

Date: November 6th, 2020**Track:** Del Mar

PRINT

By Brad Free**BEST BET: Refi Now (1st race)****First Race****1. Refi Now****2. Ghoster****3. Crash Corrigan**

Class dropper **REFI NOW** can clear these maiden-32 juveniles and lead gate to wire. He chased a solid pace and weakened last time vs. special-weight foes; this lower-class lineup has less speed. Long gone? Yes, if he can shake away from fellow dropper **GHOSTER**. The latter also dips to maiden-claiming while adding blinkers and going turf to dirt. He also has been gelded since his most recent start two months ago. His pedigree suggests dirt could be his preferred surface. Expect him to be more forwardly placed against easier company with the addition of blinkers. **CRASH CORRIGAN** was gelded following his August last-place debut vs. better company. SoCal second-start maidens trained by Steve Miyadi are generally worth a look (17 percent, flat-bet profit). **STONE'S RIVER** chased and faded last out in a race won by Saturday runner-up Uncle Boogie. 'RIVER is getting better.

Second Race**1. Empress of Fire****2. Donut Girl****3. New Heat**

Runner-up at this Cal-bred N1X level last out, **EMPRESS OF FIRE** is the logical choice shortening to one mile. She finished two and a half clear of third last out, she won a maiden race on the Del Mar turf course in summer. The only knock is odds. 'FIRE could be a short price for trainer Peter Eurton, who won with six of his last eight turf-route favorites. **DONUT GIRL** was overmatched in a minor stakes race last out, but her third-place finishes on this course in summer, at this class level, make her a logical contender. She will rally late. The improving **NEW HEAT** wired maidens last out at a mile on turf. She actually finished very well, final quarter-mile in 23.97 seconds. The Unusual Heat filly is on her way up. **KLEEN KARMA** misfired in a small field last out at Santa Anita, but her restricted claiming won over the Del Mar turf in summer puts her squarely in the hunt.

Third Race**1. Ever Vigilant****2. Norma's Love****3. Apache Pass**

Taking a shot with comeback filly **EVER VIGILANT**, who appears to have trained well for her first start since February and returns at the rock-bottom class level (\$16k claiming N2L). 'VIGILANT won her career debut by more than 11 lengths last fall in Arizona, so she clearly can fire fresh. Solid works, ready to fire first start back. **NORMA'S LOVE** drops again and moves to dirt. A turf specialist, she faced better her first two starts in California. Although the surface change adds uncertainty, she figures as a contender on class and speed. **APACHE PASS** lost her chance at the break last time. Favored while stretching to a route in which she figured to make the lead, she broke last, did not make the front, lost ground throughout and tired. She was claimed, returns to a sprint, and her Aug. 31 maiden win over the Del Mar surface is the fastest recent race by any in the field. 'PASS figures as one of the favorites off that effort. **DANIEL THE DREAMER** finished second at this class level last out. She has one win and six seconds.

Fourth Race**1. Sunrise Journey****2. Hit the Seam****3. Brix**

Northern California-based win type **SUNRISE JOURNEY** ships to SoCal in peak form, three-for-five this year and highly rated front-running winner his two most-recent. 'JOURNEY is the speed of the field, drawn outside his main pace rival, and can be gone. **HIT THE SEAM** is the aforementioned pace rival, first start in two months and proven at this class/surface during the summer meet. 'SEAM finished second both Cal-bred N1X starts in summer. He has speed, and will keep the top choice honest. 'SEAM was defeated by a good horse last out; winner Jamming Eddy wheeled right back to win an open N1X. If the top pair duel, the race could unfold in favor of closer **BRIX**. The latter won on this course in summer, his closing style is opposite the top pair. He can sit, wait and rally late. Lightly raced **COALINGA ROAD** lost his chance at the break when he stumbled. He still ran well to finish fourth. Maiden winner here in summer, 'ROAD could tuck into a cozy trip saving ground right behind the speed.

Fifth Race**1. Burn Me Twice****2. Black Storm****3. Awhitesportscoat**

A shortage of pace in this \$8k claiming sprint benefits **BURN ME TWICE**, a presser who finished second in a similar race here two months ago. Freshened since, with an up-front style, 'TWICE can win with a forwardly placed trip. **BLACK STORM** wheels back less than two weeks after an okay fourth at Santa Anita. That six-furlong race was won by the pacesetter; the closing rally by 'STORM was ineffective. The thing is, he faces another problematic pace scenario here but does benefit going from six furlongs to six and a half. He will rally late. **AWHITESPORTSCOAT** finished in front of the top choice the last two times they met, and won twice at Del Mar in summer. The horse-for-course closer will be finishing. **QUALITY LINE** drops to the bottom unrestricted claiming level, while **R CHA CHA** and **LUCKY ROMANO** both have enough speed to be forwardly placed, although six and a half is a long way for both.

Sixth Race

1. She Loves Karaoke

2. Cherry City

3. Predictable Tully

Lots of ways to go in this maiden-50 sprint. The call is route-to-sprint **SHE LOVES KARAOKE**. The trouble-prone filly ran the best race of her career sprinting on this course in summer, there is enough speed to flatter her closing rally. The challenge is she rarely has clear sailing. Her past performances include "stumbled," "steadied," "awkward step" and "bobbled." Class dropper **CHERRY CITY** slides from special-weight to maiden-50, and adds blinkers. She stumbled at the start last time, a regular occurrence in Santa Anita turf sprints that began on dirt. But her previous start was a creditable front-running effort vs. MSW that she lost by only two lengths after dueling to deep stretch. Entered for a tag, certain to use her speed, she might be the one to catch. Also-eligible **PREDICTABLE TULLY** drops after a troubled trip here two months ago in which she clipped heels in the stretch. Runner-up in a maiden-62.5k turf sprint two back, she figures as a contender in the tenth start of her career. **KETCHUP** drops and shortens to a sprint. Her fifth on this course in summer was decent.

Seventh Race

1. Governor Goteven

2. Will Take a Kiss

3. Love Wins

GOVERNOR GOTEVEN won both stakes for Cal-bred 2yo fillies during the summer meet here, both by open lengths setting/pressing strong fractions. The three-for-three filly returns from the freshening with a solid work pattern for trainer Walther Solis, she drew comfortably outside, obviously likes this track, and seven furlongs looks within reach. Simply put, she is the best in the field. The filly she defeated last out, I'm So Anna, returned two starts later to win a stakes race at Golden Gate. Solis also is the new trainer for **WILL TAKE A KISS**, whose decisive maiden win here in early August was validated when the runner-up returned to win by more than four lengths. Off three months, working well, 'KISS has a pedigree and running style that suggests the longer the better. Her maiden win was five and a half, seven furlongs should be fine. **LOVE WINS** won her only start in May by nearly four lengths. Off since, working well, ready to fire. **EDDIE'S NEW DREAM** finished second in her debut, then romped second time out. **STARLIGHT STROLL**, sibling to stakes winners **Been Studying Her**, **Sneaking Out** and **Grecian Fire**, scored a solid debut victory, wearing down her front-running stablemate **OKOYE**.

Eighth Race

1. Warrens Candy Girl

2. St Helena

3. Big Stretch

Each start by **WARRENS CANDY GIRL** is a little bit better than the start before, she is poised for graduation in this turf mile for 2yo maiden fillies bred in California. Her last was her best yet, runner-up behind a wire-to-wire winner. 'GIRL ran well on the Del Mar course in summer. Upset candidate **ST HELENA** offers longshot value after a better-than-looked seventh-place debut in the same race as the top choice. **ST HELENA** settled midfield, rallied between rivals in the lane, finished well and galloped out super. It was a solid debut by the sibling to G2 winner **Marckie's Water**. With a race under her belt, expect an improved effort at a generous price. **BIG STRETCH** adds blinkers after finishing a pressing third in the same race as the top pair. She figures to be one of the pacesetters. **SENSIBLE CAT** stretches to a route and moves to turf after a debut sprint prep.