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Track: Del Mar

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**BEST BET: Godavri (3rd race)**

First Race

1. Triple Diamonds
2. Its a Cinch
3. Uncle Dude

**TRIPLE DIAMONDS**, off two months since **ITS A CINCH** defeated him at Santa Anita, can turn the tables on his rival in this N1X turf sprint for 3yos. A lively pace scenario might compromise **ITS A CINCH**, while **TRIPLE DIAMONDS** is an off-the-pace runner whose style suits the likely race flow. He also likes the Del Mar turf, having won his debut here in November. **ITS A CINCH** is speed, and a winner of his two most-recent turf sprints including a wire job over the top choice in early June. **'CINCH** subsequently misfired on dirt, but his turf form is terrific. In order to win, he must put away front-running rivals **MCKINZIE STREET**, **LISTENUPSHANCE** and **ALL THE GREATS**. If the pacesetters run each other into the ground, late-running Lasix-on comebacker **UNCLE DUDE** has a shot to upset.

Second Race

1. Bottle of Rouge
2. Brooklyn Blonde
3. Bad Manners

A respectable runner-up in her debut, 2yo filly **BOTTLE OF ROUGE** makes her second start with sharp recent works. Those include a five-furlong move last week in company with Desert Gate, odds-on favorite in the G3 Best Pal Stakes, race 4. The filly **'ROUGE** lost to first out was heavily favored stablemate Himika; **'ROUGE** ran well in what looked like nothing more than an educational prep. With that race under her belt, and stretching from five furlongs to six and a half, a forward move is likely. First-time starter **BROOKLYN BLONDE** flashed speed from the gate one week ago, a half-mile in a bullet :46.80. The daughter of Gun Runner (19 percent wins, debut 2yos) appears to be quick and could take some catching even at this "long" distance. **BAD MANNERS** is a well-regarded Into Mischief filly produced by a G1 winner. **SUPER CORREDORA** finished a flat fifth in her debut opening weekend. Maybe she did not like racing inside, or maybe she simply needed the start. She worked a sharp half-mile since raced and is eligible to improve.

Third Race

1. Godavri
2. Fancy Facts
3. Grievous Angel

Back-to-back runner-up finishes by **GODAVRI** stamp the maiden filly as the most probable winner on the card. She has tactical speed to establish position from the inside post in this turf sprint; the filly who beat her last time won an allowance race next out. **GODAVRI** should be tough at low odds. **FANCY FACTS** is speed, switching to turf after a decent third-place debut on dirt at SA. **'FACTS** looks like the speed of the field, with a chance to lead gate to wire. Based on pedigree, turf should be fine for the daughter of The Factor. **GRIEVOUS ANGEL** was only prepping in her fourth-place debut. She worked well since, and maidens from this stable generally improve with racing. **PAVEL'S ETOILE** looms the upsetter in her first start since last year.

Fourth Race

1. Desert Gate
2. Pavlovian
3. Brigante

The sharp debut by **DESERT GATE** stamps him the favorite in the G3 Best Pal Stakes for 2yos. In his debut, **'GATE** pressed the pace and won clear with an 86 Beyer, which is a solid number for a summer juvenile. The race was flattered when third place Proletariat returned to win his next start. **'GATE** has kept top company in morning works; he worked alongside stablemates Brant (colt, 101 debut Beyer) and Himika (filly, six-length debut winner). **'GATE** is drawn outside, has a significant advantage on figures, and likely to start at a short price for trainer Bob Baffert, who has won this stakes 11 times including the last three. **PAVLOVIAN** is one of three Doug O'Neill trainees in this five-runner field., A come-from-behind runner who won a maiden race last out at five furlongs, **PAVLOVIAN** benefits by the longer distance of this six-furlong stakes and will be rolling late. O'Neill also entered maiden **BRIGANTE**, whose runner-up debut on turf was flattered when winner Hay Nay Nay returned to crush a stakes at Monmouth. Sired by More Than Ready, **BRIGANTE** is bred for turf but works well on dirt. His :46.80 gate work last weekend looked sharp on video. Baffert-trained maiden **ST PETERSBURG** raced greenly and finished third in his debut. He worked a bullet five furlongs from the gate on Aug. 1 and should improve. O'Neill-trained **PUNTO FORTY** won the maiden race that **ST PETERSBURG** exits.

Fifth Race

1. Eiffel
2. Innovative
3. Hey Lil Lady

Based on an impressive debut win in a turf sprint, **EIFFEL** gets the call stretching to a turf mile and facing winners. She produced a strong rally to win her debut at six furlongs; no reason she won't stay two turns. **INNOVATIVE** followed her maiden victory with a creditable runner-up finish behind Thought Process, who subsequently won the G2 San Clemente. **INNOVATIVE** has progressed each start, and has a series of route races under her belt. By comparison, the top choice has never run long. **HEY LIL LADY** stretches to a mile off an okay fourth-place sprint at a five-furlong distance that was too short. **MAGALE** is unproven at two turns, but dropping in class from an okay try vs. older fillies and mares, into an allowance restricted to 3yo fillies.

Sixth Race

1. Privman	2. Lyell's Song	3. Feel the Magic
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A favorable pace scenario makes front-running maiden winner **PRIVMAN** the call to wire this entry-level allowance route. Each start by **PRIVMAN** has been better than the start before; he could make a comfortable lead in this soft-pace dirt mile. Long gone? **LYELL'S SONG** ran a winning race in his comeback, runner-up by a neck while finishing more than three lengths clear of third. That was his first start in two months, he earned a higher figure than the top choice, and has a versatile style that should allow him to be forwardly placed right behind the pacesetter. **FEEL THE MAGIC** meets tougher following a runner-up finish at this class level at LRC, while **BRAZENLY** will be rolling in the stretch.

Seventh Race

1. Astronomer	2. Gold Phoenix	3. Air Force Red
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A stakes-caliber field entered this allowance turf mile; **ASTRONOMER** gets the call after a creditable fifth in a stakes that was his first start in five months. A stakes winner over the DMR turf as a 2yo, and G2-placed here last fall, **ASTRONOMER** should improve second start back. He also should get a good trip positioned right behind the speed. **GOLD PHOENIX** is the best horse in the field, but he scratched July 27 from the G2 Eddie Read with a minor issue, and is using this mile race to prep for the mile-and-three-eighths G2 Del Mar Handicap in three weeks. This distance is shorter than preferred, but there is pace up front and 'PHOENIX will be finishing. **AIR FORCE RED** and **FINAL BOSS** are front-runners/pace-pressers who had the race flow against them three weeks ago finishing eighth and fourth, respectively, in a stakes dominated by closers. If they slow down some, both could stick around late. **SCOOBIE QUANDO** is a new shooter from the Midwest who ran races last year fast enough to compete with these.

Eighth Race

1. Broadway Unions	2. Whats the Buzz	3. Majestic Palisades
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A respectable runner-up finish by **BROADWAY UNIONS** at this \$10k claiming N2L class level makes him the choice moving from the rail to an outside post (11 of 12). 'UNIONS was claimed off the runner-up try, and if he gets pace to run at he can reel them in. **WHATS THE BUZZ** employs the opposite style. A front-runner dropping from starter allowance/optional \$12.5k claiming, 'BUZZ will be mixing it up early. This five and one-half furlong distance might be shorter than preferred for **MAJESTIC PALISADES**, but he does have speed to be forwardly placed and the figures has been earning in routes compare favorably to these. **SEAGER MAN** misfired badly last out, but his maiden-50 win two back puts him squarely in the hunt.

Ninth Race

1. Liguria	2. Public Assembly	3. Watchtower
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Based on her third in the G1 Gamely, **LIGURIA** is the choice facing easier company in the G2 Yellow Ribbon for turf fillies and mares. **LIGURIA** won a similar race in spring at Santa Anita and has trained well for her first start since May. This stakes was won the last three years by runners exiting the Gamely. **LIGURIA** fits the pattern, and might be the current class of the field. Off the pace and into the winner's circle? Maybe. But it will not be easy due to a murky pace scenario. There is no speed in the field. **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY** is better than her fifth-place finish in the Gamely indicates. She was too close to the kamikaze pacesetter, and fizzled out in the stretch. Winner of a G3 two back, she will be chasing slower fractions this time and will roll in the lane. **WATCHTOWER** has worked well for her first start since January. A G3 winner last year vs. 3yos, she reportedly is a bigger and stronger filly this season. However, she is another late-runner at the mercy of pace. **HANG THE MOON** won a pair of G2s last year; this is her first start of the year and she runs well fresh. East Coast shipper **HEREDIA** might be listed too low; both U.S. starts in New York were solid third-place finishes.

Tenth Race

1. Christel Clean	2. Timekeeper's Charm	3. Ridegold
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**CHRISTEL CLEAN** makes her career debut against a modest field of Cal-bred maiden sprinters; her works suggest she is ready to fire. Those include a five-furlong team drill last week that was mostly in hand. There is not much here to beat. **TIMEKEEPER'S CHARM** is

speed. 'CHARM got run into the ground last time in a fast-pace dirt race dominated by a pair of closers. There appears to be less speed in this field. **RIDEGOLD** shortens to a sprint after losing her punch in a series of sprints. She also adds blinkers, and should appreciate the return to one turn. TIGER FIRE figures to be forwardly placed.