

## Analysis By: **Marcus Hersh**

Question whether the debut Beyer, 68, **11 KING OTTOMAN** is lower than it might be, but in any case, he jumped up second time out to a number that can win this. Equally important, he moves from two true route starts to this one-turn mile, and from the appearance of his flat finishes, that change should help the horse. The April 24 work seems important since he went in company with champion filly Echo Zulu, the two breezing six furlongs in a robust time. King Ottoman, working on the outside, was niggled along a bit but was able to hold his own with Echo Zulu, tracking her every move through an encouraging gallop out. Third-place **2 MALIBU S S** caught my eye more than runner-up **6 VINCO** coming out of race 7 on March 26 at Fair Grounds. Malibu S S needed the experience, racing green while deploring the kickback hitting his face until he passed the half-mile pole and took off. He showed sharp acceleration and maintained that run to the finish; I like him as a betting proposition today. There was much complaint about Vinco's low debut Beyer until he ran up the track second time out. Something did go amiss (can't handle two turns) in that poor performance and what he showed last time is closer to what you're going to get here. First-timers Unleash the Power and Sargent Lee worth considering.