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BEST BET: Wishtheyallcouldbe (7th race)

First Race

1. Farley Hall

2. Freedom of Speech

3. Bob's Kid

An improved second start by **FARLEY HALL**, who was gelded following his debut, stamps the 2yo the one to beat dropping from special-weight to maiden-32 and returning to a dirt sprint. He ran okay last out in a turf mile; he pressed the pace while wide and hung tough to the top of the lane before calling it quits. He meet easier, and though the inside post is a challenge, his rivals are modest at best. **FREEDOM OF SPEECH** also drops to maiden-claiming after finishing off the board three MSW starts. **BOB'S KID** set the pace to inside the eighth pole in his debut before tiring to fifth. It was a respectable effort; he will be forwardly placed in this relatively paceless race. SIR NANO has a little bit of speed. This field is soft.

Second Race

1. We the Hobby

2. Rosa Parks

3. Pavel's Etoile

Similar to many runners sired by Om, **WE THE HOBBY** improved when she switched to a turf sprint. She chased the speed from second/third, kept to her task, and fought back to hold second. She returns in a similar turf sprint for Cal-bred maidens, shortens from six furlongs to five, and might be the speed of the field. The turf rails are at the outermost 30-foot setting; 3 of the 5 rails-at-30 turf sprints this meet were won by the pacesetter. **ROSA PARKS** ran okay finishing fourth in her debut in the same race. She chased three-wide and ran evenly. Maidens from this stable generally improve with racing. 'PARKS is the second runner produced by multiple stakes winner S Y Sky; her first runner (Jane Kendeigh) is a seven-start maiden with six in-the-money finishes. Six-start maiden **PAVEL'S ETOILE** ran third in the same race as the top pair. She will clunk along late. GUILTYOFHAVINGFUN showed speed and tired first out. She is another eligible to improve, while TRICKITFULT makes her debut for trainer Ryan Hanson, whose last four first-time starters in DMR turf sprints include winners Fomo Joe (\$11.80 on Sunday) and Only Reputation (\$50.40 on Aug. 29). This race is a split of race 6.

Third Race

1. Ready to Pounce

2. Touchdown Brown

3. Speed Grazy

Contention runs deep in this \$32k claiming dirt route. Six of the seven entered have a legitimate shot. **READY TO POUNCE** returns to the DMR surface on which he scored a highly rated win for \$25k in September. His next two starts can be disregarded. One was a N1X allowance, the other a sprint. Back to two turns, back with claiming company, he has natural speed to be forwardly placed. If her runs back to his Sept. 5 win over the track, he can win. **TOUCHDOWN BROWN** stretches out and returns to dirt after a tough-trip ninth in a turf sprint. 'BROWN ran fast winning a dirt sprint two back; he has won running long. **SPEED GRAZY** finally broke through to win a Calbred N1X in his 11th try. His figures fit at this claiming level. Comebacker ROYAL 'N RANDO drops and switches to dirt; SAQEEL missed by only a neck against similar last month; EL REY DORADO has speed; MONGOLIAN ALTAI is the longest shot in the field.

Fourth Race

1. Will Be

2. Tizz a Good Thing

3. Belmont Bill

Although turf is an uncertainty for **WILL BE**, he figures for an up-front trip dropping in class from N1X to starter allowance/optional claiming. The field he faced last out in his first try on turf was tougher than this; he got stalled on the turn before finishing evenly. This field is easier, he moves from the rail to an outside post and really does not face much other speed. **TIZZ A GOOD THING** adds blinkers, drops from a tougher Cal-bred allowance and gets a rider switch. His third-place finish over the DMR turf sprint course in summer puts him in the picture. **BELMONT BILL** is a 1-for-19 gelding with seven seconds. Though he has been stuck at this level for a while, he usually finishes close and has an up-front style that suits the race. Not much speed signed up, other than WILL BE and BELMONT BILL, though comebacker TEDDY'S TRIUMPH has a little bit of gas.

Fifth Race

1. Guitar Girl

2. Running Super

3. She's No Angel

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Runner-up her last two starts vs. similar maiden-40 fillies and mares, **GUITAR GIRL** is due for a maiden win. She has speed and moves from the rail to an outside post (5 of 7). **RUNNING SUPER** finished a length and a half behind the top choice; 'SUPER did not have a great trip. She was sandwiched in a duel, unable to keep pace, dropped back and went evenly. Not bad, not great. She gets a seven-pound weight break from the top choice. **SHE'S NO ANGEL** drops to maiden-40 for her first start in more than three months. She faced good company in three MSW starts early this year. There are no stars in this maiden-claiming field. Comebacker MATINA has speed and goes turf to dirt; ABOVE ALL ELSE goes route to sprint, turf to dirt and has run races on turf fast enough for this maiden-claiming race on dirt.

Sixth Race

1. Lil' Boom Boom 2. Only After Midnite 3. Freya

This turf sprint for Cal-bred 2yo maiden fillies is a split of race 2. Four-time runner-up **LIL' BOOM BOOM** returns from a two and one-half month break and switches surfaces. Although progeny of Stay Thirsty generally prefer dirt, they can run on turf. The filly's dirt races suggest she is good enough to win from slightly off the pace. **ONLY AFTER MIDNITE** returns to one turn after she pressed and faded in a turf route. Her midpack debut two back was better than looked. She had trouble early and split the field. The race produced three next-out winners and a next-out stakes runner-up. **FREYA** ran like she needed the start last time out, fifth of eight in a turf sprint at Santa Anita. She is likely to improve. MISO PHANSY was produced by a dam who won her career debut at \$63; the dam produced G2 turf winner Cheekaboo. Although maidens from this this stable typically race their way into shape rather than fire first out, the works of 'PHANSY look good on paper and 2yo debut progeny of Karakontie have won at an above-average 18 percent clip according to Formulator.

Seventh Race

1. Wishtheyallcouldbe 2. Barbera 3. Nene Diamond

WISHTHEYALLCOULDBE has won this Cal-bred allowance condition five times including both recent starts. She is entered for the \$20k optional claim tag. A four-time winner over the DMR track, she returns from a two-and-a-half month break with sharp works and a versatile style to create her own trip. **BARBERA** is the one to catch. She wired N3L claiming rivals two back, then last out at this level set a fast pace, had a four-length lead at the eighth pole, and got collared. The speedster will try to wire the field. Five of the 10 dirt sprints this meet at six furlongs were won by the pacesetter. **NENE DIAMOND** switches to dirt after winning the Cal-bred turf condition last out. The lightly raced filly won a maiden dirt race in her debut last year, so the surface switch is not an issue. BOLD CHOICE will rally late at a price, switching to a hot jockey. Kazushi Kimura won more races (6-for-26) the past two weeks than any rider. He enters the week tied for fifth in the meet standings.

Eighth Race

1. Sbagliato	2. Mega Moon	3. Thirty Four Coupe
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SBAGLIATO missed by a neck at this N3L claiming level last out going a mile and one-eighth. Although this shorter one-mile distance is a challenge for a deep closer, he has won at this distance and will be rolling late. Rails-at-30 not a big deal this meet for closers at a mile on turf; three of the seven winners rallied from the back, and only one winner set the pace. **MEGA MOON**, off nearly three months, finished first or second in four of five turf starts at DMR. **THIRTY FOUR COUPE** is speed, stretching back out second off the claim. FLINT STROLL has run races that give him a longshot look from the back of the pack.

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