



SARATOGA - POST 11:20

By KEVIN COX / MIKE BEER

First Race Well-bred 6 RESURGE gained useful experience in her debut going seven when gathering quickly on the backstretch after briefly getting outrun from the gates, and then carrying on with a long run before weakening a bit behind talented stablemate Ragtime; she stretched out to a distance that she is bred to get in her second start, but endured a brutal, wide trip that day; turf to dirt with form on this surface that is better than it looks. 7 IVORY AND EBONY has run in some tough MSW races while beginning 0-4, including that last one when stumbling at the start behind Delightful Claire (95 Beyer), a filly she had finished ahead of in her prior start; dangerous out to a mile looking for a better trip. 5 AEOLIAN gives away valuable experience as the lone first-time starter in the field; Tapit homebred is a full-sister to Grade 1-winning dirt router Tapit Trice; breezing right along for top connections.

Race 2 #1 DAISY DOO has a shot in the spot, as this boy bested half the field the 10-1 first out, and slides in six slots for today's followup. He smacked into the starting gate in debut that afternoon, and can do much better with a cleaner break. #2 A LITTLE AT FIRST has decent pedigree for this sort of deal, and jockey/trainer combination do better together than apart. #10 FUNNY FACTOR got roughed up some when trying the sandy stuff for the first time, & is now back on the surface where she spiced up the super at 50-1. We have no problems with including a 12-1 shot. OFF TURF: 7-5-9-11

Race 3 #2 ECHO AGAIN should go down the road. #1 TOP GUN ROCKET has always been a steady sort, and especially in his last troika, as he's gotten his photo taken three times. Bay boy does nice work at today's distance of ground, and can definitely get a piece. #3 CAPITAL IDEA takes the obligatory hike in class after scoring in the mud a month back.

Race 4 #7 BLOOMINGTON debuts today & does such with a solid worktab, as well as being supported by a decent Formulator statistic. Over the last 5 years, Weaver is a dreamy 3 of 10 with those fitting all of this exact criteria at 20 to 1 or less, with any jock aboard. The winners came back \$14, \$11, and \$7, and as this one went for four and a half times the breeding price about a quarter of a mile from here last year, you'd have to think she's well meant. #5 SOLEMN BEAUTY is a late foal without much turf pedigree, but on the whole, the upstairs members of the family tree did pretty well, and Maragh always tries hard for the minor spoils. #1 JOE ROPO rounds out the top three. OFF TURF: 2-4-6-8-10

Race 5 The Gold Cup offers up an enticing matchup between **4 MINDFRAME** and **3 SIERRA LEONE**, arguably the top two older males in the country. MINDFRAME has taken Grade 1s sprinting and routing as a 4yo, and got the better of his main rival in the Foster at the end of June; he also proved as a 3yo that he can be effective going longer; slim edge. SIERRA LEONE was forced to make an early move after MINDFRAME in that Foster, and that was at a time when things might not have been going perfectly for him with only one prior start as a 4yo, which was followed by a layoff; he has reemerged since with a powerful win in the Whitney; takes a ton of beating. **2 HIGHLAND FALLS** won this race impressively last year, though not against this level of competition; he proved he belongs when making SIERRA LEONE race in the Whitney last time, but he was only second-best there; not out of this. **1 DISARM** 2023 Travers runner-up at today's distance finished 3rd in this event in 2024 when no match for Highland Falls; had the most trouble in the Whitney as he was gaining serious ground up the rail in last but had to stall in front of a tired longshot pacesetter; view a late running exotics possibility. **4-3-2-1**

Race 6 #6 **DOUBLE VELOCITY** hasn't been seen in 3 months, but despite the poor pair of performances on the poly and Churchill turf, barn gives her another chance to prove herself on firm ground. We always likes to give a runner two opportunities under a particular set of circumstances, and you're getting some excellent connections at a healthy morning line offering. #3 **ANNELLE** was pretty clumsy at the onset when making her local debut, but got the job done in convincing fashion town in Louisville in the heat before that. Big chance if able to be more like Fred Astaire and less like Fred Flintstone when the gates open. #10 **VIRGIN COLADA** is the clear class of the field, and has the miracle drug administered for the first time. OFF TURF: 13-4-12-3

Race 7 #8 **LOVELY CHRISTINA** should trounce these. #4 **ALL ABOUT YOU** was a well beaten but decently clear runnerup when getting her working papers a couple of weeks back, and outran her 26-1 odds in doing such. 409 Tomlinson figure tells us that the result that day was likely not an aberration, and a move forward would be no shock. #7 **JUST TELL ANNE** is showing a top 25% gate move in preparation for today's curtain raising, and pricey auction purchase may come out running.

Race 8 # 6 **PROTECTIVE** hasn't been seen since Hector was a pup, but new shotcaller keeps them protected against the purchase, while switching him back to the surface of his best efforts. We were hoping to get a bit more than the 9/2 posting, but hopefully he'll drift up a bit. #10 **VEKOMA RIDES** makes his third start off the bench today, and draws the outside, which is key, as he is nut a half length shy of being two for two when asft to load. #9 **GEORGIA MAGIC** (cross entered yesterday, so check the changes) comes in off a nice win in the slop, but be aware of a bounce with the back-to-back career best numeros on display.

Race 9 #8 **SECTION** faced Ewing when debuting in a short sprint on dirt, and lacked early speed in that race before trying gamely in the stretch while failing to change leads; has enough pedigree to handle the changes in both the surface and the distance. 3 **CHAMBERSVILLE** is by a versatile sire, and he is a half-brother to Bubble Rock, a multiple graded stakes winner on turf who could go both short and long; good post. 9 **ROYAL GUARD** had his debut rained off to a sloppy main track; got around there while gaining valuable experience, now enters back over the surface he is meant for. OFF TURF: 8-6-7-5-3

Race 10 #4 **EAMONN** has a nice amount of back class, & this 7 year old "horse" still has his own parts (If you see the vet coming, you tell him "Ea-mon, get the hell outta here.") has done okay ikn second off the bench spots, and appears to have a good rapport with Javier. Slightest of edges in an extremely difficult race to decipher. #2 **OUTLAW KID** has done okay in 3rd off the bench deals, and recently completed the triple @ 11-1 beneath today's pilot. #9 **BIG INVASION** is 22:9-5-1 on the whole, and is a perfect 2 fer 2 beneath today's helmsman.

Race 11 #3 ROUT is much,much better bred for the main than the turf, and that being said, you can feel free to upgrade the speed figure from his first outing accordingly. We are not really comprehending the big time drop, as this one still has some time to figure things out of it, but we're at the point in the calendar up here where barns like to tend to hurt a bit. Should win this deal in a "what his name is. #2 LODATO played the fade down at Oldsmar when debuting in December, and connections fare pretty well together. #7 RARE SOCIETY only bested one horse and the chase ambulance first out, but takes the biggest drop in the game and just may show some improvement.

Race 12 #6 GASOLINE was pretty game in hanging on for a win in a similar spot right here on the 23rd of July, and that brought his career record until Togatown to two for two. The runnerup finisher was well clear of the third place horse, and this win machine is a factor once again. #7 SYSTEMIC CHANGE takes the mandatory rise in class after being snagged for a quarter out of a going away win on August 22nd, and this boy is another one who knows how to get the job done. #1 SWAGGISH owns ("Owwwwwnnnnsssss.....Owwwwwnnnnsssss.") a win and a second place finish both times he was in a third off of layoff jamboree, but as we're not quite sure what happened last time out at 5/2, we're going to keep beneath, especially at low odds.

Race 13 While #8 JULITA was in the rear with the gear when going over the blades for the first time, the figure posted that day was a lifetime best, and as the Tomlinson for such was essentially less than that of the dirt, we're banking on the effort actually being much more than it appears. Filly switches back to the dirt today, and finds herself at a lowest level to date. Some hidden things to like here. #2 ENIGMATIC has been beset by back-to-back L/O lines, but has done okay off a respite in the past, and was claimed out of a similar showing at The Big A back in March. #7 CAROLINA SMOKE SHOW has hit the board 7 of 11 career outings, and after being kept in prison since the claim at the end of July, comes back at that same level today for the new shotcaller.

Race 14 # 7 BLAME IT ON K J was the lone firster in the field when sprinting on debut, and she was away from the gate very slowly that day, before passing some horses late; bred for distance on turf, and gets to try it now after getting rained off last time. 11 DEEMER was taken under a strong hold early and wound up racing in traffic for a long way, before chasing a sharp winner to no avail and just getting outfinished for second late when off the layoff last time; tough post but dropping with Lasix on for his second start back; the one to beat. 9 MISSION HILL is also dropping for this after trying the main track here last month to no avail; he wa nowhere in his first start back from a long layoff two back, but he has a tough trip that day.

OFF TURF: 2-8-5-4

Monmouth (12:50)

1st RACE

3 Princess Irene 3-12-4-6

Owns field-high Beyer when second last time and has been on the board in two of three turf starts. By Omaha Beach (14% turf sire),trainer Delgado solid at 26% with maiden claimers and gets jockey upgrade to Olver.

SECOND RACE

7 Manoah's Glory 7-2-8-6

THIRD RACE

2 Bibi Dahl 2-6-7-4

Primed for this by setting the pace in a much tougher SAR-MSW event; turning back to 5F is a plus not only because of her gate speed displayed in upstate New York but returns to the distance of her debut exacta finish passing runners which makes her doubly dangerous having that in her arsenal; the 2-back winner took a 135K event next out then remained a perfect 4-for-4 winning a 410K stakes; the solid pick

FOURTH RACE

6 King Freud 6-1-4-2

FIFTH RACE

7 Super Chow 7-3-2-4

Earned an 81 Beyer when second at Monmouth stake last time out, with trainer Delgado hitting at strong 23% on dirt and 22% off wins. By Lord Nelson (18% dirt sire), dam never tried dirt but both siblings to race on dirt won, suggesting the surface switch could spark improvement. Logical

SIXTH RACE

4 Mystical Merlin 4-6-1-3

SEVENTH RACE

6 Surprise Package 6-3-9-7

EIGHTH RACE

8 Tavin 8-1-7-4

NINTH RACE

12 Be Here 12-1-5-6



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

by *Ron Nicoletti*

(12:55)

Sunday, August 31, 2025

RACE 1:

1 WHAT IT TIZ is dropping to the \$12,500 level and turning back to a sprint distance after coming off the bench, tracking the pace and weakening late going around two turns on the all-weather surface. Mike Yates has apprentice Luis Fuenmayor managing the classic turnback move.

6 GENUINE GOMO moves to the Saffie Joseph Jr barn and plunges to the bottom on the Tapeta after facing tougher when going long on the turf while in the Todd Pletcher barn. Saffie is 27% with new additions to the shedrow. **5 ADIOS MATE** has license to improve after running a workman fourth in his debut at this level and distance.

SELECTIONS: 1-6-5

RACE 2:

7 WILLINGNESS moves to the hot Frank Regalbutto barn via the claim and cuts back slightly after setting the pace and getting nailed late going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Leonel Reyes rides for the new connections.

8 LOOKIN FOR ROSES should take the lion's share of the betting action after returning for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr and getting beat a head at this level. Reylu Gutierrez manages the second start off the bench. **3 PET MAT**, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race and that is his Achilles Heel. Tarek Moubarak has Cipriano Gill trying to get him out of fourth gear.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-3

RACE 3:

6 DRAMA, now in the Saffie Joseph Jr barn, the Arindel homebred will try to flaunt her speed vs state-bred competition and steal this race from on or with the pace. Reylu Gutierrez rides.

2 TA'VERY MUCH is stretching out to 6 ½ furlongs with blinkers after finishing a promising third in her 5 ½-furlong debut. Trainer Mike Yates is 18% with maidens making the second start.

4 LA RODADA is stretching out after tracking the pace and finishing fourth behind next-out Sharp Susan Stakes Winner Tessellate going five furlongs. Huber Dominguez has Leonel Reyes in the irons.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-4

RACE 4:

5 OMEGA MS is turning back to a mile after the late running second going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Trainer Fernando Abreu has Cipriano Gil in the saddle. **8 BRAVO KITTEN**, the only two-time winner on the GP turf in the field, moves to Fernando's barn for the bargain \$8,000 claim and returns to her best surface looking to add to the local tally. Luca Panici guides this half of the uncoupled entry. **4 SEEKINGBYTHESTORM** drops and returns to the turf looking to steal this race on the front end. She does not win much, but when she does it is in front running fashion.

SELECTIONS: 5-8-4

RACE 5:

5 BULLET BLUES is turning back to six furlongs after a solid return to main track in which he finished second. Leon McKanas has Marcos Meneses atop the son of Bullet Gone Astray. **1 MIGHTY MURPHY** is dropping into a winning spot after returning from the extended layoff to set the pace and fade in a needed return to action for trainer Carlos Narvaez. **7 FOURTY FOUR** is wheeling back in seven days after using his speed to defeat \$12,500 maidens by a couple of lengths. Rafael Romero has Yolber Torres quarterbacking the short turnaround.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7

RACE 6:

2 REZAROLEX is returning to the turf after reeling off four consecutive victories sprinting on the Tapeta. The seven-time winner on Tapeta has regular jockey Edgard Zayas trying to negotiate the green stuff. The connections of **5 MR NARCISSISTIC**, like the top choices team, will be doing a rain dance together. The nine-time winner on the all-weather surface should have the ideal trip stalking off the speed, which includes the top choice, but has never had his picture taken on the turf. **7 YES I AM FREE** is a nine-time winner on the turf who drops in for a \$35,000 tag and moves to the top of the list if Mother Nature cooperates for Laura Cazares and Jose Morelos.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-7

RACE 7:

6 ROXY is turning back to five furlongs with blinkers added after chasing the pace and finishing second going 5 ½ furlongs on Tapeta. Carlos David has leading jock Edgard Zayas at the controls. **2 CASH MACHINE** is a daughter of Frosted debuting for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr with Reylu Gutierrez named to ride. The tote action should help point us in the right direction. **7 LIZ LOVES SHOPPING** will try to buy a victory at the \$25,000 level after showing speed, getting carried out wide and weakening vs maiden special weight runners going a mile and seventy yards on the Tapeta.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-7

RACE 8:

4 MOM'S MARTINI gets an olive for notching her third consecutive victory racing around two turns on the Tapeta. The Carlos David trainee will be tested for class vs stake's caliber competition. **2 CRAFTY COLLECTOR** is stretching out after rallying to come within a neck of springing the 12-1 upset in the \$75,000 mile and seventy-yard Miss Gracie last out. The daughter of Collected gets the Lasix back and has Edwin Gonzalez at the controls. **1 ANNIE GOODBODY** is another getting the Lasix back and breaks from the rail hoping both adjustments helps her close the gap on Crafty Collector and red-hot top choice.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-1

RACE 9:

5 GIFTEDBYDESIGN is dropping and returning to the all-weather Tapeta after coming within a length of defeating \$35,000 starter optional claimers going a mile on the turf. The gelding should sit the 'trip' behind the speed for Jose D'Angelo, who is a healthy 24% with the surface switch. **9 CORTA FUEGO** will try to keep his record on the Tapeta unblemished after setting the pace and holding sway to defeat a pair of next-out winners at this level and distance last out. Saffie tabs Reylu Gutierrez to ride as Edgard Zayas moves to **1 SIGAN VIENDO**. The son of Bee Jersey steps up to face winners after drawing clear to defeat \$17,500 maidens going a mile and a sixteenth on the turf. Ditto with Jose being 24% with the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 5-9-1

RACE 10:

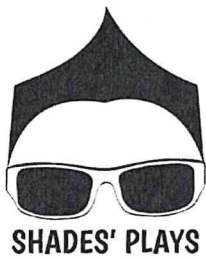
7 DANDONA, a million-dollar daughter of Tiz the Law, and half-sister to four previous turf winners, debuts for Saffie Joseph Jr with a series of sharp local workouts showing. Reylu Gutierrez rides the pricey two-year-old. **3 BROWN DIAMOND** will give the grass a whirl after finishing second in her two-turn debut on the Tapeta. The concern is the so-so turf breeding. **8 DIVINE SECRETS** is stretching out around two turns after the sightseeing trip in her five-furlong turf debut. Trainer Mark Casse is 19% with horses stretching out in distance.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-8

BEST BET: RACE 9 – 5 GIFTEDBYDESIGN

LONGSHOT: RACE 2 – 7 WILLINGNESS





- R1 (2) Stop The Shootin'
(1) Albergo Hanover
(7) Lil T K Lo
- R2 (2) Archery Seelster
(1) Dover Glide
(5) Voss Blue Chip
- R3 (6) Rayray
(8) It's In The Stars
(7) Combative
- R4 (5) Whiskey Lou
(2) Purple Lord
(7) Double Account
- R5 (7) Century Heineken
(9) Fulsome
(3) Stormy Woods
- R6 (8) Soho Skyfall A
(7) Hunting Zone
(6) Cautious Clay
- R7 (4) Fringed
(6) Forty G's
(7) You Got It
- R8 (2) Champain
(3) Dominion Day
(8) Padre

PERFECT PLAY

Race 2, #2 Archery Seelster

Six-year-old gelding has been the victim of bad posts and tough trips since moving to a new barn. Drops three classes and finally draws inside.

PRICE PLAY

Race 6, #8 Soho Skyfall A

Saratoga shipper has been consistent all season for a high percentage barn. This will be a test from the wide draw, but may pick up some time moving to the 5/8s. Fits and is worth a peer if overlooked by the public.

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and finishing last; we'll see if he shows more in a more reasonable spot.

Race 1

#4 Really Thirsty

#2 Mi Tormenta

#1 Victoria Elizabeth

#3 Mitole Power

#4 REALLY THIRSTY forced the pace but gave way in the stretch to be third for \$25,000 on the inner turf in her first start off of a \$15,000 claim. She jams right in for \$7,500 and should be tough. #2 MI TORMENTA gets to take advantage of the non-winners of a race in a year part of this condition after being in some tough spots this season. Her speed figures fit; contender. #1 VICTORIA ELIZABETH led well into the stretch before fading to fourth when last racing 10 days ago. We'll see if she is quick enough to make the early lead at this shorter distance. #3 MITOLE POWER exits a narrow win against \$7,500 non-two company. Her figures will need to improve for her to double up.

Race 2

#5 Party On

#4 Just Pray

#1 Episode

#2 Citori

#5 PARTY ON drops in for \$40,000 after racing wide and coming up empty in an N1X/\$32,000 on July 19. She could have a very good trip stalking the speed types in her inner turf debut. #4 JUST PRAY benefitted from Miramichi's poor luck when holding on by a head to win her non-two on July 31. Speedy filly looks for her third consecutive win here; we'll see how quick she can go on the cutback to five furlongs. #1 EPISODE was second-best behind Supergirl on the main track on July 19. She was beaten a head in her only turf try against New York-breds in Saratoga last year; contender. #2 CITORI made an easy lead when plunging in for \$15,000 and was able to earn her second consecutive win. Speedy mare gets back to the inner turf with a short field; hopefully she does not drift out too much in the stretch.

Race 3

#1 Military Time

#4 Apeldoorn

#2 Bold Time

#3 Valley of Kings

#1 MILITARY TIME is by 19% juvenile debut sire Gun Runner, and is the first foal to race out of multiple Stakes-winning mare Red Cabernet. He outworked a stablemate from the gate on August 8. #4 APELDOORN prevailed for place in a race won by the dominant Marcus J when debuting on August 8. Another effort like that could make him a contender here. #2 BOLD TIME is by 19% juvenile debut sire Not This Time, and is the first foal to race out of juvenile Stakes-winner Bold Script. She was narrowly outworked by a stablemate from the gate back on July 18. #3 VALLEY OF KINGS debuted in the Victoria where he dueled on the lead briefly before falling back

Race 4

#4 Love You Lippy

#7 Wildfire

#2 Might Bee Trouble

#5 Rookie Court

#4 LOVE YOU LIPPY chased the class-plunging Citori and gave way to be fourth when last racing on August 10. She could be the main speed here #7 WILDFIRE exits the same race as Love You Lippy where she closed to be second. Win-shy mare could run on for another share. #2 MIGHT BEE TROUBLE dropped in for \$10,000 and was able to rally to break her maiden on August 7 with a speed figure that fits here. #5 ROOKIE COURT raced wide and offered little finish nine days ago but had been in good form prior to that effort and could rebound in this shorter field.

Race 5

#1 Gizmo's B F F - Best Bet

#7 Laughing Out Loud

#4 April de Velp

#5 Very Savvy

#1 GIZMO'S B F F finished third in a blanket of horses behind the runaway Addendum when last racing at this level on July 24. She could be the main speed in this field. #7 LAUGHING OUT LOUD has won two of her three starts so far this season, proving best in the stretch to win her non-three for \$7,500 last time. She takes on tougher here but should have high confidence. #4 APRIL DE VELP got up for second over Gizmo's B F F on July 24, then came back on August 10 where she stalked the pace and proved best in a short field. She has not missed the board yet this season. #5 VERY SAVVY ran a decent third behind Gizmo's B F F at this level on June 5 then finished a non-threatening fourth in a tougher starter/optional \$15,000 on July 10; could hit the ticket at a decent price.

Race 6

#2 Perfectworks

#7 King Rosso

#1 Accelerando

#5 Long Acting

#2 PERFECTWORKS comes into this off of a pair of runner-up finishes behind respectable foes. He is drawn well and should be tough in his inner turf debut. #7 KING ROSSO fell to the back but rallied well to be fourth when making his first start in 163 days in the same race that Perfectworks exits. He had a good run over this course in October. #1 ACCELERANDO kicked off his season in the aforementioned race on August 3 that Perfectworks exits, forcing that foe on the lead before fading to sixth. He could step forward in his second start off of the bench. #5 LONG ACTING showed little when debuting in a Tapeta route at Gulfstream in November. He had a good gate work on August 6; worth a look.

Race 7

#2 Foolish Games

#4 Summer Snow

#3 Blazing Sky

#6 Shamra

#2 FOOLISH GAMES was able to hold off next out-winner Addendum in her most recent start on July 3. She has not had a bad race this season and should be very live. #4 SUMMER SNOW was beaten a half-length for place when finishing fourth behind the runaway Breezero for \$15,000 on the inner turf on August 7. She drops back in for \$10,000; we'll see how long she lasts on the lead. #3 BLAZING SKY rallied to pass Summer Snow and Quiet Maddelena in a three-horse race on June 19, then ran evenly in the same race that Foolish Games won on July 3. She could be a live closer in a race that will have fast early fractions. #6 SHAMRA evened out in deep stretch when finishing third behind April de Velp on August 10 and may appreciate cutting back to five furlongs.

Race 8

#7 Beach Ready

#4 Happy Valentine

#1 Sinclairity

#6 Tabloid Material

#7 BEACH READY set a quick pace but faded to fifth when routing at this level on August 3. Being based at Gulfstream for the bulk of her career, she has not gotten to try standard sprint distances such as this in her career; it will be interesting to see how she likes the turnback. #4 HAPPY VALENTINE dropped in for this tag and ran a credible second behind the very in-form Purr Factor on August 9. A repeat of that effort will put her right there with this group. #1 SINCLARITY was undefeated in three starts on the Tapeta before two tries on turf, a runner-up effort to Miss Vyvyanne before emptying out over the EP Taylor on July 26. She could rebound on the move back to the synthetic. #6 TABLOID MATERIAL got up to run down Super Sicily, earning an inflated-looking Beyer to win an open \$25,000 on July 27. She steps up in class in search of her third consecutive win.

Race 9

#3 Flashy Motor

#4 Golden Canary

#2 Botta Swing

#1 Purr Factor

#3 FLASHY MOTOR has shown very nice speed and been able to win both of her two most recent starts over the EP Taylor course. She switches to the inner while graduating to the N2X/\$50,000 level and looks like a serious threat. #4 GOLDEN CANARY ran on fairly well to be fourth behind US-invader Danse Macabre on July 19. She was beaten a half-length over this course and distance in the Algonquin back in 2023. #2 BOTTA SWING rallied to win an N2L against the boys over this course in her first start off of the bench, then took another shot against the boys in the Vice Regent where she was an even seventh of eight. She could be a live closer in a race with plenty of speed. #1 PURR FACTOR exits an N1X/\$32,000 win going gate to wire over the main track on August 9. She had a very nice effort going 7 ½ furlong on this course on June 14; we'll see how she likes this kind of sprint in a race loaded with speed.

Race 10

#9 Twisting Pistons

#3 Hurricane Gizmo

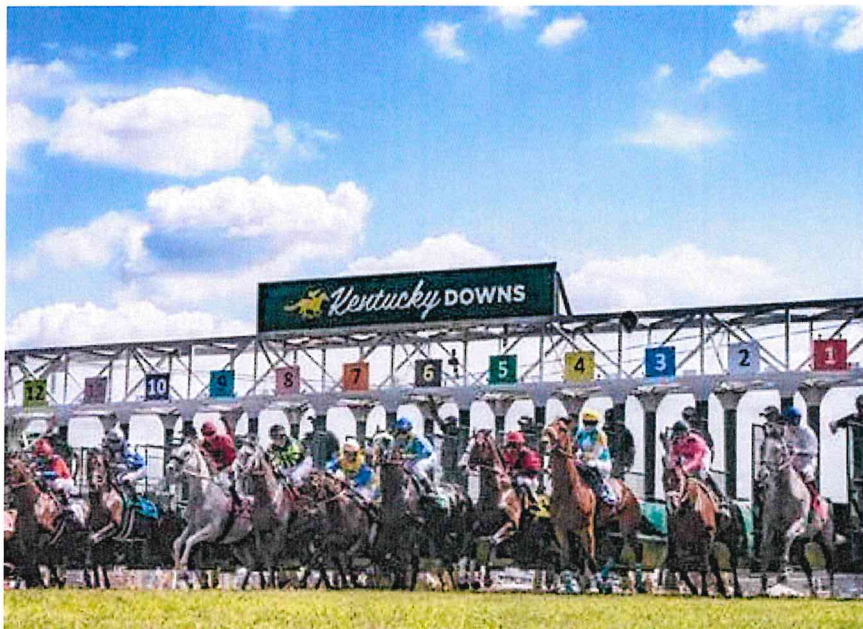
#11 Daddy's Daisy

#5 Right Brightly

#1 Serenading Amaya

#9 TWISTING PISTONS plunges down from the \$25,000 level and stretches out to a route. She catches a field with no real speed and could maybe lope along on the front end. #3 HURRICANE GIZMO made her first start of the year in a seven furlong sprint on July 31 where she ran a decent fourth. She has raced well in routes and should be live in her second start off of the bench. #11 DADDY'S DAISY exits a good third-place effort for this price in a non-three/non-winners in a year and now gets back to face non-twos, but will need racing luck from the outside draw. #5 RIGHT BRIGHTLY exits a decent closing fifth-place effort. She wheels back in nine days and may like the route distance. #1 SERENADING AMAYA was between horses pressing the pace before giving way to be fourth on August 9. She could stay covered up from the rail and finish better.

Kentucky Downs – Post 1:25



FIRST RACE

1 Imminent Risk 1-4-7-3

SECOND RACE

5 Orator 5-2-1-4

THIRD RACE

4 Quatrocento 4-9-16-3

FOURTH RACE

1 One Front War 1-7-10-5

FIFTH RACE

11 Write Off Jerry 11-13-1-3

SIXTH RACE

3 Risk 3-2-1-4

SEVENTH RACE

8 Run Curtis Run 8-11-3-6

EIGHTH RACE

2 Beach Ballad 2-14-9-10

Owens a field-high 79 Beyer when second in route at Saratoga and shortens back to sprint distance while switching jockeys. By Omaha Beach (14% turf sire), dam never tried turf but both siblings to race on grass were winners. Trainer Mike Maker does well here and sends out the likely favorite making her turf sprint debut after solid route form.

NINTH RACE

2 Johnny's Red Storm 2-8-7-6

Turf sprint debut at SAR was a pip as he led all the way to win smartly; Weaver not only having a big year much of his success at the Spa recently has come in 2yo turf sprints; speed can have him in it from the start and 2 snappy works since say he holds his edge

8 Obliteration - first 3 starts were excellent including a 10 1/2-length romp in a G2 at SAR before finishing 2nd in a G3 there to a highly regarded peer; of course, that all came on dirt so it's new ground but if he transfers that form to the sod he can be scary here.

TENTH RACE

7 Chasing the Crown 7-11-10-9

Exits a co-field-Top speed figure when closing well at 1F longer in a key race defeating the 5th, 9th and 12th-place finishers who Beyered 97-98 in next-out GP-Grade 3 stakes, can he get up in time at 1 Mile ? is the concern as he was too late in 2 prior KD turf losses; still the one to beat.

11 Mountain Bear Late running style suggests he may would want longer than today's 1 Mile distance - he's hoping for a pace meltdown up top to set up that late blast; 1st time gelding is trying to fire back to his 3-back Beyer Top chasing the runner-up finisher who posted a 105 speed figure in a next-out Breeders Cup Mile win.

ELEVENTH RACE

6 Meringue 6-9-1-7

Scratched from a much tougher spot at Saratoga for this exiting the field's-best Beyer speed figure as she stretches out to 1 Mile for the 1st time; is the 1st foal out of an 0-for-2 dam who did not race beyond 6F; could not catch a speedster going shorter but today's added yardage could be the difference maker; the pick.

9 Oscar's Encore

Stretches out to 1 Mile for the 1st time; is out of a 9-for-27 dam (159K) who did not race beyond 7F; she produced route winner Drum Roll (4-for-21 overall 122K); sharp tactical gate speed suggests she will be a force from bell to finish as the debut rider is here instead of Saratoga suggesting this one is dangerous and the one to beat.



Handicapping Analysis Sun August 31st, 2025

HAWTHORNE

(POST 3:40)

Ron's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

3 Midterm - 3/1 **4** Anthony the Great - 7/2 **2** Prince Ben - 5/1

If this race was on dirt at this distance I would love 3-MIDTERM. But, since it's on the lawn, I only like him. He's the quickest member of this field of those who have raced and he should be dead fit when making his third start of the year. I heard good things about 4-ANTHONY THE GREAT before his first race. But, he did got caught chasing Midterm through blistering fractions. And while they both ran out of gas, he faded a bit more. But he is making his second start, this time on turf. He's adding blinkers for this trip and he worked well, probably with them, since his debut race. He's bred to love the lawn. He could be tough. 2-PRINCE BEN sports the right pedigree and he has been working well for his debut. His barn hasn't been doing well so far this meet but they are usually adept with first-time starters.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:11 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

1 Fast N Happy - 3/1 **4** Anna After Midnite - 9/2 **3** Miss Saipan - 7/2 **6** Written Consent - 9/5

1-FAST N HAPPY has been a fairly consistent competitor all meet and has been especially good after taking a small break early. Since coming back, she's had a win and a second. She shows speed at times but is probably best when coming from off the pace and she should get plenty of speed to set up for her. 4-ANNA AFTER MIDNITE and 3-MISS SAIPAN could duel for the lead but if either gets loose early, she might not get caught. 6-WRITTEN CONSENT finished fourth in her last three races, including a couple lengths behind top choice in last but we know she's better than that. Could be a late threat.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:45 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

1 I'm Hungover - 7/2 **8** Ww Best of Times - 5/2 **4** Trinitythreeinone - 3/1

1-I'M HUNGOVER hasn't shown a thing in her two races but have to give her one more chance. She's dropping in class and returning to the turf. She had a couple strong works since her last race. Expecting better from her today. 8-WW BEST OF TIMES should get the early lead to herself. She tired late in all her races and this will be her longest race yet but she might prevail if she faces no early pressure. 4-TRINITYTHREEINONE could be very tough. She finished third in her last two turf races and was still making up ground late in those seven and a half furlong events. The stretch to one mile could be all that she needs.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 4:20 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

2 Racarino - 2/1 3 Strange Arrange - 7/2 4 Hurts So Bad - 10/1

This race is full of horses in good form but probably have to stick with 2-RACARINO. In five races this year he has managed to win two and finish second three times. Good speed will keep him close to the early leaders and a late burst of speed could get him past nearing the wire. 3-STRANGE ARRANGE has a win and a second since dropping to this level and he has been claimed from both those starts. So, he is starting for his third different barn in as many starts. We'll see if he keeps the hot hand. I haven't used the term "horse for the course" in a long time but that could apply to 4-HURTS SO BAD. His last couple races leave a lot to his last was in Indiana and his previous race was on the lawn. But it's been a different story on the local dirt. Six of his seven victories came on this track. He managed only one win his 20 races at different venues. Guessing he wakes up at a price now that he's back in the right spot.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:53 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

3 Wings of God - 9/5 4 A P Blazing Green - 3/1 2 Gunny Sack - 7/2

3-WINGS OF GOD doesn't have a big late move but with all the speed in this race, he might not need it. Expecting him to be stalking the early pace and start to run down those ahead of him once they turn for home. 4-A P BLAZING GREEN has had so many competitive races that it's hard to believe that he's had only the one victory. He's another who should be stalking. Maybe this will be the day that he passes them all. 2-GUNNY SACK just graduated while facing Illinois breds but like the way she finished. She also ran second in her other two grass starts. Guessing she'll come on late.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:28 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

2 C F V Bullet - 9/2 5 Little Steven - 6/1 4 General Issue (FR) - 4/1

Tough little race but have to go with 2-C F V BULLET. He won his first start of the meet and then ran into Calibrate in last and that runner might be the hottest horse on the grounds right now. He finished second in that spot. Worked well since that last race. Would expect him to be at the top of his game right now. 5-LITTLE STEVEN stopped badly in last when they shipped him to Fairmount but he had reeled off four in a row here prior to that downstate race. He isn't the only speed in this race but he doesn't back down from a challenge. Could put the rest of the front runners away and still finish with something left. The speedy 4-GENERAL ISSUE is at the top of his game. He wired two of the last four dirt fields he faced and almost succeeded in the other two, finishing second in each. Would be no big surprise if he wired this one.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:53 PM CST

Analysis by Ron Uchman

9 Midnight Special - 7/2 10 Grand Hideaway - 15/1 4 Joe the Tailor - 6/1

Don't really know who will grab the early lead in this speed-filled race but expect 9-MIDNIGHT SPECIAL to be the first one to run past them late. He ran well in all his local turf starts, winning twice and finishing third in the other two. Gets Lasix back after racing without it in a stakes last time out. That can only help. 10-GRAND HIDEAWAY should like the probable contested pace as much as top choice and he could take advantage of it at a much higher price. He finished second in his last pair of races. Could be a major player once again. 4-JOE THE TAILOR tired fighting for the lead in last, in a race containing many of these runners, but he stalked the pace in his prior start and came away with the victory. If they choose that tactic for him today, he could come away with the upset victory.

DEL MAR
(4:30)



Analysis & Selections By Brad Free

BEST BET: Mayacama (7th race)

First Race **4.** Tariff **2.** Earned Not Given **5.** Press Your Luck

TARIFF and EARNED NOT GIVEN finished a nose apart in a similar turf mile for claiming 3yos last out. The win by TARIFF was his third photo-finish victory from his last four starts; he has more tactical speed than his main rival and will get first run. EARNED NOT GIVEN will rally late. He made the lead too soon last time; he hit the front nearing the eighth pole then got collared late by TARIFF. The top pair are evenly matched; the deciding factor is pace.

Second Race **5** Citizen Bull **3** Gaming **1** Privman

CITIZEN BULL, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, was freshened after tailing off this spring. Bob Baffert has trained speed back into 'BULL. From the outside post he has the option of setting the pace or pressing in the clear. His main rival is GAMING, winner of the G1 Del Mar Futurity last summer and runner-up in the BC Juvenile last fall, returns from a similar layoff of nearly three months. He wired a four-horse stakes last out at Santa Anita, he obviously likes the DMR surface, and has speed to be forwardly placed.

Third Race **5** Stanford Dropout **4** What a Gift **9** Cielitos Wish

The runner-up finish by STANFORD DROPOUT in his second start stamps the 2yo the proper choice in this Cal-bred maiden-50. He finished more than three lengths clear of third, worked three times since, adds blinkers and meets a modest field.

Fourth Race **10** Last Call Zondlo **4** Resemblance **5** The Big Cheeseola

LAST CALL ZONDLO, quick enough to set the pace last out in a \$150k Cal-bred stakes, nosedives to \$10k claiming N2L. It is a dramatic drop, but he clearly is the one to catch.

Fifth Race **11** Frog **10** Moonlit Courage **12** Unbinding

Two turns was too far for FROG last out, she pressed the pace and surrendered in deep stretch. That was her first start in more than two months, the maiden-50 filly now cuts back to her preferred one-turn trip,

Sixth Race **3** Out of the Woods **7** Falcon Jet **5** Kristofferson

First-time starter OUT OF THE WOODS, a 2yo colt by Constitution trained by Phil D'Amato, has shown above-average ability in morning works including a solid team work Aug. 24 from the gate (viewed online). Not sure how much speed 'WOODS has, but at least they are racing a full six furlongs. 'WOODS can rally for the win, first time out.

Seventh Race **3.** Mayacama ** Best Bet ** **1.** Giggle Giggle **8.** Ima Joker

The fifth-place comeback by MAYACAMA was better than it appears, and sets her up to score a minor upset in this N3L starter turf mile. MAYACAMA has more speed than she was allowed to show last time. She was purposely rated at the back of the field, the pace was slow, but she still finished well. It was a good comeback prep. If she is allowed to use her speed second start back, she could get a pressing trip in a race without much speed. GIGGLE GIGGLE was up late to win a five-runner N2L starter that was the best effort of her career. 'GIGGLE has learned to be a racehorse this season. After finishing off the board her first five starts, she has since won twice and placed once from three starts. Up the ladder one more rung? IMA JOKER drops from N1X to N3L starter; she finished second at this level three starts back. TIARAQUEEN uncorked a premature move on the backstretch, got caught wide, and missed by only three and one-quarter lengths last out in a decent comeback.

Eighth Race **5** Ride Elbow Ranch **11** She's a One of One **12** Calm Down Kimmie

A handful of changes could produce a maiden win by RIDE ELBOW RANCH. She drops to maiden-claiming for the first time, shortens from a route to a sprint, and goes dirt to turf. Her debut in a dirt sprint this spring was not bad; she subsequently lost her punch in three turf routes. Back to dirt, back to a sprint, tepid choice to win from off the pace.

Ninth Race **4.** Iron Man Cal **5.** The Padre **3.** Geometry

IRON MAN CAL and THE PADRE, stablemates trained by Phil D'Amato, top a six-runner field in the G2 Del Mar Derby. The call is unlucky IRON MAN CAL, whose runner-up finish in the Oceanside Stakes was actually super. Favored at odds-on, he bobbled and was away slowly, raced near the back, uncorked a big inside rally, ran his final quarter in a fast :22.94, and missed by only a half-length. He was best. 'CAL skipped the La Jolla to target this stakes. Runner-up last year in the BC Juvenile Turf at DMR and G3 Zuma Beach at SA, IRON MAN CAL can win with a clean trip. Lightly raced THE PADRE won the La Jolla in just the third start of his career and second in the U.S. He ran his final five-sixteenths in a quick :28.09 and should handle the additional half-furlong of this mile and one-eighth race.

Tenth Race **7.** Good With People **5.** Captain Sparrow **3.** Shea Brennan

A promising third-place comeback by GOOD WITH PEOPLE in a similar N1X sprint was flattered when winner Awesome Rhythm wheeled back to win a N2X. 'PEOPLE was racing for the first time in a year, he ran well, worked twice since, and figures for a front-running/pressing trip in a sprint that could unfold at a modest clip. 'PEOPLE is trained by Mark Glatt, who also entered last-out claiming winner

Eleventh Race **6** Kikuride **3.** Princesa Del Tigre **1.** Theresasilverlinin

Runner-up last out in a similar Cal-bred allowance turf route, lightly raced and improving KIKURIDE is the one to beat. She did not have the cleanest of trips last out, but ran well to miss by only a half-length making her first start in more than two months. A continuation of her upward pattern should land her in the winner's circle. PRINCESA DEL TIGRE can be closer to the pace than last out when she was unable to establish a forward position and finished ninth in the same race as the top choice. If 'TIGRE uses her natural speed this time, she could get a great trip right behind the likely pacesetter breaking from the inside post. That is THERESASILVERLININ, a front-runner who has never raced on turf. But progeny of Stanford are fine on turf, and the dam of 'SILVERLININ won 10 races on turf. The speed of the field, 'SILVERLININ has theft on her mind. Wire to wire at a price?



Race Selections



(5:00)

Sunday August 31, 2025

	Bobby Neuman Track Announcer	Trackside Tina The Unbridled Spirit	TV Drew "Iowa Energy???"	Tipster The Wizard Of Calle Ocho
1	3 Shining Path 2 Oh Relentless Go 7 Swivels	3 Shining Path 5 Dash Cowboy Dash 7 Swivels	2 Oh Relentless Go 3 Shining Path 5 Dash Cowboy Dash	3 Shining Path 6 Kamikaze Cartel 2 Oh Relentless Go
2	5 Dickey Bob 6 Mr Dash Fire 2 Rosalba Rdrgz	5 Dickey Bob 6 Mr Dash Fire 1 Relentlessly Fast	5 Dickey Bob 3 Cowboy 123 4 Apollitical Hot	5 Dickey Bob 3 Cowboy 123 1 Relentlessly Fast
3	7 Cash Back Hero 6 P Fifty One 2 We Call Him Joneson	5 Katch This Eagle 8 Cartel Can Fly 7 Cash Back Hero	8 Cartel Can Fly 1 Just Tell Jess 5 Katch This Eagle	7 Cash Back Hero 6 P Fifty One 3 Into The Lite
4	3 Kobe's Cause 4 Cinco De Mo 1 Succession	3 Kobe's Cause 1 Succession 4 Cinco De Mo	2 Seventeen Black 1 Succession 3 Kobe's Cause	2 Seventeen Black 4 Cinco De Mo 1 Succession
5	5 Whiting Field 2 Eye Of The Panthor 1 Big Commerce	1 Big Commerce 5 Whiting Field 6 E Z Fitz	5 Whiting Field 1 Big Commerce 6 E Z Fitz	5 Whiting Field 1 Big Commerce 3 I Got A Guy
6	2 On A Dare 1 Freedom To Speed 6 C R Insta Gator	4 Macho Forty Five 6 C R Insta Gator 1 Freedom To Speed	2 On A Dare 6 C R Insta Gator 4 Macho Forty Five	1 Freedom To Speed 4 Macho Forty Five 2 On A Dare
7	8 Vern 4 Mistletolee 1 Song Of Songs	1 Song Of Songs 8 Vern 6 Ten Of Hearts	2 Summer With Sonya 1 Song Of Songs 5 Mspumpkinsperegrine	2 Summer With Sonya 8 Vern 6 Ten Of Hearts
8	7 Kasa 6 Sorcerer's Girl 4 Sing Lucy Sing	7 Kasa 3 Sabria 4 Sing Lucy Sing	3 Sabria 2 Luckyhotstuff 7 Kasa	6 Sorcerer's 7 Kasa 4 Sing Lucy Sing
9	3 Mo Lute 6 Gatlinburg 1 Specialsortastorm	7 Brahms Image 6 Gatlinburg 1 Specialsortastorm	7 Brahms Image 3 Mo Lute 2 Spenard	3 Mo Lute 1 Specialsortastorm 6 Gatlinburg
10	1 Sister Swede 7 Tennessee Grace 6 Gisele's Map	6 Gisele's Map 4 Shannon K 5 Mind Your Mo	7 Tennessee Grace 6 Gisele's Map 8 Morningnoonandnite	5 Mind Your Mo 1 Sister Swede 6 Gisele's Map

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