

1st RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Mark Ratzky*



Trainer
Brian Cunningham

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

Horses listed by program number

1. Rally Cat - No match for today's rival Baby Gronk when they met under these exact conditions two back at the summer stand, then lost all chance with a very poor start under the lights last month; asked a tough question today from the tricky inside post.

2. Sigur Ros - Traveled to New Mexico in May to take down a stakes race, then put in a big effort when last seen in late June during the evening hours here when just missing to the hard-hitting Oh Jerry at 1000 yards; has clicked in 4 of the last 7 teamings with main man Ramirez and figures right in the thick of things.

3. Love My Jimmy - First of a trio in this cast to have an afternoon victory here, earning that score two back at the summer session while taking the measure of an easier group as the 3-5 choice; pushed a torrid pace when last seen in that abbreviated lawn party up at Golden Gate earlier this month and paid the price in the lane.

4. Whisky My God - He's fresh from back-to-back scores over the smaller night oval and has also got the job done in 2 of 4 starts on the bigger daytime oval; Payeras stays aboard off the Naranjo claim and they should be motoring away there in what shapes up as a very contentious contest.

5. Big Creek - Lone snapshot came going 1000 yards here under the stars in early April and has had to be happy with smaller prizes in the ensuing five trips to the post; met a much tougher group in the lone appearance over the mile oval here and that came back in Dec. against some tough company; bullet local move 11 days ago.

6. Tadeo - Ventures down from the Humboldt County Fair where he was an easier winner and then came back five days later to complete the exacta; will need to pick up the pace if he wants to get the job done in his local debut.

7. Perfect D - Had back-to-back runner-up efforts here during the evening hours coming into the most recent night try he had some early issues before checking in an even third as the 8-5 favorite; will need his very best to get the job done.

8. Baby Gronk - The other in here with two tallies over this mile course, the most recent at the summer meet where he did the perfect stalk-and-pounce to win under these exact conditions; re-united with Vasquez, who was aboard for the score and deserves plenty of respect from the outside with a tracking journey.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

8. Baby Gronk
3. Love My Jimmy
4. Whisky My God

Mark Ratzky

8. Baby Gronk
4. Whisky My God
3. Love My Jimmy

2nd RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Mark Ratzky*



Trainer
Milton Pineda

3-year-olds, fillies, claiming price \$16,000, Five & One-half Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Talkative Gal - First of two in the cast with a win over this unique course, getting that score going 5 furlongs during the summer stand in game fashion; nothing doing in the two Del Mar efforts off the claim, but should be more at home with this group over a course you know she likes.

2. Blame it on Rose- Sat close and lacked a response in a pair of Del Mar outings that saw her away from the wars since January; speed should serve her well in the initial outing over this layout with Berrios taking the return call and helps make it interesting.

3. Baby Kristen - The other in here having graced the daytime winner's circle; has been a very punctual favorite in the last pair, breaking the maiden at the summer session and then going coast-to-coast in one of those 1000 yard events here under the lights; Baze takes the call and you'll get a lot better than odds-on for this assignment.

4. Tizzy Twister - Looked good getting the job done back in May over at Santa Anita but has been stuck in neutral in the ensuing three outings, including an even effort here in July' does get some class relief now and must be respected with Cedillo, who as aboard for the March diploma earner.

5. Jewelofakid - Got some ship-and-money down at Del Mar last month when taking a class drop off the May claim at Churchill, then was the modest chalk vs. winners down there three weeks later and failed to menace with some trouble; shortens up for this off another red-tag and should be moving late.

6. Bonita Leona - First lifetime tally came over the tapeta at Golden Gate in February and added a second snapshot 12 days ago on the smaller night oval here with a track-and-attack for Payeras; tougher task, but has preferred draw in compact field.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

4. Tizzy Twister
3. Baby Kristen
6. Bonita Leona

Mark Ratzky

3. Baby Kristen
6. Bonita Leona
4. Tizzy Twister

3rd RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Bob Mieszerski*



Owner
Gary Barber

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

Horses listed by program number

1. Caanfoolery - Homebred's claiming price is lowered again after she finished a distant ninth when 33-1 13 days ago. Well defeated in her debut over this track during the Summer meet earlier this year and goes outside to inside. Major turnaround needed.

2. Bizzy Gal - Steps in for a tag for the first time after rolling a pair of sevens, the latest when 9-1 nearly a month ago. Returns to the main track and was off slowly in her local debut vs. tougher, but could wake up with the lesser company and talented rider stays for winning stable.

3. Forest Acclamation - Homebred had a rough Del Mar, losing her two starts by a combined 44 lengths. Split the field at this level in her debut here July 10, so better is possible with the change in scenery, a reduction price and the removal of blinkers.

4. Gold Switch - Sire has won with two of 15 debuters and winless dam's four prior foals are a combined 1-for-30. Prefer to see an out-ing.

5. Golden Again - Made some late progress after a slow takeoff in her debut 13 days ago, so eligible for improvement as she draws a cozier post and keeps the same jockey.

6. Daddy Classy Dill - Most experienced member of the cast will try for the seventh time to graduate. Capable of being forwardly placed and might be able to collect a piece for stable seeking its fourth win of 2022.

7. Elegant Sway - Troubled in both of her races and drops in price and moves near the outside. Added yardage should help, so could factor if she leaves alertly. Owner-breeder won a maiden contest here Sept. 17 with Glorious Spring.

8. Bebbanburg - Brief factor in initial venture outside Wyoming when nearly 49-1 20 days ago. in race dominated by dropper Funkhouser. Might prove the one to catch in this spot, but things could get a little dicey for her in the final quarter of a mile.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

2. Bizzy Gal
7. Golden Again
3. Forest Acclamation

Mark Ratzky

2. Bizzy Gal
7. Golden Again
3. Forest Acclamation

4th RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Bob Mieszerski*



Owner
Michael Pegram

3-Year-Olds and Up, maidens, claiming price \$50,000,
Six Furlongs

Horses listed by program number

1. Encode - Goes route to sprint and surfaces in a seller for the first time after finishing a distant third behind heavily-favored winner. Should be plenty fit coming off the two turn effort and could be primed for his best in his third after a layoff of nearly a year. The one to defeat for Hall of Fame trainer.

2. Raku Firing - The switch to dirt agreed with the \$9,500 yearling purchase as he turned in a career best effort in his main track debut, missing by a half-length for this price tag Sept. 1. Player from close range if able to run two alike.

3. Mesilla Sunrise - Gervinho has one with one of 42 debuters and most notable foam from dam, who was a four-time winner, is Second Mate (\$381,205). Stable is more than capable first time out, but this one has taken a long time to get to the races, so looking elsewhere.

4. Mongolian Ninja - Moves off the rail after finishing nearly eighth lengths behind Raku Firing in first start in almost five months. Worked an easy half mile in the race, so better is possible, but prefer others for the top prize.

5. Purified - Sire has scored with nine of 79 debuters and 2-for-19 dam's had two of her four prior foals reach the winner's circle. Stablemate of Encode lures rider who won three times here Sept. 17, including with debuter Gandolfini for this stable.

6. Magnificent - Cuts back in distance after finishing eighth in the same contest Encode exits. Gelding hasn't hit the board since finishing second in consecutive races as a 3-year-old, so improvement is necessary.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

1. Encode
- 2; Raku Firing
5. Purified

Mark Ratzky

1. Enode
5. Purified
2. Raku Firing

5th RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Mark Ratzky*



Trainer
Robert Hess Jr.

3-Year-Olds and Up, fillies and mares, starter allowance/optional claiming, Five & One-Half Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Angelkents - Won 6 of her first 8 starts, with 4 of those on turf and one on the (former) Arlington synthetic, but was thwarted in the next four appearances dating back to last summer; had a troubled journey when facing stiffer competition in the last over the Del Mar sod and like the rest of these is making her initial Orange County foray.

2. Baby Steps - Since earning the graduation papers last October running short over the Arcadia lawn, this gal has had to settle for a lot of minor awards while being involved in several early battles; Hanson trainee adds more fuel to the fractions and Maldonado got to know her last time.

3. She's Got a Way - Departed the maiden ranks over the Santa Anita green in late January and has had to be happy with minor prizes in the ensuing six trips to the post while running both short and long; figures to be sitting behind the speed on the cutback in distance and should be coming late for Curatolo.

4. Violent Runner - After a troubled debut in March, this Sadler trainee rattled off back-to-back wins at Santa Anita in front-end fashion with Ellingwood before taking the Del Mar meet off; gets the first chance to race over the track she calls home with a solid worktab and has to be respected.

5. Fulminate - Came in from Florida for some ship-and-win money at Del Mar last month, was part of a spirited early battle from the outside going 5 panels over the green and paid the price late; all three of the lifetime victories have come over turf

6. Liam's Dove - Has been away from the wars since mid-January when she was mixing it up with tougher types across town; actually broke the maiden in a mild stakes event on the Del Mar sod just over a year ago and helps make things interesting from the cozy outside slot on the return.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

2. Baby Steps

5. Fulminate

4. Violent Runner

Mark Ratzky

3. She's Got a Way

2. Baby Steps

4. Violent Runner

6th RACE

A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis
by Mark Ratzky*



*Owner
William Peebles*

2-Year-Olds, fillies, California-bred, maiden special weight,
Six Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Cherry Chaos - All 4 starts have come on turf, starting with two sprints at Santa Anita and then a pair of milers over the Del Mar green; had pace-setting duties in those last two longer efforts at the seaside and tired when push came to shove; blinkers off and bullet down at San Luis Rey since the last try.

2. Sweet Hello - First of 2 new faces in the cast; sire has connected with 6 of 30 juvenile newbies while mom won twice from 13 sarts for 21k and has seen both her runners get the picture taken, headed by Rifey (128K); check toteboard and post parade for more clues.

3. Smiling Amy - The other beginner in the line-up is by a sire who has had 13% of his 2-year-old rookies land in the circle, while this is the first to the wars for the unraced Heatseeker mare; modest Arcadia worktab in tow.

4. Miss Kaline - Was not a factor in the two starts at Del Mar, sprinting on dirt and routing on the lawn, and cost herself with slow takeoffs on both occasion; gets an easier assignment today and a clean start would certainly help the cause.

5. Big Celebration - Took a little money in the Del Mar introduction earlier this month, was bumped a couple of times coming away from there and had to settle for a minor prize; every right to move forward with that effort her belt and figures right in the thick of things with this group.

6. Thank You Kera - Nothing doing in a pair of appearances at Del Mar this summer while having issues away from there on both occasions; gets the chance to race over the track she calls home now with Baze guiding from the outside slot.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

5. Big Celebration

4. Miss Kaline

1. Cherry Chaos

Mark Ratzky

5. Big Celebration

4. Miss Kaline

2. Sweet Hello

7th RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Bob Mieszerski*



Trainer
Librado Barocio

3-Year-Olds & Up, fillies & mares, allowance/claiming,
claiming price \$40,000, One Mile

Horses listed by program number

1. Shared Future - Stretches out after completing the exacta when 14-1 in first start for these connections after being claimed for \$40,000 from Robertino Diodoro four weeks earlier. Sophomore miss has done all for her winning around one turn, but her pedigree suggests she should be able to get the trip. Interesting.

2. Warrior's Moon - Aims for back-to-back scores after cashing at 17-1 at this distance vs. fellow state bred in second start since joining this Hall of Fame stable. Third in two previous races over this track, the latest during the 2021 Los Angeles County Fair meet when trained by Peter Eurton.

3. Self Isolation - Returns to the scene of her blowout win as the favorite three starts back during the Summer season. Homebred has fired in both of her local appearances, so could rebound after finishing off the board in a pair of grass outings down south, the latest when chasing eventual repeater Warrens Candy Girl.

4. Midnight Jamboree - Opted for this spot after scratching from the Desert Mirage Stakes Sept. 18. Recent below her best, but she was in some tough spots - including consecutive Grade II events in Arcadia- so a bounce back is possible as she adds blinkers.

5. Brittle and Yoo - Protected after being tagged for \$20,000 from Ron Ellis out of an easy win as the favorite at this trip five weeks ago. Switches to a rider who had a very favorable impression during the recently-concluded Del Mar meet, but will need to step up her game to repeat.

6. Over Attracted - Set the pace when dismissed at more than 100-1 on grass 18 days ago and returns to dirt for the first time since finishing a non-threatening third here during the 2021 Winter meet in first race after being claimed for \$25,000 from David Hofmans. Would be a surprise.

7. Gold Dragon Queen - Overmatched in all recent on turf, the latest when 11th of 13 when 97-1 in a Grade I last month. The class relief should help, but her only win came over a sloppy track last Dec. 27 when trained by Richard Baltas.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

- 3. Self Isolation
- 4. Midnight Jamboree
- 1. Shared Future

Mark Ratzky

- 3. Self Isolation
- 1. Shared Future
- 4. Midnight Jamboree

8th RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Bob Mieszerski*



*Pete & Evelyn Parrella
of Legacy Ranch*

2-Year-Old Fillies, maidens, California bred or sired,
claiming price \$50,000, Six Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Pretty Thirsty - Left her supporters parched when she trailed after a slow takeoff when debuting vs. tougher 40 days ago. Filly purchased for \$29,000 as a yearling needs an alert start from this post. Three drillins in the interim and gets a new rider, so a move forward is possible.

2. The Reign Song - Close third for this price tag a little over a month ago and was runner-up in sole local try June 26, so major player with these. Could be primed for graduation.

3. Shift to Win - Sire has one win from 15 debuters and 0-for-1 dam's best offspring is Shifty Dancer (9 victories, \$109,089). Moderate drills on tab, but won't have to be a champion to contend in this spot.

4. Rosie Ann Rules - Homebred failed to come close in three races by the beach to begin her career, the latest when ninth of 10 and 96-1 19 days ago. Drops into a claimer for the first time, but hindered by lack of zip, so hard to recommend.

5. Night Party - Had lead most of the way, but couldn't quite last when 11-10 in debut at this level. Was well clear of the rest of the field and is wheeled back in 13 days by trainer who won three races the first two days of the meet. The one to defeat.

6. Hot Thoughts - Drops in for a tag and goes turf to dirt after trailing when 6-1 in Aug. 25 bow. Rider who was aboard stays for stable winning at a 15% clip this year, so better is anticipated.

7. Hollywood Rumor - Hoorayforhollywood has one win from his first 14 rookies and dam, who was winless in three appearances, has produced two-time winner Final Demand. Lands outside box and would prefer to witness a race.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

5. Night Party
2. The Reign Song
6. Hot Thoughts

Mark Ratzky

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2. The Reign Song
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