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TODAY'S KEY PLAYS:

Race 7 – Exacta box: 4,6,10; Exacta: 4,6 – 4,6,7,10

Comments listed for each horse personally observed/clocked.

Race #1: Maiden Special Weight

Pace: Tiz West, Vital Force

Analysis: Tiz West is the deserving favorite. I think he'll move forward on the change in surface. His running action suggests he'll really enjoy the grass. Add to that the rails are going to be out at 30 feet and we have a speed horse that becomes very tough to beat.

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| C+ | GIANT GEM | 3/21: Still seems a little green and awkward. Sideways traveling throughout. Managed a decent rally on the turn – 25.40, 48.80. |
| B- | TIZ WEST | NOTE: Prior to last race. 2/13: More of a glorified gallop then a work. Never asked. |
| B | VITAL FORCE | 3/16: Quick early and full of run late. Galloped out very strong. Good move. |
| C+ | RATE OF CHANGE | 3/18: Easy strides early. Put under significant pressure late. Did not respond that well. Expected more. |

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Race #2: Claiming \$32,000

Pace: Touch My Abs, Warrens Flyin High

Analysis: I would like to see Victor get aggressive with Touch My Abs out of the gate. If he can establish the lead early I think he could wire this field.

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| C+ | STALEMATE | 3/18: Under pressure down the lane while getting out some in the stretch. Second best in team drill. |
| | TOUCH MY ABS | TRIP NOTE: Was never able to find a good running position. Garcia always had this guy stuck between horses and it led to him gradually losing position. I don't think he ever got a chance to run . . . so I'm not surprised the connections wheel him back so quick. |
| C+ | NATE' N ED | 3/18: Rider down and riding aggressively in the lane. |

Race #3: Maiden \$100,000

Pace: Essence of Charm, Snooty Gal, On Vapors

Analysis: My pick 6 ticket will go two deep to start – Essence of Charm and Deo Favente.

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| B | ESSENCE OF CHARM | 3/3: Broke well displaying decent speed from gate and down back stretch. Rider took hold as filly gallops out on own through the stretch. |
| B- | SNOOTY GAL | 3/16: Last quarter in 23.40 under a controlled ride. Galloped out with energy. |
| C | COQUIHALLA | 3/12: Not doing much good in the a.m. Fought in the early stages. Average late. |
| B- | DEO FAVENTE | 3/17: Decent enough in this gate move leaving another worker in the dust from the start. Not set down. |
| C+ | SILENT KITTEN | 2/26: Modest response to pressure in the lane. |
| B | QUITE BEAUTIFUL | 3/21: Asked and responded with nice acceleration in the lane. 23.20 final quarter. |

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Race #4: Allowance O/N1X

Pace: Lake Marina

Analysis: Le Cirque is acting like she wants to run a big race. She will have to reel in the speed of Lake Marina.

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| C+ | FIRST TAKE | NOTE: Prior to last race 2/8: Steady paced drill in company with stable-mate Lemonette. |
| B | ROYAL HERALDRY | 3/20: Good energy going over lawn. Extending stride late. TRIP NOTE: The trip notes in the form on this filly are a joke – “in tight 1/8, no bid”. This girl had no room to run in the stretch. The race is a complete toss. |
| | GULCHIC | TRIP NOTE: Had some traffic issues in the stretch. The rail opening was very small and Blanc had to check back. Was never going to threaten for the win but could have been much cloer. |
| B | LE CIRQUE | 3/15: Not being asked to do anything noteworthy in her workout but I have noticed this girl is galloping really strong. Believe she is sitting on a good one. |

Race #5: Maiden \$25,000

Pace: Kailee Rush

Analysis: This race left me scratching my head.

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| C+ | KAILEE RUSH | 3/20: In maintenance mode. |
| B- | VERYPQ | 3/13: Is no rocketship early but does have a nice sized stride to work with. MC was up in this gate drill. |
| C+ | CAPTAIN'STURN | NOTE: Prior to last race. 2/21: Did not appear to ever level out. Nudged along late. |
| C+ | BYRNES | 3/18: Worked heads up with Heaven Snow Chief. The duo looked equal. Both were doing their best late. |
| C+ | HEAVENS SNOW CHIEF | 3/18: Worked heads up with Byrnes. The duo looked equal. Both were doing their best late. |

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Race #6: Claiming \$25,000

Pace: Forest Danz

Analysis: Forest Danz flashed high speed in his last drill. I expect this gelding to show better speed today. Icy Ridge has trained big on the drop in class.

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| B+ | ICY RIDGE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/20: Worked heads up with Harty trainee Indian Way. Was under a managed rein late looking a touch best. Galloped out best of the duo. Strong move. |
| | INDIAN WEAVER | TRIP NOTE: Very impressive ride and win. Indian missed the break when hopping in the air. Rushed up into contention without being asked to get right off the leader. Saul made a real smart move when taking Indian off the rail on the turn. |
| B | FOREST DANZ | 3/19: Absolutely smoke around the turn – 11.20 – rider bottled this bay up late and he still managed a fast time. |
| B- | A STARE AND ME | 3/20: Very easy in early a.m. move. |

Race #7: Allowance O/N1X

Pace: Topper Shopper

Analysis: D Double You is the colt to beat. I am going to try and beat him with three possibilities – Cardinal Zin, Processor’s Turf, Belafonte. Cardinal Zin is not a two turn horse. Add to that he got a poor trip. I think he’ll love this downhill layout. Processor’s Turf has proven he will is a very productive late running sprinter. He comes out of a very productive race. I’ve been expecting Belafonte to step his game up to another level in his last couple of races. Maybe his big work on the 20th has him all set.

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| B- | TOPPER SHOPPER | 3/14: Final quarter in 24.20. O’Neill Ch looks ok. |
| B | DEVILS AFLEET | 3/15: Cruise control from start to finish. Never took a deep breath. Sharp. |
| B+ | BELAFONTE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/20: Was nothing but serious today. Was joined after a furlong by Liberian Freighter. Dusted work-mate off late to finish best by three lengths. Lots to like. |
| B- | | 3/13: In a glorified gallop the majority of the way. Not getting serious. |
| | CARDINAL ZIN | TRIP NOTE: Bad trip – Alex took this late running sprinter to the back of the pack early. He somehow found trouble going into the first turn when steadying hard off the heels. He then ran into traffic again on the final turn. I liked the way Cardinal quickened when he actually got room at the top. |
| | PROCESSOR’S TURF | NOTE: Important to realize that the race he won has produced two next out winners. |

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Race #8: Starter Allowance

Pace: Kielbasa, Bettin an Sweatin

Analysis: Deprive has not shown best stuff in California yet. I am gambling he puts it together today from a tough outside post.

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| | SURF ACADEMY | NOTE: The pace came up real slow for a downhill race last time which did not give this late running colt a good chance. Flores did not give the most aggressive ride in the lane. |
| B- | PATHBREAKING | 3/23: Under wraps throughout with rider sitting chilly. |
| B- | BETTIN AN SWEATIN | 3/18: Worked heads up with stable-mate Tuscan Fever. Looks like a horse ready to run another good one. |
| B- | WARRENS ATTACK CAT | 3/12: Have always liked the athletic nature of this little colt. Looks well. |
| C+ | THE FIREBIRD | 3/17: Productive six furlong drill working in a group of three that included Cut Trail and Dry Man's Gulch. Was nudged along late to finish with Cut Trail. |
| C+ | DEE'S FLING | 3/18: Asked hard and doing best late. |
| B+ | DEPRIVE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3/7: Huge hold and never touched. Rider in water ski mode all the way. Visually attractive move. <p>TRIP NOTE: Horrible trip – Gryder decided he wanted to rate this gelding and it led to a fist fight going into the first turn with rider and horse. Deprive never truly settled. Though he is zero for two in both California starts he has really impressed in the post parades as a very good looking runner. Don't ignore.</p> |

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