

DEL MAR full card + SAR stakes for Saturday (8-27-22)
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DMR Weather: Partly Cloudy. High 76. **DMR Best Bets (races 3, 7, 9)**

DMR Pick 4-5 Spread Tickets included in .pdf file

Del Mar Recap for Friday (8-26-22)

Fast main track and firm turf course. Three front running winners on dirt (8f, 8f, 6f). On the turf course, an outside stalker graduated in the 5f opener, a stalker earned his diploma at 8f, a closer graduated at 8f, and a stalker broke her maiden at one mile (rail at 24 feet).

Doug O'Neill saddled three winners.

August 26 Claims: Race 2 - Secret Square (\$8k, Steve Knapp), She's So Pretty (\$8k, Resharn Creque). **Race 5** - Annie Graham (\$20k, Jeff Mullins), Flat Out Joy (\$20k, Charles Treece), Larimar (\$20k, Steve Knapp). **Race 7** - Man Oh Man (\$50k, Doug O'Neill). **Race 8** - Dear Beau (\$50k, Doug O'Neill).

The 20 cent Rainbow 6 pool was **\$179,813**, and multiple tickets with six winners paid **\$1,438.62**. The jackpot carryover stands at **\$233,752**.

Del Mar Full Card Highlights for Friday (8-26-22)

DMR 1 AH JEEZ (\$8.60), Exacta (\$20.00)

Double (races 1-2, \$26.40)

DMR 3 Carmel Road/Riverside/Hard to Figure Trifecta

(\$45.00)

Pick 3 (races 1-3, \$94.20)

DMR 5 ANNIE GRAHAM (\$5.00), Quinella (\$11.20)

Double (races 5-6, \$26.00)

DMR 7 MAN OH MAN (DMR Best Bet #2, \$6.80), Quinella (\$18.60)

Double (races 6-7, \$24.80)

Pick 3 (races 5-7, \$78.40)

Double (races 7-8, \$52.00)

Pick 3 (races 6-8, \$228.00)

Late Pick 4 (races 5-8, \$761.00)

SAR 10 SOMELIKEITHOTBROWN (\$7.60)

*Full card highlights based on \$2 wagers unless otherwise noted.

August 27 Picks:

DMR 1 (CIm-16k, 8f)

Primary - #2 HOLIDAY AROUSAL, #5 Wall Street Trader

Secondary - #6 Monologue, #1 Westphal

Wagers: #2 to win, Exacta Box 2-5, Trifecta

2-5/1-2-5-6/1-2-5-6

\$1 Place Pick ALL (races 1-10):

2-5/2-5/1/1-4/7/2/8/3-6/8/4 (\$16)

Comments: **#2 Holiday Arousal** (4-1) won his last two starts at this distance including a surface switching score in his first start after the Wong claim Aug. 4. He will need

to run a bit faster to win this but that is certainly possible. Berrios is a profitable route rider and the lightly raced gelding has some upside. **#5 Wall Street Trader** (5-2) won by the length of the stretch in his LRC \$20k graduation run at 8f June 25, and dueled through quick splits and faded to last in a local starter allowance extended sprint Aug. 13. He is down in class and back at his winning distance, and leading rider Hernandez clicks with Sadler. **#6 Monologue** (2-1) is another one of those Diodoro recent claims shipping in from the Midwest and dropping in class. He fits with these based on the speed rating he earned in his nose victory vs. \$30k/2L foes at 8.5f May 27 (show finisher next-out winner). **#1 Westphal** (5-1) stretched out and graduated in a flat mile \$20k affair at LRC July 9, and finished 4th by a length at this course/distance Aug. 6. Apprentice Alsagoor strings along and he figures to save ground stalking the pace.

DMR 2 (Mcl-50k, CA-bred, 5.5f)

Primary - #2 START THEM UP, #6 The Big Cheeseola

Secondary - #5 King Zog, #8 Candy's Wildcat, #7 Reef City

Wagers: #2 to win, Quinella 2/5-6, Superfecta 2-6/2-5-6/ALL/2-5-6-7-8

Comments: **#2 Start Them Up** (6-1) is a first timer for Pederson and he is sending out live runners at DMR and shows a profit with his debut maiden claiming starters. Upstart is a decent win early sire and dam has tossed three winners from five starters. He had a local 3f gate move Aug. 22. **#6 The Big Cheeseola** (4-1) was bumped early, sat in midpack, and never got seriously involved in

his state bred MSW 8T bow Aug. 11. Yakteen is strong with special weight droppers. **#5 King Zog** (5-2) pressed from post 10, led, and missed by a head vs. \$32k maiden claimers in his course/distance bow Aug. 11. Apprentice Bailey stays put and he figures to attend the pace. **#8 Candy's Wildcat** (3-1) broke slow, chased outside, and was clearly second best as the favorite in his local bow vs. this kind July 31, and Hess Jr. claimed him that day. He adds blinkers and Maldonado rides back. **#7 Reef City** (6-1) broke a step slow from the inside post and was best of the rest 3rd in the same race Candy's Wildcat exits. He gets a better post and Rispoli will probably try to get him involved a bit earlier if he gets out of the gate in good order.

DMR 3 (OC-20k/1x, CA-bred, 8.5T) - [DMR Best Bet](#)
Primary - #1 EMERALD LAKE, #2 Youte
Secondary - #4 Sky On Ice, #7 Callhercontessa
Wagers: #1 to win, Exacta 1/2-4-7, Exacta 2-4-7/1

Comments: **#1 Emerald Lake** (2-1) ran well in all five turf starts at this distance. She exits a wide runner-up finish from post 11 as the beaten favorite at this course and distance July 31, and she reconnects with Rispoli and might move up in her second start after a layoff for Miller. She figures to save ground stalking the pace this time. **#2 Youte** (4-1) dueled through above par splits from post 10 before weakening to 5th of 12 in her first turf route July 31. This is her second start after a layoff and she reunites with her winning pilot Hernandez, and she can contend here if she is more relaxed this time. **#4 Sky On Ice** (5-2) picks up profitable turf rider Berrios and she might move up

second after a layoff. This is her winning distance but she is 0-for-4 at DMR. **#7 Callhercontessa** (6-1) stretched out and switched to turf second time out at this course/ distance July 29, and she set a fast pace and kept on going. Mathis has been sending out live runners all summer long and she might be the target under Maldonado.

DMR 4 (Mcl-50k, CA-bred, 5.5f)

Primary - #1 STANFORD MAN, #4 Montana

Secondary - #2 Geezer, #3 Cathedral Light, #5 Buffalo Run, #7 Honcho Crouch

Wagers: #1 to win, Quinella 1/2-4, Trifecta 1-4/1-2-4/1-2-3-4-5-7

Comments: **#1 Stanford Man** (4-1) took money in his local bow in a similar spot and he sat in midpack and ended up a disappointing last. This is his first start as a gelding and he might look much improved for recently hot trainer Wong. **#4 Montana** (6-1) did not have the best start or trip in his local MSW bow July 23, and the top two finishers from that heat are decent sorts (The Big Wam, Kangaroo Court). Curatolo rides back for Hess Jr. and better seems possible. **#2 Geezer** (5-1) is a first timer for decent debut maiden claiming trainer Palma. He has an okay win early pedigree and his last three local works were from the gate. **#3 Cathedral Light** (7-2) is a first timer for Hollendorfer and three of his five local moves were from the gate. I would not be surprised if he came out running under Cedillo. **#5 Buffalo Run** (6-1) is a Danzing Candy debut runner for Lewis and he is working steadily for this. His last five moves were at DMR including a 5f gate drill Aug.

15. **#7 Honcho Crouch** (5-1) is a Grazen gelding for Miyadi and his last four local works were from the gate.

DMR 5 (CIm-25k/2L, 7f)

Primary - #7 WARREN'S QUEEN BEE, #4 For Love Not Money

Secondary - #2 Darling Donna, #3 Back On the Street

Wagers: #7 to win, Trifecta 4-7/2-3-4-7/2-3-4-7, Trifecta 2-4-7/2-4-7/3

**20 cent Rainbow Pick 6 Ticket (Races 5-10):
2-4-7/2-7/4-8/3-6/8-9/4-5-9 (\$28.80)**

Comments: **#7 Warren's Queen Bee** (3-1) is 1-for-11 with six minor awards. She stalked and scored in a CA-bred \$50k maiden claimer at 6.5f in her tenth start May 30, and was a flat 6th of 10 vs. local starter allowance foes at 6f Aug. 7. Her new rider Bravo will probably put her in a decent stalking position, and she will probably enjoy seven panels. **#4 For Love Not Money** (3-1) stalked outside and graduated in a \$20k affair under Cedillo at 6f March 20. She dueled and finished 5th at 6.5f May 20, and stretched out on turf and finished an even 4th at one mile June 12. She is back in a preferred dirt sprint and her winning rider is back aboard, and she might work out a decent tactical trip. **#2 Darling Donna** (5-2) dropped into a bottom level \$20k maiden claimer and aired in a fast local 5.5f score Aug. 7. Ellingwood is probably sending her to the front again and she is dangerous if able to shake loose on the lead in this extended sprint. **#3 Back On the Street** (6-1) earned an okay speed rating in a runner-up finish vs. \$16k/2L foes at 6.5f July 31. She might be able to rally for a share if able to run two alike.

DMR 6 (Mcl-50k, CA-bred, 6f)

Primary - #2 ALWAYS LITT, #7 Queen's Code

Secondary - #3 Dadstar, #8 Big Gun

Wagers: #2 to win, Exacta Box 2-7, Trifecta

2-7/2-3-7-8/2-3-7-8

Comments: **#2 Always Litt** (4-1) dropped in for a tag, stalked the pace, got stuck in traffic, and missed by a length in a solid local effort under Hernandez Aug. 6. His second maiden claiming start and second local outing might be the ticket. **#7 Queen's Code** (7-2) landed the place in back-to-back MSW turf sprints on May 30 and June 19, and chased and finished an okay 5th of 11 in a local 8T affair July 28. He switches surfaces, returns to a preferred sprint, and Bravo hops aboard. **#3 Dadstar** (6-1) finished an improved 2nd when last seen at LRC December 2021. He adds lasix and will probably show speed under apprentice Alsagoor. **#8 Big Gun** (4-1) missed 2nd by a head as the beaten favorite in her SA bow Jan. 15. He sports six local works for this and his last two were from the gate.

DMR 7 (OC-40k/2x, 5T) - [DMR Best Bet](#)

Primary - #8 WOODBINE WAY, #4 Lexington Humor

Secondary - #2 Shes'a Perfectlady, #11 Baby Steps, #12 Fulminate

Wagers: #8 to win, Quinella 8/2-4, Trifecta

4-8/2-4-8-11-12/2-4-8-11-12

Comments: **#8 Woodbine Way** (9-2) won two turf sprints last year at TAM (5T) and WO (7T). She shipped to the

Powell barn and struggled in two turf sprints at SA, and bounced back with a good runner-up finish at this course and distance from the inside post Aug. 4. Outer posts have been strong in local turf sprints this summer and she attracts Hernandez. **#4 Lexington Humor** (5-1) fired in all three career starts. She romped in her all-weather bow, chased and missed the place by a neck at 6.5T, and set the pace and held the place in a local dirt sprint Aug. 6 (blinkers on). Rispoli stays put and this abbreviated trip should be to her liking. Wong has been on a roll recently. **#2 Shes'a Perfectlady** (5-1) won her last three turf sprints at SA (6T, 6T, 6.5T). She should get pace to chase. **#11 Baby Steps** (6-1) set the pace and ended up a 1/2 length behind Woodbine Way last time. She should be right there from the outset. **#12 Fulminate** (6-1) is a 3-time turf sprint winner at this trip. Miller has her now and she should impact the pace under Bravo.

DMR 8 (OC-80k/2x, 6f)

Primary - #6 APPREHEND, #3 Kid Corleone

Secondary - #4 Letsgetlucky, #2 Fashionably Fast, #1 Desmond Doss

Wagers: #6 to win, Quinella 6/3-4, Trifecta

1-2-3-6/1-2-3-6/4

Comments: **#6 Apprehend** (3-1) ended 2021 with a MSW win at OP and started 2022 with a victory at SA June 17. He stalked, led, and was tagged by his classy stablemate C Z Rocket July 23 and Bravo knows him now. He earned an improved speed rating last time and projects a decent stalking trip in his third start after a layoff. **#3 Kid Corleone** (5-2) won both local dirt sprints at 6.5f. He wired

the field in his maiden win last fall and pressed and smartly scored in his July 22 return. Hernandez rides back and he should attend the pace. **#4 Letsgetlucky** (3-1) always finishes in the top three. He hit the board in his last two graded dirt sprints and this is his winning distance. He landed the show in all four local outings. **#2 Fashionably Fast** (5-1) is a consistent CA-bred gelding with a good record at this course and distance. He is back in a preferred sprint for recently hot trainer Pederson. **#1 Desmond Doss** (4-1) won his last two state bred stakes starts at SA and LRC. This is his first local outing.

DMR 9 (G1 Pat O'Brien, 7f) - [DMR Best Bet](#)
Primary - #9 DEFUNDED, #8 Speaker's Corner
Secondary - #7 Laurel River, #2 Principe Carlo
Wagers: #9 to win, Exacta Box 8-9, Trifecta 7-8-9/7-8-9/2

Comments: **#9 Defunded** is interesting on the cut back. He graduated in a dirt sprint March 2021 and completed the exacta in the Affirmed (G3) and Los Alamitos Derby (G3) later that same year. He set the pace and was clearly second best in the Gold Cup (G1) May 30, and carved out the splits and weakened to 7th place in the San Diego (G2) July 30. Outside lanes were best July 30 and Defunded was stuck inside and ran some fast internal fractions in a better than appears effort. Cedillo sticks with the early-pressing type and Baffert excels with the blinkers off move. **#8 Speaker's Corner** ships in for Bill Mott and he is the most accomplished runner in this field. He rattled off wins in the Fred Hooper (G3), GP Mile (G2), and Carter (G1) earlier this year, and was 3rd behind Flightline and

Happy Saver in the Met Mile (G1). Last time, he ran into Life Is Good and was clearly second best in the Nerud (G2). The classy early-pressing type drew well and is strictly the one to beat on his best day. **#7 Laurel River** steps way up in class for Baffert after back-to-back local romps at one mile. The lightly raced Into Mischief colt should impact the pace in just his second outing since September 2021. **#2 Principe Carlo** (15-1) landed the place in the San Carlos (G2) and Triple Bend (G2) at 7f earlier this year at 16-1 and 13-1. The three-time local winner is back at his preferred trip after chasing and weakening in the Bing Crosby (G1) at 6f.

DMR 10 (CIm-32k, 8.5T)

Primary - #4 BORDER TOWN, #9 Sword Zorro

Secondary - #5 Cono, #7 Table for Ten, #1 Cleopatra's Strike

Wagers: #4 to win, Trifecta 4-5-9/1-4-5-7-9/1-7

50 cent Super High Five: 4/5-9/1-5-7-9/1-5-7-9/1-5-7-9 (\$6.00)

Comments: **#4 Border Town** (4-1) has been barn hopping since the spring and Maker has him now. He completed the trifecta in three of his last four claiming turf routes and might be able to get over the hump with Rispoli in the saddle. **#9 Sword Zorro** (3-1) competed in the stakes ranks in six of eight starts in this country. He won the Singletary and La Jolla (G3) last year and tailed off after that. **#5 Cono** (7-2) drops back to the \$32k level and he missed by a nose vs. this kind last summer. He needed his \$50k return Aug. 13 and Hernandez stays put. **#7 Table for Ten** (15-1) dropped to this level and finished an

uncomfortable 5th of 11 at 8T July 29. He has won here before and Berrios is a quality turf rider. **#1 Cleopatra's Strike** (8-1) figures to save ground behind the speed and might rally for a share.

Rolling Daily Double & Pick 3 Contenders – in order of preference:

- 1 (2-5-6-1)
- 2 (2-6-5-8-7)
- 3 (1-2-4-7)
- 4 (1-4-2-3-5-7)
- 5 (7-4-2-3)
- 6 (2-7-3-8)
- 7 (8-4-2-11-12)
- 8 (6-3-4-2-1)
- 9 (9-8-7-2)
- 10 (4-9-5-7-1)

ROLLING DAILY DOUBLE/PICK 3 WAGERING STRATEGIES

For \$2 Rolling Doubles and 50 cent Pick 3 tickets, key the top choice in each race to all other contenders. See examples below:

\$2 Double (Race 1-2):

Ticket 1 (2-2)

Ticket 2 (2/2-5-6-7-8)

Ticket 3 (1-2-5-6/2)

\$2 Double (Races 2-3):

Ticket 1 (2-1)

Ticket 2 (2/1-2-4-7)

Ticket 3 (2-5-6-7-8/1)

50 cent Pick 3 (Race 1-3):

Ticket 1 (2-2-1)

Ticket 2 (2/2-5-6-7-8/1-2-4-7)

Ticket 3 (1-2-5-6/2/1-2-4-7)

Ticket 4 (1-2-5-6/2-5-6-7-8/1)

DMR Early Pick 5 Spread Tickets (races 1-5, Total Cost - \$46):

Ticket 1 Race 1: 2, 5 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7 Cost: \$4.00	Ticket 2 Race 1: 6, 1 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7 Cost: \$4.00	Ticket 3 Race 1: 2, 5 Race 2: 5, 8, 7 Race 3: 1 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7 Cost: \$6.00
Ticket 4 Race 1: 2, 5 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 2, 4, 7 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7 Cost: \$12.00	Ticket 5 Race 1: 2, 5 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1 Race 4: 2, 3, 5, 7 Race 5: 7 Cost: \$8.00	Ticket 6 Race 1: 2, 5 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 4, 2, 3 Cost: \$12.00

DMR Early Pick 4 Spread Tickets (races 2-5, Total Cost - \$48):

Ticket 1 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1, 2 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7, 4 Cost: \$8.00	Ticket 2 Race 2: 5, 8, 7 Race 3: 1, 2 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7, 4 Cost: \$12.00	Ticket 3 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 4, 7 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 7, 4 Cost: \$8.00
Ticket 4 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1, 2 Race 4: 2, 3, 5, 7 Race 5: 7, 4 Cost: \$16.00	Ticket 5 Race 2: 2, 6 Race 3: 1, 2 Race 4: 1, 4 Race 5: 2 Cost: \$4.00	

DMR Late Pick 5 Spread Tickets (races 6-10, Total Cost - \$48):

Ticket 1 Race 6: 2, 7 Race 7: 8 Race 8: 6, 3 Race 9: 9 Race 10: 4, 9 Cost: \$4.00	Ticket 2 Race 6: 3, 8 Race 7: 8 Race 8: 6, 3 Race 9: 9 Race 10: 4, 9 Cost: \$4.00	Ticket 3 Race 6: 2, 7 Race 7: 4, 2, 11, 12 Race 8: 6, 3 Race 9: 9 Race 10: 4, 9 Cost: \$16.00
Ticket 4 Race 6: 2, 7 Race 7: 8 Race 8: 4, 2, 1 Race 9: 9 Race 10: 4, 9 Cost: \$6.00	Ticket 5 Race 6: 2, 7 Race 7: 8 Race 8: 6, 3 Race 9: 8, 7, 2 Race 10: 4, 9 Cost: \$12.00	Ticket 6 Race 6: 2, 7 Race 7: 8 Race 8: 6, 3 Race 9: 9 Race 10: 5, 7, 1 Cost: \$6.00

DMR Late Pick 4 Spread Tickets (races 7-10, Total Cost - \$48):

Ticket 1

Race 7: 8, 4
Race 8: 6, 3
Race 9: 9, 8
Race 10: 4, 9
Cost: \$8.00

Ticket 2

Race 7: 2, 11, 12
Race 8: 6, 3
Race 9: 9, 8
Race 10: 4, 9
Cost: \$12.00

Ticket 3

Race 7: 8, 4
Race 8: 4, 2, 1
Race 9: 9, 8
Race 10: 4, 9
Cost: \$12.00

Ticket 4

Race 7: 8, 4
Race 8: 6, 3
Race 9: 7, 2
Race 10: 4, 9
Cost: \$8.00

Ticket 5

Race 7: 8, 4
Race 8: 6, 3
Race 9: 9, 8
Race 10: 5, 7
Cost: \$8.00

BONUS STAKES FROM SARATOGA

SAR 8 (G1 Allen Jerkens, 7f)

Primary - #6 JACK CHRISTOPHER

Secondary - #9 Accretive, #1 Conagher, #8 Gunite

Wagers: Exacta 6-9, Trifecta Key 6/1-8-9

50 cent All-Stakes Pick 4 (races 8-11):

6/5/1-3-6-7/1-5-6-7-8 (\$10)

50 cent All-Stakes Pick 4 (races 8-11):

6/1-2-3-5/6/1-5-6-7-8 (\$10)

50 cent All-Stakes Pick 4 (races 8-11):

6/1-2-3-5/1-3-6-7/8 (\$8)

50 cent All-Stakes Pick 4 (races 8-11):

1-6-9/2-3-5/3-6/6-8 (\$18)

Comments: **#6 Jack Christopher** (9-5) could not quite see out the 9f distance in the Haskell (G1). He was a clear 3rd that day and is back in a preferred sprint. He is 4-for-4 around one turn. He easily won his local bow at 6f last

summer, and he cruised in the Champagne (G1), Pat Day Mile (G2), and Woody Stephens (G1). He figures to press while out in the clear and will probably win this as the deserving favorite for Ortiz/Brown.

SAR 9 (G1 Personal Ensign, 9f)

Primary - #5 MALATHAAT, #3 Clairiere

Secondary - #2 Search Results, #1 Letruska

Wagers: #5 to win, Trifecta Key 5/2-3

Comments: **#5 Malathaat** (5-2) has not been quite as sharp this year for Pletcher, but she always fires trifecta shots and this is her preferred trip. She fired a bullet for this Aug. 12 and might be ready to return to top form. She does not really fire bullets so that aforementioned bullet work stands out. She figures to stalk while out in the clear and the pace should be honest.

SAR 10 (G1 Sword Dancer, 12T)

Primary - #6 GUFO, #3 Broome

Secondary - #7 Tribhuvan, #1 Adhamo

Wagers: #6 to win, Exacta Box 3-6, Trifecta 3-6/1-3-6-7/1-3-6-7

Comments: **#6 Gufo** (9-2) puts blinkers back on and might be ready to defend his title. He finished out of the trifecta for just the second time in eighteen outings when finishing 5th in the United Nations (G1) July 23. He can bounce back in this spot if he gets pace to chase. **#3 Broome** (3-1) closed, led, and settled for the place in the BC Turf (G1) last fall. He was a G1 winner in France last year and won a G2 in Great Britain two months ago. His winning

rider Ryan Moore is in to ride and he is probably the one to beat. **#7 Tribhuvan** (5-1) is dangerous when he gets out there and has his mind on running. He did just that in the Fort Marcy (G2) and United Nations (G1) last year, and in the Manhattan (G1) this year. He is a bit inconsistent and this race might be a bit too far, but he fits with these on his best day. **#1 Adhamo** (7-2) exits a nice win in the United Nations (G1). He has not quite lived up to the hype since arriving in this country but his last was a step in the right direction. He should save all the ground behind the speed for the productive Prat/Brown team.

SAR 11 (G1 Travers, 10f)

Primary - #8 ZANDON, #6 Epicenter

Secondary - **#7 Early Voting, #5 Artorius, #1 Cyberknife**

Wagers: #8 to win, Exacta Box 6-8, Trifecta

1-5-7-8/6/1-5-7-8

Comments: **#8 Zandon** (5-1) finished behind Epicenter three times but there seems to be more in the tank for the lightly raced colt. He was excellent in the Blue Grass (G2) and finished a solid 3rd in the Kentucky Derby (G1). He was second in a sneaky good prep for this in the Jim Dandy and might be sitting on a top effort. **#6 Epicenter** (7-5) fired exacta shots in his last eight starts and he is a four-time stakes winner. The Derby and Preakness runner-up bounced back with a sharp win in the Jim Dandy (G2), and a win here would be no surprise. He has lost his sharp early-pressing speed recently and that is a concern. **#7 Early Voting** (8-1) surprisingly wilted after controlling the pace in the Jim Dandy. He beat Epicenter as my top choice in the Preakness (G1) and should offer

value. He might be able to control the tempo and should be fitter in his second start after a layoff. **#5 Artorius** (9-2) dominated the restricted Curlin in just his third lifetime start. He has plenty of upside for Chad Brown and leading rider Ortiz Jr. stays put. He will probably stalk the pace in his longest and toughest test yet. **#1 Cyberknife** (9-2) got a great inside trip behind the speed in the Haskell (G1). Race favorite Jack Christopher could not get 9f and Taiba was wide and probably best that day. He lands the inside post again and should save all the ground while within striking range throughout.