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BEST BET: Going Nowhere (8th race)

First Race

1. Winsor George	2. The Moe Show	3. Club Fighter

WINSOR GEORGE faces softer in this Cal-bred maiden-50 than he met in his fourth-place debut. He gets the call over last-out runner-up **THE MOE SHOW**. In his MSW debut vs. open company two months ago, WINSOR GEORGE ran into a buzzsaw. He Is No Lie crushed by eight lengths, then finished second in a fast stakes at Churchill Downs. WINSOR GEORGE drops in class, he worked a half-mile from the Del Mar gate a week ago, and should make a forward move second out for trainer Jorge Periban. THE MOE SHOW adds blinkers and switches riders after an improved second start in a Calbred MSW. He broke slowly, lacked speed, raced greenly into the lane, and ran okay to finish second behind the pacesetting winner. 'MOE SHOW was produced by Cal-bred stakes winner Show It N Moe It, whose first two runners had limited ability. That might be all that is required to win this. **CLUB FIGHTER** is a Clubhouse Ride firster produced by a dam who won 16 races in Northern California. Her first runner did not hit the board in three starts. Firster HERE COMES TOO TOO is a full sister to speedy Cal-bred allowance winner Donttellmewhatdodo.

Second Race

1. Tiz Alluring	2. High Society U	3. Street Swindler

TIZ ALLURING shortens in distance after she faltered to seventh setting the pace in a productive maiden turf sprint at Santa Anita. But her previous start was a promising third-place debut from off the pace; second out she unexpectedly set the pace and faded. Seems she runs best from behind, which is the likely strategy switching to jockey Juan Hernandez. Furthermore, the race 'ALLURING ran in turned out productive. The winner Somerset West won the G2 San Clemente last weekend; third place Goodies scored an impressive maiden win opening day. **HIGH SOCIETY U** has been off two and a half months; she ran the best race of her career first time out when third at SA. Her next two starts were just okay; she changed trainers since raced and will make her first start for Michael McCarthy. 'SOCIETY U looks best of the front-runners/pace-pressers and should vie for favoritism. Also-eligible **STREET SWINDLER** has worked well for a trainer who can fire with debut runners. FIRST OR LAST finished a closing second in her debut on dirt in Kentucky. Sired by Twirling Candy, turf should be fine.

Third Race

1. Crazy Cami	2. Allihies	3. Fire Ban

This starter allowance dirt mile is a mess. **CRAZY CAMI** gets the call despite a disappointing third last out as the odds-on favorite in a starter allowance sprint. She did not have a visible excuse, and her two-turn ability is uncertain. But her runner-up finish three starts back at seven furlongs would be

plenty fast enough. If her last-start misfire can be excused, she looks like the one to beat. Maybe. **ALLIHIES**, who has been overmatched often in her one-for-nine career, returns from a four-month break as one of the fastest in the field on figures. She rallies from behind, and looms an off-the-pace alternative to the front-running top choice. **FIRE BAN** is a maiden facing winners, but her figures compare favorably and this N2L starter class level can be won by maidens. 'BAN has an upset chance in what looks like a weak field.

Fourth Race

1. City Exile	2. Lord Bullingdon	3. Uncle Happy

CITY EXILE and **LORD BULLINGDON** are evenly matched in this $40k claiming turf route. The call is late-runner CITY EXILE, a respectable fifth last out in a N2X and winner over the DMR turf two summers ago (mile and three-eighths). The tepid pace scenario of this mile and one-eighth race could be problematic for his closing style, but he has run well from behind slow fractions. LORD BULLINGDON has more tactical speed than the top choice, having won a $40k claiming turf mile last out with a forwardly placed trip behind a slow pace. A two-time stakes winner as a 2yo, he could get a similar pace-pressing trip here. **UNCLE HAPPY** returns to the DMR course on which he won twice last year; BALLADEER is pacesetter candidate in a field without much speed. He seems to be off form, but loose-on-the-lead is always dangerous. STAMP MY PASSPORT has some speed and drops from Cal-bred stakes four of his last five starts.

Fifth Race

1. Sunk Cost Fallacy	2. Hungover	3. Tight Dally

SUNK COST FALLACY drops from Cal-bred maiden-50 to Cal-bred maiden-12.5k. His fourth-place finishes two and three starts back would be plenty fast enough. **HUNGOVER** had an excuse for his fifth-place finish last out as the even-money favorite at this class level. He broke slowly and was squeezed at the break, rushed forward, rallied inside, then lost his punch. Under the circumstances, he actually ran very well. With a clean takeoff, he should be right there. **TIGHT DALLY** ran better than the line looks last out. He pressed the early pace inside, got shuffled back early on the turn, then re-rallied for second. Good try by a gelding who figures to bang out a maiden win at this class level sooner or later. DUKE OF ORLEANS, third in his California debut at this level, will be rolling late.

Sixth Race

1. Bad Uncle Barry	2. Lonesome Stew	3. Virat

Stablemates **BAD UNCLE BARRY** and **LONESOME STEW**, both trained by Mark Glatt, top this N2X turf sprint. BAD UNCLE BARRY has not raced since October, but he runs well fresh and his N1X win over this turf-sprint course last August ranks among the fastest in the field. His pressing/stalking style should play well in a field with plenty of speed. LONESOME STEW won his only DMR turf sprint in 2024. A comeback N1X winner at SA two back, he misfired last out on dirt, but on turf he is 3-for-4. He has speed, and will be involved early. **VIRAT** has faced better and run well, but he drew the rail and will be under pressure from the outside. IRISH ROYALTY is speed, dropping from a G3. He won at this class level two starts back.

Seventh Race

1. Mohaven	2. She's No Quant	3. Taking a Joy Ride

Three-time Cal-bred stakes winner **MOHAVEN** is the most accomplished in this sprint stakes for Cal-bred 3yo fillies, but SHE'S NOT QUANT will give the favorite a battle. MOHAVEN has never run a bad race on dirt; she scored runaway wins vs. soft rivals both dirt stakes this spring at Santa Anita including a route. Notwithstanding her sprint pedigree (by Yaupon), she crushed by six lengths. The seven-furlong distance of this stakes is more to her liking; four DMR starts last year produced two wins and two seconds. This race has been her target for two months. MOHAVEN has worked well, and has speed for a pressing trip. If there is a knock, it is that her speed figures are modest and the rivals she faced recently have been weak. **SHE'S NO QUANT** gets a class test in her first stakes start, but the manner of two recent grass wins suggest she might be up to the challenge. Both were turf sprints at SA (Cal-bred MSW, Cal-bred N1X) that she won decisively while earning figures higher than MOHAVEN. The challenge for SHE'S NO QUANT is moving from turf to dirt. Sired by the hot California stallion Pavel, and produced by a dirt filly, 'QUANT is bred to handle the surface. Last-out maiden winner **TAKING A JOY RIDE** looms a viable longshot, up in class following a modest maiden victory on turf. She showed in her runner-up debut in spring that she handles dirt. Her figures are low, her price will be high. Stakes winner LIBERATION is making her first start since December. She might need the start, and may eventually prefer turf.

Eighth Race

1. Going Nowhere	2. High King	3. Royal Rumor

Habitual runner-up **GOING NOWHERE** is likely to win this Cal-bred maiden turf mile. Runner-up both recent turf starts, long and short at SA, he figures for a pace-pressing trip behind a pair of stretch-out sprinters, and should get first run if/when the sprinters falter. His main rival is one he defeated twice recently. That is 15-start maiden **HIGH KING**. The latter finished third his last three starts (two sprints, one route); he will get there one of these days. The aforementioned stretch-out sprinters are **ROYAL RUMOR** and HE'S PROOF OF JOY. ROYAL RUMOR lost all chance at the break last out when he steadied and was unable to establish a forward position. But his pace-pressing runner-up finish two starts back in a sprint makes him a pace factor stretching out for the first time. From the outside post (10), his only option is to go. HE'S PROOF OF JOY stretches out from an okay fourth-place debut on dirt. He is quick enough to set or press the pace, and his pedigree suggests the switch to turf is okay. Progeny of Idiot Proof have won more than 20 percent of their turf starts according to Formulator.