Handicapping Analysis
Sat April 5th, 2025

Emily's Analysis

Santa Anita Race 1

Post Time 2:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 GOTTA SECRET makes a positive appearance training up to this race and off the visuals looks race ready. She brings in fitness and speed along with a turn of foot for today's surface and distance. The Sadler/Lezcano combination should be less obvious to the public though capable overall and in turf sprints - one of the work mates for GOTTA SECRET called Cat The Confidante (31-1) debuted on 3/15 under similar conditions finished a strong show with the top three together at the wire.

Santa Anita Race 2

Post Time 2:30 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The P. Miller pair bring in a speed figure and class edge. #3 R HEISMAN takes the drop from open company back to statebred and top form on this circuit - appears no worse for the wear with the connections shipping back and two week turnaround from the recent OP allowance. #6 STYLE CAT returns with a slight 48-day break from a consistent campaign starting off last June and racing every month since. They have held their own in statebred stakes company as well as over this course and distance while back in familiar hands with J. Hernandez aboard.

FTS #8 TITANIC THOMPSON has some run and physically suited to this extended sprint distance, though one that ultimately should show their best on the turf.

Santa Anita Race 3

Post Time 3:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 MOONLIT SONATA should be sitting on a peak effort for this second start off the layoff. They were able to establish fitness showing early speed forced to RUSH after TROUBLE_S/taking contact at the break. While they have tactical speed and honest effort holding in a BLANKET last month, they are not a need the lead type and land a tracking trip for this subtle change to the mile distance.

Trip will be key for #7 PACKS A WAHLOP though tough to ignore the back class as a 2x graded stakes winner on the turf during their juvenile season. While they did not progress to keep up on the level, they have continued to hold their form and figures from that time and placed where they can compete. Returning fresh today, does appear intent for the connections second off the claim and fresh from a 63-day layoff and back under similar conditions where they recorded a B OptixGRADE while X_FLOW on 12/28.

#3 GUY NAMED JOE follows a similar second off the layoff pattern and stretching back out to the mile distance. They should be fit after the SLOG and CLOSE under similar conditions last month with back numbers and class from the stakes races to fit on par. Their off the pace runstyle should be flattered with stablemate #5 MYSTIFICATION likely out to show early speed.

Santa Anita Race 5

Post Time 4:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

While route speed and sprint speed are two different animals, #1 OMAHA GIRL should be able to translate her recent X_FLOW route speed to this unique course and sprint distance especially with the complexion of this field and a chance to take the group gate to wire.

Santa Anita Race 7

Post Time 5:00 PM CST

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

FTS: #4 TIGHT SQUEEZE worked heads up with GOTTA SECRET (Race 1) and similar intent could follow splitting the two as they debut in this split division. #8 ADVERSE SELECTION also comes into this event race ready and positive visuals.

There is solid established form in this race from those that have run on the turf to support right back and can even upgrade #6 RIDEGOLD shifting to the TURF looking to IMPROVE from the 2/14 race and recorded a solid figure B OptixGRADE albeit slightly FLOW aided on debut.