

**Date:** August 14th, 2022

**Track:** Del Mar

**By Brad Free**

***BEST BET: Halosnheaven (5th race)***

**First Race**

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**1. Youteyourhonor**

**2. Dolly May**

**3. Sweet Talked**

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Trouble-prone **YOUTEYOURHONOR** drops to \$50k claiming and is reunited with Juan Hernandez, who was up for her four wins. 'YOURHONOR has been in tough spots, troubled and unplaced her last three (stakes, N1X). But if she reproduces her Cal-bred N1X turf mile win four back, she can win from off the pace. **DOLLY MAY** merits longshot consideration, also dropping from tougher races. She finished in the money both starts on the Del Mar turf course last year, and is now realistically placed in an age-restricted \$50k claiming mile. **SWEET TALKED** adds blinkers and meets easier after a noncompetitive effort in her first against winners. Her maiden win two back at Golden Gate earned a good number, she fits with claiming fillies. **VIRULENTE** missed by a nose in a turf sprint last out; she won a turf mile three back and might be ranked too low.

**Second Race**

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**1. Keychain Girl**

**2. La Macarena**

**3. Snip**

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**KEYCHAIN GIRL** ran a winning race in her comeback, runner-up with a figure (79 Beyer) that exceeds par for maiden special-weight while finishing more than five lengths clear of third. She worked a sharp half-mile since. First-time starter **LA MACARENA** is a sibling to three winners, all won their career debut. **LA MACARENA** is by Bayern, whose 3yo and up progeny have won 21 percent first time out. Solid work pattern, second preference even though older maidens trained by Peter Miller typically race into shape rather than fire first out. **SNIP** had a rocky trip in her debut, she moves to the outside post, switches riders and is likely to improve with a race under her belt. **PRINCESS ADALEIGH** and **RUNNINGWITHEBOYZ** are debut fillies with sharp works.

**Third Race**

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**1. Moose Mitchell**

**2. Turnsandconditions**

**3. Majestic Wind**

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After losing to older allowance foes his last three, **MOOSE MITCHELL** drops into a claiming sprint for 3yos. His early-season races in his age group include a win and two seconds. He has speed for position, and should be competitive on the drop. **TURNсандCONDITIONS** is in from Kentucky, where he was claimed for \$50k and shows up first start off the claim for \$25k. Not exactly a show of optimism, but his races in the Midwest include a recent second and third that would be fast enough for this West Coast claiming level. **MAJESTIC WIND** wanted no part of two turns last out, and faded to last. But his restricted claiming win two back was decisive and makes him a contender here. **MY HARBORS DREAM** is in from Lone Star and Louisiana Downs where he won a pair and finished. He probably fits with these.

**Fourth Race**

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**1. Ellie Arroway**

**2. Storming Lady**

**3. Respect My Candor**

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The runner-up finish by **ELLIE ARROWAY** in a turf sprint two back gives her a license to win this \$25k claiming turf sprint, though five furlongs is shorter than she prefers compared to her runner-up finish at six and a half. She has tactical speed to be forwardly placed in a field short of true speed, and she ran well over the DMR turf (routes) early this summer and two previous summers. **STORMING LADY** could vie for favoritism based on her decisive starter allowance win last out at this five-furlong trip. She won or placed in DMR turf sprints three of the past four summers, and will be rolling late. Not sure if her closing style is flattered by the pace scenario, however. **RESPECT MY CANDOR** adds blinkers and returns to turf. Her loose-on-the-lead turf-sprint win three starts back makes her a contender. She might not be loose on the lead again here, but the fractions should be moderate.

**Fifth Race**

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**1. Halosnheaven**

**2. Infinite Diamond**

**3. Flying Connection**

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**HALOSNHEAVEN** ran well first out, runner-up after pressing and putting away her pace rivals, only to be collared by a winner that rallied from far back. Solid debut by 'HEAVEN, who came back with two strong works since raced. The Curlin filly benefits by the extra distance of this six and a half-furlong race, and can be long gone second out. **INFINITE DIAMOND** scratched from the G2 Sorrento on

Saturday to face maidens instead. She ran well in her debut at Gulfstream Park. Away slowly and shuffled, she lost position before she rallied through traffic, split horses and showed late run. Promising debut. **FLYING CONNECTION** has upset potential second time out. She did not have a particularly great trip in her fifth-place debut, yet ran okay nonetheless. With a race under her belt and an outside draw, improvement is likely at a big price. Double-digit odds? **AND TELL ME NOLIES** adds blinkers after a rocky trip in her fourth-place debut.

#### Sixth Race

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**1. Evenerevenworse****2. Lovesick Blues****3. Next Flight**

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**EVENEREVENWORSE** blazed to four successive wins vs. lesser company in Northern California, and now gets a class test in this N1X turf sprint for Cal-breds. The highly rated starter allowance win by 'WORSE two back at five furlongs on turf at Golden Gate would be fast enough for this crew. He has speed, but he won the turf sprint from slightly off the pace. Either way, the sharp gelding is the one to beat in a statebred allowance that did not come up that tough. **LOVESICK BLUES** was foiled by a hot pace and tired to third in a dirt sprint at Los Al last out. His claiming-race romp two back on dirt was sharp, he has won on turf, and should be on or near the lead shortening from six furlongs to five. **NEXT FLIGHT** missed by less than three lengths in a similar spot three weeks ago. He will rally late. **TIZLIGHTNING** adds speed.

#### Seventh Race

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**1. Giver Not a Taker****2. Please Focus****3. Nauvoo**

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First-time starter **GIVER NOT A TAKER** has trained like he can fire first out in this Cal-bred maiden race. His DMR works include a team drill with stakes winner Finneus on July 29, he followed with a blazing five-furlong gate drill in a bullet 1:00. By the win-early sire Danzing Candy, 'TAKER appears ready to fire first out. **PLEASE FOCUS** has been working regularly at San Luis Rey Downs; he is a sibling to four winners. **NAUVOO** is by high-percent debut sire Not This Time (23 percent first-out 2yos). Five-pound apprentice rider Chel-c Bailey is aboard. **GOLDENSUNRISE** is a first-time starter from a red-hot stable.

#### Eighth Race

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**1. Warrens Candy Girl****2. Fantail****3. Self Isolation**

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Second start back from a layoff, **WARRENS CANDY GIRL** can win this N1X turf route. Her fourth-place comeback was terrific. Far back early, she ran her final quarter in a solid :23.51 and missed by only a length and a quarter. A horse-for-course on DMR turf (both wins here), she can win her second start back from a layoff. **FANTAIL** is faces a tall order stretching her speed two turns, but San Luis Rey Downs-comebackers trained by George Papaprodou have been firing. **FANTAIL** is likely to use her speed from the outside post and take them as far as she can. **SELF ISOLATION** removes blinkers while trying to ration her speed, while **APPLECROSS** finished second last out in the same race the top choice finished fourth. **APPLECROSS** will be rolling from the back.

#### Ninth Race

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**1. Havnameltdown****2. Arman****3. Agency**

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Debut winner **HAVNAMELTDOWN** faces a pace challenge on his outside, yet 'MELTDOWN gets the call in this 2yo sprint stake. His debut opening weekend earned a respectable 80 Beyer, validated when runner-up Mister Iceman won next out. 'MELTDOWN worked twice since, he is quick early, trainer Bob Baffert has won this race eight times. As long as he avoids a duel with the horse to his outside, he can win. **ARMAN** scored a sharp debut victory in June at Churchill Downs; this is his first start since. He appears to have worked well over the DMR track, and based on his rally-wide win at five furlongs, he should appreciate this six-furlong trip. Trainer Simon Callaghan and owner Kaleem Shah won this race in 2017 with Run Away. **AGENCY** uncorked a late rally to win his debut two months ago at a distance shorter than he will prefer. He overcame trouble, his win was visually more impressive than the 43 Beyer. **KING ADROCK** posted a series of fast works for his first start in California. He won his debut in April at Keeneland, then had trouble and finished nowhere in a CD stake. He can bounce back. **KANGAROO COURT** is the aforementioned front-runner drawn outside the top choice.

#### Tenth Race

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**1. National Road****2. Flint Stroll****3. Caisson**

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**NATIONAL ROAD** exploded last out to win a maiden-50 turf mile by more than five lengths. Sharp effort, freshened two months, perfectly spotted in an entry-level starter, he can mow them down again his first against winners. **FLINT STROLL** should vie for favoritism, having won this condition last out while still a maiden. His pressing style should lead to a good trip right behind the speed. He will be among the first to attack the pacesetters and can win if he holds off the top choice. **CAISSON** was claimed last out, gelded, he

removes blinkers and adds Lasix. One of those changes could lead to improvement, and he does have back credentials. He was graded stakes-placed on the DMR turf as a juvenile in 2020. SPIRIT MAKER fits off his close third to the top choice last out.