

# 1<sup>st</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Trainer*  
*Mike Harrington*

3-Year-Olds and up, maiden claiming,  
top claiming price \$20,000, One Mile

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: **Union Rebel**

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Impeachable Ace** - Makes his 16th stab at the brass ring and a number of those losses have come at the bottom level here under the lights; was 156-1 on opening week and was finished early, don't see the added distance helping the cause.

**2. Salutelute** - Nothing doing in the September unveiling, then dropped to this level early last month across town and showed early speed before hitting the brakes; Gryder figures to have this son of Midnight Lute on the engine going this once-around journey.

**3. Levi's Saint James** - Just a bystander in the first two appearances, now stretches out another furlong while trying this unique layout for the first time; will have to pick things up a notch to seriously threaten.

**4. Bryan Habana** - Picked up the show money in the first two outings over this layout, then returned from a Northern California foray to suit up here last week and was menace behind long-suffering Spend It under these exact conditions.

**5. Malibu Magic** - The only member of the cast showing up at this level for the first time, which automatically makes him a contender; has been trying a little bit of everything, dirt and turf, short and long, and returns to the main track for this assignment ; has faced tougher in the 3 attempts over this course.

**6. Union Rebel** - Been making menacing noises in his half-dozen starts this season in the north, most recently turning in a decent show finish going long on the Golden Gate lawn; ships down to face a pretty soft cast and Baze is certainly a plus.

**7. Sharp Ruler** - Was returning from a nine-month break when he raced here opening week and pretty much went around the track in the same place without threatening; a right to move forward with that one under his belt over the track he calls home.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 6. Union Rebel
- 5. Malibu Magic
- 7. Sharp Ruler

*Mark Ratzky*

- 6. Union Rebel
- 5. Malibu Magic
- 7. Sharp Ruler

# 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Trainer*  
*Philip D'Amato*

2-Year-Olds, maiden special weight,  
One Mile

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: **Salah**

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Figure Eight** - First of 2 for Baffert; turned in a solid race in last month's Santa Anita debut going 7 furlongs, but unfortunately ran into a very highly-regarded stable-mate in Coliseum and had to settle for 2nd money; figures to adore the two turns and it looks like his day to shine under Van Dyke.

**2. Salah** - The only member of the field to have gone this distance, most recently rallying for a minor share over the Santa Anita green; completed the exacta in the previous pair while racing with claiming tags on both occasions; most likely looking at another minor prize.

**3. Green Fleet** - The other Baffert runner; never going into the swing of things in the Del Mar unveiling at the start of the month while his barnmate was taking the bows; a right to improve, but it appears once again another member of the stable is going to be posing today.

**4. Gum Tree Lane** - First of a D'Amato pair; got some serious tote attention in the Sept. 1 debut down at the seaside and gradually made headway in the drive to pick the show money that afternoon; 320K April purchase figures to move forward off that outing while getting an extra furlong and a half to work with now.

**5. Mo Reserve** - Gives D'Amato two looks at it; like today's rival Green Fleet, his lone appearance came in that Kingly affair down at the seaside and he battled for command early from between a 3-horse spread, then gave way when things got serious; should be up close and personal on the stretchout.

### Handicappers Selections

#### *Bob Mieszerski*

1. Figure Eight
4. Gum Tree Lane
5. Mo Reserve

#### *Mark Ratzky*

1. Figure Eight
4. Gum Tree Lane
5. Mo Reserve

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## A Closer Look...

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*Owner*  
*David Wilson*

3-Year-Olds and up, top claiming price \$20,000  
7 Furlongs

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: Conqueror

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Lindante** - He's 2-for-6 over this track and 1-for-28 everywhere else; after beating a softer cast going a mile here one year ago, he vanished from the scene and didn't reappear until 17 days ago at Del Mar, where he set the pace under pressure and gave way late; will need his very best while working out a trip from the rail slot.

**2. Conqueror** - Cerin charge has been facing some hard-knocking types and figures to appreciate the class relief over a distance at where he is perfect in two tries; a close 3rd when last seen in what was his initial attempt over this strip; should be sitting a nice tracking trip here with Fuentes getting his first chance

**3. Bronzino** - Wong barn has been sizzling in the Bay Area and brings down a runner who has been up and down the class ladder over the past couple of seasons; wheeled back one week after forcing the issue and tiring in an off-the-turf miler up at Golden Gate; will have to dig very deep to get the job don

**4. Sword Fighter** - One of Miller's many strengths is knowing where to run his horses; he offers this gelding at a 50 percent discount in the 2nd appearance since returning from an Arkansas/New York invasion and he figures to be very much at home with this group; barn also showing excellent numbers when teaming with Figueroa.

**5. Spokane Eagle** - Been very popular at the claim box, changing hands in his last four starts, and Belvoir thought enough to reach back in and take him last time from a perfect track-and-attack score over an easier group last month at the seaside; figures to be right on top of the action with this added distance and helps make things interesting.

**6. Beantown Boys** - Genaro representative has a win and 3 runner-up finishes from his 4 outings over this track, the most recent venture resulting in a victory over starter allowance types at a mile during the fall stand; cutback to one corner should work in his favor and he get the coziest draw with Maldonado trying hand.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 4. Sword Fighter
- 5. Spokane Eagle
- 6. Beantown Boys

*Mark Ratzky*

- 4. Sword Fighter
- 2. Conqueror
- 6. Beantown Boys

# 4<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Trainer*  
*John Cooper*

3-Year-Olds and up, claiming price \$6,250,  
Five Furlongs

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: **Yes I'm Reading**

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Duff Bart** - A win from 2 starts over the daytime mile track here last season; all the recent work has been over the smaller night oval and just nibbles since clicking over a soft group back in March.

**2. Yes I'm Ready** - Both tallies have come going 870 yards here under the stars; gets some class relief rushing up following an awkward takeoff at Del Mar and faltering a month ago.

**3. Gone With It** - Sports 6 place and show finishes from 8 trips to the post over this mile course; most recent photo session came in September over the night track and was most recently an even 3rd going a half-mile here under the stars

**4. Will Tell** - Not much doing since the early August claim, now he's dropping several levels in hopes of jogging the memory; no threat in only try over this strip, but was facing much better and should be right at home with this group.

**5. Chrisiscookin** - No match for today's foe Love Your Life as the favorite over the night strip two back, then had some traffic issues in the last going 870 yards in the initial try off the claim; best puts right in the mix.

**6. Theverythotofyou** - Hard to get excited about the work he's done here in the evening hours since breaking his maiden at the bottom level at the start of the year. Well beaten by a pair of today's rivals in that Nov. 11 night event, then took the short way around when a modest 3rd off the purchase in one of those 870 contests.

**7. Seattle Encounter** - Well beaten by a pair of today's rivals in that Nov. 11 night event, then took the short way around when a modest 3rd off the purchase in one of those 870 contests.

**9. Love Your Life** - Looks solid in here off the last pair; showed the way home over two of his foes in this event on the five-eighths track last month, then hooked a past-classer on opening week of this meet and had to settle for 2nd, with that runner set to return Saturday.

**9. Wissam** - Posted a 22-1 upset under the lights when coming in from the Southwest in October, going evenly in the ensuing pair; will have to pick up his game to reach.

**10. Fans On the Run** - Making his first appearance since July of last year while showing a :58 1/5 best of the morning move over this track 12 days ago; siding with others.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 8. Love Your Life
- 4. Will Tell
- 5. Chrisiscookin

*Mark Ratzky*

- 8. Love Your Life
- 4. Will Tell
- 5. Chrisiscookin

# 5<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Trainer*  
*Gary Stute*

3-Year-Olds, Fillies, top claiming price \$12,500

5 1/2 Furlongs

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: **We Will Re Joyce**

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Cute Knows Cute** - Miller trainee has her claiming price cut in half after being hard used at Del Mar a month ago and giving way when push came to shove; will likely be involved in another spirited early duel from the inside, but figures tough while racing at the lowest level of her career.

**2. Allotment** - Speed merchant was last seen running short over the Golden Gate turf and faltered after being part of two-ply battle up front; new connections elect to drop him a couple of levels off the claim while adding blinkers and trying this unique oval for the first time.

**3. Asem-** First of 2 exiting that starter allowance affair won by Scathing here opening week and was wide and faded; a win from 5 local daytime runs with the most recent tally coming at the summer session; looking elsewhere.

**4. Atrevida** - Also comes out of that starter race here last week and finished 4 lengths ahead of her inside neighbor after some early trouble and wide journey to the drive; O'Neill charge should be in stalking mode and has to be respected.

**5. We Will Re Joyce** - Absolutely adores this layout with 4 snapshots from the 5 Orange County outings; got real sharp between June and October, winning 5 of 6 during that streak, and comes off a solid runner-up try at Del Mar while racing for a higher tag in the first off the Periban claim

**6. Sea Glass** - Suited up opening day over that wet track and went evenly in what was his first local attempt; drops below the Nov. 10 purchase price now in the 2nd start off the claim by Treece and will have to dig very deep to connect.

**7. Ciao Luna** - Made We Will Re Joyce work pretty hard when they met across town in mid-October, then was well beaten by that filly when they clashed last month down at Del Mar; returns for the claimed price this time around and needs to improve on the last pair.

## Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 5. We Will Re Joyce
- 1. Cute Knows Cute
- 4. Atrevida

*Mark Ratzky*

- 5. We Will Re Joyce
- 1. Cute Knows Cute
- 4. Atrevida

# 6<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*



*John Harris*  
*of Harris Farms*

2-Year-Old Fillies, maidens, top claiming price \$30,000,  
Six Furlongs

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: Sharp Image

### Horses listed by program number

**1. West Stowey Lass** - Sire has won with 12% of his rookies and unraced dam's only other foal has yet to start. Homebred's works have been so-so and will need an alert start from this post, but has a Hall of Fame trainer in her corner.

**2. Awepollonia** - Makes second start of meet after finishing distant third when 13-1 vs. similar nine days ago. Only two on the board finishes have been local, so could run on for a piece again for stable which won with two of its first five runners at the Winter season.

**3. Hot On the Trail** - Beat pair in slow race down south in debut against higher priced state bred 23 days ago. Took no action in that contest, but homebred could do better with the experience.

**4. Goodtingscominpink** - Clubhouse Ride has yet to have a first out winner from five starters and dam, who earned both of her wins on turf while earning more than \$244,000, has had two prior foals that are a combined 0-for-14. Barn is capable with a firster, but prefer to see a race.

**5. Lady in Green** - Sire is 14% with his debuters from a large sample and dam, who won once in nine starts, has had one other foal who has two wins in three attempts. Filly purchased for \$40,000 early in the year and has moderate preps at San Luis Rey for bow, so would be a surprise.

**6. Sharp Image** - Idle since finishing far back when 12-1 at longer trip seven weeks ago. Homebred has yet to check in better than fourth. Worked a sharp half out of the gate over her home track since raced, but needs to work on her stamina, so looking elsewhere.

**7. Blueberry Princess** - The move into a claimer didn't prove fruitful as she disappointed when 17-10 nine days ago. Homebred drops in price again, so must be considered a big threat in this context, but difficult to trust.

**8. Pablo's Dream** - Trained in local debut when dismissed at 74-1 in lone try here more than five months ago. Filly purchased for \$1,000 as a yearling gets class relief, but local works don't inspire, so would be a surprise.

**9. Spicy Curry** - Saw all the heels in same race Hot On the Trail exits and has yet to threaten for the top prize. Best finish came five races ago when third behind runaway winner Give Me a Hint, who has since won twice more.

**10. Tizbuds Princess** - Split the field when 74-1 while finishing 10 lengths behind Awepollonia in first in some 4 1/2 months. Should be forward factor, but hard to envision a victory for filly purchased for \$42,000 in April.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 7. Blueberry Princess
- 3. Hot On the Trail
- 2. Awepollonia

*Mark Ratzky*

- 7. Blueberry Princess
- 3. Hot On the Trail
- 1. West Stowey Lass

# 7<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*



*Kevin & Kim Nish  
of KMN Racing LLC*

2-Year-Olds, California bred or sired, King Glorious Stakes,  
One Mile

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: Our Silver Oak

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Principe Carlo** - One of two multiple winners in the lineup stretches out after defeating a field in which the runner-up was a next out winner. Clicked in lone local try two starts ago and should be a pace player at the very least in his first venture beyond 6 1/2 furlongs.

**2. Galilean** - Aims for his second local stakes score for Hall of Fame trainer. Expensive (\$600,000) purchase in April was a game winner when favored in a restricted contest at shorter trip in his bow during the Los Angeles County Fair meet, then was 16 lengths clear of the rest of the field when beaten by a neck by favored Cruel Intention in a state bred stakes Nov. 3. No reason he won't handle eight furlongs and is strictly the one to defeat.

**3. Feeling Strong-** Away since defeating five opponents at shorter distance about 3 1/2 months ago. Has some gaps in his work pattern for his return and was fourth in race in which Our Silver Oak graduated in his only local appearance. Siding against as homebred tries more yardage.

**4. Its Five Somewhere** - Enjoyed the sloppy going 10 days ago when graduating in his sixth career start vs. \$40,000 state bred. Homebred has yet to compete beyond 6 1/2 furlongs and will have to take a big leap forward to go back-to-back.

**5. Poppy's C Note** - Goes long after narrow victory against \$50,000 state bred maidens at shorter distance. No factor in only other race around two turns, but that came on turf two starts ago. Unplaced in two efforts over this track, so looking elsewhere.

**6. Tivan** - Stablemate of Galilean will try to make amends after failing as the favorite in his first try at this trip in a Golden Gate Fields stakes Dec. 1. Perfect around one turn, but an unknown on dirt. Mixed signals for homebred.

**7. Our Silver Oak** - Returns to dirt after finishing sharp second in grass debut at this distance a little over a month ago. Back with fellow state bred as he returns to the scene of his 33-1 maiden victory in his career debut during the Summer Thoroughbred Festival. Major player.

## Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 2. Galilean
- 7. Our Silver Oak
- 6. Tivan

*Mark Ratzky*

- 2. Galilean
- 7. Our Silver Oak
- 6. Tivan



*Trainer*  
*Kristin Mulhall*

3-Year-Olds & Up, starter allowance,  
Five & One Half Furlongs

**Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: Baby Bear's Soup**

**Horses listed by program number**

**1. Louden's Gray** - Distant fourth going an eighth of a mile longer in a productive race in which both the winner and second place finisher came back to score. Gelding won back-to-back at this trip earlier in the year, the latest seven races ago when claimed for \$8,000 from Victor Garcia.

**2. Go Ghetto** - Cuts back after easy route victory when 6-5 two weeks ago. Goes for new connections after being claimed for \$8,000 from Peter Miller did win twice sprinting over this surface earlier in the year when trained by Justin Clark. Apprentice stays on gelding who is seeking his fifth victory of 2018.

**3. Tiz Love** - Idle since winning at this trip over this track during the Los Angeles County Fair meet nearly three months ago. Taking on tougher, but have to respect 5-year-old who has earned four of his six wins over the track where he is based.

**4. Buggy Brown** - Rallied at shorter distance to score at 19-10 seven weeks ago in Arizona in race in which the second and third place finishers were next out winners. Improvement needed to compete on this circuit. Formerly trained by Edward Kereluk.

**5. Baby Bear's Soup** - Gelding is on top of his game and will be seeking his third in a row. Used different tactics to score in local debut, coming from off the pace 10 days ago after going gate-to-wire down south. Hat trick definitely within reach.

**6. Rocky's Show** - Adds zip to the contest after scoring at shorter trip under the lights when last seen nearly three months ago. Arizona bred has won over the daytime oval, holding on to win going a sixteenth of a mile shorter July 4 in first after being claimed for \$6,250 from Chuck Treece. Blew out sharply earlier in the month, but would be a surprise if he takes these all the way.

**7. Croissant** - Completed the trifecta behind Baby Bear's Soup in first of the meet. Sophomore has done his best work at night, so tough to recommend. for anything more than a minor prize.

**Handicappers Selections**

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 5. Baby Bear's Soup
- 2. Go Ghetto
- 1. Louden's Gray

*Mark Ratzky*

- 5. Baby Bear's Soup
- 1. Louden's Gray
- 2. Go Ghetto



# 9<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

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*Susan & Lee Searing*  
*CRK Stable*

3-Year-Olds & Up, starter allowance,  
One Mile

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: **Avanti Bello**

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Twirling Tiger** - Has won two of his last three after dropping nine in a row, the latest score coming as the favorite at this trip when defeating Out of Patience by a neck Nov. 30. Protected after being re-claimed for \$16,000 by trainer who had gelding for two starts - including a starter allowance win at shorter trip nearly two years ago. Can't ignore in current form.

**2. Hot Perfection** - Goes turf to dirt after completing the trifeca when 29-1 in race taken by the rapidly improving The Hunted. Has earned all three of his wins on dirt, but two of those victories came in New Mexico. Hasn't scored in California since winning his debut easily May 30, 2016 when trained by John Brocklebank.

**3. Avanti Bello** - Stablemate of Twirling Tiger is protected after being claimed for \$32,000 from Doug O'Neill when third in race won by eventual Los Alamitos runner-up Mercer Island. Consistent veteran is most effective at this trip and has been 1-2-3 in more than half of his starts over this surface.

**4. Face of Victory** - Goes long for the first time in his career after being claimed for \$16,000 from Mike Puype when second in first in nearly two months. Has been on the board in eight of 11 lifetime and could contend if he can handle the stretch to eight furlongs.

**5. Plum Dandy** - Pulled up, but walked off on his own when 9-2 at this trip a little over a month ago. Was a voided claim that day, but returns in a spot where he can't be tagged and is 1-for-1 over this track. He scored a virtual gate-to-wire win here during the Summer Thoroughbred Festival earlier this year when claimed for \$16,000 from Richard Mandella.

**6. Secret Touch** - Responded to a drop in class and rolled to an easy score as the favorite 24 days ago. Fractions figure to be swifter here, but he can sit a bit if necessary. New rider aboard. Can share, but others preferred.

**7. Stylistics United** - Hasn't come close in 11 starts since the beginning of last year and lone victory came when scoring an 89-1 shocker on the hillside turf course in Arcadia some 26 months ago. Pass.

**8. Out of Patience** - Fell a neck short when making first start in more than four months ago Nov. 30. Gelding is fond of this venue, having earned two of his 13 wins locally. Most recent local score came during the 2016 Winter meet when edging next out winner Shackleford Banks by a nose in a starter allowance at this trip when trained by Bill Spawr.

## Handicappers Selections

### *Bob Mieszerski*

- 3. Avanti Bello
- 8. Out of Patience
- 1. Twirling Tiger

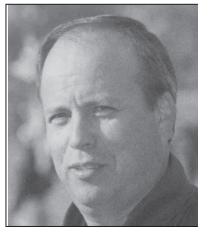
### *Mark Ratzky*

- 3. Avanti Bello
- 1. Twirling Tiger
- 8. Out of Patience

# 10<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*



*Trainer*  
*Rafael Becerra*

3-Year-Olds & Up, top claiming price \$12,500,  
One Mile

Top Recent Equibase Speed Figure at this distance: **Jeremy's Heart**

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Demonslayer** - No exacta finishes since the beginning of 2017 and was last at shorter distance when nearly 66-1 15 days ago. Lone victory came in his second career start Dec. 27, 2015 when trained by Richard Baltas. Hard to envision.

**2. Many Treats** - Beat pair when dispatched at 97-1 over a sloppy surface 10 days ago. Hasn't been competitive in eons and lone win came sprinting over the Tapeta surface at Golden Gate Fields more than two years ago when trained by John Martin.

**3. Jersey's Heat** - Bombed as the favorite in same race five of these exit. May not have cared for the sloppy going as he had run well previously over this track, including a daylight maiden win in July. Capable of rebounding for stable winning at a 17% clip in 2018. Blinkers return after one race absence.

**4. Odyssey Explorer** - Completed exacta when 17-1 in first against winners Dec. 6 while outfinishing Spirit Mission by 1 1/2 lengths. Been 2-3 in two of three over this surface, so exotics threat at the very least.

**5. Spirit Mission** - Dropped and improved finish position in second off the bench and was a gate-to-wire winner the last time he competed over this track when it was dry. Should be a player.

**6. Typhoon Harry** - Drops in price after dull try last month in first after being claimed for \$16,000 from Doug O'Neill. Could rebound with the change in venue as gelding has a win and a second in two local appearances. The victory came at this trip against \$20,000 maidens during the Summer Thoroughbred Festival earlier in the year when trained by Mike Puype.

**7. Giddymeister** - Sophomore stretches out again after splitting the field when 18-1 15 days ago. Distant third in only other try at this trip three starts ago and hasn't won since scoring a 15-1 surprise in his debut vs. \$30,000 maidens eight months ago when trained by Paul Aguirre.

**8. Gryffindor** - Failed to threaten at shorter distance four weeks ago and hasn't hit the board in three local tries, so would be a surprise. Lone victory came when 14-1 vs. soft maiden field seven months ago in Arcadia.

**9. Getin Greedy** - Steps up and stretches out after finishing fifth of seven when 7-1 under the lights more than two months ago. No factor in three races over the daytime oval, so difficult to endorse.

**10. Lucky Pegasus** - Showed way before tiring to finish fourth when 94-1 on opening day of the Winter meet. Will be involved early, but hard to see him sticking around late.

**11. Lucky Patrick** - Tries more yardage after showing some late interest when 14-1 for lower price tag. Back in eight days and is winless in Southern California. Pass.

**12. Spend It** - Finally broke through in 23rd career start, rallying along the rail to graduate eight days ago. Could factor right back if he gets to participate.

## Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 3. Jersey's Heat
- 6. Typhoon Harry
- 4. Odyssey Explorer

*Mark Ratzky*

- 6. Typhoon Harry
- 4. Odyssey Explorer
- 3. Jersey's Heat