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6 Spurgeon Hernandez B J Jr 118 7-2	
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1	Hypnus	Hernandez B J Jr	
9	Pursuitneversleeps	Lanerie C J	
3	Shangrala Road	Saez L	120
10	Varney	Geroux F	122

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2	Movin' On Up	Dettori L	118
11	Deep Satin	Ortiz J L	118
9	Charlene's Dream	Bejarano R	120
8	Pin Up Betty	Saez L	118

TENTH RACE

4	Lifes Reward	Prat F	118
8	Kalahari Dreams	Ortiz J L	118
9	Privman	Geroux F	118
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10 Sycamore Shoals Curtis B 10-13-5-15-2



POST 12:40

PHILLY'S FINEST		
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Race 3	8-3-2-1	
Race 4	6-4-3-5	
Race 5	4-1-2-8	
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Race 7	4-2-1-6	
Race 8	8-1-3-4	
Race 9	7-6-3-2	
Race 10	6-4-3-2	
Race 11	7-5-3-8	
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Race 14	6-2-4-5	

PHILLY'S FINEST

A daily aid to handicapping the races at Harrah's Philadelphia

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

SUNDAY SULKY SMÖRGÅSBORD IN PHILLY FEATURES

"Buffet" doesn't begin with an "s," so we used the Swedish word "smörgåsbord" to convey the variety of types of top-level racing at Harrah's Philadelphia today. The biggest purse offering, \$12,000, is for the "nw 3 races" class, with the seventh race for trotters and the thirteenth race for male pacers. There are also two \$11,000 events: one for the "fast-class" pacers in race ten, a handicap event, which could threaten 1:50 if the weather turns out a little warmer than the forecast has it at press time, and the fifth race, for the top-price claiming pacers on the grounds, with many horses changing class levels -- interesting to handicap. Look for good value!

ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

4th race: CAPTAIN SKIPPY wasn't fifteen lengths out at the 1/2 (that's a typo), but he was out raw from the 1/4 and paced his own third quarter in 26.3 and kept digging in until early stretch, where the trip caught up with him. That was an excellent performance; if he can get away a little better today, we like his chances.

Sth race:

HERVEY HANOVER was just in over his head in his last start; before that were three wins in four starts against a pretty good set of opponents. This isn't the hardest top-level claimer of the year today, so he may fit in. One caution is the three weeks away, but if Engblom has him ready, he could shine in here.

8th race: He's ROCKIN RALPHIE hasn't done too much since returning, but today he goes to the bottom rung, and if there were ever a field where he might try to use his good early speed and not look back, this may be the one, as his opponents show little early foot. In fact, LEON DAVID can be a big factor with speed and the rail.

12th race: STAG PARTY comes in from Harrington and faces the lowest-level field he shows on his charted lines. Had a good two-move third from post eight last time. Tetrick and "Three-Wide 'N' Wingin'" Crissman have combined for many many winners, and they may add another one to their scrapbook from this good spot.

WATCHOUT FOR:

A couple of trends have slowly developed over the last couple of weeks. Some barns that had been sending out a lot of winners have suddenly gone cold, yet the public has been still betting the horses (maybe not for long). Some three-year-olds with well-earned reputations at two are starting their three-year-old campaigns and getting betting money off their reputations; when they come back to the races, they may race well but still get "upset" by horses who have been showing their sharpness (hello, TWISTED DESTINY). And horses improving week-to-week deserve respect — and the 2YOs are right around the corner!

Bangor Raceway





By Lucky Lou

1. 4-5-1

2. 4-5-1

3. 5-4-3

4. 2-5-8

5. 2-4-3

6. 3-4-1

7. 5-1-2

8. 3-2-6

9. 7-4-1

10 5-4-6

Best Bets:

Race 5. # 2 Midnight Zette

Gets a major driver change to Kevin Switzer and an improved post

Race 5 # 3 Prophet Blue Chip

Has had excuses recently, after winning 6 of his first 12 starts this yr. Class drop and Campbell may help him turn it around

Pick 3 Play:

Race 5: 2,3,4 / 3,4 / 1,5

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Race	1st Pick	2nd Pick	3rd Pick	
1	#1 Midnight Award	#2 I'm On Fire	#5 Fidelightcayut	
2	#4 Dee's On Dow	#5 Dakota Cam	#1 Stormy City	
3	#4 Talkin In Cursive	#7 Our Uptown Girl	#5 Bold Baby	
4	#8 Singleminded	#1 Bob Mo	#4 Azteca Warrior	
5	#5 Irwani	#9 More Thank Work	#2 Fatima's Blessing	
6	#4 Chowser	#7 Interceptor	#2 Sansone	
7	#2 My Two Sophia's	#1 Summer's Comin	#8 Beach Daze	
8	#2 Spartacus's Dude	#9 Nostalgia's Smile	#5 Fake Celebrity	
9	#5 My Honeybunch	#3 Vesper Chicks	#6 Don't Listen	
10	#5 Stillthinkingofyou	#8 Serene Spirit	#1 Make It Snow	
11	#3 Summary Judgme	nt #5 Oscar Gaze	#1 I Believe In Magic	

MONMOTITH PARK

Race 2

4 Dee's On Dow - Well-bred \$130,000 purchase by Nyquist (17% dirt sire, 15% debuts) makes her debut for high-percentage trainer Delgado, who excels with first-time starters at 22% from 32 attempts. Dam had minimal dirt experience (0-for-1) and no siblings have won on dirt yet, but the breeding and strong trainer debut record make her a serious contender.

5 Dakota Cam -First-time starter by Ghostzapper (18% dirt sire, 10% debuts) out of a dam who never tried dirt. No siblings have raced on dirt yet, leaving little family precedent to evaluate.

Race 4

8 Singleminded -Switches from turf to dirt after sixth-place finish in debut with 61 Beyer, and shortens up. By Win Win (17% dirt sire), dam won twice from nine dirt starts earning 84K. Trainer Brown excels with second-time starters (30%) and surface switchers (16% turf to dirt). Intriguing angle play.

1 Bob Mo - Owns field-high 72 Beyer when third last time, now shortens up to six furlongs for new trainer Delgado (19% with new trainees). By Uncle Mo (19% dirt sire), three of five siblings have won on dirt. Trainer hits at 21% when shortening horses from routes to sprints. Top contender with class edge.

Race 7

2 My Two Sophia's

Got things off to a promising start which led to a shot at the G3 MTH Oaks here last July; alas, that didn't go so well and the pattern since is a bit disconcerting as she was then a so-so 4th here last Aug. 11, was then gone 9 months and came back with a dullish 5th sprinting at BAQ May 17; at least there's not another layoff, she's back to the site of her 2 wins but those came sprinting and she's asked to route again; Sacco adds blinkers, a move with which he has super numbers.

Sunday, June 1 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Royal Palm Meet Statistics (through 5/18):

GP Meet: 264-70-52-44 (\$1.76/\$5.10) **Best Bet:** 23-9-6-1 (\$1.96 /\$6.14) **Longshot:** 26-6-2-3 (\$3.50/\$7.82)

Race 1:

6 - Murabeh

5 - Win With Faith

2 - Tepeyac

Race 2:

9 - Burn It All

3 - Arroyadora

2 – Gimme Some Luck

Race 3:

4 - Dimanche Gras

2 - Bold N Breezy

7 – Roscoe Pine

Race 4:

4 - Boombox Betty (Longshot)

2 - Three Little Birds

3 - Gallant Knight

Race 5:

5 - Basilea (Best Bet)

7 - Back to Gridlock

4 – Latte Lizzie

Race 6:

7 - Mustang Bay

4 - Flat Cap

2 – Give Me Liberty

Race 7:

5 - Navy Cross

1 - Nate the Great

8 - Uno Tiger

Race 8:

5 - Saratoga Flash

3 - Battle Call

6 – Speed Runner

Race 9:

6 - Accelerate Me

2 - Corta Fuego

5 - Imperatus

Best Bet: R5: #5 Basilea (8-5)

* Saffie 29% with barn newcomers

* Enters fresh off solid AM worktab

* More upside than anyone entered

Longshot: R4: #4 Boombox Betty (6-1)

* Working big for return, adds Lasix

* Tried Tapeta, should like cutback

* Drew well, outside9 ML) favorites

GULFSTREAM PARK

Sixth Race 7 MUSTANG BAY found a better level of late and with it better efforts. Now he goes third off the layoff, draws outside, and goes for a barn that is 25% with horses that won their last race.

Seventh Race NAVY CROSS has speed, Figs are very good and so is current form.

Eighth Race SARATOGA FLASH goes for Saffie Joseph Jr. and for many that will be enough. The class drop is hard to miss. Zayas returns and he has ridden this gelding before.

Ninth Race ACCELERATE ME ran OK in both starts on the turf. What if he likes the synth a tad more? This barn is 24% on the synth. CORTA FUEGO has improved his Beyer in every start. He drops in class and picks up Zayas.

WOODBINE

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Sunday, June 1st 2025

Race 1

#2 Maryland Spirit

#5 Lemoncella Spritz

#4 Vrana (IRE)

#3 La Ronde

#2 MARYLAND SPIRIT kept on well to be a game third in a five furlong dash two weeks ago. She has some natural speed and should make the lead on the stretch out to seven furlongs. #5 LEMONCELLA SPRITZ stalked the pace and had to alter course in midstrech when finishing in midpack against OS/\$40,000 three-year-olds on May 10. She may be better off trying to come from a bit further out of it. #4 VRANA (IRE) may have an advantage as the only four-year-old in the race. She closed out 2024 with a good third-place effort when setting a slow pace in a route. #3 LA RONDE is by 5% debut sire Shaman Ghost, out of a multiple restricted Stakes-winning dam who has not had a debut winner in three foals to start. \$19,000 purchase is likely starting at the appropriate level.

Race 2

#3 Lonny's Gamble #4 Scuderia

#2 Wild Card

#5 Last Ride

Pick 3 PLAY 2.3.4/1/2.7

#3 LONNY'S GAMBLE was very consistent last year, hitting the board in four of six starts and missing a check only once; seems like a safe option. #4 SCUDERIA was a fringe player at best in the maiden allowance ranks last year. He is dropping in for a tag for the first time while racing as a first time gelding; has the best Beyers in the field. #2 WILD CARD made an outside rally to be a distant fourth in a 5 ½ furlong dash on May 17. He can move forward with a start under his belt and should appreciate the added distance. #5 LAST RIDE was never involved when kicking off his season on May 11 but simply may have needed one off of the layoff. He showed he was capable of better last year; blinkers are being added.

(1:05)

Race 3

#1 Dark Danger - Best Bet

#2 Captivating Man

#3 Souper Effect

#6 Its in the Card

#1 DARK DANGER dueled on the lead and had to settle for second behind the well positioned Awesome Empire on May 11. He looks like the clear speed in this field. #2 CAPTIVATING MAN made a stretch bid but had to settle for third in a split of the aforementioned May 11 race. That race has produced next out-winner Deputy Daddy; may have needed a start off of the bench. #3 SOUPER EFFECT swung wide and passed a few tiring foes when debuting against older foes on May 3. The Beyer was light but he could improve with experience. #6 ITS IN THE CARDS was 2 ½ lengths behind Souper Effect when finishing sixth in the same May 3 race; fringe player.

Race 4

#7 Zisisit (IRE)

#2 Shade of Pale

#6 Romantica

#8 Theft

#7 ZISISIT (IRE) was third behind the very in-from Ashima on the Gulfstream Tapeta on April 11. She is a true inner turf specialist and looks live in this spot. #2 SHADE OF PALE was last in her local debut over the Tapeta but was beaten only 2 ½ lengths for second. She raced very well on the Tampa turf two starts ago and could rebound returning to her preferred surface. #6 ROMANTICA ran a respectable race to be fifth at Gulfstream two starts ago but failed to stay the 12 furlongs when setting the pace at Keeneland on April 23. A return to a standard distance should be to her benefit. #8 THEFT rallied smartly to break her maiden against allowance company on March 28. Daughter of Kitten's Joy should not have a problem taking to the turf.

Race 5

#4 Copper Ghost

#1 William T

#3 Gotme Good

#5 Thor's Cause

#4 COPPER GHOST broke slowly and never threatened but started to show some finish and galloped out well when debuting on May 3. He is bred for the added distance and could improve now that he is stabled here instead of shipping in from Fair Hill. #1 WILLIAM T stalked the pace and kept on to be a good second in the same race that Copper Ghost exits. The blinkers are coming off for this stretch out in distance. #3 GOTME GOOD dueled on the lead before giving way to be third for \$40,000 on May 11. He figures to be a pace factor

with William T. #5 THOR'S CAUSE picked up a few small shares last year and even ran a credible seventh in the King's Plate; not without a shot in his first start off of the bench.

Race 6 #5 More Money Hunny #4 Just a Gem #10 Nikita's Gem

#1 Ella It Is

#5 MORE MONEY HUNNY was beaten just 2 1/4 lengths for place when finishing a non-threatening fifth in an N2L allowance on May 11. The drop in for \$40,000 should be beneficial and the return to a route distance is not a problem. #4 JUST A GEM kicked off her season in a seven furlong race at this level and kept on to be a decent fourth. She should step forward with that start under her belt and the return to her preferred distance. #10 NIKITA'S GEM was a non-factor in the same race that Just a Gem exits. The route distance is definitely better for her and she was flat in her first start of the campaign last year before winning second time out. #1 ELLA IT IS weakened after showing some tactical speed in a six furlong race on May 3. Multiple Stakes-placed at two, she did run on well enough in the Princess Elizabeth at today's distance.

Race 7

#2 Piper's Factor #6 Never Surprised #8 Wolfie's Dynaghost #4 Society's Thunder

#2 PIPER'S FACTOR kept on well to be a very respectable fourth in the Opening Verse at Churchill on May 1. The Toronto Cup winner is not in easy here but does not look outclassed and draws a good post for his first local start since that aforementioned Stakes triumph. #6 NEVER SURPRISED had a very impressive win at the N2X/\$50,000 level on October 6 before wrapping up his season with a sixth-place effort in the Autumn. Grade 1placed seven-year-old was gelded over the winter and figures to be competitive off of the layoff. #8 WOLFIE'S DYNAGHOST has not started since disappointing as the favourite in the Kentucky Cup Class in March 2024. Although he has done his best running on synthetic he is a Stakes winner on turf with a very solid record; just a question of how ready he is to fire off of an extended layoff. #4 SOCIETY'S THUNDER was moving like a winner on the turn but was disqualified for stretch interference when facing N2X/\$50,000 foes on May 18. He was a neck away from winning the Overskate over this course last fall; do not ignore.

Race 8
#5 No Time
#2 Double Velocity
#3 Salt
#4 A Little Frisky

#5 NO TIME broke a bit tentatively and was one-paced when last competing at Gulfstream on April 5. She makes her second start off of the layoff; she could be the speed in a fairly paceless race. #2 DOUBLE VELOCITY was an impressive winner of her debut on the Keeneland turf and was quickly sold. She drew a tough post and did not fire in her first try for the new connections at Churchill; draws much better and is likely getting in a bit easier here. #3 SALT was never a factor when returning to Woodbine in the Star Shoot. She had two very nice efforts routing on the Tapeta last fall. #4 A LITTLE FRISKY did not get a win in five starts last year but had some solid performances including a fourth-place effort in the Woodbine Oaks where she was beaten just 1 3/4 lengths. With the right trip I could definitely see her factoring here.

Race 9
#5 Bail Us Out
#4 Last Dawn
#8 Fly the W
#1 Journeyman
#2 Swift Delivery

#5 BAIL US OUT was able to win an N2L allowance over this course in September then missed by just a halflength to the super solid Dresden Row in the Ontario Derby. His effort in the Autumn was not bad at all; returns this year as a gelding. #4 LAST DAWN had three runnerup finishes where he was beaten less than a length last year. He can be tactical and goes for a solid barn who has been knocking on the door and will likely get hot soon enough. #8 FLY THE W was able to run on in the stretch to finish fifth in the Appleton in his first start off of a \$35,000 claim. A starter allowance superstar in Florida for the past few years, he is best on the synthetic but is more than capable on turf and always looks live. #1 JOURNEYMAN never made an impact when finishing third in a short field on the Tapeta on May 10. His form in Tampa this winter was solid and he can be more forwardly placed than last time if desired. #2 SWIFT DELIVERY never reached contention when last racing at Gulfstream on March 29. His local form last year was quite solid including two impressive wins at the lower conditions.



Canterbury Park - (Post 2:10)

Selections by Kevin Gorg

Race 1: 2-1-3

Race 2: 6-4-1-9

Race 3: 2-1-5-6

Race 4: 8-2-9-1-4

Race 5: 4-5-1

Race 6: 7-5-2-6

Race 7: 1-3-2



Handicapping Analysis

Sun June 1st, 2025

Jim's Picks

HAWTHORNE (3:40

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:40 PM CST

Analysis by lim Miller

3 Dessert First -

Honor His Half -

5 Bali Baby -

Not getting too creative to open the day as I look to favorite 3-DESSERT FIRST on top. She dropped to this level for her last and ran a solid second. The winner of that race came right back to win. She will need some pace to chase but should find it in here. 4-HONOR HIS HALF has speed. She didn't clear in her last which may have compromised her a bit. In here, I expect her to send as Murrill gets back aboard. 5-BALI BABY runs for the hot Quinonez barn as she makes her second start of the year. She drops slightly for this spot but has tactical speed to rate close and contend the entire way.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:05 PM CST

Analysis by Iim Miller

Spinning Glory -

1 Truthorconsequence -

Sadie's Sweet Ride -

Experience gets the nod in here as the break will be the key for the inside two runners. 2-SPINNING GLORY has run well in all three of her starts, showing speed in each. If she can get away in good order, she could clear and never look back. 1-TRUTHORCONSEQUENCE ran an improved race in her last and was claimed, but that claim was voided. She comes back off the layoff in here but has worked well toward her return. 7-SADIE'S SWEET RIDE debuts for Block with Lasix. She's bred to run a bit further but this barn tends to have theirs ready early. I expect she settles and rallies in the lane.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:30 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Idiosyncrasies -

Tallapoosa -

Shaman Sez -

A shorter field but a tough race as many have similar running styles. Went to 3-IDIOSYNCRASIES as he draws better today and gets Bendezu back aboard, who won on him two back. The wide trip was costly in his last, but if he can clear off the inside two in here and get to the fence, he should be tough. 5-TALLAPOOSA is the one closer in here as he will benefit if those to his inside all push the pace. He ran on late in his starts two and three back and the price should be right. 4-SHAMAN SEZ pushed things in his last and almost pulled off a massive upset. He should rate close once again, but the concern is that he bounces off that performance.

Hawthorne Race 4 - PLAY OF THE DAY

Post Time 3:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

We Miss Arlington -

Coalminer's Kitten -

Breaking News -

A good starter field to sprint six furlongs. The only real pace comes from the pair of Rodriguez runners, and I don't see them battling each other early. Figure that 1-WE MISS ARLINGTON will take advantage of the inside draw and send from the rail. If he can clear, he could wire these, but he won from a stalking trip two back, which makes him a bigger threat. 8-COALMINER'S KITTEN will be hoping for pace to chase as he's likely to settle early and run on in the lane. He likes this track and the distance suits as he should take a good amount of action. 7-BREAKING NEWS has been great at Hawthorne but today's comes down to if he can handle the hike in class. He has tactical speed and should provide some value in here.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:21 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller



Tidal Tactics -

3 Atmidnight -

Deal'em and Weep -

A good turf allowance as there may be a chance to catch a price. 8-TIDAL TACTICS has not been good recently but take into account that the last three starts were on the main track and the race prior to that was in a tough Churchill allowance. She fits nicely in here as she's likely to settle early and run on in the lane. 3-ATMIDNIGHT has been good in her last two, just missing in both. She is another that figures to rate early but she has shown the ability to uncork a big late rally. 5-DEAL'EM AND WEEP ran an easy maiden winner in her final start of 2024. She steps up in here but has worked well toward her first start of the year.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:47 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller



Absolute Miracle -

Therdgoesonforever -

10 Rumbrandt -

Going to look to a bit of a price in here and give the nod to 9-ABSOLUTE MIRACLE as she drops in her second start of the meet. She ran two good races over this surface last summer and has tactical speed to keep her in the mix. Let's see if she can turn her recent form around. 2-THERDGOESONFOREVER drops as well as she has tried allowance-company in a pair of starts. She has speed and with the inside draw should be able to maintain her position early. 10-RUMBRANDT makes her first start of the year as she's likely to sit back early and rally in the lane. She runs a bit more protected as she's in for the state-bred \$20k tag. She has three works toward her return and appears ready to go.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:13 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller



4 Excelerina (IRE) -



Trail Ridge Road -



3 Union Dolly -

I really like the effort from 4-EXCELERINA in her last as she battled against better and hung in to the wire. The added sixteenth should help her chances in here as Loveberry rides once again. 7-TRAIL RIDGE ROAD runs for the Illinois-bred \$20k tag as this is the lowest level she's been at in some time. She faced tough company to open the racing season and could use this one as a confidence boost. 3-UNION DOLLY also drops after facing tougher in her last. She did rate close in that spot but was empty at the top of the lane. Let's see if she sits back early in here.

BEST BET: Its a Cinch (8th race)

First Race **5** Beer Buzz **7**. Ya'll Come **6** Silver I Am

Runner-up both starts, BEER BUZZ is the choice to wire this Cal-bred maiden sprint. His second start was a disappointment to bettors who backed him at 3-2, but it turns out he got beat by a good horse. The winner Western Freedom returned to win an allowance. 'BUZZ is clearly the one to catch. YA'LL COME makes his career debut with a solid workout pattern for a stable that is 6-for-29 with older debut runners the past five years. 'COME is by Smiling Tiger; he is the first runner produced by a maiden dam. SILVER I AM had compromising trips all three starts (wide, trouble, keen) and finished off the board. Now he goes from the rail to an outside post, and probably is better than his first three starts suggest. Upset candidate? TEE N OFF debuts for a stable that is 7-for-24 with older (3yo and up) debut runners the past five years.

Second Race 6 Not A Sinner 3. Miss Mandalay 2 Cyprus Moon

NOT A SINNER and MISS MANDALAY drop from N1X to N2L starter/optional claiming. It's a significant class drop; NOT A SINNER is the one to beat. She has slightly more speed than her main rival, and figures to be positioned right behind the pacesetter in post 2. 'SINNER will get first run. MISS MANDALAY seems to have lost the speed she had in winter. But she faces easier this time, and tries a new rider. 'MANDALAY and the top choice both are racing for a claim tag for the first time. CYPRUS MOON is the aforementioned post-2 pacesetter, cutting back to a sprint after setting the pace and fading in a route. Her front-running maiden-50 win over this main-oval course in March gives her a license to possibly steal it. MY KATHRYN ROSE has some speed but was soundly defeated all four tries at this class level.

Third Race 4. Kid Dynasty 5. Friends With Fidel 3 Thirty Two Chunk

An improved second start by KID DYNASTY makes him the choice in this restricted/optional maiden sprint (horses started for a tag, or purchased at auction for \$150k or less, or entered for the optional \$50-62.5k tag). 'DYNASTY raced wide pressing a strong pace second out, and held third while improving his speed figure 18 points over his debut. FRIENDS WITH FIDEL makes his first start in nearly a year, first start in California, and first since being gelded. His debut last April on synthetic was not bad; he appears to have trained well for his comeback. The trainer-jockey combo of Bob Hess and Kent Desormeaux has warmed up the past three months: 4-for-18, plus 5 runner-up finishes. THIRTY TWO CHUNK drops in for the optional claim tag and switches surfaces after virtually splitting the field vs. tougher maidens in a turf sprint two months ago.

Fourth Race 6 Invincible 3 Known Idea 5 Western Avenue

This N3L claiming turf sprint looks wide open, though only six entered. The tepid choice is INVINCIBLE, first off the claim by Peter Eurton, first since being gelded, and with a bullet work a week ago that suggests he is better than his modest fifth last out. He has speed to be forwardly placed behind class-drop front-runner KNOWN IDEA. The latter dueled and tired last out in his first start of the year; he drops in for a tag for the first time and is a threat to win with an up-front trip. WESTERN AVENUE was claimed from a slow-pace dirt sprint he crushed at odds-on. These rivals are tougher, but 'AVENUE ran well on turf this winter and looms a contender with a pressing trip

Fifth Race **8**. Whats the Buzz **3**. Bazooka Charlie **4** Millbo Baggins

WHATS THE BUZZ, a 10-start maiden, is the reluctant choice in this Calbred maiden-12.5k. He was second across the wire last out vs. similar, has speed to be forwardly placed in a field without much heat, and benefits cutting back from six furlongs to five and a half. BAZOOKA CHARLIE ran well in his fourth-place career debut last fall, regressed in his recent next-to-last comeback for maiden-50, and now drops to the bottom. He has enough speed to be near the front of the pack.

Sixth Race 6 Brigante 7. Mo Holland Drive 3. Rookie Numbers

Maiden 2yos race five furlongs on turf; BRIGANTE has trained as if he is "live" first out. His work pattern includes a pair of decent gate drills, his sire More Than Ready gets 11 percent winners with debut 2yos (which is average); trainer Doug O'Neill is 2-for-4 this meet with debut 2yos. MO HOLLAND DRIVE debuts with a series of solid works at San Luis Rey Downs. 'DRIVE is by first-crop sire Mo Forza, and produced by a modest turf mare. 'DRIVE is trained by Peter Miller, who also entered ROOKIE NUMBERS. The latter is by the good debut sire Complexity (14 percent debut winners 2yos), with a series of works that suggest he is well-meant.

Seventh Race **2**. Sweet Azteca **1**. Fayette Fox **3**. Chismosa

Grade 1 winner SWEET AZTECA has been working well under jockey Juan Hernandez; she makes her first start of the season and first since changing trainers from Michael McCarthy to Richard Baltas. The top female sprinter last year in California prior to her autumn misfire, SWEET AZTECA is the speed of the field, with the highest figures. She looks tough to beat at odds-on. FAYETTE FOX benefits by a return to one turn after she chased and cracked in a G2 route. Her wide-trip N1X sprint win two back was better than the figure; she probably will be positioned second behind the favorite and would get first run if that one misfires.

Eighth Race 3. Its a Cinch 4. Triple Diamonds 2 Pokerknightatvees

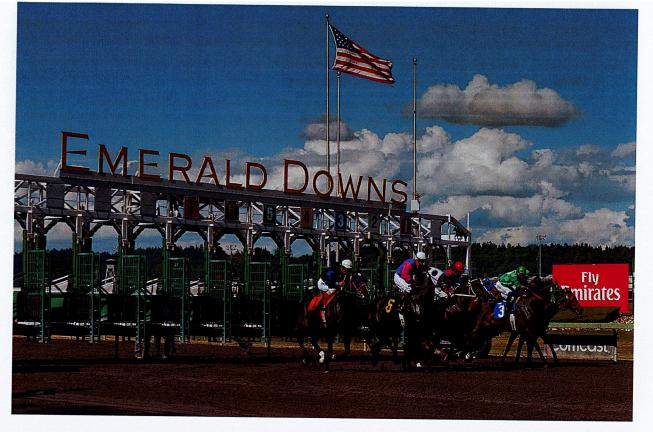
Seven months since his most recent start, ITS A CINCH will try to pick up where he left off. He crushed Cal-bred maidens by eight lengths over this turf-sprint course last fall, then disappeared. Assuming he is ready to fire first start back for Luis Mendez, 'CINCH can win this Cal-bred allowance with an up-front trip. Mendez won with 4 of his last 13 starters off six months or more.

Ninth Race 4. Chasin Munny 2 Haywood 5. Halo Rando

CHASIN MUNNY gets the call to upset dominating last-out winner HAYWOOD in this starter allowance/optional claiming sprint. 'MUNNY was no match for that rival last out, but it was a weird race dominated by the two front-runners. The closers, including 'MUNNY, merely spun their wheels. 'MUNNY previously won back-to-back claiming races that are fast enough to win this.

Tenth Race 4. Elegant Sway 5. Bit's Tiger Magic 3. Big Celebration

ELEGANT SWAY can score a mild upset in this Cal-bred allowance turf sprint based on a better-than-looked fourth last out on the main oval. She was shuffled back slightly and dropped well off the pace, had to wait for room, angled outside and actually finished okay. Her two previous on this hillside course were not bad; she can spring a minor surprise in her third start off the claim. BIT'S TIGER MAGIC was last seen in April 2024, when she dusted Cal-bred maidens by seven lengths. Her comeback works at San Luis Rey Downs look good on paper, she probably is the speed of the field.



EMERALD DOWNS

(POST 4:50)

Race 1 1-6-5

1 Fort Necessity I land here with this one who has a considerable Beyer edge as he plunges in class for this attempt; inside draw not our favorite but there aren't too many to outrun for the early lead; among 3 lifetime successes he has trailed at just one call - and that by only a neck; perhaps a lot depends on the break for the definite horse to beat.

6 Artemus Gordon Another making 2nd off a long rest and this one changed hands via the claim a couple of weeks ago and brings tactical speed to the outside draw;

Race 2 3-5-1

3 Gold Coast Girl Won 3 of last 4 dirt starts and can probably adjust to stay within earshot in this small field; she was 0-for-8 going long as of March 1 so some credit is due for her having turned things around;

Race 3 2-4-5

2 He's Not Talking

Already boasts a strong effort under foot as a 3yo and he lists just a pair of losses last year; spiffy morning drill since the return by gelding who is in good hands.

4 Da Smoke

Landed in a dogfight upon returning after 3.5 months away and his case wasn't aided in the least by the impressive winner having dueled this guy into submission; could see this gelding springing forward with a different trip here and now.

4 Aloha Breeze

The queen of the locals already has a win this year and she won here when fresh in both 2022 and 2023; last year off the bench she got fried on the front end by the only runner who had beaten her in 6 prior EmD sprints; looms large.

Race 5 5-3-1

5 Lucky's Sniper

Speedy sort drew toward the outside of the gate after he was bumped, forced in, and crowded at the start to lose TWO LENGTHS on May 18; second try saw good figure improvement over debut despite his having had to duel from the inside; more to come...

Race 6 4-5-2

4 Sapello La Fina

First taste of OLDER foes was on turf and it didn't go so well; this 3yo does have competitive figures and a right to improve at any time; July debut winner here knows the terrain and rates a shot.

Race 7 1-2-3

1 Blazing Peme

Speedster gets first taste of the inside draw and will face some other speed here; runner-up in latest was 2nd all the way and came back, drew the rail, ran 2nd again while slashing his Beyer by 9 points; needs to get clear for best shot.

2 Roy Hobbs

That was an emphatic win after a long layoff - well back in the field that day was Travel the Map, who came here and won by nearly 10 next out (Beyer up by 22 pts) and then won again; little better draw for this and gelding is a decent fit Beyer-wise.

Race 8 2-4-5

2 Bearings

Winner of last was just running his normal race, which was later validated when earning the same Beyer when 3rd in a Gr. 3 affair in Texas; this one is fairly consistent and top local barn is firing on all cylinders since return here a couple of weeks back.

Race 9 7-4-2

7 Don't Have Another

Rosales charge won by 6 two-back and now makes 2nd start vs. winners after a tour of the local grounds; they ran 1-2-3 all the way in a 5-horse field on opening day so things were stacked against this one.



Race Selections



Sunday June 1, 2025 (Post 5:00)

	Pohby Norman			
	Bobby Neuman Track Announcer	Trackside Tina The Unbridled Spirit	TV Drew "lowa Energy???"	Tipster The Wizard Of Calle Ocho
_	5 Kirby Kaye	3 Grand Prairie Gal	4 Marina's Gold	4 Marina's Gold
1	4 Marina's Gold	5 Kirby Kaye	3 Grand Prairie Gal	3 Grand Prairie Gal
	3 Grand Prairie Gal	1 Leucadia	5 Kirby Kaye	5 Kirby Kaye
	3 Collected Glory	3 Collected Glory	4 Laura Branigan	5 Brumbledoppleganger
2	4 Laura Branigan	5 Brumbledoppleganger	5 Brumbledoppleganger	3 Collected Glory
	5 Brumbledoppleganger	2 Highwood	3 Collected Glory	4 Laura Branigan
	6 Cherry Glen	7 Barn Buster	7 Barn Buster	6 Cherry Glen
3	4 Bad Boy Brawny	6 Cherry Glen	6 Cherry Glen	5 Shame On Style
	5 Shame On Style	4 Bad Boy Brawny	5 Shame On Steve	7 Barn Buster
	4 Bad Boy For Life	2 Dashed	4 Bad Boy For Life	3 Allegrissimo
4	1 Days In Dublin	3 Allegrissimo	2 Dashed	4 Bad Boy For Life
	3 Allegrissimo	4 Bad Boy For Life	3 Allegrissimo	1 Days In Dublin
	2 Aintnoshakin Kid	6 Inca Stroll	7 Mind Your Mo	4 Mischievous Bria
5	6 Inca Stroll	5 Anchors And Spurs	2 Aintnoshakin Kid	7 Mind Your Mo
	7 Mind Your Mo	2 Aintnoshakin Kid	6 Inca Stroll	5 Anchors And Spurs
	7 Burn Indy Burn	3 Ante Meridiem	7 Burn Indy Burn	4 Steely Eye
6	5 Red Kingdom	7 Burn Indy Burn	1 Gold Jerry	7 Burn Indy Burn
	6 Edgy Lover	1 Gold Jerry	2 Meeker	2 Meeker
	4 Karaoke	2 Husker Butch	2 Husker Butch	4 Karaoke
7	2 Husker Butch	7 Ears To Me	4 Karaoke	5 Stumpy's Love Song
_	1 Midnight Rules	4 Karaoke	3 St. Elmo	2 Husker Butch
	9 Better Than Good	6 Virtue's Reward	9 Better Than Good	9 Better Than Good
8	8 Kissed A Cadet	9 Better Than Good	6 Virtue's Reward	8 Kissed A Cadet
	2 Hooked On Dreams	8 Kissed A Cadet	8 Kissed A Cadet	1 Band's Free Spirit