

**BloodHorse.com's "Race of the Week" Analysis  
by John Pricci**

**July 26, 2008**

**Arlington Park  
Race 10: Sea O Erin Handicap  
Race 7: \$10,000 Claiming**

**Race 10: Sea O Erin Handicap, 3yo and up, one mile, turf**

The July 26th feature at Arlington Park is a good betting race, the listed Sea O Erin Handicap for 3-year-olds and up at one mile on the turf.

Value always is the Equiform philosophy, but no more so than in today's contentious 11-horse field. It's been nearly impossible to beat Wayne Catalano runners at this meet (his win percentage through July 20 is an otherworldly 46 percent) and most handicappers are familiar with the class of Lewis Michael, a 5-year-old winner of six of 20 lifetime starts, including graded stakes.

But here's the knock. On the Equiform scale, Lewis Michael is no "faster" than this group. In fact, his turf figures are inferior to most. We realize that Catalano is an ace with horses returning from long layups (profitable 34 percent efficiency), but as a 3-1 early line favorite with inferior figures, he's a play-against.

What we like about Demarcation (10-1) is that the 4-year-old gelding is improving with age, as most geldings do. On the Equiform scale, the "75" he earned last time out puts him on a footing with every horse in here. We project it will take a repeat of that figure to win the Sea O Erin. Looking at his two-turn figures on grass, he never has taken a backward step, and the improvement has been incremental, making another forward move the logical assumption, clearly good enough to win the Sea O Erin.

Trainer Paul McGee is dealing a hot hand recently, 2-for-3 here the last two weeks, and his horse has had six weeks of recovery time with four workouts in the interim, including a bullet. There looks to be sufficient pace to suit his late-run style and E.T. Baird is enjoying a fine season.

Taking Demarcation to win at 8-1 or greater, boxing him first and second in exactas with equally fast Obi Wan Kenobi (10-1) and Yate's Black Cat (9-2), and in all trifecta and superfecta positions with those two, plus Lewis Michael and Karelian (8-1), the latter also returning from a lengthy layup, but at a price and with excellent Equiform figures.

Arlington offers dime Supers and fifty-cent trifectas, affording players excellent super-exotic pool coverage.

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**Race 7: \$10,000 claiming, 3yos and up f/m, 6 ½ furlongs, all-weather**

On the same card in the seventh race at Arlington is another excellent opportunity for value with a horse coming off the coveted New Pace Top pattern. First Holme showed the best early speed of her life making her four-year-old debut most recently, indicating several things: She seems to be over the problems that curtailed her three-year-old season and that this reduced level is exactly where she belongs from a class perspective.

It's desired that the New Pace Top be accompanied by a final-time figure somewhere in her past, making her competitive with rivals that loom as talented and among the fastest members of the field. Now note the "63" she earned at Arlington last summer and, for that matter, the subsequent "61½" she earned in September.

Since those were the two best sprint figures of her career, the logical assumption that she loves this surface is a given. Off the New Pace Top, she rates to go forward to a career best "64½," or better. That figure will be what it takes to win this. Coming from a low percentage barn should betting insure value on the daughter of Bold Revenue, who recently breezed five furlongs in preparation for her second start this year.

We're taking First Holme to win at 5-1 or greater, and keying her first and second in exactas with Beaver Pond (12-1), coming off a "Soft Win," and Officer Philly (6-1), a dangerous "New Pace Top" if she breaks through from the also-eligible list.

[Remember to consult the Xtras Pattern Guide on this site for further amplification of Equiform nomenclature].

Until next time...

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## 7TH APX JULY 26 - 6 1/2 FURLONGS DIRT

### KEL'S SILVER CHARM (122) 89

52¾	62¾	/58¾	60	\65¾	61¼	\64	62		.59¾	62½	61½	63¼	59	/57¾
									/////	/////				
70	69	65	70	65	63	72	61		58	57	71	69	61	71
HAW8"	HAW8"	HAW6	HAW6	HAW8"	HAW8½	HAW6	HAW8½		ELP8	AP8½	AP8	AP8	HAW8½	HAW6
66	69			64	62		60		52	57	65	61	59	
		59	56			72								72
04/26	04/11	03/31	03/08	01/09	12/30	12/13	NOV18		07/28	06/27	06/02	05/13	APR19	12/31

### BEAVER POND (122) 34

w60¾	60½	47½	55½											
SOFT														
65	72	69	70											
AP6	AP6	HAW6	HAW6											
71	76	78	79											
06/20	05/30	04/25	04/07											

### FAT CAT BERTIE (119) 13

59¼	54¼	45¼	55¼	/57¼	/58¼	63¾	^57½	64	60¼	57½	w64¼	55¼	/51¼	61
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67	71	64	62	73	67	65	73	62	67	74	69	60	54	66
AP8	AP6½	PRM6	PRM6	HAW6	FG6	FG8	FG6	FG-8½	HAW6	HAW6	AP6	AP7	CD5½	CD5
62	58					60		57				54		
	77	68	64	77	69		78		73	76	76	63	62	64
07/11	06/20	05/26	04/28	03/31	02/22	02/10	01/25	JAN06	10/24	10/03	09/05	08/01	07/05	06/21

### JAGUAR TYPE (122) 19

57¾	55¼	56	56	58¼	w64	60	54	57½	59¼	/40½	\60½	55½		
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62	68	69	68	72	70	64	67	59	48	53	68	57		
AP6	AP6½	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	AP6	AP8	AP6	AP8½	HAW8½	HAW6	HAW6		
	56						59		49	54				
58	73	68	70	73	77	68		53			67	62		
07/05	JUN20	01/03	11/28	11/01	10/03	08/26	06/28	06/17	06/01	04/26	04/12	03/22		

### LIVIELU (117\*) 28

58¼	56¼	48¼	w59¼	50										
75	69	71	76	66										
AP6	AP6	TAM6½	TAM6½	TAM6										
		52	62											
80	65	73	82	64										
06/26	05/26	04/09	03/25	02/20										

### BEAUTIFULBLUEYES (122) 19

59½	59¼	60¼	60¾	58¼	^50¾	\60	60¾	>61	57½	^51¼	62	>59	53½	45¼	49½
67	73	70	70	70	69	71	73	73	72	71	74	68	71	70	69
AP6	AP6	AP6½	AP6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6½	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6
		62										59			
72	70	72	72	74	77	71	74	79	74	79	79	60	80	76	76
07/05	06/26	06/08	05/18	04/20	04/13	03/27	MAR13	01/12	01/04	12/27	12/08	11/23	11/09	10/12	09/22

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## CART'S LAST PICNIC (119) 36

58½	53¼	63	53½	w62½	56½	59	58¾	55¼	60½
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44	65	65	67	60	59	69	71	65	69
AP8½	AP8½	AP6	HAW8"	HAW8"	HAW8"	HAW6	HAW6	AP6	AP5
50	59		68	60	58				
		53				75	69	67	68
06/18	06/01	05/09	APR11	12/16	11/28	11/09	OCT26	08/19	07/21

## FIRST HOLME (122) 28

60	~~	49¼	w61½	59¾	59¼	63	59½	53	54	51
NPT										
74	~~	64	71	54	73	72	55	72	63	65
AP6	HAW6	HAW8"	AP6	AP8½	AP8	AP6	AP8½	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6
		63		56	61		55			
70	~~		57			74		~~	72	66
JUN26	10/24	10/10	09/12	08/31	08/09	07/11	JUN15	04/06	MAR09	12/16

## MUNCHA SUERTE (122) 19

59½	57	57¾	62	58½	/53¾	58¼	57¼	\58	^57¼	56	>56¾	65¼	55¾	58½	61
59	64	56	64	60	60	57	54	59	62	67	61	58	68	60	71
AP6	AP6	AP8½	AP6	HAW6	HAW6½	HAW6	HAW6	HAW8½	HAW6	HAW6½	HAW6½	HAW6	HAW6½	HAW6	HAW6½
		55			53			61		56	57		56		59
54	59		51	53	41	46	47		57	55	47	62	59	47	68
07/05	06/26	06/07	05/18	04/27	04/12	03/28	MAR14	01/11	12/27	11/29	11/23	11/09	OCT26	12/28	12/10

## WINDY NATIVE (115\*) 20

59	59¾	60¾	47¾	/40½	55¼	49½	52¼	w61½	55¾	61½	58¾	50¼	52¾
66	59	73	64	57	62	65	69	61	57	67	76	69	65
AP8	AP8½	AP8	HAW6	HAW6½	HOO6	HAW8½	HAW6½	AP8	AP8½	AP6	AP6½	HAW6	HAW6
60	58	66		43		59	52	59	59		61		
			70	47	67		72			73	82	76	72
07/04	06/07	05/16	04/27	APR12	11/01	10/17	09/28	08/31	08/08	07/20	JUL05	11/08	09/15

## FAIREST SENORITA (122) 28

59½	49½	26¾	55¾	53	55¾	59¼	54¾	56¾	63	61	^63	60¾	56	61	66¾
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66	52	52	63	59	73	74	61	65	58	68	62	~~	66	68	57
AP6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	FG8	HAW6	HAW6½	HAW8½	HAW6½	LAD7½	LAD8	LAD7½	FG-5½	FG6	LAD8	LAD8½
				54		59	59	57	54	58	51			59	57
66	53	66	65		79	74		56				PLOW	74		
JUN26	04/20	03/28	03/14	01/20	12/08	11/29	11/18	OCT31	08/24	08/02	JUL12	FEB05	DEC02	SEP22	07/24

## HOUR CLASSIC (119) 19

58½	59	64½	59¼	61¼	^54¾	^58½	45¾	w64	58	57½
66	74	71	73	75	72	73	66	80	70	67
AP6	AP6	AP6½	AP8	AP6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6	HAW6
		66	66							
68	72	73		77	78	77	71	85	78	70
07/05	06/26	06/08	05/16	05/04	04/13	03/28	MAR07	01/04	11/11	10/27

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## FLING MY BLING

(117\*)

13

<b>58¾</b>	58¼	62¾	<b>65¼</b>	<b>61¾</b>	^63½	^62	w65	<b>64¼</b>	:64¾	<b>63</b>
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<b>63</b>	66	65	<b>72</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>AP8</b>	AP6½	AP6	<b>AP8</b>	<b>TAM8</b>	<b>TAM8</b>	<b>TAM8</b>	<b>HAW8½</b>	<b>HAW8½</b>	<b>AP8½</b>	<b>AP8½</b>
<b>59</b>	58		<b>66</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>54</b>
	70	59			PLOW					
<b>07/11</b>	06/20	05/26	<b>05/08</b>	<b>APR01</b>	<b>01/13</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>OCT10</b>	<b>07/28</b>	<b>06/27</b>

## OFFICER PHILLY

(119)

12

59¾	w62	<b>59¾</b>	58
NPT			
76	73	<b>55</b>	63
AP6	AP6	<b>AP8½</b>	AP6
		<b>58</b>	
76	78		52
<b>07/12</b>	06/20	<b>05/30</b>	05/15

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## 10TH APX JULY 26 - 1 MILE TURF

### CORAGIL CAT (117) 61

w74¼	w71	w71	69¼	71½	68¼	66¾	70¼	71¼	70½	67¼	70	71¼	68½	65½	62¼
75	62	68	65	72	77	71	68	72	73	70	78	77	67	69	68
AP8	AP8	FG8	FG8	FG8'	FG8	FG8	KEE6	AP7	AP6	AP6½	AP6	AP6½	AP7	HAW6	HAW8½
73	64	62	63	65	70	68		72		66		71	66		69
							61	68	68	72	72	78	65	71	
05/24	05/03	03/08	02/23	01/31	01/01	12/07	10/21	09/15	08/25	08/04	07/14	06/23	05/20	04/15	03/18

### LEWIS MICHAEL (120) 272

/68½	76	w78¾	w76¼	75	78	w74¼	71¼	74¾	w74	72¾	77	75¼	73¾	72¼	w72½
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73	71	68	71	76	72	69	78	77	69	64	66	67	71	61	57
MTH8"	OSA9	AP9½	AP8	AP8	KEE7	GP8	CD6	KEE-7	AP8	CNL9½	BEL9	HAW9	GP8½	CRC9	CD8½
69	70	67	69	71	74	66		73	70	65	65	66	~	59	59
					63		77	73							PLOW
10/26	SEP29	07/28	07/15	05/26	04/14	MAR15	11/04	10/13	07/28	06/24	05/20	04/08	02/12	01/01	11/20

### PICKAPOCKET (114) 26

^73	68½	w75½	70	73¾	71¾	^70¼	71½	69½	w.69¾	w69¾	68½	w71½	^67		
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54	45	52	57	62	75	55	68	60	49	65	60	59	52		
CD9	CD12	KEE9	GP8½	GP9	GP8	CRC8½	GP8½	CRC9	BEL9	MED8"	SAR8½	SAR8½	SAR8½		
56	47	56	55	62	71	61	66	60	52	64	59	59	54		
															PLOW
06/28	05/24	04/12	02/24	01/26	JAN12	JUN23	02/24	JAN01	10/22	10/06	09/01	08/19	07/30		

### STEVE'S DOUBLE (118) 20

.75¼	72	63¾	73	w73½	w75¼	w74¾	68½	73	w72	69¾	63				
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71	78	78	79	63	77	84	83	71	75	79	65				
CD8	AP8	GP7	FG8½	FG8½	KEE-7	SAR7	SAR6½	CD8	CD8	KEE-7	FG8				
69	75	67	72	64	72	76	70	66	67	68	61				
		82			71	78	87			81					
07/04	MAY24	03/08	01/12	12/01	10/13	09/03	08/04	06/20	05/24	APR13	02/12				

### OBI WAN KENOBI (115) 26

^71¼	75¼	73¼	71	72½	w76	.62½	73¾	w74¼	w72	72¾	73¼	62¾	72½	73	w72¼
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56	70	58	55	64	71	63	64	63	56	61	73	75	60	64	62
CD9	CD8	CD9	CD8½	KD8	ELP8½	AP8	CD8	CD8½	CD9	KEE8½	GP8½	GP6	CD9	CD8	KEE8½
57	70	61	55	65	68	61	67	63	57	62	67		61	63	59
															PLOW
06/28	06/08	MAY10	11/10	09/22	09/01	08/11	06/30	06/03	05/09	04/26	03/08	JAN31	06/17	05/20	04/19

### KARELIAN (116) 332

w75½	75¼	w76¼	w^73¼	73¾	73¾	73½	w^74¼	w72¼	^69½	71½	w68¾	62½			
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60	64	66	57	55	56	60	55	59	62	58	59	72			
SAR8½	CNL8½	CD8	CD8	KEE8½	BEL8½	KEE8	KEE8	GP9	KEE9	GP8½	CRC8	AQU7			
64	66	66	25	56	61	61	61	57	60	58	59	62			
												59			PLOW
08/27	07/21	06/09	05/17	APR18	06/14	04/28	04/08	FEB08	OCT27	01/29	12/18	11/06			

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## DEMARCATION

(115)

46

75	67¾	^71	74¾	73¾	74	71¾	72¾	w72½	70½	76	w71¾	w72¼	/71¼
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65	72	60	77	72	77	65	62	58	73	84	70	73	67
CD8	CD5	FG8½	FG6	FG6	CD6½	KEE-7	AP8½	AP8	CD7	CD6	KEE6	FG6	FG5½
68		60			72	67	63	62	68				
			71	67	73	51			71	79	65	77	67
06/08	MAY02	02/17	01/12	12/13	11/17	10/13	09/09	08/01	06/16	05/19	APR20	02/09	12/24

## VOY POR UNO MAS

(113)

11

67½	60¾	68	65½	w/71¾	73¼	72¼	w74	72¾	w^72	w70¾	67	61½	56	53¼	51½
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74	76	63	74	82	65	71	69	65	63	63	75	80	72	76	72
AP8½	CBY8	CD9	FG-8	CD8	CD8½	HAW9	AP8½	ELP8½	AP8½	AP8½	AP6½	AP8½	HAW8½	HAW6	AP6½
71	68	63	68	74	64	65	68	66	65	64	67	69	64		55
										PLOW	80			77	86
07/13	06/07	MAY10	12/24	11/21	11/11	10/13	09/09	08/18	07/18	06/24	06/03	05/11	APR16	09/16	08/19

## THERECOMESATIGER

(115)

54

73	70	70¾	.70¾	w71	w73	73¾	73	w^73¾	74¾	73¼	75½	w^73½	76	72	74½
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65	78	55	60	49	46	62	61	55	69	61	70	58	70	60	77
CD8½	TAM5	RP9	AP8	CD8½	TAM9	TAM9	TAM8½	TAM8½	CD8½	HAW8	WO8	AP8	CD8	AP8	CRC7½
65		61	60	54	54	63	66	56	66	62	66	59	69	61	70
					TDL										
05/31	MAY04	09/03	AUG11	06/02	05/05	04/07	02/24	JAN30	11/10	09/30	09/17	08/05	07/01	MAY29	12/31

## YATE'S BLACK CAT

(115)

26

w^72¾	75	^74¾	.71¾	75	.74½	w73½	69¾	74½	75½	w72½	74	w73¾	71	73½	w^71
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54	63	58	64	65	54	52	~	61	70	60	68	62	57	54	55
CD9	CD8½	CD9	FG-9	GP8½	CD9	CD9	KD12	SAR8½	BEL8	CD8½	CD8	KEE8½	CNL10	CNL9½	CD9
56	64	63	66	65	57	58	~	62	71	58	67	63	58	59	58
							PLOW								
06/28	05/31	05/03	MAR08	01/04	11/23	11/04	09/22	08/15	07/14	06/14	05/24	APR06	07/15	06/24	05/14

## VANQUISHER

(112)

21

w73½	72½	w^72	72½	w^68¾	67½	68¾	w^70	65	66½	64					
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61	52	50	59	62	53	68	50	71	77	68					
CD8½	TAM9	TAM8½	TAM9	TAM8	TAM8½	GP9	GP8½	AQU8	AQU8	BEL8					
62	63	56	63	62	56	61	51	68	69	62					
JUL03	04/05	03/18	02/16	JAN31	04/07	MAR07	01/03	12/01	11/01	09/09					