

# OptixNOTES Hints

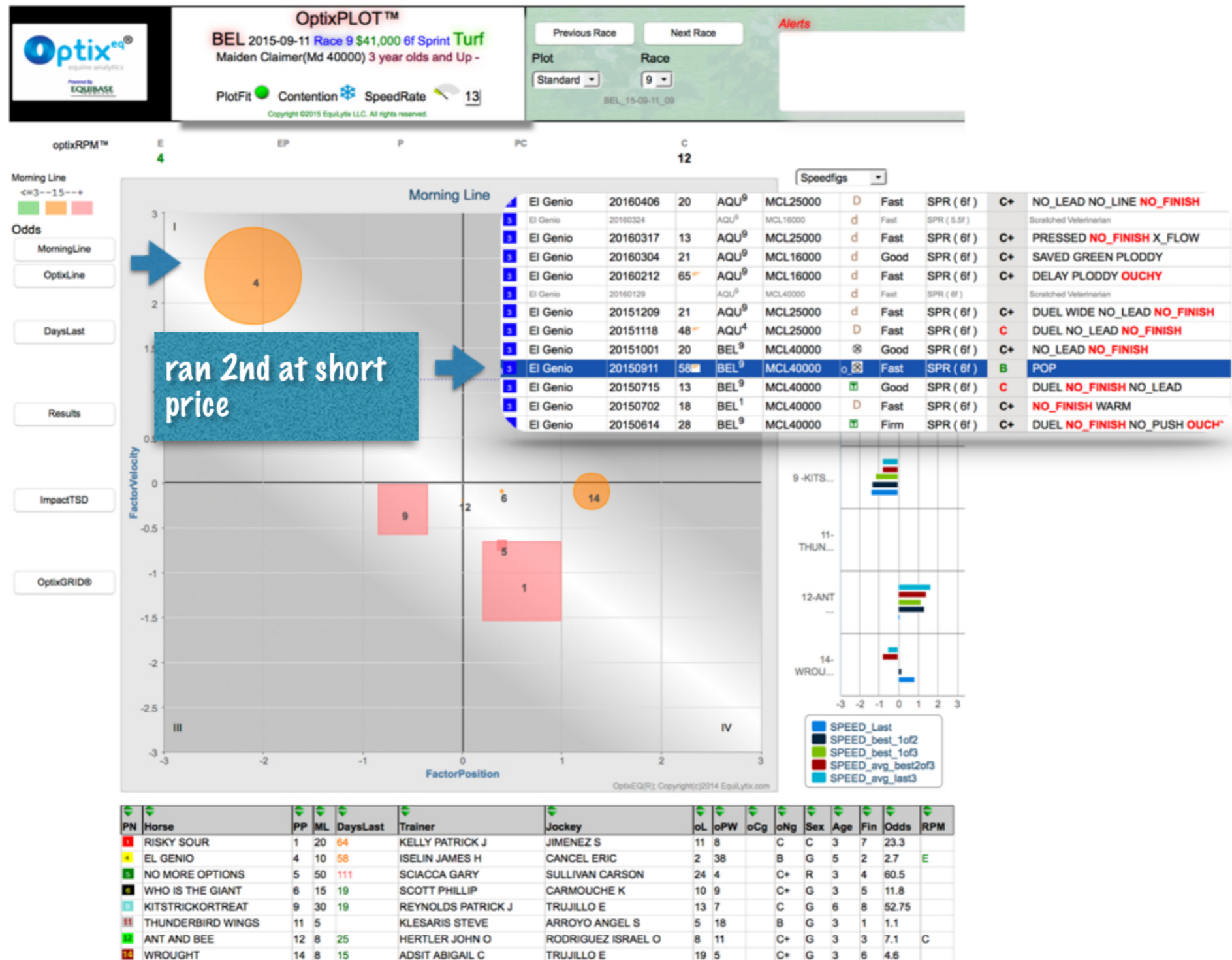
- 1 **OptixNOTES Projections and Young Developing Horses**
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- 3 **The **"C"** Exception**

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**OptixNOTES projections is a powerful handicapping tool to use with younger developing horses (2 and 3 year olds.).** OptixNOTES projections can indicate a horse might have more to show or is being developed for a new surface and distance in the future. Some of these horses can move up dramatically, especially early in their career. Do not eliminate lightly raced horses that might NOT seem fast enough on speed figures, but have meaningful OptixNOTES projections (**IMPROVE? TURF? PREP? STRETCH?**) .

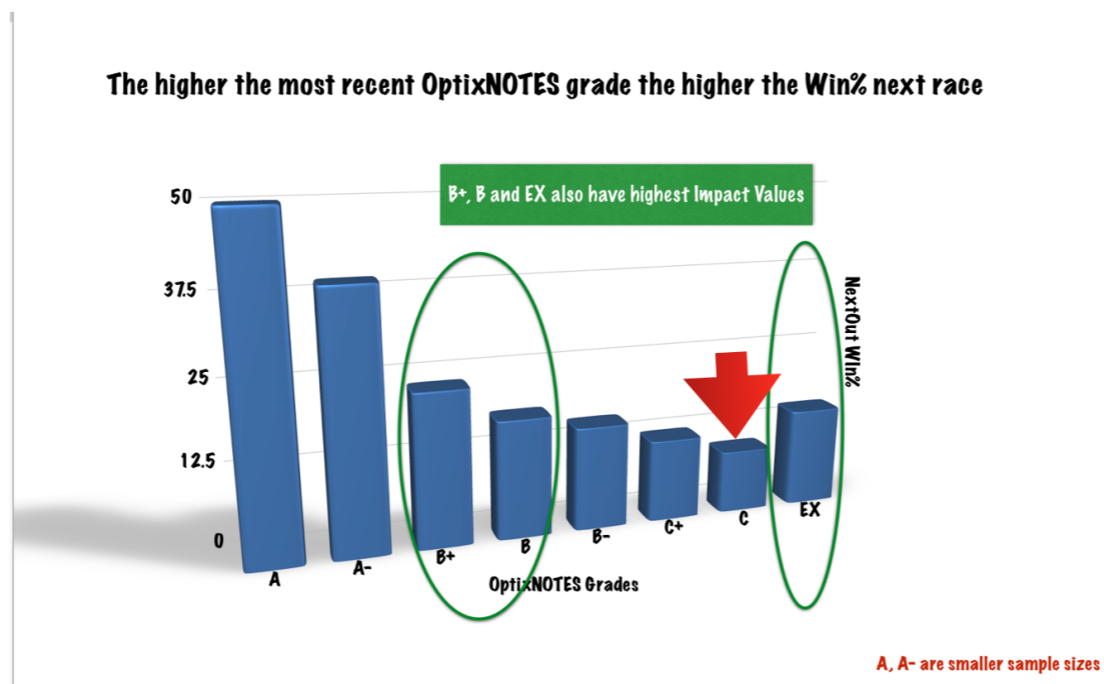
PN	HorseName	RaceDate	DLR	Track	RaceClass	Surf	Cond	Dist	oNg	optixNOTES™	Projections	xC	oCg	Jockey	M-E	Trainer	Odds	Finish
12	Parting Gift	20160421	81	KEE <sup>9</sup>	ALW50000s	⊕	Firm	RTE ( 9f )	EX	TACTIC WIDE NO_PUSH				Lanerie	L-b	Zito	9.8	12
12	Parting Gift	20160131	16	GP <sup>8</sup>	MCL35000	⊕	Good	RTE ( 7.5f )	B-	SLOG TACTIC(+) MOVE NO_LINE GALLOP(-)		ⓘ		Oyola	L-b	Zito	14.1	1
12	Parting Gift	20160130		GP <sup>12</sup>	MCL35000	⊕	Good	RTE ( 8.5f )		Scratched Re-entered				Oyola		Zito	0	X
12	Parting Gift	20160115	70	GP <sup>9</sup>	MSW50000	⊗	Sloppy	RTE ( 8f )	C	SLOG TROUBLE_S WIDE	TURF? PREP?			Oyola	L-b	Zito	56.4	6
12	Parting Gift	20151106	30	CD <sup>4</sup>	MSW55000	⊗	Fast	RTE ( 8.5f )	C	GATE				Lebron		Zito	80	9
12	Parting Gift	20151007	32	KEE <sup>8</sup>	MSW56000	D	Fast	RTE ( 8.5f )	C	SLOG NO_HANDLE NO_PUSH	TURF?	ⓘ		Leparoux		Zito	14	10
12	Parting Gift	20150905		SAR <sup>7</sup>	MSW83000	D	Fast	SPR ( 7f )	C+	GATE GREEN OTHER	PREP? IMPROVE?	ⓘ		Cancel		Zito	9.6	7

Be wary of 'need the lead' horses who have a litany of **NO\_FINISH** and **NO\_LEAD** keywords in their resume even when they look to have significant pace advantage.



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**The “C” Exception:** A last-out OptixNOTES performance grade of **C** is usually a major negative and typically a toss. They have the lowest next-out win % and impact values of all others grades (see graph below). However, there are some exceptions where you can be a bit more forgiving with these grades.



- Big Class-Droppers:** Big class-droppers who ran a **C** in their previous race can't be tossed when dropping 2 levels or more below the level of their **C** performance. We still would be careful backing these horses, especially at short odds, but the level of competition can really wake up some of these runners, and they can't be routinely dismissed out of hand.

2	Black Tie	20150820	21	DMR <sup>8</sup>	MCL20000	D	Fast	SPR ( 7f )	B-	NO_LEAD
2	Black Tie	20150730	21	DMR <sup>8</sup>	MCL20000	D	Fast	SPR ( 6f )	B-	NO_LEAD
2	Black Tie	20150709	25	LRC <sup>8</sup>	MCL20000	D	Fast	SPR ( 6f )	B	NO_LEAD
2	Black Tie	20150614	23	SA <sup>9</sup>	MCL50000	⊕	Firm	SPR ( 6.5f )	C	

2	Missy Mouse	20160215	22	SA <sup>7</sup>	CLM16000NW3L	D	Fast	SPR ( 6f )	B-	SAVED CLOSE
2	Missy Mouse	20160124	25	SA <sup>9</sup>	CLM25000	⊕	Good	SPR ( 6.5f )	B-	
2	Missy Mouse	20151230	41	SA <sup>3</sup>	CLM16000NW3L	D	Fast	SPR ( 6f )	B-	WIDE CLOSE
2	Missy Mouse	20151119	46	DMR <sup>3</sup>	CLM32000	⊕	Firm	RTE ( 8f )	B-	
2	Missy Mouse	20151004	29	SA <sup>8</sup>	STK100000	⊗	Fast	SPR ( 6.5f )	C	
2	Missy Mouse	20150905	42	DMR <sup>8</sup>	ALW72000NW1\$X	⊕	Firm	RTE ( 8f )	C	

2. **Wrong Surface and/or Distance:** Horses who had a last-out OptixNOTES performance grade of **C** that came on a non-preferred surface and/or at a less than optimal distance can be forgiven. Typically, this is a dirt or turf specialist who runs consistently bad races on a different surface; sprinters who can't get two turns; and/or horses unable to handle an "off-track." With this angle, be careful not to make an excuse for a bad performance because it was on a different surface.

PN	HorseName	RaceDate	DLR	Track	RaceClass	Surf	Cond	Dist	oNg	optixNOTES™	Projections	xC	oCg	Jockey	M-E	Trainer	Odds	Finish
2	Theresas Candyrose	20160430	21	BEL <sup>1</sup>	Alw 8000n1x	D	---	RTE (8.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	ALVARADO		BARBARA	5	★
2	Theresas Candyrose	20160409	48	AQU <sup>4</sup>	ALW82000NW1S	D	Good	RTE (8.5f)	B-	WIDE				Alvarado		Barbara	7.4	2
2	Theresas Candyrose	20160221	22	AQU <sup>7</sup>	ALW67000NW1S	D	Fast	RTE (8.32f)	C					Carmouche		Barbara	12.5	8
2	Theresas Candyrose	20160130	23	AQU <sup>7</sup>	ALW67000NW1S	D	Fast	RTE (8f)	C+	PRESSED NO_KEEP FLOW				Hernandez		Barbara	16.4	3
2	Theresas Candyrose	20160107	36	AQU <sup>8</sup>	ALW67000NW1S	D	Fast	RTE (8.5f)	C					Alvarado		Barbara	10.6	5

3. **The Sea of Cs:** In some cases, you might find a race where the field is just littered with horses who have OptixNOTES performance grades of **C**. Someone has to win the race, despite a previous **C** performance. These races should probably be avoided, but sometimes an extended comment or projection can make all the difference in cashing a long-shot wager.

PN	HorseName	RaceDate	DLR	Track	RaceClass	Surf	Cond	Dist	oNg	optixNOTES™	Projections	xC	oCg	Jockey	M-E	Trainer	Odds	Finish
1	SONG FOR JADE	20160429	22	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	MALDONADO	L-b	ARMSTRONG	10	★
1	Song for Jade	20160407	236	SA <sup>8</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C+	DUEL NO_FINISH				Lopez	L-b	Armstrong	5.3	7
1	Song for Jade	20150815		DMR <sup>7</sup>	MSW70000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C	SLOG				Baze		Armstrong	14.2	10
2	DANCING SUNSET	20160429	22	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	DELGADILLO	L-b	BONDE	2	★
2	Dancing Sunset	20160407	19	SA <sup>5</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	B-					Delgadillo	L-b	Bonde	4.9	2
2	Dancing Sunset	20160319	22	SA <sup>3</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C+	NO_FINISH				Maldonado	L-b	Bonde	7.8	7
2	Dancing Sunset	20160226	27	SA <sup>5</sup>	MCL50000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C	NO_FINISH				Perez	L-b	Bonde	20.7	7
2	Dancing Sunset	20160130	28	SA <sup>10</sup>	MSW56000	D	Fast	SPR (6f)	C					Perez	L-b	Bonde	22.4	9
2	Dancing Sunset	20160102	43	SA <sup>4</sup>	MSW56000	D	Fast	SPR (6f)	C+					Maldonado	L-b	Bonde	4.1	5
2	Dancing Sunset	20151218		LRC <sup>5</sup>	MSW45000	D	Fast	SPR (6f)		Scratched Veterinarian				Lopez		Bonde	0	X
2	Dancing Sunset	20151120	21	DMR <sup>8</sup>	MSW52000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	B-	POP DUEL				Maldonado	L-b	Bonde	21.6	2
2	Dancing Sunset	20151030		GG <sup>4</sup>	MSW26000	A	Fast	SPR (6f)						Frey	L-b	Bonde	40.5	7
3	PRESIDENTIAL AIR	20160429	19	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	BOULANGER	L-b	NETTLES	30	★
3	Presidential Air	20160410	10	SA <sup>11</sup>	MCL50000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C	SLOG WIDE NO_PUSH				John	L-b	Nettles	71.5	7
3	Presidential Air	20160331	39	SA <sup>3</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (7f)	C	NO_FINISH				John	L-b	Nettles	123.6	8
3	Presidential Air	20160319		SA <sup>3</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)		Scratched Trainer							0	X
3	Presidential Air	20160221	21	SA <sup>9</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C	NO_FINISH				Elliott	L-b	Abrams	32.8	7
3	Presidential Air	20160131	7	SA <sup>6</sup>	MCL30000	D	Wet Fast	SPR (6f)	C	TROUBLE NO_PUSH				Perez	L-b	Abrams	12.3	7
3	Presidential Air	20160124		SA <sup>2</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (6.5f)	C	SLOG				Perez	L-b	Abrams	15	8
4	ADRIAN'S GIRL	20160429	22	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	PEREZ	L-b	KITCHINGMAN	3.5	★
4	Adrian's Girl	20160407	91	SA <sup>5</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C+	WIDE COLD				Pedroza	L-b	Kitchingman	2.7	3
4	Adrian's Girl	20160107		SA <sup>1</sup>	MCL50000	D	Good	SPR (6f)	C	DUEL NO_FINISH COLD				Perez	L-b	Kitchingman	4.5	4
5	STORMY CHARM	20160429	15	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	MARQUEZ		BRADVICA	30	★
5	Stormy Charm	20160414		LRC <sup>8</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (6f)	C	NASAL_S WIDE				Marquez		Bradvice	88.3	10
6	ALEYSIA EH	20160429	253	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	JOHN		PENDER	4	★
6	Aleysia Eh	20150820		DMR <sup>4</sup>	MCL30000	D	Fast	SPR (5.5f)	C					Nicolas		Pender	12.6	3
7	CORONADO COOL	20160429	34	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	PEDROZA		KRULJAC	2.5	★
7	Coronado Cool	20160326	28	SA <sup>4</sup>	MCL40000	D	Fast	SPR (6f)	C+		DROP?			Lopez		Kruljac	2.7	3
7	Coronado Cool	20160227	34	SA <sup>9</sup>	MSW56000	D	Firm	SPR (6.5f)	C	TACTIC				Desormeaux		Kruljac	15.8	11
7	Coronado Cool	20160124	85	SA <sup>3</sup>	MCL75000	D	Fast	SPR (6.5f)	C+	DUEL				Blanc		Kruljac	6.3	3
7	Coronado Cool	20160117		SA <sup>9</sup>	MSW56000	D	Good	SPR (6.5f)		Scratched Also-Eligible				Blanc		Kruljac	0	X
7	Coronado Cool	20151031	28	DMR <sup>5</sup>	MSW52000	D	Firm	RTE (8f)	C+					Blanc		Kruljac	16.7	5
7	Coronado Cool	20151003	26	SA <sup>3</sup>	MSW52000	D	Firm	SPR (6.5f)	C+					Blanc		Kruljac	44.9	4
7	Coronado Cool	20150907		DMR <sup>7</sup>	MSW70000	D	Firm	RTE (8f)	C					Blanc		Kruljac	20	10
8	LISA LARGO	20160429	336	LRC <sup>5</sup>	Md 30000	D	---	SPR (5.5f)	---	---	---	---	---	HERNANDEZ	L-	HERNANDEZ	12	★
8	Lisa Largo	20150529		SA <sup>4</sup>	MSW56000	D	Fast	SSPR (4.5f)	C	SLOG				Flores	L-b	Hernandez,	35.3	7