

1st RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Bob Mieszerski*



Trainer
Ashley Baze

3-Year-Olds and Up, maidens, claiming price \$20,000,
Five & One Half Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Chasing the Vision - Has taken a long time to get to the races and has a sketchy local work tag for his debut. Will need an alert start from this post and stable isn't known for first out success, so looking elsewhere.

2. Shardial - Showed high speed at this level when 3-1 in first for these connections after being claimed for \$40,000 from Brian Koriner nearly a year earlier. Off the fence for this and should be tighter with this race under his belt. Have him to overhaul as he sheds the blinkers.

3. Mongolian Moon - Lowered in price after trailing throughout when 12-1 in Sept. 1 debut down south. Better is likely vs. this softer gang and he gets a shot to run over the track where he is based for stable winning at a 22% rate in 2022.

4. Papa Primitivo - Lacked zip and failed to make any late impression when 15-1 in latest try under the lights 12 days ago. Only try over the daytime oval didn't go well as he was off slowly and well beaten when 34-1 in his debut during the 2021 Winter meet.

5. Dadstar - Beat a pair of rivals home vs. stronger when 21-1 Aug. 27 when making first start in more than eight months. Returns to the track where he was a sharp second while finishing directly in front of a next out winner in his final outing as a 2-year-old. Major player.

6. Alex's Dream - Rolled a pair of sixes to begin his career, the latest when finishing in front of one rival when 5-1 at night 20 days ago. Would be a surprise.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

2. Shardial
5. Dadstar
3. Mongolian Moon

Mark Ratzky

2. Shardial
5. Dadstar
3. Mongolian Moon

2nd RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by Mark Ratzky



Trainer
Lizbeth Medina

3-Year-Olds and Up, fillies and mares, starter allowance,
Five & One-half Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Irish Wahine - Dominated a conditioned claiming group over the Golden Gate tapeta in late August, then suited up here opening day in the first start off the Saldana claim and was close third after lagging to the drive; should be sitting a tracking journey in this cast and has to be considered.

2. Secret Square - Took a class drop last month at Del Mar and was eased going a mile; joined the Knapp barn via the claim box that afternoon and returns to the short game while racing over a strip where she has a win from a trio of appearances, that tally coming a year ago under starter conditions going once around the course; obvious question mark after that last outing.

3. Soul Sweet - Made two starts over this unique strip last season and reported to the winner's circle on both occasions; made second start off the vacation in last month's foray under the lights and lost a heartbreaker; should be ready for best now in third start off the bench while returning to action over the mile track.

4. Ca Dreamer - Has done plenty of good work during the evening hours, with the most recent snapshot coming over 1000 yards in May and finished only a neck behind today's foe Ana Lisa when chasing home Pistachio Princess in that June stakes; no stranger to winning on the daytime oval with a Dec. 2020 score on her card.

5. Ana Lisa - Finished up the summer meet here in style by doing the perfect stalk-and-pounce to take the measure of a starter field, then raced against the Queen of the Night Pistachio Princess in a 1000-yard affair and had to settle for the show while finishing just ahead of today's rival Ca Dreamer; major player.

6. Measureofdevotion - A non-threatening show finish behind Ana Lisa when they met in that July 8 starter affair over this strip, then played the role of bystander in the subsequent appearance at Del Mar two months ago; both of her victories have come over the smaller night oval and will need her very best to get the job done.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

1. Irish Wahine
5. Ana Lisa
4. Ca Dreamer

Mark Ratzky

5. Ana Lisa
2. Irish Wahine
4. California Dreamer

3rd RACE

A Closer Look...

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Trainer
Mark Glatt

3-Year-Olds & Up, claiming price \$10,000,
Five & One Furlongs

Horses listed by program number

- 1. Debt Monger** - Missed by a head when 6-1 after a wide trip, which is never a recipe for success over the track. Taking on tougher in his return to Southern California and is seeking first on the board finish over this track in the afternoon.
- 2. Vicente's Shadow** - Gelding is 1-for-14 since the beginning of 2021 and the win came more than 13 months ago at Emerald Downs in Washington. Has no speed, so looking elsewhere even as he drops into a softer spot.
- 3. Monologue**- Lowered in price and cuts back in distance after being claimed for \$16,000 from Robertino Diodoro when distant fourth when 2-1 Aug. 27. Sophomore has been gelded by his new connections, but the drop after the purchase isn't the most positive sign and both of his wins have come at eight furlongs.
- 4. Perfecto Amor**- Close early, but dropped back quickly and wound up last of six when 21-1 for this price tag 26 days ago. Gelding broke his maiden by daylight here during the 2021 Los Angeles County Fair meet when trained by Mark Glatt, but seems headed in the wrong direction, so passing.
- 5. Reckoning Day**- Gelding has been away since being virtually eased vs. stronger California bred at a longer trip May 30. Was a first out winner over this surface in the afternoon during the 2020 Winter meet when trained by Cliff Sise, Jr., so he is capable fresh.
- 6. Being Blessed**- Lost a heartbreaker under the lights 13 days ago and did run well to be second over the daytime oval earlier this year, so gelding merits consideration.
- 7. Liar Liar** - Off the rail and returns to the bigger track after finishing third of five under the lights 19 day ago. Winless in three starts since being claimed for \$12,500 from high percentage trainer Dean Pederson out of his second win a span of 14 days during the Summer meet earlier this year.
- 8. Restoring Dreams** - Moves to the daytime oval and bumped in price after consecutive on the board finishes at night, the latest when 4-1 against win type Restless Rambler. Should be part of the pace, but think he'll weaken late.
- 9. Pedro Perez** - Has defeated a total of two opponents in his last two nighttime appearances, but could rebound as he was a 23-1 upsetter the last time he competed here in daylight and completed the trifecta on two other occasions. Upset possibility.
- 10. Next Revolt**- Surfaces at the level he was taken for - from Bob Hess, Jr. - nearly nine months ago and was entered today not to be claimed per a California Horse Racing Board rule. He won going short, so could be live in his return and lures a rider who has had success for this productive stable.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

10. Next Revolt
6. Being Blessed
3. Monologue

Mark Ratzky

10. Next Revolt
3. Monologue
6. Being Blessed

4th RACE

A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis
by Mark Ratzky*



*Trainer
Salvador Orozco*

3-Year-olds and Up, claiming price \$25,000, One Mile.

Horses listed by program number

1. Allaboutthemoney - First of 2 for the Hess barn; lost best chance with that stumble at the start two back at Del Mar, then made first try off the claim in a grassy miler down there and played the role of bystander; drops below the purchase price for this assignment while trying Orange County for the first time.

2. Little Demon - Been very popular at the claim box, changing hands after 4 of the last 5 outings; dominated an easier group for some ship-and-win money at Del Mar, then held a clear lead at midstretch in the most recent but was no match for today's rival High Heater while holding for the exacta completion.

3. Disc Jockey - Nailed right on the money two back in a seaside miler, than was part of a spirited duel going 7 furlongs in the initial appearance off the Miller claim and paid the price when push came to shove; back to two turns for this outing and figures to appreciate the easier company with Val;divia trying his hand.

4. Zimba Warrior - Offered at a slight discount down at Del Mar off the red-tag here during the summer stand and responded with a big effort for new best friend Van Dyke, as he dug in what in counted to get the job done on the once-around; the only member of the field to have started here and post a victory via dq sprinting back in December.

5. High Heater - The other Hess runner and was a reclaim from the last at Del Mar where he tracked perfectly and had little trouble overpowering Little Demon for a convincing score; figures to get much more respect at the windows today as he tries this unique layout for the first time under Cedillo.

6. Dillon Rocks - Finished up his Arizona Downs campaign in style with a solid come-from-behind score sprinting, then tried the ship-and-win down south earlier this month and went evenly for a minor award at a mile on the lawn; rider upgrade to Vasquez and best would certainly put him in the picture.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

5. High Heater
3. Disc Jockey
4. Zimba Warrior

Mark Ratzky

5. High Heater
4. Zimba Warrior
3. Disc Jockey

5th RACE

A Closer Look...

*Race Analysis
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2-Year-olds, maiden claiming \$30,000,
Five & One-Half Furlongs.



*Jockey
Drayden Van Dyke*

Horses listed by program number

1. Fasttraintotexas - One of 3 with experience and first of 2 for the Alexander/Miyadi combination; broke a tad slow in the Del Mar unveiling earlier this month, rushed up and then gave way in the stretch; race under the belt now and a cleaner takeoff would help.

2. He's a Candy Man - Wong trainee took some money while debuting in a seller at the seaside three weeks ago, sat fairly close early and came up empty in the drive; Baze stays put.

3. Jerry Jeff Walker - Stablemate of Fasttraintotexas looks the stronger of that pair after a decent debut in that abbreviated lawn party down at Del Mar last month; the one to beat unless one of the newbies comes out running.

4. Mischief's Thirsty - First of the fresh faces; dad hits at 10% with his beginners while this is the first to the racs for the Into Mischief mare who was 1-for-21 (10K) on the track.

5. Chick's Dig It - Sire is 0-for-32 with firsters while mom was 1-for-7 (8K) and is looking for her first winner with her third to the races.

6. Hey Batman - Sire has seen 2 of his 5 new shooters get the job done while the dam won once from 9 starts for 14K and is having her first to the gate.

7. Otro Mas - Stablemate of Otro Mas is by a sire with a winner from 22 newbies while mom won twice from 5 starts for 21K and has a winner from a pair to start.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

3. Jerry Jeff Walker
1. Fasttraintotexas
2. He's a Candy Man

Mark Ratzky

3. Jerry Jeff Walker
1. Fasttraintotexas
2. He's a Candy Man



A Closer Look...

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Trainer
Anthony Saavedra

3-Year-Olds & Up, fillies & mares,
Claiming price \$16,000, Six & One Half Furlongs

Horses listed by program number

1. Sugar Kisses - Goes for new connections after being claimed for \$12,500 from Aggie Ordonez when failing to threaten after a slow takeoff at big longer trip. California bred has never been big on winning and next-to-last the only other time she competed here in 2021, so would be a surprise.

2. Rain Diva - Surfaces for higher price in initial try since being eased and walked off the track when claimed for \$10,000 from Mark Glatt seven months ago. Bullet drill over this track earlier in the month and stable consistently does well with a limited number of runners.

3. Lady Protonico - Although no threat to Li'l Grazen, who was winning her second in a row, the 4-year-old turned in her best California effort yet, completing the exacta at almost 87-1 in same contest Sugar Kisses exits. Hampered by her lack of zip, but could run on for at least a piece if able to run two alike.

4. Full of Grace - Well beaten vs. tougher down south and drops. May perk up with the lesser company and the change in scenery as she did complete the exacta the last time she competed here during the Summer meet in July. Could find her way into the exotics, but don't think she'll collect her first win of 2022.

5. Pawnee - Eased going longer in first after being claimed for \$20,000 from Ray Bell out of a dull local effort in her initial start after a layoff of some 11 months. Only one on the board finish in six starts since scoring back-to-back victories in Arcadia early last year, so tough take in her current form.

6. Wild Arch - Cuts back to her preferred game and was a winner the last time she competed locally, edging recent Los Alamitos winner Keep Your Coil three starts ago and chased favored Little Rachel in her most recent try around one turn.

7. Larimar - Distant second behind Annie Graham four weeks ago when claimed for \$20,000 from Robertino Diodoro. Mare has been 1-2 in more than half of her lifetime starts, so she could make her presence felt in her Los Alamitos debut.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

- 2. Rain Diva
- 7. Larimar
- 6. Wild Arch

Mark Ratzky

- 7. Larimar
- 6. Wild Arch
- 2. Rain Diva

7th RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Bob Mieszerski*

2-Year-Olds, maidens, California bred or sired,
Six Furlongs



Owner
Terry Lovingier

Horses listed by program number

1. My Ransom - Back to the main track after finishing off the board when dismissed at 42-1 going longer. Not close in two previous dirt tries, including when seventh of 10 after a slow takeoff in debut during the Summer meet earlier this year. Outsider.

2. Thirsty Pappy - Was runner-up at 45-1, but no match for Kangaroo Court, the heavily-favored winner who dominated his rivals Aug. 20. Never got involved when last of 10 in his bow a month before, so he is heading in the right direction, but others preferred.

3. Stay in the Game - Sixth in same contest Thirsty Pappy exits, but fits off his two prior efforts, both second place finishes vs. similar company. Most experienced member of the cast can't be ignored.

4. The Last One Perk - Sixth in same contest Thirsty Pappy exits, but fits off his two prior efforts, both second place finishes vs. similar company. Most experienced member of the cast can't be ignored.

5. Cathedral Light - Had some trouble, but made some progress late to finish fourth of nine when 5-1 in debut nearly a month ago. Has worked twice in the interim for Hall of Fame trainer, so improvement is anticipated for colt as he adds blinkers.

6. Golf Drama - Has burned some bucks in the first two starts of his life, losing as the favorite on both occasions, the latest when 2-1 earlier this month after almost four months on the sidelines. Looms the one to defeat again and third time may be the charm for the \$87,000 yearling buy.

7. Please Focus - Showed speed while inside and weakened to finish last of 10 in race won by eventual I'm Smokin winner Giver Not a Taker. Gets cozier post and homebred could hold on better with these.

8. Tom and Jazzy - Split the field when 23-1 in same race Golf Drama exits and did show some finish after a slow beginning. Homebred gelding had an easy work since raced and should move forward. Not impossible.

Handicappers Selections

Bob Mieszerski

- 5. Cathedral Light
- 6. Golf Drama
- 7. Please Focus

Mark Ratzky

- 6. Golf Drama
- 5. Cathedral Light
- 7. Please Focus

8th RACE

A Closer Look...

Race Analysis
by *Mark Ratzky*



Owner
Nick Cafarchia

3-Year-Olds & Up, fillies and mares,
Maiden claiming \$20,000, Five & One-Half Furlongs.

Horses listed by program number

1. Alpie's Angel - First of 2 new faces; by new sire while dam won twice from 23 starts for 40K and has had a winner from three to reach the races; must deal with tricky rail slot.

2. Liberty Liberty - Beaten double digits in the two outings here during the summer stand, then switched to the five-eighths evening track for the last pair and has had to be happy with minor awards; looking elsewhere.

3. Grandiosely - Both starts have come vs. tougher competition while sprinting on the grass at Santa Anita and she showed much-improved speed in that last one; could pose an elusive target at this level over the track she calls home with Gonzalez up.

4. My Yvonne - Been away since the December stand here where she took some money in the unveiling, had a slow takeoff and failed to make much impact; gets some class relief for the return and has to be given serious consideration today.

5. Italian Love Song - Nothing doing in a pair of Santa Rosa forays and was no factor under the lights here 12 days ago after having some trouble at the start.

6. Sugar Sugar - Miller trainee is making second start off the bench and has been knocking heads with tougher distaffers, including a runner-up effort at this meet last season as the odds-on choice; Ramon is scaling a very live commodity here.

7. Shish Kabob - Had some traffic issues in the October debut across town, then came back from a nearly 10-month vacation at Del Mar this summer and faltered after sitting fairly close in a grass dash; drop into a seller could do wonders for her outlook.

8. Chevy Girl - The other beginner; sire connects at 13% with the rookies while veteran mare won 1 of 6 for 10K and has seen 6 of her 7 starters get the picture taken; a local bullet half-mile showing here last month.

9. Arkita - Another member of this field who has been squaring off against tougher while making all three starts over the turf; back to sprinting for this one and will certainly appreciate the softer company.

10. Worriness - All 5 starts have come at this bottom level with the best finish being the exacta completion here during the summer session; Palma got off to a fast start at this stand.

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6. Sugar Sugar
3. Grandiosely
9. Arkita

Mark Ratzky

6. Sugar Sugar
3. Grandiosely
9. Arkita