

# DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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**Race 5:** \$40K claimer for 3-year-old fillies going 6.5-furlongs on the main track

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## OVERVIEW

We've got an interesting \$40K claimer restricted to 3-year-old fillies going 6.5-furlongs on the main track as today's contest race. This is a pretty evenly matched group, but two runners look pretty interesting to me, especially given their high morning-line odds.

#1 KEEPMEINTHE MOMENT (6/1) did good work on the synth before hot trainer Wong moved her to dirt off a layoff, and she dusted \$25K claimers of her own age group. Of course, she's going to try tougher foes today off that sharp effort, but there are some decent foes in here, and this gal is going to have to gun hard from the rail, so she'll really have to earn it today. GRADE: C.

#2 LOMA VISTA (4/1) was 9/2 at this level last time, and she ran a creditable third, grinding away from off the pace after breaking from the dreaded rail. She can do better today, but she's still going to have to work out a trip from the inside, and that hasn't been the greatest place to be this summer. She's not impossible, but I prefer others. GRADE: C.

#3 YOUTEYOURHONOR (3/1) is confusing to me, since she is making her first start for Cerin (private purchase, I'm assuming?), and he promptly puts this decent turf horse back on the dirt. Don't get me wrong, she can handle the dirt no problem, but her fastest races have come on turf. At least you know she'll be fit cutting back from a mile race against slightly better claimers, where she finished fourth at 3/1. And it's encouraging that Hernandez strings along—but the barn change and the spotting at this lower level are a bit vexing to me. GRADE: B.

#4 EMPIRE PASS (4/1) was just claimed at this \$40K level out of a race where she attended the pace but was overtaken to run second at 4/1. It was a decent effort, but I have to think she was fully cranked that day after coming off a layoff and dropping in for a tag. That said, Diodoro saw fit to claim, and it's encouraging that he is running her back at the same level instead of dropping her in class, which is what he did with most of his East Coast shippers this meet. Still, I can see this one vying for the lead and weakening late. GRADE: C.

#5 GYPSY LYNN (15/1) won as the 2/1 favorite last time against \$20K maiden-claimers, making the lead and never looking back. Papaprodromou saw fit to claim, and I like that he promptly raises this gal in price—but there is speed to her inside, and it remains to be seen if this one can stalk and then pass horses for a W. That said, Georgie P. has been making all the right moves this meet. GRADE: C.

#6 SWEET TALKED (10/1) looks pretty solid to me, making the second start of her form cycle, going from turf-to-dirt and route-to-sprint, and dropping slightly in class. She should also get a very good tracking trip in here. GRADE: A.

**#7 SHARED FUTURE (15/1)** also gets consideration, despite the fact that she just ran fourth at this level, finishing behind a few of these. There were two claims in for her that day, and it should be noted that Knapp—who took her for \$40K—is excellent off the claim. Plus she’s looking at a very good tracking trip from the outside, whereas last time, she was drawn inside. GRADE: A.

#8 O’NEILL’S LEGACY (5/2) has sharp early speed, and you can bet she’ll use it while breaking from the outside. I respect Andy Mathis—who is having an excellent meet—but this gal has been racing exclusively on synth, so we’ll see how she handles the dirt. That said, she was facing protected runners up north, so she should get some class-relief today. I have mixed feelings about her, but at least you know she’ll be in contention turning for home. GRADE: B.

### **CONCLUSION**

I think **#6 SWEET TALKED (10/1)** and **#7 SHARED FORTUNE (15/1)** should get great tracking trips, so those are the ones I’m going to look at for the contest, though I prefer the former just a tad bit more.

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