

Date: August 8th, 2020**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Beau Recall (9th race)****First Race****1. Your Royal Coil****2. Dehydration****3. Super Klaus**

YOUR ROYAL COIL moves up a notch in class to \$20k claiming N3L after a sharp N2L victory over a field that produced two next-out winners. Drawn outside her pace rivals and shortening to five and a half, 'COIL figures for a comfortable trip pressing the pace in the clear. **DEHYDRATION** broke poorly, stumbled and lost all chance in her California debut. But her claiming win vs. 3yo fillies two starts back in Kentucky is one of the fastest recent races by any in this field. She returns to the claiming ranks, and gets a weight break under seven-pound apprentice Alexis Centeno. **SUPER KLAUS** will be rolling late, first start since February. **SOUTH BOOTH SHIRLEY** adds speed to the field; she won her only start over this track in fall 2018.

Second Race**1. A Melis****2. Shanghai Barbie****3. Time for Ebbly**

Lightly raced, improving each start including a runner-up finish last out in a fast sprint, **A MELIS** is the horse to beat stretching to a mile at the same Cal-bred N1X level, even while wheeling back in just 12 days. She finished more than seven lengths clear of third and is quick enough to make the lead if she wants. Speed has been holding better lately around two turns. **SHANGHAI BARBIE** is the only true main-track distance runner in a field otherwise filled with sprinters including the top-choice favorite. 'BARBIE is a two-time dirt-route winner with in-the-money finishes under similar conditions in her last two starts. **TIME FOR EBBLY** is probably best as a closing sprinter, but her six-win total tops the field. She is the only starter entered for the \$20k optional claim tag.

Third Race**1. Spud****2. Master Ryan****3. Fly Buddy Fly**

Based on his promising fourth-place debut, **SPUD** gets the call in this Cal-bred maiden turf sprint. He hopped at the break in his debut, unleashed a small burst of speed to reach contention, rallied extremely wide into the lane and finished evenly. Solid debut; SPUD has more speed than he showed first out and can post a minor upset second out. He will have to defeat a horse that finished in front of him. That is **MASTER RYAN**, whose runner-up-by-a-head debut was the best effort of his career. He set the pace from the rail, hung tough to deep stretch and got collared late. Inside post again, therefore he must "go" again. Obvious contender. **FLY BUDDY FLY** is a half-sibling to stakes winner graded stakes-placed Fly to Mars. Workouts modest, at least on paper, and this stable rarely pops with firsters in turf sprints (1-for-25 past five years). Nonetheless, must respect the gelding's pedigree and normally high-percent outfit. **CROOKED FINGER RAY** showed promise in his runner-up debut a year ago on dirt. This stable can fire with comebackers.

Fourth Race**1. El Huerfano****2. Kylemore****3. Wilshire Dude**

The 8yo veteran **EL HUERFANO** is the one to beat in this \$12.5k claiming route, based on his fifth-place finish opening race of the meet. The pace was fast, he tired late and was re-claimed for \$16k by a former trainer. EL HUERFANO won four races for Peter Miller in 2016-2018; Miller drops the gelding one level off the claim. The move makes sense; 'HUERFANO has been running fast enough to win at this level. **KYLEMORE**, 2-for-4 at Del Mar, meets easier after finishing nowhere in a tough turf claiming race two weeks ago and an allowance in May. His winter-spring form puts him in the hunt; this is his second start back from a layoff. Improvement likely vs. easier company. **WILSHIRE DUDE** ran better than the top choice last out. 'DUDE set/pressed a fast pace and did not give up until deep stretch. He finished fourth. Good try by the front-runner who is rounding back into form. The past three years, trainer Kristin Mulhall is 5-for-13 second start off the claim.

Fifth Race**1. Merneith****2. Mind Out****3. Moonhall Milly**

MERNEITH stretches back to a route as likely pacesetter in this N1X turf mile. Sired by American Pharoah, grass should be fine. Come and catch her. Lightly raced **MIND OUT** has improved each subsequent start based on figures; she returns to the allowance ranks after a

respectable runner-up finish in a \$75k stakes at Golden Gate. **MOONHALL MILLY** did not have a great trip last time in a similar turf route. Rank early, blocked form the quarter pole to the eighth pole, okay fourth. She is reunited with the meet's leading turf rider Umberto Rispoli. **SUMMER LOVE** makes her California debut after a maiden win at Tampa bay Downs. The filly she beat won her next start by 11 lengths.

Sixth Race

1. Roderick

2. Weston

3. Herd Immunity

Favorites won 17 of the last 25 editions of this Grade 2 for juveniles, and shipper **RODERICK** can continue the trend based on his debut at Belmont Park. It was only a four-horse field, but he dueled through a fast pace, shook clear and won with plenty left. Big win by a full sibling to G3 winner One Liner. **RODERICK** arrived at Del Mar on Monday and enters as the horse to beat. **WESTON** might be best of the locals. Overlooked at 21-1 first out, he popped the gate and wired the field. Rock solid. He appears to have worked well at Del Mar since his debut at Santa Anita. **HERD IMMUNITY** followed his off-the-pace debut win with an okay third behind hotshot Cazadero in a G3 at Churchill Downs. Plenty of pace to set it up for blinkers-off **HERD IMMUNITY**. As for Cazadero, he entered a G2 Friday at Saratoga. **AMBIVALENT** finished an okay second in his debut; he benefits by the stretch-out form four and one-half furlongs to six.

Seventh Race

1. Cupid's Claws

2. Tartini

3. Tintoretto

CUPID'S CLAWS lost ground finishing fourth here opening weekend. Good try under the wide-trip circumstances; the race was validated when runner-up Big Buzz returned to win. Claimed off the two-length loss, 'CLAWS might be facing an easier bunch in this N1X/optional \$40k. The marathon distance of a mile and three-eighths should be fine based on pedigree. **TARTINI** crushed \$32k claiming turf milers at Santa Anita; she ran well on this course here in fall. This is his first start in two months; he runs well fresh. The last time he ran a mile and three-eighths, two years ago at Del Mar at this class level, he finished third by a length. **TINTORETTO** finished an okay fourth in the G3 San Juan Capistrano that was his U.s. debut. Class drop; to N1X, rider switch to Flavien Prat. **REPROBATE** acts like he will love the distance.

Eighth Race

1. Tacoflavoredkisses

2. Lino's Back N Town

3. Alexander's Dream

TACOFLOAVORED KISSES blew the break in his debut, and it cost him any chance as the favorite. He finished fourth. The 2yo reportedly has more speed than he showed, he adds blinkers and is the only starter with a race under his belt. Jeff Bonde-trained **LINO'S BACK N TOWN** and **ALEXANDER'S DREAM** have worked well for their respective debuts. 'TOWN is by first-crop sire Uncle Lino, who has had just four starters through last weekend. Workouts suggests 'TOWN has speed. perhaps the same is true of **ALEXANDER'S DREAM**, a sibling to two-turn stakes winner Our Silver Oak. 'DREAM is by Gervinho, whose brief stallion career has ended. **BIG FLAME** is sired by win-early stallion Mr. Big.

Ninth Race

1. Beau Recall

2. Keeper Ofthe Stars

3. Bodhicitta

Based on an outstanding runner-up finish last out at Belmont Park and an affinity for the Del Mar turf, **BEAU RECALL** gets the call to win this G2 turf route a second straight year. The most recent start by **BEAU RECALL** was super. Facing lone front-runner/winner Newspaperofrecord in a Grade 1, 'RECALL trailed the field, finished fast and missed by only three lengths. She ran her first half-mile in 49.84 seconds, her second half-mile in 46.31 seconds. Super effort by the veteran, whose closing style suits the overall course profile. **JOLIE OLIMPICA**, likely favorite this race, will scratch. **KEEPER OFTHE STARS** misfired last time without a visible alibi, but she has bounced back from subpar races in the past. A G1-G2 winner early this year at Santa Anita, 'STARS has not hit the board in three starts at Del Mar, but the stat is misleading. One of the races was a turf marathon on a wet course labelled "good;" she finished fourth both starts here last summer and ran better than the line looks both times. Expect her to bounce back to top form. **BODHICITTA** will rally late; **SUMMERING** figures for a forwardly placed trip in a race that could unfold at a tepid pace.

Tenth Race

1. Superman Shaq

2. Spielberg

3. Noble Reflection

A pair of highly regarded 2yos debut in this six-furlong sprint: Peter Miller-trained **SUPERMAN SHAQ** and Bob Baffert-trained likely favorite **SPIELBERG**. The call is **SUPERMAN SHAQ**, a Shackleford sibling to 2018 champion filly Monomoy Girl. He has been working fast since he breezed 20.60 seconds at the sales preview in spring, fast works continued this summer at Del Mar including a visually impressive July 27 gate work (viewed on video). The speedy first-timer starter is "live." **SPIELBERG**, a \$1 million yearling by

Union Rags, has been strutting his stuff in workouts including a pair of bullet gate drills in late July. SPIELBERG is likely to start favored, and is comfortably drawn outside. **NOBLE REFLECTION** also has been working well for his debut. He and SPIELBERG were nominated to the G2 Best Pal (race 6), an indication of optimism. RELFECTION is a Liam's Map colt trained by Richard Baltas, who has been winning with an increasingly higher rate of first-time starters.

Eleventh Race

1. Sweet Devil

2. Ya Beauty

3. Bristol Bayou

Maiden turf filly **SWEET DEVIL** is rounding back into form, and stretching to the mile and one-eighth distance of her career-best effort. Last out at one mile, she ran her final quarter in 23.29 seconds and missed by a length. This is her third start back, she should be set for her best. **YA BEAUTY** makes her U.S. debut for winning connections, though her overseas form is only okay. She finished second in a 12-runner maiden race in Ireland; none of the top five finishers returned to do anything of note. Lasix on. **BRISTOL BAYOU** merits longshot consideration after a fast-closing sixth last out in the same race the top choice exits. The dam of 'BAYOU won a stakes race at this mile and one-eighth trip. **NURSEGOODBODY** stumbled at the break, lost position and misfired last out. The bad start provides an alibi, but she loses leading turf rider Umberto Rispoli, who opts for comebacker **NOBLE HEARTED**.