LES ONAKA HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

REPORT SUMMARY

Always Check Program Numbers.

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5	(7) ROUGH NECK ★	(10) LUCKY FLICKER	(6) RACE LYN
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8	(2) SUNBEAMSSECRETBEAUTY	(1) DUCK DASH N GO	(6) DESIGNS BY DYNASTY

✓ BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:	MR. HALE	3RD RACE
★ PRICE PLAY (Longshot):	ROUGH NECK	5TH RACE

Abbreviations:

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

Note: Horses are listed in order of preference.

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RACE 1

(9) LILAC STR	EET	(7) BEREZINA		(2) EXPLOSIVE RU	N
LES ONAKA'S E	ARLY PICK 4				
SMALL TICKET					
1st race (1,2	,6,7,9) 2nd race	(1,2,5)	3rd race (6)	4th race (7,8)	TOTAL \$ 30.00
LARGE TICKET					

3rd race (6,7)

4th race (7,8)

TOTAL \$ 60.00

2nd race (1,2,5)

HORSES TO WATCH:

1st race (1,2,6,7,9)

LILAC STREET broke -2 LENGTHS SLOW, raced in traffic early, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-5 lengths), closed the gap near the far turn (-2 lengths back at this point), 3-wide entering the stretch, tired understandably at midstretch (6.55 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke - 2 LENGTHS SLOW, chased the 5-horse speed duel mid-backside (-3 lengths), -3 lengths near the far turn (22.53 opening quarter), raced in TRAFFIC mid-final turn, never leveled (toss it out). SHE IS MUCH BETTER THAN HER LAST PAIR SHOWS. LOOK WHO'S RIDING!

BEREZINA broke well, shook loose (+1 length) mid-backside, controlled the swift 21.61 opening quarter, +2 length advantage entering the stretch, battled the length of the stretch, losing lead in deep stretch (6.88 final 1/16) in a tough loss. Prior effort she broke out, bumped at the start, LOSING -2 LENGTHS, rushed, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.51 opening quarter), dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened at midstretch, kept to her task to the end (6.44 final 1/16). COME AND CATCH HER TO COLLECT!

EXPLOSIVE RUN arrives from the Fair Circuit. She carries speed and will enjoy the shorter distance (4 1/2 furlongs).

MY EBONY STAR broke out, bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-3 lengths), -3 lengths near the far turn (22.20 opening quarter), gamely kept to her task to the end (6.69 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke -2 lengths slow, lagged -6 lengths near the far turn (toss it out).

JUST A GEM broke out at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-8 lengths), lagged -11 lengths near the far turn (22.20 opening quarter), traveled evenly down the lane (6.69 final 1/16) vs. runner-up MY EBONY STAR. Prior effort she broke well, dueled inside the eventual winner near the far turn (22.37 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened at the top of the lane, finished out clearly 2nd best.

OTHERS:

(1) CAT FROM IRAQ	(5) SOKUDO	(2) GOLDEN ATLANTIC

HORSES TO WATCH:

CAT FROM IRAQ (Los Alamitos daytime) broke well, chased the dueling pair near the far turn, -3 lengths mid-final turn (21.75 opening quarter), -2 lengths (3-4 lanes) entering the stretch, rallied to the front at midstretch, just missed (clearly 2nd best). Prior effort he broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-5 lengths), closed the gap entering the stretch (-3 lengths back at this point), rallied strong to the front, held strong (rapid 6.08 final 1/16). This field is loaded with speed!!

SOKUDO broke well, sprinted clear (+3 lengths) near the far turn (21.51 opening quarter), +6 lengths mid-final turn, gradually pulled clear late (powerful win) at 4 furlongs. THAT WAS A SOLID COMEBACK WIN!

OTHERS:

GOLDEN ATLANTIC broke well, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (22.16 opening quarter), gained the slim advantage at the top of the lane, got tired at midstretch at 6 furlongs. Prior effort (Los Alamitos daytime) broke out at the start, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-2 lengths), challenged 2-wide near the far turn (21.96 opening quarter), shook loose (+1 length) at the top of the lane, held gamely at 5 1/2 furlongs. ONE OF MANY SHOOTING FOR THE EARLY ADVANTAGE!

KERN RIDGE posting a solid wire-to-win from the Fair Circuit (Fresno Fair). 3-time lifetime winner carries options.

HIGH ALERT broke out at the start, dueled outside 2-rivals near the far turn (22.01 opening quarter), dropped back - 1 length as the pace quickened mid-final turn, battled back at midstretch, held gamely vs. EASIER.

STORMIN TRICK broke well, shook loose (+4 lengths) near the far turn (21.86 opening quarter), +6 lengths advantage entering the stretch, was all out to hold safe late (6.68 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, dueled between rivals near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), dueled inside the eventual winner around the far turn, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably in deep stretch.

LUCKY COTTON returns from the Fair Circuit. He competed against easier locally in 2015.

RACE 3

(6) MR. HALE ✓	(7) DRAMATIC ANGEL	(3) CORN ON THE CODE
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MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

MR. HALE bumped at the start, settled nicely, -5 lengths (chasing the 3-horse speed duel), -4 lengths near the far turn (22.40 opening quarter), put in a big 4-wide run mid-final turn, shook loose (+1 length) entering the stretch, gradually pulled clear late (6.32 final 1/16). ONLY NEEDS A REPEAT PERFORMANCE!!

OTHERS:

DRAMATIC ANGEL broke out (2-lanes) shortly after the start, chased the 3-horse speed duel) mid-backside (-6 lengths), -6 lengths near the far turn (21.85 opening quarter), -6 lengths mid-final turn, collared the leader in deep stretch (6.52 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke out, bumped at the start, chased the 3-horse speed duel mid-backside (-4 lengths), -2 lengths near the far turn (22.37 opening quarter), cleared inside at midstretch, rallied too late. Claimed from J Gomez.

CORN ON THE CODE bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-4 lengths), -6 lengths near the far turn (21.70 opening quarter), -8 lengths mid-final turn, traveled evenly thru the lane (6.60 final 1/16).

RACE 4

HORSES TO WATCH:

SALIENT (Del Mar) broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-1 length), dueled between rivals near the far turn (21.90 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths at midstretch (tiring) at 5 furlongs vs. tougher rivals. She returns with a pair of works and appears fit and ready on the class drop.

T'S PLACE broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-2 lengths), -1 length near the far turn (22.57 opening quarter), challenged inside the eventual winner entering the stretch, dropped back -1 length as the pace quickened at midstretch, gamely kept to his task to the end (actually just missed 2nd.

OTHERS:

OUR LITTLE DIAMOND broke well, dueled between rivals mid-backside, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (22.29 opening quarter), battled the length of the stretch, just missed (23.99 final 1/4) vs. 4th place finisher T'S PLACE.

SILIC'S ANGEL broke in at the start, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (23.00 opening quarter), shook loose (+1 length) entering the stretch, held gamely vs. maidens.

GRASS RUNNER broke well, bumped repeatedly early, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-4 lengths), -5 lengths near the far turn (22.57 opening quarter), 4-wide entering the stretch, traveled evenly down the lane (23.26 final 1/4) vs. 3rd place finisher T'S PLACE.

RACE 5

(7) ROUGH NECK ★	(10) LUCKY FLICKER	(6) RACE LYN	
LES ONAKA'S LATE PICK 4			

SMALL TICKET

5th race (7)	6th race (4,5)	7th race (ALL	8th race (1,2,6)	TOTAL \$ 36.00
LARGE TICKET				
5th race (7,10)	6th race (4,5)	7th race (ALL)	8th race (1,2,6)	TOTAL \$ 72.00

PRICE PLAY:

ROUGH NEXT (15.86) broke -1 1/2 length slow, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, losing path midway, never quit trying (running behind horses) vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. (Q) 09/16 worked evenly with TRES CARTEL (both 12.3) Worked outside. Broke in, bumped at the start, drifted in, bumped early, lugged in thru the final 1/2 (hard to ride). GRADE: no grade Class dropper is much better than her record shows!

LUCKY FLICKER (15.72) broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, drifted in early, quick in stride, right there midway, gamely kept to his task and just missed (9.99 final 1/8) and SHOULD HAVE WON! (Q) 09/23 outworked by eventual maiden winner RAY DONOVAN (12.4-12.0) Worked inside. Hesitated at the start, losing -1/2 length, hand shoved, swerved in (4-5 lanes) early, -1 1/2 length midway, hard to ride thru the final 1/2. Losing by -3 lengths, GRADE: no grade given. EXPECT TO SEE A STRONGER PERFORMANCE (making his 2nd start since 05/19.

OTHERS:

RACE LYN (15.79) broke off balance at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task and finished out clearly 3rd best (10.01 final 1/8) vs. winner dropping down the from maiden \$12,500-claiming event. Prior effort (15.91) she broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, right there past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.93 final 1/8). Check out her improving ratings based on adjusted clocking.

ONE EAGLE B (15.80) broke in at the start, accelerated nicely (lead), losing lead at the gap, battled back and just missed vs. 3rd place finisher RACE LYN. Prior effort (15.82) he broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, raced -1 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, finished well (10.09 final 1/8). 3-back he broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, raced in traffic early. He figures right in the hunt.

FLOS STELLAR ROYAL (15.81) broke out, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished well (improving her position late) vs. LUCKY FLICKER and company. Prior effort (15.62) she turned her head as the gates opened, losing -2 lengths, leveled too late. 3-back she broke off balance at the start, slow to find her best stride. SHE HOLDS THE HIGHEST RATINGS BASED ON ADUSTED CLOCKING 2-back!!

POUR ME A CORONA broke -1 1/2 length slow, raced -2 lengths past the gap, not abused, finished out with run left crossing the wire (toss it out) in the WILD WEST FUTURITY TRIALS (note L BAR D CLASSIC TRIP qualified). He returns to face non-winners.

CLANDESTINE (15.97) broke well, quick in stride, raced -3/4 length past the gap, kept to his task to the end (9.91 final 1/8) vs. TOUGHER RIVAL. Prior effort (15.84) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, drifted out past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. He fits better on the class drop.

RYTHUM N BLUES GIRL (15.91) hesitated, bumped shortly after the start, shuffled back, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, finished out with good energy (10.01 final 1/8). Prior effort (15.72) she hesitated, 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 (not beaten badly for 2nd). She is coming off 5-consecutive troubled trips!!

HIGH MOON RETURNS (15.92) hesitated, broke off balance, swerved out (3-lanes) shortly after the start, raced -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, not abused (toss it out). Prior effort (15.65) he broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, gained the advantage at the gap, +1 length advantage midway, finished missed (tough loss). 3-back (16.04) he broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards. WHICH RUNNER WILL SHOW UP??

PATTYS BOY broke off balance at the start, lugged in (behind horses) early, never leveled (toss it out). He lugged in both works previously!!
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(5) SEPERATE FLAME	(4) APOLLITICAL PERFECT	(3) DANCING THRU FIRE

HORSES TO WATCH:

SEPERATE FLAME (15.67) broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to her task (improving her position) thru the 9.85 final 1/8 vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort (15.55) she bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, -2 lengths midway, leveled too late (actually just missed 2nd) thru the 9.80 final 1/8 vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. SHE HOLDS THE HIGHEST RATINGS BASED ON ADJUSTED CLOCKING (15.55) 2-back.

APOLLITICAL PERFECT (15.69) broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, drifted in (2-lanes) early, raced -3/4 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (just missed 2nd) thru the 9.80 final 1/8 vs. tougher rivals. Prior effort (17.20) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead midway, kept to his task to the end (9.80 final 1/8). Fresh performer also improves her post.

OTHERS:

DANCING THRU FIRE hesitated, bumped (losing path) shortly after the start, not abused, finished out with good energy (far back). Prior effort she broke in, bumped at the start, losing -2 lengths, raced in tight quarters past the gap, -3 lengths midway, traveled evenly thru the final 110 yards (9.80 final 1/8) vs. tougher rivals. Class dropper is now making her 13th lifetime start.....

DEEP SIX (Q) 09/30 worked solo (12.3) broke in (2-3 lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride, drifted in midway, never asked, finished out full of run (light pressure). GRADE: B+ DRILL

LA LUNA MUNDOS (15.88) bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, quick in stride, raced -3/4 length past the gap, kept to her task (not beaten badly for 3rd) thru the 9.84 final 1/8 vs. 6th place finisher FORREST ON FIRE.

FORREST ON FIRE (15.93) broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, kept to his task to the end (rail) thru the 9.84 final 1/8. Prior effort (15.80) he broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, -1 length past the gap, finished well (favorably drawn) thru the 9.88 final 1/8.

RACE 7

(2) BEMUSED	(1) COMELY	(3) TOUGH BROAD
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100 YARDS

BEMUSED (19.91) broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, losing-3/4 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.62 final 1/8) at 400 YARDS. Prior effort (100 yards) she bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (100 yards). 3-back (17.63) she broke -1/2 length slow, bumped, right there past the gap, finished strong (350 yards). Ultra consistent performer keeps on firing bullets!

COMELY (100 yards) broke in at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, just missed (tough loss) at 100 yards. Prior effort (15.45) she broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead midway, battled back and just missed at 300. 3-back (100 yards) she broke out (2-lanes) at the start, losing -1 length, accelerated nicely, gamely kept to her task to the end. SHE IS BLESSED WITH TERRIFIC GATE SPEED.

TOUGH BROAD (100 yards) broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed,, held strong at 100 yards. Prior effort (17.73) she broke off balance, drifted out, bumped shortly after the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards at 350 yards. 3-back (16.63) she broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late. Hard to ride mare looks extremely tough right back!

WINNERS COOL CHICK (16.99) broke in at the start, losing -1/2 length, shifted in at the gap, raced -3/4 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards from the rail (9.59 final 1/8) at 330 yards. Prior effort (100 yards) she broke -1/2 length slow, accelerated nicely, right there midway, kept to her task and proved best at 100 yards. She improves her post and a win would come as no surprise under E Garcia.

FERVENTS DYNASTY (100 yards) broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong at 100 yards. Prior effort (15.46) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead past the gap, kept to her task to the end at 300. She is racing in sharp form!

RACE 8

(2) SUNBEAMSSECRETBEAUTY	(1) DUCK DASH N GO	(6) DESIGNS BY DYNASTY
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HORSES TO WATCH:

SUNBEAMSSECRETBEAUTY (19.71) broke -1 length slow, drifted out (2-lanes) early, -2 1/2 lengths past the gap, leveled midway, rallied strong and just missed (9.73 final 1/8) as the top 2 finishers qualified for the PC}QHRA Breeders Derby. Prior effort (19.82) she broke off balance at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end. TREMENDOUS FINISHER ONLY NEEDS A SECURE A CLEAR PATH!!

DUCK DASH N GO (19.85) broke in, bumped back at the start, raced -3 1/2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (not beaten badly for 3rd (should have been much closer) vs. 4th place finisher LDS IS BACK (eventual fastest qualified for the upcoming SUPER DERBY! Prior effort (19.79) she broke -1 1/2 length slow, drifted in, bumped early, -1 1/2 length past the gap, leveled midway, FLEW for the score! She is drawn inside the very live SUNBEAMSSECRETBEAUTY.

OTHERS:

DESIGNS BY DYNASTY (16.65) broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, put in a big run (lead) at the gap, gradually pulled clear late (9.54 final 1/8) when posting a solid final clocking! Prior effort she hesitated badly at the start at 330 yards. 3-back she swerved in at the start, bumped repeatedly all the way to the gap, bumped repeatedly midway, leveled too late. SHE IS MUCH TROUBLE-PRONE but holds solid ratings based on adjusted clocking and is perfectly drawn!

DOING TRIX (100 yards) broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, right there midway, gamely kept to her task to the end at 100 yards. Prior effort (19.85) she broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, quick in stride, right there past the gap, kept to her task to the end at 400 yards. SHE DEFINITELY GOT HER SPEED SHARPENED IN LAST!!!!!

JESS KLAS broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead past the 1/16 pole, kept to her task and held 2nd (9.82 final 1/8) n a solid comeback performance. Prior effort (15.45) she broke in at the start, quick in stride (lead), +1 length advantage midway, gradually pulled clear late (9.79 final 1/8).

JESS A LIL FISHY (20.07) broke -1/2 length slow, quick in stride, right there past the gap, kept to her task (gamely holding 2nd) thru the 9.62 final 1/8).