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BEST BET: Legal Heir (1st race)

First Race

1. Legal Heir	2. Kokosan	3. Final Edition

A creditable third by **LEGAL HEIR** in his first route stamps the 3yo the one to beat in this maiden turf mile. 'HEIR opened up early, tired late, and missed by less than two lengths. Good effort by a colt who now removes blinkers. If he can ration his speed second-time long, he could get a great trip positioned second behind likely pacesetter **KOKOSAN**. The latter stretches out from a pair of fourth-place sprints; he is quick enough make the lead if he wants. KOKOSAN proved in winter he can run long on turf when he missed by a neck in a maiden turf mile at Santa Anita. **FINAL EDITION** returns from a nine-month layoff. In the money four of five starts, he will pick them up late. Not sure if he is cranked for this comeback, however. ROSTOVSKY, in the money four of six, also returns from a long layoff. The truth is, top choice LEGAL HEIR looks solid.

Second Race

1. Doo Wop Don	2. Devil Among Us	3. Zombo Bombo

Thirteen-time winner **DOO WOP DON** is the choice in this $16k claiming sprint, his first start since he was claimed for $12.5k from a win at one mile. 'DON has won sprinting; he has speed to keep the likely pacesetter in his sights. The new trainer of 'DON, Librado Barocio, has an excellent long-term record first off the claim: 25 percent (11 for 44) the past five years. The likely pacesetter is **DEVIL AMONG US**. Although six and one-half furlongs might be a reach, the front-runner should clear the field. He could get brave. **ZOMBO BOMBO** moves up in class from a $10k claiming N3L to open $16k. It Is a significant class hike, but 'BOMBO is sharp.

Third Race

1. Track Tiger	2. Diaghilev	3. Cactus Charlie

TRACK TIGER can lead this maiden turf sprint gate to wire if he reproduces his last-out runner-up finish on dirt. 'TIGER dueled early, disposed of his pace rival, opened up, but got worn down. That race was six and one-half furlongs, the cutback to five furlongs benefits the speedster. Come and catch him. **DIAGHILEV** ran better than his fourth-place finish looks in his career debut at six furlongs. He was hard-held inside and behind horses while anchored, never looked comfortable, but finished okay. He actually ran like a 2yo that wants longer, which makes sense considering the female side of his pedigree. He is a sibling to three route stakes winners including Goliad. Not sure if five furlongs might be too short for DIAGHILEV, but he is likely to improve second time out. **CACTUS CHARLIE** got stymied into the stretch last time, blocked with nowhere to go, and finally slipped through inside to miss by a length and a half. With a clean trip, he might have been right there.

Fourth Race

1. Ballyhooligan	2. Uncle Evco	3. Brother Brother

BALLYHOOLIGAN figures to win this maiden-20 route if he merely reproduces his last-out runner-up finish at the same class level. Though he was no match for the runaway winner, BALLYHOOLIGAN ran fast enough (69 Beyer) to win most races at this level. First off the claim by George Papaprodromou, he should deliver at a short price. **UNCLE EVCO** is an 11-start maiden racing at the maiden-20 level for the first time. He disappointed last out, but that was his first start in three months. He can improve, and could be positioned closer to the pace while stretching out from sprints. **BROTHER BROTHER** drops from maiden-62.5k.

Fifth Race

1. Bacio	2. Rogue Legend	3. Arkadelphia

Front-runner **BACIO** and late-runner **ROGUE LEGEND** give trainer Wesley Ward a one-two punch in this N1X turf sprint for 2yos. The speedball BACIO is the call based on his debut win and excellent runner-up finish last out in a $100k stakes. BACIO sped to the lead, set a fast pace, and only got worn down late. Super try by a fast colt. He must hold off ROGUE LEGEND, who finished third in both U.S. turf sprint stakes this season. 'LEGEND will be rolling from behind. **ARKADELPHIA** dueled and cracked in the same Santa Anita race

BACIO exits, but ARKADELPHIA might prefer DMR. His two maiden turf sprints here in summer produced a win and a second. He is the main pace rival for the top choice. WON FOR LOU goes route to sprint and will rally late.

Sixth Race

1. Thirsty Trickster	2. Saint Mihiel	3. Rythem Girl

The consistent **THIRSTY TRICKSTER** is a legitimate favorite in this claiming sprint for 3yo fillies. 'TRICKSTER ran well all three DMR starts this summer including a runner-up finish against older Cal-breds last out. She won a similar 3yof claiming race two starts back and enters as simply the fastest in the field. **SAINT MIHIEL** wired a $25k claiming N2L route last out with a decent figure, but now is drawn inside and cutting back to five and one-half furlongs. Second preference, nonetheless. FWIW, she did win her career debut three starts back in a sprint at Energy Downs in Wyoming. **RYTHEM GIRL** won a N3L claiming race against older last out.

Seventh Race

1. Balnikhov	2. Spycatcher	3. Twirling Point

Class dropper **BALNIKHOV** is the choice in this N2X/optional $100k claiming race at a mile and three-eighths on turf. BALNIKHOV has raced exclusively in stakes since his U.S. debut in April 2022, winning four including a trio of Grade 3s. This is the easiest race in a long time for 6yo BALNIKHOV, who is first-time Lasix. He can mow them down. But he will have to catch potential loose-on-the-lead pacesetter **SPYCATCHER**. The latter finished third in a G2 last out, he could be the controlling speed in this marathon. Not sure if he really wants to run this far, but circumstances are ideal for the potential lone speed. **TWIRLING POINT** returns to the class level of his respectable third-place finish on this turf course in summer. He fits, if he can stay the trip.

Eighth Race

1. Mimi's Memory	2. Debby's Gal	3. Definitely Prbable

MIMI'S MEMORY gets the call in this restricted maiden race for 2yo fillies, based on her runner-up finish with a compromising trip last out in a similar race. She dueled early, then was rated behind the pace, got blocked behind runners, waited for room, snuck through inside, and got nailed by a late-running longshot. Good try by 'MEMORY, who might be the speed of this field. **DEBBY'S GAL** disappointed last out, finishing third at odds-on while a nose behind the top choice. Blinkers are on DEBBY'S GAL. **DEFINITELY PRBABLE** was no match for stablemate Meaning last out when she split the field. 'PRBABLE drops in class to race for the optional $62.5k claim tag. These are easier.

Ninth Race

1. Tigerhon	2. Flyover	3. Irish Corn

An abundance of speed in this N1X turf sprint sets it up for late-running veteran **TIGERHON**. Runner-up last out at SA in a similar race, TIGERHON returns to the DMR course on which he has won three. The pace scenario is ideal for a come-from-behind runner. **FLYOVER** set a sizzling pace and tired last out in a Cal-bred stakes that unfolded at a blistering pace. That race was six and a half, he benefits by the cutback to five. But he does face a handful of other speed types. **IRISH CORN** also set a fast pace last time before he weakened late. He adds more heat.