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BEST BET: Legal Heir (5th race)

First Race

1. Ala Sawab	2. Bold Type	3. Bid

ALA SAWAB was heavily bet for his debut but he threw his head at the break and then stumbled, losing rider Joel Rosario two strides out of the gate; he's trained splendidly since that August bow, and while the fact that he draws the rail again may not be ideal he can be expected to come back running, assuming a clean getaway. **BOLD TYPE** is widest in this short field and he has proven speed; obviously dangerous off those first two efforts/Beyers. **BID** has improved with each start in terms of his figures in each of his last two starts and he's another who has established early zip; could play a part here with another step forward.

Second Race

1. Keep Movin' On	2. Tessuto	3. Leyas Candy

KEEP MOVIN' ON is a stone closer in need of some help from the pacesetters but there does seem to be enough early speed drawn to his inside, and he can make the late run today if he gets a quick, contested pace to chase in the opening stages; may have shot too high in that last one but he did post a Beyer that's good enough to win this and he was against a speed-friendly race flow two back. **TESSUTO** will be a factor from the bell, though he has shown a rating gear in the past; that could prove to be an important consideration if the race flow develops as expected. **LEYAS CANDY** is another who wants to be close but who has proven he can win from just off the pace, as he did in his most recent victory, back in May; he's a threat here with a similar trip and set up.

Third Race

1. Jet E Z	2. Ocean Club	3. Franciscus

JET E Z is out of a dam who was off the board in both of her two starts and kin to only one runner in Jackie Blue, who is winless in five starts to date, but trainer Peter Miller does well enough with firsters in turf sprints, winning three such races in 2026, including a score at Santa Anita back on November 1st (Tiz the Truth); expecting him to be a threat right out of the box. **OCEAN CLUB** is easy to like after he finished a close 2nd in his latest, under similar conditions; shortens up to five panels but likely still quick enough to be an immediate factor. **FRANCISCUS** moves to the turf for the first time for trainer Tim Yakteen (16% win rate); kin to three multiple winners, who have combined to win 22 races, albeit all on the main track.

Fourth Race

1. Mio Bambino	2. Ballyhooligan	3. Cagey Burglar

MIO BAMBINO had traffic trouble in that turf loss last time and he did well to finish a close-up third as the favorite; the effort two back, in his first start off the Brian Koriner claim, was better than the 74 Beyer night indicate, as he was against the speed-favoring race flow as a closer in that short field, and he has every right to move forward off those two races. **BALLYHOOLIGAN** has improved since returning from the short rest, hitting the board in both of his two starts and running well in both; ability to lead or rate a plus, as he should be able to work out a trip regardless of how the race flow shapes up. **CAGEY BURGLAR** is in for a tag for his first start since August; turns back to a sprint but that's a strong angle for trainer Ryan Bratcher (43% win rate since last year, from a small sample).

Fifth Race

1. Legal Heir	2. Tees Touch	3. Sirnami

LEGAL HEIR was off the board in both of his two five-furlong tries to date, both over this course two and three back, but he didn't run all that badly in either of those losses, as he was in a duel in his first try at the distance and he made a mid-race run after racing close to the pace in a closers' race two back; eligible to wire this field if he can shake loose at the outset. **TEES TOUCH** has been away since June of 2025, when he broke his maiden going 6 1/2 furlongs, but he figures tough despite the respite if he can run back to his two Beyers; trainer Phil D'Amato has positive numbers with horses off this type of lengthy break. **SIRNAMI** doesn't have the Beyers of the top pair but he does have a proven late kick and he'd benefit greatly from a wicked early pace; ran well in a narrow defeat at this distance three back.

Sixth Race

1. Lucky Sniper	2. Fine Irish Morning	3. Tiger to You

LUCKY SNIPER settled for the place as the favorite in each of his last two starts but he ran well each time, spotting position to the winners in both of those losses and just closing too late; fits well here on the strength of those figures. **FINE IRISH MORNING** stretches out again after a pair of sprints following his route debut three back, and though he faded in that race despite a loose lead he does figure to shake loose here as well, if he's able to scratch in off the Also Eligible list; can go much further if he can slow down the early fractions more sufficiently. **TIGER TO YOU** merits a look at what should be a decent price in this modest maiden claimer based on trainer Gary Stute's record with stretch-outs; off the board in his lone route try to date but he may have moved too soon there.

Seventh Race

1. Sogno Di Vino	2. Majestic Palisades	3. Keithing Thunder

SOGNO DI VINO has done his best work on the grass but he's also won on the main track, and though he'll be looking to make the last run here there are a couple of confirmed speeds to his inside; clearly in good form of late, as evidenced by those last two wins on the turf, and Gary Stute has solid stats in all pertinent trainer categories. **MAJESTIC PALISADES** fits on the strength of that last

Beyer, which is quite easily the best last-out dirt figure in the field; at his best when on the lead but he could be perfectly spotted behind expected pacesetters PIPER'S CAUSEWAY and **KEITHING THUNDER**. The latter makes his third start off the layoff and has back figures that are good enough to win this; may have to win the pace battle and then stave off the closers, however.

Eighth Race

1. Preclude	**2. Bourbon Story**	**3. Ronilla**

PRECLUDE makes her first start for a tag and though she failed to hit the board in any of her first three starts she merits respect based on her best figures; it's tough to get a line on the race flow in this nightcap but she should get at least some help from the pacesetters and that should enable her to make an impact in the lane. **BOURBON STORY** comes off her best turf try to date, at least in terms of Beyers; she's another facing maiden claimers for the first time and that's a strong angle for the barn (three-for-eight, $5.17 ROI going back to 2025). **RONILLA** nearly pulled it off last time when able to set her own pace going nine furlongs; cuts back in distance but she is quick enough to be an immediate factor in her third start following the break.