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Track: Del Mar

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**BEST BET: Beef Winslow (2nd race)**

First Race

1. Get Her Number	2. Devil Among Us	3. Clampett
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Twilight racing Friday at Del Mar, first post 4 p.m. **GET HER NUMBER** can win this \$32k claiming sprint based on his close fourth returning to a sprint last out in Kentucky, and his "back class." Winner of the G1 American Pharoah at age 2, and G1 runner-up in the Bing Crosby and Cigar Mile at age 4, now 7yo 'NUMBER showed signs of life last out finishing fourth for \$40k. The winner won next out; the runner-up won two starts later. 'NUMBER should get enough pace here to flatter his rally. **DEVIL AMONG US** is speed, returning to the DMR main track on which he finished in the money all four starts. 'DEVIL went too fast early last out and faded to fourth, but from the outside post this time he has the option of making the lead or pressing comfortably out in the clear. He will be forwardly placed either way. **CLAMPETT** returns from a three-month layoff; he won a lower-level claiming sprint at this track last summer first start following a break. He figures to be positioned right behind the speed. **PROTEGE** arrives from Florida in decent form.

Second Race

1. Beef Winslow	2. Agency	3. Smart Code
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**BEEF WINSLOW** stretches out from an okay third in a hillside turf sprint at Santa Anita, his decisive win two starts back in a \$50k claiming turf mile similar to this race is plenty fast enough. 'WINSLOW has won at DMR, he has a versatile running style, and trainer Leonard Powell is reliable first off the claim: his last 10 f.o.c. runners produced 3 wins, 4 seconds, 1 third. The fastest in the field, 'WINSLOW can win with a pressing trip. **AGENCY** wired N3L starter turf sprinters last out, and might stay a mile in his current sharp form. He will set or press the pace from the inside post. He is trained by Mark Glatt, who also entered **SMART CODE**. The latter runs for a claim tag for the first time, in his first start since September. He runs well fresh. **HEART HEADED** will rally late; **JEWEL**ED **SHILLEGLAGH** adds blinkers and helps insure an honest pace. The turf rails are at 30 feet, which does not benefit front-runners but is perfectly fine for late-runners. Last summer, 6 of the 9 turf miles at the rails-at-30 configuraton were won from the back half of the field; only one winner wired the field.

Third Race

1. That Ain't Right	2. Chica Tigre	3. Coastal Fire
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**THAT AIN'T RIGHT** drops to Cal-bred maiden-50 after an improved second start in a Cal-bred MSW. She showed improved speed, chased the leaders, and basically split the field. These rivals are much softer, 'RIGHT can win if she establishes position from the inside post. **CHICA TIGRE** ran well in her debut at Emerald Downs, and certainly fits against this bunch. She flashed speed first out, was shuffled back inside, then continued on for a decent third-place finish. The race produced at least two next-out winners including the winner who won a stakes next out. **COASTAL FIRE** debuts with modest works, against a modest field. She is bred to win early. Debut 2yo progeny by Straight Fire won 20 percent; the dam of 'FIRE produced four runners, all are winners including a debut winner and a debut runner-up. **PRISCILLA** can improve second time out getting off the rail and dropping in class.

Fourth Race

1. Doncic	2. Book Smart	3. Yellow Card
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Come-from-behind runner-up his last three starts, **DONCIC** is the call in a N1X turf sprint that has plenty of speed to set up his closing rally. The challenge is distance; five furlongs is the shortest distance he has tried although he has run well at five and a half. A late-runner now, **DONCIC** meets enough speed to set up his rally. Last summer with the rails at the outermost 30-foot setting, 6 of the 9 turf sprints were won from the back half of the field. **BOOK SMART** is pure speed, shortening up after he tired late in a fast-pace Cal-bred sprint stakes on dirt. 'SMART wired state-bred allowance rivals his only previous turf sprint at DMR, and could be tough to catch. **YELLOW CARD** is a lightly raced 4yo making his first start since September when he finished a creditable second in a G1 for 3yo turf sprinters in Kentucky. 'CARD will be rolling late, while **PATRON D'ORO** is 2-for-2 in DMR turf sprints and expected to improve off his speed and fade comeback prep early this month at Los Alamitos.

Fifth Race

1. Gypsy Tears	2. Des Doigts	3. Money Run
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This \$16k claiming sprint is a good spot to take a shot at a price. **GYPSY TEARS** can post a minor upset dropping in class and returning to dirt. This is the lowest level at which 'TEARS has raced, he has earned figures that fit at this level, and there is enough pace to set up his late rally even at only five and one-half furlongs. DMR horse-for-course **DES DOIGTS** has won 3 of 5 over this track; he "stretches out" from a third-place finish racing 1,000 yards at Los Al. The winner of that race returned to win a stakes next out. 'DOIGTS will contest the pace. **MONEY RUN** plummets from \$40k claiming for his second start following a nine-month layoff. He should be prominent early, along with front-runners/pace-pressers HAYWOOD and CONSTANT CONFLICT. This speed-filled race may set up for a come-from-behinder such as the top choice.

#### Sixth Race

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1. Ride Elbow Ranch	2. Pure Chaos	3. Ridegold
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An okay third by **RIDE ELBOW RANCH** in her first route makes her the tepid choice in this turf mile for Cal-bred maiden fillies and mares. Last time out she pressed an honest pace, loomed a threat into the lane, then tired to miss by slightly less than three lengths. It was an okay effort, nothing more. Bred to run long (by Clubhouse Ride, produced by a route mare), 'RANCH is eligible to improve second time long. **PURE CHAOS** looms the upset candidate in her second career start after a seventh-place debut in a turf mile that was only a prep. A sibling to four winner, 'CHAOS was wide early, produced a minor rally on the far turn, then flattened out to miss by only four and one-half furlongs. Respectable debut by 'CHAOS, who figures to improve, possibly at a price. **RIDEGOLD** is a five-start maiden with three runner-up finishes. Similar to the top choice, it is unclear how far RIDEGOLD really wants to run. The turf-route closing fractions by 'RANCH and RIDEGOLD are only average.

#### Seventh Race

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1. Om N Joy	2. Drink This Cup	3. Lady Mendelssohn
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Late-runner **OM N JOY** and front-runner **DRINK THIS CUP** top this seven-furlong stakes for Cal-bred 3yo fillies. OM N JOY won three straight including two Cal-bred stakes, and has trained forwardly since raced. The large-sized filly (nearly 17 hands) will be racing over a DMR track that was kind to off-the-pace runners opening week. There were five sprints at 6 or 6.5 furlongs; all five were won from midpack or farther behind. This is the first 7f race this meet. 'JOY can win her fourth straight if she catches East Coast shipper DRINK THIS CUP. The latter scored a convincing allowance win last out at Delaware Park, and will contest the pace in this longer race. 'CUP shipped to DMR last week, posted a half-mile work over the track, and figures as one of the top choices with a front-running/pace-pressing trip. However, there is other speed in this field. **LADY MENDELSSOHN** looms the upsetter, shortening to one turn and adding blinkers after an okay third last out in a route won by the top choice. IN THE AIR TONIGHT won a stakes at DMR last year and also will be rolling late. She should have legit fractions to run at, because FIBONACCIS RIDE and HURRICANE LAYLA will keep DRINK THIS CUP honest.

#### Eighth Race

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1. Be Punctual	2. Union Wave	3. Rogue Son
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**BE PUNCTUAL**, maiden winner on the DMR track last summer, drops to \$8k claiming after showing speed and tiring vs. better both recent starts at SA. His fourth-place finish last out was not bad; the first three finishers ran well in subsequent starts, while 'PUNCTUAL shows up near the bottom. He is the right choice to win with an up-front trip. **UNION WAVE** was claimed from a convincing wide-trip win for \$6,250 claiming at LRC. He is sharp now, and he wins races (6 for 28). **ROGUE SON** stretches out from a series of sprints against better than these; VALENTINES CANDY figures among the pacesetters, along with the top choice.