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BEST BET: Big Reflections (6th race)

First Race

1. Lyle The Crocodile	2. Call Me Sir	3. Beyond Stoked

In an opener that's clearly light on pace, those who can stay close in the opening stages will likely hold the advantage. **LYLE THE CROCODILE** hasn't been on the lead in a race in nearly a year but he draws inside and he has just enough tactical speed to exploit the expected race flow; he also fits well in terms of figures, that last one notwithstanding, as his prior Beyers are among the best in this field. **CALL ME SIR** gets the hedge and that could be an edge if the pace scenario develops as expected; in fact, he may be the one to get first run at the speed(s). **BEYOND STOKED** rallied behind a fast pace in his latest but he can be expected to be more forwardly placed in the opening stages today; meets better but could be a big factor here given a favorable trip and set up.

Second Race

1. Sun Chaser	2. Saul Elliott	3. Mystic Moses

SUN CHASER ran well enough in that maiden score two back, his last try on the main track, and though he was off the board in his latest on the grass he did make a nice mid-race run before he flattened out late; dangerous if he can sit off the speeds and make a late run as he did on his graduation day. **SAUL ELLIOTT** has high speed and could prove to be the one to catch; especially tough if he can shake loose in the opening stages. **MYSTIC MOSES** will have something to say about that; Beyers are a little light but they are on the improve for trainer Steve Miyadi, who has solid numbers with last-out winners.

Third Race

1. Little Hidden Port	2. Ketonia	3. Corporal Violette

LITTLE HIDDEN PORT makes her first start off the claim and a win at this same level, where she beat five of these same rivals, and she was clearly best in that score; makes her first start for trainer Simon Callaghan and she can repeat if she runs back to that race. **KETONIA** was 2nd to the top pick in that last one and she ran well in her own right while clearly second best; may be able to turn the tables if she can stay a little closer in the opening stages. **CORPORAL VIOLETTE** has proven speed but can also rate off the pace and make one run; best Beyers give her strong credibility and she can run to them given the right kind of trip.

Fourth Race

1. Cheever	2. Duntov	3. Noble Testament

CHEEVER has had his chances (8) but he's also run some strong races in defeat, with Beyers that are plenty good enough to win this, and though his last pair don't fall into that category he did have race flow excuses in those two losses; thinking he can revert to his better tries today given a more favorable set up. **DUNTOV** debuts for trainer Bob Baffert with a full string of works, and of course a good number of them indicate he has some speed; dam was a modest two-time winner and she produced four winners but the connections provide the real appeal. **NOBLE TESTAMENT** certainly merits respect on the strength of that runner-up finish when last seen, back in June; dangerous if ready off the break, and the works suggest that he is.

Fifth Race

1. Stormy Sunset	**2. Falling Creek**	**3. Deluge**

STORMY SUNSET was on the lead in her lone turf try to date, in her career debut, but she showed a strong closing kick in her latest and that versatility should come in handy in this sprint, as there's a fair amount of speed in this race; may be able to make the last run if she gets a clean trip and the fractions are quick and contested, as expected. **FALLING CREEK** benefited from an ideal trip and set up in that debut score but she could well fall into a similar situation today given the projected race flow; barn excels in all pertinent trainer categories. **DELUGE** gets back to sprinting on the turf after she faded in the Grade 2 Oak Leaf at two turns on the dirt and she is a clear threat if she can run back to her bow, a race where she beat the top pick in a game score; inside post and tactical speed add to the appeal.

Sixth Race

1. Big Reflections	**2. Forza Azzurri**	**3. Sterling Sea**

BIG REFLECTIONS ran 2nd in each of his last two, including his latest at this same level, and the resulting Beyers give him strong credibility against this group; wide post stings some but if he gets at least an honest pace to chase he has every right to run them all down in the late stages. **FORZA AZZURRI** fits based on that last figure, which was the best of his career to date; he was off the board two back when at a level similar to today's but he was squarely against a speed-friendly race flow in that short field. **STERLING SEA** posted his lone career win on the grass but he's run well enough on the dirt to put him in the mix today, though he would have to step it up in terms of Beyers if he's to win this.

Seventh Race

1. Donttellmewhattodo	**2. Tiger of the Sea**	**3. Alittletoofabulous**

DONTTELLMEWHATTODO was on the lead in that last one but she has shown a rating gear in shorter dashes such as this, and she should be well set up; Beyers fairly steady and some of his best efforts have come at this abbreviated distance. **TIGER OF THE SEA** is buried on the AE list but she has to be strongly considered if she's able to scratch in, as she's been in good form since the switch to grass; she'll be wide if she gets to run but she's quick enough to establish early position. **ALITTLETOOFABULOUS** was sharp in that route score against maidens, and though she's cutting

back here she didn't run badly in her five-furlong debut and trainer Carla Gaines has solid stats with horses moving from routes to sprints (23%, $4.15 ROI).

Eighth Race

1. Man O Rose	2. Lovesick Blues	3. Big City Lights

MAN O ROSE was aided by a relative lack of early speed in that win in his latest but he has back Beyers that put him on the short list of contenders for this The Chosen Vron Stakes, and he could be the right value play with some major players to his outside; has the speed to lead as well as the ability to rate, and that versatility does give him some options, though the inside draw may force his hand some and he figures to be prominent from the start given a clean getaway. **LOVESICK BLUES** has a back-class edge and his best Beyers do stand out; this is his first start since March, when he shipped to Dubai, and this Grade 1-winning sprinter is obviously going to be tough if he's ready off the bench, even if he's untested at seven panels. **BIG CITY LIGHTS** has steady and strong dirt figures and one of his best recent figures came at this same distance, back in May; makes his third start off the break and clearly has to be respected based on his best main track form, though he does figure to be well bet once again.

Ninth Race

1. Waiting For You	2. One Sweet Girl	3. Wild West Coast

There's a fair amount of early foot signed on for this nightcap and that should work to the advantage of **WAITING FOR YOU**, who should be running late; she was behind a couple of these same runners in her latest but SOUL SISTER and DARE GREATLY controlled the tempo in that race and a pressured pace seems likely this time around. **ONE SWEET GIRL** could be the main threat to the top pick, as she too figures to be in good position to take advantage of the expected pace scenario; has a good amount of upside if the splits are in fact quick and contested, as she's been behind some tepid fractions in recent tries. **WILD WEST COAST** stretches back out but she has a pair of two-turn wins to her credit; certainly in good form as she seeks her third straight score and she should have the race flow in her favor.