

MATT DINERMAN'S SELECTIONS

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Race 1: #5 Electric Lettuce, #6 Grazed My Heart, #3 Pandemic Girl

Race 2: #1 Irrefutable, #6 Honeymoonz Over, #3 Exceed Speed Limit

Race 3: #2 Opening Buzz, #3 Ascendancy, #6 Harbor's Rose

Race 4: #7 Blushing Bay, #5 Say It With Roses, #4 Miss Flawless

Race 5: #5 Funky Grey, #6 Big Fame, #3 Bacalar

Race 6: #7 Arollercoasteride, #5 Union Gig, #2 Nickel Nickel Nine

Race 7: #5 Christmas Diamond, #2 Starship Endeavor, #1 Loretta

Race 8: #1 Keepmeinthe Moment, #6 One Silk Stocking, #5 Miss Union

Race 9: #10 Give Me the Lute, #4 Ultimate Bango, #5 Carolina Mia

Race 10: #8 Govenor's Party, #7 Rocks and Salt, #5 Kiwi's Dream

50-Cent Early Pick 5 (\$48)

R1: 5,6

R2: 1,3,5,6

R3: 2,3,6

R4: 7

R5: 3,5,6,8

50-Cent Late Pick 4 (\$24)

R7: 1,2,5

R8: 1,6

R9: 10

R10: ALL

20-Cent Golden Pick 6 (\$28.80)

R5: 3,5,6

R6: 7

R7: 2,5

R8: 1,5,6

R9: 4,10

R10: 5,6,7,8

*****FULL CARD ANALYSIS BELOW*****

FULL CARD ANALYSIS

By Matt Dinerman

Race 1: **#5 Electric Lettuce** posts a series of fast workouts and could pop at first asking for a trainer (Blaine Wright) who is very capable of getting runners ready to roll right away. The pedigree suggests she could be a solid, precocious racer; her sire Straight Fire was a brilliant 2-year-old himself and the second dam of this filly is 2009 Breeders Cup Juvenile Fillies winner She Be Wild. **#6 Grazed My Heart** broke slowly but rallied well enough from well out of it in a sneaky decent debut. She is very likely to improve second out. **#3 Pandemic Girl** is a first time starter for a trainer (Felix Rondan) who wins at 18% with his 2-year-olds. She is from the first crop of Far From Over, a good racehorse at a young age for trainer Todd Pletcher.

Race 2: **#1 Irrefutable** is a lightning quick gelding that will try to wire this field from the inside post. Anywhere close to his best is good enough to win, and we like that leading rider Evin Roman sees fit to ride. **#6 Honeymoonz Over** was a need-the-lead horse in the past. Not anymore. He showed the ability to stalk and pounce in his most recent win, a length and a half victory at this level sprinting five furlongs on the grass. Eight of fifteen lifetime wins have come on the Tapeta, so the surface switch won't be an issue. **#3 Exceed Speed Limit** is not the best horse in the race but could benefit if a fast pace ensues up front. He comes off a hard-fought win and can be competitive for a slice with a similar effort here.

Race 3: **#2 Opening Buzz** has reportedly impressed in the mornings for leading trainer Jonathan Wong. The daughter of Stanford is out of the Unbridled's Song mare Open Mic, who has produced 3 winners from 3 runners, all who were sprinters. A number of fast works on the page indicates she may possess early speed. **#3 Ascendency** ran her best race yet last time out when finishing three-quarters of a length behind One Silk Stocking, a major player in Race 8. Ascendency makes her second start off a layoff. **#6 Harbor's Rose** is an intriguing price play. Her lone sibling is Cool Mountain Lad, an allowance caliber horse who has earned six figures. Trainer Victor Trujillo wins at a 21% clip with first time starters and employs a go-to rider (Pedro Terrero) to navigate.

Race 4: **#7 Blushing Bay** was spotted too ambitiously last time out and was unable to keep up with her competition down the lane. She drops to a much more realistic level here-a condition she actually won at two starts ago-and figures to receive a perfect stalking trip. **#5 Say It With Roses** does her best work on the lead. There is a lack of pace in this race. That alone is enough to give her a hard look. **#4 Miss Flawless** takes a significant drop in class and may have finally found her friends in this spot.

Race 5: **#5 Funky Grey** cuts back from a route to a sprint and will be uber fit in a field that lacks quality. Trainer Steve Miyadi wins at 24% with runners cutting back from a route to a sprint. **#6 Big Fame** ran very poorly in her first two career starts in Southern California last summer and makes her 2022 debut for new trainer Jack Steiner. Steiner is firing on all cylinders this meet and spots this gal against a field that she should be able to handle if she has anything in the tank. **#3 Bacalar** ran two terrific races against much tougher company before a poor effort sidelined her

for over 7 months. Like our second pick, this one takes a steep drop-in class. Her two good efforts came on the lead; expect her to be sent to the front by 7-pound apprentice Adrian Martinez.

Race 6: #7 **Arollercoasterride** finished with a flourish in his most recent afternoon appearance sprinting. He gets to a route of ground for the first time. Pedigree says he should love the distance (by Curlin out of an A.P. Indy mare) and we won't forget to mention that two full siblings to this horse were both routers, one whom was a stakes winner. #5 **Union Gig** finished with good interest in a sprint race last month and is another who could take a step forward with added ground. #2 **Nickel Nickel Nine** has put up respectable efforts as of late and, unlike our top two picks, has plenty of route experience under his belt. A runner-up finisher at this level in his last two starts, he merits respect.

Race 7: #5 **Christmas Diamond** was last seen dominating in a maiden 20k claimer on turf-her first start of 2022. Before taking time off, she lost by a nose last year to Deise Delight, who has gone on to do good work at Santa Anita and Del Mar on turf. Trainer Andy Mathis may have simply spotted this gal aggressively to get a win last time, and we feel she may have more quality than what the past performance page indicates. #2 **Starship Endeavor** was an unlucky loser at this level three week ago after sitting close to a fast pace and getting run down by a winner who got a perfect set up. The one to fear most. In her most recent race, #1 **Loretta** was moving into a fast pace before taking up in deep stretch behind a wall of horses. With a clear trip, she's right there contending for the win. Another swift pace is possible in this heat, which would only enhance her chances.

Race 8: #1 **Keepmeinthemoment** has won two consecutive races by open lengths. A Kentucky-bred that looks to have figured the racing game out, she could very well continue her improving pattern in this first level allowance. #6 **One Silk Stocking** put it all together in lifetime start number three last time, powering away to a maiden special weight score. Runner-up finisher Ascendancy is in Race 3 today. 'Stocking hopes a fast pace develops on the front end to set up for her late kick. #5 **Miss Union** threw in a clunker after a first level allowance victory three weeks earlier. She takes a month and a half off since her most recent subpar effort and could run back to her best form with the freshener in mind.

Race 9: The 2022 Albany Stakes is a good one. It's hard to overlook #10 **Give Me the Lute**, who won this race last year off a seven-and-a-half-month layoff. He has taken about the same amount of vacation time before heading into this year's edition. No worries: trainer Andy Mathis has won this race the last three years and strikes at a 38%-win rate (wow!) with runners first-off-a-break over 180 days. A lightning quick horse, 'Lute has shown he can be clear or deal with company early in a race before kicking on down the lane. Last year, he finished second in the Grade 3 Green Flash Handicap behind Lieutenant Dan, who went on to run second in the Breeders Cup Turf Sprint. Not bad. #4 **Ultimate Bango** put up a super effort when scoring a 22-1 upset victory in the Lost in the Fog Stakes over Tapeta on April 30. Five of his six lifetime victories have come on turf, meaning the change in surface should not be an issue. #5 **Carolina Mia** could spice things up underneath in exotic wagers. A mare facing boys, her last win came on May 20 when finishing

ahead of next out open allowance winner Day Plan. She is the “horse for course,” with a 3 for.4 lifetime record at the five-furlong turf sprint distance.

Race 10: **#8 Govenor's Party** was nosed out for the win the last time we saw him compete at this first level allowance condition. He is likely to sit off a projected fast pace and could very well pick up the gold prize if he shows up with his “A” effort. **#7 Rocks and Salt** has already won at this condition once. In his last two starts, he was given a bit too much to do when sitting far behind moderate fractions. We think he will get faster fractions to chase in this race; that that will only be beneficial to him. **#5 Kiwi's Dream** is likely to be part of the fast pace but gets back to what he does best: routing. He exits a pair of sprint races against second level allowance foes and finds an easier field here.

Good luck! ☺