LES ONAKA HANDICAPPERS' RACING REPORT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

REPORT SUMMARY

Always Check Program Numbers.

RACE	1 st PICK	2 nd PICK	3 rd PICK
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8	(6) CHAZAQ ✓	(4) THAT RICO	(2) MR APOLLITICAL DASH

✓ BEST BETS OF THE EVENING:	VODKA TEXTED YOU	2ND RACE
	DEVIL IN A BLUE SUIT	3RD RACE
	CHAZAQ	8TH 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

(1) ROYAL RED	(3) WILANNAMOON	(7) JUST A GEM
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LES ONAKA'S EARLY PICK 4

SMALL TICKET

1st race (1,3,7) 2nd race (1) 3rd race (6) 4th race (ALL) TOTAL \$ 18.00

LARGE TICKETY

1st race (1,3,7) 2nd race (1,2,6) 3rd race (2,4,5,6,7) 4th race (2,6) TOTAL \$ 60.00

HORSES TO WATCH:

ROYAL RED broke well, caught in tight quarters (losing action) early, dropped back -12 lengths mid-backside (chasing the dueling pair), raced -10 lengths near the far turn (22.35 opening quarter), traveled evenly down the lane (6.55 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke well, settled early, chased the 5-horse speed duel mid-backside (-3 lengths), -4 lengths near the far turn (22.53 opening quarter), closed the gap (-2 lengths) mid-final turn, rallied to the front at the top of the lane, gradually pulled clear late (5.99 final 1/16) vs. tougher rivals. Claimed from J Glenn Jr. THROW OUT HIS LATEST PERFORMANCE!

WILANNAMOON broke out at the start, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-3 lengths), raced -2 lengths near the far turn (22.17 opening quarter), drifted out (3-4 lanes), battled back at midstretch and finished out clearly 2nd best (6.20 final 1/16). Prior effort she broke well, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-4 lengths), -4 lengths near the far turn (21.92 opening quarter), 4-wide entering the stretch, traveled evenly down the lane (rapid 5.58 final 1/16). She is capable of strong finish!

JUST A GEM broke well, dueled inside the eventual winner mid-backside, battled thru the 22.37 opening quarter, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened at top of the lame, finished out clearly 2nd best (6.30 final 1/16). She carries speed and that stamps her extremely dangerous on the front end.

OTHERS:

PALM CANYON broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-2 lengths), -2 lengths near the far turn (22.35 opening quarter), lacked the needed response entering the stretch (6.55 final 1/16). Prior effort she bumped at the start, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-3 lengths), -4 lengths near the far turn (22.12 opening quarter), lugged out 4-5 lanes entering the stretch, got tired at midstretch (6.65 final 1/16).

ALLAN'S BABY broke well, dueled between rivals mid-backside, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (22.65 opening quarter), gained the slim advantage mid-final turn, lacked the needed response at midstretch (6.26 final 1/16). Prior effort she bumped at the start, shook loose (+1 length) mid-backside, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.54 opening quarter), opened up +5 lengths entering the stretch, held gamely vs. soft maidens. One of three possible speed rivals....

MY EBONY STAR broke -2 lengths slow, lagged -6 lengths near the far turn (22.37 opening quarter), lacked the needed response turning for home (toss it out). Prior effort she broke well, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.65 opening quarter), +1 length entering the stretch, held gamely vs. soft maidens.

CODE ALERT broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-8 lengths), lacked a rally entering the stretch. Prior effort she broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-2 lengths), raced -2 lengths near the far turn (22.25 opening quarter), rallied to the front at the top of the lane, held gamely (6.33 final 1/16 vs. male rivals. She must repeat that kind of performance.

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(1) VODKA TEXTED YOU ✓	(6) LUCKY TOMMY	(2) VOLUNTARY

MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

VODKA TEXTED YOU broke well, settled early, chased the 3-horse speed duel mid-backside (-5 lengths), -6 lengths near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), 4-wide entering the stretch, rallied too late (23.62 final 1/4) at 870. Prior effort he broke out (2-lanes) shortly after the start, chased the lone speed runner mid-backside (-5 lengths), dropped back -8 lengths as the pace quickened mid-final turn, raced in TRAFFIC at midstretch, never cleared! Check out more speed (3-4-5-6) in this lineup.

OTHERS:

LUCKY TOMMY bumped at the start, shook loose (+2 lengths) mid-backside, +2 lengths advantage near the far turn (21.79 opening quarter), +2 lengths entering the stretch, losing lead at midstretch, gamely held 2nd (6.08 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, dueled inside one rival near the far turn (22.09 opening quarter), dropped back -3 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, kept to his task to the end (23.21 final 1/4) at 870. He carries terrific speed and is looking to clear his field to the opening quarter.

VOLUNTARY faced a tougher group when traveling 5 1/2 furlongs. Prior effort he broke - 2 lengths slow, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-8 lengths), -8 lengths near the far turn (21.73 opening quarter), raced in traffic at midstretch, simply got rolling too late (rapid 5.59 final 1/16). 7-time lifetime winner will receive his pace to run down.

STORMIN TRICK broke well, dueled between rivals near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), dueled inside the eventual winner near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened entering the stretch, tired understandably in deep stretch (23.62 final 1/4). Prior effort he broke well, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (22.09 opening quarter), shook loose (+1 length) entering the stretch, losing lead at the top of the lane, kept to his task to the end. He definitely got his speed sharpened (exiting 870 yards races). Note he is facing a field loaded with speed players.....

THIS DANCE IS MINE arrive from the Fair Circuit. Speedy performer will relish the shorter distance (4 1/2 furlongs). Sports a slow work of 39.40 on 09/18.

GREAT BAMBINO broke well, dueled outside 2-rivals mid-backside, dueled outside one rival near the far turn (21.87 opening quarter), battled the length of the stretch and proved best late (6.52 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, shook loose (-2 lengths) near the far turn (22.36 opening quarter), +3 lengths entering the stretch, held gamely (6.41 final 1/16). Sharp thoroughbred will get tested for class.

RACE 3

(6) DEVIL IN A BLUE SUIT ✓	(5) DOWN FOR DEBATE	(2) QUITE UP
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MAJOR WIN PLAYER:

DEVIL IN A BLUE SUIT (15.62) hesitated, swerved in, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, steadied back (losing path) at the gap, leveled midway (-4 lengths), finished out full of run (should have been much closer) thru the 9.72 final 1/8. (Q) 09/09 BEST over FAVORITE BYE (12.4-12.6) Worked inside. Broke off balance, drifted in (3-4 lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), +1/2 length advantage midway, STRANGLE DOWN, finished out full of run. PLENTY LEFT. GRADE: A- DRILL THE ONE TO BEAT!!

OTHERS:

DOWN FOR DEBATE (15.65) broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), drifted in at the gap, losing lead midway, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.88 final 1/8). Prior effort (18.10) he broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, quick in stride, drifted in early, -3/4 length past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong for 2nd (9.84 final 1/8). Trouble prone performer holds solid ratings based on adjusted clocking.

QUITE UP (15.52) hesitated at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, drifted out past the gap, leveled midway, finished strong (9.88 final 1/8) vs. DOWN FOR DEBATE. Prior effort he broke off balance, swerved out behind horses early, not abused, finished out full of run after losing his best chance at the start. He posted a pair of "C+" works prior to his much troubled debut!

RITE QUICK broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1 1/2 length, bumped again early, raced in tight quarters at the gap, raced in traffic thru the final 1/2 (finished out full of run) after losing his best chance. Prior effort he broke in, bumped back shortly after the start, losing path, not abused, finished out with much run left crossing the wire. (Q) 08/29 worked solo (12.1) Broke in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride, light hand ride, flashed good speed, finished strong under light pressure. GRADE: B+ DRILL FOLLOW UP CLOSELY!!

CORONA THRU FIRE (15.56) broke off balance, drifted out shortly after the start (lead), +1 length advantage past the gap, nailed (9.87 final 1/8). Prior effort (15.74) he broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, raced -3/4 length past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 110 yards. Check out his 6 consecutive troubled trips.

ANOTHER BOOK (18.23) broke well, quick in stride (lead), losing lead at the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 (9.65 final 1/8) vs. eventual Governor's Cup Futurity finalist DITTO HEAD. Prior effort (15.58) he broke -3/4 length slow, drifted out (2-lanes) to the gap, raced -1 1/2 length midway, caught in tight quarters midway, leveled too late. Fresh performer makes his 1st start since 07/08.

FIVE CARD CHARLIE (Q) 09/02 worked evenly with BLACK MARKET CORONA (both 12.2) Worked inside Broke off balance, drifted in (2-3 lanes) shortly after the start (lead), +1 1/2 length advantage midway, let run, responding well. Even up. GRADE: B+ DRILL (Q) 08/15 outworked by BLACK MARKET CORONA (12.4-12.5) Worked inside. Hesitated, drifted in shortly after the star, quick in stride (lead), +1/2 length advantage midway, pushed along, responding well. Losing by -1/2 length. GRADE: B DRILL

AMENDOLA (Q) 09/09 BEST over QUEEN IS BACK (12.7-12.4) Worked outside. Broke well, quick in stride (lead), asked twice left-handed early (trying to lug in), +1 1/2 length advantage midway, responding well under light pressure. Winning by+2 lengths. GRADE: B DRILL. MAKES HIS FIRST START UNDER THE LIGHTS (arriving from New Mexico).

TEMPTING FINALE hesitated, swerved in (3-lanes) shortly after the start, trying hard. He posted a pair of green works previously. ((((((()))))))

RACE 4

(3) FREAKY FLOYD	(6) PERFECT GENIUS	(1) CONUNDRUM PASS

HORSES TO WATCH:

FREAKY FLOYD broke in, bumped at the start, chased the LONE SPEED WINNER mid-backside (-6 lengths), -6 lengths near the far turn (21.95 opening quarter), -4 lengths entering the stretch, finished well (6.50 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, chased the LONE SPEED RUNNER mid-backside (-8 lengths), -9 lengths near the far turn (21.98 opening quarter), 5-wide entering the stretch, finished out with good energy (6.10 final 1/16). LATE RUNNER WILL BE FACING MORE SPEED IN THE LINEUP.

PERFECT GENIUS broke well, +1 length advantage mid-backside, dueled inside 2-rivals mid-final turn, battled the length of the stretch and just missed at 4 furlongs. Prior effort he broke well, dueled inside one rival mid-backside, dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened mid-final turn, kept to his task to the end at 4 furlongs. Speedster is racing in good form and appears to carry versatility in his corner.

CONUNDRUM PASS broke well, quick in stride, chased the lone speed winner mid-backside (-2 lengths), -2 lengths near the far turn (21.95 opening quarter), tired in deep stretch (6.50 final 1/16). Prior effort he broke well, chased the dueling pair mid-backside (-1 length), -2 lengths near the far turn (22.36 opening quarter), -4 lengths mid-final turn, angled out 3-wide to clear entering the stretch, traveled evenly down the lane. He improves his post.

OUR MASERATI returns from the Fair Circuit. 3-time lifetime winner is capable of flashing high speed. He fits well on the class drop.

RELENTLESS WARRIOR broke well, dueled outside 2-rivals near the far turn (22.18 opening quarter), dropped back -2 lengths as the pace quickened mid-final turn, got tired at midstretch at 4 furlongs. Prior effort he shook loose (+1 length) mid-backside, was hard pressed entering the stretch, lacked the needed response in deep stretch.

RACE 5

(4) JESSTAFIABLE		(3) SEPERATE FLAME		(5) STILL COUNTING	
LES ONAKA'S LATE PICK 4					
SMALL TICKET					
5th race (3,4,5)	6th race (2,5)	7th race (ALL)	8th race	e (6)	TOTAL \$ 42.00
LARGE TICKET					
5th race (3,4,5)	6th race (2,5)	7th race (ALL)	8th rac	e (4,6)	TOTAL \$ 84.00

HORSES TO WATCH:

JESSIFABLE bumped both sides shortly after the start, drifted in past the gap, raced in traffic midway, losing path past the 1/16 pole (never had a chance). Prior effort (15.46) she broke in at the start, losing -3/4 length, drifted in (2-3 lanes) to the gap, -1 length past the gap, finished strong for 2nd (9.80 final 1/8). Give her the slight edge.

SEPERATE FLAME ((15.55) bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, -2 lengths midway, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.80 final 1/8). Prior effort (16.94) she broke in, bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -1 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (not beaten badly for 2nd).

STILL COUNTING (16.94) broke -3/4 length slow, drifted in at the gap, raced -1 1/2 length leveled midway, finished well (not beaten badly for 2nd) thru the 9.73 final 1/8. Prior effort (15.55) she broke well, raced -2 lengths past the gap, finished well (just missed 2nd) thru the 9.80 final 1/8. She improves her post.

OTHERS:

ROYAL EAGLE (15.61) broke in at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late (9.80 final 1/8). Prior effort (16.95) she broke -1 length slow, -2 lengths midway, battled back, improved her position near the wire (9.80 final 1/8). She has encountered trouble in all of her outings.

FLYING RIGHT (17.00) broke well, quick in stride, right there at the gap, drifted in past the gap, leveled midway, finished well for 2nd when favorably drawn (9.73 final 1/8). Prior effort (17.05) she broke out, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, raced -3/4 length past the gap, leveled too late. She lands a much tougher inside post.

FAVORITE CLASS (17.11) broke in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, drifted in to the gap, raced -1 length past the gap, kept to her task to the end (9.76 final 1/8). Prior effort she bobbled, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2.

RACE 6

(5) ROYAL POLITICIAN (2) A CAJUN DIVA (1) EAST OF EDEN
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HORSES TO WATCH:

ROYAL POLICITICIAN (15.62) bumped (pushed in) shortly after the start, losing -1 1/2 length, raced in tight quarters past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (not beaten badly for 2nd) thru the 9.87 final 1/8 vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. Prior effort (15.87) she bumped, drifted out shortly after the start, quick in stride, close up past the gap, gamely kept to her task and just missed (10.07 final 1/8) vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. She carries the highest rating based on adjusted clocking and class drops!

A CAJUN DIVA broke off balance, drifted in shortly after the start, losing -1/2 length, quick in stride, -1 length past the gap, raced in TRAFFIC midway, never cleared (had run left crossing the wire) thru the 10.01 final 1/8. Prior effort (15.83) she swerved out, bumped at the start, losing -1 length, caught in tight quarters (shuffled back/losing path) past the gap, leveled too late (improving her position late). She encountered trouble in all of her outings!

OTHERS:

EAST OF EDEN (15.95) broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), losing lead past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 (9.84 final 1/8) vs. TOUGHER RIVALS. (Q) 08/12 worked evenly with THOUGHT ON (both 12.6) Worked outside. Broke off balance at the start, hand shoved, -1 length midway, responding well under light pressure. Losing by -1/2 length. GRADE: B DRILL Class dropper fits much better in this softer lineup.

LIL ATTITUDE arrives from Washington. Formerly trained by J Romo. Filly wasn't beat 7 despite trouble away from the gate. A check of the toteboard is advised.

SUPER SLICK INVADER lifted at the start (toss it out). Prior effort he bumped, drifted out shortly after the start, losing -1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2. Makes his 1st start as a GELDING.

THAT JESS GIRL broke -1 length slow, raced in traffic (losing path) shortly after the start. Prior effort swerved in (3-4 lanes) shortly after the start.

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RACE 7

(2) CARTEL BAD BOY	(3) LIZZYS FAVORITE	(5) HIT N STREAK
(2) CANTEL DAD DOT	(3) LIZZIS PAVONIIL	(3) IIII N SINLAN

HORSES TOP WATCH:

CARTEL BAD BOY (17.04) broke in (2-lanes) shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, raced -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.82 final 1/8). Prior effort (17.19) he broke off balance, bumped (hard/knocked off stride) shortly after the start, put in a big run (lead) past the gap, gradually pulled clear late vs. maidens! He improves his post and gets the slight edge in this wide open event!

LIZZYS FAVORITE (17.05) broke -1 length slow, drifted in early, -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to task to the end (9.82 final 1/8)vs. HIT N STREAK. Prior effort she broke in at the start, losing-3/4 length, raced in traffic (losing path) at the gap (toss it out). Not without a chance with a clean performance.

HIT N STREAK (17.08) broke in, bumped at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead past the 1/16 pole, kept to her task (holding 3rd). Prior effort (15.74) she bumped at the start, losing -3/4 length, raced in tight quarters (bumped) at the gap, right there midway, kept to her task (holding 2nd) thru the 9.99 final 1/8.

CARTELS SWEETIE swerved in, bumped back (losing path), never cleared (toss it out) vs. much tougher rivals. Prior effort she broke well, raced -1 length past the gap, -2 lengths midway, lacked the needed response thru the final 1/2 vs. tougher rivals. Class dropper is capable of much better and fits much better here!

SHINING FAVORITE broke off balance, bumped back (losing path) shortly after the start (toss it out) vs. HIT N STREAK. Prior effort (15.74) she broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed held gamely vs. maidens.

ONCE MORE (17.80) broke well, quick in stride, raced -1 1/2 length past the gap, gamely kept to her task to the end (9.82 final 1/8) vs. HIT N STREAK and company. Prior effort (15.76) she broke off balance (ringy) shortly after the start, raced -2 lengths past the gap, leveled too late. She needs to maintain a straight course.

RACE 8

(6) CHAZAQ ✓	(4) THAT RICO	(2) MR APOLLITICAL DASH
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PURSE: \$15,000-DISTANCE: 350 YARDS

CHAZAQ (19.65) broke off balance, ringy shortly after the start, losing -2 lengths, drifted out past the gap, gamely kept to his task to the end (9.62 final 1/8) vs. THAT RICO. Prior effort (19.70) he broke off balance, bumped shortly after the start, gained the advantage near the gap, gradually pulled clear late (9.54 final 1/8). He draws a favorable post and should be the difference at the end.

OTHERS:

THAT RICO (19.67) broke out (3-4 lanes) shortly after the start, quick in stride (lead), +1 length advantage past the gap, held strong (9.62 final 1/8) vs. a much troubled CHAZAQ! Prior effort (19.76+) he broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, +1 length advantage past the gap, held strong (9.60 final 1/8). RAZOR SHARP and will be seeking his 4th consecutive win!

MR APOLLITICAL DASH returns from New Mexico. 3-BACK (19.82) he broke out at the start, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead midway, gamely kept to his task to the end in the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity. He returns to his favorite oval!

APOLLITICAL SPIRIT 3-BACK (16.69) broke in, bumped at the start, losing - 1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, gamely kept to his task (running behind horses) thru the 9.59 final 1/8.

JOUET WITH FIRE (16.75) broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, held strong (9.63 final 1/8). Prior effort (19.71) he hesitated, broke in, bumped at the start, losing - 1 length, raced -2 lengths past the gap, raced in tight quarters (shuffled back/losing path) midway, finished out full of run (behind horses) in the Los Alamitos Winter Derby.

KATELLA DELI (17.66) broke well, quick in stride (lead), flashed good speed, losing lead past the 1/16 pole, out-finished near the wire (9.57 final 1/8). Prior effort (19.83) he broke in, bumped at the start, losing -1/2 length, gained the advantage midway, just missed (tough loss) thru the 9.63 final 1/8.