

#1 ART COLLECTOR (6-1) he is one of two runners that are highlighted in *QuadWinPct* and draws well for his running style at the rail. As discussed in the intro the two-turn mile with the short run into the first turn can create “trips” in that opening ¼, which **ART COLLECTOR** should be able to avoid. He hold natural early speed and while capable to compete and win on the front end, has the ability to rate as well. He should be able to find a trip similar to the win here in the G2 Bluegrass Stakes and trip similar to the pocket trip used by Liam’s Map in the 2015 Dirt Mile. Legit.

#2 SHARP SAMURAI (15-1) he has been able to work out trips with the smaller fields this season in California and benefit to pick up checks along the way. That luck should run out here as *Quad IV Circle* and with others quicker in the opening stages to get shuffled back early. Toss.

#3 SILVER DUST (30-1) he is a reach to make a case for as a contender though Plots well and at the right price make him useful in exotics. Underneath.

#4 WAR OF WILL (10-1) he does not *Plot* well, though have to keep in mind his current form (*Standard*) is on the turf and/or at the longer more classic type distances. He has not raced at a distance near a mile inside his late juvenile, early sophomore season and has grown up quite a bit since. He does hold some *class* winning the G1 Preakness and G1 Makers Mark Mile (turf) and some upside can be projected running *WIDE* at “Windbine” in the G1 Woodbine Mile – also a race at one-turn and seems more inclined to the two-turns. He is not a huge reach to make a case for and should offer value capable to get dismissed at or above the morning line. Value/Spread.

#5 KNICKS GO (7-2) as shown on the Plot he is the quickest to the first call (furthest left) and could as he has in both starts this season sneak clear, lone, and go gate-to-wire. That ability along with his recent *OptixFIG*, highest last out in the field, have to be respected here. Legit.

#6 MR. MONEY (20-1) similar to **WAR OF WILL** he does not *Plot* all that well, though some of that is due to recent placement coming back in 2020. His form looks stronger excusing the July allowance sprint and 9-furlong bullring race in the G2 CT Classic. He had the right trip tracking from the pocket and saving ground to prevail in the G3 Ack Ack Stakes and still a gritty effort as the pace was solid and he stayed on while the race slowed late. He is not yet proven the same “class” as **WAR OF WILL**, though is in form with *OptixFIG* in *Range*. Some intent returning to this event after 2019, faltering over a tough to handle main track at Santa Anita. Spread.

#7 RUSHIE (20-1) while some cases for upside are made with others in this field in terms of Plot, **RUSHIE** lacks those excuses and has a tough task this afternoon taking on older for the first time. Toss.

#8 PIRATE’S PUNCH (20-1) positioned in *Quad I* he looks to chase **KNICKS GO** from start to finish and tough to see a trip (outside of anything unforeseen) where he has any type of pace advantage. Holding for *Underneath* could be a best case scenario.

#9 MR. FREEZE (6-1) trip is really going to be key for him with this post position and running style where Franco will have to make a lot of really smart decisions at each point of call. He is positioned in *Quad IV* and a *mismatch* on *OptixRPM* listed as an *EP* runner. Noting he is not quick enough to make the lead there is a chance he could get caught wide early on and give up ground in the process. If able to sneak out work to get over and cover he has races in his career that could compete here. Given the 6-1 morning line and looking like a viable alternative “on paper” some value could be lacking due to the required trip. No Value.

#10 COMPLEXITY (2-1) this is a fitting name for his chances here as looking at *OptixPLOT* and the *QuadPct* is one of the legit contenders in this field. It becomes complex as he draws outside and will have to use early for position into that first turn as well as to run with **KNICKS GO** as one of the few horses in the field that can keep up with him and not allow for him to get the easy lead, lone trip. He is certainly a talented type, fits on class/*Grades, Figs*, though will be making the change from the one-turn races to the two-turns here and still an unknown. Between distance and trip, while he makes for a capable type...No value.

#11 JESUS' TEAM (30-1) current *OptixFIG* and *Grades* are below keeping him from being a contender. At the price, could snag a share. Underneath.

#12 OWENDALE (8-1) he has stamina so have to be concerned with connections not running in the G1 Classic again and instead running in the mile. His form has been consistent this year, though a bit soft in terms of *Grades* at the graded stakes level. He does hold a win over the course one of his stronger races to date going 8.5-furlongs in the G3 Lexington Stakes last April. Like the other off the pace horses, especially those drawn outside trip will be crucial here and needs a lot of racing luck. Spread/Underneath.

CONCLUSION

There are some legit contenders here at fair value with **#1 ART COLLECTOR** and **#5 KNICKS GO** to key around. There are also prices to keep an eye on the board for those spread and exotic tickets.