

COMMENTS: On paper, WINWARD FLO looks best, but two drops in class and a 74-day layoff since being claimed by trainer Jonathan Wong, who is no slouch, demands one look elsewhere.

The "jock with the clock" is no longer a thing, and BELIEVING provides a perfect example of this. Following a powerful wire-to-wire win (-5 early speed ration) after she was claimed by Larry Smith, the daughter of Street Sense jumped up in class and, once again, contested the pace. Only this time she recorded an insane -16 ESR. Needless to say, she backed up badly and finished last.

Today, the projected ESR is -8 and Believing can get an easy lead — if she wants it, jockey Perry Ouzts may be gun shy now. If that happens, I think she's likely to win (she can win stalking too, but loses a key tactical advantage). MY ANGELICA appears to be the main danger.

BET(S): WIN on 4.