# LOS ALAMITOS HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

# SUNDAY, JULY 02, 2017 • LES ONAKA - HANDICAPPER/CLOCKER

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<b>✓</b> BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:	AVO ITS JUST BOB	3rd RACE 5th RACE
★ PRICE PLAY (Longshot):	RIP TIDE	9th RACE

## Abbreviations:

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

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

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# RACE 1

(7) BROTHER SOLDIER (5) HOJAS (2) SRIRACHA CAT
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#### **LES ONAKA'S EARLY PICK 4**

**SMALL TICKET** 

1st race (5,7) 2nd race (2,3) 3rd race (1) 4th race (1,2,6) TOTAL \$ 12.00

**LARGE TICKET** 

1st race (5,7) 2nd race (2,3) 3rd race (1,2) 4th race (1,2,6) TOTAL \$ 24.00

## HORSES TO WATCH:

BROTHER SOLDIER broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-7 lengths), -8 lengths near the far turn (22.37 opening quarter), -7 lengths mid-final turn, RALLIED TOO LATE (23.45 final 1/14). Prior effort he broke well, fanned 5-wide mid-backside (-5 lengths) chasing the lone speed winner, -4 lengths near the far turn (22.31 opening quarter), rallied too late (23.41 final 1/4). He definitely got his speed sharpen and figures for great trip (tracking the speed players).

HOJAS formerly trained by A Aceves. Jockey/trainer combination is hitting at a solid 28% win clip. Fresh thoroughbred is capable of flashing blazing speed and sports a good workout pattern.

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#### OTHERS:

SRIRACHA CAT broke -1 length slow, raced in traffic (losing momentum), dropped back -7 lengths (chasing the 3-horse speed duel), raced -6 lengths near the far turn (22.50 opening quarter), lugged out 4-5 lanes wide mid-final turn vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside 2-rivals near the far turn (22.20 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably at midstretch.

TOUGH RAY broke well, dueled outside the eventual winner near the far turn (21.79 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened mid-final turn, gamely kept to his task to the end. Prior effort he was fractious in gate, broke - 1 length slow, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-6 lengths), -10 lengths mid-final turn, lacked a rally entering the stretch.

FREAKY FLOYD bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-3 lengths), -4 lengths near the far turn (21.90 opening quarter), traveled evenly down the lane (6.47 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke out at the start, losing - 1 length, chased the 3-horse speed duel mid-backside (-6 lengths), -8 lengths around the far turn (4-wide), gamely kept to his task to the end.

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# RACE 2

(2) DELIGHT IN FLIGHT	(3) OUI' HEAT	(7) DANCE HALL DOCTOR
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#### HORSES TO WATCH:

DELIGHT IN FLIGHT 3 year old filly sports a series of good works under B Koriner. Works like a horse that can easily surpass the magical 47 second barrier (to win this event).

OUI' HEAT flashed brief speed before tiring entering the stretch at Santa Anita when facing a much tougher field in her debut. She returns with 3 local works (all noteworthy). Makes her 1st start under A Saavedera. Must respect this class dropper and will relish the shorter distance.

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#### OTHERS:

DANCE HALL DOCTOR broke well, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-2 lengths), -3 lengths near the far turn (22.59 opening quarter), -3 lengths entering the stretch (fanned 5-lanes wide), gamely kept to his task to the end (24.03 final 1/4). Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-5 lengths), 4-wide entering the stretch (-3 lengths), rallied too late (24.04 final 1/4).

MISTER FANCY BEAN broke in, bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-4 lengths), -6 lengths near the far turn (22.59 opening quarter), -4 lengths entering the stretch (rail), traveled evenly down the lane vs. 4th place finisher DANCE HALL DOCTOR.

# RACE 3

(1) AVO ✓ (2) COWGIRL N THECITY	(5) ELUSIVE MISTRESS
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## HORSES TO WATCH:

AVO broke well, dueled inside 2-rivals mid-backside, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.07 opening quarter), gained the slim advantage entering the stretch, gradually pulled clear late (6.50 final 1/16) vs. productive field (PAM'S JOY came back to win twice since). Prior effort she bobbled at the start, raced 9 lanes wide mid-backside (-4 lengths) chasing the dueling pair, 4-wide to the far turn, angled to rail mid-final turn, rallied to the front entering the stretch, gradually pulled clear late (6.51 final 1/16). Claimed from K Craigmyle. Take her right back!

COWGIRL N THECITY broke well, dueled outside the eventual winner mid-backside, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, gamely kept to her task to the end despite out-finished for 2nd near the wire(6.62 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke well, -2 lengths early, rushed, dueled inside 2-rivals mid-backside, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened near the far turn (22.15 opening quarter), followed the winner's path down the lane. She carries options for sure.

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## OTHERS:

ELUSIVE MISTRESS broke well, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-6 lengths), dropped back -8 lengths near the far turn (22.26 opening quarter), gamely kept to her task to the end (just missed 2nd). Prior effort she broke -2 lengths slow, chased the 3-horse speed duel mid-backside (-6 lengths),-12 lengths mid-final turn, rallied too late!

PAPA'S LADY broke out at the start, losing -2 lengths, trailed mid-backside (chasing the dueling pair), -18 lengths around the far turn (21.89 opening quarter), angled out 4-5 lanes to clear entering the stretch, finished out with good energy (6.62 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke well, fanned 7-8 lanes wide mid-backside (-5 lengths), raced wide throughout (toss it out).

AMERCIAN CHARM broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-10 lengths), -10 lengths near the far turn (21.89 opening quarter), 3-wide entering the stretch, rallied too late (6.62 final 1/16). She definitely needed that one.

#### HORSES TO WATCH:

THE EAGLE FEATHER (Q) 06/606 BEST over ZIGGY SOUND (12.5-12.3) Worked outside. Bobbled slightly at the start, losing - 1/2 length, quick in stride (lead), light hand ride, +3/4 length advantage midway, never asked, finished out full of run. Winning by +1 length. GRADE: B+ DRILL (Q) 05/16 BEST (12.4-12.7) Worked inside. Broke in at the start, quick in stride (lead), asked repeatedly, shifted in (+2 lengths) midway, responded strong under light pressure. Winning by +2 lengths. Look like a real runner!

HOT LIPS PYC (15.84) bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced in tight quarters early, -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept top his task (improving his position late) thru the 9.79 final 1/8 when competing in night's fastest of 4 (note next fastest was clocked in 15.75). (Q) 05/20 outworked by Down For Debate (both 12.2) Worked outside. Broke well, quick in stride (lead), hand shoved, even up midway, asked right-handed thru the final 1/2, responding strong. Losing by a narrow margin. GRADE: B+ DRILL WATCH FOR BIG IMPROVEMENT (making only his 2nd lifetime start).

RONS ON FIRE (15.92) broke -1 1/2 length slow, drifted in (2-lanes) to the gap, -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (10.10 final 1/8). Prior effort he balked at loading, broke -1 1/2 length slow, ringy (green) early, finished out better than started in his debut. He is headed in right direction.

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#### OTHERS:

KIP MORE (15.91) broke -1/2 length slow, bumped early, -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.96 final 1/8) when favorably drawn. (Q) 05/02 worked evenly with NO HOUSE RULES HERE (both 12.5) Worked outside. Hesitated, broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride, -1/2 length midway, responding strong under steady pressure GRADE: B DRILL

DOWN FOR DEBATE was moving as the gates opened, reared (toss it out). (Q)05/20 BEST over HOT LIPS PYC (both 12.2) Worked inside. Broke in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride, light hand ride, even up midway, never asked, finished out strongly (plenty left). Winning by a narrow margin. GRADE: B+ DRILL

LOLITA (16.04) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, -1 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 (9.88 final 1/8). Prior effort he hesitated, swerved in (2-3 lanes) shortly after the star, losing - 2 lengths, never leveled!

## RACE 5

(2) ITS JUST BOB ✓	(1) MILITANT	(6) BARGAINING
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#### MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

ITS JUST BOB broke -1 length slow, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-6 lengths), raced -8 lengths near the far turn (21.64 opening quarter), closed the gap entering the stretch (-4 lengths back at this point), powered his way to the front at midstretch, gradually pulled clear late (23.78 final 1/4) vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort he bumped repeatedly at the start, losing -1 length, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-7 lengths), raced in TRAFFIC to the far turn (-8 lengths), -5 lengths mid-final turn (rail), FLEW TOO LATE (23.99 final 1/4) vs. tougher rivals. Improves his post and holds huge ratings in his corner.

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#### OTHERS:

MILITANT bumped at the start, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-9 lengths), dropped back -16 lengths mid-final turn, traveled evenly down the lane (exiting fast clocking) vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Prior effort he broke well, dueled between rivals near the far turn (22.20 opening quarter), battled the length of the stretch and wasn't beaten badly for it all (23.36 final 1/4). 3-back he broke out at the start, racing 7-8 lanes wide mid-backside (-6 lengths) chasing the dueling pair, 5-wide to the far turn (21.76 opening quarter), 6-7 lanes wide entering the stretch (toss it out). He returns to his competitive class level and will show his customary speed from the rail.

BARGAINING broke well, chased the 3-horse speed duel mid-backside (-5 lengths), -5 lengths near the far turn (22.20 opening quarter), lacked a rally down the lane (23.36 final 1/4) vs. MILITANT. Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-2 lengths), rallied to the front at top of the lane, gradually pulled clear late (23.45 final 1/4) vs. recent allowance winner ITS JUST BOB. 3-back he broke well, shook loose (+1 length) early, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (21.78 opening quarter), +1 length advantage entering the stretch, gradually pulled clear late (6.32 final 1/8) vs. easier. He must overcome the rail.....

CATCH GONZO broke off balance at the start, losing -2 lengths, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-6 lengths), -10 lengths near the far turn, traveled evenly down the lane (6.21 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-4 lengths), got tired at midstretch vs. \$8,000-claimers.

MR. ZIPPER broke out at the start, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (- 2 lengths), -4 lengths near the far turn (21.64 opening quarter), loomed a bold threat at midstretch, finished out clearly 2nd best (23.78 opening quarter) vs. ITS JUST BOB. Can he repeat that kind of effort?

LAND OF THE FREE broke well, settled -7 lengths mid-backside (chasing the lone speed winner), -12 lengths near the far turn (21.71 opening quarter), -11 lengths mid-final turn (fanned 5-wide), rallied too late (improving his position) vs. easier. Prior effort he chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-7 lengths), closed the entering the stretch (-2 lengths back), rallied to the front to the front in deep stretch vs. easier.

# RACE 6

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SMALL TIC	CKET							
6th race	(1,6)	7th race (2	.7,8)	8th race	(2,3,4)	9th race	(5,10)	TOTAL \$ 36.00
LARGE TIC	CKET							
6th race	(1,6,7)	7th race (2	,7,8)	8th race	(2,3,4)	9th race	(5,10)	TOTAL \$ 54.00
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(7) TIME BANDIT SR

(6) MONGOOSE FOOSE

#### HORSES TO WATCH:

CAPTIVATING CARTEL (15.45) broke off balance at the start, losing -2 lengths, raced -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (not beaten badly for it all) thru the 9.84 final 1/8. Prior effort she broke -2 lengths slow, raced in tight quarters (losing path) shortly after the start, not abused, finished out full of run vs. tougher rivals. 3-back she hopped at the start, losing -1 length, losing path, not abused, finished out full of run! ADDS THE FLIPPING HALTER and that could make a huge difference!!

MONGOOSE FOOSE (15.61) broke in at the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late (9.87 final 1/8) vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort (17.88) he bumped (knocked off stride) shortly after the start, losing - 1 1/2 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, traveled evenly thru the 110 yards vs. productive field (3-RETURNED TO WIN). 3-back (15.51) he hesitated at the start, bumped repeatedly to the gap, shuffled back (losing path) past the gap, not abused, finished out full of run. He is coming off a series of troubled trips. WATCH OUT IF HE CAN PUT IT ALL TOGETHER!

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#### OTHERS:

TIME BANDIT SR (15.64) broke -1 length slow, quick in stride, close up past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.84 final 1/8) vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Prior effort (15.74) he broke in, bumped at the start, losing - 1 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2. He improves his post and fits much better at the lower class level.

VALENTIN CZECH (15.60) broke -1 length slow, raced -1 1/2 length, wide path, kept to his task to the end (9.84 final 1/8) in a much needed outing. Outside post will help.

JAZZYS SUGAR SPOON (15.68) broke -1/2 length slow, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, finished strong for 2nd (9.85 final 1/8) in her comeback. She is strong fit number-wise.

SELENE IMAGE (15.61) broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to her task (actually just missed 3rd) thru the 9.84 final 1/8. Prior effort she broke in at the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead past the gap, lugged out (bumped) midway, not properly ridden throughout!

MAGIC TOSHIKO MAGIC (15.66) fractious in gate, broke in at the start, quick in stride, close up past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.96 final 1/8) vs. easier. Prior effort he hesitated badly, off poorly shortly after the start, not abused, finished out full of run (far back).

POISON IVEY (15.84) broke well, quick in stride (lead), losing lead past the gap, never quit trying (9.85 final 1/8) in his local debut. Better is forecast with the local race under his belt.

## RACE 7

(2) MC B VALIANT	(8) PURSUE PAPPASITO	(7) ONCE MORE
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### HORSES TO WATCH:

MC B VALIANT (15.84) broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.99 final 1/8). Prior effort she broke -3/4 length slow, drifted out early, raced in tight quarters (losing momentum) past the gap, leveled too late. She worked real well earlier (05/06).

PURSUE PAPPASITO (15.76) broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, raced in tight quarters early, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 (rail trip) vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort (15.93) he broke in at the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, close up past the gap, kept to his task to the end (10.10 final 1/8). 3-back he broke out, bumped at the start, drifted out (lead), losing lead at the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2. She is tied for the top spot with ratings (15.76) and fits well.

ONCE MORE (15.76) broke off balance, drifted out (losing momentum) shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, kept to her task to the end (9.80 final 1/8) when competing in night's fastest of 2. Prior effort (15.97) she bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead midway, kept to her task to the end (9.90 final 1/8). She posted a solid "B" work earlier (05/09).

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#### OTHERS:

FIREINMYSPIRIT broke off balance, swerved out (4-5 lanes) shortly after the start, never leveled. (Q) 05/16 outworked by MY SPECIAL CARTEL (both 12.5) Hesitated, broke in at the start, quick in stride, hand shoved, even up midway, responding well under light pressure. Losing by a narrow margin. GRADE: B DRILL

FAVORITE VALLENTINE (16.12) broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, raced -3/4 length past the gap, kept to her task to the end (9.98 final 1/8). (Q) 05/13 BEST over A CAJUN DIVA (12.7-12.9) Worked inside. Broke in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), light hand ride, +1 1/2 length advantage midway, responding strong under light pressure. Winning by +1 length. GRADE: B+ DRILL FOLLOW UP CLOSELY. She is capable of much better based on solid work!

THOUGHT IT THROUGH (16.212) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, finished out with good energy (10.12 final 1/8). (Q) 04/18 outworked by THE CARTEL RUNNER (12.5-12.7) Worked outside. Broke in, bumped at the start, drifted in early, -1 length midway, asked in spots thru the final 1/2, responding ok. GRADE: C DRILL

SPINNING AMBIGUITY (16.13) hesitated, bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2. Prior effort (16.23) she swerved in, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, -1 length past the gap, finished out with good energy (10.01 final 1/8).

# RACE 8

(2) HOOSE COOSE (3) ATTEMPTTOCATCHME (4) NEWPORT COASTER
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#### HORSES TO WATCH:

HOOSE COOSE (17.58) broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, gradually pulled clear late (rapid 9.49 final 1/8) vs. easier. Prior effort (15.38) he bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, drifted in early, raced -3/4 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong for 2nd (9.57 final 1/8). 3-back (16.79) he broke in at the start, losing -1 length, bumped early, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong. Razor sharp performer holds powerful ratings. He will get tested against this stronger bunch!

ATTEMPTTOCATCHME (15.46) broke -1/2 length slow, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, raced in tight quarters thru the final 1/2, never quit trying (9.77 final 1/8) vs. better. Prior effort (16.75) he broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, raced -3/4 length past the gap, put in a good run midway, continued strong and just missed (9.66 final 1/8). Ultra consistent performer not real on winning....

NEWPORT COASTER (550 YARDS) balked at loading, broke well, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late, good gallop out! Prior effort (16.74) she bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task (running behind horses).

I WONT GIVE UP (15.55) broke in at the start, quick in stride, close up past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (just missed 3rd) thru the 9.59 final 1/8. Prior effort (15.61) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong when favorably drawn.

APOLLITICAL GAMBLE 3-BACK (16.85) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.66 final 1/8). He shortens up in distance! (((((((((())))))))))))))

(5) RIP TIDE ★ (10) BH LISAS BOY (1) DR JESS

VESSELS MATURITY - Grade 1

PURSE: \$162,600-DISTANCE: 400 YARDS

RIP TIDE (19.46) bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.41 final 1/8) vs. FREAKIN RUNAWAY and company. Prior effort (19.66) he broke -1 1/2 length slow, raced in tight quarters near the gap, -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late. HE APPEARS TO BE PEAKING AT THE RIGHT TIME.

BH LISAS BOY (19.52+) broke well, quick in stride, gained the advantage at the gap, flashed good speed, held strong (9.37 final 1/8) as the fastest qualifier! Prior effort (17.40) he broke out, bumped at the start, quick in stride, gained the advantage midway, drifted out (2-lanes) past the 1/16 pole, held strong (9.49 final 1/8). 3-back (19.52) he broke out, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, put in a big run (lead), held strong (9.41 final 1/8). 14-time lifetime winner draws a super post!

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#### OTHERS:

DR JESS (19.42) broke in, bumped at the start, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, leveled midway, rallied strong for the score (9.51 final 1/8) when favorably drawn. Prior effort (17.67) he broke in, bumped at the start, raced in tight quarters (bumped) past the gap, leveled too late. Check out that huge rating based in adjusted clocking!

JESS RAVIN (19.48) broke -3/4 length slow, put in a big run to the gap, right there past the gap, finished strong and just missed vs. FREAKIN RUNAWAY. Prior effort (17.53) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.54 final 1/8). Sharp mare improves her post.

ZOOMIN FOR SPUDS (19.64) broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.51 final 1/8) in a much needed out. Prior effort (19.51) he broke well, quick in stride, drifted out 3-4 lanes) midway, gamely kept to his task to the end despite drifting out 3-4 lanes past the 1/16 pole,! Classy performer captured last year's Champion Of Champions!

FREAKIN RUNAWAY (19.54) broke well, quick in stride, gained the advantage at the gap, held strong (9.41 final 1/8). Prior effort (17.27) he broke -1 1/2 length slow, drifted in early, put in a big run past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.49 final 1/8).

FLASH N BLING (19.51) broke in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead at the gap, battled back vs. B H LISAS BOY. Prior effort (16.64) he broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late.

THE CHARM OF CORONA (19.60) broke off balance at the start, losing -1 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9. 51 final 1/8) vs. DR JESS and company. He will be making only his 2nd start locally!

STEL EASY (19.55) bumped repeatedly shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, just missed (9.51 final 1/8) vs. DR JESS. Prior effort (17.45) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.49 final 1/8).