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BEST BET: Ottis Betts (8th race)

First Race

1. Debby's Gal	2. Princess Breanna	3. Hard Hearted

DEBBY'S GAL doesn't have extensive experience going two turns but she does have some of the better Beyers in the field, and she is consistent in that regard; the mile try at Churchill, albeit over the turf, wasn't bad, and she meets a seemingly average field for the class level as she drops in price again in search of the diploma. **PRINCESS BREANNA** gets back on the main track and figures to use her early speed to her best advantage; should be able to get position early but she can also close ground late, as she proved two back when she rallied for the show. **HARD HEARTED** hasn't really been close in five career starts but she's bever raced this cheaply and stands to improve in her first start off the layoff; Beyers slowly but steadily on the rise prior to the break.

Second Race

1. Piedra Fria	2. Decapo	3. Iriseach

PIEDRA FRIA was off the board in his latest but he returns to a sprint today and that debut try suggests that this is his best game; he was sharp in that score, showing good tactical speed while down inside and driving clear late, and the resulting Beyer gives him strong credibility in this optional claimer. **DECAPO** has consistent recent figures and that includes an 87 two back in his only other start at this distance; settled for the show in his return from the freshening last time but a slow start cost him position and that's a big part of his game. **IRISEACH** usually goes longer and he'll be well off the pace here but perhaps he can make an impact in the lane if the pace is quick and contested; note trainer Phil D'Amato's record with horses turning back from routes to sprints.

Third Race

1. Hungover	2. Charmz Away	3. Fine Irish Morning

HUNGOVER is easy to like today after running 2nd in each of his last two starts under similar conditions; he doesn't have a ton of tactical speed so he's reliant on the pacesetters but given any kind of help up front he has every right to make the last run. **CHARMZ AWAY** has had his chances (18) but he has to be considered a threat for the exacta, at the very least, given his overall record and the fact that his Beyers are among the best in the field; another looking to run them all down late. **FINE IRISH MORNING** was aided by the race flow in his latest, when he turned in the best effort of his short career, but the Beyer has to be respected.

Fourth Race

1. Marla Hooch	2. Syntax	3. We the Hobby

MARLA HOOCH didn't run badly at all in her first start vs. winners and the Beyer she earned gives her strong credibility in this spot; there is speed to her inside and out and given a clean trip and a quick, contested pace she figures to make her presence felt late. **SYNTAX** is one of the expected pacesetters and she will prove tough to catch if she can avoid a race-long duel; just off the board in a sprint in her latest but that was a very good effort, earning the best last-out turf Beyer in the field. **WE THE HOBBY** was a good 2nd the last time she tried this distance, two back, making a strong mid-race bid and continuing well to the wire; should be well spotted just off the early leaders.

Fifth Race

1. Makenarita	2. Bitter Truth	3. Sakura Flavor

MAKENARITA ran big first time off the Steve Sherman claim, overcoming an unfavorable race flow to get up in time to beat non-winners of three; she's down in price but up in class for this, now in against open claimers, but she has room to take a step forward off that last one if she gets a more favorable pace scenario. **BITTER TRUTH** was too late in that last one but she was moving well through the lane and that was the best effort of her career in terms of Beyers; can be expected to make an impact late if the pace is at least honest. **SAKURA FLAVOR** has never been on the dirt but she did win her only start on synthetic; dam's only two dirt tries were an abbreviate sprint and the Grade 2 Golden Rod, and her siblings were untested on this surface, but she could prove a threat at this reduced price given that proven late kick.

Sixth Race

1. Tailgunner Joe	2. Jordi Bear	3. Deucari

TAILGUNNER JOE makes his U. S. debut in the Let It Ride Stakes for trainer Jonathan Thomas, who scored with Miss Nightfall in her first stateside try after shipping over from England, capturing an AN1X turf route at Saratoga (88 Beyer), and this gelding was apparently working with that filly at Turfway; barn's record with new faces is stellar (six-for-12 going back to last year) and though this closer lacks speed there is plenty of pace to his outside. **JORDI BEAR** is another who stands to benefit from the expected pace scenario; he's failed to win in four California starts but he's run well in defeat in his last couple of tries. **DEUCARI** merits respect on the strength of that debut score but he could be overbet some based on the Beyer, as he did benefit from a very favorable trip there and he now tries two turns for the first time.

Seventh Race

1. Mischievous Bev	2. Southern Anton	3. Celestial Skies

MISCHIEVOUS BEV is going to be a handful today if she can run to her last couple of figures, which fit well with this group; she was third under these circumstances in her latest but she was saddled with post 13 in that sprint, which was her second start off the layoff, and she can be expected to improve today in her third start back. **SOUTHERN ANTON** gets the rail in her first start off the Jesus Uranga claim and she's a threat if she can run back to her best Beyers from this summer; adds

blinkers and gets the rail, which likely means she'll come out running in the opening stages. **CELESTIAL SKIES** is wide but has enough early zip to get position off that runner early on; price drop adds to the appeal, as she was a decent 2nd with a competitive Beyer for this tag two back.

Eighth Race

1. Ottis Betts	**2. Allequin Summer**	**3. Cal's Goal**

OTTIS BETTS was well up the track when last seen but that was a dirt sprint where he lost his best chance at the start; returns to the grass for this nightcap and he's a clear threat based on the Beyers he's posted in two prior tries on this surface and he had excuses in both of those two losses, moving prematurely when sent nine furlongs two back and running into early trouble in his turf bow. **ALLEQUIN SUMMER** went to the sidelines after that last try, when he was caught wide after breaking from the outermost post in a 12 horse field and then checked in traffic; clearly has lots of upside given a better trip. **CAL'S GOAL** was off the board in his route debut after he was rank in the early stages but he can be expected to improve off that experience, and in his third start off the layoff.