

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

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Santa Anita, Race 1 and 10

For those of you follow the stock market, **VOLATILITY** is a word you hear a lot these days. How one chooses to deal with volatility is a matter of personal style. Some choose to stay on the sidelines when things get wild, while others welcome the big profit opportunities that are available in turbulent markets.

We can use volatility to our advantage in our horserace betting. You have probably noticed that many of the plays I give out involve young, developing horses. The Equiform patterns are particularly potent in these situations as the public tends to under-estimate the big moves these horses can make. A 6 year old claimer has basically shown you what it can do, where as a horse with only a few races has the potential to explode at any time.

In keeping with this theme, let's look at a couple of maiden races at Santa Anita.

Race 1, \$21,000, Maiden Claiming, 2yos, Cal-bred fillies, 6 1/2 furlongs, all-weather

On Beyer numbers or even the Equiform final numbers, this looks like a wide open affair. In these situations, I look to see if any of the contenders is on an Equiform pattern line. Only one horse in this race meets this criterion – Plaza Queen. This filly debuted in a maiden special weight race and then was dropped in for \$40,000. Although bobbling at the break, she still managed to run a New Pace Top (NPT) and finished willingly. Tyler Baze stays aboard for the re-ride.

The Bet:

Plaza Queen to Win & Place

Race 10, \$44,000, Maiden Special Weight, 2yos, Cal-breds, six furlongs, all-weather

Both Teamwork and Tom Quinn are off New Pace Tops (NPT) in this Maiden Special Weight for Cal Breds. Note that Teamwork ran a compression line (COMP) in his first race, but even so, Tom Quinn gets the nod here due to his 68 ³/₄ final number two back. First-timers Now and Zen (working well for magic Mike Mitchell) and Bruce's Dream (the Puype barn specializes in two year olds) also merit consideration.

The Bet:

Tom Quinn to Win

Key Tom Quinn 1st & 2nd in exactas with Teamwork, Now and Zen, and Bruce's Dream.

Box all four horses in the trifecta.

Thank you for your interest in BloodHorse.com's "Race of the Week." On the following pages, you'll find the Equiform ratings for Races 1 and 10 at Santa Anita. The first set of information is called "The Shorts." Its condensed format is typically easier for novice handicappers and people new to Equiform to read. Following "The Shorts" is the same information in a different format, called "The Xtras," which simply a different format to view the same numbers shown in "The Shorts." Some handicappers find "The Xtras" format easier to read. For more information about Equiform system and for legends and pattern guides, click here or go to www.bloodhorse.com/equiform/.

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1ST OSA OCTOBER 18 STATE-BRED - 6 1/2 FURLONGS DIRT

BONITA BIRDIE (120) 29

56¼ 64 62½

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09/19 09/11 08/20**CRAZY TRICIA (120) 24**

61 63¼

71 72
OSA6½ FPX6½
61 63
70 83
09/24 09/05**MA BARKER (120) 22**

61½ 51¾

71 72
OSA6 DMR678 72
09/26 09/01**O FIREFLY (120) 16**

64 50½

68 68
OSA6 DMR665 67
10/02 09/01**DANIELLA ROTH (120) 9**

58½ 53½ 58¾ 64½ 62½ 51¾ 51

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67 56 70 74 69 51 59

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10/09 09/17 09/11 09/05 08/20 07/21 07/02**KITTY KAT QUEEN (120) 26**

58¾ 52¼ 48¼

DTOP
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FPX6 FPX4 HOL5½63 ~ 55
09/22 SEP15 07/02

PLAZA QUEEN

(120)

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64¼ 63

NPT

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OSA6 DMR6

78 70

10/02 08/23

DIXIE HAWKS

(120)

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TOP FEELING (115*) ???

BEAUTEOUS MAXIMUS (120) 20

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09/28 08/15

ISLAND RUN (120) 45

62 63¼ 59½

65 59 66

DMR6 DMR6 HOL5

61 60 61

09/03 AUG21 06/12

MY TICKET TO RIDE (120) 38

56¾ 57¾

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71 65

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09/10 08/27

TEAMWORK (120) 20

66¾ 66½

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OSA6½ DMR6

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09/28 08/01

NOW AND ZEN (120) ???

MARKUS D. (120) ???

HE 'S REALLY BIG (120) ???

TUDOR BLUE (120) 34

60½	66¾	67¾	61	63½
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BRUCE 'S DREAM (120) ???

TOM QUINN (120) 20

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