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5 **DANCING BUCK** didn't have much of an excuse while on the lead in a pace-dominated race last time, though that seven-furlong distance seems to be a bit far for him; still earned a slight new Beyer top for the effort and he also ran well two back when making up some late ground going six. 7 **SHIRAZ** is hard to take on top considering his overall record, but he has plenty of races that make him a player vs. this field and he also has tactical speed; did not get a good ride two back when making the early lead and then conceding to the eventual winner. 4 **PHANTOM SMOKE** lightly-raced and improving for a top trainer; liked that win last time when out-kicking the closers and gunning down the leaders after a good trip, but this is supposed to be tougher.