

SANTA ANITA - Racing Analysis – June 4**1st Race**

Hide My Heart is put up for sale for the first time and is returned to dirt after showing speed on the stretch-out March 29. She didn't pan out too well after Sadler and Hronis Racing bought her out of her Maiden win 13 months ago, but she seems too much for this group. This trip has been kind of off-pace runners recently and Warren's Dixi Bell should appreciate today's longer test. The mid-packer keeps Bejarano and may be finishing best of all. Yawannagokid improved to chase 'Bell home May 8 and is making comeback start #3. She can improve again.

2nd Race

Old Man Lake lost a headbob for the show when stepped up to face this kind off the claim April 26. He's run well in all three starts since coming off the bench in March, as he scored back-to-back claiming wins before his April 26 jail run for Becerra. Becerra has had some genuine success with claimed horses that he's running for the second time. 'Lake plots on top and owns the best last-race Final Time Rating (131). Missing Groom was 2nd with this kind March 13 before chasing 'Lake home in 5th April 26. He's a contender as is the lightly-raced sprinter With the Breeze. He was shipped to Mark Glatt and tried in an April 25 turf sprint. He chased throughout and finished evenly. He could end up the pacesetter in a race where none of these has been on the early lead in their recent races. Storm Comin Thru is stretched back out for comeback start #3 and the O'Neill runner has room to improve. Rolo Tamaci is routing on dirt for the first time. He did OK in a similar sprint back on Feb 8 and may be much better than the paper race suggests.

3rd Race

Pefiolo just missed when he was dropped like a rock and stretched out to face this kind for the first time May 9. He pressed the pace from the bell and re-rallied late to get into the win photo after the wire-to-wire winner had opened up into the stretch. Antinanco set the pace and held on OK vs. Starter foes when stretched out May 2. That was his second start since Diodoro claimed him out of his Feb 15 comeback win over \$20,000 Maiden-Claimers and this is likely where he fits best. He's the first alternative. This race opens up wide should those two falter late. Pax Tecum and Chester B are getting blinkers, while Ten Carat Rock and Surfer Moon are shedding them. All four have a right to improve. I Rock the Party is stretched back out and did OK routing in Phoenix. He can improve.

4th Race

The class par is 1:03.7 and our paper race winner, Curly Road, checks in in a projected 1:04.8. That's awfully slow for the class, so it makes sense to first look at the rookies and second-timers. Prince Valiant and Prince of Prague have trained well enough to be dangerous and, though neither hails from a barn that excels with rookies, their works suggest that they have ability. I'm Zonin and Born to Serve are the once-raced entrants. 'Zonin has worked well since flashing brief speed in his May 17 debut and, while both can improve, 'Zonin arguably has better odds-beating potential. Gravity Force missed all of 2014 after showing speed in his two starts as a 2-year-old. He was dead on the board in his May 2 return, but has worked fast since raced and Baltas's #1 rider takes over. He could look much improved and also give Bejarano a rare \$12 + winner. He'll share HF 20 status.

5th Race

Mint Julep Taffy and Miss Gridley finished 3-5 debuting with this kind May 7. The top two finishers from that race looked like pretty good ones, and the runner-up did come right back to win her next start. Miss Gridley went off favored that day and dueled for a half mile before tiring. She could be tighter and tougher to pass the second time around, and she gets the HF 15a. Mint Julip Taffy could also improve with a race in the books and would be no surprise. Rookies Wildcat Kelli and Gomo appear to merit tote and post parade checks. Wildcat Kelli has win-early breeding and strong connections, so she could be fitter than her four works might suggest. Gomo is by a very good up and coming win-early sire (Uncle Mo) and she tipped her hand with a 46.8 gate drill May 17. O'Neill has popped with two of his last three debuting juveniles in our study, too, so Gomo might add to those totals.

6th Race

Zuzu's Petals finished in the money in four straight with this kind before her last three races with Cal-bred Allowance foes. She's been off the board in her last two, but was still beaten less than three lengths. She'll have blinkers removed and could get the right trip tucked in behind all the speed. She's our HF 15a. Ivana Beat Yabad and Keezheekoni are barnmates that plot 1-2 in the charting. Ivana beat \$50,000 Maiden-Claimers in a highly-rated affair May 8. It was a race taken off the turf, though, so that inflated Final Time Rating might not be completely accurate. She does show a rising numbers pattern, though, so she definitely merits respect. Keezheekoni dominated \$50,000 Maiden-Claimers March 12, but then ran 2nd to weaker \$25,000 non-winners of two claimers May 8. She's a big threat on her best day. Blind Dreams earned a modest rating when beating \$20,000 Maiden-Claimers May 14. She did win by seven lengths that day in her first start for Pender, and she also could get a perfect trip stalking the speed. Mothernaturespell set the pace and faded to 3rd routing with this kind May 10. She easily beat \$30,000 non-winners sprinting April 17, though, so she's a threat with the cut back in distance.

7th Race

We flat out think this is Footstepsinbronze's race to win. He ran well with softer last year and beat bottom-level Allowance foes before hitting the shelf Aug 30. In his comeback race with this kind he caught a 'good' turf course that might have been tiring, and he had to settle for a deadheat 2nd with Calm Pacific May 8. The turf should be firm today, and he should improve in his second off the layoff. He's also catching what looks like a questionable field on paper, especially at a mile, so he's our HF 15. Jules Journey has finished 3rd in three straight with this kind and tops the charting off his highly-rated last effort March 27. He's hardly a world-beater, but could win if the top choice runs less than his best. Calm Pacific looks like a contender off his deadheat 2nd with our top choice May 8, but his previous three tries with this kind were just okay. We really don't see him beating Footsteps today. Bench Light and Home School are class fits, but Bench Light might be better at longer distances, while Home School just seems like a minor award type at this level.

8th Race

The day ends with a pretty suspect field. Christianas Mirage was over a 100/1 when next to last in a turf sprint Cal-bred straight Maidens May 16. However, she tops the charting off her 3rd with \$50,000 Maiden-Claimers in a dirt route, and she's never raced this cheaply. We'll give her a lukewarm HF 15a. Ipray is sent long after two decent sprints, the last at this level May 8. She adds blinkers and deserves a look. Not Tonight was claimed by Agarie when a distant 4th with \$30,000 non-winners sprinting May 3. She showed some signs of life that day, and her new barn has had success first off the claim and at this meet. We'd like to call her a longshot, but she might take action in this suspect field. West Coast Storm ran poorly with this kind sprinting in her first start for Armstrong April 24. She did finish 2nd for Chambers sprinting with optional \$30,000 Maiden-Claimers at Turf Paradise Feb 22, and she's worked well since her last race. Perhaps she'll rebound in her first route. She's our HF 20.