

SANTA ANITA



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SANTA ANITA	SANTA ANITA	SANTA ANITA	SANTA ANITA	TOP PLAYS
Pick 5 Ticket Cost \$300	Pick 4 Ticket Cost \$120	Pick 5 Ticket Cost \$350	Pick 4 Ticket Cost \$315	BEST BET 4 PARADISE CITY (7/2) RACE 2
Race 1 1,2,3,4,5	Race 4 1,3,4,5,8	Race 6 2,5,6,7	Race 7 2,4,6	LIVE LONGSHOT 3 SCHOONER (10/1) RACE 1
Race 2 4,5	Race 5 1,2,3,4,5,6	Race 7 2	Race 8 2,3,4,5,7,8,9	MOST LIKELY 2 HUGHES (4/5) RACE 7
Race 3 1,2,6	Race 6 2,5,6,7	Race 8 2,3,4,5,7,8,9	Race 9 2,5,6,7,8	
Race 4 1,3,4,5,8	Race 7 2,4	Race 9 2,5,6,7,8	Race 10 1,3,4,7,8,9	
Race 5 1,2,4,5		Race 10 1,3,4,7,9		

1 – SANTA ANITA (4:00 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 1M TURF

67

7-1

3 SCHOONER	10-1	BLACKER	BERRIOS
1 DREAM SEEKER	3-1	MCCARTHY	HERNANDEZ
4 BILKSEM	6-1	MULLINS	FREY
2 HOAXER	5-2	BAFFERT	ROSARIO ROS

PICK: 3 SCHOONER

He was on the dirt at 5F in the debut and caught a strong field. That is a totally different ballgame. He stretches out and moves to the turf. Berrios has been up in the morning works when he was heads up a couple of times with 6YO stakes winner Arrowthegreat. Has turf in the deep backbreeding in the female family. It goes back to Group 1 winner Caerlina. Sire Justify has a lot of top class turfers.

VALUE: 1 DREAM SEEKER

Michael McCarthy colt has run well in both turf starts. He was on the rail in the first start and closed the gap late to grab third. Went off favored last time in a similar race at Del Mar. He was closing strongly to get within a length of the 1st place finisher. That was a Justify first timer also for McCarthy with Rispoli riding at 14-1. Dam was all turf and won multiple races beyond 1M. Saves ground here.

A) 1,3,4 B) 2,5 C) 6,7 D)

2 – SANTA ANITA (4:29 ET) CHILLINGWORTH (G3) 100K, 6.5F DIRT

84

4-1

4 PARADISE CITY	7-2	JOSEPH	HUSBANDS
5 TOASTER	6-5	BAFFERT	HERNANDEZ
1 THERMAL	2-1	SADLER	ROSARIO
6 ROSIE JEEKS	30-1	DRYSDALE	FREY

PICK: 4 PARADISE CITY

It's possible the top two favorites go early and set up a duel. This one is one that will likely sit midpack. She won her most recent two sprints before the G1 try last out. She was 58-1 in the G1 Ballerina at Saratoga. This is a massive drop in class. 6th beaten 15 was R Disaster who returned to win the G2 Gallant Bloom at Belmont. Husbands up in the 100k stakes win 2 back. Will get the run of the race.

VALUE: 6 ROSIE JEEKS

Don't think she is the most talented in the field. But it's possible the pace could melt down and this one will be closing from the parking lot. She moved to dirt for the first time in the last start and she ran a respectable third at 44-1. She got a wide trip from the 8 post in there and likely needed one off the layoff. Drops back in distance. Her only chance is if the pace is too fast for the speed runners.

A) 4,5 B) 1 C) 2,3,6 D)

3 – SANTA ANITA (5:01 ET)
OAK LEAF (G2) 200K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

75
15-1

1 QUATTRO PASSI	5-2	BAFFERT	SMITH
6 DELUGE	8-5	BAFFERT	HERNANDEZ
2 HOLMBY	9-5	BAFFERT	GONZALEZ
3 DOMAIN EXPANSION	20-1	POWELL	ESCOBEDO

PICK: 1 QUATTRO PASSI

The question will be which one will prefer the stretchout. This is certainly a good candidate. She comes from the female family that produced \$2.5M Grade 1 turf runner Point of Entry and the two-time Grade 1 dirt router Pine Island. One layer back in the tree is the 2005 Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Pleasant Home. Bob Baffert has 14 wins in this race. Think she'll rate some and make a late run.

VALUE: 3 DOMAIN EXPANSION

Interesting spot for this maiden second time starter. She did run well in the first start, at a mile, on the grass. Since trainer Leonard Powell is just 1 for 67 (1%) in debut you'd have to think this one will jump up for the second start. Pedigree is all dirt. Second dam won 300k on the dirt. Sire was a Grade 1 sprinter/miler on the dirt for B Mott just 4 years ago. Most likely chunks up for a small share today.

A) 1 B) 2,6 C) 3,4 D) 5

5 – SANTA ANITA (6:02 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 6F DIRT

70
6-5

4 EMPIRE OF ASH	8-1	PAPAPRODRMU	MALDONADO
2 ANGEL'S EMBER	6-5	GARCIA	HERNANDEZ
5 D'S FOUR THUMBS UP	7-2	ORDONEZ	DESORMEAUX
1 MORNING GLASS	6-1	FREEMAN	KIMURA

PICK: 4 EMPIRE OF ASH

Trainer George Papaprodromou is a miserable 7 for 119 (6%) with a firster. He's only hit the board 27 times (23%). So the debut for this one when checked early and a fast closing 4th beaten just over two-lengths is quite impressive. Did split the field in the 1m Smokin. Blinkers on and third start in a form cycle. Clockers liked his recent work and Maldonado rode him in that drill. Will be closer early.

VALUE: 1 MORNING GLASS

Was bet down to 8-1 in the debut. That came with a low percentage rider for a 1 for 51 (2%) debut trainer. Not surprisingly, he ran green. He was bumped early and tried to move inside. Major rider move today to Kimura. Worked well out of the gate at San Luis Rey since the debut. Trainer won 2 of his last 3 with second time starters. One winner had Kimura on a change from Belmont (as this one has).

A) 2,4 B) 1,5 C) 3,6 D) 7,8,9

4 – SANTA ANITA (5:32 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 6F TURF

68
11-1

1 KING'S RIDE	5-1	LEWIS	HERNANDEZ
4 OWL	5-2	DRYSDALE	ROSARIO
3 FRANK BULLITT	2-1	WINICK	BAZE
5 JETOVATOR	5-1	EURTON	JARAMILLO

PICK: 1 KING'S RIDE

He might've won had he had room in the final 200 yards last time out. He came off the rail and was behind three foes and just couldn't get out. He was not really asked in the late stages yet was beaten just over a length. He'll have to deal with the rail this time which could mean a similar fate. He is a full sib to 900k winner Brickhouse Ride. Look for Hernandez to ease off the rail as soon as he can do that.

VALUE: 4 OWL

Neil Drysdale usually takes his time with horses. This one is no different. Didn't make it to the races until he was a 4YO gelding. He really hasn't run a bad race this year. It appears 5F is just too short for him. In both of the last two races (at 5F) he was just getting underway when it was too late. Rosario was up for that last start and he is back. Should be one of the main late runners. Good trip likely.

A) 1,3,4 B) 5,8 C) 2,7 D) 6

6 – SANTA ANITA (6:34 ET)
SPEAKEASY 100K, 5F TURF

64
8-5

6 ARCTIC WOLF	2-1	SISTERSON	JARAMILLO
2 OMAHA SPIRIT	8-5	WARD	HERNANDEZ
7 OFF IN THE CORNER	5-2	MILLER	ROSARIO
5 BELLEZA LATINA	12-1	MILLER	AGUILAR

PICK: 6 ARCTIC WOLF

Shipper from Kentucky. Was last seen running 4th beaten 3 in a 750k stakes at a difficult track, Kentucky Downs. He went to the lead and set fast fractions as a 10-1 price, first time blinkers, and only grudgingly yielded late. Can look past the poor start two back at ELP. That was on a yielding turf course which he might not have wanted that surface. Slow breezing 3F work 6 days ago is a readiness tipoff.

VALUE: 5 BELLEZA LATINA

One of two in the race for Peter Miller (although his other is cross-entered for a race on Sunday). Two very good starts for Carlos Munoz but she was eased last time out in the G3 Sorrento. The fact that Miller has her back in a stakes might indicate whatever went wrong was corrected. No turf in the pedigree but notice she worked on the surface 3 times since last. Miller must know she likes the turf.

A) 2,6 B) 5,7 C) 3,4 D) 1

7 – SANTA ANITA (7:04 ET)
AMERICAN PHAROAH (G1) 300K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

89
1-5

2 HUGHES	4-5	BAFFERT	HERNANDEZ
4 IMPERIAL HONOR	9-5	BAFFERT	ROSARIO
6 DOMUS	8-1	BAFFERT	KIMURA
5 EMANCIPATE	10-1	BAFFERT	SMITH

PICK: 2 HUGHES

Not exactly a compelling Grade 1. Bob Baffert has 4 of the 6 in the race and has this heavy favorite. Baffert is 3 for 5 (60%) with all 5 in the top two (100%) in a G1 stakes routing for 2YO's at odds-on. He won this race in 2022, 2023 and 2024 with Cave Rock, Muth and Citizen Bull. Baffert won this race 13 times with most notably American Pharoah in 2014 when it was called the Front Runner Stakes.

VALUE: 6 DOMUS

After every G1 recently, where Baffert has multiple horses in the race, he's been saying how he "wished he'd run one-two". In this case, he is likely wanting the outcome to be one-two-three-four. This one took his debut for fun at Del Mar in a fast time at 5.5F. He only ran half a race in the G1 Del Mar Futurity. It's likely Baffert will have this one fall back and make a run. He's bred for longer distance.

A) 2 B) 4 C) 1,5,6 D) 3

10 – SANTA ANITA (8:36 ET)
RODEO DRIVE (G2) 200K, 1M 1/4 TURF

82
4-5

1 THOUGHT PROCESS	4-5	D'AMATO	BERRIOS
3 DONA CLOTA	15-1	JOSEPH	HUSBANDS
9 MAY DAY READY	5-1	MANDELLA	KIMURA
7 HEY JESSIE	10-1	MCCARTHY	JARAMILLO

PICK: 1 THOUGHT PROCESS

She's won 7 of 10 on the turf. Her 3 losses came in the G1 BC Juv Fillies Turf in a race she set a 45.1 half and rightly tired, the G1 Del Mar Oaks when a close third from the 10 post and last time out off a long layoff when a game second. She is 4 for 4 at Santa Anita and regular rider Berrios sticks with her. She's only 1 for 2 going farther than a mile so there is that to consider. She'll need to be run down.

VALUE: 3 DONA CLOTA

She drew the rail in two of her last three starts. She won three back as the 8-5 favorite in the G3 at Delaware. Caught a deep field in the G2 Glens Falls. Winner of that race returned to beat the boys in G1 Clement at Saratoga. She had much more to give last time out but found herself bottled up in traffic. Saffie Joseph has been winning everywhere in big spots. Should come running late in this one.

A) 1 B) 3,4,7,9 C) 5,8 D) 2,6,10

8 – SANTA ANITA (7:36 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 6F TURF

50
9-1

2 DISKO TRIBUTE	6-1	DOLLASE	KIMURA
4 BALLYVAUGHAN GIG	9-2	TAMAYO	FREY
3 COURTSIDE ACTION	4-1	MATHIS	GONZALEZ
5 MOMENT OF VALOR	4-1	EURTON	AYUSO

VALUE: 4 BALLYVAUGHAN GIG

A) 2,3,4 B) 5,7,9 C) **6**,8 D) 1

9 – SANTA ANITA (8:06 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 6.5F DIRT

69
15-1

5 TASHIE	2-1	GARCIA	HERNANDEZ
6 STAY BOSSY	5-1	MIYADI	KIMURA
8 MIDNIGHT STORM	7-5	ORDONEZ	ROSARIO
2 STRIDENT MISS	30-1	CAPESTRO	AGUILAR

VALUE: 6 STAY BOSSY

A) 5,6,8 B) 2,7 C) 3,**9** D) 1,4

