

# SANTA ANITA



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<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PICK 5 \$400</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> PICK 4 \$120</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> PICK 5 \$180</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> PICK 4 \$180</b>	<b>7 LOCKED (3-2)</b> <b>RACE 10</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> 2,5,8,9</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,3,5,10</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> 2,3,4,5</b>	<b>LIVE LONGSHOT</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> 1,2,3,4,5</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,6,7,8,9,10,11</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> 3</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,4,5,7</b>	<b>3 HALSTYN ROSE (10-1)</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> 1,2,3,5</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> 3,4,5,6,7,8</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,4,5,7</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> 3,7</b>	<b>RACE 5</b>
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> 4,6</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> 3</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup> 7</b>	<b>11<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,11,12</b>	<b>MOST LIKELY WINNER</b>
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,3,5,10</b>		<b>11<sup>TH</sup> 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,11,12</b>		<b>3 BARNES (1-1)</b>
				<b>RACE 8</b>

<p><b>1 – SANTA ANITA (3:00 ET) 45</b> OPTIONAL CLAIMING 50K, 1M TURF</p> <p>2 HURRICANE WAY 9-2 9 OVER THE OCEAN 7-2 5 NAVAJO WARRIOR 4-1 8 GENTLEMEN’S CLUB 20-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 2 HURRICANE WAY</b> Had some run last time out but was buried in between runners without a clean path. He seemed to have just a bit more to offer. Berrios has ridden him before and was beaten a neck 4 back at 6-1 vs. a strong MSW field. Berrios had other options but opts to run for a trainer who has 6 wins in 9 starts at the meet (67%). Late run.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 8 GENTLEMEN’S CLUB</b> Deep closer comes in as a first time gelding here. He was 12-1 with Prat up last time out but was pulling and exchanged bumps which cost him better. He has four very decent works since the last start. Making his third start off of a year on the shelf. He likely moves forward.</p> <p>A) 2,5,9 B) 3,4,8 C) 1,6,7 D)</p>	<p><b>2 – SANTA ANITA (3:30 ET) 57</b> OPTIONAL CLAIMING 100K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>4 IN THE AIR TONIGHT 8-1 5 A. Z. WILDCAT 3-1 3 NO BAD BEATS 9-5 2 CE LA VI CHARLI 12-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 4 IN THE AIR TONIGHT</b> Cal-bred filly was a stakes winner (for fun) second out at Del Mar back in August. She’s nibbled vs. good foes since then. Really hasn’t run a bad race. Can discount the turf route in last. She was out of the 11 post there and turf may not be her thing. Back to dirt, back to the sprint. She adds the blinkers and Lasix for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 2 CE LA VI CHARLI</b> She’s never been on the dirt but gets that chance here. Hard to say from the pedigree but think it leans more to the dirt. Has not taken a penny at the windows. She won her debut at 25-1. Big rider addition for this spot. Jose Ortiz (in for big mounts later) gets up. Is playable.</p> <p>A) 3,4,5 B) 1,2 C) D)</p>	<p><b>3 – SANTA ANITA (4:01 ET) 64</b> BUENA VISTA (G2) 200K, 1M TURF</p> <p>5 RASHMI 7-2 1 TIRUPATI 9-2 3 LIGURIA 4-1 2 UNCORKED 3-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 5 RASHMI</b> One of two in the race for Jonathan Thomas and owner Augustin Stables. Both have a big chance (in fact they are the one-two selections). 11 post two back in a G1 here and she couldn’t get near the lead. She did close well for 4<sup>th</sup> beaten 7 rivals. Won 4 of 5 around that G1 try. Rispoli is 2 for 2 aboard her. Can stalk just behind.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 1 TIRUPATI</b> Connections lost this one for 25k but thought enough of her to claim her right back for 50k the next start. She won two back with much in reserve. That made her the 2-1 favorite in last but had a bad stumble out of there and settled for a fast closing third. Jose Ortiz is aboard.</p> <p>A) 1,5 B) 2,3 C) 4,7 D)</p>
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<p>4 – SANTA ANITA (4:31 ET) 92 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 6.5F DIRT</p> <p>6 OUTWORKER 2-1 4 ROMAN GRATIS 1-1 2 CHARMZ AWAY 6-1 3 BEER BUZZ 10-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 6 OUTWORKER</b> Top two selections come out of a controversial race on 2/1. The winner came over and knocked this one pretty significantly out of the gate. This colt was some 15 or more back early. Roman Gratis was strong to win but think this colt showed more the way he recovered for a late charge. Outworked stablemate Smiling Forever.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 4 ROMAN GRATIS</b> With the scratches there really isn't a value play which means this space will be reserved for commentary on what will likely be the favorite. He was bet hard on the move to So Cal (10-1 morning line) and ran to the tote action (and the works). Fired another bullet after last.</p> <p>A) 4,6 B) C) 2,3 D) 7</p>	<p>5 – SANTA ANITA (5:02 ET) 76 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 6F TURF</p> <p>3 HALSTYN ROSE 10-1 5 NAFISA 2-1 10 GLAMORA 12-1 2 QUICK BROWN FOX 5-2</p> <p><b>PICK: 3 HALSTYN ROSE</b> Has a sibling, Leggs Galore, who won 6 stakes on turf and was 9 for 16 on the grass (mostly sprinting) back in 2020 to 2023. Shipper from CD has had one start on the turf. It came in the first start (with the same rider, Jose Ortiz) and she was a close third at 9-1. Her public works go back 7 weeks. Looks ready for the comeback.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 10 GLAMORA</b> She's in the right hands as D'Amato is one of the best turf trainers in the country. She beat 28 runners in her last two starts in Ireland so there was something here when she shipped into the US. Ran into traffic from the rail two back. She's worked sharply for the return here.</p> <p>A) 3,5 B) 1,2,10 C) 4,6,9 D) 8</p>	<p>6 – SANTA ANITA (5:34 ET) 40 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>11 MOMAD 10-1 6 TESSUTO 5-1 9 KANGAROO COURT 15-1 8 SCATIFY 20-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 11 MOMAD</b> Debut (at 11-1) in September screamed huge talent. He beat some good horses (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> are both graded stakes placed). He beat Bartholdy there but was easily beaten by him next time out. It appears something went wrong at 8-5 in there. Clockers loved the 2/18 work in sub :47 on this dirt. Berrios has been riding live ones for Shirreffs.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 6 TESSUTO</b> Broke his maiden a year ago and the connections got Derby fever and had him in the G1 Santa Anita Derby. He looked great in back to back starts off the very long layoff. Outfinished in last by a stablemate (also in this race). Clockers say he's been dusting that one in the AM.</p> <p>A) 6,7,8,9,11 B) 1,2,10 C) 4 D) 3,5</p>
<p>7 – SANTA ANITA (6:08 ET) 23 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 6F TURF</p> <p>5 ANDAMO RAGAZZA 5-1 3 THERMAL 5-1 7 MISS MANDALAY 8-1 4 NOT A SINNER 8-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 5 ANDAMO RAGAZZA</b> Peter Miller believes in the weight break given to the apprentice riders. He often has them up when he has a live horse. This one has had all kinds of trouble. She's been off slow a few times, stymied in traffic (4 back at the route) and wide trips. Blinkers come on and she's back on Lasix. She does have two turf sprint wins so far.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 3 THERMAL</b> She's been bet to under 3-1 in all four starts. Finally carried the speed all the way when moved to the grass two back. 5F might have been a bit sharp for her. She hasn't been seen in 16 months. Comes into this with a nice worktab and Lasix. 625k purchase. Check betting.</p> <p>A) 3,5,7 B) 2,4,6,8,9 C) 10 D)</p>	<p>8 – SANTA ANITA (6:43 ET) 89 SAN FELIPE (G2) 300K, 1M 1/16 DIRT</p> <p>3 BARNES 1-1 4 RODRIGUEZ 9-5 2 JOURNALISM 7-2 5 SMOOTH CRUISEIN 30-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 3 BARNES</b> Baffert has an 850k purchase named Flying Drummer who won 2 straight with 93, 96 Beyers. This \$3.2M colt beat him by 13-lengths in the 2/17 work. This is the line of multiple G1 winning filly Dream Supreme. Baffert has 9 wins in this race. This colt appears to be his top 3YO and a main favorite for the Derby. The sky is the limit here.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 5 SMOOTH CRUISEIN</b> For those looking for a flyer at overlaid odds, this one is one to consider. He closed to beat two main players in this race back in October at nearly 22-1. Was really no match for Barnes in last but he was off slow and he had a 5-wide trip. Will try to pick some off late in the lane.</p> <p>A) 3 B) 2,4 C) 1,5 D)</p>	<p>9 – SANTA ANITA (7:15 ET) 61 FRANK KILROE MILE (G1) 300K, 1M TURF</p> <p>4 FORMIDABLE MAN 6-1 1 MI HERMANO RAMON 8-5 5 NEAT 8-1 7 ALMENDARES 12-1</p> <p><b>PICK: 4 FORMIDABLE MAN</b> Can't take the Pegasus Turf try seriously. He drew the tough rail in that 12 horse field and Rispoli had to send him early to maintain inside position. They went quick (:46.1) and that was too tough on the speed. Had won 4 straight with Rispoli before that including a win in the G1 Hollywood Derby. Blinkers off. Will be off the pace.</p> <p><b>VALUE: 5 NEAT</b> Nothing wrong with his 3YO campaign. He won 4 of 7 starts and 850k. All four of those wins were in stakes company including a G2 and two G3's. He didn't run well in the American Turf but the turf was wet that day. He might not have loved the give in the ground. Ortiz is up.</p> <p>A) 1,4 B) 5 C) 2,7 D) 6,8</p>

10 – SANTA ANITA (7:47 ET) 85  
SANTA ANITA HANDICAP (G1) 300K, 1M 1/4 DIRT

7 LOCKED 3-2  
3 HIT SHOW 5-2  
5 MIRAHMADI 6-1  
4 J B STRIKES BACK 30-1

**PICK: 7 LOCKED**

Good chance this one has a massive year in 2025. He already has a G2 win in the Cigar Mile and was a strong runner-up in the G1 Pegasus. G1 winner has a classy female pedigree (G1 winners Gabby's Golden Gal and Always a Princess). Jose Ortiz won twice on him (that included the G1 at KEE). He'll sit off early and run by late.

**VALUE: 5 MIRAHMADI**

He refused to run professionally early in his career. He would duck around and get erratic. He did some of the pulling and rank early action two back but had two big wins around that race. Lack of Lasix is a bit of an issue as his wins came with it. Could be stubborn in this G1.

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

11 – SANTA ANITA (8:19 ET) 66  
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 1M 1/8 TURF

8 MOONLIT SONATA 12-1  
7 NITTI 12-1  
2 COALINGA ROAD 3-1  
11 BRITISH ISLES 9-2

**PICK: 8 MOONLIT SONATA**

Moved to the turf three back and he responded with 3 very good starts. Was second to Formidable Man (who we'll see in the Kilroe Mile today, the top choice in the 9<sup>th</sup> race). Winner two back won the 100k Cinema here next out. Clockers love the works leading into this one. Big rider move to Jose Ortiz. We haven't seen his best.

**VALUE: 7 NITTI**

Well-bred 4YO gelding hinted at talent as a 2YO and as a 3YO. But he moved to another level with the MSW win last out off a 7 month layoff. Clearly came back a very improved runner. Runner-up from the MSW win came back to win vs MSW. 5<sup>th</sup> dropped to won vs. md clm 50k.

A) 2,7,8,11 B) 1,9 C) 3,6,12 D) 4,5,10

6 – AQUEDUCT (3:16 ET) 58  
STYMIE 150K, 1M DIRT

8 COASTAL MISSION 3-1  
5 BANK FRENZY 2-1  
3 YO DADDY 4-1  
2 LAW PROFESSOR 10-1

**PICK: 8 COASTAL MISSION**

Consistent 6YO gelding. He's won over half of his races thus far. Grade 3 winner on this track at this distance 3 back in the Forty Niner. Just kind of ran evenly in the 175k stakes last out. He was a head away from the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot there. Regular rider is back aboard. Should have enough pace in front of him to close late. A main threat.

**VALUE: 2 LAW PROFESSOR**

He won back to back races for Rob Atras here a year ago, the last with a 100 Beyer. Did not take the mud on the OP strip after. Came back to win an opt clm off a long break here in October before two bad efforts. One was on a wet track and the other when he was rank. Better than recent.

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

7 – AQUEDUCT (3:47 ET) 45  
BUSHER 150K, 1M DIRT

3 DREXEL HILL 6-1  
1 LIAM IN THE DUST 9-2  
9 SHARP SMILE 3-1  
6 FORTUNA MIA 15-1

**PICK: 3 DREXEL HILL**

Willing to give her the benefit of the doubt in the last 2 starts. She was all bottled up on the rail for the stretch in the Untappable. She ducked down to the inside part of a dead rail in the lane which cost her second. Added blinkers in last but they come right off today. Very good outfit in play. Eligible to move forward on a dry surface.

**VALUE: 1 LIAM IN THE DUST**

She comes off the layoff for this one. Only one poor effort in her 5 starts and that is when she eased (at under 5-1 odds) in the G1 at KEE 3 back. Otherwise, her other three runs put her squarely in the win discussion. Has a lot of route in the pedigree. Blinkers on for the first time in here.

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

8 – AQUEDUCT (4:18 ET) 70  
GOTHAM (G3) 300K, 1M DIRT

5 SAND DEVIL 9-5  
4 SACROSANCT 3-1  
3 CALLING CARD 6-1  
9 GARAMOND 8-1

**PICK: 5 SAND DEVIL**

Undefeated 3 for 3 NY-bred. He won by 12 two back at 1-5 odds. In the other two starts, the runner-up was far clear of the rest. Female family includes another good NY-bred, Friends Lake, who won the '04 Florida Derby. Game win in the Damon Runyon last out as a massive favorite. Bred to go long on both sides of the pedigree.

**VALUE: 3 CALLING CARD**

He's only been on a fast dirt track twice. Once produced a 17-length win with an 87 Beyer which is among the best in the field. The other was a decent 3<sup>rd</sup> to the talented G2 placed Sandman. Female line includes multiple Grade 1 winner Peaks and Valleys (won 1995 \$1M Molson Million).

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

