

# 1<sup>st</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Owner*  
*Dan Wells*

3-Year-Olds and up, starter allowance,  
Five & One Half Furlongs.

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Capture the Sea** - Has been on the bench since January, when he was a distant runner-up to today's rival Project Leader as the odds-on choice racing over the smaller night oval; only start over this unique daytime strip saw him a solid second under these starter conditions a year ago; turned in a couple of real nice a.m. spins here last month.

**2. Around the Dial** - Put in a big effort at 8-1 to get the job done here under these exact conditions during the summer stand with some trouble, then had another eventful journey in the recent Del Mar outing and was unable to threaten; Herrera knows him well and anything near a repeat of that July 1 race is going to put him right in the thick of things today.

**3. Storminside** - His 12 lifetime scores is tops in the field; has had to settle for minor awards since being claimed for the most recent time by Knapp in late May; had a valid excuse the day he followed home today's foe Aroundthedial in that early July outing as he stumbled badly at the start to lose his chance; Pereira tries his hand this time around and they figure to be up close and personal from the start with a clean getaway.

**4. Rawhide Rawlins** - Both his victories have come here during the evening hours last spring at 1000 yards; he outran his odds when a decent 3rd in the lone appearance over this bigger daytime strip and has just missed in two subsequent runs over the nighttime five-eighths oval; turned in a bullet :59 4/5 for Pineda two weeks ago and his best is dangerous.

**5. Vrotsky** - This is his 31st trip to the post and his first Orange County foray; 3 of the last 4 outings have come over the lawn, with his most recent score coming back in January while competing over the Turf Paradise green; well beaten when last seen over the Santa Anita turf while taking on tougher competition; rider Vasquez certainly figures to win his share at this meeting.

**6. Project Leader** - Lost a heartbreaker after doing all the heavy lifting two back when competing over this daytime strip in early July, then was hammered down to 1-5 when competing under the lights here a month ago and took them coast-to-coast; claimed by Farias, who has clicked with 4 of his last 13 claims while showing a flat-bet profit and gets the cozy draw in this compact cast.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

6. Project Leader  
2. Around the Dial  
1. Capture the Sea

*Mark Ratzky*

6. Project Leader  
1. Capture the Sea  
2. Around the Dial

# 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Albert Gonzaz of  
Belico Racing*

3-Year-Olds & Up, claiming price \$8,000, Six Furlongs.

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Horn of Plenty** - Well-traveled gelding did the ship and win into Del Mar and failed to ignite while being claimed from both efforts; now being offered at a 50% discount off last month's purchase with a pair of snappy half-mile seaside drills showing with Vasquez doing the honors; figures to be right at home in local debut.

**2. Star Entry** - First of Metz-trained pair; was just a bystander at Del Mar this summer, including that August 5 affair where he followed home today's rivals Alleva and Cajun Treasure; on a brighter note, has 2 wins and second from the 3 outings over this unique course and will appreciate the class relief in the third appearance since the claim.

**3. Cajun Treasure** - A decent 3rd the day he was claimed at the seaside two back, then had an awkward takeoff in the most recent and was well beaten after being close early; only local outing saw him knocking heads with a much tougher group while going a mile and this trainer/jockey combo has been clicking smartly here during evening hours.

**4. Full Draw** - Dropped to the lowest level of his career last month at the seaside, had a bit of a slow takeoff but never got into the swing of things while trailing two of today's rivals; sports a pair of runner-up finishes from his 4 Orange County outings with his most recent score coming late last year at Turf Paradise going a mile.

**5. Highly Distorted** - Got some major class relief here during the summer stand and did not disappoint his many backers despite stumbling away from there; unable to make the needed impact in the two tries over the smaller night oval off the claim, but dangerous with an encore of his July 4 score.

**6. Alleva** - Stablemate of Star Entry and his 5 victories is tops in the field; made back-to-back trips to the circle with game victories here and at Del Mar prior to the most recent, where he doubled in price off the purchase and failed to menace; lands the cozy draw with Valdivia trying his hand and a repeat of either of those summer tallies would make this guy tough in here.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

5. Highly Distorted

6. Alleva

2. Star Entry

*Mark Ratzky*

6. Alleva

5. Highly Distorted

2. Star Entry

# 3<sup>rd</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*



*Terry Finley of  
West Point Thoroughbred*

3-Year-Olds & Up, fillies & mares, maidens,  
claiming price \$20,000, Six Furlongs

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Auntie Bev** - Completed the exacta under the lights when 5-2 19 days ago. Yet to try the daytime oval, so would need massive improvement to challenge.

**2. So Softly** - Wheeled back quickly after failing to threaten when 7-2 in first for these connections after being claimed for \$20,000 from Hector Palma five weeks earlier. Has hit the board in seven of 12 and was second best in lone try over this track earlier in the year.

**3. Spun Beautiful** - Steps in for a tag for the first time in initial start since checking in eighth of 12 vs. much better more than eight months ago. Solid local work tab for winning stable, so beware.

**4. Aunt Opal** - Distant second in two most recent under the lights, the latest when chasing Dazzling Joker Aug. 27. Finished ahead of one rival when debuting here in July, so hard to endorse.

**5. Sweet N Go** - Broke slowly and trailed when 14-1 in same race Auntie Bev exits. Filly purchased for \$2,000 as a yearling hasn't come close and well beaten in only daytime try last month at Del Mar. Pass.

**6. Tequila Sunset** - Exited last and never improved her position when debuting for higher price tag six weeks ago. Homebred could do better with a race under her belt for stable that had a very productive Del Mar.

**7. Round in Circles** - Dismissed at 24-1 and trailed throughout in debut over this track a little over two months ago. Sketchy work tab in the interim, so looking elsewhere for the winner.

**8. Dreamer Girl** - The second most experienced member of the cast will try for the 10th time to earn her maiden victory. Split the field when third in last local appearance, so homebred could earn a piece

**9. Vegas Dream** - Showed zip and tired when 11-1 in latest six weeks ago and did show the way in 2022 debut here, so could stick around for a piece.

**10. Fantasy High** - Stablemate of Sweet N Go finished a head behind Auntie Bev last month, and is hampered by lack of speed. Outsider.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

3. Spun Beautiful

9. Vegas Dream

2. So Softly

*Mark Ratzky*

3. Spun Beautiful

9. Vegas Dream

8. Dreamer Girl

# 4<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*

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



Jockey  
Edgar Payenas

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Flying Charlie** - Rolled consecutive treys at night, the latest when 5-1 for lower price tag 12 evenings ago. Yet to have an exacta finish in three races over this track in the afternoon, so others preferred.

**2. Nazare** - Fourth in last two under the lights, most recently when 19-1 in race in which the first two finishers were dominant. Trailed better in lone race over the daytime oval and isn't helped by his lack of zip.

**3. Soul Prodigy** - Has more speed than he displayed in his last nighttime appearance 19 days ago and has been 2-3 in his two tries over this track in the afternoon, so could be dangerous if able to shake free early. Interesting.

**4. Paul L** - Cuts back in distance and drops in price after finishing ninth of 10 when huge number in miler less than two weeks ago. Has not been competitive in three races this year after spending well over a year on the sidelines and hasn't hit the board since scoring under the lights Feb. 13, 2021.

**5. Equipo A** - Eliminated at the break when off poorly when shipped to Ferndale last month. Gray gelding was last seen locally chasing the speedy Justamitch, who has since won again, at night Aug. 7 and will be a forward factor at the very least if he leaves with his rivals.

**6. Resilient** - Hasn't been seen since scoring a first out winner Feb. 9, 2020 at Golden Gate Fields when trained by the late Bob Hess, Sr. Proven fresh, so first time gelding merits strong consideration with these for stable having a solid year.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 6. Resilient
- 5. Equipo A
- 3. Soul Prodigy

*Mark Ratzky*

- 6. Resilient
- 2. Nazare
- 5. Equipo A

# 5<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Mark Ratzky*



*Trainer*  
*Charles Treece*

3-Year-Olds and up, fillies and mares,  
Claiming price \$16,000, Six Furlongs.

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Galarina** - Eighth time proved the charm for this gal as she broke her maiden at 22-1 going this distance during the summer meet, then something went amiss when stretching out to a mile and trying winners for the first time down at Del Mar 7 weeks ago; has turned in a quartet of moves in the interim over at San Luis Rey and returns to the short game.

**2. Dashing Demi** - Been away since April up at Golden Gate where she broke her maiden routing over the synthetic surface at the beginning of the year and earned minor slices vs. winners in the ensuing trio of outings, that most recent over the Albany lawn; shows four half-mile spins over this layout for Treece to prepare for the return.

**3. Royal Blend** - Well-bred sophomore now with DeAlba and has been on the bench since last December, when she was well beaten in the first two starts off the November claim; diploma earner came in 19 months ago going this journey over at Santa Anita; modest set of local drills on her card and needs to run back to that long ago maidenbreaker to get the job done today.

**4. Keep Your Coil** - A win from 4 runs over this unique strip and 0-for-11 everywhere else, with that score coming all the way back in December of 2020 in her second start in track-and-attack mode; has certainly been pounding on the door in her last trio, with two near-misses at this summer session and a solid show off a wide late run in the most recent at the seaside when finding herself double digits back to the turn.

**5. My Spy** - A win from 4 runs over this unique strip and 0-for-11 everywhere else, with that score coming all the way back in December of 2020 in her second start in track-and-attack mode; has certainly been pounding on the door in her last trio, with two near-misses at this summer session and a solid show off a wide late run in the most recent at the seaside when finding herself double digits back to the turn.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 4. Keep Your Coil
- 5. My Spy
- 3. Royal Blend

*Mark Ratzky*

- 4. Keep Your Coil
- 5. My Spy
- 3. Royal Blend

# 6<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

Race Analysis  
by Mark Ratzky



Owners  
Howard & Janet Siegel

3-Year-Olds & Up, fillies and mares, claiming price  
\$10,000, Five & One-Half Furlongs.

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Busy Painter** - First of 2 for Pineda; if you are willing to draw a line through that last outing a Del Mar vs. better, this gal is a real nice fit with this group under Payeras; had a solid Santa Anita session this year and when last seen over this daytime strip she was a sharp runner-up behind a streaking mare.

**2. Malibu Mistress** - Sports a win from 6 runs over this unique track, that coming a year ago in game fashion; hasn't been able to make much impact in the ensuing eight trips to the post over both dirt and turf, but this sharp drop in class could do wonders for her outlook.

**3. Benson** - First of a pair from the high-percentage Wong barn; was away a long time following that Golden Gate victory last year with two even efforts up north since the return; will be getting her initial run over this Orange County oval with Frey trying his hand another who figures to appreciate the easier company.

**4. Family Trips** - When last seen over this bigger daytime oval at the July stand, she forced the issue from the outside, opened up at midstretch and held safe over a softer group; has followed up with a second a pair of show finishes with main main Lopez doing the honors and best makes dangerous.

**5. Irish Wahne** - Got some class relief for the most recent outing over the Golden Gate tapeta, was hammered down to 3-5 and made it look like a gift three weeks ago; claimed by Saldana, who does well with his fresh purchases and brings her down for an initial run over this unique course. last may prove nice confidence builder.

**6. Suezaaana** - Both of her scores have come over the smaller night oval here, including that run last month where she made every pole a winner at a juicy 6-1; has had to settle for one place and one show from her half-dozen forays on this bigger daylight course and will need to build on that last one to do an encore.

**7. Secret Maneuver** - Been on the sidelines since early November; lone snapshot came in her debut down at Del Mar just over 4 years ago and with runner-up efforts in both of her local outings; now does her work for Agarie; layoff main concern.

**8. Ardtrea** - Been a hot commodity here during evening hourse, with back-to-back solid outings while being red-tagged on both occasions, most recently by the high-percentage Uranga barn; the early stumble cost her last time and she was ultra-game just missing vs. somewhat softer foes.

**9. Loveherheart** - The other Wong trainee made her only local try during evening hours here two back and was a prompt 3-5 shot going 1,000 yards, then was a bystander vs. tougher at Del Mar; has to be given a long look in contentious affair.

**10. Flatterwithjewels** - Gives Pineda two looks at the outcome with Curatolo guiding from the outside box; exploded late to upset them two back in what was her second win from 5 starts over this mile strip; figures right in the thick of things.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 1. Busy Painter
- 10. Flatterwithjewels
- 9. Loveherheart

*Mark Ratzky*

- 10. Flatterwithjewels
- 9. Loveherheart
- 1. Busy Painter



## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*



*Owner*  
*Johnny Taboada*

3-Year-Olds & Up, California bred or sired,  
allowance/claiming, claiming price \$20,000, One Mile

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Club Cal** - Late running gelding rallied to complete the trifecta when 36-1 at this distance vs. similar 19 days ago. Hasn't won since breaking his maiden as a juvenile in 2020, but the victory did come by daylight over this track, so can't be dismissed.

**2. Prodigal Son** - Switches to dirt after finishing a close fourth when 16-1 in first in three months 20 days ago. Two of his three lifetime victories have come on the main track and he is 1-for-1 here, so could end his long drought.

**3. Nolongerahobby** - Finished directly behind Club Cal last month by the beach as he was thwarted in his attempt to win for a second time during the meet. The veteran gelding had cashed at 11-1 at this trip on turf three weeks before and he's hit the board in his two previous races

**4. Dr. Troutman** - Tired after chasing quick splits down south when claimed for \$12,500 from Jesus Uranga Debuts for high percentage trainer that wins with regularly first off the claim and speedy gelding is perfect in two starts over this daytime course.

**5. Shortman** - No factor in same race Club Cal and Nolongerahobby exit, but could perk up with the change in scenery. Sophomore is 0-for-8 at any track not named Los Alamitos, but has won two of three here, including an eight-length romp when 8-1 July 4. Blinkers he wore in his July 5, 2021 debut score return.

**6. Funkenstein** - Goes for new connections after being claimed for \$20,000 from Gary Stute when splitting the field five weeks ago. Scored an off the pace victory when 10-1 at this distance here during the Summer meet. Chance if they go too fast too soon.

### Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 4. Dr. Troutman
- 2. Prodigal Son
- 5. Shortman

*Mark Ratzky*

- 7. Straighten Up
- 5. Workday
- 6. Royal Halo

# 8<sup>th</sup> RACE

## A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis*  
by *Bob Mieszerski*



Trainer  
*Rene Amescua*

2-Year-Olds, maidens, California bred or sired,  
Claiming price \$50,000, Six Furlongs

### Horses listed by program number

**1. Crypto Ride** - Sire has won with 10 of 91 rookies and dam has produced Hapi Hapi (\$164,021). Might needs more yardage before showing his best stuff.

**2. Geezer** - Much troubled when fifth of seven when 7-1 in slow division of race at this level Aug. 27. Could move forward considerably with a clean journey.

**3. Candy's Wildcat** - No match for the winnerf, but was a clear second once more in same race Chaokoon exits. Makes second start for connections after being claimed for \$50,000 from Cliff Sise, Jr. when beaten favorite July 31. One of the ones in here.

**4. Krixus Flash** - Stablemate of Thisty Cowboy will be trying to graduate for the sixth time and is back with fellow state bred after finishing a non-threatening third when 10-1 Sept. 1.

**5. Druidic** - Has been gelded and adds blinkers since finishing sixth of 10 in race captured by eventual I'm Smokin Stakes winner Giver Not a Taker. Expecting improvement from homebred.

**6. Buffalo Run** - Danzing Candy has won with six of 51 debuters and winless dam's best foal is Kristi's Tiger ( \$263,546). Stablemate of Crypto Ride.

**7. Mr. Fighter** - Yet to come close in four starts, the latest when seventh of nine when 32-1 15 days ago. Pass.

**8. Chaokoon** - Troubled at break when distant third in same race Candy's Wildcat exits. Eligible tio improve with race under his belt. Not impossible.

**9. Thirsty Cowboy** -Gelded since losing all chance at the break when 19-1 in his debut seven weeks ago. Light work tab in the interim and tough to take given his gate woes.

**10. Start Them Up** - Sheds the blinkers worn when failing to contend when 8-1 in his debut. Trainer comes off a red hot meet at Del Mar and his maidens generally improve second time.

**11. Reign of Speed** - Drops into a claimer after chasing runawa winner Kangaroo Court four weeks ago. Can perk up with softer .ccmpa-ny.

## Handicappers Selections

*Bob Mieszerski*

- 2. Geezer
- 3. Candy's Wildcat
- 5. Druidic

*Mark Ratzky*

- 3. Candy's Wildcat
- 2. Geezer
- 11. Rein of Speed