

# BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT ( 1:10)



By Kevin Cox

Race 1 # 7 NOHUCHI has been kept in jail since the August 27th purchase, and is promptly dropped in class by 60% after his third consecutive fourth place finish. Even with a win and another claim, the connections send to lose approximately \$15,000. Take a loooooong look pre race. #2 NANTZ hung up an adjusted 62.6 the only time he went from 2X to 1X, and he also hung up a couple of nice figures in his last pair on a fast surface. #8 LAST MAN STANDING ( uncoupled barnmate with our top choice ) is another one plummeting off the purchase, but must be left in the mix because of his Beyer figs .

Race 2 #2 BRZINA went to coast to coast like butter and toast when last in action back in mid May and we like to see that she's protected against another purchase today, as she has been snagged in her last three outings. She's done well off of layoffs, and the 6 for 7 record at today's tricky distance positively leaps off the page. #1 WHISTLER'S STYLE slides in seven slots and drops a pound for today's first start off the 9/14 purchase, and has completed the exacta in all four starts at this trip. Plodding plodder will need some pace in front of her, as well as some space late in the game. #8 PROBLEMATICA has tons of early dash, and owns the sort of declining mark that we've grown to love over the years.

Race 3 # 5 FULLY SUBSCRIBED returned off an elongated absence to pick up 12% of the pot up at Saratoga on Closing Day, and now has the miracle drug added for the first time. Logical contendress. #3 SCARLETT'S HALO ( uncoupled barnmate with the above ) was a visually impressive winner in his sole dirt deal, and factor that along with coming into today off of career best turf effort, and you'd have to think he's live. #4 COQUITO has done nice work at the trip and over the strip, and popular item at the claim box has had to leave a forwarding address in her last three starts when up for grabs.

Race 4 #5 GRUMBLYRUMHOGAN gets his working papers today, and does such with a few quick moves on the worktab, including a sixth best from a whopping 211 runners on the 6th of this month, and accomplished such from the gate. January foal has a maturity edge over the entire field, and needn't be much despite the unproven turf pedigree. #7 OGILVY has some solid bloodlines for this sort of deal, and should be left in the mix.  
5-7-1

Race 5 #2 COMPETITIVE THREAT has ascended the Beyer scale over each of his eight afternoon treks to the front side, so right off the bat, who knows where his ceiling is in that regards. The bad news though, is this one's penchant for burning some cash, and while we will be using, it is with a touch of trepidation. #1 ARTISTIC SUCCESS is another one whom you can draw an upwards arrow alongside the BSF's, and this miss has displayed appreciably better speed since beginning her routing game. #3 SASSY PRINCESS could come along for a share.

Race 6 #3 BRAVARO gets his working papers this afternoon, and does such with a decent 374 Tomlinson figure, as well as a best of 49 gate bullet up at Saratoga. Of the three upstairs members of the family tree we were able to unearth, one scored first time out, one got the job done in the follow-up, and one was victorious in his third outing. Note that the jockey/trainer combination are four of six in tandem with two year olds, and the winners came back a juicy \$12 x 2, \$7, and \$91. #1 COMBAT MISSION outran his parimutual offering quite nicely when showing at 21-1 in the debut, and at the very least, he now has experience when breaking from the inside. #10 THE TOY CANNON ( named after baseball player Jimmy Wynn ) has been working well for today's lidlifter, and owns some decent breeding.

Race 7 #2 CONNECT THE STARS has ascended the Beyer scale since starting things out back in June, and after the three straight placings on this turf, is promptly switched over to the main, which suits us just fine, as she is precipitously better bred for the stuff. Slight edge in a wide open event. #3 ALL ABOUT YOU has outran her odds quite nicely with the two in the money finishes to start out her career, and switches over to Castellano today, who is two for three when riding for McPeck at 10-1 or under ( \$20 and \$10 ). #4 CONCURRENTLY was a bit tardy to the party first time out, but has fired off a bullet since, and cuts back while switching over to the brown stuff.

Race 8 #2 MAGIC PATHWAY comes in off back to back career best figaros, and although she is facing the stiffest test of her career, we like that she displayed improvement when running without the miracle drug for the first time. Timid choice in a race with no first draft tosses. #4 GRIFFIN'S WHARF showed a nice "Z" pattern when going on the gramma for the first time, losing more than two lengths from the quarter to the half before gaining more than half a dozen from that point to the finish line. That race has yielded three next out winners from seven returnees, with an average speed figure improvement of 4.7 points per. Watch out. #3 X Y PRIME showed a decent adjusted number when trying the blades for the first time back in July, and is as good as any for the show dough.

Race 9 #3 DOMINICAN PIRATE has gotten a positive trainer switch since last seen back in July, and although at first glance the overall ledger doesn't look too inspiring, we like to dig deep to try to find something positive in maiden races, as they are maidens for a reason. That being said, the trip debut last October yielded and adj. 69.9 speed #, and it came against tougher, while without use of the wonder drug. Bombs away! #4 DEEMER has gotten better and better over time, and slides in seven post positions for today's third start of the bench. Logical, once again. #2 LET'S FIGHT bested more than half the field when going over the verde for the first time at the end of August, and picks up Flavah Flav of that troubles sojourn.



## Cumberland Fair (Maine Harness) 12:00



By Lucky Lou

1. 6-2-1

2. 5-3-1

3. 3-2

8. 2-4-7

4. 2-1-6

9. 5-4-1

5. 4-5-6

10 2-1-7

6. 3-5-6

11. 3-5-2

7. 6-1-4

12. 6-4-3-2

**Best Bets**

**9-5 LORD OF MISRULE A**

**10-2 MIKI DE VIE**

Pick 4 Play : Race 9 : 5 / 1,2 / 3,5 / 3,4,6

# Harrah's

## PHILADELPHIA

CASINO AND RACETRACK

POST 12:40

### PHILLY'S FINEST

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

### PHILLY'S FINEST

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

#### TOP-CLASS PACERS THROUGHOUT PHILLY CARD -- THEN WE'LL TAKE A SHORT BREAK

Up-and-coming pacers (races eight and twelve), the fast class set (races seven and ten), and the top claiming pacers on the grounds (a handicap event in race two) -- Harrah's Philly has a card of outstanding quality for you today, one that may be very challenging to figure out for profit. ... After today's racing, Harrah's Philly takes a short break so that the racing surface can be rejuvenated, in anticipation of harsher weather in the fall and early winter. Good luck today!

**LIVE RACING RETURNS TO HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 -- SIMULCASTING WILL REMAIN OPEN!**

#### ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

**6th race:** To us, the major dangers in here are HEISMAN PLAYER and SIX FEET APART, and we will give a small edge to the latter because of his inside positioning on the starting gate. The PLAYER looks to be bouncing back to form, and if "SIX" tries to go wire-to-wire, as he did in this class on August 3, the PLAYER may get the good trip behind him.

**11th race:** WATER SPORTS TEEN has shown tremendous early speed at times -- such as in his last race, when he went unreal fractions then battled on to miss less than a length. And AGAINST BETTER! We're not sure anybody else here has the power of WATER SPORTS TEEN if he brings his "A" game today.

**12th race:** FALKIRK has done well racing in Pennsylvania, including a win at this level at Pocono. We suspect that the long stretch at Lexington's Red Mile was not in harmony with his strengths -- we think he may do better away from the mile oval. His return may mark a visit to the winners circle to Team Pelling.

**15th race:** ALWAYS HAS BEEN is another shipper who may find the Keystone State more friendly to him than the Bluegrass State. He's been racing well in their Goldenrod Series (the third level in Kentucky), showing enough speed to get good trips. Though still a maiden, we think he has a good chance in the finale.

#### WATCH OUT FOR:

Real devotees of developing trends on a given card will want to pay very close attention to the first three races at Harrah's Philly today. All three are claiming races, and all feature competitive horses, many of whom have lots of early speed, and most of these horses are scheduled to be piloted by drivers who favor an aggressive style away from the gate. It looks like some of the battles for the front end early on the card will be fierce, and if closers are not to have the "bias" totally against them, we think come-from-behind horses may do a little bit better than normal at these races. Watch and see if this trend is notable!





## **CHURCHILL DOWNS - POST 12:45**

### FIRST RACE

- 4 Remi's Moon - Just missed going 7f last time , btn choice last 2 can score here
- 5 Lured Away
- 3 Summonyourcourage

### SECOND RACE

- 7 Bushido - Drops nearly in half for David Jacobson
- 6 American Xperiment
- 2 Pair of Socks
- 3 Gilded Ruler

### THIRD RACE

- 5 Gilmore - Has scored in 3 of last 4 including a one mile win here on 5/18
- 4 Welaka
- 1 Unlimitedpotential
- 6 Brazenly

### FOURTH RACE

- 4 Easy Wind
- 1 Judicial Review
- 7 Storm's Wake
- 2 Honey Dutch

#### FIFTH RACE

- 3 Tres Soles
- 8 Candy Nun
- 1 Sant' Antimo
- 6 Icarus Arrieta F

#### SIXTH RACE

- 10 Mister Banderas
- 9 Hephepcutdownnets
- 8 Campaign Trail
- 1 You Belong Here

#### SEVENTH RACE

- 6 Practically Famous
- 5 Don'tmindifido
- 12 Bet the Gray Gaffalione T
- 3 Diva Calling Cedillo A

#### EIGHTH RACE

- 4 Not This Boy - Big edge on Beyer numbers with 103 and 100 in last 2
- 3 Catching Freedom
- 5 Moonlight

#### NINTH RACE

- 4 Day and Age -Makes first start for Mark Casse off a wide trip at Ky Downs
- 3 Mesero
- 6 Foligno
- 2 Show of Force

#### TENTH RACE

- 7 Vaporetti -Steady works for Brad Cox in second lifetime try
- 1 Incredibolt
- 3 Time to Strike 7-1-3-2-9

# GULFSTREAM PARK (12:55)

**Sunday, September 28** By Samantha Perry

(Check X @samanthagperry for updates)



**Race 1:**

4 – I'm Sam  
9 – Golden Ambition  
7 – Ristre

**Race 2:**

10 – Smooth Claret  
7 – Gulfstream Mary D  
1 – Seeking a Prayer

**Race 3:**

5 – Money Battle  
4 – Maranta  
3 – Tiz for Matt

**Race 4:**

1 – My Lady James  
2 – Dove in Charge  
5 – Chloe's Toy

**Race 5:**

7 – Piquant  
4 – Win With Faith  
3 – Classic of Course

**Race 6:**

4 – Garrincha  
7 – Sixteen Cigarettes  
8 – Imapeppa

**Race 7:**

8 – Knoty Knicks  
1 – Blackmail  
10 – Rawayana

**Race 8:**

4 – Lucky Old Son  
5 – Mr. Peeks  
2 – Blast Radius

**Race 9:**

5 – Super Freaky Girl  
8 – Royally Blue  
1 – Vindicate Cha Cha

**Race 10:**

5 – San Quintin  
4 – Adios Mate  
9 – G Speedy

**Best Bet R6 4 Garrincha**

-Fast or muddy conditions make no difference for this guy coming off of a 2 race win streak

**Longshot R3 5 Money Battle**

-Ran a nice 2nd off of a lengthy layoff and the extra 1/2 furlong should be a perfect fit

 GULFSTREAM  
PARK



# WOODBINE (1:05)

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson  
Sunday, September 28th 2025

## Race 1

### #2 Balboni's Crew

### #1 Holy Mirage

### #3 Fire and Wine

### #5 Sanhedrin

#2 BALBONI'S CREW ran okay in his first two starts but has disappointed in his two most recent. Son of Society's Chairman could wake up with the move to grass; second time with blinkers. #1 HOLY MIRAGE is by 15% juvenile debut sire Mitole, out of a mare who has not had a winner in two foals to race. Tagged filly takes on the boys; she worked evenly with a stablemate from the gate on August 23. #3 FIRE AND WINE was a non-threatening third when dropping in for this tag three weeks ago. He put up a decent Beyer for this field when trying turf against tougher two back. #5 SANHEDRIN is by 6% juvenile debut sire Improbable, out of multiple Stakes-winning mare Baffle Me who thrived on turf. He was second-fastest in a set of three from the gate on September 14.

## Race 2

### #2 American Decision

### #9 Countryboysurvive

### #6 Ethnic Soul

### #7 Good King Sam

#2 AMERICAN DECISION returned from a two-month break on September 12, rallying well to be fourth in an inner turf route. He should have a decent pace to close into here on the cutback. #9 COUNTRYBOYSURVIVE showed speed and kicked clear to a comfortable maiden score for this price on September 5. He may be outsprinted by Isaac Leo but is capable of racing well without the lead. #6 ETHNIC SOUL missed his first check since being taken over by these connections when last racing on September 5. The inner turf was wet that day; hard to hold one flat effort against an otherwise very consistent tryer. #7 GOOD KING SAM drops in for \$25,000 after coming up empty in an inner turf route on August 24. We'll see if he can rebound on the cutback and class drop.

## Race 3

### #3 Ella It Is

### #5 Go Giffen

### #6 Magical Trick

### #2 Bedazzle Me

#3 ELLA IT IS had a rough early run and never fired when last racing in the Woodbine Oaks on July 20. In her only turf try she was second in the Victorian Queen; should be able to rebound after some time to freshen up. #5 GO GIFFEN was a strong rallying second when last racing at this level on July 26. She has never missed a check in five tries on turf; we'll see how fired after the freshening. #6 MAGICAL TRICK rises up in class after three consecutive runner-up finishes at the \$25,000 level. She looks competitive in this short field despite the rise in class. #2 BEDAZZLE ME exits a good closing fourth-

place effort in a six furlong sprint on August 15. She had two very good efforts in routes over this course back in June.

## Race 4

### #7 Dri Saddle

### #6 Digital Security

### #2 Quadzilla

### #8 Rainbows Hero

#7 DRI SADDLE has shown little in three starts to date and now takes a big drop in class after a try in the Simcoe. His Beyers are not out of line. #6 DIGITAL SECURITY pressed the pace while racing wide and kept on to be a decent fourth, beaten 1 ¾ lengths when dropping in for this tag on September 7, a neck behind Quadziella. He could turn the tables on that foe here. #2 QUADZILLA set the pace en route to a third-place effort when dropping in for this tag on September 7. He is an obvious pace threat in this spot. #8 RAINBOWS HERO is by 11% juvenile debut sire Point of Entry, out of a dam who has produced talented sprinter There's No Joe. He was outworked by a stablemate from the gate on August 31; debuts at an easy level.

## Race 5

### #3 Red Weaver

### #9 Highly Potent

### #1 Gone Hunting

### #7 Signature Sir

#3 RED WEAVER came up empty after an early duel when last racing on August 10. He has shown potential in several of his starts to date and could be the main speed stretching out to seven furlongs. #9 HIGHLY POTENT dropped in for this tag three weeks ago and finished second-best on the inner turf. When sprinting over this course two-back he pressed the pace and came up empty; that is not his preferred running style and should run better from off of the pace. #1 GONE HUNTING was nosed out for place by Highly Potent when dropping in for this price on September 7. He gets on the Tapeta for the first time. #7 SIGNATURE SIR has not been worse than fourth in six starts to date, dueling on the lead and keeping on well to be second on September 5; should have another good effort here.

## Race 6

### #3 Never Surprised - Best Bet

### #7 War Strategy

### #2 Awesome Bourbon

### #6 Rapid Test

#3 NEVER SURPRISED could not overcome a wide trip over 10 furlongs in the Niagara on August 2. He loves the inner turf and has already won at this level this season. #7 WAR STRATEGY dueled on the lead and came up empty in the King Edward on August 16. He is otherwise a very consistent runner; we'll see how he handles the speed of Awesome Bourbon. #2 AWESOME BOURBON made a bid for the lead on the backside and drew off at will to a dominant win at the N2X/\$50,000 level 15 days ago. Speedy colt looks for his third consecutive win here and has to be considered based on confidence. #6

Pick 3 PLAY:  
2.6.7/3.9/3



RAPID TEST makes a delayed return to the races here. Stakes-winning gelding had a nice N2X/\$50,000 win over this course last year and could be worth consideration off of the bench in this wide open affair.

#### Race 7

##### #8 Fleet of Foot

##### #7 Apeldoorn

##### #2 Speights Will

##### #6 Instant Response

#8 FLEET OF FOOT is by 10% juvenile debut sire Cupid, out of a mare who has produced juvenile debut winner Flirting With Fire and juvenile debut runner-up Noballstwostrikes. He worked evenly with a stablemate from the gate on September 6. #7 APELDOORN was second-best behind the dominant Marcus J in his debut, then ran third behind the very impressive Military Time on August 31. This looks like it may be the easiest field he's hooked so far. #2 SPEIGHTS WILL swung wide and came up empty when trying a mile on the inner turf two weeks ago. The Simcoe runner-up should be very competitive getting back to the main track. #6 INSTANT RESPONSE has been no worse than third in three starts to date, most recently finishing third in a five furlong inner turf dash. He should be on the lead stretching out to seven furlongs.

#### Race 8

##### #10 Summer Commander

##### #9 Friendly Ghost

##### #7 Last American Exit

##### #4 Indian Peak

#10 SUMMER COMMANDER rallied to hit the front in midstretch but was outfinished by Friendly Ghost in the Elgin on August 24. Extremely consistent gelding definitely has a win at this level in him. #9 FRIENDLY GHOST had an impressive turn of foot when rallying into hot fractions to win the Elgin when making his first start of the year. Obviously good enough to win at this level, the biggest concern is that he may bounce off of such a big first run off of the bench. #7 LAST AMERICAN EXIT was denied by the class-plunging Crumlin Lad while attracting a \$25,000 claim on September 7. Veteran campaigner ran a great fourth in the Pink Lloyd two-back and is definitely worth a look for the new connections. #4 INDIAN PEAK dueled down the stretch and finished third, a neck behind Last American Exit for \$25,000 last time; can definitely be a factor again.

#### Race 9

##### #3 Borealis Trail

##### #9 Tom's Magic

##### #7 Faber

##### #4 Ciunas

#3 BOREALIS TRAIL swung wide after sitting midpack and burst clear in the stretch to win his turf debut back on August 3. He is drawn well and looks like the type who will handle the 12 furlong distance. #9 TOM'S MAGIC had a wide journey and was second-best behind the pacesetting Mansetti in the King's Plate. A multiple Stakes-winner on turf south of the border, he is the clear

class of this field but needs to work out a trip from the outside draw. #7 FABER rallies against an inside-speed bias when finishing third in the Prince of Wales 19 days ago. He gets on turf for the first time since his maiden win last year; the blinkers come off. #4 CIUNAS stretched out to 1 1/16 miles over this course on August 24 and was able to win his OS/\$40,000 non-two with an impressive rally. His late pace is impressive; should have no problem with 12 furlongs.

#### Race 10

##### #3 Old Chestnut

##### #5 Giant Teddy

##### #8 Society's Thunder

##### #1 Runnin' Rocket

#3 OLD CHESTNUT chased Simcoe and flattened out late to be fifth, beaten 1 1/2 lengths for place in the Bold Venture on August 16. The Jacques Cartier winner has already raced for this tag this year and should be very live at this level. #5 GIANT TEDDY has put in two big runner-up efforts since being claimed for \$32,000 including a narrow loss in the Vice Regent. He gets back to the surface over which all eight of his lifetime wins have taken place. #8 SOCIETY'S CHAIRMAN gets back to the Tapeta for the first time since being disqualified from a win back on May 18. Hard-knocker has not run a bad race all year and should be in the hunt once again. #1 RUNNIN' ROCKET returns from being gelded after an empty effort in the Thorncliffe back in May. Stakes-placed on the Gulfstream Tapeta, he is an interesting wild-card in his return.

#### Race 11

##### #2 Awesome Rainbow

##### #8 Phillip Banks

##### #9 Roar of the Crowd

##### #4 Sunday's Well

##### #1 Daddy Has Diamonds

#2 AWESOME RAINBOW raced wide at the back on an inside-speed track when trying the dirt in the Lake Erie last time. His two-back effort at this level would make him a factor here. #8 PHILLIP BANKS went gate to wire in an easy maiden allowance score on the turf on August 10. If he handles the Tapeta the way he does the turf he will be the one to beat. #9 ROAR OF THE CROWD is a win-shy type who has been running plenty of good races, most recently a solid third at this level on September 1. This race should have an honest pace for him to run at. #4 SUNDAY'S WELL has not been able to duplicate the rapid speed he showed in his dominant maiden win back on July 20. He adds blinkers and gets back to the Tapeta after trying the Lake Erie. #1 DADDY HAS DIAMONDS rallied to be second in an N2L allowance three weeks ago and should be able to run on for a share here.

Pick 3 PLAY:  
3.9/3.5/2.8.9



# Handicapping Analysis Sun September 28th, 2025

HAWTHORNE (3:40)

## Jim's Picks

### Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**6** Rumbling - 5/2   **3** Mark My Memory - 8/5   **7** Tuff Heart - 5/1

### Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**3** Spinning Glory - 8/5   **6** Tizmeonemoretime - 5/1   **1** Racing the Light - 8/1

### Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:50 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**1** Oeuvre - 1/1   **5** Commissioner Gulch - 9/2   **4** Cloey Attack - 5/1

### Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 4:22 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**6** Skip the Line - 7/2   **5** Handsoffthegoods - 5/1   **1** Little Steven - 5/2

### Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:47 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**10** Emmanuel - 4/1   **2** Kennebec - 9/2   **5** Another Mystery - 8/1

### Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:18 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**5** Wellswort (IRE) - 8/1   **9** Wodeton (FR) - 4/1   **7** Freedom Lass - 10/1

### Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**3** Special Sauce - 3/1   **4** Cloudy Lass - 4/1   **8** Dream Eagle - 8/1

### Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 6:23 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**2** Blues Cross - 9/2   **4** Drama Speaker - 7/2   **1** Polska Sue - 2/1

### Hawthorne Race 9

Post Time 6:51 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

**6** Rambert - 4/1   **5** Frosted Eclair - 5/1   **8** Miss River Rat - 3/1





## Santa Anita

**BEST BET:** Ribbons (10th race)

## i. Mav Man

## Zagreus

## Crime Lord


Gradually improving ~MAV MAN^ is the horse to beat in this maiden turf mile, based mostly on his runner-up finish last out behind a next-out winner. MAV MAN missed by a half-length in his third start; one more forward move can land him an off-the-pace win. He is trained by Leonard Powell, who also entered front-runner/pace-presser ~ZAGREUS^. The latter ran okay in his comeback last month on dirt. He pressed a strong pace, hung tough to deep stretch, and tired to fifth. Not bad for his first start in more than two months, over unfamiliar footing. ZAGREUS returns to turf, and could win with a forwardly placed trip. ~CRIME LORD^ looms the upsetter, stretching out from a sprint in which he pressed the pace and finished fourth. He is quick enough to make the lead in this two-turn race. FIGHT BACK is an 11-start maiden who will roll from behind.

### 1. A Friend of Mine

## 2 Deep Blue

Just five entrants in this restricted maiden race. Comebacker ~A FRIEND OF MINE^ is the choice based on a pair of runner-up finishes in spring and sharp workouts for his first start in two months. However, 'MINE is not a sure thing. He is not quick, buried on the rail, and must win rallying from behind. On the plus side, his rivals are modest. ~GATHERED^ ran okay in his comeback, missing by less than four lengths in a maiden turf mile. He has never raced on dirt, but he worked fast on dirt at San Luis Rey Downs and might have more speed than the top choice. GATHERED also drew better in post 4. First-time starter ~DEEP BLUE^ is by Echo Town, whose older progeny (3yos and up) have won 4 of 12 first out.

### 3. Twilight Empire

 Ivory Moon

Three in a row for ~TWILIGHT EMPIRE^? She defeated three of her four rivals here last out at DMR. 'EMPIRE is 2-for-4 at Santa Anita, with enough route speed to keep the leaders in range. This \$8k claiming dirt mile could unfold at a tepid pace. ~ZEYARAAT^ is the only entrant exiting a different race than the others. ZEYARAAT slides to her lowest level; her third-place finish two starts back for \$16k claiming puts her in the hunt from off the pace. ~IVORY MOON^ is the speed of the field. Two turns is a long way for the distance-challenged sprinter, but she does figure to be loose. OLE SILVER might be ranked too low. Her summer races at DMR were not good, but she is 4-for-7 on SA dirt.

### 7. Yellow Sun Dress

### 6. Dare to Fly

A two-turn race was out of reach for ~YELLOW SUN DRESS^ last out; she missed by two lengths at this NIX level. She benefits by a cutback to six furlongs and return to SA turf. ^DRESS sprinted four times over the course: three wins and a second. Her versatile style allows her to press the pace or rally from behind. Stakes-placed ~THE WILD GRAZER^ needed her recent comeback; it was her first start in nearly a year and a half. She was no match for tougher rivals in that N3X/classified allowance, but drops to NIX while entered for the optional \$50k claim tag. Second start back, she should move up vs. easier company. ~DARE TO FLY^ has earned decent numbers on dirt, this is her first try on turf. She is by Daredevil, whose progeny have won an above-average 16 percent in turf sprints.

### Approval Rating

## 6. Sei Bella

~APPROVAL RATING^ was in tough and off the board both summer starts at DMR. She prefers the SA dirt track on which she scored a win and two seconds early this season. ~RATING drops to N2L \$25k claiming, and is the tepid choice in a race that looks wide open. ~LENA LINDGARD^ meets winners after an ordinary win in a \$12.5k maiden-claiming sprint at DMR. She improved 10 points over her debut, and if she makes a similar forward move third out, she fits with these. ~SEI BELLA^ drops from the same starter allowance as the top choice. The runaway maiden win by ^BELLA two starts back would be fast enough. MAXIMUM GOLD might be listed too low. She finished fourth last out, in front of both APPROVAL RATING and SEI BELLA. ^GOLD is a logical contender and must-use in multi-race wagers.



SANTA ANITA

Sixth Race

8. Eye of the Smiley

4. Booked Clubhouse

5. Dark Blue

Cal-bred maiden 2yos sprint six furlongs on turf, debut runner-up ~EYE OF THE SMILEY^ is the obvious choice. Bet to favoritism in his debut at DMR, he was no match for the gate-to-wire winner, but chased throughout and finished a length and a half clear of third. The trainer of 'SMILEY, Brian Koriner, won with 4 of his last 9 second-start maidens in turf sprints. ~BOOKED CLUBHOUSE^ produced a strong rally in his debut, runner-up by a length racing five furlongs on turf. He should appreciate the longer distance of this six-furlong sprint. First-time starter ~DARK BLUE^ is a sibling to King's Plate winner Mansetti and minor stakes winner Straight Up G. It is uncertain if 'BLUE is cranked for a top try first out, but progeny of Maxfield have done well first out: 9 for 35 (25 percent).

Seventh Race

3. Cavalieri

6. Richi

1. Sugar Fish

~CAVALIERI^ and ~RICHI^, Bob Baffert-trained stablemates, face three others in the G2 Zenyatta Stakes. CAVALIERI, undefeated after four starts, is making her first start since she won the G1 Beholder Mile in March. She has worked well for her return and figures to come back firing in this prep for the BC Distaff. RICHI lost to her stablemate in the Beholder, but the tables could turn owing to the current-condition advantage of RICHI. She crushed a G2 in April, and followed last month at DMR with a decent third in the highly rated G1 Clement L. Hirsch. RICHI is the "now" horse. CAVALIERI may be undefeated, but it is a close call between her and RICHI, who is using this route race to prep for the BC Filly and Mare Sprint. ~SUGAR FISH^ was only prepping when she ran around the track and finished fifth in her comeback. It was the first start since December for 'FISH, who won this stakes last year. She should improve second start back over a track on which she has won 4 of 7.

6. Lady Mendelssohn

2. Hello Kid O Kid O

3. Princesa Del Tigre

Cal-bred allowance fillies and mares run a mile on turf; last-out allowance dirt winner ~LADY MENDELSSOHN^ is the one to beat. She began her career winning twice on turf, so the switch in surfaces is fine. The filly has tactical speed to create her own trip setting or pressing the pace. ~HELLO KID O KID O^ had a tough trip as the favorite in a similar state-bred allowance last out. She got stopped nearing the eighth pole, and was unable to recover. She finished fifth by only three lengths. Despite the bad trip, she earned a career-high speed figure. ~PRINCESA DEL TIGRE^ is speed, third start back from a midseason respite. QUANTUM INNERGY has no speed whatsoever, but she will be rolling in the lane.

Ninth Race

2. Straight No Chaser

6. Wound Up

1. Dr. Venkman

~STRAIGHT NO CHASER^, BC Sprint winner in 2024, has worked well for his first start since a springtime misfire in Dubai. 'CHASER resumed his work pattern in July, has not missed a beat in morning drills, and runs well fresh. He won this G2 sprint a year ago off a similar layoff. ~WOUND UP^ looms the upsetter, returning to the SA track on which he won all four starts including 99 and 102-Beyer wins that are within range of the top choice. WOUND UP finished last in his comeback on turf, but the race was a toss. He drew post 12, did not break well, got caught wide, and fizzled. He has done well since, he has speed to press the pace, and he loves to win: 10 for 21. ~DR. VENKMAN^ parlayed a rail-skimming trip to victory last out in a seven-furlong G2. This six-furlong race might be too short, but he will be finishing. SPEED BOAT BEACH once was a top sprinter, but that was way back in 2023. He ran poorly both starts as the favorite since. Win or lose, 'BEACH can keep the pace honest.

Tenth Race

8. Ribbons

4. Take A Breath

13. Delightful Laura

~RIBBONS^ can end opening week of the autumn meet with a front-running/pace-pressing win in this NIX turf mile for 3yo fillies. Except for a speed horse on the also-eligible list, this field is short on pace. RIBBONS, second and third both recent starts at this condition, figures for a comfortable up-front trip. ~TAKE A BREATH^, closing fourth in the G1 Del Mar Oaks in her U.S. debut, drops to entry-level allowance and will rally late. ~DELIGHTFUL LAURA^ is the aforementioned also-eligible speedster. If she draws in, 'LAURA is expected to set the pace over the top choice. HEY JESSIE adds blinkers; her close fourth two starts back puts her in the hunt.

**LATE PICK 4 PLAY : RACE 7 :**

**3,5 / 6 / 2,6 / 4,8**





# REMINGTON PARK

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(Post 4:00)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

### Race 1      \$30,000 Claiming      1 Mile 70 Yards

# 1 – Life At Sea      Only second start of the year, ran well here last year at this level  
# 2 – Zed      Finished 2nd in last start at LS in June vs similar company  
# 6 – Magic Grant      Stretches out after 3rd in first start from layoff  
# 7 – Yo Soy Roy      Takes off blinkers and drops to claiming company

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

**\$.50 Early Pick 5: 1-2-6 / 6-3 / 1-6 / 7-6-9 / 9-3** Cost: \$36.00 Pick the winners of races 1-5.

### Race 2      Maiden      5-1/2 Furlongs

# 6 – Wakuda      Has been 2nd in both starts on the dirt at CD  
# 3 – Lady Beau      Good 2nd in debut here  
# 2 – Harvey' Finnish      Finished a distant 3rd in first career start  
# 7 – Merry Mary Lou      Solid workouts for her debut

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

**\$.50 Premier Pick 4: 6-3-2 / 1-6 / 7-6-9 / 9-3** Cost: \$18.00 Pick the winners of races 2-5.

### Race 3      \$75,000 Remington Green      1-1/8 Miles (turf)

# 1 – Sugoi      Likes the distance, likes the turf ... the one to beat  
# 6 – Gigante      Been facing tougher company  
# 2 – Spoiler      May not be his best distance but does like turf  
# 4 – Ocelot      Scored his fifth win over the Remington Park turf in last

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

**\$.50 Kickoff Pick 3: 1-6 / 7-6-9 / 9-3** Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 3, 4, 5.

### Race 4      \$50,000 E L Gaylord Memorial      6-1/2 Furlongs

# 7 – Look N Mighty Fine      Maiden win was at 5-furlongs at LS, fired bullet workout here 9-14  
# 6 – Lanaluah      Won the Texas Thoroughbred Association Futurity in second start  
# 9 – Woodstock      Tried turf at KD after debuting a winner in July at IND  
# 4 – Ritzaphena      Back to main track where she was stakes winner at PRM

**\$1 Exacta Box: 7-6-9** Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in any order.

**\$.50 Pick 3: 7-6-9 / 9-3 / 4-3** Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 4, 5, 6.

**\$.50 Pinnacle Pick 4: 7-6-9 / 9-3 / 4-3 / 3** Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 4-7.

### Race 5      \$75,000 Ricks Memorial      1-1/16 Miles (turf)

# 9 – Neom Beach      Caught tough bunch last trip after winning three in a row at LS  
# 3 – Sabalenka      Been competitive vs tougher, likes surface & distance  
# 7 – Tour Queen      Tries stakes company after winning in second start after layoff at CBY  
# 8 – Optimistic Cowgirl      A couple stakes wins this year in Texas bred company

**\$1 Exacta Box: 9-3-7** Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in any order.

**\$.50 Pick 3: 9-3 / 4-3 / 3** Cost: \$2.00 Pick the winners of races 5, 6, 7.

**Race 6                      \$100,000 David M. Vance                      6 Furlongs**  
# 4 – Ryvit                      Was 2nd in G3 Count Fleet in April at OP  
# 3 – Second I D                      Came back after long layoff to win at LS & 2nd Iowa Sprint  
# 5 – Surveillance                      Making first start off claim at SAR, 5 wins at 6-furlongs for \$568,000  
# 8 – Blue Light                      Stakes winner in May at LS

**\$1 Exacta Box: 4-3-5** Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in any order.  
**\$.50 Pick 3: 4-3 / 3 / 8-10** Cost: \$2.00 Pick the winners of races 6, 7, 8.  
**\$.50 Late Pick 5: 4-3 / 3 / 8-10 / 5-4 / 4-8-5** Cost: \$12.00 Pick the winners of races 6-10.

**Race 7                      \$150,000 Clever Trevor                      6-1/2 Furlongs**  
# 3 – Fuel                      Impressive debut winner for top connections  
# 5 – Canned Heat                      Has yet to run a bad race & continues to improve  
# 9 – Stretch                      Easiest of winners in debut at LS in June  
# 7 – Express Kid                      Finished 2nd in Prairie Meadows Freshman

**\$1 Exacta Box: 3-5-9** Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in any order.  
**\$.50 Pick 3: 3 / 8-10 / 5-4** Cost: \$2.00 Pick the winners of races 7, 8, 9.  
**\$.50 Primetime Pick 4: 3 / 8-10 / 5-4 / 4-8-5** Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 7-10.

**Race 8                      \$250,000 Great West Turf Sprint                      5 Furlongs (turf)**  
# 8 – Usually Wrong                      Won all four starts this year with the last two in stakes company at LS  
# 10 – Incanto                      Stakes winner at GP in March at this distance  
# 11 – High Front                      Winless in two years but 5 of 5 in the \$\$ at distance  
# 3 – Dark Afternoon                      Has won both RP turf starts this year including state bred stakes

**\$1 Exacta Box: 8-10-11** Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in any order.  
**\$.50 Last Chance Pick 3: 8-10 / 5-4 / 4-8-5** Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 8, 9, 10.

**Race 9                      \$200,000 Remington Park Oaks                      1-1/16 Miles**  
# 5 – So There She Was                      Finished 2nd in the G3 Torrey Pines at DMR in second state of year  
# 4 – Lemon Zest                      Allowance winner last trip at ELP  
# 1 – Seraphia                      Was 2nd to #4 last trip after losing stick in stretch  
# 7 – Ima Margarita Girl                      5 of 6 in the \$\$ this year, with a couple 2nds in stakes company

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

**Race 10                      \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby (Grade 3)                      1-1/8 Miles**  
# 4 – Bracket Buster                      Finished 2nd in G1 Travers last start to KY Derby & Belmont winner  
# 8 – Coal Battle                      Has win over the track in Springboard Mile last year  
# 5 – Publisher                      Stakes placed maiden has been facing some of the best  
# 2 – Iron Dome                      Has three wins in a row at SAR all in state-bred company

**\$1 Exacta Box: 4-8-5** Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in any order.

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