is by a 15% debut sire. Her dam went 17-4-5-1 and earned 279K. Of 5 sibs to race, 4 won and 2 beat winners (115K and 520K). Works are fast and well spaced.
- Race 9 2 BILLY THE GREEK is one of 2 Joseph runners. This one has the better figs and drops in class as this meet ends. Layoff lines are the norm while works plentiful.
- Race 10 2MILDRED PIERCE, today's best bet, is by a 15% debut sire and a 14% debut turf sire. Her dam went 8-4-2-1 and earned 450K (385K on the grass and won turf debut). Both sibs beat winners and earned 423K and 310K. Both sibs are multiple winners on the turf with earnings of 413K and 213K. Works are perfect and this barn is 29% with their debut maidens (the same when debuting at a mile or more). Finally her turf and distance Tomlinsons are outstanding at 368 and 413.
- Race 11 1 SOULMATE has some speed and draws the rail so a good trip is in the cards. This gelding tried this Tapeta for the first time in his most recent and not only won but got a nice 84 Beyer

# Jim's Picks

#### **Hawthorne Race 1**

Post Time 2:40 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Dixie Penny - 8/5

1 Lady Helena - 9/5

5 Written Consent - 9/2

Day two of the racing season as we have carryovers in the P6, Late P5 and Hi 5. The Late Pick 5, starting in race 3, is a must play with the carryover of \$7,305. In the opener I'll give the nod to 2-DIXIE PENNY as she scratched out of the Thursday finale for this spot. That race Thursday was won by Be My Bestie, who came out of the same race as this one at Oaklawn in her last. Dixie Penny has enough speed to contend early and should be right there the entire way. 1-LADY HELENA gets the rail draw as she makes her Hawthorne return. She has found the board in 3/4 over the track and was a winner in New Orleans with Murrill in the saddle last out. 5-WRITTEN CONSENT ran a better race than looks on paper in her last. She got away a step slowly before running into early contention. She was shuffled back in the turn before coming on again late. With clear sailing in here she should be a factor in the lane.

#### **Hawthorne Race 2 - PLAY OF THE DAY**

Post Time 3:05 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Gouvernatrice - 6/1

5 Illy Simz - 9/5

6 Last Gasp - 5/2

A possible price play in here with a wide open field of bottom level maidens. 3-GOUVERNATRICE comes in off three grass races in New Orleans, all against much better. She takes the drop for trainer Lopez, who won with a pair on opening day. 5-ILLY SIMZ is another taking a class drop as she faced tougher in her three Oaklawn starts. She looks to have some early speed as her first two career starts make her the one to beat. 6-LAST GASP is another coming in from Oaklawn as the break will be the key. She was away slowly in her last two, both in large fields, which completely compromised her chances. Her race three back is a winning race as she runs for a barn which always wins at a high percentage.

#### **Hawthorne Race 3**

Post Time 3:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

Regained Power - 3/1

1 Mondogetsbuckets - 5/2

6 Red Rizzler - 7/2

The Late Pick 5 kicks off here with a carryover of \$7,305. It is worth the play for sure as only a couple of upsets need to occur for a big payout. 4-REGAINED POWER runs for Rivelli as he makes his second career start. The fact that he stays at the MSW level is key as I expect he shows speed early and runs on late. 1-MONDOGETSBUCKETS runs for Block, who had a nice winner with Cohen aboard on opening day. The two Churchill starts were against tough company and he held his own in each. He has worked well, and consistently toward his return as he will take a lot of action. 6-RED RIZZLER is still searching for his first career win but he has had success at Hawthorne throughout his career. He figures to rate in the second flight early and should be running on in the lane.

#### **Hawthorne Race 4**

Post Time 3:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Muler



7 King Anthony - 9/5

All About Tonite - 3/1

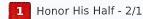
5 Somnus - 6/1

There won't be much value here, but 7-KING ANTHONY is going to be the one to beat. The Hernandez barn got a victory on opening day with Be My Bestie, who was coming in from Oaklawn, and this is another returning from Hot Springs. He has back class and has run his best races at Hawthorne. 1-ALL ABOUT TONITE has speed and may be able to clear the lead. If loose, he could steal this one as an off track would move him up as well. 5-SOMNUS is the other with some early speed. The main concern with him is only one work toward the return, but he held his own against some solid runners last summer and merits a look at a price.

#### **Hawthorne Race 5**

Post Time 4:21 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller







A new face to Hawthorne, 1-HONOR HIS HALF figures to be tough on the drop. She ran a huge number two races back with the blinkers on, before taking them off for some reason last out. Blinks back on in here as she could control things from the inside. 6-ECHO DREAMER has to be worth a look as she is 2/2 at Hawthorne. She broke her maiden at 93-1 last spring but that wasn't a fluke as she found the board in four of her next six starts, including another win. She will need some pace to chase but may find it in here. 3-QUEEN ANNA T is another that will likely get a good stalking trip as she returns to where she broke her maiden. If she can tuck in behind the leaders and wait until the lane to move, she should be in contention every step.

Race 6 7-2-5-3

#7 TIE BREAKER LENNIE could maiden-breaker Lennie today with the change in circuit and overall form and figures that fit as the horse to beat and edge over the other runners shipping including those from TP. Their form and higher recorded figure suggest a horse that prefers racing at the one-turn distance and while the 5f is likely shorter than their ideal, the edge on class/speed should carry and could work out a first run tracking trip. The early pace should be honest with #2 UPTOWN TOM and #6 ULTIMATE FIGHTER together in Quad I and Above the ParLine as well to suggest an honest early pace from those two. They could be joined by some of the other lightly raced types with a FTS in #5 PLAYGROUND WARRIOR and #3 MISCHIEF EXPOSED also could show early speed despite what appears a stalking trip on the Plot with the class drop and from prior races showing early speed and to date has lost ground in each race without passing a horse.

Race 7 3-1-10

#3 VANISKY was hustled to make the two 2024 Hawthorne starts, though was not race ready at the time and showed massive improvement at Oaklawn in the 12/13 return, enough to given them a longshot look on 2/3 when finding the right barn and level and responded with a competitive showing and show result. Back up in class 11days later played against them on 2/14 (DROP) though not as "obvious" as the TROUBLES+ on 2/28 taking a stumble losing the rider out of the gate and had the break been clean on the day VANISKY might have been competitive that afternoon and give him a big look here. #1 DANVILLE appears reclaimed for Hawthorne by F. Villa out of the MVR race earlier this month a competitive showing that day despite a softer recorded speed figure making a WIDE CLOSE as the top two together at the wire with the race shape starting to slow late. DANVILLE holds plenty of races over the years at Hawthorne to fit on par most of their races to date at a higher level. They closed out 2024 while in the Villa barn, a series of races at the higher N1 level and dropping on 10/10 closing week at the claiming level had a legitimate EX – EXCUSE with the TACTIC TROUBLE impacting their race - arguably cost them the win and the public money racing as the favorite that day. In terms of value there are some potential concerns on that front with #10 NILES CHANNEL based on current form and pattern of gate issues at shorter odds. That is a greater concern than remaining on the main track. Cohen jumping aboard is a live sign as well.



# SANTA ANITA

- POST 4:00

Analysis & Selections By: Brad Free

**BEST BET: King Stephen (6th race)** 

First Race 2. Siempre Naman 5 Nephele 4 Walk Down Colgate

Cal-bred maiden fillies run for a \$12.5k claim tag, second-time starter SIEMPRE NAMAN gets the call to upset NEPHELE. The fifth-place debut by SIEMPRE NAMAN was actually okay. She was void of speed, took hold late, finished well and galloped out in front. Decent debut by a filly who drops from open maiden-32 to state-bred maiden-12.5. If she improves second out, she can reel them in. NEPHELE, runner-up as the favorite in five straight races, has more speed than the top choice and benefits by a cutback to five and one-half furlongs. Her 10-start career includes six seconds and two thirds. She'll get there one of these days. WALK DOWN COLGATE makes her first start in four months; she could return as an improved filly for her new trainer Steve Sherman. The knock on the Pleasanton race she exits: all seven rivals from that race ran back, none hit the board their next start.

Second Race 4. Joint Venture 2. Saquel 3. Ready to Pounce

JOINT VENTURE gets an easier pace scenario in this \$25k claiming route than the \$16k claimer in which he finished second last out. 'VENTURE was hounded through a hot pace (:45.61 half-mile), shook off his rivals, then got collared by a last-to-first winner. Fine try by 'VENTURE, who was claimed by Bob Hess Jr. and wheels back two weeks later in a race he figures to control. He is the only true speed in this five-runner field. SAQEEL stretches out to his preferred two-turn trip; his route figures are higher than the top choice. SAQEEL has had a two-month break, runs fresh, and has enough speed to keep the top choice in his sights. Close call between the top pair. READY TO POUNCE finished second at this level last out; the first- and third-place finishers won their next starts.

Third Race 1. Silver N Black 6. Toppers Wager 5. Sinful King

Back-to-back for Hess and jockey Kent Desormeaux? Top choice in race 2, they team with 16-start maiden SILVER N BLACK. Runner-up last out in a similar maiden-20 mile, he is the fastest in the field on figures, and looks like a short price to wear them down. Hess entered the week having won with six of his last eight favorites (including out-of-state). TOPPERS WAGER is a 21-start maiden also stretching back to his preferred two-turn trip. He finished second at this level three back, he earned a high figure finishing fourth next out, then was not close last time in a sprint. He goes back to two turns, and probably will be positioned in front of the top choice .

Fourth Race 5 In Without Knockin

**3**. Dazzle the Command **7**. Acero

IN WITHOUT KNOCKIN was in tough last time; she finished far back. But her runner-up finishes at this low claiming level (\$5k, N2L) two and three back stamp her the one to beat for a productive trainer-jockey combo. The past five years, trainer Steve Sherman and jockey William Antongeorgi are 43-for-93 with favorites (48 percent, flatbet profit). 'KNOCKIN is proven over the Santa Anita surface, facing modest foes, and a logical choice. The fact she is the only filly in this field is no big deal because this is not a strong group.

Fifth Race & Readytoriskitall 2 Buds N Suds 4 Makenarita

READYTORISKITALL was not disgraced splitting the field in her debut, she drops from maiden-62.5k to maiden-32 for her second start, she has a route pedigree, and a productive trainer-jockey combo. The past five years in maiden-claiming races, trainer Michael McCarthy and jockey Juan Hernandez are 12-for-24. BUDS N SUDS is a nine-start maiden who finished in the money all four tries at this maiden-32 level. Runner-up her only previous route, she figures for a forwardly placed trip in a route likely to unfold at a tepid pace. MAKENARITA drops in class and tries dirt after being overmatched vs. MSW and maiden-62.5k rivals her first five starts on turf. MRAZEK'S OLD DREAM is first-time maiden-claiming.

Sixth Race 7. King Stephen 6 Charlie Foxtrot 2 War to Remember

A promising third-place debut by KING STEPHEN stamps him the one to beat while moving from dirt to turf. His debut was noteworthy. Bet from 10-1 program odds to 7-2, he walked out of the gate, trailed the field, launched a five-wide rally on the turn and into lane, and finished well. The fast race was validated; it already produced two next-out winners. 'STEPHEN is by a first-crop sire whose progeny are 2-for-6 in turf sprints; the dam of 'STEPHEN won twice on turf. The point is, turf should be fine. With a rider switch to Hector Berrios, an additional half-furlong to work with, and a better start, the John Shirreffs trainee can handle this maiden field.

Seventh Race 2. Pratchett 7. Spiritist 8. Buckortwo

Class dropper PRATCHETT looks like the speed of the field as he drops to \$16k claiming N2L. His up-front style suits the race; he looks like the only true front-runner. Any of his last three starts (maiden-20 runner-up, maiden-50 win, starter allowance sixth) would be fast enough to wire this bunch. On paper, PRATCHETT is a low-odds standout.

Eighth Race 1. Kings River Knight 7. On the Whim 2 Lovesick Blues

A six-time stakes winner and the class of the field, comeback gelding KINGS RIVER KNIGHT is ready to fire in this Cal-bred hillside stakes. 'KNIGHT won a similar state-bred stakes on the hill in autumn 2023, he has worked well for his comeback for trainer John Sadler, including a recent work under regular rider Juan Hernandez. A versatile gelding who can set the pace or come from behind, 'KNIGHT is likely to be outrun early in this speed-field race, and rally from just off. His nine starts since moving to Sadler: seven wins, two seconds.

Ninth Race ?. Runnin Ute & Major Tom & Roy Hobbs

RUNNIN UTE benefited by the slow pace last out when he crushed a \$5k claiming sprint setting easy fractions. Claimed off the win, 'UTE could get a similar soft-pace trip this time.

Tenth Race 6 Strutting 4 Kentucky Gal 5 Mizzyaan

Last-out runner-up STRUTTING is obvious in this N1X turf at a mile and a quarter. The filly who beat her by a length last out won a stakes next out. This long distance is a potential challenge, but the first part of the race is downhill. It's not a "true" mile and one quarter.

1st Race

10 FLIGHT RISK

4 COMO CHACHINGAS

9 COLD CHILL

6 SM MISS ROYAL CHICK

2nd Race

5 CORONAS FAMOUSCARTEL

9 TELL ANNEE GI

6 SHANNANIGANS

3 APOLITICAL VALOR

3rd Race

3 DTL RAMBLIN MAN

7 PFR APOLLITICAL PARTY

9 RP CAPTAIN PAPAS BABY

5 STIKINI

4th Race

**8 EL APOLLITICAL DREAM** 

5 FDD CORONADO

4 QUE PASO

3 MY HEART MY DYNASTY

5th Race

4 EYE JESS RUNAWAY

8 LUCKY WAGON TWO C

7 LEAVING ACCOUNT

10 SABRINA OF THE NILE

6th Race

6 JESS HOT Z

8 PYC FANCY RETURN

9 RONDA ROWSEY

4 FANCYDNTLETMEDOWN

7th Race

6 JESSACORONA INTEREST

2 MAGNIFYED

10 AJS WINGMAN

7 RIVIERA EXPRESS

8th Race

1 KOOL MAN KENNY

3 KATCH THIS EAGLE

4 DOCS BEST BUD

2 COWBOY UP CAPO

9th Race

10 ELEGANT TRAIN B

.8 ELSIA

4 JO CASH RUN

1 SUMMER FAVORITE

10th Race

9 LEWS MUDDYBUDDY

7 KRASHIN LEW

8 BV MR D

6 RICH STRIKE

TODAY'S BEST BET

FLIGHT RISK (1st)

PICK FIVE

(Races 1-5)

10 with 5-9-6-3 with 3-7-9-5 with 8-5 with 4-8-7

(\$48)

PREMIER PICK FOUR

(Races 2-5)

5-9 with 3-7-9 with 8-5-4-3 with 4-8-7 (\$36)

PRIMETIME PICK FOUR

(Races 7-10)

6-2-10 with 1-3-4 with 10-8-4-1 with 9-7 (\$36)

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