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BEST BET: See Through It (8th race)

First Race

1. Eurydice	2. Bill N Deet	3. Not So Merry Mary

EURYDICE is out of a dam who won a pair of dirt sprints and she sports a couple of works that suggest she'll come out running for trainer Ryan Hanson, who does well enough with his debut runners to make this filly a threat by default. **BILL N DEET** is another firster with works that hint at some ability, and some speed; dam was a turfer but she produced a pair of modest dirt winners and trainer Aggie Ordonez scored with a debut runner in an MSW race on this track and at this distance back in late August. **NOT SO MERRY MARY** was 2nd in her last two under similar conditions, and though she was thoroughly beaten by loose-on-the-lead firster Ember Royale (86 Beyer) in that last one this filly earned a decent figure herself.

Second Race

1. Irish Corn	2. Smart Code	3. Code Duello

IRISH CORN has established early speed and he's a proven turf sprinter who figures tough to catch if he can break alertly from this inside post; he does appear to be the main speed in this otherwise fairly paceless sprint, which is odd for the distance, and he can steal it if he's able to clear the field with relative ease. **SMART CODE** may well be better going longer but he looms the main danger in the lane based on his best figures; he'll be looking to come from off the pace but he's quick enough to stay close in the opening stages, which is a plus if the fractions are in fact controlled. **CODE DUELLO** cuts back slightly but he's another who has the tactical speed to work out a forward trip; his figures also fit well and they've been consistent of late.

Third Race

1. Holmby	2. Sea's No Joke	3. Mo Chuisle

Trainer Bob Baffert holds all the aces in the Desi Arnaz Stakes with **HOLMBY** and **SEA'S NO JOKE**, as this pair holds a decided edge in terms of Beyers; the former has yet to run a poor race, winning her first two starts and then running well in defeat in the Grade 1 Del Mar Debutante and the Grade 2 Oak Leaf, while posting strong figures, and the latter has to be respected off that maiden effort and the resulting Beyer, even if she was aided by a lack of speed in that route, and she now reverts to one turn. They will be relatively short-priced favorites, and that could mean **MO CHUISLE** is the value play; she was an impressive winner in that debut score, making a nice mid-race run and drawing off late, and though she'd need to improve in terms of Beyers she has every right to do that in only her second start, and at this slightly longer distance.

Fourth Race

1. Battle School	2. Danzing Wild Cat	3. Crucible

BATTLE SCHOOL is winless in three prior starts at this distance but he also has posted the best Beyers in the field, and his best career figure came in that narrow loss at 5 1/2 furlongs two back; has speed but can also rate, and that versatility should come in handy as he tries to work out a favorable trip. **DANZING WILD CAT** gets back on the main track after another loss on the turf, and this does seem to be his best surface; note trainer Brendan Galvin's record with horses making this switch from grass to dirt (21%, $4.20 ROI). **CRUCIBLE** will be looking to make the last run, as he's at his best when able to stalk and make a bid in the lane; best Beyers put him in the mix with these.

Fifth Race

1. Dream Seeker	2. Summer Mischief	3. Special Performer

DREAM SEEKER seems to have regressed in his latest but that off-the-board finish can be forgiven in light of the unfavorable race flow he faced in that race, as he was well off the pace in a race lacking pace, which thus set up well for the speeds (note the bold "S" in DRF pp line); can be expected to rebound today given a better set up in terms of the pace scenario. **SUMMER MISCHIEF** stretches out for the first time and that's been a strong angle for trainer Jeff Mullins (25% win rate, $2.23 ROI); dam produced a turf route winner in Risk and

Regret. **SPECIAL PERFORMER** is from the same barn and he makes his debut for Mullins sporting a full slate of works for this; his dam was a five-time turf/route winner and produced stakes winner Man O Rose, who won four races and earned $222K on the green.

Sixth Race

1. Catalinamillertime	2. Roan Star	3. Lucky Tammy

CATALINAMILLERTIME is the first starter out of dam Time for Ebby, who won eight races and earned over $500,000, the vast majority of it sprinting on the main track; trainer Gary Stute is winless with his last 13 firsters to start but the barn excels with 2-year-olds overall, clicking at 25% with a strong ($7.67) ROI. **ROAN STAR** debuts for Jeff Mullins, who has done well of late with firsters in maiden claimers; dam was unraced but produced five multiple winners, including Colt Fiction, who won 11 races and $419K. **LUCKY TAMMY** didn't run badly despite finishing off the board in that debut, closing with some interest; trainer Dean Pederson's record with second-time starters suggests this filly will improve with that first race under her belt.

Seventh Race

1. Trump Era	2. Fausto	3. Moonlit Sonata

TRUMP ERA makes his first start off the Simon Callaghan claim and he comes off a very solid try in his latest, when he was able to last for the place despite facing race-long pace pressure in a race that featured a good amount of early zip; he may be quickest of them all in this one, and if he can break alertly and establish a clear lead with relative ease he'll be tough to reel in. **FAUSTO** overcame the speed-friendly race flow to break through the maiden ranks in his 15th career start in his latest, and though the Beyer comes up a little light he does seem to be on the improve; could prove a threat at a price if he continues to move forward for a barn clicking at 20% with last-out winners. **MOONLIT SONATA** is winless on the turf through 14 tries but he has posted some of the better Beyers in this field; has speed but can also rate, and that should mean he's well spotted from the outset.

Eighth Race

1. See Through It	2. Supernal	3. Unpretentious

SEE THROUGH IT is a 16-time winner, making him a threat in virtually any claimer he's in, and he's certainly in good form of late, having hit the board in each of his last three starts; easy to like after that strong effort in his latest, when he was beaten just a neck after a late rally. Two back, he finished behind **SUPERNAL** as the prohibitive favorite, when the latter got the jump on him in a paceless sprint; SUPERNAL has speed and an inside post and looms a main danger once again as he makes his first start off the Ryan Hanson claim. **UNPRETENTIOUS** has been going longer but he has won sprinting in the past, and he has more speed than he's shown of late; expecting him to be closer to the pace today from his inside post despite the turnback in distance.

Ninth Race

1. Blindly Loyal	2. Royal Rumor	3. Doing Time

Thought **BLINDLY LOYAL** was moving deceptively well through the lane in that grass bow last time out while not being pushed hard late, as it was clear he would not be able to make an impact on the finish regardless; he has license to take a big step forward here with the benefit of that experience, and he should be a price after finishing behind three of these same runners in that race. **ROYAL RUMOR** is easy to like after running 2nd in that same race, holding well late after prompting the issue from the start; will be a forward factor from his inside post once again, and may be the one they have to catch. **DOING TIME** has had his chances, sure, but he also has steady Beyers which fit well against this group; latest was a solid effort, too, but it's tough to take another short price on him on the win end given his overall record.