



**Fair Grounds | Race 11 | Saturday, March 21, 2026 Dirt | 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  Miles | Grade 2  
Fair Grounds Oaks | \$400,000 3-Year-Old Fillies | 7-Horse Field | Post: 6:08  
PM ET**

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## SECTION 1 — PACE ANALYSIS

### True Front Runners

**Bella Ballerina (#5)** — The model identifies this Godolphin filly as the primary front runner in the field. Has led or pressed the pace in all three career starts, including wiring the Rachel Alexandra last month at Fair Grounds. Projects to establish the early lead from post 5 under Gaffalione.

**Love and Trust (#7)** — Has shown early speed in both career starts, including wiring her maiden at Fair Grounds in February. The model projects her as the secondary speed element, likely contesting or tracking Bella Ballerina through the first turn.

**Maximum Offer (#3)** — Has pressed the pace in all four career starts, showing a forward-running style consistently. Model projects her stalking within striking distance of the front runners through the opening half mile.

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Luv Your Neighbor (#4)** — Has consistently raced in a pressing to stalking role, typically 2nd-3rd early. Model projects her settling just off the front runners in her natural position, 2-3 lengths back through the first turn.

**Miss Metoyer (#1)** — Wire-to-wire winner in her last start at seven furlongs. The model projects her attempting to establish early position, though the 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  mile distance represents a significant question mark for her pace style.

### Closers

**Life of Joy (#6)** — Has shown a mid-pack to stalking profile, typically 3rd-6th early before making her sustained run. Model projects her settling 4th-5th early, making her move on the far turn.





**Newtown Pike (#2)** — Consistent late-running profile. Has come from well off the pace in her two route starts. Model projects her last or near-last early, requiring strong pace setup to factor.

### Pace Scenario Projection

The model projects a CONTESTED-to-HOT early pace scenario. Bella Ballerina and Love and Trust are both horses that want the early lead — neither has shown a natural stalking profile. Maximum Offer pressing from outside adds a third element to the early flow. This is the most significant structural setup factor in the race — a contested pace at 1 1/8 miles for 3-year-old fillies in early March sets up strongly for horses with patient stalking profiles and elite late velocity. Life of Joy and Luv Your Neighbor are the primary beneficiaries of this pace projection.

## SECTION 2 — WIN PROBABILITY MATRIX

| Horse                | ML   | Model Win % | Model Top-3 % | Value Rating |
|----------------------|------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| #5 Bella Ballerina   | 7-5  | 32%         | 70%           | FAIR         |
| #6 Life of Joy       | 4-1  | 24%         | 62%           | VALUE        |
| #4 Luv Your Neighbor | 7-2  | 19%         | 58%           | VALUE        |
| #7 Love and Trust    | 9-2  | 12%         | 38%           | FAIR         |
| #2 Newtown Pike      | 8-1  | 7%          | 28%           | MARGINAL     |
| #3 Maximum Offer     | 8-1  | 5%          | 22%           | NEGATIVE     |
| #1 Miss Metoyer      | 20-1 | 1%          | 10%           | NEGATIVE     |

## SECTION 3 — CONTENDER ANALYSIS

### #5 Bella Ballerina ★★★★★

#### *Strengths:*

- Undefeated in three career starts — the only horse in this field with a perfect record
- Won the Rachel Alexandra Grade 2 at Fair Grounds last month — proven at this exact track, distance, and surface





- Model projects a dominant early velocity profile; has never been headed once establishing her lead
- Walsh/Gaffalione combination running sharp at the meet — Walsh at 24% with winners off their last start
- Godolphin homebred with significant investment behind her; connections point toward Kentucky Oaks

*Concerns:*

- 7-5 morning line offers no betting value — model projects fair but not overlay pricing
- Unproven against a genuine pace challenge; has never faced a horse that wants the lead as aggressively as Love and Trust
- Three career starts is a thin foundation for Grade 2 company
- Model projects a VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Rating — high early velocity with a steep projected deceleration in the final quarter

*Race Shape Fit:* Fits best in an uncontested lead scenario. A genuine pace duel with Love and Trust is the primary threat to her cycle.

*Projection:* The model projects Bella Ballerina as the most probable winner based on undefeated record and Fair Grounds form. The contested pace setup and VULNERABLE velocity profile introduce meaningful doubt. At 7-5 the model finds no betting merit.

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## #6 Life of Joy ★★★★★

*Strengths:*

- Won the Rags to Riches at Churchill in October — graded stakes winner with proven class
- Cox/Prat combination is the most formidable trainer-jockey pairing in this field; Cox running at 29% nationally in the 31-60 day window
- Model projects a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating — patient mid-pack style with a consistent closing kick
- Bullet work at Payson Park on March 14 is the top work flag in the field
- Has won at 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles previously — proven at the route distance

*Concerns:*





- Finished second in the Suncoast at Tampa last month — beaten by a horse not in this field
- No Fair Grounds experience — first start at this venue
- Four career starts is a limited foundation; has not faced Bella Ballerina

*Race Shape Fit:* Ideal. The contested early pace between Bella Ballerina and Love and Trust sets up her mid-pack closing style perfectly. Prat will settle her in and find a seam in the stretch.

*Projection:* The model projects Life of Joy as the top value selection in this race. At 4-1 with a 24% win probability projection, the model identifies a meaningful overlay. Cox at 29% in the 31-60 day window combined with the pace setup and the top work in the field make this the model's primary betting interest.

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#### #4 Luv Your Neighbor ★★★

##### *Strengths:*

- Four consecutive second-place finishes at Fair Grounds — the most experienced filly at this track in this field
- Has run her best efforts in route races at Fair Grounds consistently — deep course familiarity
- Saez is a strong Fair Grounds rider; model projects a clean stalking trip from post 4
- Has shown the ability to press or stalk — tactical versatility
- Model projects a STRONG Sustained Speed Rating from her pressing position

##### *Concerns:*

- 0-for-4 at Fair Grounds — has been beaten every time at this track
- Has been unable to convert consistent placings into a victory at the stakes level
- The Rachel Alexandra result two weeks ago showed her hanging in the stretch when challenged
- 7-2 morning line is near-fair given the 0-for-4 record at FG





*Race Shape Fit:* Good. Pressing style suits the projected pace setup. If Bella Ballerina tires from the duel with Love and Trust, Luv Your Neighbor is positioned to inherit the lead.

*Projection:* The model projects Luv Your Neighbor as a legitimate win threat and the second-best value selection. The 0-for-4 at Fair Grounds is a concern the model cannot dismiss, but the pace setup and course familiarity make her a mandatory inclusion in multi-race sequences.

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### #7 Love and Trust ★★★

#### *Strengths:*

- Won her maiden at 1½ miles at Fair Grounds in dominant fashion — wired the field
- DeVaux/Ortiz combination is sharp; Ortiz at 29% nationally
- DeVaux running at 31% in the Gaffalione/Ortiz J/T stat at Fair Grounds
- Only two career starts — significant upside trajectory possible

#### *Concerns:*

- Two career starts is the thinnest experience base in the field
- Both starts have been at Fair Grounds — limited information to project against graded stakes company
- Flattened in her first start at six furlongs before the maiden win — pace questions exist
- The model projects a high early velocity with a steep deceleration if pressed hard by Bella Ballerina

*Race Shape Fit:* Problematic. If she engages Bella Ballerina in a genuine speed duel at 1½ miles, the model projects both horses vulnerable late.

*Projection:* The model projects Love and Trust as a near-fair play at 9-2. Legitimate upside in a short career, but the pace duel scenario is a significant model concern. Use underneath in multi-race wagers.

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### #2 Newtown Pike ★★





*Projection:* The model projects Newtown Pike as a deep longshot with a narrow path to victory. Has run her best efforts coming from well off the pace — the pace setup here is favorable for her style, but the class jump into Grade 2 company and zero Fair Grounds experience create too many variables for a win investment. Use lightly underneath in multi-race wagers at 8-1 if the pace scenario develops as projected.

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### **#3 Maximum Offer — TOSS**

*Projection:* The model projects Maximum Offer as a pace-setter who is vulnerable in this spot. Won her maiden in a front-running effort but was pressed and flattened in the Martha Washington at Oaklawn last month. The model's velocity analysis identifies a high projected deceleration in the final quarter mile at this distance for a filly with a pace-pressing style. Entered at Turfway Park simultaneously — connections uncertainty. Do not use in win position.

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### **#1 Miss Metoyer — TOSS**

*Projection:* The model projects Miss Metoyer as the clearest throwout in this field. A maiden-level sprint winner making her Fair Grounds debut in a Grade 2 at 1 $\frac{1}{8}$  miles represents too large a class and distance jump. Do not use in any position.

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## **SECTION 4 — MPH ANALYSIS + SUSTAINED SPEED RATINGS**

### **Opening Velocity Projections (Q1 — First Quarter Mile)**

| <b>Horse</b>         | <b>Q1 Proj MPH</b> | <b>Role</b>          |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| #5 Bella Ballerina   | 38.2 mph           | Pace — VULNERABLE    |
| #7 Love and Trust    | 37.6 mph           | Co-Pace — VULNERABLE |
| #3 Maximum Offer     | 37.1 mph           | Presser — VULNERABLE |
| #4 Luv Your Neighbor | 36.5 mph           | Stalker — STRONG     |
| #6 Life of Joy       | 36.2 mph           | Stalker — STRONG     |
| #2 Newtown Pike      | 35.4 mph           | Closer — STRONG      |





| Horse           | Q1 Proj MPH | Role                       |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| #1 Miss Metoyer | 35.1 mph    | Speed/Unknown — VULNERABLE |

### Closing Velocity Projections (Q4 — Final Quarter Mile)

| Horse                | Q4 Proj MPH | Decel % | Sustained Speed Rating |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|
| #6 Life of Joy       | 35.8 mph    | -1.1%   | <b>ELITE</b>           |
| #4 Luv Your Neighbor | 35.3 mph    | -3.3%   | <b>STRONG</b>          |
| #2 Newtown Pike      | 34.7 mph    | -2.0%   | <b>STRONG</b>          |
| #7 Love and Trust    | 33.9 mph    | -9.8%   | <b>VULNERABLE</b>      |
| #5 Bella Ballerina   | 33.6 mph    | -12.0%  | <b>VULNERABLE</b>      |
| #3 Maximum Offer     | 33.1 mph    | -10.8%  | <b>VULNERABLE</b>      |
| #1 Miss Metoyer      | 32.4 mph    | -7.7%   | <b>VULNERABLE</b>      |

### Critical MPH Insight

The model's most significant finding in this race is the concentration of VULNERABLE Sustained Speed Ratings among the early pace horses. Bella Ballerina, Love and Trust, and Maximum Offer all project steep deceleration percentages in the final quarter — a combined pace scenario that sets up as one of the clearest closer-favoring setups the model has processed in this stakes series. Life of Joy's ELITE rating at -1.1% deceleration is the standout individual finding and drives the model's primary value recommendation. Luv Your Neighbor's STRONG rating from a pressing position is the secondary finding — a horse that loses minimal velocity from the stalking slot is ideally positioned when the front runners tire.

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## SECTION 5 — IMPROVEMENT & REGRESSION CANDIDATES

### Likely to Improve

**Life of Joy (#6)** — The model projects a peak effort here. Bullet work at Payson Park, Cox at 29% in the key trainer window, ELITE velocity profile, and the most favorable pace setup this filly has faced in her career all converge in the same race. The model projects a career-best effort.





**Newtown Pike (#2)** — Has been improving with each start — maiden score at six furlongs, then a competitive second in the Martha Washington at Oaklawn. The pace scenario here is the most favorable she has encountered. The model projects continued improvement, though the class jump remains a ceiling question.

### **Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Bella Ballerina (#5)** — The undefeated record is real, but the model projects a pace-induced regression in this spot. Has never been pressed early at 1½ miles. A genuine duel with Love and Trust through the opening half mile is the primary regression trigger.

**Love and Trust (#7)** — Two career starts with minimal pace pressure in either. A genuine pace duel in only her third lifetime start at Grade 2 level projects as a significant regression scenario. The model identifies her as the horse most likely to be an exhausted non-factor in the final sixteenth.

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## **SECTION 6 — SUGGESTED BETS**

**Win Bet: #6 Life of Joy** Confidence: 7.5/10 The model projects 24% win probability against a 4-1 morning line (20% implied) — a clear positive expected value overlay. ELITE Sustained Speed Rating, the top bullet work in the field, Cox/Prat combination at peak form, and the most favorable pace setup this filly has seen make this the model's strongest win bet on the card. Any board drift to 5-1 or better significantly widens the edge.

**Value Play: #4 Luv Your Neighbor** Confidence: 6.5/10 Model projects 19% win probability against a 7-2 morning line (22.2% implied) — sitting at the value threshold. The 0-for-4 at Fair Grounds is the model's primary hesitation, but the STRONG velocity profile from a pressing position and deep course familiarity make her a mandatory multi-race inclusion. Use lightly in win and as the B horse in sequences.

**Top 3 Multi-Race: A / B / C** A — #5 Bella Ballerina B — #6 Life of Joy C — #4 Luv Your Neighbor Confidence: 7.5/10

Structure Pick 3 (R11-R13), Pick 4 (R11-R14), and Bayou Bluegrass Pick 5 legs using this trio. Life of Joy as the single where structure and price demand — she is the model's highest-confidence value play on the card. Spread A and C to protect





against the undefeated filly running her race. Do not use #3 Maximum Offer or #1 Miss Metoyer in any keyed position.

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## SECTION 7 — CONFIDENCE RATING

Overall: 7 / 10 ★★★★★★

The model holds high confidence in the race shape projection — a genuine three-way pace battle at 1½ miles for 3-year-old fillies in March is close to certain given the profiles of Bella Ballerina, Love and Trust, and Maximum Offer. The primary uncertainty is the margin of Bella Ballerina's talent — if she is simply the best filly in the field she may wire them despite the pace duel, as her Rachel Alexandra performance suggested. Life of Joy's ELITE velocity projection is the model's highest-confidence individual analytical finding across all three races on this card. The pace scenario, the trainer angle, the work tab, and the velocity profile all point in the same direction. This is the model's strongest overall recommendation of the afternoon.

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