

**BloodHorse.com's "Race of the Week" Analysis  
by Cary Fotias**

**Hollywood Park, July 12, 2008  
Swaps Stakes (Race 8) and Race 9**

On the East Coast, the Dwyer marks the beginning of the summer season for the big 3-year olds. On the West Coast, Saturday's **Swap Stakes (gr. II)** kicks off the second half.

Colonel John, second choice in the Kentucky Derby, will most likely be a heavy favorite, but I will take a shot against him in this spot. I love betting against marquee horses on the comeback trail. The public usually over-bets these types who are often prepping for bigger engagements later on.

Two Step Salsa is a dangerous candidate to upset this field. With the crafty Julio Canani calling the shots, Two Step Salsa has done nothing wrong in his five-race career. He ran a New Pace Top (NPT) in his second race and another NPT two back. He is 4-4 on synthetic surfaces and now comes off another nice Equiform pattern, a Soft Win. His 76 final number at seven furlongs is the best number in the race, and he should move forward to the 77 range in this spot. Also note that he is in receipt of four pounds in weight from Colonel John, which is worth almost a point on the Equiform scale (5 lbs = 1 point) and may not be pressured much on the front end.

Any time a horse on an Equiform pattern line projects to run the best number in the race and is not the favorite, it is usually worth a bet. I'll take 5/2 or better on Two Step Salsa.

**Hollywood Park, Race 9, 6 1/2-furlong maiden claiming**

The finale has three Equiform patterns, all New Pace Tops. Tassajara's NPT loses some punch due to the 50-day layoff. After all, if a horse is exhibiting good condition, why wait seven weeks to put it back on the track. The general rule is that the cheaper the horse, Equiform patterns tend to lose their efficacy the longer the layoff. Cheap stock should run back within a month or so while, with classier animals, I make the cutoff more like two months.

Humidity, although a 6-year old thrice-beaten favorite, should get the job done this time but will probably offer no wagering value. Coming off a pattern (NPT), he rates to run in the 70 area, and adjusted for weight (124 lbs), that makes his projected number about 68. (Note that we use 115 lbs as a baseline weight and then adjust the projected final number up or down by .20 pts/lb as five pounds=one point). Remember that weight carried in past races is already reflected in previous final numbers.

The real interesting horse in the race is Terrajazz. This 3-year-old filly ran a 60-3/4 in her debut at Fairplex. Then after one more at the fair and one race Hollywood, she was shelved for six months. She returned on June 18 at seven furlongs and ran a (74) NPT.

Also note the 60 internal Turnback Number she ran that day. This horse is ready to move forward Saturday and it doesn't hurt that she has the wood and the best pace number in the race. Early speed is a potent factor in cheaper races, especially maiden claimers.

Does Terrajazz rate to win this race? No. But at a likely 20/1 or up, she is a great use in all positions. I rate her about 12/1 in here. But when a horse's last two finishes are ninth by seventeen and sixth by eleven with a 1/33 trainer (Mendoza), you oughtta get some big value on a horse with a real puncher's chance to hit the top four.

Now we have to decide how to bet the race. The logical contenders are Humidity, Afternoon Gold (decent numbers and a positive jockey switch to Gomez), and Primed and Poised (dropping from MSW with acceptable Poly figs in Europe).

I will make a small win and place bet on Terrajazz. For more money, I will play the three contenders over Terrajazz in exactas, pressing with Humidity. For more I will key Terrajazz in the third position, with all three contenders in the top two slots (that's six combinations. I'll also play a smaller tri Humidity/All/Terrajazz. Finally, I'll go for the Big Score, in the supefecta. Below is the super layout.

Humidity (H) /Afternoon Gold (AG) – Primed and Poised (PP)/All/Terrajazz

AG-PP/H/All/Terrajazz

The structure of these wagers reflects my judgment that Terrajazz is more likely to finish third or fourth than make the exacta. There is nothing wrong betting these types of long-shots just to win and place. But, you will cash more tickets (and some whoppers at that), by taking the time to make sure your bets match your opinion.

There is no substitute for preparation and hard work if you want to be a WINNER.

And remember, most good bets lose. So keep the faith and don't worry about cashing if you want to get the cash.

Winning is Thus..

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## 8TH HOL JULY 12 - 1 1/8 MILES DIRT

**TRES BORRACHOS (112) 26**

72½ 69¾ 74½ 70½ 69¼ 66¾ w69¼ 65½ 67¾

73 64 78 70 57 70 69 72 76

HOL8½ PIM9½ OP9 BM8½ GG8½ HOL8½ HOL8½ OSA8 OSA6

67 66 74 68 58 64 64 65

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06/15 05/17 04/12 03/08 01/27 12/22 11/23 11/02 09/30

**TWO STEP SALSA (118) 26**

w74¾ w76 74½ w72 w70¼

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74 79 80 74 75

HOL8½ HOL7 HOL6 SA6 SA6

68 75

76 77 78

06/15 05/18 04/25 03/07 01/20

**NOWNOWNOW (120) 259**

w.70¼ 67¾ w71¾ 68¼ 66¼ --

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54 48 63 73 69 --

MTH8 KEE8½ SAR8½ CD5 CD5 KEE4½

53 46 59

PLOW 65 62 --

10/26 10/07 AUG31 06/16 05/19 04/06

**COLONEL JOHN (122) 69**

74¼ w75¾ w72 73 w70¼ w71¾ 69¼

63 64 55 68 60 71 67

CD10 SA9 SA9 HOL8½ HOL8½ OSA7 DMR6

68 62 57 64 60 66

70 67

05/03 04/05 MAR01 12/22 11/18 10/07 08/19

**MADEO (112) 48**

72¾ w74 w71¾ 70

71 72 74 62

HOL9 HOL8½ SA7 SA6½

71 70 70 66

75 45

05/24 04/30 03/23 03/01

**TREVOR'S CLEVER (112) 48**

w72½ 69¼ 70¼ 68¼ 68 w65 65¼

61 66 64 68 68 64 70

HOL9 HOL8½ SA8½ SA7 OSA8 OSA8 FPX6

64 65 62 64 62 60

60 71

05/24 04/30 APR03 FEB02 10/26 10/18 09/23

9TH HOL JULY 12 - 6 1/2 FURLONGS DIRT

**TERRAJAZZ (116) 28**

52½ 56¾ 59¼ 60¾  
 NPT  
 74 69 65 72  
 HOL7 HOL7 FPX6½ FPX6  
 60 59 60  
 79 72 70 76  
 JUN13 11/08 09/23 09/13

**FALL FOREST (118) 54**

56¾  
 NEG  
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 EMD6  
  
 73  
 05/18

**LOTTA NADA (118) ???**

**SHE'S HOT TO TROT (122) 21**

56¾  
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 67  
 HOL6  
  
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 06/20

**STORMY ANNA (111\*) 78**

**54¾ 61¾ 61½ 60½** 59 54¼ 57¼  
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**68 53 66 60** 66 68 69  
**HOL8½ BM8½ SA8 SA8** SA6½ SA6 HOL6  
**60 50 60 54** 58  
 66 76 74  
**04/24 04/07 03/13 02/27** 02/15 01/04 12/15

**OUR STORM (118) 21**

63¼ 61½ 60 56¾  
 69 71 71 64  
 HOL6 OSA6 OSA6 DMR6  
  
 72 78 76 64  
 JUN20 11/02 10/03 08/13

**HUMIDITY (124) 33**

69	65	68	69¼	54½	<b>69¾</b>	<b>68¾</b>	<b>70¼</b>	67¾	
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72	71	70	63	69	<b>68</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>69</b>	79	
HOL6½	HOL6½	HOL6½	SA6	HOL6	<b>DMR8½</b>	<b>HOL8</b>	<b>HOL8½</b>	HOL5½	
67	65	66			<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>		
65	70	63	63	69		<b>TDL</b>			
06/08	05/24	05/03	MAR31	JUL08	<b>07/20</b>	<b>06/30</b>	<b>06/08</b>	05/19	

**AFTERNOON GOLD (118) 15**

65¾	62¾	<b>64½</b>	65¾	<b>61¾</b>	63½	<b>62</b>	<b>60½</b>	62¾	60¾
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69	71	<b>63</b>	75	<b>61</b>	70	<b>55</b>	<b>57</b>	71	60
HOL7½	HOL7	<b>HOL8½</b>	HOL6½	<b>HOL8½</b>	SA7	<b>SA8½</b>	<b>SA8</b>	SA6	HOL6
65	62	<b>60</b>	66	<b>59</b>	61	<b>55</b>	<b>52</b>		
75	70		73		64			73	62
06/26	06/13	<b>05/31</b>	05/11	<b>04/26</b>	04/14	<b>03/31</b>	<b>02/27</b>	JAN31	12/02

**MME GOLDPIECE (122) 8**

63¾	61¾	61	65	63¾	59¾	54			
68	67	65	70	74	68	69			
HOL6	HOL6	SA6½	HOL7½	OSA6	DMR6½	DMR6			
		61	63		59				
66	61	63	63	69	66	68			
07/03	MAY23	01/07	11/17	10/01	09/06	07/31			

**PERESTROIKA (118) 30**

59½  
 NEG  
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 HOL6½  
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 06/11

**MAKER'S MUD (118) ???**

**KESSUM MEMORIES (116) 22**

61½	59¼								
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70	57								
HOL7	HOL6½								
61	59								
67	41								
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TASSAJARA

(117\*)

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HOL8½ HOL8½ SA8

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PRIMED AND POISED

(118)

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8TH HOL JULY 12 - 1 1/8 MILES DIRT

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9TH HOL JULY 12 - 6 1/2 FURLONGS DIRT

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