



# Saturday, October 29, 2011

## Official Wagering Guide



### Leading Challenge Jockeys By Wins

G.R. Carter	9
Jacky Martin	5
Eddie Garcia	5
Alex Bautista	4
Cody Jensen	4
Saul Ramirez	4

### Leading Challenge Trainers By Wins

Paul Jones	9
Blane Schvaneveldt	7
Janet Van Bebber	4
John Bassett	4
Bobby Martinez	4
Steve Van Bebber	3
Charley Hunt	3
Don Mourning	3

### Record \$2 Win Payoffs By Division

Distance	\$81.60	High On Cat ('08)
Juvenile	\$39.60	RJ Not Easy ('94)
Derby	\$55.80	Gallant Ways ('08)
Distaff	\$35.60	Texas Chatterbox ('05)
Championship	\$95.20	Policy Tacs ('99)
Starter	\$27.60	Heza Cash Request ('03)



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### CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

**STARTER:** A top 3 rematch from the Los Alamitos-hosted qualifier is on tap. Typically a rather formful race historically including a dominant favorite scoring in 2010.

**DISTANCE:** Champion jockey G.R. Carter looks for a fourth career Distance victory and back-to-back wins in this race when he partners with Docs Dusty Okie. Three of 8 finalists exit the Turf Paradise regional.

**JUVENILE:** Trainer Adan Farias takes 3 cracks at winning his first Juvenile. Six runners exit top 2 finishes in what appears a wide-open affair.

**DERBY:** Six different regional winners clash in what might be the most competitive race on the card. Aquafina will try to validate a 14-1 upset in the Los Alamitos regional.

**DISTAFF:** Stylish Jess BR won this race in 2009 at Los Al in stakes record time and can become the first 2-time Distaff heroine. She'll be happy to know that last year's winner Spit Curl Diva has been re-routed to the Championship vs. the boys this year.

**CHAMPIONSHIP:** One of the strongest fields in this race's history will match up, including all-time AQHA earnings leader Stolis Winner, last year's Challenge Championship runner-up Rylees Boy and champion mare Spit Curl Diva.



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### JERRY'S PICKS

**6th Race: \$75,000 Pfizer Starter Allowance Challenge Championship, 350 yards, 3 year olds and up.**

Starter allowances have the widest range of competitors and therefore aren't always that easy when it comes to handicapping. Some have come from bottom claiming levels, and some have come from the top down and have qualified when dropping in class out of tougher tests into claiming races.

Some horses benefit from having had a trip over the track. In the case of Sweet Separations, he was bumped at the start of his first Los Alamitos start and was a well-beaten eighth. Despite the result, he should benefit from the start and all three of his wins have come over this strip. He should also enjoy from an outside post, where he can avoid traffic.

Snow Patrol is seeking his third straight win, and Corona With Lime comes off a surprise win in the race in which Sweet Separations had his problems.

**Selections: (#10) Sweet Separations, (#9) Snow Patrol, (#7) Corona With Lime, (#1) Don Bandido.**

**7th Race: \$125,000 Red Cell Distance Challenge Championship, 3 year olds and up, 870 yards.**

De Passem Okey is not back to defend his distance title, and Docs Dusty Okie could very well be ready to step up and claim the throne.

Docs Dusty Okie won three of four at the distance and the only 870-yard loss was by a head, and in that race he was actually getting to De Passem Okey. He comes from the outside post, and with the layout of the Los Alamitos track, he should have a chance to get in good position long before he reaches the turn.

Regal Colors is a quality router and could get the top choice all he wants, and from the No. 2 post position. He likely will be on the engine from the start, but doesn't necessarily have to be there.

**Selections: (#8) Docs Dusty Okie, (#2) Regal Colors, (#7) Apollos First Down, (#6) Kite Flyer.**

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**8th Race: \$150,000 John Deere Juvenile Challenge Championship, 2 year olds, 350 yards.**

Illegal Smile hails from the locally based and powerful Adan Farias barn and has been a solid campaigner over this strip. He was sent postward at 24-1 in the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity and posted his career fastest performance in finishing a game third, behind Ima Chickie Two in the \$500,000 race. He had had problems at the start with bumping in the vast majority of his races and still has recovered somewhat.

Stablemate Sompin About First has qualified for the Kindergarten and Ed Burke futurities and has had traffic problems early in those races. With a clear trip from the outside post, expect a big effort from him.

Shez Jess Toxic qualified for this by shipping to Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada. She breezed to two wins but also ran well at Los Al, with two seconds in as many starts.

**Selections: (#7) Illegal Smile, (#10) Sompin About First, (#1) Shez Jess Toxic, (#4) Fdd Moon.**

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**9th Race: \$200,000 Adequan Derby Challenge Championship, 3 year olds, 400 yards.**

Feature Honor comes to town from Ruidoso, where he was fourth behind fleet sophomore Dominyun. He's won three of his last six and proved he belongs with some of the best. Against straight 3 year olds here, he has a big chance to get back to winning ways.

Touch of Paso is probably the best of the locals in this one and hails from the highly successful James Hanson barn. When she puts it together, she does some damage. Two of her three wins here were by daylight.

Aquafina posted a half-length win over Touch of Paso and then had all kinds of problems in his latest. Against powerful Fovee and others, she finished sixth but was moved up to fourth through disqualification.

**Selections: (#6) Feature Honor, (#3) Touch of Paso (#10) Aquafina, (#5) Throwin Fits.**

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**10th Race: \$125,000 Merial Distaff Challenge Championship, 3 year olds and up fillies and mares, 400 yards.**

Fovee doesn't lose too often when she's pitted against fillies and mares, and she's been on a roll as of late, and right on this racetrack.

The speedy gal has down the race and has a good chance to keep her string intact. She's won three of her last five against distaffers and was second, beaten only a neck in the other.

Fredaville lost to Fovee last time but had a horrific trip that cost her a win streak that had gone up to three. She is a well-traveled mare, and whether it's been in Oklahoma or Florida, she has shown gameness and is a solid threat to the top pick here.

Stylish Jess Br has made all but one of her career starts at Los Alamitos and has compiled an outstanding 10 of 28 record over the track. She's a big player in here.

**Selections: (#1) Fovee, (#8) Fredaville, (#4) Stylish Jess Br, (#10) Sheza Bad Habit.**

### HPNOW BUZZ

*Challenge Championships BONUS PLAY:*

**#4 STYLISH JESS BR (5-2)**

**Our Eyes:** This six-year old mare, in the barn of Paul Jones, has proved a gem of consistency the last four years with ten of her eleven life-time wins over the Los Alamitos surface. She has mapped out a 2011 campaign with the Distaff Challenge Championship as her goal and can turn the tables on her main adversary Fovee tonight. – Terry Turrell

**11th Race: \$350,000 Bank of America Challenge Championship, 3 year olds and up, 440 yards.**

Rylee's Boy won arguably the top race this year for older campaigner when he annexed the Remington Park Invitational Handicap in May 28. The biggest question about this 6 year old is in regards of his readiness. He has not been in a race for five months and has a handful of works over the past two months. In the past he's been good off a layoff and has a good chance to pick up where he left off.

Among those he'll have to beat is the great champion mare Spit Curl Diva, a winner in three of five this year and 11 of her last 15 and 19 of 35 in her career. She has shown signs of her old self in her last two, which were easy wins at Prairie Meadows.

All-time earnings leader Stolis Winner has been a little bit tardy in his last two, but certainly fits in here. Acorn, like Spit Curl Diva, will represent the powerful Paul Jones barn and brings a 12 of 20 record against his toughest foes to date.

**Selections: (#7) Rylees Boy, (#5) Spit Curl Diva, (#9) Stolis Winner, (#11) Acorn.**

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