

Date: November 13th, 2020**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Cali Caliente (7th race)****First Race****1. Gator Shining****2. Mac Daddy Too****3. Sai Con**

Based on his runner-up debut in a similar spot, **GATOR SHINING** looks like the one to beat in this MSW turf sprint for 2yos. 'SHINING ran well, rallying from off the pace and giving heavily favored Red Flag all that he could handle while finishing clear of third. Trainer Richard Baltas won with 6 of his last 14 second-start MSW runners. **MAC DADDY TOO** misfired on dirt last out, but his runner-up debut two back on the Del Mar turf puts him in the hunt. He adds blinkers and is likely to set/press from the outside post. **SAI CON**, Baltas-trained stablemate of the top choice, debuts with a decent workout pattern. Beyond the Baltas stats with second-start maidens, he also is winning regularly with turf-sprint first-time starters, 5 for 14 this year. **CHASING FAME** showed speed and faded both starts in New York. Blinkers off and Flavien Prat on suggests the possibility of an off-the-pace strategy. Not sure if turf will be his preferred surface, however. **LANCE THE LEGEND** showed speed and weakened late in the same race the top choice exits. With a debut under his belt, 'LEGEND is a threat to wire the field.

Second Race**1. Summer Love****2. Invincibella****3. Realrealgood**

Considering her severe stumble at the start last out, **SUMMER LOVE** actually ran okay finishing fourth of five. After the bad start, she recovered, chased the pace set by the winner/repeat winner Rain Diva, and tired. 'LOVE drops one more notch to the bottom class level for winners (\$16k claiming, non-winners two) and stretches to a mile. She won a route early this year in Florida, so the distance should be okay. Not much here to beat. **INVINCIBELLA** also drops to the bottom for the first time. Her turf races put her in the hunt, the uncertainty is dirt. This is her 19th start, but her first on dirt. Southwest-circuit shipper **REALREALGOOD** hit the board half her starts, she has no early speed but will be clunking along late. The field she finished third against last out at Albuquerque was decent. The runner-up returned to win two starts later, the fourth-place finisher won her next start. **LA ROSA DRIVE** goes long for the first time and will set or press the pace.

Third Race**1. Rose's Crystal****2. Envy****3. Jan Jan Can**

Seven starts into her career, the gray maiden **ROSE'S CRYSTAL** appears set to graduate in this Cal-bred mile. Her last start was her best yet; she rallied from midpack, lost ground four-wide into the lane, narrowed the gap late and missed by a neck to the front-running winner. Good effort. That race was at Santa Anita, 'CRYSTAL ran well both starts on Del Mar turf during summer; trainer Carla Gaines is on a mini hot streak. She won with 4 of her 8 most-recent starters, and 6 of her last 13 maidens. **ENVY** stretches out after a pair of decent thirds in Cal-bred maiden turf sprints. Although she is a 5yo maiden making her 10th career start, she is in form and acts like a mile is within reach. **JAN JAN CAN** stretches out and switches to turf. Sired by Grazen, the footing should be fine. **SLEW SOUTH** returns from a seven-month layoff. Her form last winter puts her in the hunt against this modest group.

Fourth Race**1. Midnight Jamboree****2. Into Victory****3. Gotta Be Lucky**

MIDNIGHT JAMBOREE was best last out in a similar maiden-20 route, but she was eliminated at the break when she stumbled badly and was away last. She made an extended run on the backstretch and through the far turn, where she rallied past most of the field to loom a threat at the quarter pole, then lost her punch. All in all, it was a super effort by lightly raced filly, and it was over the Del Mar track. That race was nearly three months ago, her work pattern looks solid. **INTO VICTORY** returns to the circumstances of her career-best effort. That was a runner-up finish in the race the top choice exits. 'VICTORY sprinted twice since, third and fourth, her even-paced styled is probably better suited to this longer distance. **GOTTA BE LUCKY** is a 17-start maiden with seven in-the-money finishes and a 10-pound apprentice weight break.

Fifth Race**1. Sugary****2. Hurley****3. Quinnie**

When she runs her race, veteran **SUGARY** is simply better than the \$25k claiming fillies and mares she meets here. Off two months, she runs well fresh, has won three races over the Del Mar course and 5-of-20 in her career. Assuming she starts favored, trainer Marty Jones' record with favorites the past five years is wild. Jones is 20-for-35 with chalk, a 57-percent win rate and flat-bet profit (\$2.82 per \$2 win bet). Four of those post-time favorite wins were by **SUGARY**. The fourth-place finish by **HURLEY** last out was better than the finish position. She was shuffled into the far turn, steadied, lost momentum, re-rallied wide, and missed by slightly more than three lengths. Decent effort, actually. She drops from \$40k to \$25k and will roll late. **QUINNIE** has been off since she was claimed in late August, but she runs well fresh and fits at this level. **LAKERBALL** might be ranked too low by this handicapper. She has faced much better than these.

Sixth Race

1. Give Me a Hint

2. Super Klaus

3. Mama's Kid

GIVE ME A HINT lost all chance at the break when she hopped in the air, lost her action and found herself last by double digits. She uncorked a big move to reach contention on the turn, but the damage was done. She finished last as the favorite in the same race several others here exit. 'HINT appears to have trained well at her San Luis Rey Downs base since, and gets the call in this \$8k claiming sprint. **SUPER KLAUS** merits upset consideration from off the pace. She cuts back to a sprint and returns to the Del Mar surface on which she outran her odds both races in 2019. She has no speed whatsoever, but should be rolling late at a big number. **MAMA'S KID** popped at 27-1 last out, defeating three of these including the top choice. 'KID is a six-time winner, including two wins at Del Mar. She has tactical speed and figures in the thick of it all the way. **JUST GRACE** had an eventful trip in the 'HINT/MAMA'S KID race.

Seventh Race

1. Cali Caliente

2. Murad Khan

3. Salvator Mundi

Rapidly improving **CALI CALIENTE** moves up in class from a dominating N1X turf mile into a N2X turf route as the most probable winner on the card. Eric Kruljac trains the gelding for breeders Dennis and Norine Greiner; 'CALIENTE dusted slightly easier last out with an impressive display of speed. He whistled six furlongs in 1:09.63 and finished in 1:33.10. That was the second-fastest turf mile of the Santa Anita fall meet, behind only G2 winner Mo Forza. Sired by Unusual Heat, 'CALIENTE was produced by multiple stakes winner Centerofattention. Each start has been better than the start before, he won by more than four lengths on the Del Mar course in summer. Up the ladder. **MURAD KHAN** is a 8-for-27 pro dropping from better races to start for the optional \$62.5k claim tag. His speed figures are higher than the top choice. **SALVATOR MUNDI** found a mile and one-quarter out of reach against better company last out in a G2. He returns to the allowance ranks, his N1X win over the Del Mar turf in summer puts him in the hunt. **GRAY MAGICIAN** was a top 3yo in 2019, seeking to restart his career on turf. His dam was a turf stakes winner.

Eighth Race

1. I'm the Boss of Me

2. Ruthies Racer

3. As Required

Peter Miller holds the aces in this maiden-32 for 2yos, with class-drop front-runner **I'M THE BOSS OF ME** and late-runner **RUTHIES RACER**. The pace is likely to be set by 'BOSS, who has been dueling and fading in. MSWs. She can pop the gate, make the lead and be gone against this easier company. If she stops again, then stablemate **RUTHIES RACER** could be along in time. The latter closed from last to second in her California debut in late August. Off since, she returns with a top rider and will be rolling late. Inside post not a big deal, because she will be outrun early. **AS REQUIRED** goes first start off the claim by John Sadler, who is 7-for-28 the past five years with f.o.c. maiden-claiming runners. The filly's debut was an okay third at Churchill Downs. **GEMSTONE GAL** makes her career debut for a stable that occasionally pops with these.

Ninth Race

1. C Falls

2. Capo Mafioso

3. K P D Day

First start in nearly a year, **C FALLS** returns in a maiden-50 turf route as the fastest, best horse in the field while entered with the no-claim waiver. That typically signals optimism. He finished third at this class level last fall and returns for excellent layoff trainer Shelbe Ruis, who is 4-for-17 with comebackers off six months or more including a July victory by maiden-claiming turf router Montana Moon. **C FALLS** gets the call to fire first start back. **CAPO MAFIOSO** finished third in a promising comeback at this maiden-50 level, albeit a sprint. He stretches out and is fast enough to make the front if he wants. **K P D DAY** drops in class and returns to the class level/turf course on which he finished second by a head in summer. **TEMBO** perked up last time at Golden Gate, although the quality of that MSW field was dubious.