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Track: Del Mar

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BEST BET: Shoot It True (4th race)

First Race

1. Westwood	2. Vodka Vodka	3. Brazenly
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Breeders' Cup Friday, first post 11:35 a.m. Last-out runner-up **WESTWOOD** is the choice in this N1X dirt mile. Decisive maiden winner two back at Del Mar, he followed up with solid second facing older winners for the first time. The improving 3yo has speed to establish position from the rail, and could tuck into a great trip saving ground right behind the pace. **VODKA VODKA** switches surfaces and faces open company after a sharp turf win vs. Cal-breds. Although his form on dirt is uncertain, he is by Stay Thirsty and a sibling to multiple dirt stakes winner Om N Joy. Based on pedigree, he should take to dirt. **BRAZENLY** does not win often (4 for 38), but he always finishes well, frequently earns high figures, and likes the DMR track. His most recent win was August 2024 at DMR, 17 starts ago. **BETTER THAN GOLD** will pick them up late.

Second Race

1. Conducted	2. Plutarch	3. Proton
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The smashing maiden win by **CONDUCTED**, which followed a better-than-looked fifth in a G3, makes the improving 2yo the choice over **PLUTARCH** in this turf mile stakes. **CONDUCTED** did benefit by loose-lead circumstances in his maiden win, but he ran fast and finished well (final quarter :23.36). Although he won on the lead, he might not be one-dimensional. He gained off-the-pace experience two starts back in the stakes. If he rations his speed, can score a front-running/pace-pressing win over **PLUTARCH**. The latter ran well all three starts including a runner-up finish in a G3 over the DMR turf in summer. He ran well on dirt last out, a close third behind BC Juvenile contender Intrepido in a G1. **PLUTARCH** drops in class, returns to a familiar course, and is the program favorite. **PROTON** is a two-for-two stakes-winning shipper whose Maryland-based trainer Graham Motion ships and wins California stakes regularly: 5-for-8 since the start of the year. **PROTON** won a \$125k stakes at Laurel last out despite getting rank. Now that he has a route under his belt, he should be more settled.

Third Race

1. Too Sassy	2. Cashed	3. Mohaven
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A decisive win by **TOO SASSY** during the DMR summer meet stamps her the choice in this stakes for Cal-bred 2yo fillies. She defeated several of these two months ago racing five and one-half furlongs in the Generous Portion; she targeted this seven-furlong stakes since. The longer distance is not an issue for **TOO SASSY**, who reportedly looks more like a two-turn filly than a sprinter. **CASHED** is not fast enough, on paper. But she ran well both starts in summer maiden races at DMR, scored a confidence building but low-rated maiden win last out at SA, and posted an impressive five-furlong gate drill Sunday at DMR. The light bulb may have gone on. **CASHED** is likely to start at a big price (listed 10-1). **MOHAVEN**, runner-up behind **TOO SASSY** last out while making her third start of the DMR summer meet, will benefit by the two-month break between starts. Her maiden win and her runner-up finish in the Generous Portion were relatively fast. **LIBERATION** scored a workmanlike allowance win last out; **MISS KONA** will be rolling from behind. She has aimed to this stakes since her maiden win last out over next-out winner **CASHED**.

Fourth Race

1. Shoot It True	2. Tahini	3. Puro Magic
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SHOOT IT TRUE can win this \$200k filly-mare turf sprint if she reproduces her smashing win last out in a N1X at Saratoga. 'TRUE rallied from the back of the field, drew off by nearly four lengths, and the race was validated when the runner-up returned to win. A fast 3yo, 'TRUE can adapt to any pace scenario; she is likely to rally from behind at five furlongs. **TAHINI** looms the upset candidate, listed 30-1. Her most recent start was the best of her career. She sped to the lead in a hillside race at SA, put away pace rivals who finished last and next to last, and only got collared late. **TAHINI** benefits by the shorter distance of this five-furlong race. Win or lose, she will influence the pace and could spring an outright upset. **PURO MAGIC** is a multiple G3 winner from Japan whose fifth against males in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint this spring in Dubai compares favorably to this field. **QUEEN MAXIMA** might be listed too low. A multiple G3 winner, she prefers longer than five furlongs. She is an underlay as 5-2 favorite at this abbreviated distance.

Fifth Race

1. Thirsty Rebel**2. Sammy Davis****3. Ocean Bear**

THIRSTY REBEL returns to preferred dirt footing and Cal-breds after he misfired in a turf sprint stakes against open company. He ran well both dirt starts in summer at DMR including a visually impressive debut win, and runner-up-by-a-nose in the I'm Smokin Stakes for Cal-breds. **SAMMY DAVIS** began his career with impressive front-running wins over the DMR track in summer. He wired maidens, and wired the Graduation Stakes. But his third start of the meet was too ambitious; he dueled and faded to fifth as the favorite in the I'm Smokin. The two-month break between starts is good for **SAMMY DAVIS**, who might be the one they have to catch. If he runs to his Graduation score two back, he could wire the field. **OCEAN BEAR** ran a professional race last time, winning a N1X with an inside trip, saving ground behind runners, waiting, and rallying for the win. It was the same type trip he could get this time, up in class from post 2 while seeking his third straight.

Sixth Race

1. True Love**2. Brussels****3. Havana Anna**

Shippers from Europe won the BC Juvenile Turf Sprint the last four years. The overseas contingent this year is led by **TRUE LOVE**, recent winner of a Group 1 sprint for fillies that was more impressive visually than the margin. 'LOVE was confidently ridden, and never looked like a loser. She also has run well against males. One-two all six starts, 'LOVE has speed for a pressing trip. She is trained by Aidan O'Brien, whose seven JFT starters produced one third. He is due. O'Brien also trains the colt **BRUSSELS**, who ran well finishing second both recent starts in G3 and G1 races. **BRUSSELS** is quick enough to be positioned in the first flight, but does not require the lead. He will press, and attack. **HAVANA ANNA** finished second last out in a G1 in England, beaten less than a length by the top choice. **ASPECT ISLAND** improved as the season unfolded in England; he missed by less than a length last out in a G3. 'ISLAND is listed at a tempting 20-1. Also-eligible **LATER THAN PLANNED**, based in the U.S., would rally late in a race likely to unfold at a fast pace. **CY FAIR** might be ranked too low; she crushed a Woodbine stakes with a big fig last out.

Seventh Race

1. Explora**2. Super Corredora****3. La Wally**

EXPLORA emerged as BC Juvenile Fillies favorite with a resounding victory in her first route and first without blinkers. The filly settled comfortably off the pace, opened up into the lane, and crushed. She enters with a glossy resume: smashing debut win, runner-up in the fast-pace G1 Del Mar Debutante, and facile win in the G2 Oak Leaf around two turns. She has speed, she is versatile without blinkers, and the most likely winner with a pressing trip. Her trainer Bob Baffert is 2-for-26 in the JF; jockey Juan Hernandez is seeking his first win in a BC race. **SUPER CORREDORA** stretched out and crushed maidens with a speed figure only five points less than the top choice earned last out winning a graded stakes (78-83). 'CORREDORA, by Gun Runner, clearly relished the added distance. Now she gets tested for class. Although the JF has never been won by a last-out maiden winner, 'CORREDORA is on her way up. **LA WALLY** has had two straight uncomfortable trips, third in a G1 sprint, and runner-up in a G2 route after an uneasy trip early. She finished behind top choice **EXPLORA** both races, but the fillies are closer in ability than the recent margins would indicate. **LA WALLY** gets a significant rider switch to Flavien Prat. **BOTTLE OF ROUGE** won the G1 Del Mar Debutante, a race that was flattered when two-three finishers **EXPLORA** and **LA WALLY** returned to finish one-two in a G2. The challenge for 'ROUGE is this is her first try around two turns, and first start in two months. **IRON ORCHARD** might be listed too low. She is an undefeated G1 winner whose off-the-pace win in the one-mile Frizette suggests she will stay two turns. **PERCY'S BAR** and **TOMMY JO** finished one-two in the visually uninspiring Alcibiades.

Eighth Race

1. Precise**2. Time to Dream****3. Ultimate Love**

Back-to-back Group 1 wins by Europe-based **PRECISE** stamps her the likely winner of the BC Juvenile Fillies Turf, despite drawing a wide post (13 of 13) in the turf mile. She probably is good enough to overcome the draw. Her four-race win streak includes a crusher last out by more than three lengths. The trainer of **PRECISE**, Aidan O'Brien, won this race last year with odds-on Lake Victoria, who also entered off back-to-back G1 wins. U.S.-based stakes winner **TIME TO DREAM** looms the upsetter after a better-than-looked third as the favorite in the Jessamine at KEE. She was buried behind rivals into the stretch, unable to find room initially, bulled between rivals, and kicked late. It was too late. With a different trip, she might have won rather than finishing third by a length. 'DREAM is getting better, and will rally late. **ULTIMATE LOVE** is three-for-three including a four-length crusher last out in the Selima Stakes at Laurel. That race produced 2019 JFT winner Sharing. **GROUND SUPPORT** followed her 100-1 debut upset with a 12-1 upset in the G2 Miss Grillo at Aqueduct. The Miss Grillo has produced more JFT winners than any other prep.

Ninth Race

1. Intrepido**2. Ted Noffey****3. Brant**

INTREPIDO overcame a compromising trip to win the G1 American Pharoah last out at SA, a performance that was better than the margin or speed figure. He can upset favorite **TED NOFFEY** in the BC Juvenile. INTREPIDO proved he handles DMR with a convincing maiden route win two back; last out he showed he can overcome adversity. INTREPIDO steadied slightly into the backstretch, got boxed in traffic and had to wait for room on the far turn, bulled his way through a tight opening into the stretch, and kicked late to win going away. Sharp win by a very good 2yo who can win the Juvenile from off the pace. But he'll have to catch TED NOFFEY, who ships to California having established himself as the top 2yo in the East and Midwest with back-to-back G1 wins at SAR and KEE. He faces more speed in this field than he met last out, but there is no denying his ability. **BRANT** is running long for the first time in the third start of his career, and first start since he wired the G1 Del Mar Futurity two months ago. The \$3 million colt is fast, and likely to set the pace. **BLACKOUT TIME** improved each subsequent start including a creditable runner-up finish last out in the G1 won by TED NOFFEY. 'TIME has tactical speed, and ascending figures.G3-placed **COMPORT** has tactical speed to press the pace.

Tenth Race

1. Gstaad	2. Hey Nay Nay	3. Ardisia
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Another poorly drawn favorite, **GSTAAD** is the choice in the BC Juvenile Turf despite post 14 of 14 in the turf mile. Runner-up three successive Group 1s in France, Ireland and England, GSTAAD is trained by Aidan O'Brien, who won the JT the last three years and 7 for 24 overall. GSTAAD has never run a bad race, one-two all five starts; the JT has been won by Europeans 12 times in 18 years (not counting the 2021 fiasco when winner Modern Games ran for purse money only). Tough post, best horse, top choice. California-based **HEY NAY NAY** will try to upset the Euros. 'NAY NAY won all three starts in decisive fashion; he has speed and also can finish, Although California turf 2yos often are overmatched in Breeders' Cup turf races, the 2024 JT runner-up was California-based Iron Man Cal. **ARDISIA** ships from England, where he won 5 of 11 starts during an ambitious juvenile campaign. He probably is a notch below the elite, but he fires every start. **STREET BEAST** has improved every start including a seven-length smasher last out at Kentucky Downs.