



SARATOGA - POST 12:35

By KEVIN COX

First Race #5 TOUR JETE went to coast to coast like butter and toast at the level just below this last time out, and got the job done the only time he was in a third off the bench spot, which also happened to come in wire to wire fashion. This girl is 3 for 4 on the green stuff, with the only blemish coming in a two length defeat which preceded a seven month hibernation. Grab her by the tail to get the glory. #7 STORM MIAMI (IRE) was in the rear with the gear at Indiana Downs last time out, but this well traveled sort starts on her 12th different oval in 16 calls for the post, and is an obvious threat if able to get back to the penultimate effort. #4 FANTASY PERFORMER scored by a honker in her lone start on the Mellon, and may grind out a share. OFF TURF: 6-7-1(MTO)-1A

Race 2 #2 STEER CLEAR was a gamely runnerup finisher when debuting right here towards the beginning of the month, and gets an upgrade in the stirrups today to the leading rider of the meet. Cross entered in the Spinaway on Saturday, so check the changes. #4 ACADEMIA completed the triple at first asking right here on 7/26, and the three comebackers from that deal amassed two wins and a showing when next in action, improving in the speed figure department by an average of 6.3 points per. Should be know worse than second for all of you place punters out there. #1 FANCY FOOTWORK had a bit of trouble in the lidlifter, but still ended up picking up 12% of the pot, and could fare better with a tidier sojourn.

Race 3 #1 MAJOR DUDE is a very consistent fella who has hit the board in 2/3rd's of his career outings, while still turning out near triple digit speed figures late into his 5 year old year. Fella owns a sweet declining mark at today's distance of the ground (6:3-2-1) and slides in seven slots this afternoon while dropping a bit in class. Sensible selection. #3 NORTHERN INVADER is another one sliding down the ladder a bit, and the only other time he went from one turn to two in his career, an eight length win was the end result. Recognize the solid placing beneath Rosario in their lone pairing way back when. #6 TABEGUACHE is aggressively spotted off the August 6th claim, but posted a big fig that day, and is actually just as nicely bred for the green stuff as the brown. Can jazz things up underneath.

Race 4 # 8 WHISTLER'S STYLE was kept in jail after being claimed for today's price 23 days in the past and after rallying solidly to pick up 20% of the pot that day, is reacquainted with blinkers while properly spotted for a quick profit this afternoon. #6 EQUUS was an even third place finisher against slightly tougher a dozen days back, and could move forward in today's second start with eye cups. #4 IT TAKES HEART owns three wins and a placing in her last four starts at this level or slightly below, and cuts back from two turns to one for the first time.

Race 5 #5 STICKUPWITHOUTAGUN didn't do much to get the heart pumping when starting things out right here in the middle of the month, but we are betting that was a prep for today, as this fella is very poorly bred for the verde. There were two sensational morning moves before that flop, and this one is supported by a solid DRF Formulator statistic for today's surface transition. Over the last 60 months, This barn McPeaks when cutting back their second time starters while switching from turf to dirt at 29-1 or beneath. They are four of six with that sort, with payouts of \$17, \$8, \$7, and \$3. You should be getting a square price here. #2 PARTY IN THE ARMY has a nicely tucked away second best of 92 breeze in preparation for today's overture, and although he's a late foal, the 404 Tomlinson figure is quite solid. #12 POWER SPEED has a near perfect Tomlinson figure for today's trip (just two points shy) and is displaying a bullet gate move in preparation for his first afternoon trek to the front side. \$25,000 bred animal went for a whopping 700 large a few months back, could be live..

Race 6 #2 ALWAYS PRACTICAL (who should be no worse than third for all of you show grinders out there) like several other runners from the Linda rice barn this summer, fines herself at her lowest level yet, while moving in five post positions in cutting back from 2x to 1x. Will take some pounding at the windows, but can't dismiss. #1 FLORIDA FLOWER has been a popular item at the claim box this year, as she's had to leave a forwarding address after her last three starts when made available for purchase. This is another one who moves in a bunch today, while getting some improvement in the trainer department. #10 LA GROTTÉ was basically eased in the most recent, but had some trouble early on, and hung up a decent figaro just before that.

Race 7 #3 FREESTATE has played the fade in both starts to date, but we like to give a runner two opportunities under a particular set of circumstances to prove themselves, and this fella has some excellent bloodlines for today's sort of deal. Price play. #9 COPA DE PLATA has a couple of nice morning moves on the ledger for today's debut, and went for a good chunk of change down @ Keeneland about a year ago. Need not be much to make an impression here. #7 ATTFIELD is by a hot sire, and has some green coursing through his veins. OFF TURF: 3-6-8-4

Race 8 #8 CONNECT THE STARS has ascended the Beyer scale with each passing start, recently posted the best workout of her career, and should crush these with a clean trip. #4 RIYAH AL NIL was a bit clumsy when beginning her working life on the main last week, but switches surfaces here, and has Pioneer of the Nile as a maternal grandsire, and he did quite well on the synthetic and lawn. #6 REAL DRAMA has hefty Tomlinson figures for the green and trip, would be no shock. OFF TURF: 6-8-2-9

Race 9 #7 DUBYAHNELL has finished in the back half of the pack in his last sextet, but we like that he's improved from a speed figure point of view over his last handful, while seeing that there is still no scary drop. Make us some choices. #5 BABY YODA positively loves it here, as the fourth of nine local mark belies, and if you discount the stakes efforts, then that stat becomes 4 for 5. Recognize that he was a convincing victor in his lone pairing with Flavor Flav. 7-5-3

Race 10 #6 BOXED WINE is protected against the claim despite finishing up the track in a race that she was purchased from a couple of weeks ago, and while she goes on the dirt for just the second time, the breeding for such is there, and we're assuaged by the fact that this barn is four of six with sand starters off breaks of less than two fortnights, at 10-1 or beneath. Additionally, this jockey/trainer combination do substantially better together than apart, and it's encouraging to see the pre-claim pilot come back on. #4 CAPITAL GAL (uncoupled barnmate with the above) outran her odds quite nicely when placing at 17-1 last out, and Prat sees fit to climb aboard. #2 MARGAUX TREASURE has hit the board in her last three on dirt

Race 11 -#5 DYNAMIC PRICING is the clear class of this deal, and recently finished directly behind a gal who won the EP Taylor up at woodbine last out, improving in the BSF area by a couple of points in the process. Hard to knock. #9 RIBALTAGAIA hasn't been seen since a slightly troubled 4th place finish in her North American debut in December, but new trainer does okay with those off of elongated absences, and we see that she got the job done the only time she was on a left handed course prior to that. #7 LES REYS (FR) rounds out the triple. OFF TURF: 1-2-6-5

Race 12 3 SOLO VINCERE showed diddly poo when going on the gramma at first asking, but was sent to the sidelines afterwards, and the lineage tells us to give her another shot on the stuff. #1 CHANNEL CHECK (GB) hasn't done much to get the heart thumping yet, but is in a second off the bench scenario right now, and drops in class a touch. 3-1-2.

Harrah's

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CASINO AND RACETRACK

POST 12:25

PHILLY'S FINEST

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

FEMALE PACERS FEATURED TODAY; \$1.4M PASS 2YO FINALS NEXT FRIDAY!

The sidwheeling distaffs get the Friday feature spotlight at Harrah's Philadelphia, following "Trottin' Thursday" and likely preceding the top-level pacing males on Sunday. (Keeping a regular order helps horsemen figure out the schedules of their horses, and kudos to the Race Office for establishing this consistency.) The popular "nw 3 races" class, often a springboard to better things, has two \$12,000 divisions in the spotlight today, in races eight and twelve. The \$11,000 co-feature for more established performers matches ABSOLUTE POWER, winner at this level in her last start, vs. the dropping-in-class PRESSURE COOKER. Good luck today!

PHILLY'S FINEST

Race 1	5-1-7-3
Race 2	4-2-7-3
Race 3	8-4-6-3
Race 4	2-1-7-5
Race 5	1-4-2-6
Race 6	6-2-3-1
Race 7	1-3-5-2
Race 8	6-4-5-1
Race 9	2-3-4-5
Race 10	2-4-1-6
Race 11	6-2-3-4
Race 12	6-2-3-7
Race 13	4-8-1-3
Race 14	3-1-2-7
Race 15	4-7-2-5

ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

2nd race: All due credit to JL CRUZE -- still doing well at age 14 after a 1:49.4 mile among his 75 wins, and over \$2M in earnings. He also drops after a second. But the "name recognition" may cause him to be overbet. RICARDO also drops off a second, and shows wins one and two levels higher. He may be slightly better value.

9th race: SKYWAY BALLISTIC goes to the proficient (24%) Darren Taneyhill barn after two good seconds before the claim. Not showing much gate speed is a concern, especially with BEN SOLO, a noted forward factor, stepping down a notch and a half. Again, we'll try the horse not figuring to draw the big money.

12th race: Sometimes success in handicapping is founded on not picking horses who show promise but don't often get the job done -- CNCs (Close but No Cigar, as well call them). WEDNESDAY BLUECHIP was a good second, then was shuffled badly two back. Our next three choices are 79-4-17-20 lifetime. Ours may be the better win choice.

14th race: APOCALYPSEBLUECHIP has shown much talent against PaSS types -- in fact, he's eligible for next week's Championship! He's been away 15 days, but he'll want a good mile here to ready him to tackle the big boys next week. Also: the rest of the field is collectively 52-0-12-4 -- good types for underneath in gimmicks (watch for win underlay).

WATCH OUT FOR:

As we noted in the headlines, many of the top PA-sired two-year-olds will visit Harrah's Philadelphia next Friday, where each of the four sectors, divided by sex and gait, will see their top prelim pointwinners get to race for \$300,000 each, with consolation races for \$50,000 as filling. The last prelim (2TF) was held yesterday at The Meadows, and the draw for the big card will be next Tuesday. One early name to highlight: FRANTIC HANOVER, five-for-five to open his career including all four PaSS prelims. A win next Friday would give him the crown for most money ever in a Sire Stakes campaign -- \$288,564! (But he's no lock ...)

Wheeling (1:00)

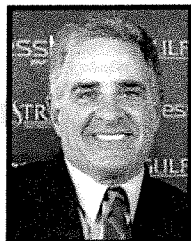


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Best Bets

3-2. Wanderlusts Call

9-2. FF Eat Dust



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

by Ron Nicoletti

Friday, August 29, 2025

RACE 1:

4 RUNNING HOT is wheeling back after the lightbulb went off when she closed to run an improved second – beaten a neck. Trainer Ron Spatz has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle again. **1 NIPSEY** is eligible to rebound after following a well-meant second at this level and distance two starts back with a late running fourth behind the top choice last out. Apprentice Luis Fuenmayor makes for a feathery journey. **7 SPUN TO PURFECTION** is returning to the main track and removing the blinkers after stepping up the competition and failing to fire vs \$17,500 maidens going around two turns on Tapeta.

SELECTIONS: 4-1-7

RACE 2:

5 FULLY ENTITLED is dropping and turning back after taking the overland route when finishing third vs \$12,500 conditioned claimers going 6 ½ furlongs in the slop. Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has leading jockey Edgard Zayas in the saddle.

6 GIRL DYNAMITE is returning to the main track after using her speed to defeat \$8,000 two lifetime claimers going five furlongs on the Tapeta. Ron Coy is 20% winning consecutive races.

4 JUST TAKE NOTES is hoping to save more for the stretch drive after opening and relinquishing a three-length lead in the stretch when finishing fourth behind these familiar foes going three quarters of a mile.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-4

RACE 3:

3 GRAND THREAT is freefalling to the \$17,500 level with blinkers added after failing to show much vs state-bred special weight runners on the dirt. Victor Barboza Jr is four for twelve (33%) with similar class drops.

2 SERENITY PATH is another taking a big drop in competition after failing to fire vs special weight runners going short on the dirt and long on the Tapeta. The barn, 15% with the dropdown, tabs Edgard Zayas to ride. **6 TURKISH FLAME** is a first-time starter debuting for trainer Carlos David and that should be enough to pique your interest.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6

RACE 4:

3 BREEZEY BELLA is dropping to the \$17,500 level after the pair of sharp sprint outings vs \$25,000 optional claimers on turf and Tapeta. Mike Yates spots her where she deserves the moniker of the one to beat. **4 PARTY SHAKER** is stretching out after rallying to finish a game second vs this level going five furlongs on Tapeta. Aubrey Maragh has Rajiv Maragh atop the daughter of Practical Joke. **1 OMO TEN GIRL** is returning from the layoff hoping to repeat her effort on May 22, which would be good enough to put her right in the hunt with these. Emisael Jaramillo rides the inside speed!

SELECTIONS: 3-4-1

RACE 5:

6 LADY LULLABY has the breeding and connections to wake up and win her career debut going five panels on the grass. The \$50,000 daughter of Silver Slate (Hard Spun) is working well over the local main track. **2 STELLA BIONDA** is a daughter of Authentic debuting for Jose D'Angelo with a sharp half-mile workout on the Palm Meadows turf. Apprentice Yolber Torres rides.

5 TIMEFORPEACE is a daughter of Not This Time, out of the War Front Mare Peace Preserver, who moves to the grass for trainer Kent Sweezey with the breeding needed to wake up big time on the turf. Jose Morelos rides.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-5

RACE 6:

1 MR. PEEKS moves to the Beau Chapman barn via the claim and cuts back to six furlongs after rallying – as the favorite – to defeat \$25,000 conditioned claimers going seven-eighths of a mile. The gelding's current figures makes him look tough to beat in this spot. **2 SECRET EMPIRE** is shortening up to three-quarters of mile after surrendering a late lead when finishing second behind hard knocking Lou the Body in a \$20,000 starter optional claimer going seven furlongs. Trainer Gerald Bennett will have jockey Jose Ferrer playing catch me if you can. **4 NESHUME** is making the second start after the claim by Laura Cazares looking to sit in the catbird seat stalking what should be a spirited duel between the top two. Edgard Zayas rides.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4
RACE 7:

6 ALLURING SERENITY is dropping into a winning situation after returning from the freshening to finish fourth vs maiden special weight runners. She's a major player on the class drop.

1 VIOLENCE AND PEACE is turning back after stalking the pace and finishing second in front of a pair of next-out winners going six and a furlongs vs \$12,500 maidens. Owner/trainer Oscar Gonzalez, who claimed her last out, steps her up to the \$25,000 level looking for an immediate return on his investment. **7 ANDREINA D** is going back to the main track after finishing a duel and weakening fourth vs similar quality sprinting on the Tapeta. She finds an ideal spot to change surfaces.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-7
RACE 8:

2 RAGING FURY is stretching out to seven furlongs after returning from the extended layoff to finish third vs this level of competition going three-quarters of a mile. Trainer Nolan Ramsey, 33% with the second start back from the 45-180 days layoff, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride.

6 MIAMI FRANK is back locally vs state-bred competition after shipping to Colonial Downs and finishing third vs \$25,000 starter allowance runners going six furlongs. He makes the usually fruitful third start of the form cycle for Saffie and Edgard.

9 NOTHINGSUBTLE is turning back to seven panels after chasing the pace and closing to finish a well-meant third vs \$25,000 optional claimers going a mile. The sophomore is a major player vs state-bred runners at the distance.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-9
RACE 9:

2 POPSTYLE is making her first start since finishing third in a monster key race that has produced four next-out winners from five starters, including repeat winner Luna Louska, who won the \$100,000 Clarksville at Indiana Grand in her next start. Trainer Laura Cazares has Yolber Torres atop the longshot special. **6 VINDICATE CHA CHA** looks like the controlling speed on a course that certainly favors front running types. The only knock is no previous turf victories. **3 HOT CARGO**, another from Laura Cazares, moves to her barn via the claim and boasts a 3-2-1-0 on the GP turf. Leonel Reyes rides this half of the uncoupled entry.

SELECTIONS: 2-6-3
RACE 10:

3 RISK FACTOR is dropping to the \$17,500 level after knocking on the door vs better going both short and long on the Tapeta. Trainer Maek Casse has Jose Morelos named to ride.

4 DEPTH PERCEPTION is a gelded son of Bucchero debuting in a spot where a first time starter can have say in the outcome. Trainer John Vinson has Edwin Gonzalez named to ride.

2 HANDSOME FOX is turning back to a sprint on the Tapeta after showing good speed going long vs similar on both turf and the all-weather surface. Luis Fuenmayor rides for Gerald James.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 2 RAGING FURY

LONGSHOT: RACE 9 – 2 POPSTYLE

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson
Friday, August 29th 2025

Race 1

#4 Alluring Amy

#2 Souperazzledazzle

#3 Divinely Inspired

#1 Whiskey Over Wine

#4 ALLURING AMY is by 15% juvenile debut sire Army Mule, and the first foal to race out of a debut-winning and Stakes-winning mare Under Par. She outworked a stablemate from the gate on July 31. #2

SOUPERRAZZLEDAZZLE is by 2-for-18 juvenile debut sire Essential Quality, out of a Stakes-winning mare who has produced two Stakes-winners including multiple Graded Stakes-winner Last Samurai. She had an easy gate work on Sunday. #3 DIVINELY INSPIRED showed no speed and was never a factor when debuting in the Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies at Gulfstream in May. She adds blinkers and draws a better post this time. #1

WHISKEY OVER WINE is by 9% juvenile debut sire Vino Rosso, out of a maiden mare whose only starter has only had one race to date. She worked evenly with company from the gate on August 23.

Race 2

#6 Breezero

#2 Super Sicily

#8 Clay Soldier

#1 Empty Gesture

#6 BREEZERO caught a manageable field when racing for \$15,000 over this course on August 7 and was a very easy winner while attracting a claim. She should have a good setup here and could double up for the new connections. #2 SUPER SICILY was picked up at the wire after setting the pace at this level over 6 ½ furlongs on the main track on July 27. She had a good effort on turf last year and does not look to be in super tough here. #8 CLAY SOLDIER finished a decent third behind the class-dropping Miss Vyvyanne over this course on June 28 before an even effort over the Tapeta on July 19. She has to overcome a wide post but should be happy to get back to the grass and to drop in for \$25,000. #1 EMPTY GESTURE swung wide and got up in time to win at this level on the main track on August 7. She has only been on turf once and this will be her first try on the inner turf.

Race 3

#7 Hard to Capture - Best Bet

#1 Home for a Rest

#4 Stolen

#2 Veri Gizmo

#7 HARD TO CAPTURE ran on to be a distant second behind Breezero on the inner turf last time. She gets back to her preferred surface and catches a field with many questionable foes. #1 HOME FOR A REST has not raced since June 19 when finishing a good second behind the very solid Galley Head. Her breezes have been well-spaced since; she was a vet scratch on July 27 and we'll see how she fires in her return. #4 STOLEN is another who has not raced since June 19 and has been a vet scratch since. Her best race by far this year was her first start off of the layoff; we'll see if she returns to form after some time to freshen up. #2 VERI GIZMO threw in a clunker when kicking off her season for \$25,000 on July 27. She drops in for \$15,000 for her second start off of the bench and should be capable of better.

Race 4

#4 Ever Dangerous

#6 Joyrider

#3 Alley Oop Johnny

#5 Philip My Wine

#4 EVER DANGEROUS was a winner in his last start at this level three starts ago. He was beaten a half-length at the N2X/\$50,000 level two-back before an even effort on July 31; drops back in and is one of several contenders here. #6 JOYRIDER raced well in California last fall with competitive speed figures. His maiden win produced a couple of next-out winners; we'll see how he fares in his first start of the year. #3 ALLEY OOP JOHNNY loomed dangerous in midstretch before evening out late to be fifth in his first start off of the claim in the Turf Distance series. He draws a good post and should be good enough to win at this level on the right day. #5 PHILIP MY WINE was a vet scratch on August 10 when scheduled to make his debut for these connections. He should be happy to get back to turf after having a very wide trip on the synthetic in his most recent start.

Race 5

#2 Gretna Green

#3 Alta Calibre

#4 Tanzanite Lily

#9 Monty's Inn

#2 GRETNA GREEN had trouble at the break but recovered and was able to rally for a runner-up finish on August 7. She is typically fast out of the gate and should have a better trip this time. #3 ALTA CALIBRE was a vet scratch when entered to make her first start of the season on August 7. She had a couple of nice efforts against tougher foes last year; should be very competitive at this level if she is ready to fire off of the bench. ~~#4~~

TANZANITE LILY dueled between foes on the turf before coming up empty on July 26. She had a nice run on debut that would lead you to think she can win something; blinkers are taken off today. #9 MONTY'S INN is similar to Tanzanite Lily in that she had a good run in their June 7 debut but has not been able to recreate it. If she can overcome the wide post she could get back to form on the drop.

Race 6

#5 Queens Command (IRE)

#1 My Girl Sky

#2 Flying Black

#6 Wickenheiser

#5 QUEENS COMMAND (IRE) was an expensive purchase from a digital sale in March and now makes her debut for the new connections. Grade 3-placed filly has competitive speed figures and should fit well here. #1 MY GIRL SKY rallied to win her seasonal debut at the N1X/\$32,000 level on August 3. She has won on turf and is drawn well here. #2 FLYING BLACK took advantage of a well contested lead when rallying strongly to win the Midsummer Handicap on August 1. She looks very live in search of her fourth consecutive win. #6

WICKENHEISER has been second-best in her two most recent starts at this level. She has a good turf record and should be competitive once again.

Race 7

#8 Sultry Sophie

#11 Cheat the Devil

#12 Federova

#9 Almasty's Lust

#7 Featherweight

#8 SULTRY SOPHIE had a wide trip when bumping up to the \$15,000 level on July 18. She has had competitive efforts at this level and could rebound. #11 CHEAT THE DEVIL chased the pace and kept on to be second when plunging in for this price on August 7. She figures to be competitive once again. #12 FEDEROVA set the pace but wilted and ended up fifth when racing for \$25,000 on August 7. She continues to drop in class; we'll see if she fits better here. #9 ALMASTY'S LUST raced wide, made a bid on the turn and gave way to be fourth for this price on July 24. She has been improving and could be live here at a decent price. #7 FEATHERWEIGHT set the pace and was outkicked for place by Cheat the Devil when last racing on August 7; she seems to be knocking on the door.

ALBUQUERQUE DOWNS (8:05)

1st RACE

10 Sombrero Negro 10-3-8-4

SECOND RACE

5 Loco Luna 5-7-6-3

THIRD RACE

1 Ogallala 1-5-2-3

FOURTH RACE

6 Heir to Greatness 6-2-3-5

FIFTH RACE

2 Little Moon Dawg 2-5-3-1

SIXTH RACE

7 Hocksville 7-10-6-2

SEVENTH RACE

1 Mucho Zmoke 1-9-10-4

EIGHTH RACE

8 Carters Kissin Cindi 8-4-5-3

NINTH RACE

10 Myy Flashn Denali 10-2-6-4

Del Mar (Post 6:00)



First Race

Analysis & Selections By Brad Free

1. Empress Ellie

3 Ro Town

2 Super Ellie

First post Friday, **6** p.m. Consistent mare **EMPRESS ELLIE** looks solid in this \$25k claiming turf mile, having won her last three starts at this level including two wins on the Del Mar course. The pace-pressing mare scored as the favorite early this month, she was claimed by trainer Jeff Mullins, and runs back at the same level. Obvious favorite should be tough to beat. Front-runner **RO TOWN** ran well finishing second to the top choice last out. 'TOWN set the pace, put away her early rival, and got worn down. Good try by 'TOWN. She was claimed by Ron Ellis, who won with 3 of his last 5 first-off-the-claim starters. 'TOWN could sit second behind the likely pacesetter on the rail. **SUPER ELLIE** will rally late, while **MADEIRA WINE** is the aforementioned rail-drawn front-runner who looks like the speed. Nearly one-third of the turf miles this summer were won by the pacesetter (various rail settings).

Second Race

2 My Hero

7 Grinnell

5 Unique Power

Maiden-40 runner-up at Los Alamitos last out, **MY HERO** drops a notch to maiden-32 while shortening from a route to a sprint. A late-runner in sprints, 'HERO must try to win this five and one-half furlong race rallying from behind. That is okay. Through last weekend, 10 of the 25 summer races at this distance were won from the middle or back of the field. FWIW, 'HERO was a vet scratch from a maiden-20 on Aug. 15. **GRINNELL** is the high-figure entrant based on a 72 Beyer his most recent start nearly four months ago against a higher class of maidens. That race produced three next-out winners; **GRINNELL** is dropping to his lowest level yet and figures among the favorites. First-time gelding **UNIQUE POWER**, sired by Into Mischief and produced by multiple G1 winner Unique Bella, drops from MSW and cuts back to a sprint. **SPRINGS** also is first-time maiden-claiming. **SEATTLE SURF** has speed, and moves up in class after a maiden-20 runner-up comeback.

Third Race

3. Sunglow

2 Helga Brandt

7. Double Bay

SUNGLOW and **HELGA BRANDT**, two-three last out in a similar maiden turf sprint, are the uncreative choices. **SUNGLOW** ran well. She put away her pace rivals, then got collared by a rival who rallied from the back. Good try by six-start maiden **SUNGLOW**, who might win with a pressing trip. She is no slam dunk, however. Seven-start maiden **HELGA BRANDT** chased from third and basically stayed there. It was her first start since last fall, it proved she can sprint in the U.S. She has a right to improve second start back. **DOUBLE BAY** shortens to five furlongs after leading to deep stretch in a MSW turf mile dominated by late-runners. **DOUBLE BAY** held second, the one-three finishers rallied from next-to-last and last. Good try against the "race shape" by 'BAY, who was making her first stat in more than a year. She worked fast since, and might like the shorter five-furlong distance. **JUDICIOUS** duelled and cracked as the favorite in her comeback. She can improve second start back.

Fourth Race

3. Sprint Out Pass

9. Hard to Figure

5. Spun Not Stirred

This \$25k claiming N2L mile is a good spot to take a shot at a price. **SPRINT OUT PASS** can score an upset returning to dirt and dropping in class. His dirt races this spring in Kentucky were actually okay; he ran in starter allowances both starts since being claimed, and now drops back in for a claim tag. A closer, he faces a problematic pace scenario because this race does not have all that much speed. But 'PASS is back at a level where he fits, his odds should be generous, and he might be able to wear down the speed. Class dropper **HARD TO FIGURE** is likely to start favored and likely to set the pace as he runs for the first time in a claiming race. First start in three months, his easiest chance yet, 'FIGURE is the one to catch as the likely favorite. **SPUN NOT STIRRED** figures as a contender off his runner-up finish two starts back at Santa Anita. He sputtered last out at LRC, but this group is easier. **MIGHTY KAI** returns to his preferred surface (dirt), while Los Al-based stretch-out **DON'T GET ME WRONG** is the main pace rival for likely favorite **HARD TO FIGURE**. **BIGREDSANDRIBEYES** might be ranked too low. He crushed maiden-20s with a sky-high speed figure at LRC. He can win if he runs two alike.

Fifth Race

9. No Joke Antares

5. Doing Time

4. Unrivaled Time

NO JOKE ANTARES is ready to stretch out and win this turf mile for maiden 2yos bred in California. 'ANTARES raced evenly both sprints, third and sixth. The race he exits already produced at least two next-out winners; 'ANTARES has a pedigree and running style that suggests he wants to run long. Sired by Practical Joke, his dam was a multiple route stakes winner on turf and synthetic. With two sprint preps under her belt, two turns should be right up his alley. **DOING TIME** improved last out when he stretched to a mile on turf; he finished third at long odds. He is headed in the right direction. First-time starter **UNRIVALED TIME**, sibling to three winners, is a Cal-bred by Kentucky stallion Not This Time. Chances are he needs a prep, but this field did not come up particularly tough. First-time starter **THIRD BEER** is a sibling to Don'tthinkjustdoit, who romped in his career debut in a turf mile at DMR on Aug. 11, 2022.

Sixth Race

3. Ballyvaughan Gig

6. El Diablo Rojo

1. So I'm Told

Front-runner **BALLYVAUGHAN GIG** and late-runner **EL DIABLO ROJO** top this \$16k claiming starter. 'GIG wired a Cal-bred allowance turf sprint two weeks ago; he also handles dirt. Although he faces other speed, he might be the speed of the speed. Come and catch him. If the pace gets hot, **EL DIABLO ROJO** could be along in time. A deep closer, 'ROJO meets a field with plenty of speed to flatter his rally. His last-out fourth was okay; the race was won by the pacesetter. **SO I'M TOLD**, one-two nearly half his 21 dirt starts, has speed but also is versatile. He shortens to a sprint after a creditable third in a turf mile; he wired claiming dirt rivals two back at LRC. **ATOMIC DROP** adds speed; his starter allowance dirt win two back at LRC puts him in the hunt. **NATION** will rally late in a race that looks wide open.

Seventh Race

6. Uncorked

3. Home Game

5. The Wild Grazer

Runner-up by a nose last out in a stakes, **UNCORKED** is the choice dropping into an allowance turf sprint. **UNCORKED** ran well in the stakes, but pacesetter Pushiness had the speed-friendly profile in her favor and wired the field. **UNCORKED** finished strongly, worked twice since, and benefits by a changing course profile. Turf sprints were dominated by speed the first month of the meet, but the profile changed and is now fair to all styles. **UNCORKED** is trained by Phil D'Amato, who also starts first-time turf, first-time California **HOME GAME**. The latter is making her first start since changing trainers, her pedigree is okay for the switch to turf. Street Sense progeny can run on grass; the dam of **HOME GAME** was a graded winner on turf. 'GAME runs well fresh, her workouts at Los Alamitos have been fast, she could be an improved filly for her new trainer. Late runner **THE WILD GRAZER** returns from an extended layoff. The stakes-placed filly runs well fresh, and has won over the DMR course. She entered a N2X allowance on Thursday (entered for optional \$50k tag), but was stuck on the also-eligible list. **BARBARA T** and **IMABOUTAGO** have speed.

Eighth Race

10. Twilight Empire

8. Gray Frost

2. Ole Silver

The outside post (10 of 10) is a challenge for **TWILIGHT EMPIRE** in this dirt mile, but she looked good winning for \$8k three weeks ago and is up just one level to \$10k. If she can avoid losing too much ground from the outside, she can make it two straight with another pressing trip. **GRAY FROST**, one-two in 12 of 20, returns to California for her first start since early May. She has speed, her two races this spring in Kentucky were solid. Win or lose, she will be involved early. **OLE SILVER** tossed in a clunker last out when favored for \$16k claiming. Her runaway win two back for \$8k claiming puts her the hunt. She has won at DMR, but her favorite surface seems to be SA. **ILLHAVEANOTHERKISS** plummets in class from \$25k. Her dirt races have not been great, however.



MEADOWLANDS HARNESS - 6:20

By Track Announcer Ken Warkentin

Race 1

6 **HELPMEIMONFIRE** Indiana-bred 3YO severely pace compromised & trotted home in a wind-aided :25.4 in last Saturday's qualifier & debuts for Team Bongiorno in a soft spot

Top Contenders: 6-2-8

Race 2

4 **DARLIN'S ANGEL** Liked the way she perked up & went all the way in her second qualifier here, then she finished well from a second tier start & draws better with plenty of upside

7 **NAKED NOT AFRAID** Suddenly caught fire winning her first two back-to-back @ Harrah's Philadelphia & factors in here for a high percentage barn despite a tougher post

Top Contenders: 4-7-2

Race 3

3 **ONAJETPLANE** Was a Road to Hambo contender, remains red hot, third in a world record 1:50 Beal @ Pocono, won three of his previous four here & draws inside for the raging Noel Daley

4 **TOP GUN HANOVER** Talk about rebounds, after breaks in three of his previous four lived up to the tote hype with a career best 1:53.3 & draws well

Top Contenders: 3-4-5

Race 4

2 **SUGAR PACKET** NJSS Final runner up wheels right back fresh off her rousing score in the Peaceful Way @ Mohawk with an inside draw

Top Contenders: 2-8-5

Race 5

2 YO TILLIE Returns to The Big M six-for-six this season, including a 1:51 career best in the Del Miller & fresh off a Pocono track record of 1:51.2 she draws inside looking for her tenth straight win Top Contenders: 2-8-6

Race 6

5 CONVERSANO Decisive two-move Hambletonian Oaks winner left in the wake of a track record setter in the Delmonica Hanover @ Pocono, but can rebound in a soft elimination here 5-3-1

Race 7

2 WARRAWEE MICHELLE 2024 Hambo Oaks upsetter & this year's Graduate champion with a strong season so far, just missed from post 11 in the Steele, then reeled off a world record 1:50 @ Pocono & draws inside again for Team Svanstedt
Top Contenders: 2-1-5

Race 8

4 MOUNTCASTLE Involved in some serious speed two starts back @ The Red Mile, then rallied stoutly to hit the board in :26.2 & draws much better here for Team Melander Top Contenders: 4-7-3

Race 9

4 CAPTAIN OPTIMISTIC Ultra consistent son of Captaintreacherous tripped out to give Nancy Takter her third Cane Pace in a career best 1:48.1 & was too far back in the Hemp Top Contenders: 4-9-1

Race 10

2 CAR KEYS Draws better off a solid rally to grab a piece of the Renaissance Final, just missed in the Home Grown before that & could trip out on the verge
Top Contenders: 2-6-7

Race 11 Top Contenders: 3-4-1

Race 12 Top Contenders: 4-2-3

Race 13 Top Contenders: 6-3-7

Race 14 Top Contenders : 3-1-5



REMINGTON PARK

RACING ♦ CASINO

(7:00)

Friday, August 29, 2025

Race 1 Maiden 5 Furlongs (turf)

- # 9 – Mother of Pearl Switches back to turf after finishing 4th as the favorite in last
- # 4 – Jaunty Well beaten in dirt debut, turf should be her thing
- # 6 – Alisal Solid work tab for daughter of Uncle Mo
- # 7 – Cat Rancher Besides loving the name, she should show improvement on turf

\$1 Exacta Box: 9-4-6 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Late Pick 5: 9-4-6-7 / 4-5 / 1-3 / 6-2-7 / 1-3 Cost: \$48.00 Pick the winners of races 1-5.

Race 2 \$7,500 Claiming 7 Furlongs

- # 4 – Absaroka Slow start last trip, likes the distance
- # 5 – Pomeroy Haze Unplaced this year facing tougher company
- # 3 – R D C Posse Back to more competitive level
- # 6 – Sedaris Never out of the \$\$ at this level last year

\$1 Exacta Box: 4-5-3 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Premier Pick 4: 4-5-3 / 1-3 / 6-2-7 / 1-3-2 Cost: \$27.00 Pick the winners of races 2-5.

Race 3 \$10,000 Claiming 6-1/2 Furlongs

- # 1 – Mo Saturdays In good form & will drop in class here
- # 3 – Godsend 7 of 9 in the \$\$ last year takes class drop from allowance
- # 4 – Twelve Volt 5 of 7 in the \$\$ this year
- # 5 – Runhappy d'Oro Fits well at this level

\$1 Exacta Box: 1-3-4 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Kickoff Pick 3: 1-3 / 6-2-7 / 1-3-2 Cost: \$9.00 Pick the winners of races 3, 4, 5.

Race 4 \$7,500 Maiden Claiming 5-1/2 Furlongs

- # 6 – Gypsy Mischief Back to main track where he was 2nd twice in June
- # 2 – Tresillian Should see improvement on the class drop alone
- # 7 – Fine Tuned Back to more competitive level
- # 3 – Prime Number First timer makes debut with a bullet workout on 8-5

\$1 Exacta Box: 6-2-7 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Pick 3: 6-2-7 / 1-3 / 7-2-8 Cost: \$9.00 Pick the winners of races 4, 5, 6.

\$.50 Pinnacle Pick 4: 6-2-7 / 1-3-2 / 7-2-8 / 1-2 Cost: \$27.00 Pick the winners of races 4-7.

Race 5 \$20,000 Claiming 1 Mile (turf)

- # 1 – Cashmere Dancer Very consistent this year being 4 of 6 in the \$\$
- # 3 – San Mateo Kat Improves here at a distance she likes
- # 2 – Templar Red Will like return to the lawn where she's 9 of 14 in the \$\$
- # 4 – Missingyoucrazy Drops from starter company after a win in June at LS

\$1 Exacta Box: 1-3-2 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Pick 3: 1-3-2 / 7-2 / 1-2 Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 5, 6, 7.

Race 6 Maiden 5-1/2 Furlongs

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| # 7 – Outtaherway | Solid set of workouts for debut for top connections |
| # 2 – Lil Miss Brisket | Good workouts for Mitole filly's first start |
| # 8 – Momacya | Finished 2nd in debut as the favorite |
| # 6 – Girdontgoawaymad | Sharp workout here on 8-21 |

\$1 Exacta Box: 7-2-8 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Pick 3: 7-2 / 1-2 / 1-7-3 Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 6, 7, 8.

\$.50 Late Pick 5: 7-2 / 1-2 / 1-7-3 / 1-6 / 10-3-11 Cost: \$36.00 Pick the winners of races 6-10.

Race 7 Starter Allowance 6 Furlongs

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| # 1 – Jackman | A 12-time winner at the distance making first start since May |
| # 2 – Blue Light | Has three wins this year against tougher company |
| # 4 – Trust Daddy | Should improve here with the move from KY to OK |
| # 3 – Stages Left | 9-year-old has made over \$800,000 going a distance he likes |

\$1 Exacta Box: 1-2-4 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Pick 3: 1-2 / 1-7-3 / 1-6 Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 7, 8, 9.

\$.50 Primetime Pick 4: 1-2 / 1-7-3 / 1-6 / 10-3-11 Cost: \$18.00 Pick the winners of races 7-10.

Race 8 Oklahoma Stallion Fillies Handicap 7 Furlongs

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| # 1 – Eireann | Champion 2-year-old filly in 2024 has two stakes wins this year |
| # 7 – Caleb's Finest | Never runs a bad race |
| # 3 – Vita's Song | Never worse than 2nd while finishing in front of the #1 in second |
| # 2 – Floras Ora | Has won two of her four starts |

\$1 Exacta Box: 1-7-3 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Last Chance Pick 3: 1-7-3 / 1-6 / 10-3-11 Cost: \$9.00 Pick the winners of races 8, 9, 10.

Race 9 Allowance 1 Mile (turf)

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| # 1 – Optimus Kat | 5 of 6 in the \$\$ this year & should handle step up in class |
| # 6 – Ti Caillou | Nice turf win at LS in June |
| # 5 – Moon Cat | Been competitive at this level & has win at the distance |
| # 3 – Gold Prize | Hasn't won on the turf yet but in the \$\$ a lot |

\$1 Exacta Box: 1-6-5 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

Race 10 Oklahoma Stallion Colts & Geldings Handicap 7 Furlongs

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| # 10 – Colonel Yorke | This guy runs well on turf or dirt |
| # 3 – Night Passage | 4 for 4 in the \$\$ although the question for me is the distance |
| # 11 – Tzedakah | Looks to rebound here with new rider to Vazquez |
| # 6 – Cajun Stoops | Finished 2nd in first start of year, was 2nd in OK Classics Juvenile last year |

\$1 Exacta Box: 10-3-11 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

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Race Selections



Friday August 29, 2025

	Bobby Neuman Track Announcer	Trackside Tina The Unbridled Spirit	TV Drew "Iowa Energy???"	Tipster The Wizard Of Calle Ocho
1	6 Ought To Be Believin 2 Pyc Force 3 Th Alota Rip	2 Pyc Force 4 Mitey High 6 Ought To Be Believin	4 Mitey High 3 Th Alota Rip 1 Jess Praising Him	2 Pyc Force 1 Jess Praising Him 6 Ought To Be Believin
2	7 His Royal Majesty 4 Access Granted 2 Partylikearocstar	2 Partylikearocstar 5 Call A Runaway 6 Tornado Jane	2 Partylikearocstar 6 Tornado Jane 3 Runnin Mann	6 Tornado Jane 5 Call A Runaway 4 Access Granted
3	3 El Dorado Sin Tacha 1 Zoomin For Blood 5 Tiny Temptress	4 Big Red Fred 6 Krown The King 7 Dez Hocks	4 Big Red Fred 7 Dez Hocks 3 El Dorado Sin Tacha	2 Favorite Contessa 1 Zoomin For Blood 3 El Dorado Sin Tacha
4	5 Joewilly 1 Guns 2 Harper's Afleet	5 Joewilly 2 Harper's Afleet 1 Guns	2 Harper's Afleet 1 Guns 5 Joewilly	2 Harper's Afleet 5 Joewilly 3 Drumcondra
5	4 Lions Not Sheep 3 Just A Irish Lad 1 Irish Coast	3 Just A Irish Lad 6 Calculated Luv 2 James's Moonshine	6 Calculated Luv 3 Just A Irish Lad 4 Lions Not Sheep	1 Irish Coast 3 Just A Irish Lad 4 Lions Not Sheep
6	4 No Rhyme Or Reason 1 Addasquecktoit 6 Finlond	1 Addasquecktoit 7 Sunset For Sandra 4 No Rhyme Or Reason	1 Addasquecktoit 4 No Rhyme Or Reason 5 Deep Threat	4 No Rhyme Or Reason 1 Addasquecktoit 3 Gotta Love Life
7	4 Grey Street 7 Stillbilly 1 Heavenly Reward	7 Stillbilly 5 Dusan 1 Heavenly Reward	7 Stillbilly 4 Grey Street 3 Full Victory	3 Full Victory 7 Stillbilly 6 Gambling Goodson
8	3 Battleshipper 5 Little Poison 4 Lady Of Devon	4 Lady Of Devon 3 Battleshipper 5 Little Poison	3 Battleshipper 4 Lady Of Devon 5 Little Poison	3 Battleshipper 5 Little Poison 6 It Happens
9	2 Spanish Kiss 5 Rockin Boots 3 Edgy Lover	5 Rockin Boots 6 Strollntothemarket 4 Virtue's Reward	2 Spanish Kiss 5 Rockin Boots 6 Strollntothemarket	2 Spanish Kiss 7 Surprise Road Trip 5 Rockin Boots
10	3 Hooked On Dreams 1 Harry Blueblood 4 Helado	3 Hooked On Dreams 1 Harry Blueblood 4 Helado	3 Hooked On Dreams 8 Shame On Steve 4 Helado	1 Harry Blueblood 3 Hooked On Dreams 4 Helado

Most probable winner noted in **BOLD** /Please verify all horse names and numbers in the official program!