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Date: 11/20/26
Race 7: $25K claimer for 3-year-old fillies going 6F on the main track
Post: approx. post 3:35 p.m. PST

OVERVIEW

This is an interesting race because several of these fillies have demonstrated enough ability to win at this level, but there are some serious questions about class, current form, and the projected pace, with a few of these who prefer to be prominent early. I am planting a flag here for my top line, but that doesn't mean others can't win.

#1 TIOSIMAGE (5/1) is a three-time winner who was absolutely dominant in her last two starts at Emerald Downs before shipping south and getting trounced against tougher Cal-bred

allowance types at Santa Anita. Which gal shows up today? She has speed and the rail: is that enough to recapture that sharp Emerald Downs form, or is that recent SoCal start more indicative of her status on this tougher circuit? The answer probably lies somewhere in between. GRADE: B.

#2 SNAPSHOT (15/1) finally broke her maiden in her fourth start, winning a Cal-bred $12.5K maiden-claimer at Los Alamitos. She did it with a nice tactical trip but against much lesser competition. GRADE: X.

#3 FOREVER N LOVE (20/1) has won three times, but those victories came against much weaker opposition at smaller tracks. Her recent form has been poor, and she hasn't demonstrated the speed necessary to compete with these Southern California runners. That said, Mendez pops every now and again with horses like this (based at Dixie Downs), so she might be worth considering to start your Late Doubles. GRADE: B.

#4 WATCH OVER US (5/2) is an obvious contender after winning two of four starts, including a $25K/N2L conditional-claimer on Santa Anita turf two back. She followed that with a respectable fourth against $30K/N3L types, also on turf, and now Miller brings her back to dirt while adding blinkers. She broke her maiden on Los Al dirt, and Miller wins 21 percent of the time with turf-to-dirt runners and another 21 percent with blinkers-on horses, so those are meaningful angles. J.J. stays put. GRADE: A.

#5 SWIMMINGLY (4/1) just broke her maiden at Santa Anita, winning a $20K maiden-claimer in her fifth start. She showed a nice ability to sit off the pace and finish in a race that had the right flow for her style. Callaghan claimed her out of that race and now moves her up against winners. She also gets Lasix for the first time, and Rosario takes the call. She looks like a gal who still has room to improve against this kind of company. GRADE: B.

#6 JASMINA (3/1) is another three-time winner who has demonstrated that she can handle this level. She won a $20K/N3L claimer at Los Alamitos two back, and she has the tactical speed to be in a great spot throughout. Her most recent effort against tougher allowance types was disappointing, but she was involved in a fast pace and faded, so I'm willing to forgive that race. She also returns to claiming company, where she has been most effective. GRADE: B.

#7 BEAR'S BOARD (8/1) is coming off a victory against $16K/N3L claimers at Santa Anita, where she went right to the front and held on gamely going a mile. All three of her wins have come going a mile while loose on the lead, and that's obviously not the case today, but she's a pretty honest gal who is versatile enough to get the right trip in here. Is she good enough? She's been running for $16K, so we'll find out if she's worth the $22.5K she's in for today. GRADE: C.

#8 EVA LEA (6/1) is a two-time winner who has been competing exclusively on turf. Her recent form isn't especially inspiring, but she's been squaring off against much tougher older ladies. The last time she ran exclusively against fellow sophomores, she won for $32K (albeit on turf and for Sadler). McLean, who took her two back for $32K, will try turf to shake things up. Jaramillo stays put. Sneaky? GRADE: B.

CONCLUSION

I wish I had something more clever, but #4 WATCH OVER US (5/2) looks very tough to me, but I realize that she won't offer much value in the contest. The problem is, if not her, who? The contenders run deep after my top choice, but here are two runners to consider if you want to go price shopping: #8 EVA LEA (6/1), who has the class to outrun her 6/1 morning-line odds, and #3 FOREVER N LOVE (20/1), who looks terrible on paper, but I've seen this movie before with these Dixie Downs based horses popping at a price for this barn. It's a total guess if this is one of the live ones, but at 20/1, you don't have to risk a lot to win a lot.

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