

BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT (1:10)



By Kevin Cox

Race 1 #1 ON A SUMMER DAY was an even fourth place finisher in this race 22 days in the rear, and although she has a propensity for being a bit of an in and out, today is just her second start at that level, and slides in seven slots while picking up a hot pilot. #2 FIRE AGATE had no excuse for the poor performance in the most recent, but did well just before that, and it's encouraging to see Joel get on. #11 JUST ONE MORE appears to be the clear speed of this deal, and is an obvious threat to go all the way. **Off Turf 7-15-16**

Race 2 #4 RIGHT TO WIN was denied the hat trick last time out, but it was not for a lack of effort, as this lightly raised gray guy came along nicely to complete the triple that day. Slight edge once again in a race with only one first draft elimination. #2 HEDGE THE RISK got up late in the game with an inside trip against conditional platers right here on the 13th of September, and is reunited with a pilot today that he's had decent success with. Could obviously do with a bit of pace to cut into. #7 LIFE AND LIGHT showed some good dash last time out, when spicing up the exacta to the tune of 26-1, and only the snobs will dismiss this one because of the connections. **Off Turf 14-13-5**

Race 3 #4 SERGEANT CAPPS has completed the exacta i three of his last four starts on the sandy stuff, while falling short by less than two lengths the other time. While we're spotting this one upstairs, it's with a good deal of trepidation because of the Nordic outfit, and we reserve the right to amend our selections once the odds come out. #2 METATRON returned off of 15 month hibernation to close out the triple at this level last out, and could obviously move forward off of that with said affair under his girthstrap. #5 KAVANAUGH is confidently hiked up the ladder after a solid placing in his first off the claim deal, and cuts back from two turns to one for the first time.

Race 4 #5 OUT ON BAIL is the clear class of this grouping, and lost by just a length in a Grade 1 event the only time he was in his second off the bench spot. Will likely take some pounding at the windows, but it's hard to look past the four exacta finishes from as many starts on firm ground. #8 NO EVIDENCE makes his third start off the bench this afternoon, and the only other time he did that, a well clear runnerup finish was the end result. Sensible, given the fact that he has never missed the board. #9 CAIRO CAPER rounds out the top three. **Off Turf 1-5-3**

Race 5 #5 UNION EXPRESS often leaves himself with too much to do, but he outruns his odds more often than not, and was only a length and change behind the leader turning for home in the most recent. Mild choice in a difficult race to decipher. #6 READY SET TWIRL spiced up the triple in a big way when showing at 35-1 the only time he went from 1X to 2X and could fare even better today with the blinker removal. #1 MISSION HILL went coast to coast like butter and toast in procuring the sheepskin up in Togatown at the end of August, and we see no reason to exclude off of that. **Off Turf 9-7-15**

Race 6 #1 CHOCOLATECHOCOLATE was extremely sweet for her backers when grinding out a win at odds on right here 3 weeks ago, and did such despite getting smacked around a bit at the onset. The lone returnee from that affair got the job done when next in action, improving in the BSF department by 9.3%, and has this miss has done nothing but improve over her last quintet, we see a repeat as being quite feasible. #6 SPEED OF SOUND was a well beaten but nicely clear runnerup finisher the only time she set her tootsies on the main, and the pedigree tells us that she could do even better second time around. #4 TAKE ME TO LONDYN hasn't been seen since National Hangover Day, but returns at a level yet seen, & has lasix administered for the first time.

Race 7 #5 DARK VECTOR returned off of more than a calendar and a half sabbatical to close out the tri at this level in two starts, and as his second best speed figaro came in a third of the bench engagement, we could see this one potentially sitting on a solid performance. #8 DIALBOLICO outperformed his expectations when finishing directly ahead of the above in their recent encounter, and while a bounce is it was possible off a lifetime best numbah, he's facing no world beaters here, so we'll chunk in. #6 WAJDA has been beset by back to back layoff lines, but lone win has come @ today's distance of ground, and although we'll be including, it would behhove you to take a gander during the warmups.

Race 8 #5 NIC'S STYLE hasn't been in action since early March, but is two for two off an absence, and as a matter of fact is but one placing away from having a perfect eight of eight record. Classy sort looking good if sound and fully cranked up. #6 STONEWALL STAR hasn't been seen since Hector was a pup, but has done admirably often L/O, and boy oh boy does that five for nine local ledger pop off the page. #1 THE BIG CALHOUN has gotten the job done in three of her last five outings, and has that same mark beneath the seagulls.

Race 9 #1 FLAT ON didn't show much in the turf try, but picked up the lion's share the only time he was entered for this price, and is supported by a solid DRF Formulator stat. Over the last 60 months, Rudy Rod is four of six when going green to brown and cutting back his stock off of absences of 30-90 days; the winners came back \$5 X 2 and \$8 X 2. #4 FUNNY UNCLE makes his third start off the bench, and has done okay off of that type of break in the past. #7 FIRST OF HIS NAME hasn't faced the starter since being eased up in Saratoga, and while he deserves a look see at his lowest level yet, fitness is obviously the question.

Harrah's

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CASINO AND RACETRACK

POST 12:40

PHILLY'S FINEST

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

DEVELOPING AND TOP CLAIMING PACERS IN SUNDAY FEATURES AT PHILLY

The feature races at Harrah's Philly as we conclude the abbreviated "return week" are the twelfth, \$12,000 conditioned pace for up-and-coming youngsters including a couple whose lines show Stallion Series victories, TREACHEROUS LOU and EASY BREEZE, and race two, with the hard-knocking top-priced claiming handicap pacers going for \$11,000. ... The Breeders Crown series of championship races will be simulcast to Philly and its platforms from Woodbine Mohawk Park on the next two Friday and Saturday evenings. Fans of the sport's stars, including many "Pennsylvanians" such as LOUPRINT, will want to watch and wager on the action!

PHILLY'S FINEST

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

ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

5th race: THE OPENER has often lived up to his name by starting races quickly, a tactic which may benefit him from the rail. Last week he sat behind wild numbers in the AHDC race, and far from being bottomed out, he almost caught the winner. Another good journey may be in line for him today.

6th race: I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN, who closed well last time, and DOUBLE UP N, who raced well at Tioga and showed the speed to surmount an outer draw, are the major dangers, but we like STRETCH THE LINE. Although close without winning lately, he has a good 2025 win %, and last time he paced his third quarter in 26.4. Needs early luck.

9th race: BET A BUNDLE was a game winner when last at this class level, and against better he went good miles against the tougher opposition -- two moves into a 1:22 three quarters last time, for example. We look for him to be a forward factor in this mile -- and the most forward at the race's end.

13th race: In his last two races, OLIVE AND A TWIST had no chance into a 1:49.1 mile, then went a 26.4 third quarter to challenge before backing off some. He shows early speed, which many others here don't, and post eight might actually help you get a few pennies more back. A quick start seems to be key.

WATCH OUT FOR:

Since PHILLY'S FINEST is due at the printer's before Friday's races, we would urge you to take a look at the charts (and a program) of that day, or watch the replays, to help you solve a big question in handicapping this weekend: How are the many horses who have missed a good deal of time because of the track surface's refurbishment racing upon their return? Sharp? In need of a race? Look at Friday's results to see if you can detect any "trends" developing. Handicapping and betting are usually enough of a challenge -- to add in "missed time" for many horses makes the puzzle more challenging. Hope you solve it well!



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

by Ron Nicoletti

Sunday, October 12, 2025

RACE 1:

7 STARSHIP DISCOVERY is going back to the turf after returning from the extended layoff to finish a useful stalk the pace fourth vs this level of competition going around two turns on the Tapeta. The daughter of Mucho Macho Man figures no matter what Mother Nature has in store for us. **5 SOUND IT OUT** is back locally after shipping up to Colonial Downs and finishing fourth vs similar quality going a mile on the grass. Trainer Mike Yates has apprentice Luis Fuenmayor overseeing the homecoming.

2 SOUFFLE ON FIRE figures on the kitchen sink angle and when she drops, debuts on the turf and stretches out around two turns. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr has positive stats with all the karma changes.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-2

RACE 2:

7 LADY LULLABY is turning back to three quarters of a mile and adding blinkers after responding to the drop in competition with a second-place finish vs this level going 6 ½ furlongs. Saffie, 19% with first-time blinkers, has Micha Husbands named to ride.

10 QUESTNBLED'CISIONS is dropping to the \$25,000 level with blinkers added after finishing a distant fourth vs maiden special weight runners going 7 and 5 ½ furlongs, respectively. Trainer Gerald Bennett is 4 for 5 (80%) with similar class drops.

6 TURKISH FLAME moves to the Dan Hurtak barn via the claim after finishing a willing fourth vs \$17,500 maidens last out. Do not let the perceived hike in competition dampen your enthusiasm.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-6

RACE 3:

2 J SQUARED, listed as a gelding, plunges to the \$8,000 level on the Tapeta after following an open length score on the all-weather surface last August with a stalk and fade outing vs \$35,000 starter optional claimers going a mile on the grass. Jose D'Angelo has Edgard Zayas managing this fire sale.

1 ALINAO FOREVER drops a level after coming off the bench to finish a slow starting sixth vs \$12,500 two-lifetime foes. Victor Barboza Jr is 22% with the second race after a 45-180-day layoff.

7 WILL OF A WARRIOR is a late-striding type who can grab a share with his best effort.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-7

RACE 4:

7 TECHNO MUSIC drops and stretches out around two turns on Tapeta looking to make amends for the fourth-place finish – as the even-money favorite – going 6 ½ furlongs on a good main track. Victor Barboza Jr, 22% with two sprints to a route, has Emisael Jaramillo quarterbacking the surface change.

6 TACITAP, another from Victor Barboza Jr, listed as a gelding, drops and gets blinkers after setting the pace and fading vs \$35,000 maidens going a mile and seventy yards on Tapeta. Cipriano Gil rides this half of the uncoupled entry. **10 CADENCED** is another dropping to the \$17,500 level after finishing a sightseeing fourth at the \$25,000 level. Mark Casse has Jonathan Ocasio named to ride.

SELECTIONS: 7-6-10

RACE 5:

5 SAPPHIRE GIRL is stretching out to seven furlongs in the first start since finishing a stalk and fade fifth in her 6 ½-furlong debut on August 10. Saffie Joseph Jr is 23% with maidens making their second start.

2 QUEEN MCKINZIE is stretching out to seven furlongs again hoping the added real estate will help get her out of second gear when going shorter distances. Trainer Javier Negrete has Miguel Vazquez in the saddle again. **6 TAPIT'S MISCHIEF** is a \$675,000 daughter of Into Mischief debuting for Whisper Hill Farm and trainer Kent Sweezey with Lasix and trio of solid half-mile workouts showing. Jose Morelos ride.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6

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RACE 6:

11 VENEZUELAN HOPE is wheeling back after getting beat a nose at the wire when facing \$12,500 conditioned claimers at the distance. The drop to the \$8,000 level looks like a winning move.

6 OCALA ROCKET is hoping to find more firepower for the stretch drive after making a middle move and fading to finish fifth behind the top choice last out. Trainer Ron Coy, winning at a 35% clip, has apprentice Yolber Torres in the saddle.

3 VINO SANTO, now in the Eduardo Luces barn, the son of Buccherio steps up after cruising through his maiden and two-lifetime conditions in winning fashion. Jose Morelos gets the call for new connections.

SELECTIONS: 11-6-3

RACE 7:

1 IBRAHIMOVIC, 2 for 2 in the money on the GP turf, goes back to the grass after returning from an 11-month layoff to win a \$35,000 waver claimer in impressive fashion. Kent Sweezey has Marcos Meneses atop the gelded son of Caravaggio.

9 BRIGADE COMMANDER moved to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim and debuts locally after following a \$50,000 starter optional claimer win going a mile and a sixteenth with a fourth-place finish going 11 furlongs, both at the Saratoga meeting during July. Edgard Zayas will need to keep him closer to the pace when going a mile. **7 PARIS SURPRISE**, 3 for 4 in the money on the local turf, makes his first start since dueling from start to finish and holding sway to break his maiden going a mile on the Ellis Park grass. It will be no surprise if Miguel Vazquez tries to steal it from on or with the pace.

SELECTIONS: 1-9-7

RACE 8:

7 K.C. CHIEF is making his return to action hoping to add to his impressive record on Tapeta (18-7-2-1). Jose D'Angelo, 18% with the 180 days plus layoff, has Emisael Jaramillo atop the speedy son of Noble Bird. **10 NATE THE GREAT**, no slouch in the win department on the Tapeta (10-5-2-3), drops after finishing third behind repeat winner Private Thoughts and hard-knocking Longbranch Lou in a \$25,000 optional claimer at the distance. Bobby Dibona tabs Edgard Zayas, who has been at the controls for all five victories. **5 NAVY CROSS**, who was a model of consistency on the all-weather surface before going to the sidelines in July, returns to figure prominently in the mix.

SELECTIONS: 7-10-5

RACE 9:

9 BRODERIE, now in the Collin Maragh barn, the daughter of Girvin will try to make it two in a row after drawing clear like an international good thing to score at this level and distance by nine lengths. The bounce theory gang will be out in full force. **7 FOGGY NOTE** will try to clear things up at seven furlongs after returning from the freshening to rally on a sealed muddy track to come within a neck of springing the 10-1 upset at six panels. Luis Ramirez has Marcos Meneses up. **8 SHE'S MY LADY LUCK**, who has been consistent vs state-bred competition locally, returns after finishing second in her Colonial Downs finale going a mile vs entry level allowance runners.

SELECTIONS: 9-7-8

RACE 10:

3 TINTA ROJA is going back to the turf after breaking from the rail and rallying late to finish second going this distance on the Tapeta. The Beau Chapman trainee gets the tepid nod on the consistency angle on both turf and Tapeta.

4 WHAT A KNOCKOUT, a willing second on the turf behind repeat winner Zo Zucchera two starts back, is going back to the grass after proving she has a definite aversion of winning on the Tapeta (17-0-4-1). Watch the skies and bet accordingly. **5 PEMBERLEY** is 2 for 3 in the money on the turf and will return to the lawn after the even performance behind Tinta Roja on the Tapeta. Jose D'Angelo has Edgard Zayas managing the surface switch.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-5

BEST BET: RACE 8 – 7 K.C. CHIEF

LONGSHOT: RACE 7 – 1 IBRAHIMOVIC





KEENELAND (1:00) - Picks by Scott Hazelton

1st RACE 4-8-3

#4 Thestral takes a pretty big drop down in class and should respond with a positive effort because of it for Hall of Fame Trainer, Steve Asmussen.

2nd Race 7-11-4

#7 Vasy put together a strong debut at Kentucky Downs, after making the lead at the top of the stretch, hung in there to only be beaten a length and finished second. Shortens up in distance, which should be a plus for this nicely bred colt.

3rd Race 2-3-1

#2 Implementation takes a slight drop-down in class in competition and we know that he likes it here at Keeneland having won twice from four starts on this surface . Also getting back to the dirt should be a positive for him after attempting the turf at Kentucky Downs in his most recent start at the end of August.

4th Race 6-7-4

#6 Mercy Warren should appreciate the cut back in distance after running a mile in her last couple of starts which included a victory at Saratoga at the beginning of August. Trader Joe Sharp has this runner in the perfect spot for her to pick up a second lifetime victory here .

5th Race 6-4-5

#6 Mutaawid has been a steady performer at these mile and a half distances since being claimed by Trainer Mike Maker. Also has faced pretty stiff competition which he does again here today but I'm not playing against long distance specialist Mike Maker with a horse that they claimed because how many times have we seen him find success in these scenarios and I think he gets it done again here today.

6th Race 6-5-3

Debuted on the turf back in July at Ellis Park and now makes his second career start here today on the dirt. He's been working very well here at Keeneland on the main, and looks primed for an effort that should get her to the winter circle.

7th Race 9-7-5

#9 Future Is Now loves it here at Keeneland and she's one of the best turf burners that we have in North America. She won five times last year and this year she has won three of four starts, including winning the G3 Giants Causeway here, back in the springtime. No reason to try to get cute in this race- this mare is a stand out.

8th Race 12-8-9

#12 Guanare make sense on the drop-down in class and with the added distance that he gets here today. Sticking to a pretty simple handicapping approach in this scenario and at this level of competition

9th Race 3-12-1

#3 She's On a Roll is a two year-old that has really moved forward in her last couple of starts since moving onto the turf course. She comes out of some live races and I would expect that she's able to break through here today for trainer Wesley Ward to close out this second week of racing here at Keeneland.

ALBUQUERQUE DOWNS



(3:30)

FIRST RACE

4	Ineedamarker	Valenzuela L A
5	F S Liberty Belle	Rodriguez G
3	Unbridled Beauty	Da Silva F H

SECOND RACE

2	Upward Mobility	Medellin A
3	Sexy Dexy	Gomez E P
5	Algebra	Medellin E
8	American Solo	Ramos C

THIRD RACE

2	Surpsinglyperfect	Rodriguez G
4	Barossa	Ramos C
5	Winning Big	Arboleda A
1	Mohay Please	Torres J L

FOURTH RACE

6	Speed Merchant	Valenzuela L A
12	Tumbleweed	Ramos C 120
4	Risk Capital	Arboleda A
1	Mark's Sassy Girl	Juarez A J Jr

FIFTH RACE

1	Little Moon Dawg	Becerra S Jr
3	Kobe D Man	Vazquez J M
4	Whiskey Whiskey	Andrade O Jr
2	Fireball Ar	Iturralde O

SIXTH RACE

3	Hes Cubas B	Garcia N Jr
5	Rr More	Ramos A A
7	Mr Racy Corona	Medrano G
10	Just No Doubt	Ramos C

SEVENTH RACE

4	Ima Gonna B Famous	Enriquez J
7	Highcardforapoke	Martinez L
6	King of the Rode	Cardenas C
8	Woodcutt	Becerra S Jr

EIGHTH RACE	8	Kj Bad Moon Rising	8-7-1-3
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NINTH RACE	10	Luxurie	10-1-9-5
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Handicapping Analysis Sun October 12th, 2025

HAWTHORNE (3:40)

By JIM MILLER

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Strange Arrange - 4/1 6 Winging Ways - 5/2 5 Russian to Win - 3/1

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:21 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Oy Gevald - 2/1 6 Takeitaway - 4/1 2 Run Jalen Run - 3/1

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:52 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

8 Urban Ruler - 3/1 6 Samdini - 4/1 7 Anthony the Great - 7/2

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 4:28 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

7 Go Stormin Girl - 4/1 5 Written Consent - 5/2 1 Mamba Out - 5/1

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 5:00 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Rose's Wish - 8/1 7 Georgia On E'smind - 9/2 3 Hialeah Hottie - 3/1

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:28 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Another Mystery - 4/1 3 Drama Chorus - 3/1 7 D Day Reunion - 10/1

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:55 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Two Stormy Oceans - 3/1 7 Maxchero - 5/1 8 Regained Power - 6/1

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 6:22 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

5 Man On Attack - 9/2 6 Wicked Suprise - 7/2 8 I O Fedro - 6/1

Race 3 #8 URBAN RULER brings in foundation and local experience into this spot with fitness second off a layoff. Returns from a top figure try last month at KYD, the highest recorded in the field and despite a troubled trip.

Race 6 #6 ANOTHER MYSTERY from the Chris Block barn wheels right back from the Carey Memorial and while unable to repeat that day e still showed run following the slow start to make an inside, closing rally in the stretch. Look for a big try in third start of the foem cycle.

Race 8 #5 MAN ON ATTACK has been knocking on the door for a win this season and with consistent figures on the grass should have his best chance today. Has tactical speed with finishing ability something that could be key with today's race shape to work a trip. Gonzalez takes over the riding duties today.



Sunday

Santa Anita

(Post 4:00)

By Brad Free

BEST BET: Feel the Magic (5th race)

First Race 1. Grand Slam Smile 4. Sneaker 3. Bit's Tiger Magic

GRAND SLAM SMILE won this Cal-bred hillside stakes last year for since-retired trainer Steve Specht. She seeks a repeat win while in top form for her new trainer Sean McCarthy, who has trained the filly her last three starts (two wins, one second). Wire-to-wire winner last out in a Cal-bred turf mile stakes at Del Mar, 'SMILE has a versatile style that allows her to adapt to any pace scenario. The 125-pound top weight looms the one to beat. One trivial historical nugget: only one favorite won this stakes from eight times it was contested on the hill (Velvet Mesquite, 2014). SNEAKER, runner-up to the top choice two back, shortens in distance after pressing and fading in an allowance route. The only time SNEAKER tried the hill, she outran her odds finishing third in a similar Cal-bred stakes in spring. Look for her late. BIT'S TIGER MAGIC is the speed of the field, even with blinkers off. Each start has been better than the start before, she gets a six-pound weight break from the top choice. 'MAGIC is not a confirmed starter. She also was entered in an allowance race Friday.

Second Race 10. French Moonlight 7. Ridegold 8. Dialing Destiny

FRENCH MOONLIGHT is the one to beat in this Cal-bred maiden turf mile after a better-than-looked third last out. She lagged near the rear, finished well and galloped out in front. The effort was all the more impressive considering the one-two finishers were forwardly placed. 'MOONLIGHT ran against the grain of the race flow. If she gets pace to run at, the improving filly can upset potential favorite RIDEGOLD, who finished more than three lengths in front of the top choice last out. RIDEGOLD is a nine-start maiden who lost four times as the favorite. She is in form and will get first run, but she is tough to trust at likely low odds. Second preference, regardless.

Third Race 7. Goodnight Nellie 4. Shop Till You Drop 2. Eltonsingsanother

GOODNIGHT NELLIE returns to dirt, drops from Cal-bred N1X to \$25k claiming N3L, drew the outside post and has trained fast since raced. A front-runner/pace-presser, she can win if she reproduces her July 26 N2L win at Los Alamitos, or her March-May races (win, second) at Santa Anita. SHOP TILL YOU DROP finished an okay second at LRC in her return from a five-month layoff. She ran well three starts at SA early this year, and might improve second start back. She typically rallies from slightly off the pace.

Fourth Race 6. Irish Prophet 2. Dandy Man Shines 4. Smart Code

IRISH PROPHET drops in class to N3L starter following a decent fourth in a N1X allowance. The late-running gelding earned figures fast enough for this level; this the first time he has raced at this level. He also is first-time Umberto Rispoli, who entered the week atop the jockey standings on turf (8 for 23). DANDY MAN SHINES got eligible for this starter level last out when he missed by a head in a \$40k claiming mile at Del Mar. He finished more than two lengths clear of third and earned a respectable number (89 Beyer). The gelding's most recent win was nearly two years ago, but he enters in top form.

Fifth Race 2. Feel the Magic 5. Petesoldfashioned 3. Mala

Michael McCarthy trainees that drop drastically in class generally run to expectations. That is the pattern of FEEL THE MAGIC. Allowance runner-up two back, followed by a misfire in another N1X, he plummets to N3L \$10k claiming. It is a suspicious drop, mitigated by McCarthy's reliability in similar situations. 'MAGIC is the fastest in the field and likely winner at a short price. PETESOLDFASHIONED stretches back to two turns. That is his preferred trip based on three successive solid efforts in spring-summer claiming races. He is likely to be forwardly placed, which is almost always the best position in dirt routes at SA.

Sixth Race 7. Shamrock Glitter 1. Tigerhon 3. Speedy Wilson

This competitive N1X is a good spot to take a shot with consistent import SHAMROCK GLITTER, who hit the board all eight starts in France and Dubai. He runs well fresh, and is eligible to the first allowance condition because he earned only \$15.2k winning an allowance last year. The entry-level allowance eligibility cutoff here is \$21k. 'GLITTER gets Lasix, appears to have trained well, and the presence of jockey Juan Hernandez suggests positive intent. TIGERHON missed by less than a length last out in a N2X; he drops to N1X/optional \$50k claiming and will be rolling from behind. SPEEDY WILSON misfired last out when he ran long for the first time. Maybe he does not want to run that far, because his first five starts in sprints were all good including a pair of age-restricted Cal-bred stakes wins. Sired by Tough Sunday, 'WILSON is a half-brother to G1 sprint winner Lovesick Blues, entered Saturday in the California Flag Handicap. Lightly raced ARRAKIS fits off his last-start runner-up finish at this level, while HOTROCKET goes route to sprint and will rally late.

Seventh Race 1. Pocket Venus 2. Diva Cat 3. A Toast to Lanie

The rail post does no favors for in-form POCKET VENUS, whose main rivals in this starter allowance sprint are comebackers drawn directly outside. But except for the inside draw, 'VENUS looks formidable. Runaway debut winner, her second-place finish last out was validated when the fourth- and sixth-place finishers returned to win. 'VENUS is trained by Mark Glatt, who also entered debut winner DIVA CAT. The latter has not raced since last fall at DMR. She should be running late.

Eighth Race 10. Margot's Boy 5. Zoffarelli 1. Golden Ale

In a wide-open \$25k claiming race on turf, route-to-sprint cutback MARGOT'S BOY gets the nod. The up-front running style he shows in routes suggests he might be effective at this six-furlong trip. Although unplaced three previous sprints, he was a longshot all three. In this sprint race, he actually figures as a contender. Trainer Jeff Mullins won with 7 of his last 14 second-off-the-claim starters. ZOFFARELLI is rounding into form, fourth start back from an extended layoff.

Ninth Race 5. No Cap 6. Lolo Le Plume 2. Showers

Tenth Race 5. Chapter One 6. Cactus Charlie 10. Mighty Toro