



# Trip Note PROS



## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Fake Fast pace: Pace analysis tools will be incorrect in this situation because in 'fake fast' situations, pacesetters are **CORRECTLY IGNORED** by riders that identify a 'runoff leader' that is going too fast early. This results in a pack that is running "a race within a race." Don't be too quick to downgrade Closers in such situations!
2. Accordion Flow: An 'accordion flow' is a dynamic that mostly occurs in turf routes. When leaders are successful in "backing down the pace" to catch a breather before sprinting for home, the field can crunch together before stretching out again, sometimes causing traffic issues for the back markers. In the majority of these instances, speed types and ground savers are the runners to benefit.
3. L: This is merely an abbreviation for "length."
4. "Tight" in-between vs "Loose" in-between : In-between racing is common in larger fields. "Tight" in-between positions cause stress and leave runners with tough options: (1) Progress and run the risk of moving too early. (2) Idle to move backwards results in position and ground loss. (3) Remaining in the same spot will likely result in the burning of needed energy.
5. Gapped leaders: Imagine a runoff leader and then (1) or (2) more rivals with a big advantage to the rest of the pack. These leading runners are out of position and chasing a leader that is **VERY LIKELY** going too fast early. Situations with "gapped leaders" offer a **HUGE** advantage to the Closers

# Gulfstream Park

DATE: 2/11/23 RACE: 9

1

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off nearly 1L slow from the gate, which cost him untold positions and relegated him to a deep-closing position; this is not mentioned in the PPs. He raced with the outer flow through the clubhouse turn, and was restrained while a little keyed up and 3+W on the backstretch. He raced similarly wide into the far turn, was eventually guided 4-5+W late in the far turn, and inched his way forward while dealing with some traffic that resulted in a cautious ride in spots. A tough trip vs tough company deserves an extra look.

2

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** ON DIRT: The PPs correctly note a troubled start that cost him ~3L leaving the gate; this was a terrible start! He was patiently handled early, began to make a big move into the far turn while 3W to get around a pair of rivals, was thoughtfully guided inward in the second half of the far turn, and after entering the stretch drive 2W, did good work to close the gap in the lane. A tough trip given the terrible start, he was very likely best on this day.

3

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He landed in a deep closing position while near the inside on the backstretch, which was a VERY GOOD spot considering the pace. He was given a thoughtful ride to advance and protect his spot at the rail leaving the backstretch, was eased off the rail to get around a stalling rival late in the turn, and after cutting back to the rail and looking to spurt up the fence in the stretch, was COMPLETELY SHUT OFF and checked badly out of the race. A good trip that went terribly wrong, it's impossible to know how much he had left in the tank, although it did appear that he was going to have a say in the stretch.

4

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** Was 9-2 ML. He didn't corner very well into the clubhouse turn as he was urged to earn a forward position early, but he eventually took to the inside and controlled the pocket; this was a great spot. He traveled in his "A" position down the backstretch, eased off the rail to get around a stalling rival through the far turn, and when open air to his outside gave him a clear shot at the leaders, he continued 3+W in the late stages of the far turn to be given a chance at the leaders in the stretch. A very good trip throughout on debut, this was also a convincing score.

**HORSE NAME:** Webslinger

**DATE:** 11/4/22

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Turf

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

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Tumbarumba

**DATE:** 12/10/22

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal and the winner scored from a prompting position.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Sendero

**DATE:** 1/14/23

**DISTANCE:** 7 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was HOT and Closers had the obvious advantage.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Sbagliato

**DATE:** 12/10/22

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** (5) of the (11) runners were first time starters. The pace was normal.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** There are two things worth noting for this runner: 1) He was reserved away from the gate, which resulted in a 'lag and rally journey.' He waited his turn at the back and was never really involved despite leveling well after cutting back to the inside in the alne, but did manage 2) to gallop out very well after the race. A new rider takes the call today.



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He showed big speed into the clubhouse turn, but had no choice but to travel 4-3W before landing in a stalking position while 2+W on the backstretch; this was not a good beginning! He stalked down the backstretch and into the far turn, did good work to overhaul the pacesetter into the stretch, and was dead game to hold sway over a deep Closer while also showing off big energy on the gallop out! He puts his perfect turf record on the line vs better today.



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** Was 10-1 ML. he was off a bit slow and then received two negative bumps, which cost him 1+L away from the gate. He raced covered up after recovering well early and was looking to slip up the inside in the far turn, but when an outside runner moved inward, he steadied and lost 1 +L and a position, which is noteworthy trouble that is not mentioned in the PPs. He continued 3W through the turn and angled wide in the lane, paused when lugging early in the stretch, and did VERY GOOD work to level despite leaning inward! A tough trip and big debut!



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** The PPs tell the story. He raced unopposed all the way around the track, and responded gamely to urging with 5/16 to go. A good trip throughout, a new rider takes over.

**HORSE NAME:** Calycanthus

**DATE:** 11/26/22

**DISTANCE:** 1 Mile

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal and stalkers performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Swan Lake

**DATE:** 1/1/23

**DISTANCE:** 7 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was very fast.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Twowaycrossing

**DATE:** 10/23/22

**DISTANCE:** 7 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** (3) of the (10) runners were first-time starters. The pace was fast early. The 6th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs Md Sp Wt 81k foes at WO 'on synthetic.'

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Royal Mende

**DATE:** 1/7/23

**DISTANCE:** 7 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** (6) of the (12) runners were first-time starters. The pace was slow and the winner went wire-to-wire.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**9**

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off 1L slow from the gate, which is noted correctly in the PPs. He was pulling his way along on the backstretch and gained under his own courage, but was RESTRAINED to the point where he started to lose ground vs the forward markers, and he eventually finished up even despite saving ground through the far turn and stretch. A decent trip after the slightly tardy beginning, new connections take over.

**HORSE NAME:** Sea Hunter**DATE:** 12/30/22**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal, the lead was contested, and the 4-5\* won from a dueling position. The 1-2-3-4 runners early finished 4-1-2-3.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A**10**

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** N/A: NEVER RACED IN THE USA

**HORSE NAME:** Palace View**DATE:** N/A**DISTANCE:** N/A**SURFACE:** N/A**RACE NOTE:** N/A**TRACK BIAS:** N/A**11**

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** Nothing to add for this runner. He raced under a snug hold as he raced covered up leaving the backstretch, was finally urged to kick for home passing the 5/16, and after traveling in a neutral path through the lane, was successfully guided to the outside for a solid rally to earn the win. A solid performance to overcome an even pace is deserving of some praise.

**HORSE NAME:****DATE:****DISTANCE:****SURFACE:**

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was even, the lead was contested, and the A-B choices on the tote board finished 1-2. The 6th place finisher was a next-out winner vs Clm 35000B rivals.

**TRACK BIAS:** Deep track**12**

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** Nothing to add for this runner. He raced under a snug hold as he raced covered up leaving the backstretch, was finally urged to kick for home passing the 5/16, and after traveling in a neutral path through the lane, was successfully guided to the outside for a solid rally to earn the win. A solid performance to overcome an even pace is deserving of some praise.

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**TRACK BIAS:** Deep track

# Santa Anita Park

DATE: 2/11/23

RACE: 3

1

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** If you could have picked one runner that you would have NOT wanted after the first 1/4 mile, it'd have been this guy! He dueled unreasonably fast down the backstretch while stuck 2 +W, continued to do battle with a rival to his inside for the entire far turn, and after drifting 3+W into the stretch, predictably tired in the final furlong. A miserable trip throughout given the pace and traveling uncovered, let's draw a line through this race and expect better as he receives class relief.

2

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced 4+W and uncovered down the backstretch, which given his proximity to the lead, was not a great spot! He moved inward a touch and traveled 3W through the far turn before easing a touch wider into the lane, and was even. While this was not a good turf trip, it seems clear that he'll need to improve if he is going to outrun 'Commander Khai,' as that runner had a miserable trip on the lead, and these two basically finished up on even terms.

3

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He broke well and had the lead early, but was unable to keep pace with two rivals to his inside that took control early. He traveled in 'chase mode' while 3+W down the backstretch and into the far turn, and after moving a touch wider into the lane, weakened. A poor turf trip throughout, today marks his second try off the bench, which could go a long way given a difficult trip on this day.

4

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Commander Khai

**DATE:** 12/31/22

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was very fast/HOT and the lead was contested. Closers had the advantage and performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Exceed Speed Limit

**DATE:** 12/31/22

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was very fast/HOT and the lead was contested. Closers had the advantage and performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Mongolian Memory

**DATE:** 1/13/23

**DISTANCE:** 5 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast early.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Southern Horse

**DATE:** N/A

**DISTANCE:** N/A

**SURFACE:** N/A

**RACE NOTE:** N/A

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**5****UPGRADE****DOWNGRADE****STRONG UPGRADE****STRONG DOWNGRADE**

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off a touch slow and then crowded, which resulted in a loss of 2-3+L and untold positions! He made a nice midrace move to get into contention on the left-handed portion of the course, moving from a deep closing spot all the way up to follow the leader from just off the pace, but as he crossed over the dirt portion of the course, he SCRAMBLED and lost his rhythm, and weakened through the stretch drive. A tough trip throughout should be excused as he moves to a turf course that he seems to prefer much more than the hillside course.

**6****UPGRADE****DOWNGRADE****STRONG UPGRADE****STRONG DOWNGRADE**

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off a hair slow and then bumped outwards and steadied, which in total cost him 2-3L! This was bad trouble, and is noted correctly in the PPs. The remainder of the journey was good as he saved ground and targeted open air and a fast pace throughout, closing the gap through the lane while not seriously threatening.

**7****UPGRADE****DOWNGRADE****STRONG UPGRADE****STRONG DOWNGRADE**

**TRIP NOTE:** He targeted open air and a very fast pace down the backstretch; a very good spot. He gained while 3W through the far turn, had no choice but to angle 4-5-6+W, and eventually flattened in the late stages. A good trip in terms of the pace and flow and a wide one in the late stages of the far turn, let's call this a neutral journey overall.

**HORSE NAME: Jetovator****DATE: 10/16/22****DISTANCE: 6 1/2 Furlongs****SURFACE: Turf**

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal and Closers DOMINATED. The winner was a next-out winner of the 'State Bred' CaryGrantB94k Stakes, and then was a consecutive winner of the 'State Bred' CACpSprntB150k Stakes (both races on dirt).

**TRACK BIAS: N/A****HORSE NAME: Mesut****DATE: 1/13/23****DISTANCE: 5 1/2 Furlongs****SURFACE: Turf**

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast early.

**TRACK BIAS: N/A****HORSE NAME: Inch****DATE: 10/22/22****DISTANCE: 6 Furlongs****SURFACE: Turf**

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast, the lead was contested, and Closers DOMINATED. The 1-2-3 runners early finished in the last three positions

**TRACK BIAS: N/A**

# Gulfstream Park

DATE: 2/11/23

RACE: 10

1

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: N/A: FIRST TIME STARTER

HORSE NAME: Union Tap

DATE: N/A

DISTANCE: N/A

SURFACE: N/A

RACE NOTE: N/A

TRACK BIAS: N/A

2

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: N/A: FIRST TIME STARTER

HORSE NAME: Monegasque

DATE: N/A

DISTANCE: N/A

SURFACE: N/A

RACE NOTE: N/A

TRACK BIAS: N/A

3

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: The PPs read well for this runner. He raced in a cozy stalking position while in the clear and on the outside throughout, was a bit green in late stages of the far turn while lugging outward, and after leveling well despite drifting out a bit in the lane, lugged in pretty bad in the final 1/16, which hurt his chances of outdueling a Closer to his inside. A good trip throughout, if he's able to clean up his greenness, he stands to improve.

HORSE NAME: Arthur's Ride

DATE: 9/3/22

DISTANCE: 7 Furlongs

SURFACE: Dirt

RACE NOTE: (5) of the (9) runners were first-time starters. The pace was normal. The 4th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs the same level of competition, and then was a consecutive winner of the Remsen-G2. The 7th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs the same level of competition at CD, then finished 2nd vs OC 100k/N1X-N foes, and then won the HolyBull-G3 Stakes at GP.

TRACK BIAS: N/A

4

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: N/A: FIRST TIME STARTER

HORSE NAME: Justice Department

DATE: N/A

DISTANCE: N/A

SURFACE: N/A

RACE NOTE: N/A

TRACK BIAS: N/A



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: N/A: FIRST TIME STARTER

HORSE NAME: Union Trail

DATE: N/A

DISTANCE: N/A

SURFACE: N/A

RACE NOTE: N/A

TRACK BIAS: N/A



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: Was 5-1 ML. He was off a touch slow and then bounced around at the start, losing 1 +L and untold positions at the start. He recovered well to follow a lineup of rivals early, progressed into a pocket spot into the far turn, and after waiting his turn while on hold at the rail in the far turn, took to the inside in the lane for the stretch drive, only to be knocked solidly inward by the eventual winner. A useful debut after a touch start and tough stretch drive, he receives a little more ground today.

HORSE NAME: Case

DATE: 12/31/22

DISTANCE: 7 Furlongs

SURFACE: Dirt

RACE NOTE: (5) of the (8) runners were first-time starters. The pace was normal and the winner went wire-to-wire.

TRACK BIAS: N/A



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: Nothing to add for this runner. He raced under a snug hold as he raced covered up leaving the backstretch, was finally urged to kick for home passing the 5/16, and after traveling in a neutral path through the lane, was successfully guided to the outside for a solid rally to earn the win. A solid performance to overcome an even pace is deserving of some praise.

HORSE NAME: Secret Threat

DATE: 1/14/23

DISTANCE: 6 Furlongs

SURFACE: Dirt

RACE NOTE: The pace was even, the lead was contested, and the A-B choices on the tote board finished 1-2. The 6th place finisher was a next-out winner vs Clm 35000B rivals.

TRACK BIAS: Deep track



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

TRIP NOTE: N/A

HORSE NAME: Dreamlike

DATE: N/A

DISTANCE: N/A

SURFACE: N/A

RACE NOTE: N/A

TRACK BIAS: Deep track



9

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He targeted open air to the leader while saving ground through the clubhouse turn in the early stages; this was a good spot. He received some mild coaxing on the backstretch and inched his way forward before entering the far turn, but was overhauled by several rivals to his outside in the far turn. A good trip throughout, he returns to the dirt course in start #2 off of the short break from afternoon racing.

**HORSE NAME:** Peregrino

**DATE:** 12/24/22

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/16 Miles

**SURFACE:** Synth

**RACE NOTE:** (4) of the (12) runners were first-time starters. The pace was normal and the 5-2\* went wire-to-wire. The 4th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs the same level of competition but 'on turf.' The 11th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs Md 35000 foes 'on turf.'

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

# Santa Anita Park

DATE: 2/11/23

RACE: 4

1

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He followed a trio of rivals that dueled down the backstretch as the widest of another trio that stalked the duelers on the front end. He traveled 4-5-6W as the far turn progressed, and weakened in the lane. A neutral trip overall, he'll likely need to improve if he's going to turn the tables on the place finisher, who also shows up here.

2

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He pressed the pace with (2) rivals to his inside throughout, was hard-sent to keep up as the field left the backstretch, and after being left behind by the top (2) speeds and appearing destined for a poor finish, actually stayed on quite well in the 1/4 mile, actually closing a bit of ground through the lane. Nothing at all wrong with this performance after a journey that we'll label as neutral.

3

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off a touch slow and then crowded, which cost him ~2L overall; this is noted in the PPs. He was outquicked early and raced wide down the backstretch, raved 3-4W for most of the far turn before being eased very wide into the lane, and finished up decently despite never threatening. The blinkers come off in search of improvement.

4

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** The PPs tell the story. He was without speed and left out of position early, was cozed along leaving the backstretch and put to increased pressure as the far turn progressed, and was never involved. Blinkers come off in search of improvement.

**HORSE NAME:** Black Magician

**DATE:** 1/21/23

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast, the lead was contested, and Closers had the advantage and performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Crypto Ride

**DATE:** 1/7/23

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/16 Miles

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The uncontested pacesetter went wire to wire and all speed and logical choices on the tote board performed best; 1-2-3-4 early finished 1-2-4-3, and the A-B-C choices on the tote board finished 2-1-3.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Top of My Game

**DATE:** 1/21/23

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast, the lead was contested, and Closers had the advantage and performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Amigo G A

**DATE:** 1/7/23

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/16 Miles

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The uncontested pacesetter went wire to wire and all speed and logical choices on the tote board performed best; 1-2-3-4 early finished 1-2-4-3, and the A-B-C choices on the tote board finished 2-1-3.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He followed a trio of dueling rivals down the backstretch and into the far turn, but did so while also traveling in-between rivals and not having any options other than what fell his way. He eased around a tiring dueler in the late stages of the far turn, but landed in another tough spot while brushing an outside rival while in tight! He gained out of this tough spot into the lane and finished willingly to earn show money; a solid performance overall!



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He pressed the pace/dueled with (2) rivals to his inside on the backstretch; a tough spot given the pressure and quick tempo. He grinded past both speed rivals as the far turn progressed, and kicked VERY WELL in the stretch, but was overhauled in the very late stages by a runner that had snuck up the rail and eased out for a clear shot in the lane. This was a VERY STRONG performance after dueling throughout!



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced covered up while following the main pack for the first half of the race, began to lose touch as the far turn approached, and when being driven in the far turn, stopped abruptly while appearing VERY UNHAPPY about something, although we are able to pick up on what the discomfort was all about. A new rider takes the call as he cuts back in distance and receives Lasix.



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He traveled near the inside in the early stages, was forced to idle and slightly steady when the field reached the far turn as a pair of rivals in front of him stalled a bit, but after being guided 3+W from the 1/4 pole to the top of the stretch, finished best of all to win going away. A nice win to break his maiden and overcome so mild trouble, he draws well today.

**HORSE NAME:** Army Star

**DATE:** 1/21/23

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast, the lead was contested, and Closers had the advantage and performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Crowning Gold

**DATE:** 1/21/23

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast, the lead was contested, and Closers had the advantage and performed best.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Merit Song

**DATE:** 1/7/23

**DISTANCE:** 1 1/16 Miles

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The uncontested pacesetter went wire to wire and all speed and logical choices on the tote board performed best; 1-2-3-4 early finished 1-2-4-3, and the A-B-C choices on the tote board finished 2-1-3.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Goldenspa

**DATE:** 1/21/23

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Dirt

**RACE NOTE:** The pace seemed normal and the 4-5\* closed from next-to-last for the win.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

# Gulfstream Park

DATE: 2/11/23

RACE: 11

1

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He was off ~1L slow at the start, which was important trouble given the pace and his position - and this is not mentioned in the PPs! He dueled while 4W into the far turn with (2) rivals to his inside, was able to move inward after clearing off from the other speed, racing 3-2-1W into the lane, and tired in the final furlong. This was a big effort that is deserving of plenty of extra credit!

2

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** The PPs tell the story. He raced nearest the rail all the way around the track, and was never involved. His new connections return him to the turf course after a decent try 'on dirt.'

3

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He was advancing on the backstretch and trying to secure the rail and a tight pocket, but was crowded and forced to steady, which cost him nearly 1L and plenty of velocity. He eased off the rail in the turn and was looking for a seam near the inside, cut back to the inside when nothing materialized while begging for room, and when finally finding a seam leading into the stretch, finished full of run to earn the win in the last jump! This was an impressive score that deserves extra credit!

4

UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He received a thoughtful ride to move inward and take control of the pocket leaving the backstretch, saved ground through the entire far turn while following a dueling pair, and remained at the inside in the lane, finishing willingly despite losing show money in the late stages. A good trip throughout, a top rider takes the call.

**HORSE NAME:** Rockcrest

**DATE:** 9/23/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was honest, the lead was contested, and Closers finished 1-2.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** County Final

**DATE:** 10/8/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal and the 1-5\* went wire-to-wire.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Belgrano

**DATE:** 12/24/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast and the lead was contested.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

**HORSE NAME:** Carotari

**DATE:** 12/24/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast and the lead was contested.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A



UPGRADE

DOWNGRADE

STRONG UPGRADE

STRONG DOWNGRADE

**TRIP NOTE:** He raced head and head with a runner to his inside down the backstretch, earned a very short lead and continued to be pressed by the runner to his inside through the turn, and was game for the entire stretch to resist and BARELY hold on for the victory. A poor turf trip overall, he makes start #2 off the layoff today.

**HORSE NAME:** Yes I Am Free

**DATE:** 1/19/23

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was honest for the level, the lead was contested, and the winner went wire-to-wire.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A



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**TRIP NOTE:** He broke very well and was not asked for much of anything down the backstretch. He moved inward and intimidated the rider of the rival to his inside entering the far turn, which left him loose on the lead, raced unopposed through the far turn, and leveled very well through the stretch. A good trip and easy win vs lesser.

**HORSE NAME:** My Pal Mattie

**DATE:** 10/14/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal, the 5-2\* went wire-to-wire, and the 1-2 runners early finished 1-2.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A



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**TRIP NOTE:** He pressed the pace while 2+W entering the far turn, was put to increased pressure as the far turn progressed, and was dead game through the lane to earn the lead and hold sway. A poor turf trip vs lesser.

**HORSE NAME:** Full Disclosure

**DATE:** 12/22/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** Despite a pace that was fast early, all speed held up; 1-2-3-4 early finished 2-1-3-4. The place finisher was a next-out winner vs the same level of competition. The 4th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs Alw 25000s foes at 1 1/16. The 7th-place finisher was a next-out winner vs Alw 50000s foes 'on synthetic.'

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A



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**TRIP NOTE:** He targeted open air, a fast pace, and a contested lead down the backstretch (while 2 +W); this was a very good spot. He continued 2+W through the far turn, was eventually angled 3-4 +W late in the far turn, and rallied nicely down the middle of the turf course to earn place money. A pace beneficiary on this day, he's freshened for today's performance.

**HORSE NAME:** Shekky Shebaz

**DATE:** 10/30/22

**DISTANCE:** 6 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast throughout and the lead was contested.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

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**TRIP NOTE:** He showed nice speed to clear EASILY in the early stages while unopposed down the backstretch. He began to receive coaxing in the far turn while (2) rivals approached his outside, but despite taking a clear lead into the stretch, weakened when it mattered. A good trip on the front end, he will need a form reversal off of the layoff.

**HORSE NAME:** The Critical Way

**DATE:** 9/2/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 1/2 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was normal. The place finisher was a next-out (DOMINANT) winner of the BelTSpt-G3 Stakes.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A

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**TRIP NOTE:** He turned his head to the inside right when the gate opened and was off 2+L slow from the gate, which is noted correctly in the PPs. He raced wide on the backstretch while not being asked for anything, raced 4-3-4W through the far turn before angling wide into the lane, and after lugging inward in the early stages of the stretch drive, finished well enough while not threatening. An obvious tough trip after the terrible beginning, he receives blinkers and draws the far outside post.

**HORSE NAME:** Classicstateofmind

**DATE:** 12/24/22

**DISTANCE:** 5 Furlongs

**SURFACE:** Turf

**RACE NOTE:** The pace was fast and the lead was contested.

**TRACK BIAS:** N/A