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If there were any doubts about **2 CE CE** following her upset in the Beholder in March at Santa Anita, they were erased in the Apple Blossom in April at Oaklawn Park. CE CE broke from the far outside post, she lost ground much of the trip, and was up late to win her second straight Grade 1. CE CE is legit. She is fast, versatile, and the one to beat in this Grade 2. **1 HARD NOT TO LOVE** was no match for the top choice in March, runner-up while finishing more than three lengths back. But HARD NOT TO LOVE ran well. She set a blazing pace, tried to fight back, and finished second while running long for the first time. Although her speed figure declined several points, her runner-up performance was solid. Still uncertain if she really wants two turns, or if she might be best as a closing sprinter, but her quality is clear. The graded winner may still have upside after just seven starts. **4 HOROLOGIST** looms the upset candidate. She was buried with nowhere to run the length of the stretch in the Apple Blossom. She finished only five lengths behind the winner, without a fair chance. She gets a new rider, in a race with pace to run at. HOROLOGIST enters with an upset chance. FIGHTING MAD stretches out as a potential pacesetter, while KAYDETRE wheels back one week after winning a N2X.