

# Coast to Coast Pick 5 February 10 2024

## RACE 1



### Heaven Street

**DATE:** October 15 2023

**TRACK:** Keeneland

**DISTANCE:** 5 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

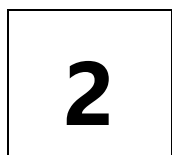
EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice quickness and speed to ease into the pocket early, traveled in a perfect stalking spot at the inside through the far turn before easing off the inside outside of the 1/4 pole (while following a lineup of three), and after a 3-4W trip into the the lane and leveling well when it mattered, earned a short lead and held firm in the final 1/16. A very good trip and game performance overall, he returns to turf racing after a couple of duds on different surfaces.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was FAST.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-)



### Coppola

**DATE:** December 31 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He broke inward and suffered a negative bump that could have cost him a little quickness, but the most important thing to note would be that he landed in a bad spot while pressing and from in-between rivals! He raced as the 'middle runner' in a lineup of three that raced down the backstretch and into the far turn, lost a little ground to the a rail runner that cut the corner beautifully into the stretch, but despite a willing finish through the lane, stalled in the late stages and was relegated to a minor award. A tough trip overall, a mild upgrade at a minimum seems appropriate.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Start (+) Bad spot (+) Pace casualty (+)



### That's Right

**DATE:** February 10 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:**

**SURFACE:**

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** N/A: LAYOFF

**RACE NOTE:**

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:**



### Panther Island

**DATE:** December 31 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He did suffer a negative bump leaving the gate could have cost a little quickness, but the remainder of the journey was PERFECT. He stalked a lineup of (3) that dueled leaving the backstretch, and after cruising at the inside through the far turn and finding a gap to split horses with a little less than 1F remaining, burst through the spot to take the lead close to home! A great trip throughout, we recommend downgrading this performance!

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Start (+) Good trip (-)



## Hope in Him

**DATE:** December 29 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Synthetic

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** The comment that he was bumped at the start is accurate, but also silly as the contact MEANT ZERO! He showed the best speed while being prompted by an outside rival throughout, but after setting FAST SPLITS and cutting the corner nicely into the lane to get away from the other speed, tired in the late stages to cough up the top positions. A trip that was tough for the level, he'll makes start #2 off of the long layoff and changes surfaces.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was FAST THROUGHOUT.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** VS pace / Pace pressure (+) Jockey downgrade (-)



## Eamonn

**DATE:** December 31 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was outquicked early, urged to play catch up while racing with the outer flow through the far turn, and after easing 3+W late in the far turn to be given a clear shot in the lane, finished willingly and with the best energy until he ran out of real estate. A solid try after a mostly neutral trip, he makes start #2 after the short break and a new jockey takes over.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Jockey downgrade (+)



## Carotari

**DATE:** January 5 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He broke well and was SENT for speed early, but failed to cross over as an inside runner that was a bit faster took control of the rail and the top spot down the backstretch. He pressed while 2+W through the far turn as these top (2) raced ~4L clear of their nearest rival, and although he tried to get past in the lane, he stalled and was forced to settle for place money. A poor turf trip throughout to press and deal with the outer flow (and centrifugal force) deserves a small nudge forward.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Poor turf trip (+)

## RACE 2



## Kerry Gold

**DATE:** January 12 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

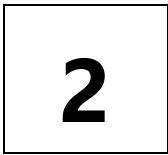
EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced widest of the small field through the clubhouse turn and settled just off the pace while in the clear down the backstretch, was eventually urged to gain while 4W through the far turn as the pace noticeably picked up, and after trying to hard to reach the runners to his inside in the lane, stalled a bit in the late stages. A wide trip vs the others, it's likely that the ground lost was more than enough to cost him the race, although it's difficult giving too much extra credit in such a small and compact field.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was SLOWER THAN NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: Slight front running

**SUMMARY:** Wide vs pace (+)



## Ship and Scam

**DATE:** January 19 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 7 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He targeted open air while inward and just off the pace for most of the race, cruised through the far turn while appearing strong and easing 2-3+W leading into the stretch, and after leveling and kicking at the top of the lane, finished STRONGLY to run down the race favorite as these top (2) separated themselves from the others. This was a solid performance that was 'vs the pace.'

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was a DAWDLE THROUGHOUT.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+)



## Divine Feminine

**DATE:** February 2 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** The PPs tell the story. He settled off the pace while taking in plenty of open air throughout, and was basically even while attempting to gain when 3W for most of the race. He did travel 'vs the pace' in this race, but he also never showed any meaningful advance and was outfinished by a runner that finished 2nd but was dead last early.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was SLOWER THAN NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+)



### El Rey Dorado

**DATE:** January 13 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 6 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice speed to emerge from in-between horses to take the lead down the backstretch, but once he made the top, he made no attempt to move inward, and a rail runner advanced late on the backstretch and moved to the lead into the far turn, which left him pressing from what had involved into a 3-across duel. He worked hard to press from in-between rivals as the far turn progressed, but eventually lost his spot and weakened through the lane. A below average ride and trip that was 'vs the pace' made for a tough trip overall. He takes on more ground today.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: None

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+) Bad spot (+)



### California Bay

**DATE:** November 4 2023

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/8 Miles

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He appeared to struggle to settle a bit when in-between rivals early, raced ~3+W through the first turn before racing wide down the backstretch, but after being asked to gain while 4W leaving the backstretch, almost immediately began to lose a little ground, and was never involved. A pace beneficiary that also traveled wide, we'll call the trip neutral overall, but it's hard to take seriously a race where he was grossly overmatched. He's freshened and moves to the dirt to try and win the same condition (but on a different surface) as he did two races back.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST / FAST.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: Slight / Strong outside

**SUMMARY:** Horse comfort (+) Wide (+) Pace beneficiary (-)



### Crypto Ride

**DATE:** February 10 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:**

**SURFACE:**

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** N/A: LAYOFF

**RACE NOTE:**

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:**



### Speed Grazy

**DATE:** January 12 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He rated kindly at the inside in this compact field throughout, appeared to be traveling quite well as the field journeyed through the far turn, and after opting to stay inside (likely because the field lined up 4-across and he'd have to go all the way around) into the lane, was eventually sent through an opening at the fence with a little more than 1F remaining, and finished willingly despite barely missing. A good trip after a trip that we'll label as neutral, he moves from an inside post to the outside today.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was SLOWER THAN NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: Slight front running

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+) Horse comfort (+)

## RACE 3



## Trikari

**DATE:** December 28 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/16 Miles

**SURFACE:** Synthetic

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

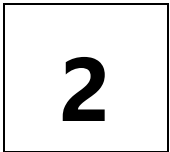
EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He cleared with his EARS FORWARD into the clubhouse turn, allowed an outside rival to move forward and take a share of the lead as the pace SLOWED down the backstretch, and when given mild coaxing and then finally being asked to kick just outside of the 1/4 pole, did the best work to fight back along on the inside and finish best of all through the stretch. A pace (& flow) beneficiary in victory, we recommend mildly downgrading this effort at a minimum.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL / SLOWED IN THE MIDDLE STAGES.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Pace & flow (-)



## Turn Up the Trees

**DATE:** January 13 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** Was 2-1 ML. He was off a hair slow (nearly 1L) and then blasted off towards the front, which is worth noting as this minor mistake exacerbated his own fractions/speed. He pressed a runner to his inside down the backstretch and into the far turn, was inching clear of the other speed when joined by an outside rival that pressed the issue as the stretch drive neared, and after a 3+W journey through the turn and resisting gamely in the lane, held sway gamely to earn the win. A solid win after dealing with some slightly exacerbated fractions deserves some love!

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Start / Exacerbated fractions (+) Game (+) Jockey downgrade (-)





### General Ledger

**DATE:** December 9 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 7 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He may have SLIGHTLY steadied entering the 1st turn, but this was a GOOD THING as the rail runner in a lineup of (4) blasted the runner to his outside, which caused a chain reaction that sent multiple runners wide into the turn! He joined the outer flow while targeting an HONEST PACE through the middle stages, made a 3-4W advance in the turn to take a share of the lead and attack the embattled leaders into the lane, but after a grinding effort through the stretch, was unable to hold off (3) Closers that rolled home in the middle of the course. A good trip throughout should be downgraded.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Mild steady (+) Good trip (-)



### Baytown Parfait

**DATE:** January 12 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile 70 Yards

**SURFACE:** Synthetic

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced under a nice hold while uncontested through the clubhouse turn and onto the backstretch, was eventually let out a notch entering the far turn and was coaxed to pick up the pace as an outside rival approached and moved alongside by the top of the stretch, and although he gamely resisted through the lane, he came up just a bit short. A solid try after a good trip overall, he cuts back in distance and makes start #2 off of the bench on a new surface.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL / EVEN.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-) Game (+)



## Runnin' Rocket

**DATE:** December 21 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf



MILD UPGRADE



MILD DOWNGRADE



UPGRADE



DOWNGRADE



STRONG UPGRADE



STRONG DOWNGRADE



EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** The bump at the start was evident, but it also didn't much at all - take this information with a grain of salt! He raced by himself as a trio of leaders lined up to duel into the far turn, and after biding his time while racing 2+W through the far turn, finished willingly after working into the clear for the stretch drive. A neutral trip overall, a new rider takes over.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Jockey upgrade (+)



## Tifareeh

**DATE:** October 4 2023

**TRACK:** Aqueduct

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/8 Miles

**SURFACE:** Dirt



MILD UPGRADE



MILD DOWNGRADE



UPGRADE



DOWNGRADE



STRONG UPGRADE



STRONG DOWNGRADE



EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He earned a forward position at the rail early, but there were two things with made this journey tough: 1) He was a touch keen in spots through the early and middle stages. 2) He followed a leader that carved out HONEST FRACTIONS down the backstretch, so while he did gain into the far turn and move into the clear, you'd have to say he was close enough to the pace that he felt some of the sting. A tough trip overall, the blinkers being removed makes sense as he moves back to the turf.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: Slight front running

**SUMMARY:** Horse comfort (+) VS pace (+) Jockey upgrade (+)



## King of the Track

**DATE:** December 21 2023

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

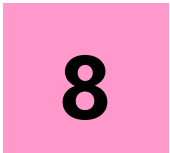
EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He stalked a lineup of (3) from the outer flow down the backstretch (a very good spot), received a BEAUTIFUL RIDE as the far turn progressed as he was guided inward to save ground before easing into the clear for the stretch drive, and after a clear shot down the lane, closed the gap to not miss by much. A very goo trip throughout, a new rider takes over.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-) Jockey downgrade (-)



## Wine Collector

**DATE:** January 6 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced off the pace and at the rail down the backstretch, was urged to pick up the pace entering the far turn as the tempo noticeably quickened, but after a mild steady and what looked like some discomfort as he backed up, he was only briefly asked again before being allowed to jog home for quite a while. It's tough to know exactly what happened to this runner as he jogged in, but you'd have to think the jockey trying again for a new trainer is a nice positive.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was an ABSOLUTE DAWDLE THROUGHOUT.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Jockey stays (+)



### K's Storm Ready

**DATE:** January 13 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/16 Miles

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was prompted by an outside rival for nearly the entire race, was eventually put to increased pressure as the far turn progressed to the stretch, and after briefly resisting and cutting the corner well into the stretch, weakened down the lane. A trip that received some pressure on the lead wasn't easy, but it's hard to give him too much of a pass when the runner that prompted him and put him away rather easily, also got the win.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Jockey upgrade (+)



### In a Jam

**DATE:** January 6 2024

**TRACK:** Gulfstream

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced 3W through the first turn to avoid confrontation with the leader at the rail, continued to stay away from the pacesetter as the field traveled down the backstretch, and after moving for the lead and taking control without any resistance with 1/4 to go, finished strongly to secure the win before offering up a solid gallop out as well. A good trip that displayed some nice post racing energy, we'll call it neutral overall.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-) Gallop out (+)

## RACE 4



### Slew's Joy

**DATE:** January 5 2024

**TRACK:** Golden Gate

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Synthetic

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

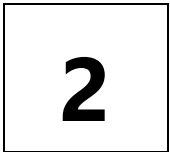
EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off 1L slow and then lost his path, which solidified his dead last position - this is noted in the PPs. He was immediately guided inward for his trip down the backstretch, raced in a neutral path while being coaxed to pick up the pace in the far turn, but after failing to gain and then steadying when targeting an in-between spot at the top of the stretch, he was never able to get involved. It might be best to take this running line with a grain of salt given the start as he draws the inside in his first race 'on turf.'

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Start (+) Bad spot / Minor steady (+) Excused (+)



### Atomic Drop

**DATE:** January 13 2024

**TRACK:** Los Alamitos TB

**DISTANCE:** 1000 Yards

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He broke well and was SENT HARD for speed early, was unable to keep pace with an outside rival that crossed and cleared early, and after chasing and traveling 2+W through the far turn, easily swept past at the 1/16 pole. A good trip that resulted in a convincing win (that also displayed big post race energy on the gallop out), we'll call the trip neutral overall.

**RACE NOTE:** N/A

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-) Gallop out (+) Jockey upgrade (+)



### Silardi

**DATE:** January 15 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf



MILD UPGRADE



MILD DOWNGRADE



UPGRADE



DOWNGRADE



STRONG UPGRADE



STRONG DOWNGRADE



EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** There are a few things to note for this runner: 1) It appeared that he was being allowed to idle to try and tuck in while following a contested lead on the backstretch, but after idling back and looking to tuck in, others stacked him wide anyway, and 2) he was forced to travel 4-3-2+W (he moved inward as the turn progressed while trying to save a little ground) through the turn. 3) After moving to the outside in the stretch, it took him a long time to switch leads, but once he did, he showed BIG IMPROVEMENT in the late stages and closed the gap nicely! You'd have to think that if he'd have done this right away, the outcome might had been much different! Don't be surprised to see a more aggressive ride as a new jockey takes the call.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Wide (+) Horse comfort (+)



### Hot Box

**DATE:** January 15 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf



MILD UPGRADE



MILD DOWNGRADE



UPGRADE



DOWNGRADE



STRONG UPGRADE



STRONG DOWNGRADE



EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was sent for speed and eventually earned a short lead while protecting the inside late on the backstretch, was pressed by a runner to his outside and forced to deal with head and head pressure before inching away from the other speed leading into the stretch, and although he finished willingly in the lane, he was unable to resist in the late stages. A good try to deal with consistent pressure throughout deserves a nudge forward.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Pace pressure (+)



### Barristan The Bold (GB)

**DATE:** January 15 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was outquicked early and settled near the inside on the backstretch, suffered a mild shuffle when another runner moved past and inward headed into the far turn, and after saving ground through far and being coaxed to gain into the EVEN PACE, he worked his way around a tiring rival at the rail before cutting back to the inside, and finished willingly to close the gap. A good try after some minor traffic and a disadvantageous pace offers a little upside.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was EVEN.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Minor shuffle (+) VS pace (+)



### Kanderel

**DATE:** January 15 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He did well in the early stages to emerge from a bad in-between spot that caused some mild brushing while in tight quarters, showed a nice turn of foot to moved inward and accelerate into the far turn to settle just behind the leaders while 2W and looking STRONG, but after being freed up in the lane and having a clear shot if good enough, he came up just a bit short. A solid try all considered (see summary), he takes on a little more ground and meets up with (2) common rivals from this race.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was EVEN.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Bad spots (+) Early turn of foot / Horse comfort (+)



## Give Me the Lute

**DATE:** January 15 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice speed to share the lead with a big longshot down the backstretch, pressed 2+W while edging clear of the other speed with 1/4 mile remaining, and after a leveling nicely in the stretch, finished well to hold firm. A trip that we'll label neutral overall (even pace but with some pressure), a new conditioner takes over.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was EVEN.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Pace pressure (+) With pace (-)



## Exultation

**DATE:** January 5 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He settled on a cozy spot early while stalking a longshot leader that carved out EVEN FRACTIONS THROUGHOUT, was mildly coaxed along in the far turn while inching forward and then did a nice job of hemming in a pocket runner (the eventual winner) that was looking to push his way between horses early in the stretch, but despite the head start and finishing willingly in the final furlong, he was unable to hold off a runner that suffered some trouble at a critical time of the race. A good trip overall, he drops in class and a new rider takes over.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was EVEN.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: None

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-)





## Raging Waters

**DATE:** February 10 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:**

**SURFACE:**

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

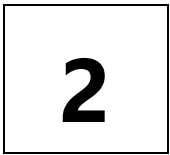
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**RACE NOTE:**

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:**

## RACE 5



## Soul of Midnight

**DATE:** December 29 2023

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** The PPs tell the story. He raced clear and unopposed while carving out FAST SPLITS throughout, and after being ridden with confidence and then finally being urged into the lane, finished strongly in the final 3/16 to edge away from his only real threat. A solid try that was vs the pace, a new conditioner takes over.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was FAST.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+)



### Wegonahavagoodtime

**DATE:** January 15 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf



MILD UPGRADE



MILD DOWNGRADE



UPGRADE



DOWNGRADE



STRONG UPGRADE



STRONG DOWNGRADE



EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice speed at the rail and could have been driven to try and make the lead, but instead was paused and steadied despite wanting to show more speed (not mentioned in the PPs), and when one of the leaders eased out of the early duel and moved inward, this one steadied for a long time at the inside when ridden with caution, which basically sealed his fate! He received a token ride in the last 1/4 mile, but know that he has PLENTY OF SPEED and expect a better try on or near the lead!

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** More speed (+) Early steady not in the PPs (+) Obvious trouble (+) BTL (+) Jockey upgrade (+)



### Spiritual Advisor

**DATE:** January 12 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Dirt



MILD UPGRADE



MILD DOWNGRADE



UPGRADE



DOWNGRADE



STRONG UPGRADE



STRONG DOWNGRADE



EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was clear early and could have EASILY moved inward to control the rail and the pace, but instead was allowed to enter the clubhouse turn while 3W and allowing an inside foe to move up the inside and share the lead. He received some mild pressure from an inside foe as the field carved out COMMON fractions throughout, was eventually put work in the far turn as the pace quickened and an outside rival joined the fray, and although he finished gamely through the lane while dealing with some in-between running in the lane, he came up just a bit short. A pace beneficiary that took some token pressure along the way, we'll call the trip neutral overall.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was SLOWER THAN NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: Slight front running

**SUMMARY:** Pace beneficiary (-) Mild pressure (+)



### Sauls Call

**DATE:** November 12 2023

**TRACK:** Del Mar

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He was sent hard to try and make the lead, but just wasn't fast enough to keep pace with a VERY SHARP runner in 'Book Smart.' He moved to the outside to chase from an outside position into the far turn, but when the far turn arrived, he readily backed out of the race. A trip that was 'vs the pace' in defeat wasn't great, but he also packed it in very early. Expect another HARD TRY to make the lead in his first start in nearly 3 months.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Rails at 0 feet Dirt: None

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+)



### American Cat

**DATE:** July 9 2023

**TRACK:** Los Alamitos TB

**DISTANCE:** 5 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice speed late on the backstretch to move forward and take a clear lead into the far turn, raced unopposed through the far turn while looking good and doing it on his own, but after resisting through most of the stretch with a rival to his outside grinding away to get past, he tired in the final furlong and checked in 3rd. A good trip on the lead, we'll be downgrading the performance. A new conditioner takes over for his return to the races.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was NORMAL.

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Good trip (-)



### Bag's Gold

**DATE:** January 13 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 6 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice speed from the outside post position to prompt/stalk the pace early, was urged and began to chase as he left the backstretch while 3+W, and after doing good work in the turn to press as the widest in trio that vied through the far turn, stayed on well in the stretch before finally caving in the late stages. A tough trip to press an HONEST PACE as the widest of the leaders, we recommend slightly upgrading this performance.

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: None

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+)



### Minister Shane

**DATE:** January 13 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:** 6 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** He stalked while racing inside of the leader down the backstretch, but when a rail runner made a brush for the lead, this one was give two choices: (a) advance in tandem and make a move for the lead, or (b) continue to stalk. But after stalking from a tight spot late on the backstretch, he was splashed with kickback and immediately showed his discomfort by losing about 2L overall, and then was then forced to try and gain while racing 3-4-5W (widest) through the far turn! A tough trip throughout (see summary), it's worth noting that he finished well down the middle of the track to close the gap in the late stages!

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HONEST.

**TRACK BIAS:** Turf: Unknown Dirt: None

**SUMMARY:** VS pace (+) Bad spot (+) Horse comfort (+) Wide (+)



## Enjoy It Strait

**DATE:** February 10 2024

**TRACK:** Santa Anita

**DISTANCE:**

**SURFACE:**

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** N/A: LAYOFF

**RACE NOTE:**

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:**



## Hey Mel

**DATE:** January 28 2024

**TRACK:** Los Alamitos TB

**DISTANCE:** 1000 Yards

**SURFACE:** Dirt

MILD UPGRADE

MILD DOWNGRADE

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

EXCUSED

**TRIP NOTE:** Was 8-1 ML. He was off a touch slow and then herded inward badly, which cost him about 5L leaving the gate! He recovered nicely on the backstretch to get back into contention, eased 2-3-4W as the turn progressed, and then showed a big finish in the final 1/16 to race past (3) rivals in the short stretch to earn the win! A huge effort to overcome a VERY BAD START deserves plenty of extra credit!

**RACE NOTE:** N/A

**TRACK BIAS:**

**SUMMARY:** Bad start (+)