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MOST LIKELY

1A BRING THEBAND (4-1)

RACE 5

LONGSHOT 6 HONOR MARIE (20-1) RACE 13 BEST BET
2 ARRO SMASH (9-2)
RACE 4

SARATOGA

RACE 5 PICK 5 \$360

RACE 5 1,6,9,10

RACE 6 3,4,5,8,9,10

RACE 7 2,3,6,7,8

RACE 8 2,4,5,7,8,10

RACE 9 2

SARATOGA

RACE 7 PICK 5 \$360 RACE 7 2,3,6,7,8

RACE 8 2,4,8,10

RACE 9 2,4

RACE 10 3.5.8

RACE 11 1,2,4,6,7,8

SARATOGA

RACE 9 PICK 5 \$360

RACE 9 2

RACE 10 3,5,8

RACE 11 1,2,4,6,7,8

RACE 12 1,2,3,5,6,8,10,11

RACE 13 1,2,6,7,8

SARATOGA

RACE 10 PICK 4 \$432

RACE 10 3.5

RACE 11 1,2,4,6,7,8

RACE 12 1,2,3,5,6,8,10,11

RACE 13 1.2.6

RACE 14 6.8.9

1 – SARATOGA (11:20 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 90K, 7F DIRT

| 5 PAULAS STAR SISTER | 8-1 |
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| 8 GEOPOLITICS | 4-5 |
| 1 CALLING AN AUDIBLE | 5-1 |
| 6 EMPIRE MAGIC | 7-2 |

PICK: 5 PAULAS STAR SISTER

Drew the outside post in the debut but ran really well for third. The 5th place finisher (beaten 13.5 lengths) Santagata won right back beating two in this race (#6 Empire Magic to her outside). Has a serious worktab leading to this. Will be a fair price.

VALUE: 1 CALLING AN AUDIBLE

8-time maiden has hit the board in all 6 starts on the dirt. Major rider move from Rivera to maybe the best rider in the country, Irad Ortiz. Not really facing a very tough field and will be able to be in a ground saving posture for the entire race today.

A) 5,8 B) 1,6

1,6 C) 4,7

D) 2,3

62 | 2 – SARATOGA (11:53 ET) OPTIONAL CLAIMING 110K, 1M 1/16 TURF

| GREEN LIGHT | 2-1 |
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| 3 VESTING | 8-1 |
| 7 TIFAREEH | 8-1 |
| 4 SPIRIT PRINCE | 9-2 |

PICK: 5 GREEN LIGHT

Fired in all 4 starts on the turf. Beat 10 foes at CD 3 back by over 10-lengths and that is saying a lot in a MSW there going long on the grass. He was a beaten favorite in the last two. Blinkers come on and Jose Ortiz is back. Should get a good trip here.

VALUE: 7 TIFAREEH

Last race was sneaky-good. He drew the 9 post out of 10 horses at 12-1 but was in a photo to win in there. Ran into traffic in the final furlong 2 back on this turf. Was a length behind Trikari four back. That one is now a G1 winner (and won twice in G2).

A) 3,5

B) 2,4,6,7

C) 1,8,9

D)

58 3 – SARATOGA (12:26 ET)

OPTIONAL CLAIMING 70K, 1M 3/8 TURF

3 TOPIC CHANGER 7-2
1 LORD FLINTSHIRE 3-1
5 FRONT MAN 5-1
4 ADDICTED TO YOU 6-1

PICK: 3 TOPIC CHANGER

He was a hurdler last year but switched to Maker off the long layoff and came back to the flats last two times out. Hindered by the pace last out. The top 3 finishers were 1st, 4th and 2nd throughout so it set up for those up front. Maker 20% at SAR meet.

VALUE: 5 FRONT MAN

He makes his fourth start off the layoff and looks ready for his best effort this year. Had a tough 11 post in the 12-horse field last out and didn't get out of the gate well. He has won on this SAR grass course. He draws a better post than he has of late.

A) 1,3,4,5

B) 2,7,8,9

C)

D) 6,10

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| 4 – SARATOGA (1:00 ET) 63 | 5 – SARATOGA (1:33 ET) 68 | 6 – SARATOGA (2:05 ET) 46 |
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| OPTIONAL CLAIMING 115K, 1M DIRT | OPTIONAL CLAIMING 115K, 5.5F TURF | MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 1M 1/16 TURF |
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| 2 ARRO SMASH 9-2 | 1A BRING THEBAND HOME 7-5 | 10 ZUNIGA 4-1 |
| 4 COSTA TERRA 7-2 | 9 TWENTY SIX BLACK 8-1 | 5 PAPIAMENTO 10-1 |
| 6 CAN'T HUSH THIS 5-2 | 10 MISTER MMMMM 12-1 | 4 HANDS OF TIME 5-2 |
| 5 JACE'S ROAD 7-2 | 6 RUNNINGWSCISSORS 6-1 | 3 BOLT TO RUN 8-1 |
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| PICK: 2 ARRO SMASH | PICK: 1A BRING THEBAND HOME | PICK: 10 ZUNIGA |
| First 2 career starts were dismal but blinkers were | Had back to back wire to wire wins before he was | Sire was 4th at 85-1 in the 2018 Kentucky Derby. He |
| added after and he moved forward. Ran 2 nd in the | second as the favorite last time out. The winner | moved to the turf two starts later and was better |
| start four back to Money Supply who has now won | returned to win twice in 75k overnight handicaps | on turf (won the G1 Manhattan). Chad Brown is 4 |
| graded stakes. Poor start off layoff in last but still | at GP. Third won the G2 Highlander at WO in June. | for 14 (29%) with 9 in the money with a firster on |
| gets Rosario. Trainer is hitting at 45% at this meet. | Mark Casse having a big meet (won 11 of 38, 29%). | turf in MSW at SAR going long with Flavian Prat up. |
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| VALUE: 4 COSTA TERRA | VALUE: 9 TWENTY SIX BLACK | VALUE: 5 PAPIAMENTO |
| Another who had blinkers added two back and he | Winner of half of his 8 starts. All of those races have | Sold for 250k earlier this year. Bred to go long on |
| immediately improved. Ran into some traffic last | been on the turf. He overcame a very wide trip in | both sides of the pedigree. Female family of 2015 |
| time out but grinded away to grab second over a | the last start to win at 5-2 odds. 7 of the 8 who ran | G1 Met Mile winner, Honor Code and \$3.3M earner |
| foe in here. He's 4 for 6 in the money on this SAR | back from the start 2 back hit the board (winner | Serena's Song. Blinkers added after showing no |
| dirt track. Must respect the team of Rice and Ortiz. | was 2 nd in a 200k stakes, 100 Beyer). 4 local drills. | speed in the debut. Gaffalione takes over in here. |
| A) 2,4,6 B) 5,3 C) 1,7 D) | A) 1 B) 2,4,6,7,9,10 C) 8 D) 3,5 | A) 4,5,10 B) 3,8,9 C) 1,2,6,7 D) |
| 7 – SARATOGA (2:37 ET) 55 | 8 – SARATOGA (3:09 ET) 40 | 9 – SARATOGA (3:44 ET) 83 |
| MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 6F DIRT | ALLOWANCE 95K, 1M 1/16 TURF | SWORD DANCER (G1) 750K, 1M 1/2 TURF |
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| 7 DISCOTHEQUE 10-1 | 10 WILLINTORISKITALL 8-1 | 2 MEASURED TIME 7-5 |
| 2 ROOKIE CARD 9-2 | 2 WHISTLER'S HONOR 10-1 | 4 SILVER KNOTT 1-1 |
| 3 TIP TOP THOMAS 3-1 | 4 CLEAR CONSCIENCE 5-1 | 1 SOLDIER RISING 8-1 |
| 6 KEEWAYDIN 5-1 | 8 SLAPINTHEFACE 6-1 | 3 FAR BRIDGE 8-1 |
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| PICK: 7 DISCOTHEQUE | PICK: 10 WILLINTORISKITALL | PICK: 2 MEASURED TIME |
| Michael Maker has won 3 of his last 6 with a first | Claimed for 40k and has been pretty consistent | He was much the best in the Manhattan here last |
| time starter in a 2YO MSW. Two of those wins were | in the starts since. Ran 3 rd in 125k NY-bred stakes | time out. He went to the front from a wide post at |
| here at Saratoga. The 3 winners went off at 12-1, | on this track 5 back. Removed blinkers and took | 3-1 odds and kicked away again in midstretch. He |
| 6-1, 6-1. Works here are faster than the 3 winners. | on Prat in the last start and ran well despite a bit | ran a big race while in traffic in the \$5M Dubai Turf |
| Perfectly spaced drills. Gaffalione 24% for Maker. | of a wide trip. Good to see Prat stay aboard today. | 2 back. Other loss was on synthetic. Buick is back. |
| VALUE: 2 ROOKIE CARD | VALUE: 2 WHISTLER'S HONOR | VALUE: 1 SOLDIER RISING |
| Trainer just 9 for 103 (9%) with a first timer. He is | | |
| just 28% in the money with a firster. But the drills | the last start might be an advantage. Started a bit | time he missed is when he was a non-starter five |
| are legitimately good and indicates there is some | too late last time out but was closing very well in | back when he checked, clipped and eliminated at |
| run here. Gargan 3 for 13 (23%) with debut 2YO on | the late stages. Broke his maiden on this turf in | that point. Has always run well from the rail draw |
| dirt in MSW at SAR. 3 rd dam is champion Gorgeous. | 2022. Might benefit if the pace heats up early here. | in the US. Saves ground and moves on the far turn. |
| A) 2,3,7 B) 6,8 C) 1,4,5,9,10 D) | A) 2,4,8,10 B) 5,7 C) 1,9,12 D) 3,6,11 | A) 2,4 B) 1 C) 3,5,6 D) |
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| 10 – SARATOGA (4:20 ET) BALLERINA (G1) 500K, 7F DIRT | ; | 74 11 – SARATOGA (4:55 ET) FOREGO (G1) 500K, 7F DIRT | 61 | 12 – SARATOGA (5:30 ET) ALLEN JERKENS (G1) 500K, 7F DIRT | 46 |
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| 5 SCYLLA | 7-2 | 4 BABY YODA | 8-1 | 5 PRINCE OF MONACO | 4-1 |
| 3 VAHVA | 1-1 | 6 MULLIKIN | 8-5 | 3 DOMESTIC PRODUCT | 9-2 |
| 2 CHI TOWN LADY | 20-1 | 7 ANGKOR | 12-1 | 8 BOOK 'EM DANNO | 7-2 |
| 8 MUNNYS GOLD | 10-1 | 8 CAGLIOSTRO | 9-2 | 11 LITTLE NI | 10-1 |
| DICK, F. SCYLLA | | DICK: 4: DADY VODA | | DICK: E BRINGE OF MONACO | |

PICK: 5 SCYLLA

Thought she ran very well when runner-up earlier this month at Del Mar in the G1 Hirsch. It's never easy to beat Bob Baffert in So Cal. His winner of that race is now 10 for 18 for \$2.1M. Was forced to send early in there but she's best just off the pace.

VALUE: 2 CHI TOWN LADY

This will be one of the biggest closers in here. She was a bit one-paced last time out but that was a prep for this race. Despite a slow start in the G1 at CD 3 back, she was moving fast late to finish a close 4th to Vahva. Was G1 Test winner at 17-1 here.

A) 3.5

B) 2,4,7,8

C) 1.6

D)

PICK: 4 BABY YODA

Had to go out into the 8 path to make a run at 7-2 last out and was just flat in the final stages. Was very good winning the True North on this track to go 4 for 7 on this dirt surface. Doesn't always bring his A-game. Huge rider move to Gaffalione today.

VALUE: 7 ANGKOR

Winner of the last start returned to run 2nd to the superstar The Chosen Vron in the G1 Bing Crosby with a 101 Beyer. Has 3 wins in the last 7 starts for a trainer who is 5 for 11 at the meet. Normally has a forwardly placed style which will be ideal in here.

A) 4,6,7,8

B) 1.2

C) 3.5

D)

PICK: 5 PRINCE OF MONACO

Nobody wants to rise to the top on big racing days like Bob Baffert. Probably best last time out in G1 Woody Stephens. He was shuffled far back early but flew home to just miss. Only other loss was in the G1 BC Juv routing. Note the 1:10.3 work on 7/29.

VALUE: 3 DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Flavian Prat rode this one and three others last time they ran. He chose this one. This is the first time he's sprinted since the debut. Beat just 3 in the Dwyer but did it with complete command. He should be far off a fast pace. Might love the sprint.

A) 3,5,8,11

B) 1.2.6.10

C) 4.7.9

9-2

10-1

7-2

8-1

D)

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| 13 - SARATOGA (6:10 ET) TRAVERS (G1) \$1.3M, 1M 1/4 DIRT | | 74 |
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| 1 THORPEDO ANNA | 3-1 | |
| 6 HONOR MARIE | 20-1 | |
| 2 SIERRA LEONE | 7-2 | |
| 7 DORNOCH | 5-2 | |
| 8 FIERCENESS | 3-1 | |
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PICK: 1 THORPEDO ANNA

Sometimes superstars are able to sidestep a real test of their talent and ability. That isn't really the case with this nearly \$2M earner. She is a 3-time G1 winner and now faces an above average, if not a great, rendition of the Travers. She will have to get a trip from down on the rail. It's likely she sits about 4th early off Unmatched Wisdom, Dornoch, Batten Down and possibly Fierceness. Or she may get sent to hold position. Either way, the first two furlongs will dictate her chances. Cost just 40k in 2022 but is well on her way to champion 3YO filly (and maybe more if she wins this). Real superstar.

2ND: 6 HONOR MARIE

He came into his 3YO season arching into a best performance in the Ky Derby. He was only about 75% ready in the Risen Star and did make up a bit of late ground. He wasn't even 100% geared up in the La Derby but he made a strong late run to get into the runner-up spot. Eliminated at the start in the last two. Really like how he finished in each. 1st time blinkers and Gaffalione. It's now or never.

3RD: 2 SIERRA LEONE

Just like Honor Marie, this deep, deep closer will get the absolute dream pace set up. There seems to be too many that are forwardly placed for this pace to be anything but fast and contested. He's a couple of noses away from 5 wins in 7 starts and it includes the Kentucky Derby. Last 2 were a bit disappointing though he did stumble at the start two back, with Prat up, he'll get a perfect ride here.

VALUE: 6 HONOR MARIE

A) 1,2,6,7,8

B)

C) 3,4,5

D)

9 TRUMPTASTIC

14 - SARATOGA (6:48 ET)

6 SIX KINGS **8 TREATY OBLIGATION 7 ALWAYS BE SMART**

MAIDEN CLAIMING 50K, 1M DIRT

PICK: 9 TRUMPTASTIC

Trainer Rob Atras has started 3 maiden claimers first off the claim here at SAR. He won once and was second in the other two. Claimed from a 6% trainer in 2024 so there is an expectation of some improvement. He seems well-placed off the layoff.

VALUE: 6 SIX KINGS

Split the field in each of his dirt starts for trainer Brendan Walsh. Third three back (Timeout) since has been a MSW winner at AQU, 3rd in a stakes at SAR and second in a 110k allw at SAR. Forgot most recent start on the grass. Blinkers are off in here.

A) 6,7,8,9

B) 2,3

C) 1,4,10

D) 5