DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY
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Race 7: $75K Kathryn Crosby for fillies & mares going 8-furlongs on turf (rails at 0-feet)
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OVERVIEW

Day two of the "Bing" meet here at Del Mar features a nice nine-race card, highlighted by a competitive renewal of the $75K Kathryn Crosby, a one-mile turf affair for fillies and mares with the rails at zero-feet. Note that the race is restricted to non-winners of a sweepstakes of $60K other than state-bred at one mile or over since April 1. Also, just a bit of housekeeping: I will be hosting a handicapping seminar every Saturday at 11:35 a.m. in front of the Hacienda Room on the grandstand (i.e., Stretch Run) entrance of the track, right near the big fountain in the Plaza de Mexico. Come say hi! Today's guest is the estimable C.C. Rogers, a good friend and an even better handicapper!

#1 ROYAL ADDRESS (IRE) (15/1) has done decent work as an elongated turf-sprinter, but his one try around two turns—in a 9-furlong race—was no good. His come-home times suggest he should be able to stretch out, but they also suggest that he might just be a stretch-running sprinter. We shall see. GRADE: X.

#2 PULPIT RIDER (8/1) is a cool old gal, a 7-year-old mare who has earned more than $580K, so hats off to her. That said, she is definitely in the twilight of her career, and she'll need to run much faster after checking in fourth last time in the Cal-bred Solana Beach and losing to one of today's foes. Maybe she can run on late for a small slice. GRADE: X.

#3 SUGAR FIX (6/1) was 8/1 in a similar restricted stakes race at Santa Anita, and she ran an okay third at 8/1. That was her first start for Hess, who claimed her at Kentucky Downs for $62.5K, so this gal is eligible to take a step forward after acclimating to her new surroundings. That said, there are some quality gals in here, so this one will need a career best for the W. GRADE: X.

#4 BIPARTISANSHIP (GB) (3/1) invades from back East where she was running against some really tough ladies earlier in the year and at the end of last year. She came off a March layoff to run fifth as the lukewarm 3/1 favorite, but she had a really rough trip and was probably a little short that day anyway. Motion is lethal second off the bench, so I expect this gal to take a big step forward today. GRADE: A.

#5 BURGOO ALLEY (IRE) (9/5) will finally drop into a spot where she can win after several races against much tougher graded-stakes foes. She wasn't disgraced in those tougher races, but she was never really a threat to win either. She does have tactical speed, and look who shows up to ride upon his return to Del Mar: Prat! She's obvious, but I prefer others just slightly more at these morning-line prices. GRADE: B.

#6 IZZY EM (30/1) used the cutback move to perfection last time when she broke her maiden in a 6-furlong main-course turf sprint. Before that, her try at a mile was no good, but she did have to break from the 11-hole, so I won't be too harsh, and at least she used that as a springboard to graduate in her next start. That said, she's a 3-year-old filly facing a stiff class test today. GRADE: X.

#7 WARREN'S CANDY GIRL (4/1) is a Cal-bred who absolutely loves Del Mar. In fact, all four of her wins have come over this course, so you know she'll give a good account of herself today—but will it be good enough? She beat state-breds two back in the Solana Beach but then found this restricted level a little too tough for her last time when she finished fourth in the Swingtime, albeit at Santa Anita. You can expect her to be running on through the lane, as is customary for this honest gal. GRADE: B.

#8 GOLD FOR KITTEN (6/1) comes off a February layoff and shows up in a restricted-stakes race, so I like that kind of confidence, even though this one is still eligible for an N2X. I also like that Johnny V. takes the call for a trainer who is excellent off this kind of layoff. She'll need a career best to beat the top few in here, but I really think that's possible, since she's a lightly raced 4-year-old who ran a much better-than-looked fourth last time with lots of trouble and no pace, all while posting a strong come-home time. GRADE: A.

CONCLUSION
I think **#4 BIPARTISANSHIP (GB)** is the one to beat, but if she's over-bet, you can look to **#8 GOLD FOR KITTEN** as a sneaky play, since I'm guessing #5 BURGOO ALLEY (IRE) will take her fair share of money. If she doesn't, then you can consider her as well.

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