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Track: Del Mar

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BEST BET: Grand Slam Smile (8th race)

First Race

1. Ramayana

2. Conquistadora

3. Channel Place

Close call between second-time starters **RAMAYANA** and **CONQUISTADORA** in this turf mile for maiden 2yo fillies; both ran well first out. **RAMAYANA** raced only six furlongs, and raced evenly as if she will relish two turns. Sired by Uncle Mo, she was produced by multiple G1 route winner Miss Temple City. With a promising debut under her belt, **RAMAYANA** should move forward second time out around two turns. **CONQUISTADORA** already has a route race under her belt. She lacked speed in her debut a mile, rallied wide on the far turn and into the stretch, and finished willingly. It was a solid debut, she adds blinkers, and is likely to improve second time out. The top pair are evenly matched. **CHANNEL PLACE** was only prepping in her debut in August, a five-furlong turf race that produced four next-out winners; 'PLACE is bred to run long. **HYPERGAMY** misfired without a visible alibi last out, but her third-place finish two starts back in a stakes puts her in the hunt.

Second Race

1. Shared Future

2. Scary Fast Ride

3. Lolo Le Plume

SHARED FUTURE won this N1X condition last out; she runs back at the same level while entered for the optional \$50k claim tag. Her win was at Santa Anita; she ran well both starts this summer at Del Mar. Although her closing style could be a challenge due to the shortage of pace, the veteran mare gets the call to wear them down. The likely pacesetter is stretch-out sprinter **SCARY FAST RIDE**, a 16-start mare trying a route race for the first time. She figures to set the pace from the inside post, and could get a lone-speed trip against a field otherwise void of speed. Not sure if 'RIDE can get the mile distance, but she should get an ideal trip, loose on the lead. Come and catch her. Late-runner **LOLO LE PLUME** has promised more than she has delivered including a fourth-place finish as the favorite last out at SA. However, the best two races by 'PLUME were over the DMR track this summer. The filly returns to her favorite footing and will be chugging from the back of the field.

Third Race

1. Smart Code

2. Cathal

3. Centrodelantero

SMART CODE lost as the favorite both recent starts at this N3L starter level, but he ran well both times finishing second and third. A versatile front-runner/pace-presser, 'CODE can set the pace or track the leaders from just off. Either way, he'll be in the thick of it turning for home, and can win if he holds off late-runner **CATHAL**. The latter was claimed last out from a dull effort for \$40k; his trainer's recent first-off-the-claim stats are super, and it looks like there is enough pace to flatter the closing kick of **CATHAL**. **CENTRODELANTERO** has undergone several changes that could lead to improvement. He changed barns and is now trained by Jeff Mullins; he was gelded since raced; he removes blinkers; and he returns to turf. His dirt races early this year in Florida are fast enough to be competitive in this California turf route. **MR. LEASURE** finished a creditable third last out after setting a fast pace to deep stretch.

Fourth Race

1. Looks Lucky

2. Press Your Luck

3. Wild Cat Danzing

LOOKS LUCKY can upset this \$10k claiming N2L sprint. 'LUCKY was claimed two back from a wide-trip fourth-place comeback at this level; she was subsequently overmatched and split the field running for a \$25k tag. Now she returns to the level at which she was claimed and is racing over a track on which she won a maiden race in summer 2024. She has speed to be forwardly placed. Finally, trainer Mark Glatt's second-off-the-claim stats are terrific the past five years: 25-for-79 (32 percent). **PRESS YOUR LUCK** drops to the lowest level of her career while returning to the surface (dirt) on which she scored her only win. This is a relatively easy spot. **WILD CAT DANZING** shows up for a claim tag for the first time. Her only previous dirt sprint was a decent MSW win two starts back at Los Al. **LENA LINDGARD** might be listed too low. She finished second at this level last out while racing only five and one-half furlongs. Not sure if she will stay this six and one-half furlong trip, but she benefits by a seven-pound apprentice allowance and will be involved in the pace.

Fifth Race

1. Warm Sun and Brew

2. Irish Element

3. Sunk Cost Fallacy

Second-time starter **WARM SUN AND BREW** can win this turf mile for older Cal-bred maidens, based on his creditable runner-up debut at six furlongs. He was bumped and squeezed at the break, raced in traffic early, angled outside for the drive, and finished well behind the front-running winner. 'BREW ran like a horse that will improve at two turns. **IRISH ELEMENT** is a seven-start maiden with enough ability to be considered a live longshot from off the pace. He has had his share of eventful trips, but his last two starts were the highest-rated of his career. He'll be outrun early, he will be rolling late, probably at a price. He is an off-the-pace upset candidate. **SUNK COST FALLACY** showed promise in his debut. He ran into a traffic jam at the quarter pole, then finished well for third and galloped out with run past the wire. Based on the late kick he showed, and his pedigree, he should like two turns.

Sixth Race

1. Contrary Chieftain	2. Nameless	3. Leyas Candy
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CONTRARY CHIEFTAIN can post a mild upset in this \$16k claiming route if he runs back to his highly rated runner-up finish three starts back over the DMR track. The inconsistent gelding was only prepping two weeks ago when unplaced in a Cal-bred allowance that was his first start in two months. Now he has a prep under his belt, he returns to the claiming ranks, and could get a good trip right behind the pace that is likely to be set by the veteran in post 3. The second preference is **NAMELESS**, who returns to dirt after a curious turf experiment. He is not a turf horse. He has won 7 of 10 on dirt, his best speed figures are appropriate for this class. **LEYAS CANDY** is the aforementioned likely pacesetter in post 3. He returned to form last out with a runner-up finish for \$12.5k. Up a notch in class, come and catch him. Rail-drawn **YOURAMYSTYLE** also has some speed.

Seventh Race

1. Balaza	2. Donttellmewhattodo	3. Jacklyn Lucas
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Second-time starter **BALAZA** showed enough run in her debut to suggest she can upset this turf sprint for Cal-bred maiden 2yo fillies. BALAZA got some wagering attention in her debut, lacked speed, raced greenly late, and finished fourth. Not bad. Maiden 2yos trained by Mullins tend to improve second out (8-for-25 past five years). FWIW, BALAZA was listed as a vet scratch Oct. 5. She resumed a regular work pattern soon after. **DONTELLMEWHATTODO** is the speed of the field. She set a fast pace and finished third last out racing six furlongs at SA, now she shortens to five furlongs over a DMR sprint course that was kind to speed opening week. Last-out dirt runner-up **JACKLYN LUCAS** is by Grazen, so the switch to turf should be fine. **VIOLETS SONG** adds blinkers and goes route to sprint for a stable that does well with second-start maidens (22 percent, past five years).

Eighth Race

1. Grand Slam Smile	2. No Cap	3. Sneaker
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A return to dirt can allow **GRAND SLAM SMILE** to turn the tables on the filly who defeated her last out in a Cal-bred turf sprint stakes at SA. 'SMILE figures to win this Cal-bred stakes outright. A six-time stakes winner on turf and dirt, 'SMILE has speed for a pressing trip, her versatility allows her to rally from behind if necessary, and she likes the DMR track (in the money three times, all stakes). Her gap in recorded workouts can be explained. She worked five furlongs Nov. 2 at SA; the work was not recorded due to heavy fog. **NO CAP** returns to her preferred one-turn trip after a mile was slightly out of reach last time. She finished second in a Cal-bred allowance. 'CAP is a consistent sprinter who can rally from behind in a race that should unfold at an honest tempo. **SNEAKER** defeated top choice **GRAND SLAM SMILE** last out in a hillside stakes race at SA, but this dirt sprint is a different story. Turf milers such as **SNEAKER** often run well on the hill, but this is a dirt sprint. **SNEAKER** is an honest, consistent two-time stakes winner, but she has never raced on dirt. **ISSA COURT** finished a close third in the aforementioned hillside turf stakes; 'COURT can run on dirt.

Ninth Race

1. Lady Rider	2. True Patriot	3. Lady of Power
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LADY RIDER proved she can handle turf last time with a runner-up finish in a turf sprint at this \$25k claiming N2L class level. Now she stretches back to two turns; she finished in the money all four route races prior to her most recent start. 'RIDER finished more than three lengths clears of third last time while earning the highest figure of her career; she should get a ground-saving trip setting or pressing the pace stretching to a mile. **TRUE PATRIOT** stretches out after finishing third across the wire in a turf sprint, more than three lengths behind the top choice. 'PATRIOT seems best at this two-turn trip; she will be rolling from behind. **LADY OF POWER** looms an upset candidate, shortening to one mile after finding a mile and one-eighth out of reach. She was compromised by wide trips both DMR turf starts this summer, finishing sixth and eighth in races that were better than they look on paper due to ground loss. 'POWER will be rolling in the lane.