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2 HALPERT has a strong pedigree for turf and he took some money first time out going long at Saratoga, where he wound up contesting a fast pace in a race that went to closers; has to handle the turn back to six furlongs but may be hard for this field to handle if he can manage it. **9 MARTINEZ** finished ahead of the top one in that route at Saratoga while finishing a disappointing 4th, but he was favored in that spot on the strength of his debut sprinting, where he finished a good 3rd despite racing greenly; was rated back when returned to sprinting last time and couldn't get to **11 SONIC SPEED** up on the pace late in an improved effort. SONIC SPEED took a nice step forward in his turf debut last time and his speed should serve him well in this spot.