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Temperamental one-eyed **4 HARD NOT TO LOVE** overcame post-parade anxiety to score a decisive victory last out in the G1 La Brea, her fourth win from five starts and the choice to win right back in this G2 sprint. 'LOVE temporarily froze after she came onto the track last out, but her pre-race shenanigans provided only a brief scare. In the race, she lagged off the hot fractions and ran away late. Big win, albeit pace-assisted. She might not get the same scenario she benefitted from last time, but she does not necessarily require fast fractions. She was forwardly placed in previous wins. Best filly in the field, also most unpredictable in the post parade, tough to beat if she runs anything close to her Santa Monica win.

5 MOTHER MOTHER should get a great trip pressing the pace, and probably would get first run on the favorite. Although 'MOTHER finished more than three lengths behind 'LOVE two back, she ran super that day considering the pace. Two weeks later, she won easily in a minor stakes race, with something left at the wire. Seems like a two-horse race on paper, although distance-challenged front-runner **3 LADY NINJA** might have an upset chance if she shakes loose. She would be the first gate-to-wire winner this meet at seven furlongs. ZUSHA will rally late at a price.