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BEST BET: Kattath (7th race)

First Race

1. Big Sweep

2. Just Distorted

3. Queengol

BIG SWEEP came back after 10 months to be a strong 2nd in a race like this at SA June 12. She can surely benefit from that outing and note good work on this track last summer including a big SW. Nice to see Prat stays, too. **JUST DISTORTED** not only looked super blasting maidens at SA June 20, her first start in 4 months, she earned the top Beyer in this field. Also, the only 2 to come out of that race so far both won next time out. Of course, she faces winners for the first time but has worked well since. She cost \$400K so there are surely some expectations here. **QUEENGOL** is twice SP so there's quality here. She hasn't run since Jan. 3 but has worked well for a trainer who can fire off a long layoff.

Second Race

1. Time to Party

2. Bombs At Cocal

3. Urban

TIME TO PARTY debuts with solid works for a trainer who does well first time out. The gelding is bred to be precocious and handle turf and it's no small matter Prat ends up riding. His lone sib is Sunny One (8-2-4-0, \$32K, 2-0-2-0 on turf). **BOMBS AT COCAL** is also sent out by Miller (also saddles ROY C) and comes into this off plenty of good works and a pedigree that says turf. Daddy was a G1 SW on turf and this guy's lone sib is Fan Favorite (10-1-2-0, \$22K, 6-1-1-0 on turf). **URBAN** is another who's worked well for a trainer who has good numbers first time out. The \$375K filly (so she faces boys) is by a multiple G1 SW who is a crack turf sire and is out of mare who won on turf and was SP on turf.

Third Race

1. Pinehurst

2. Enbarr

3. Haskelled

PINEHURST, a \$385K son of G1 SW Twirling Candy, has worked well for this first run for a trainer known for having his 2yos cranked and ready. In fact, it's particularly at this meet where Baffert unleashes his promising youngsters. The colt is stuck on the rail but is kin to Clearly Smashing (5-1-0-0, \$10K). **ENBARR** gives Baffert 2 big looks at this as the \$200K son of Brody's Cause has also worked in strong fashion for this first run. His lone sib to race is Carimba (4-3-1-0, \$91K, won his 2yo debut). **HASKELLED** has worked well for this first run and is by new sire Practical Joke who's making quite a splash early in his stud career. Four of his 6 sibs are winners including Spirit Grabber (38-7-4-7, \$151K). All 9 of ATTORNEY LOUIS's sibs to race are winners including Big Screen (21-4-7-1, \$363K, SW, 4 SPs including 2 G3s) while PENETRATOR and KHANTARO D'ORO have both worked well for this first run.

Fourth Race

1. Kalon

2. Leisurewear

3. M Is for Magic

KALON showed talent in the fall, winter and spring. She added blinkers, dueled and gave way at SA last time out May 31 but has been freshened since and returns without the blinkers. Her speed can get her a good trip. **LEISUREWEAR** is a scary new face from England where she ran 2nd in her last 2 starts, the most recent coming in a turf sprint. She's worked well for this and gets Prat for a trainer who figures to break out soon. **M IS FOR MAGIC** flashed talent in SoCal in 2019 and last summer in Ky. Things tailed off last fall but she's been given plenty of time. It's nice to see no panicky drop for her return and some smart works including a strong 4f move here July 26 encourage. **BOWL OF CHERRIES** and **AE AVENTAPP** ran 3rd and 4th, respectively, in a good sprint at this level at SA June 20 and merit respect.

Fifth Race

1. Reedley

2. Rinse and Repeat

3. Stay Happy

REEDLEY was gone over 6 months but has come back sharp, winning 2 of his 3 return outings including a smart tally for \$12,500 at SA last time out June 5. A repeat of that likely is good enough to beat these, though it's a tad disconcerting he shows up here with a price drop to the \$8K level. Hey, they don't give anything away out here. But he has worked well and frequently since. **RINSE AND REPEAT** hasn't won in his last 9 starts but don't let that fool you as the 7yo has been running well. He comes off 2 good races going shorter at LA and note his last sprint on the 'big' SoCal circuit saw him finish a sharp 2nd for \$12,500 at SA March 13 so he certainly fits with these. **STAY HAPPY** didn't do much in his first 2 SoCal starts in recent months but not only were those his first 2 starts out West, they came off a layoff and vs. tougher. Maybe with those 2 outings under his belt and today's significant price drop he can get back on track...maybe.

Sixth Race

1. Into Touring

2. Very Scary

3. La Deuxieme Etoile

INTO TOURING, an AE, showed talent in her turf debut at GP Jan. 20 as she stalked and stayed on well for 3rd, though that won't make those who made her the 6-5 favorite feel any better. She can surely benefit from that experience and has worked well since. It's also nice she lures Rispoli. That said, she'll have a tough far outside post if she gets to play. **VERY SCARY** ran 3rd in her dirt debut at LRC June 26, though let's face it, she was never a threat (beaten

by 9 1/4 lengths). It's her first time on turf and first time routing but she's worked well since, is bred for turf and gets Prat. She is stuck way outside, however. **LA DEUXIEME ETOILE** ran 4th well behind **VERY SCARY** in that June 26 dirt sprint at LRC, also her debut. She had ample trouble early that day and can surely improve off that run. She's worked well since and is bred to handle turf and the mile.

Seventh Race

1. Kattath**2. K P Silver Bullet****3. Frost Warning**

KATTATH kept to his task decently to finish 3rd in his debut at SA June 19 and while he was never a threat to a big winner that big winner is a promising Baffert runner. That debut also came vs. straight maidens. With that under his belt he now takes the most important drop in the game for a trainer who's had ample success with this class move (2 for last 7, 29%) and has worked well since. Two of his 3 sibs to race are winners including **British Humor** (23-4-3-4, \$106K). **K P SILVER BULLET** flashed talent in his first 2 starts in the spring. Spawr saw fit to claim him for \$50K last time out May 14 at SA and has good numbers off a claim. While he drops in price it's not a big, scary drop and the 3yo also returns as a gelding, all of which may add up to a good run. **FROST WARNING** set the pace vs. straight maidens at PLN last time out July 5 before ending up a good 2nd, well clear of the others. He must deal with new surroundings but he obviously handles dirt. He drops, though these guys are likely as tough as those straight maidens he faced in NoCal.

Eighth Race

1. El Diablo Rojo**2. Catemaco****3. Star Racer**

EL DIABLO ROJO looked super winning a dirt race at this level last time out at SA April 25. He hasn't run since and returns on turf. Yes, his turf form isn't too hot (4-0-0-0) but he's a much better horse now than he was when he ran on turf before. Prat stays and he and this guy have been excellent together (3-1-2-0). **CATEMACO** came out firing to win his debut at SA Jan. 1 in a romp. He hasn't been seen since which is a bit disconcerting. He faces winners for the first time and tries turf for the first time so there are numerous hurdles but there's obviously talent here and he's been working strongly. **STAR RACER** hasn't been seen since a good 3rd vs. N1X foes on GG synthetic Feb. 28 but that was a very strong heat (produced 4 next-out winners). His only turf try was solid and he's worked well for t his return.

Ninth Race

1. As Time Goes By**2. Shedaresthedevil****3. Warren's Showtime**

AS TIME GOES BY is the leading light among distaffers out West and she comes into this off 2 G2 SWs at SA. While the first was a romp she had to work a lot harder to win last time out May 22. She's been given some time since and worked as if she's thriving. She has speed but is not a need-the-lead type and that could be key here as her ability to show tactical speed, stalk and finish could put her in a great spot behind ample speed. That includes scary invader **SHEDARESTHEDEVIL**. The multiple G1 SW chased the division's top gal Letruska in the G1 Phipps at BEL June 5 and paid the price, fading to 3rd. The issue here is that she's shipped across the country and must deal with at least a couple other speedballs, meaning another duel could be at hand. And even if she dispatches with **PAIGE ANNE** and **VENETIAN HARBOR** does that leave her vulnerable to the top pick in the lane? The good news is she's working splendidly and has dueled and survived before. **WARREN'S SHOWTIME** is a consummate pro who fires every time. She would also be a big beneficiary to a hot, contested pace, though she's taking on tougher here and may actually be a bit better on dirt. **VENETIAN HARBOR** came back from a long layoff with a smart turf sprint stakes win. She figures to wing it early and has beaten **SHEDARESTHEDEVIL** before.

Tenth Race

1. Shizaam**2. Witch Moon****3. Golden Journey**

SHIZAAM ran evenly in her U.S. debut here last fall, a sprint vs. straight maidens. In fact, the winner of that race (**Superstition**) is now a SW. She hasn't run since but has worked steadily and goes from straight maiden to maiden claiming ranks for Sadler who can not only fire off the bench but who does well with this class move. **WITCH MOON**, an AE, has done her best work on turf and returns to grass after being no factor in a pair of dirt routes. It's encouraging Prat takes the call but she'll have a tough far-outside post if she gets to play. **GOLDEN JOURNEY**, another AE, stalked and stayed on well for 2nd in a race like this at SA June 6 so she fits. She has some speed so she might be able to flee what would be an outside post if she gets in.