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BEST BET: Platinum Groove (1st race)

First Race

1. Platinum Groove	2. Cyclone Claire	3. Stella Blue Moon

The addition of blinkers for the first time may prompt **PLATINUM GROOVE** to race closer to the front in this one-mile turf race for statebred maiden fillies and mares. Such tactics could result in a first career win in her fifth start. Platinum Groove has been second or third, beaten less than two lengths, in her last three races, closing with interest each time. Joel Rosario takes the mount for the first time for trainer Jeff Mullins. Platinum Groove was second in a similar race at Santa Anita on Nov. 1, and starts against the five fillies that finished third through seventh in that field. **CYCLONE CLAIRE** was fourth that day as the 5-2 second choice and will be prominent in the betting for this race, which drew a field of nine. Cyclone Clare, who starts from the outside post, races from off the pace. She will be ridden for the first time by Juan Hernandez for trainer John Sadler. The outside draw is a concern. **STELLA BLUE MOON** was seventh of nine in a maiden race for statebred fillies and mares at six furlongs on turf at Santa Anita on Sept. 26 in her first start. Trained by Mark Glatt, Stella Blue Moon did not have a clean trip that day and can benefit from a longer race. Glatt has won with two of his last 10 runners having their second starts.

Second Race

1. Tee N Off	2. Southern Melodee	3. Tiggrrr Whitworth

This has been a busy, and largely unproductive, year for **TEE N OFF**, who can end an 11-race losing streak since January in this $16,000 claimer for nonwinners of three at a mile. Tee N Off, trained by Steve Knapp, often races as a stalker, but has been unable to finish the job of late. On Oct. 25 at Santa Anita, Tee N Off was wide throughout and finished second of seven, failing to threaten the winner. In this smaller field, Tee N Off can stalk the pace and has a chance for a better trip. **SOUTHERN MELODEE**, who starts from the outside post, was third in a $20,000 claimer for nonwinners of three at six furlongs at Santa Anita on Oct. 16. After a troubled start, he chased a quick pace before fading from contention to finish four lengths behind odds-on favorite Ima Track Star, who returned to win on Oct. 31. Southern Melodee is winless in his last seven starts, including three stakes, since an allowance race win at a mile at Santa Anita in March. A return to a two-turn race should be a benefit. **TIGGRRR WHITWORTH**, winless in seven starts since a conditional $10,000 claimer at a mile at Santa Anita in May, can play a key role in this small field as a pacesetter. He has consistently faded in the final furlong, though, leaving the likelihood of a placing more than a win.

Third Race

1. Street Swindler	2. Mo' Em Down	3. Yours Sincerely

STREET SWINDLER had a perfect October at Santa Anita, winning turf sprints for maidens and an allowance race, at distances of six and 6 1-2 furlongs. She can extend the winning streak in this high-class allowance race if she can be as effective at the shorter distance of five furlongs on turf. Trained by Mark Glatt, Street Swindler has displayed a strong turn of foot that has put her in contention in the stretch of her last two starts. In this field of seven, Street Swindler is likely to be in pursuit of My Girl Mia and **MO' EM DOWN**. In September, Mo' Em Down won an allowance race at five furlongs on turf at Del Mar by stalking the pace. She was beaten in two stakes at Santa Anita and is better suited to this field with appealing results in turf sprints. She was overmatched in the Grade 3 Goldikova Stakes at a mile on turf last time. **YOURS SINCERELY**, who starts from the inside post, also won a five-furlong allowance race on turf during the Del Mar summer meeting, but was a disappointing seventh of nine in the Grade 3 John C. Harris Stakes for 3-year-old fillies on the hillside turf course at Santa Anita on Sept. 28 as the 5-2 second choice, the worst performance of her 11-race career. At her best, she is a danger from off the pace.

Fourth Race

1. Lakeville Love	2. Merrick Park	3. Nineteen Forty Two

LAKEVILLE LOVE may only need a clean trip to win her second start in this maiden race-optional claimer for 2-year-old fillies at 6 1-2 furlongs. Trained by Jonathan Thomas, Lakeville Love had a troubled start and a wide trip in a $150,000 claimer for maidens as the 4-1 second choice in a field of 10 at Keeneland on Oct. 10. She never bothered winner Jackie and Ginger, who won by 10 3-4 lengths, but did pass several rivals in the final furlong. Lakeville Love starts from the inside post in this field of seven. The first-time starter **MERRICK PARK** is a half-sister to five winners, including Night Time, who won his debut at Ellis Park in 2019. Merrick Park, who starts from the outside post, has a few quick half-mile workouts for trainer Leonard Powell, who is seeking his first winner with a first-time runner since July 2025. Powell has had a good start to November, winning with four of his first 12 runners through Thursday. **NINETEEN FORTY TWO** starts on dirt for the first time after two fourth-place finishes in maiden races on turf at the Santa Anta fall meeting. Nineteen Forty Two was sharper when fourth in a sprint on Sept. 25 than in a one-mile race on Oct. 31, suggesting this shorter distance will be a better option. Trained by Dan Blacker, Nineteen Forty Two will be fitted with blinkers. Blacker has won with three of his last 10 runners going from turf to dirt.

Fifth Race

1. Hal of a Day	2. Pretzel Ride	3. Little King

HAL OF A DAY has his second start in a five-furlong maiden race for 2-year-olds on turf after nearly stealing a similar race on Aug. 6. Hal of a Day was the 3-1 second choice in a field of eight that day. He set the pace, led by three lengths with a furlong remaining and was beaten a length. Trained by Peter Miller, Hal of a Day did not have a recorded workout until late September. In recent weeks, he has had fast half-mile works at the San Luis Rey Downs training center, an indication he will once again be the runner to catch in a field of 10. The well-bred first-time starter **PRETZEL RIDE** is a threat as a closer. A gelding, Pretzel Ride is a full-brother to Brickyard Ride, a multiple stakes winner on turf and dirt earlier this decade. Brickyard Ride was trained by Craig Lewis, who also starts Pretzel Ride. The booking of Juan Hernandez will lead to support for Pretzel Ride. **LITTLE KING**, stuck on the also-eligible list, was second and third in two maiden races for turf sprinters at Santa Anita during the fall meeting, racing as a stalker. If he draws into this field, Little King will have a

tough post on the outside. In that regard, a placing seems more likely than a win. This field includes the first-time starter Pete Rose who is a full-brother to the star sprinter Lovesick Blues. Pete Rose has works on the slower side and may benefit from race experience.

Sixth Race

1. Gun Runner Charlie	2. Clouseau	3. Roast

GUN RUNNER CHARLIE has been comprehensively beaten in his last two starts, before and after a six-month layoff, but produced two performances at Oaklawn Park in March and April good enough to win this allowance race at a mile. Trained by Peter Miller, Gun Runner Charlie was last of six in an allowance race at 6 1-2 furlongs at 14-1 at Santa Anita on Oct. 30 in his first start since early April. He drew the inside post and was never a factor. Earlier in the year at Oaklawn Park, Gun Runner Charlie finished first and second in consecutive starts in two-turn allowance races by racing near the front throughout. Joel Rosario rides Gun Runner Charlie for the first time in this race. The 10-time winner **CLOUSEAU** drew the outside post in this field of seven and is capable of a win by racing on or near the lead. He won in that manner in a starter allowance at a mile at Santa Anita on Oct. 30 despite a wide trip. One concern regarding Clouseau's chances is the lack of a win on dirt at Del Mar in eight career starts. **ROAST** is another contender to respect. Trained by Michael McCarthy, Roast won a maiden race at seven furlongs in his third career start on Oct. 10, disputing the pace before drawing clear to win by 2 1-4 lengths. He is likely to be forward in this small field.

Seventh Race

1. Unbinding	2. Pavel Is Appealing	3. Hey Lil Lady

UNBINDING adores Del Mar with three wins in four starts at five furlongs on turf at the venue. She has every chance to extend the success in this allowance race for fillies and mares that drew a difficult field of 10. Unbinding, who will be ridden by Umberto Rispoli, has not started since she finished a troubled fourth in an allowance race at six furlongs on turf at Santa Anita on Oct. 2. In two starts at the Del Mar summer meeting, she led throughout starter allowance races at five furlongs on turf. It is important to note that she won over the course last year by stalking the pace. The pace in this field could be strong. **PAVEL IS APPEALING** will benefit if the race develops at a fast tempo. She closed from fourth to win an allowance race for statebred fillies and mares on turf at a mile at Santa Anita on Oct. 9, her first win in six starts on turf. At the Del Mar summer meeting, Pavel Is Appealing closed well to finish third in two allowance races at five furlongs on turf. **HEY LIL LADY** starts from the inside post in this big field, which is not an ideal position for a three-time winner who often races as a closer. It will be up to jockey Armando Ayuso to maneuver Hey Lil Lady to a trouble-free trip. Hey Lil Lady was second to Unbinding during the summer meeting after racing in traffic on the turn.

Eighth Race

1. Mr. A. P.	2. Lyell's Song	3. British Isles

MR. A. P. closed from fifth to win the minor Tokyo City Cup at a mile at Santa Anita as the 9-10 favorite on Oct. 24 in a manner that indicates he can be stronger in this race, the Grade 3 Native Diver Stakes at 1 1-8 miles. Mr. A. P., who was second in the 2025 Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Del

Mar, but had mixed form in three starts on turf during the summer. He seems to be much better in races on dirt, and figures to gain a favorable trip in this field of eight. **LYELL'S SONG** was second in the Tokyo City Cup after setting a moderate pace, but he is not a speed-reliant runner. In September 2025, Lyell's Song stalked the pace and won a one-mile allowance race on dirt at Del Mar. He may be best suited to that kind of trip in this field, particularly if runners such as Pony Express, Midway Lane or Vodka Vodka are quicker early. **BRITISH ISLES** won the Grade 1 Santa Anita Handicap at 1 1-4 miles in March, but has not been a factor in three subsequent starts. He was eighth of 11 in the Grade 1 Pacific Classic at Del Mar in August in his first start since Memorial Day. British Isles had four workouts prior to the Pacific Classic. In advance of this race, British Isles has had eight workouts since late September. He is another danger as a stalker.

Ninth Race

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1. Peachy Canyon **2. I'll Be Your Baby** **3. Hawaiian Moon**

In three starts in maiden races on turf in California since mid-July, **PEACHY CANYON** has had troubled starts or raced in traffic and still managed to finish third or fourth. She may only need a clean journey to win this one-mile turf race for maiden fillies and mares. It appears she will have ample pace to follow. Peachy Canyon was beaten two lengths after a wide trip at Santa Anita on Oct. 17, finish behind the odds-on favorite Brazoria. **I'LL BE YOUR BABY** has her third start in this field after showing considerable improvement when fourth by 2 3-4 lengths in the Oct. 17 race that included Peachy Canyon. I'll Be Your Baby was last of 11 in her debut at Del Mar on Sept. 6. She may be overlooked in the betting in this field, which has several contenders. **HAWAIIAN MOON** has her second start of the year on Saturday after closing some ground to finish fifth of eight in a six-furlong maiden race at Santa Anita on Oct. 2. She has a promising sequence of workouts for trainer Michael McCarthy in the last month. This is her second start at a mile. Last November, Hawaiian Moon finished ninth of 12 in a maiden race on turf. She deserves a strong look at this longer distance.