

Race 13 | Dirt | 10 Furlongs | 3YOs

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# ML	HORSE Trainer Jockey	Condition Summary
1	EMERGING MARKET	
15/1	CHAD BROWN RICARDO SANTANA JR	Really nice early conditioning with the NPT/NPT/REV being rocked, but then got a bit dull. Yes, the dirt spreads did grow, but that trajectory was also well aided by fast-dipping 4F Pace without holding his previous Final Figure ability. I wonder though if he can't work a nice trip here saving ground behind the first flight of pacesetters and sneak in at a price. It's not that he looks particularly competitive on the sheets coming in, but he at least has buried potential that could resurface while being well off the public radar after failing at 3/5 in OC company, and despite that, the barn still felt compelled to enter here today.
2	LEADING CHANGE	
12/1	BRAD COX MANUEL FRANCO	Late to the track with a June debut, but perhaps not as far behind these race-developed rivals as one would think. Massive 81/82 COMP* and 80/83 wins. I don't see how I could leave him off any tickets with these pacelines and odds.
3	NAPOLEON SOLO	
8/1	CHAD SUMMERS JOHN VELAZQUEZ	Precocious unveiling with speedy forward-spent DTOP/NEG wins to start career followed by a quick regression as he added distance. Has seemed to climb his way back into form with a sharp 81/72 stealing the Preakness and then finally earned his REV designation in last which catches him up to the rest of these. Certain threat if no one else goes, but can't imagine he'll get that lucky. May stick around for minors if the flow is right but won't be a priority for my tickets.
4	THE PUMA	
8/1	GUSTAVO DELGADO JAVIER CASTELLANO	Has some solid indicators of success over distance with the REV/COMP combo to start career but as he's moved up with his star sophomore companions, I've wondered if he wants quite this much distance. Has been seen making early middle moves only to not sustain as strong as others late. Suffered a setback and had to scratch from the Derby and hasn't been seen on a fast track since March so perhaps there's opportunity here he could have some exciting hidden form, but I can't say he's fully on my radar for getting 10 furlongs against this level today.
5	RENEGADE	
3/1	TODD PLETCHER TYLER GAFFALIONE	Double-digit spreads 5 races in a row, he has the look of a textbook Travers contender and would be a nice standout here if it wasn't for the presence of the #9 who has outpaced him late in the last couple. This '26 crop of 3YOs has been a special group for stretch-running and kind of a breath of fresh air after seeing gate-to-wire types dominate many past crops.
6	OCELLI	
20/1	D. WHITWORTH BECKMAN EDGARD ZAYAS	Cheap purchase is a 10-race maiden starting to close in on \$1 million in earnings so hats off to the connections, but tough to see him figuring in this field. Quality of figures compared to others' resume is thin. To cash, likely needs a meltdown scenario where he runs into the bottom of exotics behind the stronger runners that would also benefit from that flow.
7	SEA STRIKE	
5/1	CHAD BROWN FLAVIEN PRAT	70/77 REV when stretching way out in 3rd start is a textbook spot for a runner adding distance. He's looked geared up and feeling good in morning works and has drawn notable attention coming in. The question is one of potential vs lack of experience. Ceiling could be high here, but on the flipside, we've also seen plenty of great morning workers falter once they are in with a field on race day getting leaned on. Will be interested to see what the players make his odds.
8	BABY VINO	
10/1	LINDSAY SCHULTZ PACO LOPEZ	Pretty forward spent as an unseasoned sprinter when kicking off career but that has given way as he's developed quickly over more distance and was even building sustained pace over routes going -9 to -7 to 0, which is the opposite way of most runners as they stretch out, although not necessarily a bad thing as it can pose a dangerous threat to those aforementioned rivals if pace isn't honest. Might be overlooked today.
9	GOLDEN TEMPO	
5/2	CHERIE DEVAUX JOSE ORTIZ	COMP* debut signaled he should relish distance from the start and he sure has with massive dirt spreads of -15 and -20 in latest triumphs. Might still be some doubters out there because of his Derby price, but this guy is the real deal and should have a full tank off a SOFT win pattern today.
10	SILENT TACTIC	
10/1	MARK CASSE LUIS SAEZ	While on the Derby trail, he prompted consecutive DTOPs going into the Arkansas Derby and even though he was ailing from a minor foot bruise, staved off projected regression and ran a solid 2nd behind <i>Renegade</i> . Scratched from the Kentucky Derby as that injury worsened, he's healed up now and after a solid showing off the bench in last at 70/76, I feel we could see his very best today.