

LOS ALAMITOS HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

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REPORT SUMMARY

Always Check Program Numbers.

RACE	1 st PICK	2 nd PICK	3 rd PICK
1	(7) PAM'S JOY	(3) GHOST LADY	(1) TIME FORA MELODY
2	(5) YANKEE MINISTER	(1) SOUL CRUSHER	(2) DANCE THE WALTZ
3	(1) VF STRONG BUZZ	(2) BLU RUNNER	(7) MAJOR RUN UP
4	(6) RODEOTIME	(3) SUNRISE LEGACY	(4) PARATITO
5	(2) LOUD LITTLE KID ✓	(6) DONT DALLY	(4) DANCING THRU FIRE
6	(2) ZEE OH SIX	(3) RED OAK	(6) RUNNINTHRUTHEROSES
7	(1) A BIT QUIRKY ✓	(4) TRACK FLASHER	(5) PEARLS PRIZE GIRL
8	(4) GIVE ME SUM SUGAR	(6) WALK AROUND BLUES	(5) FAVORITE BET

<p>✓ BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOUD LITTLE KID A BIT QUIRKY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5TH RACE 7TH RACE</p>
<p>★ PRICE PLAY (Longshot):</p>

Abbreviations:

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

Note: Horses are listed in order of preference.

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RACE 2

(5) YANKEE MINISTER	(1) SOUL CRUSHER	(2) DANCE THE WALTZ
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HORSES TO WATCH:

YANKEE MINISTER broke well, dueled between rivals early, shook loose (+1 length) near the far turn (21.64 opening quarter), dueled inside one rival mid-final turn, +1 length advantage entering the stretch, battled the length of the stretch and wasn't beaten badly for it all (6.44 final 1/8) vs. FIELD COMBINED FOR 61 WINS! Prior effort he broke well, dueled inside the eventual winner near the far turn (22.39 opening quarter), battled the length of the stretch, lacked the needed response in deep stretch (6.32 final 1/16). STRICTLY THE ONE TO FEAR MOST!!

SOUL CRUSHER broke well, dueled between rivals mid-backside, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (22.12 opening quarter), battled the length of the stretch, finished out clearly 2nd best (6.35 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside mid-backside, shook loose (+1 length) near the far turn (22.17 opening quarter), +3 lengths entering the stretch, crushed field!

OTHERS:

DANCE THE WALTZ broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-5 lengths), dropped back -9 lengths around the far turn (22.89 opening quarter), leveled at the top of the lane, rallied too late at 4 furlongs vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Prior effort he broke well, dueled between rivals mid-backside, shook loose (+1 length) near the far turn (22.23 opening quarter), +5 lengths advantage entering the stretch, held gamely vs. EASIER. He carries options.....

POINTSETTIA PARK broke well, racing 6-wide mid-backside, angled to rail near the far turn (21.92 opening quarter), -5 lengths mid-final turn, loomed a bold threat at midstretch, kept to his task to the end (6.50 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, dueled between rivals mid-backside (-7 lengths), finished out with good energy (game for 3rd).

CABALLO BONITO broke well, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.78 opening quarter), shook loose (+1 length) entering the stretch, gradually pulled clear late (6.51 final 1/8). Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (21.95 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened mid-final turn, kept to his task to the end.

MR. ARAIZA (Santa Anita) bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, racing 6-7 lanes wide mid-backside, 4-wide to the far turn, 4-5 lanes wide turning for home, lacked the needed response down the lane. Prior effort he raced wide throughout (toss it out). 3-back he broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-11 lengths), -10 lengths near the far turn (22.00 opening quarter), drifted out 4-5 lanes entering the stretch, finished well thru the 23.87 final 1/4 at 870 yards vs. tougher rivals.

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RACE 3

(1) VF STRONG BUZZ	(2) BLU RUNNER	(7) MAJOR RUN UP
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HORSES TO WATCH:

VS STRONG BUZZ (15.66) broke in at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, drifted in past the gap, -1 1/2 length midway, gamely kept to his task to the end (just missed 3rd) vs. productive field (DUKES ENCORE came back and captured an \$8,000-claiming event in 17.91). Lightly raced performer is making only his 2nd start locally and holds a solid rating based on adjusted clocking.

BLU RUNNER (15.85) broke off balance, broke out shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, -2 lengths past the gap, losing path past the 1/16 pole, never leveled (appearing full of run crossing the wire) vs. 4th place finisher VS STRONG BUZZ. Prior effort (15.81) she broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride, -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.98 final 1/8) vs. better. 3-back (17.24) she broke in. bumped at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, leveled too late. Fresh performer is coming off 3 troubled outings!

