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RACE 1:
8 – Untrue
7 – Bella Vincenza
5 – Amaluna
SELECTIONS: 8-7-5-6

RACE 2:
12 – Modern Tale
4 – Dance Proudly
6 – Sunshine Charlie
SELECTIONS: 12-4-6-8

RACE 3:
4 – Bimini
5 – Farfalla
1 – Miss Harry
SELECTIONS: 4-5-1-2

RACE 4:
3 – Dreamingofmermaids
4 – Paola
2 – Cetara
SELECTIONS: 3-4-2-7

RACE 5:
7 – Italian Summer
8 – It's Complicated
11 – Starlight Ridge
SELECTIONS: 7-8-11-12

RACE 6:
4 – For the Road
3 – Sweet Kayden
7 – San Diego Slugger
SELECTIONS: 4-3-7-5

RACE 7:
1 – Captain Gaughen
7 – Gran Malbec
2 – Tenacity Zip
SELECTIONS: 1-7-2-9

RACE 8:
1 – Pink Sands
4 – Gianna's Gift
5 – True Boots
SELECTIONS: 1-4-5-6

RACE 9:
10 – Volatility Index
7 – Sanity
4 – Battle Joined
SELECTIONS: 10-7-4-3

RACE 10:
7 – Off Topic
5 – Shaklette
1 – Malibu Rainbow
SELECTIONS: 7-5-1-4

BEST BET: Race 4 - #3 Dreamingofmermaids
This filly is first off the claim for trainer Tammy Levy, and gets a slight turnback in distance to the 5 and ½ furlongs. This barn, with horses first off the claim on the dirt who finished in the money last time out, is 7-for-30 winning over the past five years for a 23% win average, and 47% of the time in the money. This filly should be tactical and also gets class relief.

LONGSHOT: Race 2 - #12 Modern Tale
Hopefully I'm not too late to the party, as trainer Elizabeth Dobles has had some impressive longshot winners over the past couple of racing days. I do think the Modern Tale, with Irad Ortiz Jr. in the saddle, is going to be one closing late, and should get plenty of pace to run at in here. He's been very consistent, fits at this level, and, most importantly, will be a nice price.