LOS ALAMITOS HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

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

REPORT SUMMARY

Always Check Program Numbers.

RACE	1 st PICK	2 nd PICK	3 rd 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

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

Abbreviations:

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

Note: Horses are listed in order of preference.

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RACE 1

(5) ALE'S EMERALD ✓	(6) ROYAL RUMOR	(7) DEER CREEK
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SMALL TICKET

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

LARGE TICKET

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

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.

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 bobbled 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.

RACE 2

(3) SATURDAY'S MIRACLE	(5) TANNINGATTHEBEACH	(2) H.J.'S KITTY
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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 (1st 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 3rd (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. ((((((((((((()))))))))))

RACE 3

(6) JOHAN	(5) INDIAN WINTER	(1) BIG G'S DANCE
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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 2nd 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.

RACE 4

(7) CREOLE WILLIAMS (8) HIGH SCHOOL SECRETS (2) TRES QUEENS

LOS ALAMITOS JUVENILE INVITATIONAL

PURSE: \$35,000-DISTANCE: 400 YARDS CREOLE WILLIAMS (19.74) broke off balance, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 ½ length at the gap, leveled midway, absolutely flew for the score (9.36 final 1/8) in the Corona Chick Stakes. Prior effort (17.43) he broke off balance, swerved in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, flew too late (SHOULD HAVE WON). 3-back (17.63) he broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, losing path raced -2 ½ lengths past the gap, finished out full of run (behind horses). Check out his improving ratings!

HIGH SCHOOL SECRETS (19.79) broke -3/4 length slow, wide path, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, flew for the score (9.60 final 1/8) over the slower than normal racing (-1 ½ length slow) thru the 9.60 final 1/8. Prior effort (19.75) he broke in at the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths at the gap, leveled past the 1/16 pole, finished out full of run (behind horses) thru the 9.59 final 1/8. 3-back (19.69) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing – 1 length, raced -1 length past the gap, finished out strongly (SHOULD HAVE WON). He carries consistent ratings for sure.

TRES QUEENS (19.84) broke off balance at the start, losing -1 ½ length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (actually just missed 2nd) vs. eventual Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity qualifier MATABARI. Prior effort (15.34) she broke -1/2 length slow, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong for 2nd (9.66 final 1/8) when exiting night's fastest of 6 races. Lightly raced filly figures right there at the end!

HIGHER FLING (19.81) broke off balance, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 ½ length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.65 final 1/8) vs. earlier Golden State Million Futurity finalist BINGO. Prior effort (17.64) she broke -3/4 length slow, caught in tight quarters (bumped) early, close up past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end.

BEG STEL OR BORROW (19.79) broke -1 length slow, caught in tight quarters (bumped repeatedly) shortly after the start, raced -1 ½ length past the gap, leveled midway, finished out very well (9.52 final 1/8) vs. eventual Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity finalist MATABARI. Prior effort (15.35) she broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1 ½ length, leveled past the 1/16 pole, finished strong (SHOULD HAVE WON) AT 300 yards. 3-back (20.00) she broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride, right there past the gap, kept to her task to the end. Don't overlook he solid runner-up in the Governor's Cup Futurity 4-back.

SLIGHTYS MAC A TAC (19.78) broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.65 final 1/8) over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort (17.57) she broke in at the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, kept to her task to the end (running behind horses).

JESS BEING VALIANT (19.84) broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, drifted out midway, kept to his task to the end (gamely held 2nd) from the rail (9.54 final 1/8). Prior effort (19.68) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.59 final 1/8) in the Golden State Juvenile. 3-back (19.87) he broke in, bumped at the start, drifted out (2-3 lanes) past the gap, never quit trying (9.54 final 1/8). He moves from the inside to the outside post.

MARGARITAS N CORONAS (19.86) broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.71 final 1/8). Prior effort (17.45) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, right there past the gap, finished strong for 2nd (9.48 final 1/8) from the rail in the Wild West Futurity. 3-back (17.54) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, gradually pulled clear late (9.54 final 1/8).

PATRON PLATINUM (20.03) broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, finished strong and just missed (blanket finish) thru the 9.79 final 1/8. Prior effort (19.98) he broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, drifted out, bumped early, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to his task to the end.3-back (17.68) he broke off balance, drifted in (2-3 lanes) shortly after the start, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late.

RACE 5

(4) SINGLE SHOT (6) ROYAL ALEXANDER (5)	(5) AMERIACN EXCESS
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HORSES TO WATCH:

SINGLE SHOT broke in, bumped at the start, recovered quickly, dueled inside 2-rivals on the backside, battled thru the 21.57 opening quarter, dropped back -3 lengths as the pace quickened mid-final turn, -4 lengths entering the stretch, never quit trying (6.48 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, chased the dueling pair on the backside (-2 lengths), raced -2 lengths near the far turn (21.28 opening quarter), -4 lengths mid-final turn, traveled evenly down the lane vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Fresh performer hails from connections that gets them ready (hitting at a solid 40% win clip (+180 days). BIG CHANCE FROM OFF THE BENCH!

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 2nd (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 1st 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. (((()))))

RACE 6

(5) DASH N DEVIOU	S ✓	(4) A STREAKIN FORTUNE	(3) SNOWLICIOUS
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SMALL TICKET			
6 th race (5)	7 th race (4,5,6)	8 th race (3) 9 th	race (ALL) TOTAL \$30.00
LARGE TICKET			
6 th race (5)	7 th race (3,4,5)	8 th race (2,3) 9 th	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!

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 ½ 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 ½, responding well. Winning by +1/2 length. GRADE: C+ DRILL. ((((())))))

RACE 7

(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 ½ lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (not beaten badly for 3rd) thru the 9.66 final 1/8 over the 'slowerthan 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 ½ lengths, raced -1 ½ 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 2nd 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 2nd 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.

RACE 8

(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.

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

past the gap, rallied strong for her maiden score (9.89 final 1/8). 3-back (15.78) she broke in, bumped at the start, losing -2 lengths, drifted in early, caught in tight quarter's midway, gamely kept to her task to the end. LOOKS 2ND BEST.

HAVE A GOOD DAY bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -2 lengths midway, losing path near the wire (toss it out) vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort (17.98) he broke well, quick in stride, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to his task to the end (rail trip) thru the 9.71 final 1/8. 3-back (15.66) he broke off balance at the start, caught in tight quarters (bumped repeatedly) to the gap, finished well (running behind horses). Class dropper draws a favorable outside post.

QUEEN OF CRESTON (15.75) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, never quit trying (thru the 9.74 final 1/8) vs. productive field (2-returned to win). Prior effort (15.94) she broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to his task to the end (9.93 final 1/8). Formerly trained by A Soto.

THE KING COLIMAN broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final ½ (toss it out). Prior effort he broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final ½.

RACE 9

(2) COMMANDO TRES SEIS	(1) FREEDOM CHOICE	(5) THE AUGUST HEAT
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LOS ALAMITOS 2 MILLION FUTURITY (GRADE 1)

PURSE: \$2,108,275-DISTANCE: 400 YARDS

COMMANDO TRES SEIS (19.53) broke out (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, crushed his field with SPEED TO SPARE (never asked) while running over the 'slower night of the evening' (-2 lengths slow). Prior effort (15.27) he broke off balance at the start, quick in stride (lead), +3/4 length past the gap, gradually pulled clear late (9.66 final 1/8) when posting night's fastest of 6 races. 3-back (15.33) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.69 final 1/8). Reportedly bled in last. Worked on 12/09. Unbeaten and untested!

FREEDOM CHOICE (19.35) broke well, quick in stride, drifted out early, +1 $\frac{1}{2}$ length advantage past the gap, crushed his field despite lugging in (7-8 LANES) thru the final $\frac{1}{2}$ (9.55 final 1/8). Prior effort (17.66) he broke -3/4 length slow, gained the advantage midway, gradually pulled clear late (9.60 final 1/8). 3-back he bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, bumped hard (losing action) past the gap. Fastest qualifier draws the rail (likely to run a straight course)....

THE AUGUST HEAT (19.62) broke in, bumped shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), +1 length advantage past the gap, gradually pulled clear late (9.59 final 1/8) in a solid local debut. (Q) 11/10 worked solo (11.9) Broke well, quick in stride, flashed big speed all the way, never asked, finished out full of run. GRADE: A DRILL expecting a stronger performance??

SOMETHING LIKE THIS (19.61) bumped at the start, drifted in, bumped early, shifted out (3-4 lanes) past the gap, leveled past the 1/16 pole, finished strong (9.57 final 1/8) over the 'slower-night- of the evening (-1/2 length slow). He will be making only his 2nd start since arriving from New Mexico. THE SURPRISE PACKAGE FOR SURE.

SEPARATE INTEREST (19.61) broke well, quick in stride, gained the advantage midway, drifted in (2-lanes) past the 1/16 pole, held strong (9.65 final 1/8) over the 'slower-night-of evening (-1/2 length slow). Prior effort (19.42) he bumped at the start, losing -1 ½ length, raced -2 lengths at the gap, finished strong (improving his position late) thru the sizzling 9.26 final 1/8 in the Golden State Million Futurity. 3-back (19.71) he bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, raced -3/4 length past the gap, right there past the 1/16 pole, continued strong to the end (9.54 final 1/8). HE IS IN RAZOR SHARP FORM!

FAR NIENTE (19.63) hesitated at the start, bumped repeatedly early, gained the advantage past the gap, held strong (9.57 final 1/8) over the 'slower-night-of the evening (-1/2 length slow). Prior effort (17.47) he broke out (2-3 lanes) shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, quick in stride, right there past the gap, kept to his task to the end (9.43 final 1/8). 3-back (17.30) he broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, gained the advantage midway, held strong (9.41 final 1/8). Here's another in sharp form!

FIRES BLAZIN (19.65) broke -3/4 length slow, drifted in at the gap, right there midway, continued strong to the end (9.57 final 1/8) v. FAR NIENTE. Prior effort (19.49) he broke -1 1 /2 length slow, drifted in early, -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (rail trip) in the GOLDEN STATE FUTURITY. 3-back (19.71) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), drifted out early, held strong (9.55 final 1/8).

LAVISH SUSAN (19.70) broke off balance at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 ½ length past the gap, finished strong for 3rd (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).