

Race

4

6 furlongs, dirt, one turn

Claiming \$25,000. For three-year-olds and up.

Post time

2:30 PM PT

Three want the lead. The turn decides who is left.

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Horse Oracle's first choice: **Copper Alibi, 31%**. That's about 1 in 3, so it loses more often than it wins.

What you'll see

Six furlongs on dirt with one turn. They break on the backstretch, sweep the far turn, and finish in just over a minute.

What to watch

The blue towel, number **3**. Can Copper Alibi sit just off the speed into the turn instead of fighting for the lead?

What's interesting

Our first choice isn't the morning-line favourite: **3** Copper Alibi over **1** Bay Current. And **5** Quiet Harbor drops in class.

Where the drama is

Three speed horses press each other into the turn: **3** **6** **1**. If they tire, **5** and **8** come late.

Early position, projected after the first quarter

Front

3 **6** **1**

Close up

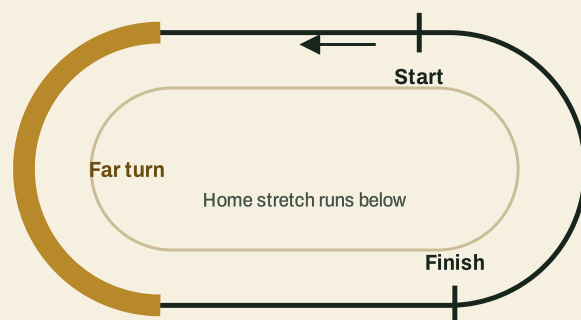
2 **4**

Back

5 **8**

Horse Oracle's read of each horse's running style. **7** is scratched.

The drama zone: the turn



A drawing to find your way, not the track to scale.

Words on this page

Furlong. An eighth of a mile, about 200 metres.

Closer. One that runs late, from the back.

Morning line. The track's own pre-race estimate of each horse's chances.

Drops in class. Runs for a lower claiming price than last time.

Speed horse. One that likes to run on or near the lead.

Turn over for the field

Specimen: the race, horses and people are invented.

	Horse, jockey / trainer, note	Style	Last start	ML	HO win
1	Bay Current R. Allard / D. Kessler Morning-line favourite. Has led early in each of its last three.	Speed	1st, 6f, Aug 30	2-1	14%
2	Salt Road M. Ortega / P. Linwood Steady, rarely far back. Second start off a short rest.	Presser	3rd, 6f, Sep 6	8-1	10%
3	Copper Alibi Pick A. Brandt / S. Varela Can sit a length off the lead; did so when second last out.	Stalker	2nd, 6f, Aug 23	5-2	31%
4	Ledger Line C. Pruitt / H. Mercer First start on dirt after three on turf.	Presser	5th, 1m turf, Aug 16	10-1	8%
5	Quiet Harbor L. Duvall / E. Castellan Drops from a \$32,000 claiming price to \$25,000.	Closer	4th, 6f, Aug 30	6-1	12%
6	Tin Lantern J. Whitcombe / N. Farrow Quick from the gate; faded late in two of its last three.	Speed	5th, 6f, Sep 6	4-1	18%
7	North Pasture T. Galvan / R. Oakes Scratched	Closer	6th, 6f, Aug 23	15-1	
8	Long Meadow K. Sato / W. Hollis Returns after 64 days away.	Closer	7th, 6f, Jul 26	12-1	7%

How to read this side

HO win is Horse Oracle's estimate of each horse's chance to win. Across the starters it adds up to 100%. The gold row is our first choice.

ML is the morning line, the track's own pre-race estimate. It is not the closing price.

Style is Horse Oracle's read of how each horse usually runs.

Style key

Speed	On or near the lead early.
Presser	Just behind the leaders.
Stalker	Mid-pack, a few lengths back.
Closer	At the back early, runs late.