

## Analysis By: **Brad Free**

Four months after his smashing debut victory, **8 FLIGHTLINE** returns as overwhelming favorite in this N1X sprint. In his maiden win, he ran the fastest six furlongs (1:08.75) of the Santa Anita meet, earned a 105 Beyer and should win if he picks up where he left off. **5 ESCAPE ROUTE** has something the favorite lacks. That is, a race over the DMR track. 'ROUTE cruised in a starter allowance last month; his 1:09.91 time is the fastest six furlongs this meet. Each start by 'ROUTE has been better than the start before. **2 FREEDOM FIGHTER** bombed at odds-on in his opening-week comeback. However, the G2-placed colt went into that race without a recent work at DMR. Since then, he posted a series of sharp DMR works including a bullet :58 last weekend.