

SARATOGA -POST 1:10

By Kevin Cox

First Race #5 SECURED LEADER has been a completely different animal since getting back on the main earlier this year, as she's been a part of the superfecta in all three tries, and the pedigree tells us that the initial dirt stretchout shouldn't be too much of an issue. Mild choice in an opener with no first draft eliminations. #4 CLASSICIST hasn't been seen since the fall, but barn knows how to have them prepped for the comebackers, and the miracle drug is now a part of the makeup. He finished just behind a 2X Triple Crown race winner, so will definitely take some pounding at the windows. #2 BOB MO immolated some baccala when finishing a well beaten runner-p down at the shore, but posted a decent adjusted number the last time he went to two turns, and Javy does well for this barn.

Race 2 #4 POOKIE returned off an elongated absence to pick up 6% of the pot down in Ozone Park at the end of May, and given the fact that she likely needed that race, she's sitting on a second time Lasix scenario today. Timid choice in a race that's tough to hug. #7 GOOD LONG CRY was up the track in an off the turf event at Louisville, but has a solid overall box score on the green stuff, and that includes two strong placings in her only outings beneath Franco. #2 ATTERADORA (IRE) has a nice amount of back class while never having finished out of the super. Jose has done quite well for Maker right here over the last couple of years, and while a deserving favorite, by no means a cinch. OFF TURF: 7-4-8-9

Race 3 #7 ARTICLE continues the fire sale in the Linda Rice barn of late, as after being snagged for 40 large two months back, can be yours for half of that amount after the flopola next time out. He wasn't expected to win that day 32-1, and even with a wind and another claim, the connections actually lose a few bucks. Examine closely pre race. #4 SMALLCHANGEGEEP hasn't finished in the first half of the pack in either start to date, but the figures came back honest enough, and the pedigree tells us that this grey gelding is just as equally bred for the brown as the green. Note the switch from an apprentice to a journeyman. #6 ADVENTURIST takes the biggest drop in the game, as this 500k auction purchase can be yours for 1/25th of that today, if you're feeling saucy. Incorporating, but holding our nose in doing such.

Race 4 #3 SAY YES TO DREAMS (IRE) hasn't been in action since late September across the pond, but did some decent work over there, and is moved into a big time barn who gives her the miracle drug for the first time. Slim margin. 7-8-4 . OFF TURF: 10-1-5-8-14

Race 5 #7 AMUNDSON, Soon to be 10 year old comes in with the best form of his life, having found the line first in six of his last nine stars, while hitting the board in the other three. He has wonderful records at the trip, over the strip, and on the whole, and boy oh boy, is this a fun horse to root for. #1 PAXSATIONAL ( who should be no worse than second for all you place punters out there ) makes his second start off the claim while dropping below the purchase price from two back. This fella is another one who has done okay at today's distance of ground, and can't fault those taking a favorable view. #3 KUNSHAN BRIDGE rounds out the top three.

Race 6 #4 MALUS fought the good fight when debuting from the inside, and that's not something that's easy for a baby to do. Colt gets off the rail today, and has blinkers affixed as well. #5 AUGUSTINIAN was a snappy runnerup finisher in a near identical placement down in Hallandale Beach 23 days in the rear, and picks up a pilot today who's done some spectacular work for this clan right here over the last couple of years. Race seems to go through him. #7 FREE STATE has monstrous pedigree for this sort of deal, and barn -- who has been known to put over a win or two in these parts every now and then -- has this one doing well in the mornings in preparation for the overture. OFF TURF: 3-5-7-8-2

Race 7 We would totally sign up for the morning line offering of 4-1 regarding the #2 BOSUN in the spot, as although he may not appear to look great on paper, the adjusted figures for the triad of turf deals was substantially better than one might think 4YO is reunited with the pilot of his last win, who had a nice opening day here on Thursday. Should be no worse than second here for all of those who likes to find out a police profit. 2-3-6 . OFF TURF: 8-6-7-5

Race 8 #3 MAGGIE T was claimed out of a gutsy performance down at the Big A on the 21st of June, and after being kept in jail, is brought back at that same level this afternoon in hopes of turning a quick profit. The ol' gray mare has done okay at this trip, and you have to dig the 6:3-0-2 mark at today's distance. Looks like a good show bed for those inclines to do such. #7 INTERMITTENT FAST has a win and a placing from as many true second of the bench deals, and is quickly dropped off the Louisville disappointment. Take a long hard look here if possible. #5 FLOGE was claimed for a dime two back, & after getting annihilated in a tough optional event, is spotted back at just \$2,500 higher than said victory.

Race 9 Very competitive rendition of the Quick Call this year, and we'll lean towards #4 NO EVIDENCE. Bay boy has yet to finish out of the money, and that includes a tally directly in front of a next out winner in his only start off a break in the action. #7 ORTLEY AVENUE was a snappy exact completing finisher directly in front of a next winner when making his turf debut in a stakes event down in Gulfstream, and was right on top of some insane splits that day. He draws better today, and will toss in at 10-1. #3 GRAYSCALE doesn't have the best grass pedigree, but owns a win and a placing in 2 of 3 starts on the dirt, and sometimes horses don't know what surface they're running on until the race is more than halfway through. Prat getting on adds to the allure. OFF TURF: 2-4-6-8

Race 10 #1 DIVIDEND RECAP hasn't faced at the starter in a couple of Turkey dinners, and although she is in fact dropped for the return, being a \$5,000 homebred, it's really not that relevant. Lasix is now a part of the equation, and will need two map out an unobstructed journey from today's inside slot. #2 VINO SAMARA showed some early speed when debuting in a turf route last year, but that came without the miracle drug, and she enters this off a decent performance at boxcar odds on the Mellon five weeks ago.1-2-8 OFF TURF: 7-1-8-11

# Bangor Raceway -post 12:10



**By Lucky Lou** 

- 1.2-5-3
- 2. 5-4-3
- 3. 4-5-3
- 4. 7-5-4
- 5. 3-1-2. 9. 3-1-2
- 6. 1-5-6 10. 7-2-3-8
- 7. 6-4-2 11. 5-7-4-1
- 8. 4-1-6 12. 1-6-2-3

## Best Bets : Race 1 # 2 Golden Tree

Race 7 # 6 Word Out

Pick 3 Play : race 5 1,3 / 1 / 4,6



- R1 (3) Myths and Legends (1) SC That's My Wife (6) R Ro
- R2 (1) Elqueen (5) Seven Rules (7) Saparilla Sal
- R3 (6) Squeaky Blue (3) Evanator (5) Im Already Gone
- R4 (7) It's in the stars (8) Intimidation (2) BB Lucky Boy
- R5 (2) Smart Guy (3) Suite Up Bro (5) Choices Honor
- R6 (1) Red Blooded (6) Tommy In The Sky (2) Double My Chips
- R7 (7) Sea of Life (6) Fulsome (4) Rockin On Venus
- R8 (2) I'll have the Red (6) Oversalls (1) Modesty Blaise
- R9 (1) Sharp Seven (4) Storybook Love (6) Nezuko Kadamo S
- R10 (4) Makeittothebell (5) My Girl Charlie (3) Aura of Athena
- R11 (6) Idealofaday (1) Stormy Woods A (2) Imgoingtojackson

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- R12 (1) Blank Stare (2) Comet Crusader N (5) Delightful Terror
- R13 (2) Black Edition N (4) P L Quesadilla (6) Lil T K Lo
- R14 (7) Buddythebookie (5) MV Ok Palacio BR (1) Ship Disturber



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## PERFECT PLAY

#### Race 5, #2 Smart Guy

1:00

Second time Lasix should help this son of Huntsville get back to the winners circle. His best starts of the season have come around the Nichols oval and he gets in with a softer crew.

## PRICE PLAY

## Race 7, # 7 Sea of Life

Craig Knude gelding has been knocking on the door since returning to Tioga and finally gets in a softer spot. A repeat of his effort two back gives him a big look at likely doubledigit odds.





Sunday, July 13 By Samantha Perry (Check X @samanthagperry for updates)

Race 1: 5 OTTO and 8 FRISSON finished second and third respectively last time out at this same level. While 8 FRISSON draws the more favorable outside post, 5.5 furlongs might be just beyond his ideal distance. 5 OTTO, on the other hand, should appreciate the added ground and looks well-suited to the slightly longer trip. 1 BAYTOWN PARFAIT draws the rail and tries the shortest distance of his career while taking a significant drop in class. With some tactical speed, he's an intriguing option trying something new today.

Race 2: 8 MARIO'S SWEET GIRL returns from an April layoff where she beat just one rival, but she takes a substantial class drop from the maiden special weight ranks to the \$12,500 level. Her trainer does well with this kind of layoff, and she could be dangerous if she moves forward. 9 IL SUO ORO was a solid second last time out despite returning from a long break, and there's every reason to believe she can build off that effort. 7 VANESSA'S WISH seems to have found her footing since switching to the tapeta, and her last-out runner-up finish was a strong and encouraging performance.

Race 3: 4 GRANITIANSEVENSIX looks like the one to beat as he returns to the main track where he already owns a win at seven furlongs —and now stretches out to a mile following a pair of flat efforts on turf and tapeta. 6 HIGH PRINCE was a solid runner-up over a sloppy track last time out, and if the weather stays dry on Sunday, he figures to be a major player again. 3 DIAMOND MESA finished third behind 6 HIGH PRINCE in that same race, but it appeared the wet surface may have moved him up a bit, so a return to fast conditions could level the playing field.

Race 4: 1 MITOLETA just missed last time out at the \$17,500 maiden claiming level and looks like the clear one to beat in this spot. 2 REIGN IN MY HEART could be a live longshot as a daughter of Bucchero, whose offspring win at an 18% clip in tapeta sprints—a surface and distance she'll try for the first time. 4 SEEKING A PRAYER makes her debut for the Saffie Joseph Jr. barn after facing maiden special weight company at Turfway and Oaklawn. She's a wild card here, and the tote could tell the story—if they're not betting her, she may be one to watch for later.

Race 5: 6 GIANLUCA BE LUCKY is an intriguing contender dropping in class and trying the Tapeta for the first time. He's breezed over the surface in the mornings and seemed to handle it well enough, and with so many in here testing Tapeta for the first time, he could have an edge. 5 SECRET BAGENT MAN exits a solid turf effort where he finished fourth against a good group, and he gives every indication he'll take to the Tapeta nicely. 7 REFINED HONOR has just one prior try on the Tapeta, but it came sprinting. He's fresh off a win on turf at a lower claiming level, and he's in the hands of a hot barn currently clicking at 29%.

**Race 6:** Race 6 kicks off the late Pick 5 with an interesting group of two-year-old males on the main track. **5 THAAR**, a son of Charlatan, debuts for a sharp barn and is out of a sire who's two for five with first-time juvenile starters—most of whom have shown early speed. He could have some real talent. His stablemate, **4 MALBEC**,

RNBOW P-6 RACE 5: MDTRY PAYOUT 5.6.7/4.5/1.2.5.8/2/3.4.5/3.5

had a tough go of it on debut from the rail, where he was forced to set the pace and faded late, but that experience should benefit him second time out. **2 TRELAWNY**, a Florida-bred son of Uncle Chuck, debuts here as well. While his sire is winless from five with first-time starters, this colt doesn't look like a short horse based on his steady string of morning drills.

Race 7: Race 7 feels like a definite spread race in the mandatory Rainbow Six this afternoon, with pace dynamics likely to shape the outcome. 8 SMILE PO and 5 GARUDA are mustuses, as both get outside draws and should benefit from a hot pace up front. 2 CANDY BUZZ and 1 IHAVEISSUES are both stepping up to face winners for the first time and both have plenty of speed from the inside posts, which could lead to a pressured setup early. That speed scenario should play right into the hands of the outside closers.

Race 8: 2 WINK OF AN EYE makes her first start off the claim for the Carlos David barn, which hits at a sharp 31% clip in that category. She lands at what looks to be the perfect distance of 6.5 furlongs and fits well here. 5 CAROLL'S HONOR is coming off a win at the open \$8,000 claiming level. While that field wasn't particularly tough, the manner in which she won was visually impressive. 6 BAYERNEE brings plenty of early speed and tries the main track for the first time. That surface switch adds intrigue, especially against a field like this where trying something new could be the key.

**Race 9:** Race 9 features a deep and competitive group of allowance horses, led by the blazingfast **4 GABALDON**, who returns as a first-time gelding and adds Lasix for the first time. All three of his career starts have come in stakes company, and he's clearly the one to catch and beat. But with other speed in the race including **5 CRUZIN MAN**, who draws just to his outside—things could heat up early. That scenario might set the table for a horse like **3 TAKECAREOFBUSINESS**, who stretches back out to 5.5 furlongs and retains Emisael Jaramillo, a rider who seems to fit him perfectly. **Race 10:** In the Race 10 finale, **3 VALIANT WINTER** takes a significant drop in class and cuts back to a sprint on the Tapeta, where he's run some of his best races. Trainer Joe Orseno is having a strong meet, and this setup looks ideal for a turnaround. **5 SIGAN VIENDO** hasn't sprinted since his debut, but based on overall class, he's likely the one they'll have to hold off late. **1 RISK FACTOR** also cuts back to a Tapeta sprint after finishing third going two turns last out, though 5.5 furlongs might prove a bit sharp for his running style.

#### **Best Bet R3 4 GRANITIANSEVENSIX**

Longshot R4 2 REIGN IN MY HEART



# ELLIS PARK (POST 12:50)



#### Race 1

4	Personal Jet	Moncada I	4-2-7-5	
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3	Duke of Duval	K Asmussen	3-2-5-1

#### THIRD RACE

1 St. Armands Key Morales E 1-3-4

#### FOURTH RACE

2 Iceatude Hernandez B J Jr 2-5-1-4

#### FIFTH RACE

11 Fuzzy Stare Desormeaux K J 11-8-3-6

#### SIXTH RACE

7 Baobab Torres C A 7-2	2-8-	_4	1
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## Ellis Park

#### SEVENTH RACE

3 Paris Surprise Torres J A 3-6-5-4

#### EIGHTH RACE

6 Foie Gras

Asmussen K J

6-2-7-3

#### NINTH RACE

1-7-5-9-10

1	Floodlites	Rodriguez W A
7	Send Cash	Hernandez B J Jr
5	Risk It	Lanerie C.
9	Innovator	Torres J A
10	Litigation	Gutierrez Mario



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# Race Selections Sunday July 13, 2025

Track Announcer	A LANDARD MANAGEMENT	
7 My Heart My Dynasty		6 Hippie Trail
2 Fly Over Eagle	6	5 Classycowtownlady
3 Capime		1 Charlie Mike
5 Cartel Special Storm		1 Fort Warren
2 Ts Fire 123	7	4 Nullarbor
4 Jettln		6 Ricky Bobby
7 Dygnyty		7 Kearney Street
3 Hc Candy Cartel	8	5 I Lived My Dream
2 Aj Lucky Girl		1 Ol Mikey Bagels
6 Relentless Purrsuit		2 Ten Days Later
2 Im Missmerized	9	1 Doublecheck
8 Ct Walking Through		4 Vino Vida
4 Satisfactory		1 Sultry Kitten
1 Azteca Storm	10	4 Battleshipper
6 Smarty Hardy		3 Taker Back
		9 Ben Diesel
	11	3 Lions Not Sheep
9		2 Lucky's Secret



# WOODBINE (1:05

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson Sunday, July 13th 2025

Race 1 #6 Silver Is Best #3 Silent Mort #7 Balboni's Crew #5 Japonka

#6 SILVER IS BEST dueled gamely to the wire when finishing third, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths behind the previously experienced Souper Diva when debuting on June 15. He looks like the one to beat. #3 SILENT MORT worked evenly with Dri Saddle out of the gate on July 5. He is by 12% juvenile debut sire Silent Name, and the first foal to race out of a dam who did not break her maiden. #7 BALBONI'S CREW is by 9-for-63 juvenile debut sire Society's Chairman, out of a mare who won a Stake in Chicago as a three-year-old, but has not had a two-yearold starter. He has an extensive worktab, including a good-looking gate work on June 29. #5 JAPONKA ran on a bit when debuting in a race won by stablemate Cayenne Kiss; room to improve.

Race 2 #6 Mopharra #5 Trip Aces #2 Globetrotting #4 Extraordinary One (GB)

#6 MOPHARRA debuted in a spring last year, showing no speed and rallying to be sixth, beaten three lengths for second. He should be very fit for his return and should appreciate the stretch out to two turns. #5 TRIP ACES has shown improvement since adding blinkers, coming into this off of a pair of runner-up finishes. He will be a speed factor again in his turf debut; the one to beat. #2 GLOBETROTTING ran a respectable third behind the talented Hammerhead when racing over this course last year. Son of Liam's Map has been breezing steadily and is drawn well for his return. #4 EXTRAORDINARY ONE (GB) showed speed but faltered when racing over 11 furlongs in New York on June 20, earning his best career Beyer figure. Blinkers are being added; wild card.

#### Race 3

#1 Olivia Rose #5 Little Teddy #2 Talk to Ya Later #4 Silent Sky

#1 OLIVIA ROSE dueled on the lead and gave way to be third against N2X/\$50,000 company on May 3. She needed a start off of the bench to find her best last year; she should be primed for this one. #5 LITTLE TEDDY resumes her rivalry with Olivia Rose after they took turns beating each other in last year's Georgian Bay and Thunder Bay Stakes. She comes into this off of two allowance wins; the confidence should be sky-high. #2 TALK TO YA LATER scored a dominant N1X/\$32,000 win to start the season on May 24 but returned with an even effort against N2X/\$50,000 foes on June 14. She came up <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths short in this race last year; capable enough when she wants to be. #4 SILENT SKY was a half-length better than Talk to Ya Later on June 14; on the edges.

#### Race 4

#### #6 Souper Debonaire #7 Two Out Hero #3 Speights Will #4 Twentytwo Soles

#6 SOUPER DEBONAIRE is by 18% juvenile debut sire Nyquist, and the first foal to race out of a Tiznow mare who did not break her maiden but hit the board in all four of her starts. He worked well from the gate on June 19. #7 TWO OUT HERO is by 11% juvenile debut sire War Front, and the first foal to race out of a mare who was twice Stakes-placed at two. He outworked a pair of stablemates from the gate on July 6. #3 SPEIGHTS WILL is by 5-for-68 juvenile debut sire War of Will, and the first foal to race out of an unraced dam. He worked evenly with a pair of stablemates from the gate on June 15. #4 TWENTYTWO SOLES is by 19% juvenile sire Upstart, out of an unraced dam who has produced multiple Stakes-winner Chicago's Gray. His gate works have been a bit slower than his stablemate's.

#### Race 5 #3 Borealis Trail #4 Brawler #2 Globecrest #7 William T

PICK 3 PAY 3.4/1.2.5/5

#5 BOREALIS TRAIL got rolling late and just missed place when making his local debut on June 22. Secondtime-gelding will be hoping for some pace to run at. #4 BRAWLER is by 10% debut sire War Front, and is out of a Stakes-placed mare who has had two winners in as many foals to race. He had a quick gate work on June 15. #2 GLOBECREST was second-best behind the pacesetting Blanco when debuting on June 15. He stretches out to a route and figures to be a speed threat. #7 WILLIAM T will re-add blinkers quickly after taking them off last time. He finished gamely to be third when getting out to this distance last time; should be closer to the pace this time.

#### Race 6 #2 Zisisit (IRE) #1 Mixologist #5 Wickenheiser #3 Cozy Curlin Kitten

#2 ZISISIT (IRE) was allowed a very easy lead and was never truly threatened when winning an N1X/\$32,000 on the inner turf on June 1. She will try the EP Taylor course for the first time here; does not need the lead to win. #1 MIXOLOGIST makes her first start since a midpack finish in the Jockey Club Oaks Invitational at Aqueduct in September. Her only bad race to date was one where she was too close to the pace and a bit rank; she should be able to take back and finish nicely in her local debut. #5 WICKENHEISER exits a runner-up finish behind the pacesetting Veery on June 21. Although her speed figures suggest she prefers the Tapeta I think she is very good on turf and does not look like she is in an overly tough spot for the level. #3 COZY CURLIN KITTEN surged in deep stretch to win an N1X/\$32,000 on the inner turf over the back classy Kitten's Romance. She should be running on late.

#### Race 7

#### #5 Weller Green - Best Bet #3 Conn Smythe (GB) #2 Private Label #8 Paynes Spirit

#5 WELLER GREEN has been scratching due to off turf races and excessive heat. He now shows up for \$40,000; first-time gelding should be very competitive here. #3 CONN SMYTHE (GB) has raced well in both of his starts this season, most recently finishing second behind the pacesetting Gotme Good. He definitely seems to have stepped up this year since getting on turf and looks logical here. #2 PRIVATE LABEL dueled on the lead ran game to be second, eight lengths clear of the next horse. He is still lightly raced and could keep improving. #8 PAYNES SPIRIT showed no speed and rallied very well to be fourth when debuting over five furlongs on June 29; has the right to improve with the added distance.

#### Race 8

#5 Sherlock's Jewel #2 Never Surprised #3 McAvoy #1 Ron's Gizmo

#5 SHERLOCK'S JEWEL had a wide trip in the Poker and raced evenly. He had previously won two high level allowance races in New York and should be competitive with these. #2 NEVER SURPRISED followed the leader well into the stretch and got up at the wire to win at this level over the inner course on June 1. He has hit the exactor in 13 of 18 career turf starts. #3 MCAVOY had a wide trip and was beaten only a length by Ron's Gizmo on June 21. He draws well and could turn the tables with a better trip. #1 RON'S GIZMO rallied to hit the front in late stretch and held off Frosted Over to win at this level on June 21. He has been getting better with age and would be no surprise to double up.

#### Race 9

#3 Special Session #9 Blanco #8 Map's a Breeze #1 Faber

#3 SPECIAL SESSION sat midpack and burst clear to win with authority when shedding the blinkers on June 22. That was a breakthrough speed figure; if he can run back to it he will have a good shot to double up. #9 BLANCO went gate to wire to win on debut over seven furlongs quite comfortably. He figures to be well-supported on the stretch out. #8 MAP'S A BREEZE has begun to rally belatedly in both of his starts so far this season. He breezed well on July 2; if he can get rolling earlier he could be more of a factor. #1 FABER was second-best behind Faber, 2 ¼ lengths better than Map's a Breeze on May 31. He should have a good trip from the inside and looks logical.

#### Race 10 #9 Tour the City #4 Lonny's Gamble #6 Human Desire #5 Quiet Vista

#9 TOUR THE CITY was in contention but had to steady in midstretch and ended up third in a solid N2L allowance on May 31. He takes the drop in for \$40,000; the one to beat. #4 LONNY'S GAMBLE had some trouble on the far but ran on in the stretch and was beaten only 2 1/4 lengths on June 21. He should be a factor here with a clean trip; gets on turf for the first time. #6 HUMAN DESIRE broke his maiden for \$50,000 while attracting a claim at Gulfstream but failed to factor against allowance threeyear-olds on April 11. He has been given some time and had a couple of sharp breezes coming into this; should appreciate the drop in for \$40,000. #5 QUIET VISTA failed to factor in a sprint on June 15. He has not made many starts in the last couple of years so the fact that he's returning fairly quickly seems like a positive; small share.

#### Race 11

#### #2 British Artillery #9 Journeyman #4 Alley Oop Johnny #12 J P Hellish #1 Jim's Hope

#2 BRITISH ARTILLERY looks like he is in tough here but had a very impressive win against OS/\$40,000 nontwos last September that would be good enough to win here. He is drawn well in a race with plenty of speed; could trip out. #9 JOURNEYMAN dueled down the backside well into the stretch and was outfinished by the closing Twowaycrossing on the main track on June 22. His lifetime record is stellar; always tough to ignore. #4 ALLEY OOP JOHNNY was beaten a head in a threehorse photo while attracting a \$25,000 claim on June 29. He almost never runs a bad one and has great tactical speed. #12 J P HELLISH attracted a claim at this level while finishing an even fifth on May 31. The post is tough but he has the back class to be a factor if he can work out a trip. #1 JIM'S HOPE has only raced once on turf in the past and did not show much. He was nosed out for place by Journeyman last time; has enough class that I'm willing to give him some consideration on turf.



#### Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 5:00 PM CST Analysis by Jim Miller

Lady Helena - 10/1 7

4 Izzy's Monster - 7/2



6 Autism Compassion - 3/1

Not much pace in here as 7-LADY HELENA could potentially look to scamper away early and try to steal this race. She was a winner around two turns in April and picks up Loveberry in the saddle. 4-IZZY'S MONSTER has the tactical speed to rate close early. She has been very good at Hawthorne throughout her career and especially at this distance. 6-AUTISM COMPASSION is the other that shouldn't be too far back in here. She has won two straight and runs protected once again.



The Boyce barn has been very good all meet. She sends out 3-RIETTA in here as she should get a good stalking trip and look to take over in the lane. 6-MY BUDDY BROOKS showed speed in her last. If she can shake loose early, she may never look back. 9-GET N TIPSY figures to stalk in here and rally in the lane. She likely needed her last and could improve in this spot.

#### Cnterbury Park (Spot Plays) (2:10)

First Race NEOTERIC ran better two and three back and that was at two different tracks which we like to see. You can't get pinched at the start and expect a good effort so discount his most recent. Second time on this dirt will help all for a barn that is 20% with their maiden special weights. BIG STETSON has some speed and this race doesn't have a lot of zip. The rail draw is tricky for a maiden but it isn't a deal breaker. Does this gelding have a 2-1-7 penchant for less? A poor trip hurt two back. We think the added half furlong could prove the tipping point.

Second Race SHIP IT RED gets off the rail after back to back starts on the pine and now draws the attack post going this tricky elongated sprint distance. This guy was off slow two back but still won. He was fractious at the gate last out and that is all we needed to see to toss. We really like that the leading rider in HH keeps the faith. PEPPER JACK has never missed the board going this tricky distance. After recent turf routes, this gelding should 8-1-7 have some late energy on the cut back. Second time here is another plus. NOLONGERAHOBBY has some speed but so do others. Is this guy better with a target? If so, then that won't be a problem. This barn is 26% going route to sprint.

Fifth Race ROBO is a different horse when able to find the front end and slow things down just a tad. He was entered in a race with a ton of speed a while back but that race was cancelled due to weather. This spot is tons better. The rail draw is a big bonus and we have high hopes for new barn in team Ivy-Wright. WELLSWORT is just a solid turf runner. He turns around quicker today and maybe that is a good sign. Added half furlong might be another plus as this guy has hit the exact going a mile on the sod in 12 of 20 starts. CLIFF DIVER gets a little class relief today. He is a three time winner on this sod. He seems best when not too far off the early pace and that could be today.

Seventh CAUGHT OFF GUARD can pass runners and gets good race flow. Quinonez gets a leg up and is 56% for this barn. Once again connections find a spot where this guy can't be taken. TWOKO BAY just ran a little better and now puts three races together. These older horses often need a few starts to get rolling. This post is ideal all for a horse that has hit the exacta on this sod in half of his twelve starts. Full field helps the price and all exotics. IRISH HEATWAVE has speed but can stalk. Yet to try this sod though. We do like that connections ran this guy off the layoff even with the surface switch. PAPA RIZZO exits a key race where 2 of 10 returned to win with figs of 76 and 68 (two more finished 2nd with figs of 70 and 78).

By Scott Ehlers

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# Los Alamitos (Post 8:15) \$75 K Guar Pick 4 (races 1-4)

## P-4 TICKET : 2,7 / 3, 6 / 6 / 6,7

7 Driver's Ed

Race 1 7-2-5

Came away well last out, chased a clear leader into the turn two wide, that leader drifted out and entered the lane wide, he took advantage of that and launched bid near the inside, got the best of that leader late and held off a late charge by a deep closer. That was his first time passing a rival in the lane and has run well for his new connections. Should be able to work a solid trip from this post.

#### 2 Sonic Brees

Had a good trip last out, saved ground while being right off a duel, eased off the rail into the lane, launched bid three wide and edged away late under urging. Is in sharp form and should be able to lay close once again tonight against this field. Must consider.

#### Race 2 6-3-5

### 6 Rally Cat

Stalked a solid pace along the inside last out, advanced well along the turn, took advantage of a couple runners blowing the turn and finished willingly to the wire. Takes on a weaker group and 9yo is in solid form. Should be able to lay much closer right off the expected speed Slew s Joy. Should get every chance to run well from this post draw.

#### 3 Slew's Joy

Stumbled sharply at the start, recovered well to duel outside rival on the turn, bumped on hind end by rallying rival in upper stretch and kept on to hold third over the rival he dueled with. Took advantage of the waiver claiming rule two back in a handy victory over lesser. Catches a field that lacks much pace and could shake clear against these. Must respect

#### Race 3 6-5-2

#### 6 Tapatio Leo

Removed the blinkers last out, showed good speed outside the 3/5 favorite, pressed that runner through the turn and weakened in the lane when taking on a stakes group. Was favored two back at this level, had a tough trip contending the pace in between rivals and tired. Gets a much better post for his second try at this distance, barn does well locally and their top local rider takes the call over stablemate. Has a consistent work tab since that includes a bullet work on June 22nd. Expect a better performance tonight and should be plenty fit off his last effort.

#### 5 Took Charge

Brushed with rival leaving the gate, showed good speed to sit right off the clear leader early, tried to launch bid inside that runner in upper stretch and tired at the gap. Has run well in both tries at this distance and may be better suited at this distance at his stage in his career. Barn has a successful meet over the daytime meet and would not be a surprise to see this one run well tonight.

#### Race 4 6-7-1

#### 6 Supersonic Flyer

Came away well last out going longer, cleared early, got slightly off the rail on the turn, rival took advantage to contend for that lead along the inside, entered the lane in the lead while drifting out and was oufinished by a pair of rivals that rallied along the inside. Had a troubled trip when facing Wrong Turn Cupid in prior start. Ran very well under this rider in prior two starts at this distance. Draws very well and should be able to work out a good enough trip.

#### 7 Feisty Mitole

Came away a bit slow last out, stalked the pace along the inside, was running up on heels and also lost her path heading into the turn, that caused rider to take up sharply, dropped back to last while being two wide and finished gamely while widest to lose a tight photo for fourth. Figures to improve second time off the claim and better post draw, but is taking on multiple time winners as a two time winner. Pace scenario favors her as well. A must use in exotics.

Race 6 6-3-5

#### 6 Indian Arrow

Put in a steady effort along the rail last out against seven time winner and distance specialist Heather s Heathen. Bested a couple of these two back despite drifting out a couple times. Looks to have found a home at this distance and draws well once again. The one to beat.