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BEST BET: Latitude (4th race)

First Race

1. Halo Uncle	2. Evenerevenworse	3. Hot Chicks Only

Del Mar has lowered the bottom claiming level to $5k; this five-furlong sprint is the first DMR race at the level. **HALO UNCLE** should be strongly favored based on his recent runner-up finish vs. similar at Santa Anita. The gelding is 2-for-4 at DMR, with natural speed to keep the pacesetters in his sights. The past four years, trainer Jesus Uranga is 11-for-17 with favorites in SoCal daytime races. **EVENEREVENWORSE** stretches out to five furlongs after winning a 1,000-yard night race at Los Al. 'WORSE has speed and the inside post, which was a favorable profile the first two weeks of the meet. Runners who set the pace and/or saved ground were tough to get past. **HOT CHICKS ONLY** lost his chance last time when he broke through the gate, then raced wide and merely ran around the track. It was a toss race. His races early this year at Emerald Downs and Turf Paradise make him a fit here. TOO MUCH INFO has speed to make his presence felt partway.

Second Race

1. Druliner	2. Keep the Pavels	3. Humidity

Rain is forecast; this maiden race for Cal-bred 2yo fillies is scheduled for a mile on turf. **DRULINER** is the reluctant choice. Runner-up as the favorite both recent starts in similar situations, she has finished in front of four of the six rivals she meets here. Tough to trust, but the one to beat. **KEEP THE PAVELS** looms an upset candidate stretching to a route for the first time. The even-paced running style she shows in sprints suggests she may like this longer distance. This field is weak, which is perfect for a new face in his division. First-time long, speed to be involved early, 'PAVELS should start at a big price. **HUMIDITY** finished only two and one-quarter lengths behind the top choice while making her debut last month at SA. If she is like many Paddy Gallagher trainees, she can improve second out. According to Formulator, Gallagher won with 5 of his last 12 second-start maidens. CECILIA STREET is gradually getting better; her last-out third was arguably the best race of her career. She finished only a length and a half behind top choice DRULINER. The rider of 'STREET is Mirco Demuro, who won 5 races from 7 mounts last weekend, and enters the third week of the meet on top of the standings 8 wins from only 15 mounts.

Third Race

1. Shop Till You Drop	2. Anna's Wish	3. Danzing Cat

SHOP TILL YOU DROP drops from two creditable efforts in $25k claiming N3L sprints, down to $10k claiming N3L. She has speed for an up-front trip, she ran well her only start over the DMR track last fall, and her recent figures top the field. Although betting on low-odds class droppers is hardly a winning strategy, this is a field that 'DROP should defeat with a pressing trip. **ANNA'S WISH** is the late threat. The come-from-behind filly rallied to finish second last out at this class level at SA; this shorter 5.5-furlong race has enough early pace to flatter her late rally. **DANZING CAT** is speed, switching to a speed rider and running over a DMR track on which she finished one-two in four of seven. FONDEST DREAM gets off the rail, adds blinkers, and will influence the pace scenario. BE A GOLDFISH will be picking them up late.

Fourth Race

1. Latitude	2. Simple Song	3. Silent Way

A highly rated runner-up debut by **LATITUDE** stamps the Candy Ride colt the choice in this MSW sprint for older. In his debut, LATITUDE chased the strong pace inside and finished more than two lengths clear of third. The race was validated when winner Modus Bestia returned to win a N1X. The likely pacesetter is second-time starter **SIMPLE SONG**, who also ran well first out. He sped to the lead setting a fast pace, opened up by three lengths at the furlong pole, then got collared while finishing more than five lengths clear of third. The gelding is clearly the one they have to catch, but LATITUDE will be breathing down his neck. **SILENT WAY** is a McKinzie firster with a series of fast workouts for his debut. CHEEVER was gelded prior to his most recent start, a third-place finish in the same race the top choice exits. CHEEVER will be running in the lane.

Fifth Race

1. Giggle Giggle	2. Cheekiest	3. Starry Night

In a wide-open $25k claiming mile for fillies and mares, a race scheduled to be run on turf, **GIGGLE GIGGLE** is the tepid call. Her two starts on DMR turf were the highest rated of her career; the N3L starter in which she finished fifth last out turned out to be a productive race. The second- and fourth-place finishers won their next start. Off two and one-half months, 'GIGGLE shows up for a claim tag for the productive trainer-jockey combo of Peter Eurton and Antonio Fresu (26 percent wins since spring 2023). **CHEEKIEST** also runs well over the DMR turf: one win and two thirds from three starts. She has been off five months, but has run well fresh and was facing tougher before her layoff. The late-runner figures to fire her best shot first start back. **STARRY NIGHT** won a pair of nine-furlong races recently at Colonial Downs; not sure if she will be as effective at a mile. MADEIRA WINE is speed, and sprinter SHIN JIDAI stretches out in sharp form. This race is deep.

Sixth Race

1. Conquistadora	2. Consequent	3. Banzai Betty

A promising third-place debut by **CONQUISTADORA** stamps her the choice over first-time starter **CONSEQUENT** in this dirt mile for maiden 2yo fillies. CONQUISTADORA ran well first time out, albeit on grass. She lagged next to last, rallied wide on the far turn, and went evenly late. Good start to her career. Trainer Michael McCarthy adds blinkers for her second start. Her debut rider was Juan Hernandez, who moves to Bob Baffert-trained firster CONSEQUENT. The latter is a full sister to two-time stakes Show Card. It's always tough to win a route race first time out, but Baffert won with 3 of his last 6 dirt-route firsters. **BANZAI BETTY** ran well finishing second in her debut, then was in tough and finished a distant fourth in the G2 Chandelier Stakes at SA. 'BETTY returns to the maiden ranks and to the DMR track on which she ran well in summer.

Seventh Race

1. Dialing Destiny	2. Big A's Little One	3. Sasafran

The final turf race on a rain-forecast Friday includes **DIALING DESTINY**. She meets easier in this maiden-50 mile for Cal-bred fillies and mares, compared to the Cal-bred MSW rivals she has been facing. She ran okay all three MSW starts on turf, but fits better in the maiden-claiming ranks. The trouble-prone filly also tries a rider switch to Umberto Rispoli. **BIG A'S LITTLE ONE** looms the upsetter stretching to a route and trying turf, both for the first time. 'ONE was produced by a dam who won on turf; she is likely to be forwardly placed while stretching to a mile. Her runner-up finish two starts back in a dirt sprint ranks among the fastest by any in the field. **SASAFRAN** is first-time claim tag, first start in two months. Her most recent debacle can be excused; she broke last and lost all chance at the start. SILVER FLIRT is a 29-start maiden who will be clunking along late and could slip into the trifecta.

Eighth Race

1. Atomic Drop	2. Raging Waters	3. Carol's Comic

ATOMIC DROP drops to $10k claiming after misfiring in a tougher race from which the two-three finishers returned to win. 'DROPS is sure to use his speed switching to jockey Edwin Maldonado, he appears to be quick enough to set the pace. Come and catch him. **RAGING WATERS** also meets softer than he chased last time; his versatile running style allows him to press the pace or rally from behind. **CAROL'S COMIC** looked good dusting a $5k claiming race at SA; he should handle the class hike to $10k. GEEZER might be listed too low. He has never raced at this low claiming level.