# LOS ALAMITOS HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

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## REPORT SUMMARY

# Always Check Program Numbers.

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2	(5) YANKEE MINISTER	(1) SOUL CRUSHER	(2) DANCE THE WALTZ
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8	(4) GIVE ME SUM SUGAR	(6) WALK AROUND BLUES	(5) FAVORITE BET

✓ BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:	LOUD LITTLE KID A BIT QUIRKY	5TH RACE 7TH RACE
★ PRICE PLAY (Longshot):		

## **Abbreviations:**

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

Note: Horses are listed in order of preference.

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## RACE 1

(7) PAM'S JOY	(3) GHOST LADY	(1) TIME FORA MELODY

#### **LES ONAKA'S EARLY PICK 4**

#### **SMALL TICKET**

1st race (3,7) 2nd race (1,5) 3rd race (1,2) 4th race (3,4,5,6) TOTAL \$ 36.00

**LARGE TICKET** 

1st race (1,3,7) 2nd race (1,5) 3rd race (1,2,7) 4th race (3,4,5,6) TOTAL \$ 72.00

## **HORSES TO WATCH:**

PAM'S JOY (Los Alamitos daytime) broke in (losing action) shortly after the start. Prior effort (Del Mar) she bumped hard at the start, dueled 2-wide (part of a 4-horse speed duel) thru the 22.69 opening quarter, dueled between rivals turning for home, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably at the top of the lane at 7 furlongs vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Class dropper will relish the shorter distance!

GHOST LADY broke -1 length slow, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-3 lengths), -3 lengths near the far turn (22.51 opening quarter), gamely kept to her task and actually just missed 2nd vs. productive field (BLAZING MISS came back and captured a maiden \$3,500-claiming event in 53.75). She figures right in the hunt every step of the way...

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#### OTHERS:

TIME FORA MELODY broke well, racing 6-7 lanes wide (dueling outside 3-rivals) mid-backside, dropped back -3 lengths as the pace quickened near the far turn (22.76 opening quarter), -5 lengths entering the stretch (3-wide), got tired in deep stretch (6.72 final 1/16). SHE TOOK GOOD BETTING SUPPORT IN HER DEBUT. She improves her post and definitely needed that one. Watch for a ground saving trip.

ELLIE MAE broke well, racing 6-7 lanes wide mid-backside (-6 lengths), chasing the 4-horse speed duel, lacked the needed response mid-final turn vs. much tougher rivals. She improves her post/class drops/and figures to show more speed!!

PAPA' S LIL WILLOW broke well, chased the 4-horse speed duel mid-backside (-6 lengths), -8 lengths near the far turn (22.76 opening quarter), -7 lengths mid-final turn (3-4 lanes wide), rallied too late. Prior effort she broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-8 lengths), -9 lengths around the far turn, lacked the needed response entering the stretch. She appears to be coming around......

SASSY SALLY broke well, chased the 4-horse speed duel mid-backside (-4 lengths), -8 lengths around the far turn (22.76 opening quarter), 3-wide entering the stretch, finished out with good energy (6.72 final 1/16). Prior effort she chased the dueling pair, -7 lengths mid-final turn, traveled evenly down the lane.

LA MOSQUITA bumped at the start, dueled 2-wide (part of 4-horse speed duel) mid-backside, dropped back -6 lengths around the far turn (22.76 opening quarter) lacked the needed response entering the stretch. Prior effort she bumped at the start, accelerated, dueled outside 2-rivals mid-backside, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened near the far turn, lugged out mid-final turn.

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(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!

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## 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

## 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!

MAJOR RUN UP (15.63) hesitated at the start, losing -2 lengths (losing path), lugged in 3-4 lanes (running behind horses) early, drifted in midway, not abused, finished out full of run (9.85 final 1/8) vs. EL TORITO OMEGA. Prior effort (15.99) he broke -3/4 length slow, drifted in early, -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (SHOULD HAVE WON). 3-BACK (15.82) He broke well, raced -1 length past the gap, -2 1/2 lengths midway, gamely kept to his task to the end (just missed 2nd). Check out his solid number (15.63) based on adjusted clocking.

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#### OTHERS:

EL TORITO OMEGA (15.78) broke out, bumped at the start (lead), losing head midway, kept to his task to the end over the slower-than-normal racing surface (-1 length slow). Prior effort (17.35) he broke well, quick in stride, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, kept to his task to the end (just missed 2nd).

SENATOR COUNTRYMAN arrives from Idaho. Hails from solid jockey/trainer combination (21% win clip). Sports a solid of local works. A toteboard check is advised.

COSTLY DASHER broke off balance, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, bumped at the gap, losing path past the 1/16 pole (toss it out) vs. 3rd place finisher EL TORITO OMEGA. Prior effort (16.01) he broke well, quick in stride, close up past the gap, kept to his task to the end (just missed 2nd).

## RACE 4

(6) RODEOTIME	(3) SUNRISE LEGACY	(4) PARATITO
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## HORSES TO WATCH:

RODEOTIME bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-4 lengths), -5 lengths near the far turn (sizzling 21.67 opening quarter), -6 lengths mid-final turn, gamely kept to his task and actually just missed 2nd when competing in fast clocking (44.4 final clocking). Prior effort he broke well, chased the dueling pair mid backside (-3 lengths) - 5 lengths near the far turn, traveled evenly down the lane (6.59 final 1/16) vs. tougher rivals. Watch for more speed and lands the aggressive V Bednar in the saddle. THE SPEED PLAYER!

SUNRISE LEGACY (08/07/16) broke well, chased the 5-horse speed duel mid-backside (-2 lengths), dropped back -5 lengths as the pace quickened near the far turn (22.23 opening quarter), closed the gap mid-final turn (rail), rallied too late (clearly 2nd best) thru the 6.34 final 1/16. Prior effort he bumped at the start, dropped back -8 lengths mid-backside, raced -11 lengths near the far turn, 5-wide mid-final turn (-11 lengths), rallied too late (6.92 final 1/8). Check out his solid work pattern!

PARATITO broke well, chased the dueling leaders mid-backside (-3 length), -5 lengths near the far turn (22.60 opening quarter), rallied too late (23.84 final 1/4) at 870 yards. Fresh extremely dangerous with O Santos calling the shots!

SENOR PEGASUS bumped at the start, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-6 lengths), raced -9 lengths near the far turn (22.78 opening quarter), 3-wide entering the stretch (-4 lengths), rallied too late (23.84 final 1/4). He got his speed sharpened in last and brings with him a series of good works.

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#### OTHERS:

MATTYS TRIBAL BROKE THRU THE GATE PRIOR TO START, broke well, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (21.92 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, lacked the needed response thru the lane (6.50 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside the eventual winner mid-backside, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably down the lane. He will be facing RODEOTIME for the early advantage.

ARCTIC CODE bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner near the far turn (-10 lengths). -10 lengths entering the stretch, traveled evenly down the lane vs. RODEOTIME. Prior effort he broke in, bumped at the start, chased the dueling pair mid-backside, finished out with good energy (improving his position late).

## RACE 5

(2) LOUD LITTLE KID	√	(6) DONT DALLY	(4) DANCI	NG THRU FIRE
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SMALL TICKET				
5th race (2)	6th race (ALL)	7th race (1)	8th race (ALL)	TOTAL \$ 36.00
LARGE TICKET				
5th race (2,6)	6th race (ALL)	7th race (1)	8th race (ALL)	TOTAL \$ 72.00

## MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

LOUD LITTLE KID (15.48) broke well, quick in stride, drifted in (2-lanes) at the gap, right there past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (rail trip) thru the 9.74 final 1/8). She improves her post and posted a solid "B+" work earlier (07/05). She is blessed with gate speed.

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## OTHERS:

DONT DALLY (17.78) broke in (2-lanes) at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, put in a big run past the gap, right there midway, gamely kept to his task to the end in the Maiden Stakes vs. top 2 finishers qualified. Prior effort (17.04) she broke -1 length slow at the start, -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (just missed 2nd) thru the 9.80 final 1 1/8. She posted a solid "B+" work earlier (12/13). She improves her post!

DANCING THRU FIRE (17.85) swerved in, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.71 final 1/8) vs. eventual Maiden Stakes 3rd place finisher INDIA ANNA and runner-up BETTER CHECK HIM OUT. Prior effort (15.87) she bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, right there past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards. 3-back (15.64) she broke balance at the start, losing -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (SHOULD HAVE WON).

FAWKES (18.07) broke -1 length slow, drifted in early, -1 1/2 length past the gap, not abused thru the final 110 yards (9.70 final 1/8) vs. top 3 finishers qualified for the Maiden Stakes. Prior effort he broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, -1 length past the gap, kept to her task to the end (running behind horses).

ACE OF SPAIDS (18.20) broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, -3/4 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 (9.87 final 1/8) in the Maiden Stakes trials. She will be making her 2nd start since 06/05/16.

(2) ZEE OH SIX	(3) RED OAK	(6) RUNNINTHRUTHEROSES
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#### HORSES TO WATCH:

ZEE OH SIX (15.43) broke well, quick in stride, -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.69 final 1/8) for 3rd vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort (15.55) he broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, gained the advantage past the gap, losing lead past the 1/16 pole, battled back and proved best late (9.82 final 1/8). 3-back (15.56) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, right there past the gap, gamely kept to his task and just missed over the slower than normal racing surface. Consistent performer sports the highest ratings based on adjusted clocking. Note jockey/trainer combination is hitting at a solid 43% win clip!

RED OAK (16.98) broke well, quick in stride, right there past the gap, gamely kept to his task and just missed (9.76 final 1/8) from the rail. Prior effort (17.13) he broke well quick in stride (lead), losing lead midway, gamely kept to his task to the end (holding 2nd) thru the 9.73 final 1/8. 3-back (17.10) he hesitated, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, leveled too late. Sharp performer improves her post!

RUNNINGTHRUTHEROSES broke well, quick in stride, losing path at the gap, raced -2 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the rapid 9.59 final 1/8) in the Winter Derby trials (top 2 finishers qualified for the Winter Derby). Note 4th place finisher PERRRY'S SURFER BOY came back and captured an allowance event in 16.97) She definitely needed that one. Class dropper will be reunited with C De Alba.

ONE SWEET CHAMIE (15.53) broke well, quick in stride, right there past the gap, gamely kept to the end (not beaten badly for it all) over the 'slower-than-normal' racing surface (-2 lengths slow). Prior effort she broke off balance, bobbled, bumped back shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, raced in traffic (losing path) at the gap, not abused (toss it out). 3-back (16.89) she broke out at the start, quick in stride (lead), lugged out (3-4 lanes) past the gap, gradually pulled clear late.

KEEP IT CLASSY broke off balance, drifted out 2-lanes shortly after the start, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, finished out with good energy after losing her best chance when favorably drawn (9.60 final 1/8). Prior effort she broke off balance, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, raced in traffic (bumped repeatedly) all the way past the gap (took up) in a race to be tossed out. She is much better than her record shows.

BLUEIST (17.00) broke off balance, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, close up past the gap, drifted in (2-lanes) midway, kept to his task to the end (9.82 final 1/8) vs. productive field (2-returned to win). Prior effort (17.10) he swerved out (3-4 lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead midway, kept to his task to the end (9.76 final 1/8). 3-back he stumbled badly at the start. He must maintain a straight course.

## RACE 7

(1) A BIT QUIRKY ✓	(4) TRACK FLASHER	(5) PEARLS PRIZE GIRL
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## MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

A BIT QUIRKY broke off balance at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, losing path, not abused in the Winter Derby trials. Note 4th place finisher PERRY'S SURFER BOY came back and captured an allowance event in 16.97). Prior effort (19.87) she broke off balance, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, LEVELED TOO LATE at 400. Prior effort (19.89) she broke off balance, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced in traffic near the gap, FLEW TOO LATE!! He needed that one. She will be facing an easier field.

OTHERS:

TRACK FLASHER broke off balance, stumbled, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, caught in tight quarters (took up/losing path), never leveled. Prior effort (15.55) she broke in (2-3 lanes) shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, finished out strong. 3-back she broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, losing path, appeared rank and hard to ride thru the final 1/2. Fresh and dangerous for sure!

PEARLS PRIZE GIRL (17.95) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, bumped at the gap, bumped past the gap (-1 1/2 length), kept to her task to the end (9.73 final 1/8) in the Maiden Stakes trials (top 2 finishers qualified). Prior effort (15.57) she broke off balance at the start, quick in stride, gained the advantage past the gap, held strong (rail). 3-back (15.54) she hesitated, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, quick in stride, right there past the gap, kept to her task to the end. TIME WISE she is an excellent fit!

ONE FLYING ROSE (15.51) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, -3/4 length past the gap, kept to her task (favorably drawn) thru the 9.62 final 1/8. Prior effort (19.97) she broke off balance at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to her task to the end (favorably drawn). 3-back (15.49+) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, crushed with speed to spare. She lands another outside draw!!

DOWAGER (15.70) bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 (9.74 final 1/8). Prior effort she broke off balance, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, leveled too late.

## RACE 8

(4) GIVE ME SUM SUGAR	(6) WALK AROUND BLUES	(5) FAVORITE BET
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## HORSES TO WATCH:

GIVE ME SUM SUGAR (16.98) broke off balance, drifted out, bumped back shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.73 final 1/8). Prior effort (15.30) she broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), drifted out past the gap, lugged out (3-4 lanes) midway, held strong (9.79 final 1/8). She posted a solid "A" work earlier (11/19).

WALK AROUND BLUES (17.06) bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.73 final 1/8). Prior effort (15.45) she broke off balance at the start, losing -1 length, -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (holding 2nd) thru the 9.74 final 1/8. 3-back (17.82) she broke in at the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead midway, gamely kept to her task to the end. She has encountered trouble in her last 8 races...

FAVORITE BET (17.11) broke -3/4 length slow, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.73 final 1/8) when running along the 'slower-outside-portion' track vs. 3rd place finisher WALK AROUND BLUES. Prior effort (17.04) she swerved in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to her task and wasn't beaten badly for it all. 3-back she broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, caught in tight quarters (bumped) midway, kept to her task to the end. She is capable of gate speed!

IVYS STORM broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride, -1 length past the gap, raced in traffic (shuffled back) midway (toss it out). Prior effort (100 yards) she broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, bumped, kept to her task to the end at 100. 3-back (19.90) she broke -1/2 length slow, accelerated nicely, -1 1/2 length past the gap, kept to her task to the end. She is capable of flashing gate speed!

MISLEADER balked at loading, lifted at the start (toss it out) vs. male rivals. Prior effort she broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, bumped repeatedly to the gap, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, finished well (just missed 2nd).