

The OptixPLOT - Standard and Surface-Distance suggest this race will favor horses that will be on or near the front end with sun shaded contention and very low 016 Speed Rate. Sneaking Out figures to flee post position four and go for the early lead chased or pressed by Ready to Runaway, Bootytama, and Flat Out Speed. Horses in mid-pack in the second flight are Lady of Luxury and On Deck and those with the best closing late kick are Nomizar, Bye Bye J, and Potra Liza

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Bootytama (#3, 12-1) is not the most attractive horse to select considering she is a circle on Quadrant I on both OptixPLOT - Standard and Surface and Distance. However, this daughter of Animal Kingdom gave a respectable performance in the Purple Martin Stakes on a sloppy main track on April 4 at Oaklawn Park and she returns to fast main track where she is undefeated in

three starts at Turf Paradise. The Molly Pearson trainee showed she had ability overcoming her own bad behavior to win in emphatic fashion on February 26. She broke with the field and veered in the gap to the main track, established an uncontested lead only to be challenged by a rival into and around the far turn where she bore out badly through the turn, was straighten out into the stretch, and won handily outclassing her five rivals to win by 10-1/4 lengths. She was going to face a major class test shipping to Hot Springs for the Purple Martin Stakes where she would face stakes winners Kimari and Frank's Rockette and she gave a good performance to split a nine horse field finishing fifth. According to the OptixNOTES she RUSH into early contention with the extended comments reveal "step slow moved up early between horses close up to the pacesetters." She could not keep up with the two pacesetters who ran 2nd and 3rd as the winner Kimari benefited from this speed duel to rally from sixth. Considering the slow start and rushing up to contend a fast pace her fifth place finish was a respectable performance in defeat. She makes her third start into her form cycle with her main rival and second preference, Sneaking Out, returning off a 252-day layoff. Jockey Stewart Elliot got to know her in her last start and remains in the irons and returns to a fast main track. She makes the realistic drop in class and does not find the likes of Edgeway or Frank's Rockette in this field and she can spring a major upset on or near the lead in this Allowance event.

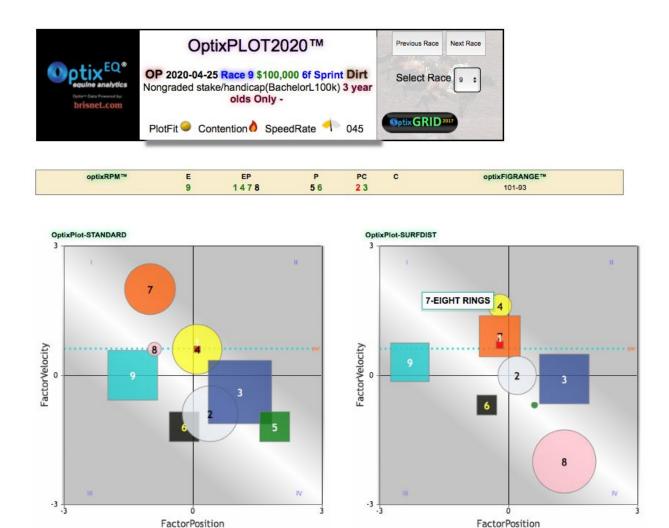
Wagering Strategy:

Play the #3 Bootytama at 8-1 or higher. Main Exacta Box: #3 with #4 Sneaking Out.

Pick 3 (Races 8-9-10)

Ticket 1: #3, #4 with #1, #3 with #2 = $2 \times 2 \times 1 \times 5 = 20 Ticket 2: #3, #4 with #1, #3 with #6, #8 = $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 = 16

Total Wager: \$36



The OptixPLOT - Standard and Surface and Distance suggest many in this field will be on or near the front end and will set a fast pace with flame contention and high 045 Speed Rate. Eight Rings who has been on the lead or pressing it in three of his last four starts will go straight to the lead and will be pressed or chased by Long Weekend, Sir Rick, and Ginobili. Horses that will benefit from those contested pace are two Steve Asmussen trainees Little Menance and Echo Town.



Given the OptixPLOT information plenty of attention will be focused on Echo Town who is a square on Quadrant IV and enters this race with the highest last race 101 OptixFIG in this field. However, I am going to select his stablemate Little Menace (#1, 4-1) who does not have the triple digit speed figure but is very well positioned on the OptixPLOT as a square right on the

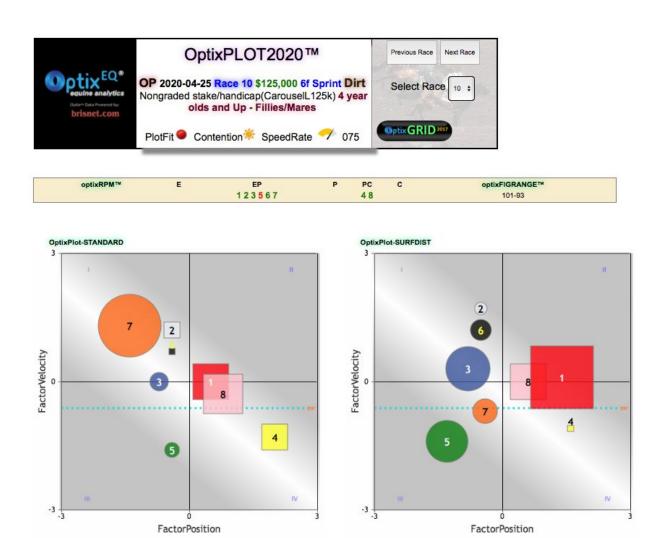
pace par line in Quadrant I/II making him a dangerous candidate just off the pace. After he broke his maiden by seven lengths, he made his three-year old debut off a 63 day layoff on February 2 here at Oaklawn Park and won by a head in a race where the top four were separated by less than a length at the wire but he received TACTIC+ on OptixNOTES indicating he received good ride by rider Ricardo Santana Jr. as the extended comments reveal "made some subtle though smart decisions and a strong finisher getting him over the top of three very game rivals," in a race that has seen two subsequent winners. He took on the once beaten and very guick rival in Long Weekend last time out in the Gazebo Stakes over today's distance and was badly compromised by a lack of pace as that rival was able to navigate an uncontested lead through very slow pace for a half mile and Little Menance ran on very well through the stretch finishing 3-1/2 lengths in front of the rest of the field. Although Ricardo Santana Jr. elects to ride Echo Town, jockey Stewart Elliot takes over on this son of Into Mischief who wins a high percentage of his mounts for the Asmussen barn. From his rail draw and his Plot position, I expect him to be in that first flight behind Long Weekend, Eight Rings, Sir Rick, and Ginobili early and he will get the first jump on his stable mate Echo Town as Steve Asmussen appears to have the first two finishers primed for a peak effort.

Wagering Strategy:

Play the #1 Little Menance to WIN at 5-2 or better.

Main Exacta Box: #1 with #3 Echo Town.

Daily Double: #1, #3 with #2



The co-feature on Saturday's Oaklawn Park is the Carousel Stakes that promises to have a very fast pace with sun shaded contention but a very high 075 Speed Rate. The entrants in this field that will be on or near the front end are Midnight Fantasy, Sunny Dale, Classy Act, Amy's Challenge, and Lady Suebee. If that scenario happens and the fast pace develops then Bellafina, What A Fox, and Mia Mischief.



The morning line favorite Bellafina enters this race as the class of this field with runner up efforts in both the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint and La Brea Stakes at her home base of Santa Anita. The issue with Bellafina is she is accustomed to her surroundings in Southern

California as she owns a record of 9/6-3-0 and is 4/0-0-1 outside of Southern California. Also, she has won only once at today's six furlong distance while others in this field are specialist at the trip and from the rail she will have a tricky trip.

PP	ST	1C	2C	Str	Fin	FTime	Jockey	M-E	Trainer	Owner	Odds	rpm	OPloc	SDloc
В	-6	-		•			SANTANA		ASMUSSEN	STONESTREE	4.5	PC	q4-□ *	q4-□ *
2	3	631/2	3 ¹	1 hd	121/4	110.61	Santana,		Asmussen	Stonestree	0.5	EP	q1- □ 1	q1- □ 1
5	2	311/4	3 nk	13	15	109.5	Leparoux		Asmussen	Heiligbrod	0.8	EP	q1- □ 1	q1- □ 1
6	5	211/2	211/2	2 hd	311/2	110.6	Rosario		Asmussen	Heiligbrod	5.3	EP	q1- □ 1	q1- □ 1
1	3	2 1/2	2 hd	431/4	510	121.48	Santana,		Asmussen	Heiligbrod	4.6	EP	q1-02	q1-02
1	1	21	211/2	321/4	421/2	108.81	Santana,		Asmussen	Heiligbrod	1.35	EP	q1-02	q1-02
5	2	2 1/2	2 hd	1 hd	1 3/4	109.76	Santana,		Asmussen	Heiligbrod	1.8	EP	q1-00	q1-00
3	1	2 hd	2 1/2	121/2	11%	121.78	Santana,		Asmussen	Heiligbrod	11.5	EP	0	0

Mia Mischief will get plenty of attention as she is the other Grade 1 winner in this field, loves the surface at Oaklawn Park, and is a specialist at today's six furlong distance. However, she has encountered ideal trips as EP pressing or tracking very slow paces in her last two starts and after racing as a square in Quadrant I in her last three starts she finds herself in the unfamiliar role as PC as square in Quadrant IV.



Midnight Fantasy (#2, 5-1) is my longshot to spring the upset in the Carousel Stakes. She is perfectly at home at today's six furlong distance with a 5/3-0-0 record and she prepped for this race with neck victory over Amy's Challenge in the Spring Fever Stakes. In her previous six furlong start, she earned a career best 107 OptixFIG when she crossed the wire first in the Louisiana Champions Day Ladies Sprint on December 14 at Fair Grounds where she and eventual disqualified winner Minit to Stardom dueled from the start with Midnight Fantasy came out in the stretch bothering that rival in the stretch (NO LINE). After a runner-up performance versus Louisiana breds at Delta Downs, she faced open company in the Spring Fever Stakes where she raced WIDE tracking a very fast pace contested speed duel among Break Even, Mt. Brave, and Artistic Diva. She made a quick four wide move approaching the guarter pole to open up a clear lead at mid-stretch and had enough late to hold off the late bid of Amy's Challenge. The form of this race was flattered as the sixth and fourth place finishers returned to run first and second respectively in the Allowance race on April 18. She stretches out an additional sixteenth of a mile to six furlong distance and she is positioned very well as a square on OptixPLOT - Standard and does not need the lead to win. Hot riding Martin Garcia remains aboard

Wagering Strategy:

Play the #2 Midnight Fantasy to WIN at 7-2 or higher.

Main Exacta Box key: #2 with #6 Amy's Challenge, #8 Mia Mischief.