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SADLER PAIR WORKING SWEETLY

The Craig Family Trust's pair of **"TDN Rising Stars"** **Sidney's Candy** (Candy Ridge {Arg}) and **Twirling Candy** (Candy Ride {Arg}) worked over Santa Anita's recently installed dirt surface Thursday in preparation for starts on the Arcadia oval's Dec. 26 opening day card in the grassy one-mile GIII Sir Beaufort S. and seven-furlong GI Malibu S., respectively. The former worked six



Sidney's Candy
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furlongs on his own in 1:11 flat, good for the fourth fastest of 12 spins at the distance. The GI Santa Anita Derby winner, who showed an affinity for the lawn when breaking Del Mar's 1 1/16-mile course record with a 5 1/2-length tour-de-force in the GI La Jolla H. Aug. 14, is coming off a sixth-place effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile behind superstar Goldikova (Ire) (Anaaba). Of that effort, conditioner John Sadler, who holds the last two Santa Anita winter meeting training titles, told *Daily Racing Form*, "I think he got beat by one of the best horses, Goldikova. I don't think the course helped him any. It was sticky." Twirling Candy, whose four-race career unbeaten streak was snapped when he weakened late to finish fourth in the GI Goodwood S. at Oak Tree at Hollywood Oct. 2, also worked six panels in company with barnmate Hammurabi (Horse Chestnut {SAf}). The homebred covered the ground in 1:10.80, which was the third fastest six-furlong drill of the day. As he watched the dark bay finish up, Sadler told the trade daily, "Oh that is nice. That's perfect because he got dirt in his face." Sadler has three other runners who will compete in stakes races on opening day. **Switch** (Quiet American), runner-up to Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) in the GI Lady's Secret and second again most recently in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, will face fellow sophomore fillies in the seven-furlong GI La Brea S.; **Don Tito** (Trippi) will join Twirling Candy in the Malibu; and **Contemplated** (Bertrando) takes on statebred juveniles after a fourth-place finish in the GIII Hollywood Preview S. Nov. 20.



Twirling Candy
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ALCINDOR TAKES TO SANTA ANITA DIRT

Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable's Alcindor (Unbridled's Song), who was pegged a **"TDN Rising Star"** after decimating a Hollywood allowance field by 7 1/2-lengths Nov. 28 in his second career start, got in his first work over Santa Anita's conventional dirt surface Thursday as he crams for his class test in what is expected to be a very contentious running of the GI Malibu S. The \$1,150,000 KEESEP yearling covered six furlongs in 1:12.20. "He worked really well and it seemed like he handled [the track] well," Hall of Fame conditioner Bob Baffert told *HRTV*. "He reminds me a lot of his sire, Unbridled's Song. He has a tremendous stride and he covers a lot of ground. [His stride] is deceiving. You don't think he is going that fast, but he is just cruising around." In addition to the aforementioned Twirling Candy, Don Tito and Alcindor, expected entrants for the seven-furlong three-year-old dash include **Caracortado** (Cat Dreams), **Indian Firewater** (Indian Charlie), **Noble's Promise** (Cuvee), **Setsuko** (Pleasantly Perfect) (who also worked six furlongs at Santa Anita in 1:14.20 Thursday), **Smiling Tiger** (Hold That Tiger), **Thiskyhasnolimit** (Sky Mesa) and **Thomas Baines** (Johannesburg).



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