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BEST BET: Dream Seeker (7th race)

First Race

1. Yours Sincerely	2. Surfin' U. S. A.	3. Echos of Violence

YOURS SINCERELY won a similar open allowance turf sprint for 3yo fillies last out; she is the obvious choice to swoop to another come-from-behind win facing a similar group. All she needs is pace to run at, which she is likely to get from the speedster drawn in post 2. **SURFIN' U. S. A.** had a tough trip finishing two lengths behind the top choice. 'U. S. A. was blocked in the stretch and did not really have a fair shot. If she gets outside and comes with a run, she should be right there with the top choice. **ECHOS OF VIOLENCE** is the aforementioned speedster in post 2. First start since last year, first try on turf, this seems like an ambitious spot. On the other hand, she figures to clear the field and could pose an elusive target. MO 'EM DOWN returns from a four-month break with a history of firing fresh. She won a N1X allowance this spring returning from a layoff; she had a tough trip when ninth in a G3 hillside sprint last out at Santa Anita. Her work tab is awfully short, however. She has only four published works leading to this comeback.

Second Race

1. Kool Kitten	2. Acclaim Perfection	3. Genuine Grace

First-time starter **KOOL KITTEN** looks ready to fire in this sprint for Cal-bred maiden fillies and mares based on sharp recent works. She worked inside a three-way team Aug. 6, and worked well while pulling her rider out of the saddle; her most recent drill Aug. 23 was a bullet :46.80 from the gate. Indications are 'KITTEN is quick, and possibly the one to catch. If she can stay six and a half, she might be gone. **ACCLAIM PERFECTION**, full brother to retired multiple stakes winner Kings River Knight, appears to have trained well. She worked in company last month with Namaron, an older graded stakes-placed runner. Although 'PERFECTION was second-best in that work, she held her own against that good workmate. **GENUINE GRACE** is an eight-start maiden who rallied to finish second both starts this summer, one at Los Alamitos and another at Del Mar. 'GRACE will rally from behind in a race that could fall apart. ALLIED FLEET debuts for a stable having a big summer meet; BLAME THE TRACK adds blinkers for her comeback. She had trouble her only start in June, a fourth-place finish.

Third Race

1. Toaster	2. Into the Hall	3. Scary Fast Ride

In an evenly matched field of N1X filly-mare sprinters, the call is lightly raced **TOASTER**, whose only start last year was a modest maiden victory. Now nine months later, chances are she has matured and likely to run faster than the 72 Beyer she earned as a 2yo in December. Bob Baffert-trained comebackers are generally ready to fire. **INTO THE HALL** is faster than the top choice on figures. Although she needed seven starts to win a maiden race, and finished fourth her only start against winners, she returns from a layoff of nearly five months with steady recent works and speed to press the pace that might be set by top choice TOASTER. The recent fourth-place comeback by **SCARY FAST RIDE** was not bad; it was her first start in four months. She is likely to improve second start back, although DMR does not seem to be her favorite track (0-for-7, with one second and two thirds).

Fourth Race

1. Little Opal	2. Comeback Girl	3. Sweet Gal of Mine

LITTLE OPAL crushed maidens with a sharp display of speed early in the meet; the fleet-footed filly is the one to catch as she moves up to N1X. If she runs two alike, she can lead gate to wire. The fourth-place comeback by **COMEBACK GIRL** was better than the finish position. She broke slowly, was blocked in the stretch, and missed by only a length and one-half. With a clean trip, she might have given the winner a battle. This is the second start back for COMEBACK GIRL, who is the best late threat. **SWEET GAL OF MINE** rarely wins (one win, six seconds), but her turf-sprint speed figures rank among the highest in the field and she only missed by three-quarters of a length last out vs. similar over this course.

Fifth Race

1. Imnosurething	2. Potica	3. Harkette

Second-start longshot **IMNOSURETHING** is worth backing in this Cal-bred maiden-20 for 2yo fillies despite an eighth-place debut she lost by more than 20 lengths. She raced wide and retreated in that Cal-bred maiden-50. But now she adds blinkers, and has worked okay in company since raced. Easier foes this time, potentially more speed with the addition of blinkers, and her trainer Peter Eurton has been successful adding blinkers on second-start maidens. Tab for a minor upset. **POTICA** drops from Cal-bred MSW for her second start of the meet/first time claim tag. She has speed, she probably needed her last start (first in two and half months). POTICA is a pace factor, as is **HARKETTE**. The latter set an easy pace in her debut, but tired to third. She drops from Cal-bred maiden-50 and has upside in just her second start. CLUB MAYO raced wide and finished a flat fourth as the favorite in her debut. She is another lightly raced filly who is likely to improve.

Sixth Race

1. Daytona Diamond	2. Sentient Soon	3. Stay Bossy

DAYTONA DIAMOND, impressive off-the-pace debut winner last month, is the choice in the $100,000 Generous Portion Stakes for 2yo Cal-bred fillies. 'DIAMOND won her debut by more than five lengths, earned an okay number (62 Beyer), and worked exceptionally well since for trainer Carla Gaines including a strong team work Saturday morning in company with older allowance filly Wink and a Grin. 'DIAMOND worked in :47.80, galloped out super, and is on tilt for this stakes. She is short on seasoning, but this race is often won by lightly raced entrants. Ten of the last 12 winners of the Generous Portion were exiting maiden races. **SENTIENT SOON** looms an upset candidate, despite her double-digit defeat last month in the CTBA Stakes. She had an excuse; she may have displaced her soft palate and could not get her air. She will be outfitted Friday with a Figure-8 and tongue tie to correct the issue. Based on her workouts since raced, and her impressive front-running debut victory in May, 'SOON has a shot to outrun her price. Her trainer Jeff Bonde won this stake three times (Crazy Hot, 2023; Miss Sunset, 2016; Sierra Sweetie, 2005). **STAY BOSSY**, distant runner-up in the CTBA Stakes, should like this six-furlong trip. She won a maiden race two starts back rallying from midpack; she rallied from last to second in the five and one-half furlong CTBA. PALO ALTO BABY crushed a Cal-bred maiden-50 by more than nine lengths while earning the second-highest figure (61 Beyer) in this field. The challenge is to reproduce the effort while wheeling back in just 14 days. Win or lose, she will help keep the pace honest.

Seventh Race

1. Dream Seeker	2. Wildcatter	3. Bliksem

Based on his solid third-place debut at this turf-mile distance, 2yo maiden **DREAM SEEKER** merits horse-to-beat status. His first start was strong. He saved ground in fifth, waited briefly for room into the lane, angled outside, finished evenly and galloped out in front of the field. Good try. He is a likely winner with expected improvement second out. **WILDCATTER** is making his third start of the meet; his first two were okay. Fourth in his debut, he had an eventful trip second out when he got into a jam into the far turn, got keen, then re-rallied to finish third across the wire (placed second via disqualification). The well-bred colt (sired by Tapit, produced by G3 winner) has much potential, but stuck in the outside post (10 of 10) in this turf mile. **BLIKSEM** goes long off a runner-up debut at five furlongs on turf. He is quick enough to make the lead if he wants. First-time starter KIVO appears to have worked well, although chances are he needs a prep before showing his best.

Eighth Race

1. Ford Frenzy	2. Miss Jo's Curlin	3. Otto's Magic

FORD FRENZY, runaway debut winner opening weekend, moves up to face Cal-bred allowance foes as potential pacesetter. He set fast fractions in his debut, shook off his pace rivals, and won by more than seven lengths. He has had plenty time to recover from the effort, he has worked steadily since, and drew comfortably outside. With a front-running or pace-pressing trip, 'FRENZY can win right back. The knock on his debut is that six horses he defeated ran back, and produced only a pair of fourth-place finishes. **MISS JO'S CURLIN** looms the upset candidate second start following a one-year layoff. His comeback was promising. He chased the pace inside, kept to his task into the stretch, then tired to fourth. Juan Hernandez rides him back, improvement likely second start back. **OTTO'S MAGIC** returns from a three-month break; he runs well fresh (debut runner-up, maiden win off a three-month break). The figures he earned his first three starts are close enough to what is normally required to win a Cal-bred N1X.