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Front-runner **2 MIKES TIZNOW** can wire this Cal-bred turf sprint. His fourth last out was disappointing, but in hindsight, the one-length defeat was not bad. The rail setting on the Del Mar turf changed the day 'TIZNOW ran, and the course profile flipped from pro-speed to pro-closers. Six of the seven previous turf sprints through Aug. 21 were won by horses positioned one-two, followed by six turf sprints Aug. 22 onward in which most winners rallied from the middle or back. The point is, MIKES TIZNOW was running against the grain of an emerging track profile. The challenge Sunday at Santa Anita is to carry his speed stretching from five furlongs to five and one-half. He has won five of 10; this is the first time he has raced this far on turf. Speed has been effective this meet with the rails at zero and 10 feet (zero today). Come catch him. Multiple stakes winner **4 BAJA SUR** finished in front of the top choice last out in a Grade 3, rallying from just off the pace to finish second. Decent effort by a consistent gelding who figures for another cozy trip sitting second behind the speed. 'SUR would get first run if the pacesetter comes back to the field. **6 GALILEAN** is an off-the-pace threat, dropping from a G2 turf mile. He has won sprinting, but it seems his best races are two turns. Regardless, this is an easier spot, and he will be flying late.