

# LOS ALAMITOS HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012 • LES ONAKA - HANDICAPPER/CLOCKER

## REPORT SUMMARY

*Always Check Program Numbers.*

| RACE | 1 <sup>st</sup> PICK   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> PICK    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> PICK |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1    | (5) ALE'S EMERALD ✓    | (6) ROYAL RUMOR         | (7) DEER CREEK       |
| 2    | (3) SATURDAY'S MIRACLE | (5) TANNINGATTHEBEACH   | (2) H.J.'S KITTY     |
| 3    | (6) JOHAN              | (5) INDIAN WINTER       | (1) BIG G'S DANCE    |
| 4    | (7) CREOLE WILLIAMS    | (8) HIGH SCHOOL SECRETS | (2) TRES QUEEN       |
| 5    | (4) SINGLE SHOT        | (6) ROYAL ALEXANDER     | (5) AMERICAN EXCESS  |
| 6    | (5) DASH N DEVIOUS ✓   | (4) A STREAKIN FORTUNE  | (3) SNOWLICIOUS      |
| 7    | (5) GNARLY HEAD        | (4) CANDYSEASTERFEATURE | (6) IHEARTLARC       |
| 8    | (3) THOMASIAN ✓        | (2) HAWKINBERRY PIE     | (6) HAVE A GOOD DAY  |
| 9    | (2) COMMANDO TRES SEIS | (1) FREEDOM CHOICE      | (5) THE AUGUST HEAT  |

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| ✓ <b>BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:</b> | ALE'S EMERALD<br>DASH N DEVIOUS<br>THOMASIAN | (1 <sup>ST</sup> RACE)<br>(6 <sup>TH</sup> RACE)<br>(8 <sup>TH</sup> RACE) |
| ★ <b>PRICE PLAY (Longshot):</b>    | COMMANDO TRES SEIS                           | (9 <sup>TH</sup> RACE)   |

### Abbreviations:

(Q) Qualifier/Workout  
(BTL) Better Than Looked

**Note:** Horses are listed in order of preference.

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**RACE 1**

|                            |                        |                       |
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| <b>(5) ALE'S EMERALD</b> ✓ | <b>(6) ROYAL RUMOR</b> | <b>(7) DEER CREEK</b> |
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**LES ONAKA' EARLY PICK 4****SMALL TICKET**

1<sup>st</sup> race (5)            2<sup>nd</sup> race (3,5)            3<sup>rd</sup> race (5,6)            4<sup>th</sup> race (ALL)            TOTAL \$40.00

**LARGE TICKET**

1<sup>st</sup> race (5,6)            2<sup>nd</sup> race (3,5)            3<sup>rd</sup> race (5,6)            4<sup>th</sup> race (ALL)            TOTAL \$80.00

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## HORSES TO WATCH:

ALE'S EMERALD broke well, quick in stride, dueled between rivals near the far turn (21.81 opening quarter), was carried out 3-wide mid-final turn (-1 length), 4-5 wide entering the stretch, battled back and just missed (SHOULD HAVE WON) thru the 6.56 final 1/16. That was solid local debut and retains R Guce and looks gone on the front end.

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## OTHERS:

ROYAL RUMOR broke well, chased the lone speed runner on the backside (-5 lengths), raced -5 lengths near the far turn (22.75 opening quarter), -6 lengths mid-final turn, 5-wide entering the stretch, traveled evenly down the lane over the 'slower-than-normal' evening (-2 second slow). Adds lasix and figures to come out a more focus thoroughbred.

DEER CREEK arrives from Golden Gate. She flashed speed before tiring when traveling 5 ½ furlongs. Class dropper will relish the shorter distance and the class relieve. Follow up closely!

BEST GIRL EVER swerved out (2-lanes) shortly after the start, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-2 lengths), raced -2 lengths near the far turn (21.93 opening quarter), 4-wide entering the stretch, hung in deep stretch (6.64 final 1/16). Prior effort she stumbled at the start, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-3 lengths), 3-wide entering the stretch, traveled evenly down the lane. She improves her post.

FREE ITCH bobbed at the start, chased the 3-horse speed duel on the backside (-6 lengths), raced -10 lengths near the far turn (21.81 opening quarter), 5-6 wide to clear entering the stretch, lacked the needed response down the lane. Prior effort she broke well, shook loose (+1 length) on the backside, was hard pressed by the winner near the far turn (22.46 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably at midstretch.

VICE SIZED broke in at the start, chased the lone speed runner on the backside (-10 lengths), lagged -12 lengths near the far turn (22.75 opening quarter), traveled evenly down the lane vs. ROYAL RUMOR and company.

PINK BIKINI makes her debut with slow works under H Loma.

JANS SKY PETE came with another disappointing performance.

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**RACE 2**

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| <b>(3) SATURDAY'S MIRACLE</b> | <b>(5) TANNINGATTHEBEACH</b> | <b>(2) H.J.'S KITTY</b> |
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## HORSES TO WATCH:

SATURDAY'S MIRACLE broke well, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-2 lengths), raced -2 lengths near the far turn (21.68 opening quarter), closed the gap entering the stretch (-1 length back at this point), collared the leader at midstretch, gradually pulled clear late (6.51 final 1/16). That was a solid local debut. Expect to see more speed and carries OPTIONS for sure. Claimed by P Jones (from J Metz).

TANNINGATTHEBEACH arrives from Golden Gate. Formerly trained by J Martin. Conditioner C Treece is hitting at a solid 27% win clip (1<sup>st</sup> time). The leading Los Alamitos Thoroughbred rider CC adds more power to her corner. She fits well.

H.J.'S KITTY broke well, dueled inside 3-rivals on the backside, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), -3 lengths mid-final turn, angled out 3-wide to clear entering the stretch, finished well for 3<sup>rd</sup> (6.55 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke well, chased the lone speed runner on the backside (-3 lengths), -4 lengths near the far turn (22.17 opening quarter), dropped back -8 lengths mid-final turn, battled back gamely, FLEW TOO LATE. 3-back she bumped at the start, lagged -10 lengths (chasing the lone speed winner) on the backside, saved ground, traveled evenly down the lane.

SAVY SECRET bumped at the start, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (21.68 opening quarter), shook loose (+2 lengths) mid-final turn, was hard pressed at the top of the lane, losing lead at midstretch, tired understandably (6.51 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke well, chased the lone speed winner on the backside, saved ground, traveled evenly down the lane. She must improve her stamina.

S S TRIBAL GIRL swerved in at the start, chased the lone speed winner on the backside (-3 lengths), raced -4 lengths near the fat run (22.03 opening quarter, lacked a rally entering the stretch.

INKFACE broke well, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-3 lengths), raced -4 lengths near the far turn (22.28 opening quarter), got tired at midstretch. Prior effort she broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1 length, chased the lone speed winner on the backside (-2 lengths), raced -2 lengths near the far turn (22.03 opening quarter), traveled evenly down the lane.

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### RACE 3

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| <b>(6) JOHAN</b> | <b>(5) INDIAN WINTER</b> | <b>(1) BIG G'S DANCE</b> |
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#### HORSES TO WATCH:

JOHAN bumped repeatedly (shuffled back) shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-5 lengths), raced -6 lengths near the far turn (22.04 opening quarter), put in a big (5 lanes) move mid-final turn, gained the

b conditioner is hitting at a solid 28% win clip (fresh face). He is capable of much better.

INDIAN WINTER raced wide vs. much tougher rivals at BetFair Hollywood Park. Prior effort he finished out clearly 2<sup>nd</sup> best when competing against open \$8,000-claimers at Golden Gate. Hails from solid connections and this class dropper appears a solid fit and will relish the cut back in distance.

BIG G'S DANCE broke out (2-lanes) at the start, lagged -12 lengths on the backside (chasing the dueling pair), raced -12 lengths near the far turn (22.23 opening quarter), finished out with good energy over the 'slow' racing surface (-2 second slow). Improves post and moves to the leading Los Alamitos Thoroughbred rider CC. Expect to see a stronger performance.

SUMMER ARROW broke well, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-2 lengths), raced -4 lengths near the far turn (22.23 opening quarter), saved ground, finished out with good energy over the slow track (-2 second slow). Prior effort he stumbled at the start, losing -2 lengths, raced in TRAFFIC throughout, never quit trying considering.

TRUCO LATINO caught in tight quarters (shuffled back) shortly after the start, -10 lengths (chasing the dueling pair) on the backside, raced -10 lengths near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), finished out with good energy. Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed runner on the backside (-4 lengths), raced -3 lengths near the far turn (21.65 opening quarter), collared the leader at midstretch, drew away vs. soft maidens.

SPARTAN JET arrives from Fairplex. Hails from underrated connections (Y Rodriguez) is hitting at 23% win clip (new face).

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### RACE 4

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| <b>(7) CREOLE WILLIAMS</b> | <b>(8) HIGH SCHOOL SECRETS</b> | <b>(2) TRES QUEENS</b> |
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LOS ALAMITOS JUVENILE INVITATIONAL  
PURSE: \$35,000-  
DISTANCE: 400 YARDS



ROYAL ALEXANDER broke in, back shortly after the start, raced in TRAFFIC (shuffled back) early, raced -7 lengths (chasing the dueling pair) mid-backside, raced -7 lengths near the far turn (21.59 opening quarter), finished out with good energy (should have been closer) vs. AMERICAN EXCESS. Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (21.82 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened entering the stretch, gamely kept to his task to the end (6.52 final 1/16). Expect to see more speed from this one (to overcome his outside draw).

AMERICAN EXCESS broke well, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (21.59 opening quarter), 4-wide entering the stretch, battled the length of the stretch and gamely held 2<sup>nd</sup> (6.55 final 1/16). Prior effort he stumbled at the start, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (21.40 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened mid-final turn, gamely kept to his task to the end (6.42 final 1/16) vs. productive field (2-returned to win). Claimed by J Clark (hitting at a solid 40% clip with his 1<sup>st</sup> off the claims from 25 runners). STRICTLY THE ONE TO BEAT.

MY CHARMING CHANCE arrives from Golden Gate in good form. Class dropper adds the blinkers and figures within striking distance turning for home. A toteboard check is advised with this one.

DA MARSHALL broke well, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-5 lengths), raced -7 lengths near the far turn (21.59 opening quarter), lacked a rally entering the stretch. Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside 3-rivals on the backside, dueled outside 2-rivals near the far turn (21.87 opening quarter) -2 lengths entering the stretch, tired understandably at midstretch,

OUR LITTLE KITTY broke well, chased the lone speed winner on the backside (-4 lengths), caught in tight quarters (took up) around the far turn. Prior effort she broke well, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-5 lengths), raced -6 lengths near the far turn (22.07 opening quarter), saved ground, traveled evenly down the lane (6.24 final 1/16). She will be facing male rivals tonight.  
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### RACE 6

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| <b>(5) DASH N DEVIOUS</b> ✓ | <b>(4) A STREAKIN FORTUNE</b> | <b>(3) SNOWLICIOUS</b> |
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#### LES ONAKA'S LATE PICK 4

##### SMALL TICKET

6<sup>th</sup> race (5)          7<sup>th</sup> race (4,5,6)          8<sup>th</sup> race (3)          9<sup>th</sup> race (ALL)          **TOTAL \$30.00**

##### LARGE TICKET

6<sup>th</sup> race (5)          7<sup>th</sup> race (3,4,5)          8<sup>th</sup> race (2,3)          9<sup>th</sup> race (ALL)          **TOTAL \$60.00**

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##### MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

DASH N DEVIOUS (17.10) broke off balance, drifted out, bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, losing -1 ½ length, losing path at the gap, cleared inside midway, finished out full of run (SHOULD HAVE WON) vs. productive field (CORONA WINNER came back and captured a maiden \$2,500-claiming event in 17.31). Prior effort (15.87) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, lacked the needed response near the wire (9.93 final 1/8) vs. better. 3-back (15.69) he broke -3/4 length slow, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished well. Tough luck performer finds a field he can finally beat!

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##### OTHERS:

A STREAKIN FORTUNE (17.21) broke off balance at the start, losing – 1 ½ length, raced -2 lengths at the gap, losing path midway, finished out with much interest (running behind horses) thru the 10.01 final 1/8 over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort (15.99) he bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 ½ lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (should have been closer). He is coming off 3 consecutive troubled races. Draws inside a live runner (DASH N DEVIOUS). Looking for a slam dunk exacta??

SNOWLICIOUS hesitated, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, losing path midway (toss it out) vs. maiden \$4,000-claimers. Prior effort she broke -3/4 length slow, caught in tight quarters (bumped repeatedly) at the gap, -2 lengths midway, LEVELED TOO LATE vs. maiden \$4,000-claimers. Class dropper is better than her record shows.

FJ JUMPN (15.62) broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, was nailed right on the wire (track played -1 length slow). Prior effort (15.82) he broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 ½

length past the gap, finished out with good energy (9.80 final 1/8) over the 'faster-than-normal' racing surface (+3/4 length fast). Check out his improving ratings.

MATERNALISTIC (15.80) swerved in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, right there past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 75 yards (9.95 final 1/8) from the rail. Track played -1 length slow. Prior effort she was fractious in gate, broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 vs. tougher rivals.

MYROMERO ACE (Q) 10/09 BEST over TACATRINA (12.6-12.7) Worked inside. Broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, +1 length advantage midway, pushed along thru the final 1/2, responding well. Winning by +1/2 length. GRADE: C+ DRILL.

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**RACE 7**

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| (5) GNARLY HEAD | (4) CANDYSEASTERFEATURE | (6) IHEARTLARC |
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**HORSES TO WATCH:**

GNARLY HEAD (19.78) broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, caught in tight quarters at the gap, - 2 1/2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (not beaten badly for 3<sup>rd</sup>) thru the 9.66 final 1/8 over the 'slower-than normal night (-2 lengths slow) vs. Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity finalist COMMANDO TRES SEIS. Prior effort (15.59) he broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, gained the advantage past the gap, responded gamely and just missed (9.84 final 1/8). Major class dropper (in for a tag) and returns to face non-winners!

CANDYSEASTERFEATURE (15.46) broke -3/4 length slow, raced -1 length past the gap, put in a big run midway, continued strong to the end (SHOULD HAVE WON) thru the 9.90 final 1/8 over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort (15.35) he hesitated, broke in at the start, losing -2 1/2 lengths, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, put in a big run midway, continued strong to the end. 3-back (15.50) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, quick in stride, drifted in past the gap, kept to his task despite lugging in late.

IHEARTLARC (15.47) broke well, quick in stride (lead), drifted in early, flashed good speed, just missed (3-way photo finish) when favorably drawn (9.90 final 1/8) over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort (15.86) she broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, close up past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards. Fresh filly making only her 2<sup>nd</sup> start since 07/08. Check out her improving ratings!

SHIFTY (15.74) broke well, quick in stride, right there past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.87 final 1/8). Prior effort (15.37) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, drifted out early, gained the advantage past the gap, continued strong and just missed (clearly 2<sup>nd</sup> best). Class dropper is capable of a solid rating (check out 2-back).

SWINGING CARTEL (15.66) broke in, bumped at the start, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.90 final 1/8) vs. productive field (JB UNCLE HENRY came back and captured a maiden \$5,000-claiming event in 16.01). Prior effort (15.55) he broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, losing path, crossed inside to clear past the gap, finished well (should have been much closer). He posted a solid "B+" work on 09/25.

DOCS LITTLE CORONA (15.99) bumped at the start, losing -1 length, bumped early, raced -2 lengths past the gap, finished out with good energy (behind horses) thru the 10.05 final 1/8 over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort she broke -3/4 length slow, losing path (losing action) shortly after the start.

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**RACE 8**

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| (3) THOMASIAN ✓ | (2) HAWKINBERRY PIE | (6) HAVE A GOOD DAY |
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**HORSES TO WATCH:**

THOMASIAN beat a good maiden field despite stumbling at the start. He wasn't disgraced when competing against much better 2-back. Fresh performer hails from solid connections (M Gonzalez) is having a solid meeting with his shippers from the Big Fresno Fair. Conditioner is hitting at a solid 38% win clip (61-180 day layoffs) from 13 runners.  
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**OTHERS:**

HAWKINBERRY PIE (15.67) broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (SHOULD HAVE WON) thru the 9.98 final 1/8 over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort (15.86) she broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, leveled



LAVISH SUSAN (19.70) broke off balance at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 ½ length past the gap, finished strong for 3<sup>rd</sup> (9.57 final 1/8) vs. FAR NIENTE. Prior effort (19.69) she bumped (knocked off stride) shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, drifted in early, finished strong vs. eventual Golden State Million Futurity runner-up SEPARATE INTEREST. 3-back (16.75) he broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, drifted in early, put in a big run (lead) midway, continued strong for the score (9.65 final 1/8).

MATABARI (19.73) broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.52 final 1/8). Prior effort (19.74) she hesitated, bumped shortly after the start, quick in stride, caught in tight quarters at the gap, shuffled back past the gap, split horses past the 1/16 pole, finished strong (SHOULD HAVE WON). 3-back (17.73) she broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.65 final 1/8).

AHA MOMENT (19.75) broke in at the start, quick in stride right there past the gap, finished strong for the score (9.54 final 1/8). He posted a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the All American Futurity 2-back. He figures to move forward (making only his 2<sup>nd</sup> start since 09/03).

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