

Matt Dinerman's Selections

Sunday, October 2, 2022: Closing Day of the 19-day 2022 Summer Meet

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Race 1: #6 Evenevenworse, #5 Colormemoney, #2 Meet the Sheriff

Race 2: #2 Ayrton Senna, #3 Fascinated, #1 Thunder of Zion

Race 3: #6 Jumping Jill Flash, #3 Truly Fabulous, #5 Gardees World

Race 4: #4 Broken Finger, #3 Roaring Tiger, #2 Safe Combination

Race 5: #3 Papapifas, #4 Bobby's Alibi, #2 Gerlach's

Race 6: #6 Momma Mocca, #4 Stoic Luna, #2 I'll Do It for You

Race 7: #5 Zhivago, #1 Its Thievery, #6 Rachel's Coach

Race 8: #9 Lookout Point, #3 Rio King, #6 Big Brother

Race 9: #4 Dance Lady, #8 Moonshine Cat, #6 Front of Line

Race 10: #8 Table for Two, #1 Explain This Audit, #7 Big Spin

Race 11: #7 Mischievous Curlin, #8 My Legal Bet, #2 Angels Advocate

50-Cent Early Pick 5 (\$27)

R1: 6

R2: 1,2,3

R3: 3,6

R4: 2,3,4

R5: 2,3,4

*****MANDATORY PAYOUTS TODAY!!! 24K CARRY OVER IN THE PICK 6*****

20-Cent Golden Pick 6 (\$72)

R6: ALL

R7: 5

R8: 3,6,9

R9: 4

R10: 1,5,7,8,9

R11: 2,7,8

HOW I PLAY THE MANDATORY PAYOUT PICK SIX

By Matt Dinerman

Sunday is Closing Day of the Winter/Spring meet at Golden Gate. With that, we have a mandatory payout in the Golden Pick Six, both Pick 5's, and the Rolling Super High Five wager.

Almost \$25,000 is carried over into our Pick Six wager. Here is how I play the sequence:

Race 6: The first leg of the Pick Six is an awfully tricky puzzle to decipher. My top selection is 8-1 on the morning line: **#6 Momma Mocca**. After a solid winter/spring campaign, she threw up a pair of subpar efforts early on in the summer. She's been freshened three months and, with that break, hopefully can show the same energy level she had earlier in the year. Two races in April stand out: she hit-the-board behind multiple stakes winner Natural Colour at this level and finished as the runner up in a separate heat to second-level allowance caliber racer Assignation. Momma Mocca figures to receive a good stalking trip off a projected fast pace. *(STRATEGY: In an extremely evenly matched field with many ways to go, this feels like a spread race. I opted to "buy" the race. We'll be hoping a price horse wins.)*

Race 7: A full field of 2-year-olds are slated to sprint five and one-half furlongs in this maiden special weight. A full brother to graded stakes placed filly Big Book, **#5 Zhivago** ran a terrific race behind an impressive winner in his career debut last month and appears as a major player in this spot. Trainer Steve Specht, who conditions, wins at 22% with maiden second time starters. He employs go-to rider Frank Alvarado to navigate. *(STRATEGY: Although this race has first time starters with appeal and others who can improve off their past races, I need to take a stand so I can use more horses in races where I think we need coverage. So, I single Zhivago and hope he can pull through for us.)*

Race 8: **#3 Rio King** will be singled on plenty of players' tickets and, on paper, may look like the most likely winner on the card. I feel he is vulnerable. After decent enough maiden special weight runs at Churchill Downs, Santa Anita, and Del Mar, he freshens up a month and a half and suddenly takes a significant drop-in class to this \$20,000 maiden claiming condition. He hasn't posted a published workout in a month and appears as one whose form is not trending in the right direction. He makes the ticket (reasoning below), but I am also using **#9 Lookout Point**, another Southern California invader who suffered an unlucky trip at this level a couple weeks ago and probably was best. **#6 Big Brother** encountered traffic issues in his last start, too, and makes the final cut. *(STRATEGY: Although I don't love the favorite-and in this scenario I would typically advise to play against altogether-his races look MANY lengths better than the other competitors; I can't leave him off. But he's not a single. We'll use a couple others who were unlucky in their last starts and may be able to run better with more favorable trips.)*

Race 9: In her most recent afternoon appearance, **#4 Dance Lady** set fast fractions before getting tagged late in the final 20 yards. She cuts back a sixteenth of a mile (to a flat mile distance) and remains at the same level. This gal is versatile at one-turn or two, but in many of her route races she has finished behind numerous next-out winners. It's also worth noting her highest speed

figures have come when she's routed. *(STRATEGY: We need to take a stand somewhere. I have confidence that Dance Lady will prove best of this bunch for a conditioner [Reid France] who is firing on all cylinders with his 26%-win rate at the current meeting. She is our second single.)*

Race 10: Contention runs deep in the penultimate leg of the Pick Six. I landed on **#8 Table for Two** as my top pick. He got bet harder than I thought he would in his last start and almost won. That day, he received an uncomfortable, inside trip during a significant part of the race. He's been knocking on the door for a win and could very well get it here, but there is little margin for error. **#1 Explain This Audit** broke poorly last time out and only finished a half-length behind Table for Two. With an extra sixteenth of a mile to work with and hopefully a better break, he can turn the tables. Only knock: he'll probably be lower odds. **#7 Big Spin** is a price horse to watch out for. After two off-the-board finishes sprinting on dirt at Del Mar, trainer Tim McCanna changes everything up. By Mr. Big out of an Unusual Heat mare (whose lone win was routing on the grass, I might add), he possesses the pedigree to enjoy the added distance and the lawn. **#9 Party Foul** was green in his career debut sprinting on Tapeta and gets to the route game in his second lifetime race. By Acclamation out of a turf winning router, he has the breeding to enjoy the added ground and new surface. **#5 Tuskegee Cat**, first start for the Jonathan Wong barn, is a bit inconsistent but can be a legit threat if he shows up with his "A" race. *(Strategy: All 5 horses are on the ticket. If you can find a single and are correct in the end, I tip my cap to you.)*

Race 11: The last race of the 2022 Summer Meet is a first level allowance sprint for fillies and mares. **#7 Mischievous Curlin** earned the silver medal in her last two starts at this level behind two classy rivals. If a fast pace ensues on the lead, she might get the right "stalk and pounce" type of trip to finally break through at this condition. **#8 My Legal Bet** could be a surprise package. Two starts ago, she finished third behind multiple stakes winner Becca Taylor and next out winner Lagatha. She had an undesirable trip in her most recent start and since then has been given four and a half months off. She returns for trainer Jamey Thomas, who wins at 27% with runners making their first start off a vacation between 2 and 6 months. **#2 Angel's Advocate** was a runaway victor of a starter allowance one month ago and could prove tough to reel in if she can duplicate that effort. That said, I am a little concerned that #6 Atlantic Strike will go out and create a speed duel. If so, that could set things up for my top two choices. *(Strategy: We use the top three picks in the nightcap and hope for the best!)*

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Good luck 😊! We'll see you back at Golden Gate on Friday October 21...Opening Day of the Fall Meet!