

Del Mar

Thursday November 4, 2021

Race #7

Contest bet - \$100 win on #2 Crew Dragon

Win contenders, with minimum odds for win bets:

#2 Crew Dragon – 3 to 1

#9 Man Friday – 3 to 1

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2, 9 over 2, 7, 8, 9

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#7 is Coulthard, #8 is Big Fish

(The strategy is to find two horses to key in the first and second positions with those two and two others so we can maximize value if the top two run as expected because if they run one-two we win both bets).

Crew Dragon just missed by a head on the wire in the identical Oceanside Stakes run on opening day this summer (July 16) at Del Mar. He was seventh with a quarter mile to run and ran home fast to just miss. He then won at this mile turf trip in allowance company one month later. After being overmatched in the Del Mar Derby, Crew Dragon dropped back into allowance company and rallied from seventh to second in a sprint so stretching back out to a mile he could easily put in an effort good enough to win.

Man Friday goes for his third straight win, the previous two at this mile turf trip. The first of the pair was at Del Mar near the end of August and the more recent was at Santa Anita with Desormeaux in the saddle for the first time, riding back today. The win last month came right of the Cerin claim for \$50K which is already paying dividends and could once more if Man Friday holds his top form.

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