



RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS

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RACE 1:

8 – Mahvelous Kitten
6 – Soldat the Top
5 – Thanks Mom

SELECTIONS: 8-6-5-1

RACE 2:

7 – Tough Customer
2 – Stapleton
6 – Nauset Beach

SELECTIONS: 7-2-6-1

RACE 3:

7 – Gemstone Linda
9 – Cetara
2 – Salsalida

SELECTIONS: 7-9-2-8

RACE 4:

3 – Army Mule
1 – Harryhee
2 – Rhythm Park

SELECTIONS: 3-1-2-5

RACE 5:

5 – Accolade
2 – Brag Dude
10 – Little Plumber

SELECTIONS: 5-2-10-3

RACE 6:

7 – Coronado Again
5 – Brio Man
2 – Visionary Ruler

SELECTIONS: 7-5-2-8

RACE 7:

7 – Can'tchatchtheraxx
5 – Laniakea
8 – Divine Caroline

SELECTIONS: 7-5-8-6

RACE 8:

6 – Stormbeam
10 – Bun Bun
4 – Lexi's Doll

SELECTIONS: 6-10-4-2

RACE 9:

4 – Island Reward
7 – Bernadiva
9 – Psalmody

SELECTIONS: 4-7-9-6

RACE 10:

3 – Igo Forgreatness
9 – Billy the Bull
12 – Swagger

SELECTIONS: 3-9-12-11

BEST BET: Race 4 - #3 Army Mule

I know he hasn't raced since April, but Todd Pletcher's last out maiden winners on the dirt after a layoff of more than 180 days win at a 58% clip, and are in the money 79% of the time with a \$3.12 ROI. I think it's also encouraging that this colt is not in for the tag even after the extended layoff. If he runs anything like he did in his maiden win, it's game over.

LONGSHOT: Race 10 - #9 Billy the Bull

It's true that there is a fair bit of speed signed on in this race, but this gelding comes out of a key race in the Claiming Crown Canterbury, which has already produced three next out winners. There was other speed in there too, including the world record holder Pay Any Price. The class drop should really help Billy the Bull, plus he now has a race at Gulfstream under his belt and gets Nik Juarez.