

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## SUNLAND DERBY

G3 - 1 1/8-Miles  
PURSE \$800,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS	TOP PICKS
1	Mucho Gusto	8-5	2 Anothertwistafate
2	Anothertwistafate	3-1	1 Mucho Gusto
3	Hustle Up	5-1	4 Wicked Indeed
4	Wicked Indeed	6-1	5 Cutting Humor
5	Cutting Humor	8-1	
6	Walker Stalker	15-1	<b>\$60 WIN</b>
7	Pasamonte Man	20-1	2 Anothertwistafate
8	Collusionist	25-1	
9	Diamond Blitz	15-1	<b>\$20 EXACTA BOX</b>
10	Eye Cloud	30-1	1, 2

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The \$800,00 Sunland Derby (G2) will be run Sunday afternoon as race 11 at Sunland Park in New Mexico going 1 1/8 miles on the dirt there. A field of 10 is entered and it is a good mix of local horses and shippers. There are three horses with high speed that drew the inside posts so it could be an interesting pace scenario. Also, the horses with the five highest BRIS Prime Power ratings drew the inside five post positions.

#2 ANOTHERTWISTAFATAE did little in his career debut going six furlongs on the dirt at Santa Anita. He went back to his home base at Golden Gate Fields and broke his maiden going 8 1/2 furlongs on the Tapeta. He came back there and romped against first-level allowance foes then proved that his form was no fluke when he won the El Camino Real Derby there by seven lengths. The son of Scat Daddy has gate speed but when you look at his pace ratings, he settles beautifully while on the lead and finishes full of energy. His BRIS pace ratings last out were 92, 92, 100 all the time that he was racing on the lead. The Tapeta should have him fit as a fiddle and while I don't think he will be on the lead here, he shows enough energy to stalk while saving ground and run them down.

#1 MUCHO GUSTO was speed crazy early in his career and he was exposed in the Los Alamitos Futurity (G1) going two turns when he was well beaten by stablemate Improbable. Don't read too much into the fact that Improbable was beaten in his division of the Rebel Stakes (G2) last Saturday at Oaklawn Park – he was left at the gate and lost all chance. Before his last start, Bob Baffert was able to get #1 MUCHO GUSTO to relax in his workouts and finish better. The results were apparent last out when he settled off the pace and won going away in a stalking trip in the Robert Lewis Stakes (G3). Baffert has had to re-arrange the schedule of his top three-year-olds since Santa Anita was closed so he shows up here. Even though he relaxed last out, I would not be surprised if Baffert tells Joe Talamo to send him from post one.

#4 WICKED INDEED has the advantage of a race over the track and should be right at home for Steve Assmussen. An even fourth in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) when he stalked from post one, he came back with a good second here in the Mine That Bird Stakes going two turns in decent time. He finishes his races strong and the son of Tapit is out of a stakes-winning dam that has produced five winners from five foals to race including two full-sisters that are graded stakes winners. #5 CUTTING HUMOR improved when Todd Pletcher added blinkers three starts back and he promptly broke his maiden going two turns. He came back with a good second in an allowance race at Gulfstream behind a good winner then made a strong middle move before weakening late. Johnny Velazquez rides back for Pletcher – 40% the last two months.