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BEST BET: Vallendar (6th race)

First Race

1. Mixit	2. Absolution	3. Wildcatter

MIXIT showed significant improvement in his first start at a mile, finishing a decent second to the promising Domenici at Santa Anita on Oct. 12. Mixit closed from fourth of ten in that field to finish a clear second. Trained by John Sadler, Mixit has an excellent chance to record a breakthrough maiden race win in what appears to be a tough field of six in this one-mile maiden race for 2-year-olds. Joel Rosario takes the mount for the first time on a half-brother to Where's My Ring, the winner of the Grade 3 Gazelle Stakes at 1 1-8 miles at Aqueduct in 2024. **ABSOLUTION** is trained by Bob Baffert and will draw major support. Absolution, who starts from the inside post, is winless in three starts, including third- and fifth-place finishes in one-mile turf races at Santa Anita in October. Juan Hernandez, who rides first-call for Baffert in California, takes the mount for the first time on a colt expected to run from off the pace. Baffert also entered Zizo, but said on Wednesday that the colt will be scratched after developing a temperature. **WILDCATTER**, who starts from the outside post, will race as a gelding for the first time. He is winless in three starts, but has raced wide or had a troubled trip in each appearance. Wildcatter will be fitted with blinkers, and can race near the front with a good start. This is Wildcatter's first race on dirt.

Second Race

1. Padel Addict	2. Mad Pursuit	3. This Name's Taken

Rain is expected in the Del Mar area on Thursday, which could lead to a surface switch for this $50,000 claimer for maiden fillies and mares scheduled for five furlongs on turf. **PADEL ADDICT** is a slight selection in an uninspiring group. Winless in three starts, Padel Addict has not raced since she finished sixth of 12 in a six-furlong maiden race on turf at Santa Anita in March, her first start since the preceding August. In March, Padel Addict set the pace to the final furlong before losing by four lengths. Interestingly, Padel Addict was fourth in her debut in Ireland in May 2025, finishing five lengths behind Gstaad, who later that year won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar. Padel Addict starts in a maiden claimer for the first time on Friday as does **MAD PURSUIT**, who is winless in six starts, including a fourth-place finish in a maiden race at five furlongs on turf at Del Mar in August in her first start on the surface. Mad Pursuit was a well-beaten third in a maiden race on dirt way back in January 2025. Padel Addict is trained by Phil D'Amato, who also starts **THIS NAME'S TAKEN**, who is winless in five starts and has not raced in nearly a year. This Name's Taken was second in a six-furlong maiden race on turf at Santa Anita in October 2025. Mad Pursuit and This Name's Taken need clean starts to be a factor. That has not been the case in some of their recent races.

Third Race

1. Can't Say That	2. Springline	3. Busy Making Munny

CAN'T SAY THAT will start from the inside post in a field of eight fillies and mares in this $16,000 claimer for nonwinners of three at a mile, a condition she is capable of winning. Can't Say That closed from last of six in the final furlong of a similar race at a mile at Santa Anita on Oct. 17 to finish second by a half-length, her first start at that level of competition. She won a $12,500 claimer for nonwinners of two at a mile at Del Mar on Aug. 6 in her preceding start by closing from well off the pace. In this field, Can't Say That should have a pace to follow. Joel Rosario takes the mount on Can't Say That for the first time for trainer George Papaprodromou. **SPRINGLINE** will be near the front, but not necessarily on the lead, due to the presence of **BUSY MAKING MUNNY** and the Nevada shipper Skyexpress. Springline had a two-race winning streak end with a third-place finish by a half-length in the same race as Can't Say That on Oct. 17. Springline, trained by Ryan Hanson, was always prominent while wide and ran well to the finish in her first start in a nonwinners of three claiming race. Busy Making Munny was second by a neck at 9-10 in a $16,000 claimer for nonwinners of three at 5 1-2 furlongs at Santa Anita on Oct. 25, dueling for the lead throughout and leading briefly in the stretch. She was second and third in her only previous starts at a mile, both at Del Mar during the summer. Sustaining that speed through a mile may be difficult for Busy Making Munny on Friday, but a placing is a possibility.

Fourth Race

1. Happy to Buy	2. Easy Motion	3. Blazing Grace

This maiden race for statebred fillies and mares at five furlongs is difficult to assess because of a potential shift from turf to dirt, and the presence of seven first-time starters in the main body of the race. There are two horses with race experience on the also-eligible list. **HAPPY TO BUY** may be effective on either surface for her debut. Trained by John Sadler, Happy to Buy was purchased for $75,000 at

the Harris Farms digital sale reduction in August 2025, the most expensive horse of racing age in that auction. Happy to Buy has a steady pattern of workouts in the last two months. Another encouraging point is the booking of jockey Joel Rosario. Happy to Buy is by Good Magic, who wins with an above average 12 percent of his first-time starters. **EASY MOTION**, a half-sister to a debut winner at Emerald Downs in 2025, has had a few quick workouts in recent months for trainer Brian Koriner, who has won with two first-time starters since early August. **BLAZING GRACE** has a tougher draw in post 8, at least before potential scratches. Trained by Mark Glatt, Blazing Grace, who cost a mere $8,000 as a yearling, is by Straight Fire, who wins with a sharp 22 percent of his debut runners. Blazing Grace has several solid half-mile workouts at San Luis Rey Downs and Santa Anita since late September.

Fifth Race

1. Eltonsingsanother	2. Chasing Kat	3. Ro Town

ELTONSINGSANOTHER, a three-time winner this year, is a narrow selection over **CHASING KAT**, a two-time winner since July, in an $8,000 claimer for fillies and mares at 5 1-2 furlongs. Both can beat 10 rivals. Eltonsingsanother has won from the front and by stalking the pace since late August, and that versatility may be key if the pace is hot. Eltonsingsanother was only fourth of five in a starter allowance for $16,000 claimers at Santa Anita on Nov. 1, racing against a group tougher than what she faces in this field. Her win in a $10,000 claimer at 5 1-2 furlongs at Santa Anita on Sept. 25, in which she closed from third of seven, is encouraging. Chasing Kat was the sharp winner of an $8,000 claimer at Santa Anita on Oct. 23, leading throughout a six-furlong race. She won a $16,000 claimer for nonwinners of three at Del Mar in August by disputing the pace throughout. Chasing Kat has a tough draw on the outside of this big field. She will need to be urged forward early to avoid a wide trip, another reason Eltonsingsanother is preferred. **RO TOWN** was third behind Eltonsingsanother on Sept. 25, closing from fourth. Ro Town produced a 14-1 upset with a half-length win in a $10,000 claimer at 5 1-2 furlongs on Aug. 1, her first victory since a 1,000-yard race at Los Al in January. Ro Town can lead, but her best chance in this bulky field is as a stalker from post 8.

Sixth Race

1. Vallendar	2. Furiosity	3. Berkey

The field for this maiden race for 2-year-old fillies at five furlongs will be limited to eight runners. The race has been carded for turf, but the expected weather forces a two-fold approach to predictions. Should the race remain on turf, **VALLENDAR** has the experience to play an important role, provided she draws into the field from the also-eligible list. Though winless in four starts, she was only beaten a nose in a maiden race at six furlongs on turf at Santa Anita on Sept. 25. Vallendar was a fast-closing third in her first start on turf, in a maiden race at five furlongs at Del Mar in late August. **FURIOSITY** will draw support, particularly if the race is switched to dirt. Trained by Bob Baffert, Furiosity has finished ninth and fourth in two maiden races on dirt at Del Mar and Los Al. A $450,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton mid-Atlantic sale in May, Furiosity is expected to be forward early for jockey Juan Hernandez. **BERKEY**, a first-time starter trained by Richard Mandella, is jockey Mike Smith's lone mount on Friday. Berkey is out of Great Return, who won her first start at Del Mar in 2018, and is a half-sister to Miss Saugerties, who won her debut at Woodbine in 2024. Mandella has not won with a first-time starter since August 2025, but has had three second- or third-place finishers in that category since mid-summer.

Seventh Race

1. Watch Over Us	2. Jasmina	3. Swimmingly

WATCH OVER US has shown to be an adaptable filly in her first four starts, credentials that leave her with an excellent chance for a third career win in a $25,000 claimer for 3-year-old fillies at six furlongs. Trained by Peter Miller, Watch Over Us won her debut in a $12,500 claimer for maidens at Los Al on June 19, leading throughout. Last month at Santa Anita, Watch Over Us won a $25,000 claimer for nonwinners of two against older fillies and mares on turf, closing from fourth of seven. The divergent style of those wins bodes well for Watch Over Us in this field of eight. She has drawn well in post 4 to give jockey Juan Hernandez early options for placement. **JASMINA** won a $20,000 claimer for nonwinners of three at Los Al in September, by closing from a stalking position. She was only eighth of 11 in an allowance race for statebred 3-year-old fillies at six furlongs on Oct. 30, and seems better suited to this claiming race. Claimed for $16,000 in July, Jasmina was promoted from second to first in a controversial decision in the $100,500 CTBA Stakes for statebred 2-year-old fillies in August 2025. Jasmina was previously trained by Simon Callaghan, who starts the capable **SWIMMINGLY** in this field. Callaghan claimed Swimmingly for $20,000 at Santa Anita on Oct. 11, the day she won a maiden race at six furlongs from off the pace. This is a class jump into a race with multiple winners, but Swimmingly is the sort of filly who could be a factor in the final furlong.

Eighth Race

1. Enjoy the Ride	2. Repo	3. Is That You Wing

A clean trip may be the only thing keeping **ENJOY THE RIDE** from a win in a maiden race. Enjoy the Ride has raced in traffic or wide in his three previous starts, the most recent of which was a fourth-place finish in a maiden race at a mile on turf for statebred 2-year-olds at Santa Anita on Oct. 17. Enjoy the Ride will certainly fit in this maiden race for statebreds at a mile on turf if the races stays on that surface, and deserves consideration if the race is switched to dirt. Joel Rosario takes the mount for the first time for trainer Ryan Hanson, who has

had a solid late summer and fall. **REPO** has been second on turf and dirt in four starts, leaving him as a well-regarded prospect in this lineup. Trained by Michael McCarthy, Repo led in the Oct. 17 race that included Enjoy the Ride, and finished second by 2 1-4 lengths. Repo started from the outside in that field of 10, and has a better starting position in post 7 in this group of 10. Jockey Umberto Rispoli likely will have Repo in a handy position. **IS THAT YOU WING** was third on Oct. 17, despite a troubled start and a wide trip. He closed from ninth to be nearest the front at the wire, finishing a half-length behind Repo. With a better start, Is That You Wing is likely to be in a stalking position.