



# Handicapping Analysis

## Fri January 17th, 2025

### Emily's Analysis

#### Fair Grounds Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 GOLDEN CITY moves up naturally on the class drop and fin the second start of the meet after a WIDE NO\_PUSH trip back on 12/20. The change in class moved up #2 SECRET WIDE on 1/1 earning a follow to IMPROVE from the WIDE MOVE after the SLOG.

#### Fair Grounds Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 NATIVE STAR finds a positive change in class and STRETCH out in distance to move up naturally off the prior races this season. A similar upgrade in terms of class for #8 JACKSON D making a belated return to the dirt and based on the maiden form on the main track should be able to hold their current form with today's surface switch.

The change in distance is an unknown for #7 HARPES HILL stretching out for just the second time in their career. The only other route race was in MSW company where class and race flow played a factor and tough to hold the distance alone against them in that case.

#### Fair Grounds Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#9 COIN MINOR can IMPROVE from the 1/1 start and returning from the WIDE CLOSE trip in this third start of the cycle. Today's condition is similar while in for the \$30k tag though finds a much softer race par than the event a few weeks ago and since returning from the layoff and the stakes races in prior seasons.

#### Fair Grounds Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#9 OAK HILL LG brings in current form for this third start off the layoff and change in class. The caught a higher par off the layoff in November and stretched out two weeks ago and can IMPROVE off that effort and MOVE X\_FLOW trip back to prior form and figures hat fit on par here.

#### Santa Anita Race 1

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 READY TO DATE finds some positive changes to move forward in this second start off the layoff and chasing open length and next out winner, Oveta's Hobby last month. The return to the turf is a positive while in MCL company (DROP, SHORTER from 9/6) and sticking with the sprint distance. The sprint race back in October presents upside given the TROUBLE trip on the day and figure that sits on the higher side of today's par.

## **Santa Anita Race 4**

**Post Time 4:00 PM CST**

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#6 SHARP RIDE looks well placed to get back to winning way with the change to claiming company and sifter par than the races from the summer to closing out 2024. The WIDE trip last month should present fitness and favorable runstyle in today's race shape. #4 SOLID TUNE also holds some buried form returning to the N3 claiming conditions where they have been compromised with prior "trips" an upgrade though requiring price compensation at the same time.

## **Santa Anita Race 5**

**Post Time 4:30 PM CST**

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 BEE CATCHER is cleverly placed in this spot as one that prior to the 12/6 claiming race could race protected in today's condition. That LRC race was not their ideal surface, upgraded with the move back to TURF and STRETCH from the 11/23 race - the connections looking to just get a race before the end of that meet.

## **Santa Anita Race 7**

**Post Time 5:30 PM CST**

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

With price compensation #5 GIRLCANTHELPIT is playable. They fit to compete in this spot and with today's race shape though a terrible gate horse with the pattern of SLOG going back to the debut and VSLOG compromising their two efforts against winners putting in a strong CLOSE and can IMPROVE off the race just 16-days ago.