

This \$16k claiming N2L route is a good spot to take a shot at a price. ~BIG BETA is listed 10-1 and should be every bit that high. Although he misfired his last two starts, his speed figures last summer and fall would be fast enough, and he has never raced at this low level. He was only prepping last out in a turf sprint; his best races are two turns. First time at this level, he can upset with a pressing trip. ~BOWTIE BOYS is more logical, having finished second both tries at this level including a runner-up last out in which he was five lengths clear of third. The outside post (9 of 9) is a challenge for 'BOYS, but he otherwise enters as a reasonable contender rallying from midpack. ~SWIFT STEPHAN goes long for the first time, dropping to this level for the first time, and is likely to influence the pace. He was favored all three starts since breaking his maiden, but is likely to start at higher odds in his first route. CUPID'S CRUSADER will rally from the back of the pack.

Eighth Race

1. Tirupati	2. Alpha Bella	3. Uncorked
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Runner-up in a G2 turf mile last out, ~TIRUPATI is the choice in this G3 turf mile. The consistent filly has tactical speed for a pressing trip; her only misfire was when she was overmatched in the G1 Matriarch. She hit the board 11 other starts. ~ALPHA BELLA goes dirt to turf, which is fine in theory. Although she raced only on dirt four starts in California, in-the-money in three graded stakes, she won a G3 on turf last year in Florida, so she has a right to run well on turf. However, her improvement since relocating to California coincides with a focus on dirt races. The move to turf follows a misfire in a G1 on dirt. These turf fillies are easier. ~UNCORKED ran like she needed the start last time, finishing fourth in the same race in which the top choice finished second. UNCORKED rallied, but flatted out while making her first start in four months. A G3 winner on the SA turf last spring, and runner-up in a pair of graded races at DMR, she should improve second start back.

Ninth Race

1. Tessuto	2. Touchdown Brown	3. Devil Among Us
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Lots of contenders in this N1X sprint including ~TESSUTO, who had a brutal trip last time in a similar spot. He was blocked and shuffled on the turn, blocked on the rail in the stretch, and eliminated. It was a toss race. Runner-up both previous starts at this level, TESSUTO might only need a clean trip to score a minor upset. ~TOUCHDOWN BROWN is on a roll, having won his last three starts and four of his last five. Although his last three wins were routes, he also can sprint. He won a relatively fast N3L claiming sprint at SA last fall. ~DEVIL AMONG US is speed; his last-out allowance win vs. Cal-breds was flattered when runner-up Lonesome Stew returned to win with a 94 Beyer. POSITIVITY finished in front of his top-choice stablemate both recent starts and will be rolling late. GRUBAUER, the surprising program favorite, faces a much tougher group than he dusted last out. Win or lose, 5-2 would be an underlay.

Tenth Race

1. Inner Fury	2. Velocity	3. Sunglow
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Irish import ~INNER FURY has trained as if she can fire first out in this turf sprint for maiden 3yo fillies. She finished a troubled fourth her only start last year in Ireland; she worked well this month since being listed as a vet scratch Feb. 16. The training-track workout by INNER FURY on March 23 was solid (viewed online). It looks like a "go" first start back. Second-time starter ~VELOCITY is a must-use. Even though her debut was okay, it was a highly rated dirt race and she probably needed the start. She worked well before and after that race, including a bullet work on the synthetic training track that suggests the switch to turf is acceptable. Regardless, she is expected to make a forward move second start back. Program favorite ~SUNGLOW finished a respectable third in her U.S. debut, and is eligible to improve second start back.