

SANTA ANITA



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Pick 5 Ticket Cost \$250	Pick 4 Ticket Cost \$200	Pick 5 Ticket Cost \$360	Pick 4 Ticket Cost \$360	BEST BET 4 DETAIN (8/1) RACE 3 LIVE LONGSHOT 3 MCAFEE (15/1) RACE 8 MOST LIKELY 10 LITTLE OPAL (3/2) RACE 9
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4 – SANTA ANITA (5:38 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 6.5F DIRT

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3-5

4 CLOUSEAU	5-2	PAPAPRODRMOU	RISPOLI
1 LIAM SMITH	1-1	MILLER	JARAMILLO
3 DUKE SILVER	12-1	GLATT	LEZCANO
6 SAN SABA	4-1	BAFFERT	HERNANDEZ

PICK: 4 CLOUSEAU

6 year-old gelding has done some good things on the dirt. He came off a layoff and fired a career best 101 Beyer when he went wire to wire here three back at 5-2 odds. Pressed a fast pace in the past start. The winner of that race has never been out of the exacta in 7 career starts (4 wins). Rispoli is back aboard. He was up in the 4-5 win here six starts ago when he got up by a nose. Needs to find a way to deal with the rail runner who could be any kind off the claim for Peter Miller and will be the big favorite. There is talent here.

VALUE: 3 DUKE SILVER

There is some talent here. Debut came here in March when he was third behind a superstar sprinter for Bob Baffert, Crude Velocity. He went on to win two more races including the Grade 2 Pat Day before running second to Englishman in the Grade 1 Woody Stephens. Show finisher has also picked up checks in Grade 1s. He got a poor trip in last start and stumbled two back while in a pulling motion out wide. Glatt removes blinkers. 3rd dam on the female side a sibling to the 2010 Ky Derby winner, Super Saver.

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

6 – SANTA ANITA (6:40 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 6F DIRT

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5-2

1 SAUCED UP	4-1	RONDAN	BAUTISTA
3 NOT SO MERRY MARY	9-5	YAKTEEN	KIMURA
5 RUNAROUND SUE	6-1	MATHIS	JARAMILLO
4 PAVULAR	8-1	GARCIA	AYUSO

PICK: 1 SAUCED UP

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place finishers from the same maiden special weight race at Del Mar on 8/30 are in here. This won was third in there at 4-1 odds. She was traveling in a tight spot behind the pace and the rider abruptly angled her out in the stretch for some room. She lost a bit of momentum with that action but gathered up and rallied pretty well in the end. She's never missed the board and also never been under 4-1 in any race. Rider gets a 5 pound weight break as an apprentice. Career best (twice) came on the rail.

VALUE: 5 RUNAROUND SUE

This filly made her debut in the same race on 8/30 mentioned above. She was a closing 5th in there at nearly 40-1. While she didn't threaten to win the race she did make up a good amount of ground to split the field when she closed on what appeared to be kind of a dead rail. Trainer is 9% with a debut runner but jumps up to 23% with a 2nd timer. Sire fee was just 5k but the filly sold for 30k last year. She had one five furlong move on this track since the debut. Major rider upgrade from Aguilar to Jaramillo for this event.

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

5 – SANTA ANITA (6:10 ET)
EDDIE D (G2) 200K, 6.5F TURF

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2-1

8 FIRST PEACE	5-1	GLATT	ROSARIO
1 SUMTER	6-1	MANDELLA	SMITH
2 LATER THAN PLANNED	12-1	D'AMATO	BERRIOS
6 SORRENTO SKY	5-2	D'AMATO	RISPOLI

PICK: 8 FIRST PEACE

The last time he was sprinting on the turf came in the G3 Daytona here 3 back in a race won by stablemate Freedom's Not Free. He gets credit for being close to a pace in which they went 43.3 for the half. It set up for a closer. This one sat up on the fast pace in there and hung in well for third. He's won 3 of 8 at the distance and 7 of 8 in the money going 6.5F on the grass. Major rider move to Rosario who has been riding well lately. He won this race in 2024. Thinking he might be sitting on a big race in this one at very fair odds.

VALUE: 1 SUMTER

Richard Mandella runner has earned 662k on the grass and nearly 500k of that came on this Santa Anita turf course. The last two starts might have been a bit short for him at 5F. Notice the last time he went 6.5F came three back when he was beaten a nose in the G3 Daytona. The time before that was a nose win in the G3 San Simeon. Both of those were with Mike Smith riding. It seems that this distance is more up his alley despite the win two back at 5F. Will likely just suck back from the inside post and come rolling late.

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

7 – SANTA ANITA (7:10 ET)
JOHN HENRY TURF CHAMPIONSHIP (G2) 200K, 1M 1/4 TURF

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4-5

3 ATOMIC AGE	7-2	D'AMATO	KIMURA
7 ATITLAN	1-1	MANDELLA	RISPOLI
6 FLASHIEST	20-1	POWELL	AYUSO
1 MONDEGO	3-1	MCCARTHY	HERNANDEZ

PICK: 3 ATOMIC AGE

This is one of many that come out of the Del Mar Handicap on August 29th at Del Mar at 1M 3/8 on the grass. There are 5 runners in this race that come out of that stakes. It was his first start in a stakes and the first time since his second start without Lasix. He ran well when he made a big move to second and grinded home and finished third at 24-1 odds. He ended up going very wide in there and might have moved a bit too soon when going from 8th to 2nd on the turn. Kimura stays up. Should get a good trip in this Grade 2.

VALUE: 6 FLASHIEST

This is an interesting longshot considering the last start. He was also in the G2 Del Mar Handicap. He drew the wide 10 post in there. Consider the horses who were sitting 1st, 2nd and 3rd early in the race finished in the last three positions. This one was 4th and the closest of the five in this race to that pace that fell apart. His prior starts here in So Cal before starting at Belmont put him in the mix in this race. Regular rider Ayuso stays up for this one. It's his second start off a break. Might be dangerous pressing the early pace.

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

8 – SANTA ANITA (7:40 ET)
GOODWOOD (G1) 300K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

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13-1

3 MCAFEE	15-1	WEAVER	BERRIOS
9 NEVADA BEACH	7-5	BAFFERT	HERNANDEZ
6 MR. A. P.	8-1	CERIN	ROSARIO
4 ORIGINAL SIN	6-1	WALSH	KIMURA

PICK: 3 MCAFEE

The question is do these owners overvalue this runner or do they know he has talent to be a G1 winner? They had him on the Derby Trail last year, in the G1 Travers and now he is shipped across country for this G1. He did hit the board in 3 straight graded stakes in the summer of 2025. He didn't want the muddy track two back but blew the doors off an allowance field at Saratoga in the last start. Connections are scratching from the G2 Lukas Classic at CD for this race. Probably couldn't find a softer G1 race for older horses.

VALUE: 6 MR. A. P.

Don't see many debut runners get claimed for 150k but that is what happened with this one. It turned out to be quite a claim. He was the 20-1 runner-up of the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile just 3 starts after the claim. The show finish in the Oceanside off the break was quite good. He faced a strong field in the Gun Runner at Kentucky Downs. He was 9th out of 14 in that race but was severely hindered with a very wide trip on that quirky KD turf track. This is his first dirt start since his G1 runner-up finish in the Breeders' Cup.

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

10 – SANTA ANITA (8:40 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 6F TURF

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6-1

10 ACCLAIM PERFECTION	4-1	SADLER	HERNANDEZ
3 ZUZU'S CLASSIC GAL	5-2	GLATT	LEZCANO
5 HELPING HAND	8-1	PUYPE	ROSARIO
4 ALLIED FLEET	9-2	GAINES	RISPOLI

PICK: 10 ACCLAIM PERFECTION

She was bet down to the 3-1 favorite in the debut. She ran a bad last and much too poor to be taken seriously given the breeding and the connections. Trainer John Sadler had the full sibling Kings River Knight who won nearly 700k on the grass. He was moved from dirt to turf in the second start and won at 5-1 in a MSW at Del Mar in 2022. Trainer Sadler is about 20% with any second time starter and 18% with a second timer sprint on the turf. Worked well since the debut. Encouraged to see Hernandez sticking with her.

VALUE: 5 HELPING HAND

She was 34-1 in the debut here in May. That came on the turf sprinting at this same 6F distance. She had a terrible start but ran fairly well after that to finish fourth. Blinkers were added in the next start and she stretched out. She was a game third beaten under two lengths. Fourth in there was the comeback winner Marla Hooch. Might have tired from pressing the fast pace last out. Cuts back in distance and the pedigree supports a turf sprint. Dam and siblings were strictly sprinters. Clockers really liked her two drills.

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

9 – SANTA ANITA (8:10 ET)
JOHN C. HARRIS (G3) 100K, 6.5F TURF

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6-5

10 LITTLE OPAL	3-2	O'NEILL	JARAMILLO
4 YOURS SINCERELY	5-2	D'AMATO	RISPOLI
8 DAY TO DAY	10-1	JOSEPH	LOPEZ
9 RUN WITH LIBERTY	15-1	MULLINS	FREY

PICK: 10 LITTLE OPAL

Undefeated two for two filly for Doug O'Neill. She hasn't been behind a runner yet in 2 starts. She went wire to wire at 5F on the turf at Del Mar in both. She is the first runner to come back from her most recent start so we don't know how strong that race is going to turn out. There is some pedigree here. Second dam on the female side is a full sibling to 2005 Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo and the multiple G1 winner Tiago. The widest post is an advantage at this distance at SA. It looks like she's the one to catch and beat.

VALUE: 8 DAY TO DAY

This is one of two in the race for Saffie Joseph. He's been winning everywhere and with a lot of shippers like this one in big races. She has route speed and often that translates well to those that cut back to this distance on the turf. Virginia-bred ran pretty well in some Va-bred stakes routing on the grass. Last time sprinting she was third in a stakes at Woodbine. Notice Paco Lopez is aboard. He rode her three back in the stakes win at Colonial Downs. Expecting to see her sit mid pack and look to make a move late in here.

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

