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Track: Del Mar

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BEST BET: Big Hoof Dynamite (3rd race)

First Race

1. Spielberg

2. Parnelli

3. Bolu

SPIELBERG and **PARNELLI** top this dirt mile for maiden 2yos. It is a major class drop for the favorite. **SPIELBERG** finished second in his debut on this track in summer, second again in the G1 Del Mar Futurity, and third last out running two turns in the G1 American Pharoah at Santa Anita. He drops back to race maidens and should be tough to beat. However, **PARNELLI** has upside in just the third start of his career. Runner-up in his sprint debut, he stretched to a mile next out, set a slow pace while hounded from the outside, fought back and missed by a neck. Disappointing perhaps as the odds-on favorite, but it was only the second start of his career. He has plenty room to improve. This six-runner field pretty much looks like a two-horse affair, although **BOLU** has shown hints of talent and should be forwardly placed while **THE GREAT ONE** finished a creditable sixth in his debut in a turf sprint stakes, missing by less than three lengths. He drops in class and can improve.

Second Race

1. Johan Zoffani

2. Keystone Field

3. War Path

Based on his creditable U.S. debut on the Del Mar turf course in summer, and facing modest maiden rivals, European import **JOHAN ZOFFANI** can post a mild upset making his second start of the year. His fifth-place finish here in August was promising. Slow from the gate, he trailed early, steadied sharply on the backstretch, and finished evenly. It turns out he was facing a good field. The second- and sixth-place finishers won next out; the winner and third-place finisher finished second next out. **KEYSTONE FIELD** stretches out from a pair of sprints and should make the lead. The lightly raced 5yo has made only four starts in his career; he finished second his only previous turf route in spring 2019. Come and catch him. **WAR PATH** found himself setting the pace last time at a mile and one-eighth, and tired. He finished third behind a pair that rallied from last and midfield; the race shape was against **PATH**. Now he shortens to a mile, and takes off blinkers. He finished second on this course in summer. **FRASARD** missed by a nose last out in the best race of his 13-start career. But can he run two alike?

Third Race

1. Big Hoof Dynamite

2. Blame It On Kitty

3. Bitter Ring Home

This N3L claiming route is the right spot for **BIG HOOF DYNAMITE**, a horse-for-course whose N2L win on this track in summer might be good enough. He was overmatched both subsequent starts against better in age-restricted races. A 3yo, he faces older but also easier. He can wear them down late. **BLAME IT ON KITTY** is the high-figure starter, he also has run well over the DMR surface. He finished second and third here early this year in fast races. He misfired when he tried to squeeze a third start into the summer meet. Not sure what to make of his disappointing fourth last out, but his summer form puts him in the picture. **BITTER RING HOME** gets an aggressive rider and probably is dropping in class from open \$12.5k claiming to N3L \$20k. **HOME** might be the speed of the field switching to Edwin Maldonado. **MOONOVERTHEBAYOU** won here in summer and will rally late.

Fourth Race

1. Viazar

2. Gallovie

3. Goodtingscominpink

VIAZAR defeated a MSW field last out that included two next-out winners; she can win right back. She has tactical speed for early position, she is eligible to this starter allowance only because she ran for a \$50k tag in her second start early this year. Each race better than the race before, modest foes, a repeat is within reach. **GALLOVIE** curiously ran in a sprint last out, and actually ran okay. She missed by only a length and a half. But routing is her thing, she ran okay both starts here in summer, and drops from N1X to starter/optional claiming. She is entered for the \$50k tag. **GOODTINGSCOMINPINK** race the best race of her career on this course in summer, while **FREEDOM LASS** ran very well finishing third after chasing a fast pace last time. The splits should be easier in this somewhat ppaceless race. **LASS** might even make the lead. If so, they will be going slow.

Fifth Race

1. Chollima

2. Rickie Nine Toe's

3. Misty At the Top

CHOLLIMA meets easier in this maiden-20 than the small-field maiden-40 in which she finished fourth of five. This level is where she belongs. Runner-up at this level on this track in summer, not much here to beat. But she will have to catch front-runner **RICKIE NINE TOE'S**, a dropper with speed and a speed rider. Six furlongs is a reach for this distance-challenged filly, but she should have the lead turning for home. Long gone? **MISTY AT THE TOP** makes her career debut for a stable that typically races maidens into condition rather than fire first out, but there are not many alternatives. **OUR ROMANCE** finished an okay second in the first career mount for apprentice Jessica Pyfer. The filly figures as a contender, and the rider is poised for a successful autumn season.

Sixth Race

1. Pizzazz

2. Ivy League

3. Leia Marie

Richard Mandella holds the aces in this turf mile with a pair of maiden fillies who finished third in stakes last out. **PIZZAZZ** gets the call. Her debut was a promising second, she then stretched out and faced winners and ran well behind a pair of seasoned winners. The War Front filly is sitting on a maiden win. But her stablemate **IVY LEAGUE** also has shown promise. Second in her debut against maidens, she moved up in class for her second start and missed by only a half-length behind winner Madone. Top choice **PIZZAZZ** finished three and three-quarter lengths behind Madone. Close call between two well-bred and promising maidens. **LEIA MARIE** takes off blinkers, stretches to two turns and tries turf again. Her career debut was a nondescript turf race; she has improved since, in the money both recent starts at Belmont Park. She should be setting or pressing the pace. She is trained by Doug O'Neill, who also starts **AVISSE**. The latter adds blinkers after an improved effort last out in her first turf route. She set/pressed the pace to deep stretch and finished. The one to catch, perhaps?

Seventh Race

1. Fratelli**2. I Will Not****3. Policy**

FRATELLI ran too well to lose last out at Santa Anita, third by less than a length in a highly rated Cal-bred N1X sprint after setting a blistering pace. His previous start was a highly rated N2L claiming win at SA, two DMR starts produced a win and a second. **I WILL NOT** scored a fast comeback victory in a Cal-bred N1X on turf, he retains Cal-bred N1X eligibility switching surfaces to dirt. That should not be an issue, his two DMR dirt starts produced a win and a third. **POLICY** has been off since February, but he has a history of firing fresh and his work pattern suggests he is ready to fire. He is yet another contender who has run well on this track. Four starts produced a win and two seconds.

Eighth Race

1. Heywoods Beach**2. Lane Way****3. Margot's Boy**

In a wide-open turf mile for 3yos, **HEYWOODS BEACH** gets the call while reunited with the only jockey he has won with. Umberto Rispoli rode 'BEACH twice, won twice. 'BEACH misfired last out in the G2 Del Mar Derby; his N1X win two back might be good enough. This field does include pace, 'BEACH typically rallies from behind. **LANE WAY** improved after switching to turf in June, a win and two seconds. He won a maiden race here in summer, and followed with a highly rated runner-up finish in a N1X at SA. The in-form colt will roll late. **MARGOT'S BOY** might be ranked too low by this handicapper; he figures as one of the favorites off his runner-up finish two back in the DMR Derby. The pace-presser/front-runner faces at least two other speeds in **JAMMERS JUSTICE** and **DOMINANT SOUL**. **STRONGCONSTITUTION** switches surfaces off a pair of fast thirds in N1X dirt routes. Uncertain if two turns is his preferred distance, however.

Ninth Race

1. Minoso**2. King Parker****3. Golden Image**

MINOSO drops to the bottom level, \$16k claiming N2L, for the first time. His comeback fifth last out was okay; he scored the only win of his career three years ago on Nov. 11, 2017 winning his second career start in a dead heat. He lost his next 19 starts since. Tough guy to trust. **KING PARKER** finished second last out in a similar race. A deep closer, he needs pace to flatter his late rally. He could get it, because **GOLDEN IMAGE** is a crazy longshot with speed. He likes the DMR surface and helps insure legit fractions. **BEDROCK** will pick them up late. Tough race.