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	(4) MRS. O P CAFÉ ✓	(1) ROCKET RHEA	(5) LA FORTUNADA
2	(2) LAND OF THE FREE	(3) VOLUNTARY	(1) RAINSFORD
3	(4) REE O KERR	(5) SOAP BOX	(7) MISTY'SVIEWTHEGOLD
4	(9) ALL RIGHT NOW	(4) STRAWFINDERS JESSEE	(8) FIRST N FINAL
5	(3) RULE HE WILL ✓	(7) MILITANT	(1) ELMONTE CRISTO
6	(5) POUNDTOWN ★	(4) ALIBI	(3) COUNTRY ICON
7	(6) WELL GOOD	(1) RENEWED	(2) STELFAST
8	(1) JESS RAVIN	(8) QUIRKY	(10) SASS ME BLUE

✓ BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:	MRS O P CAFE	1ST RACE
	LAND OF THE FREE	2ND RACE
	RULE HE WILL	5TH RACE
★ PRICE PLAY (Longshot):		
	POUNDTOWN	6TH 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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(4) MRS. O P CAFÉ ✓	(1) ROCKET RHEA	(5) LA FORTUNADA

LES ONAKA'S EARLY PICK 4

SMALL TICKET

1st race (4) 2nd race (2) 3rd race (4,5,7) 4th race (ALL) TOTAL \$ 30.00

LARGE TICKET

1st race (4) 2nd race (1,2,3) 3rd race (4,5,7) 4th race (ALL) TOTAL \$ 90.00

MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

MRS. O P CAFE (Santa Anita) broke well, dueled outside 3-rivals mid-backside to the far turn (21.47 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably down the lane over the SLOPPY TRACK at 6 furlongs vs. much tougher rivals. Prior effort she broke well, dueled 3-wide (part of a 5-horse speed duel) mid-backside, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened near the far turn, got tired at midstretch at 6 furlongs vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Big class dropper will relish the shorter distance and finds a pace-less field!!

OTHERS:

ROCKET RHEA broke well, settled, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-9 lengths), -10 lengths near the far turn (22.43 opening quarter), -8 lengths mid-final turn (rail), finished out with good energy (6.54 final 1/16). Prior effort she bumped hard at the start, lagged -16 lengths near the far turn (22.39 opening quarter), finished out with good energy. She gets a positive post switch for sure.

LA FORTUNADA broke out, bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-1 length), -3 lengths entering the stretch, followed the winner's path down the lane.

RACE 2

(2) LAND OF THE FREE ✓	(3) VOLUNTARY	(1) RAINSFORD
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MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

LAND OF THE FREE broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-8 lengths), - 11 lengths near the far turn (21.93 opening quarter), raced in TRAFFIC entering the stretch, rallied too late (23.44 final 1/4) at 870 yards vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort he was moving as the gates opened, broke off balance, bumped back shortly after the start, losing -4 lengths, dropped back -8 lengths as the pace quickened mid-backside, closed the gap mid-final turn (-5 lengths back at this point), rallied too late (SHOULD HAVE WON). He definitely got his speed sharpened in last. WATCH FOR MORE SPEED!

OTHERS:

VOLUNTARY broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-4 lengths), raced 3-4 lanes wide to the far turn (22.01 opening quarter), dropped back -8 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, rallied strong (thru the 6.14 final 1/16). Prior effort he hopped at the start, losing -4 lengths, dropped back -9 lengths as the pace quickened mid-backside (chasing the dueling pair), 3-wide entering the stretch, rallied strong too late (SHOULD HAVE WON). LOOKS LIKE THE 2ND IN LINE AT THE END.

RAINSFORD broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-3 lengths), -3 lengths near the far turn (22.03 opening quarter), split horses at midstretch, accelerated nicely for the score (6.31 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.45 opening quarter), gained the advantage entering the stretch, held gamely over the sloppy racing surface. PRAYING FOR RAIN!

POINTSETTIA PARK broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-4 lengths), -6 lengths near the far turn (22.03 opening quarter), -4 lengths mid-final turn (3-wide), rallied too late (improving his position late) thru the 6.31 final 1/16. Prior effort he broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-3 lengths), closed the gap around the far turn (21.81 opening quarter, was carried out 5-wide entering the stretch (lead), gradually pulled clear late!

MASTER CIRCLE broke -1 length slow, dueled outside one rival mid-backside, dropped back -3 lengths as the pace quickened near the far turn, lacked the needed response down the lane. Prior effort he broke -1 length slow, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-5 lengths), raced in TRAFFIC to the far turn (21.17 opening quarter), lacked the needed response down the lane.

NO BACHI returns from the Daytime racing. Prior effort be broke well, racing 8-9 lanes wide mid-backside (-9 lengths), raced 4-5 lanes wide to the far turn (-15 lengths), rallied too late (far back).

RACE 3

(4) REE O KERR	(5) SOAP BOX	(7) MISTY'SVIEWTHEGOLD
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HORSES TO WATCH:

REE O KERR broke well, shook loose (+1 length) mid-backside, controlled the 22.03 opening quarter, +2 length advantage entering the stretch, losing lead at midstretch (6.31 final 1/16) vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort he broke well, dueled between rivals near the far turn, caught in tight quarters (steadied back) around the far turn (toss it out). Claimed from C Treece. Appears well spotted on the class drop.

SOAP BOX broke out at the start, dueled outside 2-rivals mid-backside, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened near the far turn (22.12 opening quarter), drifted out 5-6 lanes entering the stretch, never quit trying after losing his best chance vs. tougher rivals. She definitely needed his last outing. Class dropper is making on his 2nd start since 09/17/16. Expect to see more speed on the class drop.

MISTY'SVIEWTHEGOLD broke well, dueled inside 2-rivals mid-backside, caught in tight quarters around the far turn (22.51 opening quarter), dropped back -3 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, battled back at midstretch, lacked the needed response in deep stretch (23.80 final 1/4). Prior effort he broke well, dueled between rivals mid-backside, dueled outside the winner near the far turn (22.12 opening quarter), battled the length of the stretch, just missed. He got his speed sharpened in last!

FANCY TERRACE (Golden Gate) broke well, controlled the 22 56 opening quarter), was hard pressed to hold his advantage entering the stretch, losing lead at the top of the lane, tired understandably at midstretch at 5 1/2 furlongs vs. better. Prior effort he broke well, sprinted to the front mid-backside (+2 lengths), controlled the 23.06 opening quarter), losing lead at the top of the lane, got tired at midstretch at 6 furlongs vs. tougher rivals. Class dropper will relish the shorter distance.

WISE RED bobbled at the start, losing -1 length, lagged-10 lengths (chasing the lone speed winner), raced -10 lengths near the far turn (22.243 opening quarter), lacked a rally down the lane in a much needed outing.

SIR PAL (Los Alamitos) broke in, bumped at the start, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (in traffic), steadied back from tight quarters around the far turn (losing -1 length) in a race to be tossed out vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside, dueled between rivals near the far turn, never quit trying. He returns to his competitive class level.

RACE 4

(9) ALL RIGHT NOW	(4) STRAWFINDER JESSEE	(8) FIRST N FINAL
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HORSES TO WATCH:

ALL RIGHT NOW (17.43) broke -3/4 length slow, drifted in early, -3/4 length past the gap (chasing the sizzling winner), gamely kept to her task to the end (9.52 final 1/8) from the rail. She needed that one. She improves her post and will be making only her 2nd start under the lights.

STRAWFINDERS JESSEE (17.45) broke off balance at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, caught in tight quarters (bumped) midway, leveled past the 1/16 pole, finished strong (should have been much closer) thru the 9.523 final 1/8. Prior effort (17.70) she broke well, quick in stride, caught in tight quarter's midway, gamely kept to her task to the end. 3-back (16.69) she broke - 1 length slow, losing path, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late! She carries powerful ratings at this distance.

FIRST N FINAL (19.90) broke -1 1/2 length slow, raced -2 lengths past the gap, finished out with good energy (behind horses) in the Las Damas Handicap. Prior effort 919.64) she broke out at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.49 final 1/8). Not without a chance with an alert beginning.

KICKIN SEIS (20.09) bumped (both sides) shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.59 final 1/8) over the sloppy track in the Southern California Derby trials. Prior effort (16.54) she was fractious in gate, broke -1/2 length slow, drifted in early, gained the advantage past the gap, gradually pulled clear late (9.60 final 1/8). Trouble-prone performer is coming off 9 consecutive troubled trips.

BRING ME HOME (17.46) broke -1 length slow, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, caught in tight quarters (bumped) midway, raced in traffic (steadied back) near the wire (9.52 final 1/8). Prior effort she broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, raced in traffic (losing path) midway in race to be tossed out. She appears to be headed in the right direction.

FERVENTS DYNASTY (17.02) broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, put in a big run past the gap, gained the advantage past the 1/16 pole, held strong (9.90 final 1/8) from the rail over the slower-than-normal racing surface. Prior effort (15.45) she broke -3/4 length slow, drifted in early, -1 length past the gap, drifted out past the 1/16 pole (lead), held gamely (9.82 final 1/8). She improves her post!

MILLION DOLLAR KISS broke -1/2 length slow, drifted in early, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, bumped repeatedly (losing action) midway (tossed it out). Prior effort (17.45) she broke -3/4 length slow, quick in stride, gained the advantage past the gap, gradually pulled clear late (9.54 final 1/8) from the rail.

ONE SWEET WINNER (17.00) broke off balance, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong and just missed over the slower than normal racing surface. Prior effort (16.74) she broke out (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held gamely when favorably drawn.

MRS PICKENS broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, losing path near the gap (toss it out). Prior effort (17/65+) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, getting stronger (9.51 final 1/8).

RACE 5

(3) RULE HE WILL ✓	(7) MILITANT	(1) ELMONTE CRISTO

LES ONAKA'S LATE PICK 4

SMALL TICKET

5th race (3) 6th race (ALL) 7th race (1,6) 8th race (1,8,10) TOTAL \$ 36.00

LARGE TICKET

5th race (3,7) 6th race (ALL) 7th race (1,6) 8th race (1,8,10) TOTAL \$ 72.00

MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

RULE HE WILL broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-1 length), -1 length near the far turn (21.34 opening quarter), challenged 2-wide entering the stretch, gained the advantage at the top of the lane, gradually pulled clear late (GIANT GALLOP OUT) when setting a TRACK RECORD! Prior effort he stumbled at the start, losing -3 lengths, caught in tight quarters (shuffled back) shortly after the start, chased the 4-horse speed duel mid-backside (-8 lengths), raced in TRAFFIC entering the stretch, cleared at the top of the lane, rallied too late (STRONG GALLOP OUT). VERSATILE PERFORMER CAN SIT BEHIND ALL THE SPEED SIGNED UP (1,2,4,5,7).

OTHERS:

MILITANT broke out at the start, quick in stride, dueled outside one rival mid-backside, shook loose (+1 length) near the far turn (22.03 opening quarter), opened up +4 length advantage entering the stretch, crushed his field in powerful fashion (23.47 final 1/4). Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-1 length), dueled outside that one near the far turn (22.01 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened entering the stretch, gamely kept to his task to the end. Outside post (again) a real plus and appears to carry options.

ELMONTE CRISTO broke out, bumped at the start, accelerated nicely, dueled outside one rival mid-backside, shook loose around the far turn (21.93 opening quarter), gradually pulled clear late (23.44 final 1/4). Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-1 length), dropped back -3 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, kept to his task to the end. SPEEDY PERFORMER IMPROVES HIS POST.

AVILA BEACH (Los Alamitos daytime) broke well, dueled outside 2-rivals near the far turn, fanned 4-5 wide mid-final turn, tired understandably at midstretch at 5 1/2 furlongs. Prior effort he broke well, controlled the 22.01 opening quarter), +1 length entering the stretch, gradually pulled clear late (23.52 final 1/4). He returns to his favorite distance (870 yards).

BUG OFF balked at loading, broke well, chased the 3-horse speed duel mid-backside (-5 lengths), -5 lengths near the far turn (22.51 opening quarter), angled out 4-5 lanes to clear entering the stretch (-1 length back), put in a big run (lead) at midstretch, gradually pulled clear late (23.50 final 1/45).

STRETCH broke well, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (21.87 opening quarter), dueled between rivals mid-final turn, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened entering the stretch, kept to his task to the end (holding 2nd) thru the 6.73 final 1/16). Prior effort he raced wide throughout. He improves his post.

(5) POUNDTOWN ★ (4) ALIBI (3) COU	INTRY ICON
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HORSES TO WATCH:

POUNDTOWN (15.71) broke out at the start, quick in stride, right there past the gap, gained the advantage past the 1/16 pole, held strong (10.01 final 1/8) vs. MAIDENS. Prior effort (15.69) he broke -1 length slow, bumped at the gap, -2 lengths past the gap, not abused, kept to her task to the end (running behind horses). Claimed from P Jones. He carries solid ratings based on adjusted clocking and fits well despite tackling winners for the 1st time.

ALIBI (15.63) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, caught in tight quarters past the gap, leveled midway, finished well and just missed 2nd (9.90 final 1/8) vs. productive field (SHEZA SPECIAL GIRL came back and captured a \$5,000-claiming event in 15.74). Prior effort she broke off balance, bumped (pushed in) shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, raced -2 lengths past the gap, kept to her task to the end (should have been closer) from the rail. Trouble prone performer is coming off 7-consecutive trips....

COUNTRY ICON (16.9870 hesitated, broke out, bumped at the start, losing -2 lengths, drifted in, bumped early, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, FLEW FOR THE SCORE (9.93 final 1/8). Prior effort (Turf Paradise) she broke in (3-4 lanes), bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, quick in stride, gained the advantage early, losing lead midway, kept to her task to the end. 3-back (15.76) she lugged in (5-6 lanes) thru the final 1/2.

DOS AMIGAS (15.74) broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, drifted out (2-3 lanes) past the gap, held gamely (10.05 final 1/8) vs. troubled field. Prior effort (15.74) she broke well, drifted out, bumped at the gap, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to her task (improving her position late). She must flee the rail....

HER DASHER (17.21) balked at loading, broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, shifted in past the gap (losing lead), battled back and just missed (9.93 final 1/8) when favorably drawn. Prior effort (15.75) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, quick in stride, raced -3/4 length past the gap, kept to his task and just missed 2nd.

JV APRIL FOOL (17.23) hesitated, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, quick in stride, gained the advantage past the gap, just missed (tough loss) thru the 9.93 final 1/8) vs. COUNTRY ICON. Prior effort she broke well, quick in stride, bumped (losing action) midway. 3-back (17.16) she broke out (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride, close up past the gap, kept to her task to the end. She improves her post.

RACE 7

(6) WELL GOOD	(1) RENEWED	(2) STELFAST
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HORSES TO WATCH:

WELL GOOD (15.54) broke off balance, drifted out, bumped (pushed in) shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (should have been much closer) thru the 9.90 final 1/8 over the slower-than-normal racing surface. Prior effort (15.45) he bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, right there past the gap, drifted out (2-3 lanes) past the strong, rallied for the maiden score. 3-back (15.86) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, not abused, finished out full of run.

RENEWED (19.96) bumped repeatedly, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, finished strong (9.87 final 1/2) in the Two Million trials. Prior effort (19.81) he broke well, quick in stride, drifted out (2-3 lanes) at the gap, -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.40 final 1/8) in the GOLDEN STATE FUTURITY. 3-back (19.81) he broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, gained the advantage past the gap, shifted in midway, continued strong and just missed.

STELFAST (20.28) broke in at the start, quick in stride, -1 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 vs. eventual TWO MILLION FUTURITY winner WORTH DOING. Prior effort (17.52) he broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), drifted out early, losing lead past the gap, kept to his task to the end (9.52 final 1/8). He will be facing a softer field.

ONE SWEET SPEED (15.57) broke off balance, drifted in, bumped shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead past the gap, kept to her task to the end over the slower-than-normal racing surface. Prior effort (15.56) she broke off balance at the start, quick in stride, close up past the gap, kept to her task (improving her position late) thru the 9.77 final 1/8.

ONE AMERICAN EAGLE broke in, bumped back (losing -2 lengths), never looked comfortable (toss it out). Prior effort (17.89) he bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride,-1 1/2 length midway, leveled too late (9.51 final 1/8) vs. eventual 2 million Futurity finalist CARTEL SIXES.

SCHOOL PREZ (16.91) bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, right there midway, kept to his task to the end (rail trip). Prior effort (19.98) he broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride (lead), losing lead midway, battled back and just missed. (((())))

RACE 8

(1) JESS RAVIN (8) QUIRKY (10) SASS ME BLUE

CHARGER BAR HANDICAP (grade 1)

PURSE: \$100,00-DISTANCE 400 YARDS

JESS RAVIN (19.53) broke -1/2 length slow, drifted in early, put in a big run (lead) near the gap, flashed good speed, held strong despite lugging in (3-4 lanes) thru the final 1/2 (9.55 final 1/8) when capturing the Las Damas Handicap. Prior effort she was extremely fractious in gate, broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing - 1 1/2 length, drifted in at the gap (toss it out). 3-back (19.71) she broke off balance at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end. CHECK OUT HER POWERFUL RECENT RACING AND SIMPLY DOES HER BEST RUNNING FROM THE POST POSITION #01.

QUIRKY (19.84) broke well, quick in stride (lead), losing lead at the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end vs. SASS ME BLUE in the MILLIE VESSELS. Prior effort (19.78) she broke in at the start, quick in stride, gained the advantage past the gap, gradually pulled clear late. Classy performer will be seeking her 3rd consecutive CHARGER BAR win and her 9th stakes win of her career.

SASS ME BLUE (21.40) broke off balance at the start, losing -3/4 length, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.68 final 1/8) in the CHAMPION OF CJHAMPIONS vs. MALE RIVALS. Prior effort (19.81) she broke well, quick in stride, gained the advantage at the gap, held strong (9.65 final 1/8). She was runner-up to QUIRKY in last year's CHARGER BAR.

LITTLE TALKS (19.62) broke well, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late (9.60 final 1/8). Prior effort (19.67) she broke well, quick in stride, gained the advantage past the gap, continued strong for the score (9.49). 3-back (19.73) she broke well, gained the advantage at the gap, held strong (9.48 final 1/8).

SEND ME THIS WAGON (17.45) broke fastest (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.52 final 1/8) at 350 yards. Prior effort (19.53) she broke in, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, put in a big run (lead) midway, held strong (9.49 final 1/8). 10 time lifetime winner is capable of posting a stronger final clocking!

TIME FOR JESS (19.72) bumped both sides shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, gamely kept to her task to the end (tough loss) thru the 9.63 final 1/8. Prior effort (19.65) she broke in at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong when posting the fastest qualifying time trials. She carries an ultra consistent record!

JESS GOOD REASON lifted (toss it out) at the start. Prior effort (19.90+) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.71 final 1/8).

TIME FOR WINE (19.78) broke in at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap (chasing the sizzling winner), continued strong for 3rd vs. BF FOOSEERAGEOUS. Prior effort (19.70) she bumped at the start, quick in stride, gained the advantage at the gap, held strong (9.65 final 1/8).

BF FOOSEERAGEOUS (19.67) broke in at the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to her task to the end (holding 2nd) vs. JESS RAVIN. Prior effort (19.61) she broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, -3/4 length past the gap, finished strong (improving her position late).

THERMONUCLEAR ENERGY broke in, bumped back (losing all chance) in the Southern California Derby. Prior effort (19.70) she broke out at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length at the gap, leveled midway, rallied to the front past the 1/16 pole, held strong. She needs an alert beginning....

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