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LOUISIANA

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FAIR GROUNDS

LOUISIANA CHAMPIONS DAY

FIRST RACE	SECOND RACE	THIRD RACE	FOURTH RACE	FIFTH RACE	SIXTH RACE	SEVENTH RACE
LIL JESS OAK COORS SELECT UNQUESTIONABLE	MS JINGLES PERRYS RUNAWAY DASHIN GAGE	JLS MR BIGTIME LA MOS CHINGONO BLUE LOUISIANA JOLLA	LITTLE MS PROTOCOL CLEVER THIRTEEN PRETTY NOT	STRING KING SADIE'S SOLDIER LOVELY VIN	NOLA GIRL I JUS WANA HAV FUN UNDER THE RADAR	SITTIN AT THE BAR SUITEFRIENDSOFMINE SHE LOVES RUNNIN'
EIGHTH RACE	NINTH RACE	TENTH RACE	ELEVENTH RACE	TWELFTH RACE	THIRTEENTH RACE	
AMANECER DE ORO UNITAS EUGENE'S MOMENT	NUBIN RIDGE HEITAI WESTERNATOR	SILENT PIPE CLEVER THIRTEEN WELL'S GOLD	POPULIST POLITICS LOVELY VIN HEAVY ON THEMISTER	SPEEDACIOUS HARLIE'S DREAMS DO DAT BLUES	WARREN'S REBEL DEADLY TRUTH NINTH WARD MAN	

#	Mud	Horse	Odds	Med	Eqp	Cls	Days	Chg	Chg	Away	COMMENTS	2012	Jockey	2012	Trainer	Pace	Spd	Class	
												Win %		Win %					
FIRST RACE			2 Furlongs						Three yr olds			Grade II stk/hcp			PURSE \$100,000				
1		UNQUESTIONABLE	10/1	L				49			Put up big numbers in all 3 FG starts - watch	0%	Cox E L ¹²⁴	0%	Cavazos Frank	---	92	---	
2		JLS GAME BOY	12/1	L				36			Today's class hike may prove too taxing	0%	Ramirez R Jr ¹²⁴	0%	Soileau Darrel	---	95	---	
3		POLITICAL OPTION	6/1	L				64			Hasn't been quite as sharp in last 3 - needs best	0%	Hamilton J W ¹²⁴	0%	Roberts Kenneth	---	88	---	
4		AJS FAST DASH	12/1	L				21			Repeat of recent effort not good enough	100%	Lujan A ¹²⁴	7%	Broussard Kevin	---	90	---	
5		INTRIGUING JESS BLUE	9/2	L				114			Gelding has shown he runs well fresh - chance	12%	Alvarez David A ¹²⁴	0%	Simien Willie J Jr	---	96	---	
6		RAPID TRANSIT	10/1	L				21			Still looking for first 2012 win - outsider	0%	Edison R B ¹²⁴	0%	Rodriguez Miguel	---	94	---	
7		MOSSY OAK TREE	8/1	L				189			Had 4-race win streak snapped in last - threat	0%	Watson D R ¹²⁴	7%	Broussard Kevin	---	95	---	
8		LIL JESS OAK	5/1	L				21			Sophomore is having a banner year - must respect	0%	Baldillez O ¹²⁴	7%	Broussard Kevin	---	99	---	
9		COORS SELECT	4/1	L				21			Top money-earned hopes to cure "seconditis"	0%	Ortiz G B ¹²⁴	0%	Brossette Alvin	---	99	---	
10		KLASSY PRIZE PERRY	20/1	L				23			Gets part occasionally but doesn't often win	0%	Jerman J B ¹²⁴	7%	Hebert Randy	---	91	---	
11		LA JOLLA FAST DASH	20/1	L				57			Has won two straight but faces toughest test	20%	Chavis Jessie ¹²⁴	0%	Smith Kelli	---	93	---	
12		ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLY	12/1	L				36			Tackles tougher after sharp score in last	0%	Gillum S D ¹²⁴	0%	Roberts Kenneth	---	99	---	
13		TACHAS GOT GAME	20/1	L				63			May be just a notch below the best of these	0%	Ransom B ¹²⁴	0%	Correll Dave	---	93	---	
14		RAKIN IN ROMEO	20/1	L				23			Not quite the talent of the best of these	0%	Lavergne D J ¹²⁴	0%	Rigdon Paul R	---	89	---	

Louisiana Champions Day kicks off with a full field in the Quarterhorse Derby and several have a shot at the top spot. LIL JESS OAK and COORS SELECT have been knocking heads lately and are the ones to beat today. The former is a 5-time winner this year and rates a slight edge today. He'll track the speed and try to nail him on the wire. Edge in a close contest. COORS SELECT will be battling from the start and try to hold off the cavalry at the wire.

Daily Double (part wheel) 1,8,9 - 3,5,11	TODAY'S PICKS ● LIL JESS OAK ● COORS SELECT ● UNQUESTIONABLE	SPEED LIL JESS OAK COORS SELECT ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLY	CLASS	LONGSHOT LIL JESS OAK	Exacta Box 1 - 8 - 9
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SECOND RACE		1.59 Furlongs		Two year olds		Grade II stk/hcp		PURSE \$100,000				
1	VICTORIA SWEET ANGEL	12/1	L	43	Has been in the hunt in all 4 starts - watch	100%	Lujan A ¹²³	0%	Rodriguez Miguel	---	90	---
2	COLTINS FAST DASH	8/1	L	21	Tired late in lone start here - needs best	0%	Rubalcava Martin ¹²³	0%	Huitron Fructuoso	---	98	---
3	DASHIN GAGE	6/1	L	21	Didn't fire in Futurity but can show more here	0%	Gillum S D ¹²³	0%	Roberts Kenneth	---	100	---
4	DREAMERS FAST DASH	20/1	L	43	Looks to be a cut below the best of these	50%	Vega Jose ¹²³	20%	Nixon Bobby J	---	87	---
5	MS JINGLES	3/1	L	43	Has only lost once at 350 yards or less - threat	0%	Cox E L ¹²³	0%	Cavazos Frank	---	96	---
6	BEER AND PEANUTS	8/1	L	21	Must show more in order to grab top spot here	0%	Deschamp J A ¹²³	0%	Taylor Heath	---	91	---
7	DOWNTOWN CORONA	8/1	L	43	Two-time winner will need a career effort today	0%	Hamilton J W ¹²³	0%	Jourdan Preston	---	94	---
8	BARE NAKED MARTINI	8/1	L	91	Beaten by several of these in last - outsider	0%	Ortiz G B ¹²³	0%	Lopez Matias Atilano	---	97	---
9	COUGAR HILL	10/1	L	21	Must improve off recent efforts to grab top spot	0%	Lavergne D J ¹²³	2%	Beavin Judy	---	96	---
10	CHAMPIONS PASSAGE	20/1	L	43	Maiden would be a surprise in this spot	0%	Jerman J B ¹²³	7%	Hebert Randy	---	94	---
11	PERRYS RUNAWAY	9/2	L	21	Stepped up and just missed in Futurity - capable	0%	Watson D R ¹²³	7%	Broussard Kevin	---	98	---
12	BIGTIME BEAU	10/1	L	43	Lightly raced gelding still has room to improve	12%	Alvarez David A ¹²³	0%	Martinez Bobby	---	94	---
13	JETHRO ALMITEY	12/1	L	21	Today's class hike may prove too taxing	0%	Ramirez R Jr ¹²³	0%	Haug Justin	---	94	---
14	SIXES SLINKY SECRET	20/1	L	45	Consistent sort just has trouble winning	0%	Medina Garrett L ¹²³	7%	Hebert Randy	---	89	---
15	DASHIN FORWARD	12/1	L	43	Tailed off markedly in last two - can't use	20%	Chavis Jessie ¹²³	0%	Smith Kelli	---	83	---
16	LETS JESS DO IT	10/1	L	14	Appears to be a cut below the best of these	0%	Cox E L ¹²³	0%	Cavazos Frank	---	95	---

A full field of 2-year-olds will battle in this Quarterhorse Juvenile Stakes and the top contenders are hard to separate. MS JINGLES has won 5 of 7 career starts and has been beaten only once going 350 yards or less. That's what she'll get today and she rates the call. She's beaten colts before and can do it again today. She'll break running and try to take this field every step of the way. PERRYS RUNAWAY just missed in the Futurity and has a big shot.

Exacta Box 3 - 5 - 11	TODAY'S PICKS ● MS JINGLES ● PERRYS RUNAWAY ● DASHIN GAGE	SPEED DASHIN GAGE COLTINS FAST DASH PERRYS RUNAWAY	CLASS	LONGSHOT DASHIN GAGE	Trifecta (part wheel) 5 - 3,11 - all
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# Mud	Horse	Odds	Med	Eqp	Cls	Days	Chg	Chg	Away	COMMENTS	2012 Win %	Jockey	2012 Win %	Trainer	Pace Spd Class
										THIRD RACE					
										2. Furlongs					
1	BBS FIRST JET BLACK	20/1	L				4	36		Steps up after hard-fought win - needs best	0%	Ransom B ¹²⁶	0%	Ellis Trey	--- 94 ---
2	ZUPERS QUICK DASH	8/1	L	off			4	63		2010 champ hopes to rebound after poor outing	0%	Ortiz G B ¹²⁶	0%	Martinez Bobby	--- 94 ---
3	LA MOS CHINGONO	10/1	L				4	49		Last year's runner-up is going good now - threat	0%	Hamilton J W ¹²⁶	0%	Roberts Kenneth	--- 94 ---
4	BLUE LOUISIANA JOLLA	8/1	L				4	147		9-time winner has yet to score in 2012	0%	Deschamp J A ¹²⁶	0%	Potts Elroy Jr	--- 100 ---
5	MCM DASHMASTER	8/1	L				4	57		Has shown he runs well fresh - must respect	12%	Alvarez David A ¹²⁶	0%	Martinez Bobby	--- 104 ---
6	JLS MR BIGTIME	9/5	L				4	63		Looking to dash past the \$1 million mark today	0%	Ramirez R Jr ¹²⁶	0%	Soileau Darrel	--- 100 ---
7	ALLUSIONAL DASH	20/1	L				4	147		Not quite the talent of the best of these	0%	Edison R B ¹²⁶	0%	Chavira Anireal	--- 94 ---
8	HEZA GONNA DASH	15/1	L				4	28		Appears to have bitten off too much today	100%	Lujan A ¹²⁶	0%	Alcantara Barbara	--- 90 ---
9	COME AN GET ME	30/1	L				4	17		Lacked the needed late kick of late - outsider	0%	Jerman J B ¹²⁶	7%	Smith Richard Louis	--- 91 ---
10	LOUSIANA PANTHER	6/1	L				4	63		Hasn't run back to sharp spring form	0%	Gillum S D ¹²⁶	0%	Roberts Kenneth	--- 97 ---
11	MARTINI MOUNTAIN	20/1	L				4	36		Erratic sort can challenge with a top try	0%	Lavergne D J ¹²⁶	0%	Rigdon Paul R	--- 96 ---
12	TAYLORS TOASTIN PAPA	5/1	L				4	24		Today's class hike may prove too taxing	0%	Watson D R ¹²⁶	7%	Broussard Kevin	--- 98 ---
13	NO PLAYING GAMES	20/1	L				4	10		Not sure .440 yards is his best distance	0%	Constantin Lucas ¹²⁶	0%	Smith Kelli	--- 96 ---
14	JESSAPATRIOT	12/1	L				4	64		Game winner in last but faces better today	0%	Baldillez O ¹²⁶	7%	Broussard Kevin	--- 89 ---
15	HEZA JODYS TOAST	20/1	L				4	147		Wins have been scarce the last two years	0%	Rubalcava Martin ¹²⁶	0%	Huitron Fructuoso	--- 88 ---

Several merit attention in this year's Louisiana Champion Day Classic. JLS MR BIGTIME is a hard-hitting 4-year-old with 10 career wins that's bearing down on \$1 million in earnings. He disappointed as the 3-2 choice in a Gr. 1 at Lone Star and will try to make amends today. He figures to break with the leaders and take over in the final yards. LA MOS CHINGANO just missed in this race last year and will be looking to grab top spot this year - consider.

Exacta Box 3 - 4 - 6	TODAY'S PICKS ● JLS MR BIGTIME ● LA MOS CHINGONO ● BLUE LOUISIANA JOLLA	SPEED MCM DASHMASTER BLUE LOUISIANA JOLLA JLS MR BIGTIME	CLASS	LONGSHOT LA MOS CHINGONO	Trifecta (part wheel) 6 - 3,4 - all
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										FOURTH RACE					
										1 1/16 Miles					
										Fillies and Mares					
										3 yr. olds & up					
										Nongraded					
1	LADYZARBRIDGE	9/5	L				43			2010 winner has only won 2 races since - beware	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹¹⁸	19%	Johnston Edward J	83 86 117
2	CLEVER THIRTEEN		L				4	76		Veteran mare has reeled off two straight	12%	Jacinto J ¹¹⁸	19%	Johnston Edward J	82 88 117
3	SILENT LEGACY	12/1	L				4	8		Versatile sort can handle dirt or turf	13%	Hernandez Colby J ¹²⁰	13%	Richards Corale A	79 83 116
4	BEVERLY BELLE	6/1	L				4	14		Steps up the ladder after easy win over lesser	14%	Mena M ¹¹⁸	23%	Calhoun William Bret	77 85 116
5	PRETTY NOT	9/2	L				21			Didn't show much in lone Fair Grounds start	10%	Meche D J ¹¹⁸	9%	Simpson Pamela P	76 86 117
6	LITTLE MS PROTOCOL	8/5	L				21			Sophomore filly is going good now - threat	16%	Saenz Diego ¹¹⁵	25%	Devereux Patrick Jr	90 89 117
7	DIVINE LORRETTA	12/1	L				16			Turf specialist is 0 for 4 over fast tracks	14%	Graham J ¹²⁰	13%	Hodges James E	85 80 114

A compact field of seven has been drawn for this Louisiana Ladies Stakes and the top contenders are very close here. LITTLE MS PROTOCOL is the top money earner in this field and comes off a good effort in the Treasure Chest Stakes at Delta Downs. This El Corredor filly has tactical speed and will be running from off the pace. Look for her to get up in the late going. CLEVER THIRTEEN sports two easy wins since being claimed and hopes to stay on a roll today.

Pick 3 (part wheel) 1,5 - 5,6,9 - 3,10,11	TODAY'S PICKS ● LITTLE MS PROTOCOL ● CLEVER THIRTEEN ● PRETTY NOT	SPEED LITTLE MS PROTOCOL CLEVER THIRTEEN LADYZARBRIDGE	CLASS LITTLE MS PROTOCOL PRETTY NOT LADYZARBRIDGE	LONGSHOT PRETTY NOT	Exacta Box 1 - 4 - 5
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										FIFTH RACE					
										Abt 1 1/16 Miles (T)					
										Three year olds & up					
										Nongraded					
1	LEE'S SPIRIT	8/1	L				42			Upset rivals at Delta Downs - looks to repeat	12%	Jacinto J ¹¹⁸	19%	Johnston Edward J	72 87 117
2	WELL'S GOLD	8/1	L				42			Was in position in last but failed to rally	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹¹⁸	15%	Irwin Ralph R	83 90 118
3	KISSIMMEE KYLE	4/1	L				16			Gold Tribute gelding will battle for early control	18%	Guidry M ¹²²	24%	Stall Albert M Jr	90 91 118
4	WATCH MY SMOKE	10/1	L				4	24		Moves way up today if the race move to the dirt	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹¹⁸	18%	Lovell Michelle	88 89 117
5	LOVELY VIN	8/1	L				4	13		Vindication is 3 for 4 on turf - must respect	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹¹⁵	28%	Amoss Thomas M	98 95 119
6	SADIE'S SOLDIER	5/1	L				91			Late runner hopes for a quick pace up front	10%	Clark K D ¹²²	13%	Brinkman Brett	78 94 119
7	THUNDER AFFAIR	12/1	L				4	22		Good try in return to turf - can't rule out	18%	Bridgmohan S X ¹¹⁸	18%	Margolis Stephen R	84 83 116
8	BENWILL	20/1	L	on			16			Just isn't as sharp now as he needs to be	16%	Saenz Diego ¹¹⁵	15%	Richey Tony J	82 84 116
9	STRING KING	9/5	L				16			4-year-old is on top of his game now - threat	14%	Graham J ¹²²	21%	Smith Charles Craig	85 94 120

A case can be made for nearly half the field in this year's Champions Day Turf. STRING KING is a hard-hitting gelding that sports a 5-3-1 record from 12 turf starts and looks to be on top of his game now after a win in the Mr Sulu Stakes on Thanksgiving Day. This 4-year-old likes the Fair Grounds lawn and figures to come running from just off the pace under James Graham. SADIE'S SOLDIER also come off a win in his try vs. state-breds and will be rolling late.

Exacta Box 5 - 6 - 9	TODAY'S PICKS ● STRING KING ● SADIE'S SOLDIER ● LOVELY VIN	SPEED LOVELY VIN SADIE'S SOLDIER STRING KING	CLASS STRING KING LOVELY VIN SADIE'S SOLDIER	LONGSHOT SADIE'S SOLDIER	Trifecta (part wheel) 9 - 5,6 - all
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										SIXTH RACE					
										6 Furlongs					
										Fillies Two year olds					
										Maiden Special Weight					
										PURSE \$39,000					
1	MISCHIEVOUS MAMA	8/1	Ⓢ							Works have been a mixed bag - may need a race	14%	Mena M ¹²⁰	19%	Hawley Wesley	--- --- ---
2	OUR KATIE	20/1	Ⓢ							Firster's works have been modest at best	10%	Theriot H J II ¹²⁰	19%	Nicks Morris G	--- --- ---
3	IJUS WANA HAV FUN	9/2	L				16			Has some early foot but stamina is the question	18%	Guidry M ¹²⁰	12%	Scherer Merrill R	91 66 110
4	DIAMOND LUCY	8/1	Ⓢ							Tote will tell on this first-time starter	19%	Goncalves Leandro R ¹²⁰	21%	Gorder Kellyn	--- --- ---
5	MISS YOUR SMILE	12/1	L				16			Got away slowly and failed to threaten in opener	13%	McMahon C J ¹²⁰	11%	Granger Randall	80 65 109
6	SARAH'S YAMAKA	20/1	Ⓢ				4	122		Evangeline shipper will have to show more here	18%	Bridgmohan S X ¹²⁰	13%	Richards Corale A	--- 59 107
7	LONG LOST FRIEND	6/1	L				36			Tracks the leaders and hopes to get up late	14%	Graham J ¹²⁰	10%	Landry Blake	84 68 111
8	LETTER LOOSE	15/1	L	off			4	15		Faded late in opener - must show more today	9%	Martin E M Jr ¹²⁰	13%	Scherer Gary	91 60 106
9	SHANGHAI PRINCESS	8/1	L				63			Got some needed experience - eligible to improve	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹²⁰	23%	Calhoun William Bret	84 68 110
10	UNDER THE RADAR	12/1	L	on			16			Connections hope blinkers put some spark in her	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹²⁰	11%	Milligan Allen	--- 65 109
11	NOLA GIRL	4/1	L				30			Ran respectably vs. open maidens at Churchill	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹²⁰	10%	Stewart Dallas	94 77 110
12	GIMME YO NUMBER	6/1	L				16			Improved in sequel but may still be a race away	13%	Hernandez Colby J ¹²⁰	24%	Stall Albert M Jr	80 62 108

This state-bred maiden contest came up a little bit light and it's tough to get real enthused about anyone. NOLA GIRL battled for the early lead in her career debut before tiring to fifth in an open maiden race at Churchill Downs. She drops in class to battle state-breds today and rates as the one to beat. Brian Hernandez will ration her speed and hope to have enough horse left to get home first. IJUS WANA HAV FUN has a race over the track and can improve.

Pick 3 (part wheel) 3,11 - 3,4,6 - 1,3	TODAY'S PICKS ● NOLA GIRL ● IJUS WANA HAV FUN ● UNDER THE RADAR	SPEED NOLA GIRL LONG LOST FRIEND SHANGHAI PRINCESS	CLASS LONG LOST FRIEND SHANGHAI PRINCESS NOLA GIRL	LONGSHOT UNDER THE RADAR	Exacta Box 3 - 10 - 11
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# Mud	Horse	Odds	Med Chg	Eqp Chg	Cls	Days Away	COMMENTS	2012 Win %	Jockey	2012 Win %	Trainer	Pace Spd Class
SEVENTH RACE 6 Furlongs												
1	BLANCO CANYON	10/1	L	Δ	29		Today's class hike will prove too taxing	14%	Mena M ¹¹⁷	13%	Brinkman Brett	81 73 110
2	PRIVATE REBEL	30/1	L	Δ	15		Failed to threaten in either start vs. winners	10%	Agilar Trey ¹²²	19%	Agilar Anthony	--- 41 108
3	SITTIN AT THE BAR	5/2	L	▽	21		Even effort in the Princess Stakes - top threat	18%	Guidry M ¹²²	13%	Brinkman Brett	81 86 118
4@	SHE LOVES RUNNIN'	7/2	L		21		Hopes to muster the needed closing punch today	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹²²	15%	Richey Tony J	96 82 115
5	TARALICIOUS	4/1	L	Δ	16		Dropped in with cajun-breds and won easily	10%	Theriot H J II ¹²²	23%	Calhoun William Bret	92 82 113
6	SUITEFRIENDSOFMINE	8/1	L		91		Stalker will be in position turning for home	16%	Saenz Diego ¹²²	14%	Delhomme Jerry	86 79 115
7	ELLYN'S LITTLESTORM	8/1	L	Δ	24		Storm Passage filly will need a career effort	10%	Meche D J ¹²²	7%	Culotta Ray	95 78 114
8	LOVE YOU BABY	8/1	L		21		Tailed off after winning first two starts	15%	Patin J W Jr ¹²²	10%	Ward Ronnie	--- 78 114
9	EVENING TRIBUTE	8/1	L	Δ	24		Looks to apply early pressure from the outside	11%	Leblanc K P ¹²²	9%	Hebert Doris	--- 82 113

Two-year-old fillies will battle in the Champions Day Lassie and SITTING AT THE BAR looks to be the one to beat here. This filly was an easy debut winner, the only time she raced against state-breds, then came back with two good efforts in open company at Delta Downs. She's back in with Louisiana-breds today and will be tough if she continues to improve. She'll be in the garden spot early and ready to roll late. SUITEFRIENDSOFMINE comes off a big effort - top contender.

Pick 3 (part wheel) 3,4,6 - 1,3 - 3,6,8	TODAY'S PICKS ● SITTIN AT THE BAR ● SUITEFRIENDSOFMINE ● SHE LOVES RUNNIN'	SPEED SITTIN AT THE BAR SHE LOVES RUNNIN' TARALICIOUS	CLASS SITTIN AT THE BAR SHE LOVES RUNNIN' SUITEFRIENDSOFMINE	LONGSHOT SUITEFRIENDSOFMINE	Exacta Box 3 - 4 - 6
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EIGHTH RACE 6 Furlongs												
1	AMANECEER DE ORO	8/5	L		112		Afternoon Deelites colt is sharp right now	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹²²	14%	Duke Steven	99 95 118
2@	EUGENE'S MOMENT	8/1	L	Δ	84		Going good now but faces toughest test	8%	Diego I V ¹²⁰	13%	Ingram Steve	94 92 116
3	UNITAS	5/1	L		42		Tailed off after July win - must show more	19%	Melancon G ¹¹⁸	13%	Brinkman Brett	97 84 116
4	PRODUCTIVE ENVOY	6/1	L		112		Blanked in 3 starts over this track - beware	16%	Saenz Diego ¹¹⁸	15%	Richey Tony J	95 91 116
5	CHIEF JAY	8/1	L		42		Failed to fire in Gold Cup - needs best	15%	Patin J W Jr ¹¹⁸	13%	Bourgeois Keith	84 89 117
6@	SU CASA G CASA	6/1	L		251		Back on the right surface today - expect better	14%	Mena M ¹¹⁸	23%	Calhoun William Bret	--- 90 117
7@	STRONG AND TOUGH	12/1	L	Δ	182		Readiness after layoff is the big ??? for him	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹¹⁸	7%	Mouton Enis	93 85 115
8	JOYCE'S REBEL	6/1	L	Δ	128		Ran big in open Allowance race at LAD - threat	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹²⁰	17%	Leggio Andrew Jr	85 87 116

A well-matched field will battle in this year's Champions Day Sprint and the defending champ, AMANECEER DE ORO, looks to be primed to repeat. This Afternoon Deelites colt comes off back-to-back wins and has shown he's not limited to one running style. He'll get a good trip from the inside and look to take command when the field turns for home. UNITAS sports a 2-1-1 record from his last 4 sprint tries and is a threat from just off the pace.

Exacta Box 1 - 2 - 3	TODAY'S PICKS ● AMANECEER DE ORO ● UNITAS ● EUGENE'S MOMENT	SPEED AMANECEER DE ORO EUGENE'S MOMENT PRODUCTIVE ENVOY	CLASS AMANECEER DE ORO SU CASA G CASA CHIEF JAY	LONGSHOT UNITAS	Trifecta (part wheel) 1 - 2,3 - all
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NINTH RACE 6 Furlongs												
1	CONFEDERATE RECON	10/1	L	Δ	83		SoCal shipper has won on dirt and synthetic	18%	Bridgmohan S X ¹²²	20%	Asmussen Steven M	92 80 113
2	HERO FORCE	9/2	L	Δ	16		Calhoun trainee continues to improve	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹²²	23%	Calhoun William Bret	96 85 116
3	HEITAI	9/2	L	Δ	21		Stalker looms large at the head of the lane	16%	Saenz Diego ¹²²	13%	Breaux Samuel	92 86 118
4	LATTIN DEVIL	8/1	L	Δ	28		Made short work of rivals in debut - steps up	11%	Melancon Jansen ¹²²	10%	Lara Jorge	87 83 112
5	FISHIN FRANK	20/1	L	Δ	13		Gave way readily in Fair Grounds debut - beware	10%	Agilar Trey ¹²²	19%	Agilar Anthony	96 78 113
6	NUBIN RIDGE	7/2	L	Δ	16		Late runner hopes for a quick pace up front	14%	Mena M ¹²²	12%	Scherer Merrill R	88 86 115
7	KWIK N' SMOKEY	20/1	L	Δ	16		Not quite the talent of the best of these	9%	Martin E M Jr ¹²²	14%	Heitzman Eric	90 74 112
8	WESTERNATOR	3/1	L		21		Never off the board in 6 tries - can't rule out	18%	Guidry M ¹²²	20%	Asmussen Steven M	88 87 117
9	PALMY BAY	6/1	L		21		Lydgate colt is unbeaten sprinting - look close	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹²²	14%	Mouton Patrick	94 70 115

Two-year-old males will go in the Louisiana Juvenile and with at least a couple of these expected to battle early, the pace figures to be quick and the race sets up well for one with some closing punch. NUBIN RIDGE is 2-1-1 from 4 career starts and did get up to win his first start over this track. He has the preferred running style and gets the call in a close contest. HEITAI has tactical speed and should be legged up coming off a route race. He's the top contender.

Exacta Box 3 - 6 - 8	TODAY'S PICKS ● NUBIN RIDGE ● HEITAI ● WESTERNATOR	SPEED WESTERNATOR HEITAI NUBIN RIDGE	CLASS HEITAI WESTERNATOR HERO FORCE	LONGSHOT HEITAI	Trifecta (part wheel) 6 - 3,8 - all
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TENTH RACE 1 Mile 70 Yards												
1	IM FUNNY FOR MONEY	10/1	L	Δ	37		Disappointed as the 5-2 choice in last	13%	Hernandez Colby J ¹¹³	13%	Richards Corale A	86 85 116
1A	SMARTASAWHIP		L	Δ	98		Just isn't as sharp now as he needs to be	19%	Goncalves Leandro R ¹¹⁵	13%	Richards Corale A	90 83 114
2	CLEVER THIRTEEN	7/2	L	Δ	76		Comes off 2 straight wins vs. open company - watch	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹¹⁸	19%	Johnston Edward J	82 88 117
3	HENRY'S TEDDYBEAR	20/1	L	Δ	13		Just isn't as sharp now as he needs to be	13%	McMahon C J ¹¹⁴	8%	Arndt Theodore	73 75 112
4	SECOND LION	30/1	L	Δ	23		Didn't beat much in last win - unlikely here	11%	Melancon Jansen ¹¹⁰	13%	Hodges James E	70 74 111
5	SILENT PIPE	6/1	L	Δ	28		Six-year-old is on the upswing now - look close	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹¹⁹	12%	Scherer Merrill R	90 87 116
6	TOUGH AS STEEL	30/1	L	Δ	10		Not quite the talent of the best of these	7%	Bonnet Chester ¹⁰⁹	13%	Woodley Carl J	81 71 110
7@	HEZALOTTA WANDA	4/1	L	Δ	17		Delta Downs shipper is going good now - capable	15%	Patin J W Jr ¹²⁰	13%	Bourgeois Keith	77 89 117
8@	WELL'S GOLD	3/1	L		42		Flashes to the front and hopes to stay there	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹²¹	15%	Irwin Ralph R	83 90 118
9	HIGH HOPES E DAY	10/1	L	Δ	13		Has been equally adept on turf and dirt - chance	18%	Guidry M ¹¹⁷	13%	Leggio Frank	78 81 114
10@	MR. PORTER	6/1	L	Δ	17		Appeared well spotted in last but failed to fire	19%	Melancon G ¹¹⁶	13%	Bourgeois Keith	79 84 116

It's tough to throw very many out in this year's Louisiana Starter Handicap, so insist on a square price before plunging on any of these. SILENT PIPE is a cagey old veteran with 9 career wins and he's shown the ability to go short or long. Most of his success has come over this track and he can get the job done here if he continues to improve. CLEVER THIRTEEN has been off since posting 2 straight wins, but is working well for his return and does love the Fair Grounds oval.

Pick 4 (part wheel) 2,5,8 - 1,3,5 - 2,7 - 4,10	TODAY'S PICKS ● SILENT PIPE ● CLEVER THIRTEEN ● WELL'S GOLD	SPEED WELL'S GOLD HEZALOTTA WANDA CLEVER THIRTEEN	CLASS WELL'S GOLD HEZALOTTA WANDA CLEVER THIRTEEN	LONGSHOT SILENT PIPE	Trifecta (part wheel) 5 - 2,8 - all
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ELEVENTH RACE 1 1/8 Miles												
Three year olds & up												
Nongraded												
PURSE \$150,000												
1	LOVELY VIN	12/1	L	13	Speedy sort will play "catch me if you can"	18%	Bridgmohan S X ¹¹⁵	28%	Amoss Thomas M	98	95	119
2	FATE'S RIGHT HAND	20/1	L on	21	Consistent sort will need a career effort today	10%	Riquelme J ¹¹⁵	11%	Robinson Robby R	84	89	116
3	POPULIST POLITICS	3/1	L	42	2011 runner-up hopes to grab top honor this year	14%	Graham J ¹¹⁸	28%	Amoss Thomas M	80	97	119
4	TEN TO MIDNIGHT	20/1	L	77	Appears to have bitten off too much here	13%	McMahon C J ¹¹⁸	17%	Ishaq Abdulla H	76	75	112
5	HEAVY ON THEMISTER	5/1	L	42	Lion Tamer gelding can show speed or be rated	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹²⁴	11%	David Shawn M	91	96	119
6	MAKE IT ROSES	30/1	L	37	Not quite the talent of the best of these	18%	Guidry M ¹¹⁸	15%	Courville Ricky	69	78	114
7	WATCH MY SMOKE	6/1	L	24	Has been in position of late but failed to rally	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹¹⁸	18%	Lovell Michelle	88	89	117
8	LEE'S SPIRIT	9/2	L	42	Sharp in Gold Cup but hasn't had any luck here	12%	Jacinto J ¹²⁴	19%	Johnston Edward J	72	87	117
9	IDEFROMTHEBAYOU	12/1	L	16	Erratic sort scored in last dirt start - watch	11%	Leblanc K P ¹¹⁸	15%	Courville Ricky	91	90	117
10	BREAK UP	15/1	L	42	Doesn't figure to get first 2012 win today	19%	Melancon G ¹¹⁸	13%	Brinkman Brett	86	85	116
11	GET IN DA HOUSE	7/2	L	49	Settles back early and hopes to mow 'em down late	14%	Mena M ¹¹⁸	19%	Hawley Wesley	74	93	118

Tom Amoss has a solid one-two punch in this year's Classic with his uncoupled entry of LOVELY VIN and POPULIST POLITICS. The latter had to settle for second in this race last year and last time out in the Gold Cup. He likely needed that race after a short rest and figures to move forward today. He likes the Fair Grounds oval and figures to come running late under James Graham. LOVELY VIN figures to show the way from the rail and try to take this group all the way.

Exacta Box 1 - 3 - 5	TODAY'S PICKS ● POPULIST POLITICS ● LOVELY VIN ● HEAVY ON THEMISTER	SPEED POPULIST POLITICS HEAVY ON THEMISTER LOVELY VIN	CLASS LOVELY VIN POPULIST POLITICS HEAVY ON THEMISTER	LONGSHOT LOVELY VIN	Trifecta (part wheel) 3 - 1,5 - all
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TWELFTH RACE 6 Furlongs												
Fillies and Mares 3 yr. olds & up Nongraded												
PURSE \$100,000												
1	DO DAT BLUES	15/1	L	105	Lydgate filly scored in last dirt start - threat	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹¹⁸	18%	Lovell Michelle	94	84	114
2	HARLIE'S DREAMS	3/1	L	43	Longer races should have her fit - look close	16%	Saenz Diego ¹¹⁸	25%	Devereux Patrick Jr	85	87	117
3	SKIPPING TOWN	12/1	L	175	Not sure 6 furlongs on dirt is her best setup	18%	Bridgmohan S X ¹¹⁸	17%	Ishaq Abdulla H	82	84	115
4	SCARLET TRIBUTE	15/1	L	43	5-year-old mare hasn't had any luck here	19%	Melancon G ¹¹⁸	13%	Brinkman Brett	84	77	114
5	KEVIL KID	30/1	L	254	Hasn't done anything right since maiden win	14%	Graham J ¹¹⁶	19%	Nicks Morris G	86	54	108
6	FOREIGN GIRL	6/1	L	90	Won first two starts but hasn't won since	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹¹⁶	14%	Mouton Patrick	88	80	114
7	SPEEDACIOUS	9/5	L	57	Back on the right surface today - very capable	14%	Mena M ¹²⁰	23%	Calhoun William Bret	96	83	116
8	U BELONG TO ME	6/1	L	92	Declining form earned her some time off	18%	Guidry M ¹¹⁸	16%	Ducoing Sturges J	91	85	115
9	WARRIOR MAID	5/1	L	43	Form went south after August win - can't use	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹²²	14%	Heitzman Eric	92	80	116

Several merit attention in this year's Ladies Sprint Stakes and it would be tough to take a short price on anyone. SPEEDACIOUS won this race last year and has won 6 of 8 starts over this track. She's never run a step on turf and you can throw her last race out. Back on the right surface today, she can lead early or be rated and is the one to beat. HARLIE'S DREAMS was a winner in her last sprint try and does come into this race off a bullet work. She has a solid chance.

Exacta Box 1 - 2 - 7	TODAY'S PICKS ● SPEEDACIOUS ● HARLIE'S DREAMS ● DO DAT BLUES	SPEED HARLIE'S DREAMS U BELONG TO ME DO DAT BLUES	CLASS HARLIE'S DREAMS SPEEDACIOUS WARRIOR MAID	LONGSHOT DO DAT BLUES	Trifecta (part wheel) 7 - 1,2 - all
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THIRTEENTH RACE 6 Furlongs												
Two year olds												
Maiden Special Weight												
PURSE \$39,000												
1	PURE CAJUN	8/1	L	57	Trainer isn't noted for cranking up firsters	12%	Hernandez B J Jr ¹²⁰	10%	Stewart Dallas	---	---	---
2	REQUEST A PUCK	10/1	L	108	Packed it in after a half-mile in debut	13%	McMahon C J ¹²⁰	12%	Scherer Merrill R	89	65	108
3	SPARKLING BROTHER	20/1	L	15	Figures to remain a maiden a while longer	11%	Melancon Jansen ¹²⁰	13%	Brinkman Brett	90	63	108
4	WARREN'S REBEL	5/2	L	14	Game effort in career debut - the one to beat	12%	Jacinto J ¹²⁰	17%	Leggio Andrew Jr	87	88	112
5	CHIEF EXE OFFICER	20/1	L	35	Finished early in opener - tough to take	8%	Diego I V ¹²⁰	11%	Milligan Allen	88	41	104
6	RETALIATOR	6/1	L	21	Has been in position so far but failed to rally	18%	Bridgmohan S X ¹²⁰	20%	Asmussen Steven M	85	74	109
7	PORTER'S PIC SIX	20/1	L	17	Done nothing to suggest a wakeup is imminent	17%	Eramia Richard E ¹²⁰	9%	Sibille Ray	80	60	107
8	NINTH WARD MAN	15/1	L	15	Ide colt showed some promise when adding Lasix	14%	Graham J ¹²⁰	4%	Romero Gerald J	---	66	108
9	SUNBEAN	6/1	Ⓢ	15	Brahms colt goes for sharp barn - watch tote	13%	Hernandez Colby J ¹²⁰	24%	Stall Albert M Jr	---	---	---
10	DEADLY TRUTH	3/1	L on	23	Has improved with every start - can't rule out	18%	Napravnik Anna R ¹²⁰	13%	Tracy Ray E Jr	83	78	112
11	HOPEFUL NOTION	8/1	Ⓢ	21	Works have been a mixed bag - likely needs a race	14%	Mena M ¹²⁰	19%	Hawley Wesley	---	---	---
12	COLLIN TIME	20/1	L	21	Broke slowly and failed to threaten in opener	2%	Faul R J ¹²⁰	0%	Lopez Harold	---	62	106
13	FIFTYSHADESOFBAY	6/1	L	21	Has been more effective around two turns	18%	Guidry M ¹²⁰	13%	Woodley Carl J	84	74	110

A full field of maidens will close out the card and WARREN'S REBEL looks to be the one to beat here. He rallied from off the pace to finish a close second in his debut and followed up with a sharp work here. This colt will benefit from the experience and has every right to improve today. He'll track the leaders and look to take over turning for home. DEADLY TRUTH is strictly on the upswing since adding Lasix and has a big shot here if that trend continues.

Exacta Box 4 - 8 - 10	TODAY'S PICKS ● WARREN'S REBEL ● DEADLY TRUTH ● NINTH WARD MAN	SPEED WARREN'S REBEL DEADLY TRUTH RETALIATOR	CLASS WARREN'S REBEL DEADLY TRUTH FIFTYSHADESOFBAY	LONGSHOT NINTH WARD MAN	Trifecta (part wheel) 4 - 8,10 - all
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