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<u>1<sup>ST</sup></u>	<u>PICK 5</u>	<u>\$378</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup></u>	<u>PICK 4</u>	<u>\$315</u>	<u>6<sup>TH</sup></u>	<u>PICK 5</u>	<u>\$324</u>	<u>7<sup>TH</sup></u>	<u>PICK 4</u>	<u>\$135</u>	<b>BEST BET</b>		
1 <sup>ST</sup>	1,3,4,5,6,7,8		2 <sup>ND</sup>	1,2,3,4,5,6		6 <sup>TH</sup>	2,3,4,5,6,9,10,12		7 <sup>TH</sup>	2,3,4		7 LIGHT THE BEAM (7-2) RACE 3		
2 <sup>ND</sup>	1,5,6		3 <sup>RD</sup>	2,3,5,6,7		7 <sup>TH</sup>	2		8 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,4,5,6,7,8,10,12		<b>LONGSHOT</b>		
3 <sup>RD</sup>	2,6,7		4 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,3,5,6,7,9		8 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,4,5,6,7,8,10,12		9 <sup>TH</sup>	6		6 THE LAST STRAW (5-1) RACE 2		
4 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,3,5,6,7		5 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,5		9 <sup>TH</sup>	6		10 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12		<b>MOST LIKELY</b>		
5 <sup>TH</sup>	2,5					10 <sup>TH</sup>	1,2,4,5,8,9,11,12					6 PLEASANT (3-5) RACE 9		

<p><b>1 – SANTA ANITA (2:30 ET) 43</b> MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 61K, 1M TURF</p> <p>7 OOBUBBAKAKAYO 10-1 4 BOLDORO 8-5 5 HOT LEGS ROMOLO 7-2 1 TALLIS 8-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 7 OOBUBBAKAKAYO</b> Might be bred for shorter but his best race to date was this distance two back at nearly 60-1. Did not get good posts in the last few starts. Was wide early and pushed even wider in the last start behind a slow pace. He got no help in there from the rider. 3 works since last. Could surprise at a price.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 1 TALLIS</b> Came off a 15 month layoff and did zero running on the dirt for Hess. That was sprinting in what had to be a prep for a longer turf race. He gets that today and has been working like one ready to fire. Clearly has physical problems and it's possible he doesn't run at all. But worth a look at long odds.</p> <p>A) 4,5,7 B) 1,3,6 C) 8 D) 2</p>	<p><b>2 – SANTA ANITA (3:01 ET) 70</b> MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 60K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>6 THE LAST STRAW 5-1 1 RODRIGUEZ 4-5 5 BAEZA 6-1 4 RANK 3-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 6 THE LAST STRAW</b> Mandella won 3 of 12 in second start routing on the dirt in a MSW. The 3 winners won by 16-lengths (off a 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> start), 7-lengths and 2-lengths. That indicates improvement off the debut and going long. Dam was a multiple Grade 1 winner and sold for \$4.2M after her racing career was over.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 5 BAEZA</b> Trainer John Shirreffs is just 3 for 72 with a first time starter in the last 5 years. He moves up to 19% with a second time starter. Sibling to both Mage (2023 Ky Derby winner) and to Dornoch (2024 Belmont winner). Have to think the goal for this one is long distance on the dirt. Toss the turf sprint out.</p> <p>A) 1,6 B) 2,3,4,5 C) D)</p>	<p><b>3 – SANTA ANITA (3:32 ET) 54</b> CLAIMING 16K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>7 LIGHT THE BEAM 7-2 2 DURAN 2-1 6 THRUST 10-1 5 BE PUNCTUAL 5-2</p> <p><b>PICK: 7 LIGHT THE BEAM</b> Shipper from Pleasanton. Those shippers haven't been all that great at Santa Anita yet but this is certainly the right spot to try these down south. Was getting to the winner in the route two back. Bernardini and Milwaukee Brew blood indicate route. Runs by some wobbly-legged foes in the lane.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 6 THRUST</b> If they ran this race 10 times, this one might fade to last in 6 of them. The only time he carried his speed was at 2-5 in the maiden win against nothing at LRC going 5F. But he's been gelded and comes in off a 8 month break. The works are exceptional and he's facing a weak field. Might kick on.</p> <p>A) 7 B) 2,5,6 C) 3 D) 1,4</p>
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<p>4 – SANTA ANITA (4:02 ET) 41 STARTER ALLOWANCE 50K, 1M TURF</p> <p>5 KETONIA 8-1 3 CAMERON SLOUGH 10-1 1 ANNIE’S JOY 5-2 7 KATERINI 5-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 5 KETONIA</b> Her form prior to the last start was very good. She digressed in the last start while traveling wide. That was 6 weeks ago and Ellis put 4 works into her. The 6F dirt move was strong for a trainer that is good when patient. Huge rider upgrade to Berrios who won on her. She’s 1 for 1 grass routing at SA.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 3 CAMERON SLOUGH</b> She didn’t love the rail last time out. She waited a bit prior to making a run for 4<sup>th</sup> in the common race on 11/17 which 4 of these are out of. The winner, Rashmi, came back to run 4<sup>th</sup> beaten just 6-lengths in the Grade 1 American Oaks here a week ago (beat 7 foes, 88 Beyer). Gets pace to close into.</p> <p>A) 1,3,5 B) 2,6,7 C) 9 D) 4,8</p>	<p>5 – SANTA ANITA (4:33 ET) 82 SAN VICENTE (G2) 200K, 7F DIRT</p> <p>2 BARNES 8-5 5 BULLARD 4-5 1 MCKINZIE STREET 10-1 3 ROMANEQUE 5-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 2 BARNES</b> Baffert is a 13-time winner of this race. He first won with his ‘97 Derby winner Silver Charm. He won this in 4 of the last 5 years (last two with Hernandez). Cost \$3.2M, Ky Derby is the goal. Female tree of G1 winners Spinning Round, Dream Supreme. Dusted mate, and foe, Romanesque in 12/22 drill.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 1 MCKINZIE STREET</b> Picke up checks in the G1 Del Mar Futurity and G1 American Pharoah. The winner of the G1 two back returned to win in the BC Juvenile for Bob Baffert. Might have been burned up in the 21.3, 43.4 fractions in the Bob Hope. Consider the colt he dueled with early was beaten over 63 lengths. Fresu up.</p> <p>A) 2,5 B) 1 C) 3,4 D)</p>	<p>6 – SANTA ANITA (5:04 ET) 38 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 60K, 6F TURF</p> <p>3 ORANGE THUNDER 9-2 9 MISO PHANSY 6-5 6 TROPICAL RAIN DAY 12-1 4 MARIA TALLCHIEF 8-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 3 ORANGE THUNDER</b> She hasn’t run a bad race. Stretched out to a route in last and ran well. Winner won the 100k Soviet Problem stakes at LRC on the main track. Sib to superstar turf mare Closing Remarks. Trainer had 3 other horses go route to sprint in MSW on turf. They all won (8-1, 3-1, 8-5 odds). Big race here.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 6 TROPICAL RAIN DAY</b> She was just over a length behind the top choice at 25-1 in the last start. That was her first try routing. It was a decent effort. Drew a tough inside post in 4 of her last 5 starts. She finally gets out in the open here. Adds Lasix today and like to see JJ Hernandez get aboard. Not without a chance here.</p> <p>A) 3 B) 4,5,6,9 C) 2,10,12 D) 1,7,8,11</p>
<p>7 – SANTA ANITA (5:36 ET) 86 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 61K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>2 EAGLES FLIGHT 1-1 4 MIRAHMADI 5-2 3 NEW KING 3-1 5 GHAZAALY 20-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 2 EAGLES FLIGHT</b> There was a lot of buzz about this one prior to the debut as the sib to undefeated champion Flightline. He was so very professional in the win. He rated kindly, moved outside on the turn and grinded home to easily put that field away. He strode out superbly. Works indicate he’s ready to fire here.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 5 GHAZAALY</b> Was a \$1M purchase back in ‘19 but has had physical issues along the way. Flashed some talent. 2<sup>nd</sup> in back to back in the fall 2023 but went flat as the favorite in the last start of 2023. Barely ran in the comeback 9 months ago. Eligible to drop but connections keep him protected. Working nicely.</p> <p>A) 2 B) 3,4 C) 5,6,7 D) 1</p>	<p>8 – SANTA ANITA (6:07 ET) 44 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 61K, 6F TURF</p> <p>8 PIPER’S CAUSEWAY 5-1 6 FORTY NINE GOLD 4-1 4 REFOCUS 6-1 1 DOUBLE JAB 3-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 8 PIPER’S CAUSEWAY</b> He made his money in hook races at Los Al at night. But the turf start 5 back here was strong. He was beaten a neck at 20-1. The winner of the last start ran 4<sup>th</sup> beaten just 3 in the Grade 2 Hernandez at 6.5F on the turf at 68-1 last weekend. Big rider move to Rispoli. Needs to save something for late.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 4 REFOCUS</b> Back to back strong closing kick shown that produced on the board finishes at longer odds. Could not do much with a rail draw at 5F other than take far back and come around the outside. Hit the board in 3 of 4 starts on the SA turf. He had some traffic trouble in a few of the turf starts. Late run.</p> <p>A) 1,4,6,8 B) 2,10 C) 5,7,12 D) 3,9,11</p>	<p>9 – SANTA ANITA (6:40 ET) 91 LAS FLORES (G3) 100K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>6 PLEASANT 3-5 2 ANYWHO 15-1 3 RICHI 8-5 5 DON’T BRING CRAZY 30-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 6 PLEASANT</b> Game third in the G1 BC Filly &amp; Mare Sprint. That was a very deep field and this one was right there to the end. She won 3 of prior 4 for the top trainer. Baffert won this race back in 2021 with Gamine who was coming off a win in the same G1 this one is out of. She won 9 of 11 starts for 1.7M for Bob.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 2 ANYWHO</b> Despite somewhat disappointing efforts in the last two in optional claiming races, Sadler/Hronis go ahead and give her a run in this G3. Maybe she’s doing better than she was in those two starts. Don’t think she will challenge for a win with Pleasant in here but can tag Richi for the runner-up spot.</p> <p>A) 6 B) 2,3 C) 4,5 D) 1,7</p>

<p><b>10 – SANTA ANITA (7:14 ET)</b> 35 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 80K, 1M TURF</p> <p>8 EYE ON RY 10-1 1 SIENNOIS 6-1 11 EL POTENTE 3-1 12 LIVING LIFE 20-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 8 EYE ON RY</b> Don't see many Mn-bred's in Southern California. But this one not only showed up at Del Mar but he won from the 12 post at 28-1 two back. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> all won next time out so that was not a cheap win. Might have been a bit close to the 1:10.3 fraction last out. Back to a mile where he is 2 for 4.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 1 SIENNOIS</b> It seems there will be 5 horses who will try for the lead here. It could set up perfectly for the top two choices who should be coming from off the pace. Fresu got up for the first time last out and got this one home for the win at Del Mar as a 20-1 upsetter. Clockers been encouraged by the SA works.</p> <p>A) 1,8,11,12 B) 2,5,9 C) 4,7,10 D) 3,6</p>	<p><b>8 – AQUEDUCT (3:39 ET)</b> 71 JEROME 150K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>3 ICAN 8-1 7 STUDLYDORIGHT 5-2 6 CYCLONE STATE 7-2 4 OMAHA OMAHA 8-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 3 ICAN</b> Had a troubled trip last time out. Stumbled pretty badly at the start and then about 5 strides into the race. He gamely kept on to grab second behind the 1-5 favorite who is also in this race. Had similar trouble in the debut while being a bit rank. Dutrow has won 16 of last 37 (43%) over this track.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 7 STUDLYDORIGHT</b> Has a race experience edge on this field. G3 placed at SAR in the 3<sup>rd</sup> start and won the Nashua here back on Breeders' Cup weekend. That was first start in blinkers. Added extra distance in the last start and tired a bit stalking the pace at 4-1. Sharp 6F work at LRL sent then. Will be closing ground.</p> <p>A) 3,4,6,7 B) C) 5,8 D) 1,2</p>	<p><b>10 – GULFSTREAM PARK (4:52 ET)</b> 74 MUCHO MACHO MAN 165K, 1M DIRT</p> <p>1 GUNS LOADED 5-2 3 MCKELLEN 5-1 5 COOL INTENTIONS 9-2 8 NAUGHTY RASCAL 12-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 1 GUNS LOADED</b> Two excellent races to start his career. Was a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> first out despite stumbling at the start. He was clear of 3<sup>rd</sup> place in there who was 6 clear of the rest. Broke sharp at 3-1 with 11 foes and never gave them a chance. Look how he spread them out behind him. Expectations for this 800k purchase.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 3 MCKELLEN</b> Same trainer as the top choice. He has won 25% at this GP meet. Never easy to win routing in the first start but he did just that here over 8 foes. Didn't get much attention facing 100k opt clm company at CD but he was a hard trying place finisher. 7<sup>th</sup> by 12 came back 2<sup>nd</sup> by a half in an opt clm at OP.</p> <p>A) 1 B) 3,5,6,8,9 C) 2,4,7 D)</p>
<p><b>9 – OAKLAWN PARK (5:22 ET)</b> 74 SMARTY JONES 250K, 1M 1/16 DIRT</p> <p>8 COAL BATTLE 9-2 1 KALE'S ANGEL 2-1 6 HOT PROPERTY 8-5 7 CURVINO 12-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 8 COAL BATTLE</b> Big run in the Springboard Mile to win at nearly 7-1. That is a strong race at RP and had a deep field that shipped from many tracks. Undefeated on dirt and he was a very good 4<sup>th</sup> at 90-1 in the \$1M Juv Mile at KD on grass. 2k sire fee with no backbreeding but sold for 70k, sign of good confirmation.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 7 CURVINO</b> Peter Miller has two in this race (also has the rail colt). Nice win on the drop to restricted 100k claimers last time. Didn't get much help from the apprentice rider two back. He had this one too far back, in traffic and green in the lane. Able to overcome some traffic in the last two. Big late run likely.</p> <p>A) 1,8 B) 3,5,6,7 C) 2 D) 4</p>	<p><b>5 – TURFWAY PARK (7:55 ET)</b> 77 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 1M SYNTHETIC</p> <p>3 KALAHARI DREAMS 2-1 10 FINAL GAMBIT 5-2 7 SOUND CAUSE 15-1 6 COURAGEOUS CLAY 15-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 3 KALAHARI DREAMS</b> Exits a key race. Winner took an opt clm at OP next. 3<sup>rd</sup> out of that race won a GP MSW by 9 (86 Beyer). 4<sup>th</sup> also won in a MSW at OP (95 Beyer). Even 10<sup>th</sup> beaten 18 won a md clm here for 30k next. Quite a few G1 turf runners in this female UK pedigree. Should take to the synthetic quite nicely here.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 7 SOUND CAUSE</b> Rolling the dice on the strength of the same key race this is out of that the top choice was runner-up in. Drew wide in there and ran evenly late beaten just 9-lengths. Runner-up finishes in back to back turf races at KD and KEE. Romans runners typically improve with racing. Should be finishing.</p> <p>A) 3,10 B) 5,6,7,8 C) 1,2,11,12 D) 4,9</p>	<p><b>6 – TURFWAY PARK (8:25 ET)</b> 68 TURFWAY PREVIEW 125K, 6.5F SYNTHETIC</p> <p>8 WARHEART 2-1 5 COMING IN HOT 12-1 1 TOUCHY 7-5 7 NAISMITH 6-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 8 WARHEART</b> Main question will be the distance. Lone try going long was two back in a key stakes. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> all won back (opt clm at FG, 200k stakes at DMR, allw at CD). This one did not get a great trip in there. Crushed a good stakes field at AQU last out. Dam was all turf route in her career. Working well.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 5 COMING IN HOT</b> Career best in the win last out. That was his first try on the synthetic and it proved he prefers this surface. He beat two of the foes in here rather easily. The runner-up in the race was recently third in the Indian Summer at KEE at 5F on the turf. Seems 12-1 morning line will be twice the actual price.</p> <p>A) 1,5,8 B) 2,4 C) 3,7 D) 6,9,10</p>