



Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds
Hollywood Park Race 4
Landaluce Stakes (G-3)
6F, 2 YO Fillies
July 16, 2011



In the last ten years, the Landaluce Stakes has been won mostly by precocious sprinters who didn't develop past their two year old season. This year, some of the Landaluce entrants have the pedigrees to handle two turns. Time will tell if they will mature into top race mares.

[**KILLER GRACES**](#) (Congaree – Heatherdoesntbluff, by Old Trieste) heads a group of recent maiden winners in this year's renewal of the Landaluce Stakes. The Jerry Hollendorfer trainee is a nose away from being undefeated. She entered the Cinderella Stakes a maiden and emerged a stakes winner (video). Killer Graces fired a bullet five furlong work for the Landaluce.

The place finisher in the Cinderella, [**CHLOE W**](#) (El Corredor – Fair and Lively, by Lively One), comes back in the Landaluce for another shot at Killer Graces. Trained by Eric Kruljac, Chloe W had a strong 1:00 five furlong work in her second to last work. Raphael Bejarano subs for an injured Pat Valenzuela.

[**STAYCLASSYSANDIEGO**](#) (Rockport Harbor - Latin Lynx, by Forest Wildcat) demolished maiden claimers by over four lengths in her debut. Trainer Peter Miller pulled a fast one and stole her from Doug O'Neil and now the pretty gray miss gets a chance to show what she's got in stakes company. Although Stayclassysandiego's full sister won only once in five tries, the filly is a half sister to the stakes winning sprinter Sean Avery and stakes placed W W American. Her dam Latin Lynx is a half sister to multiple stakes placed runner Zip Quick. Stayclassysandiego should enjoy the extra distance, but gets a new jock in Espinoza.

[**WOEBEGON**](#) (Saint Anddan - Wontoo, by Montbrook) draws the dreaded one post, but has plenty of speed. In her debut, the Peter Miller trainee flew out of the gate and traveled five furlongs in :57 $\frac{3}{4}$, beating her rivals easily by over three lengths. Her first crop sire, a son of A.P. Indy, has two winners from eleven starters. Although Saint Anddan is a stakes winning sprinter, he appears to be a typical son of A.P. Indy in that his most of his offspring won't be win early types, but should come around in mid to late summer. Woebegon receives a mix of speed and stamina from her distaff line. Her damsire Montbrook gets precocious speedsters, yet the filly's second damsire Shahrastani excelled at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles over the lawn. Woebegon has no blacktype (stakes wins) in her first two generations, however her second dam Maresa is a half sister to BC Sprint hero Elmhurst and the fourth dam is Champion Juvenile Our Mims, a half sister to Alydar.

[**MIGHTY CAROLINE**](#) (Stormy Atlantic - Mighty Renee, by Maria's Mon) battled every step of the way in her debut. She fought through a swift opening quarter of :21 $\frac{3}{5}$ and although she was tired and drifting badly, she still had her pretty gray nose down at the wire. Mighty Caroline is the first foal for her unraced dam. There isn't any blacktype in her first two generations, but her third dam Over All won the Landaluce, as well as the Grade 1 Spinaway, Matron, Grade 2 Schuylerville and Adirondack Stakes.

[**SON DE AMERICA**](#) (Discreet Cat - Elizabeth Street, by Street Cry) was the first winner for her first crop sire. She zipped two furlongs in :21 $\frac{2}{5}$ in April, then had some time off. She has fired three consecutive bullets recently and could come out running. Her sire, a son of Forestry, has three winners from 12 runners. Surprisingly

Forestry only gets an average of 12% lifetime juvenile winners. Discreet Cat is his first major son at stud. Son De America has plenty of stamina on her distaff side. Her damsire is a top stallion and his offspring include the Champions Zenyatta and Street Sense. The second damsire is Triple Crown Champ and top broodmare sire Affirmed. Son De America is the first foal for her dam. There's little blacktype in the few generations, but her dam is a half sister to a listed juvenile stakes winner. This distaff family traces back to the fourth dam Big Hurry, a blue hen whose daughters produced Champions Relaxing and Easy Goer.

SELECTIONS:

Speed rules at Hollywood. 46% of the winners are front runners. Since all the runners in the races are confirmed front runners, selecting the winner isn't as easy as one would think. **KILLER GRACES** is the one to beat. **STAYCLASSYSANDIEGO** has some class in her family and her final time for her debut was decent. Her stablemate **WOEBEGON** showed speed and class in her first race. She'll have to hustle from the one post, but appears to be quick enough. **SON DE AMERICA** has the best works in the field. **MIGHTY CAROLINE** refused to lose in her debut. I have to wonder how much that start took out of her and the Conlon barn is 0 for 4 in the maiden to stakes angle.

#2 KILLER GRACES

#3 STAYCLASSYSANDIEGO

#1 WOEBEGON

#6 SON DE AMERICA – longshot pick