

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 7: \$50K starter-allowance for fillies and mares going 8-furlongs on turf (rail at 0-feet)

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OVERVIEW

Day three of the Bing meet, and we've got another nice nine-race card on tap, with today's contest race being a competitive \$50K starter-allowance for fillies and mares going 8-furlongs on the lawn with the rails at zero-feet. Before we dig in, here's a reminder: tune into my "Best Bets" livestream today at 11:00 a.m. PST on all of Del Mar's social media platforms. Today's guest will be none other than the great Leo Vukmanovich! You won't want to miss it.

#1 LIZY D (15/1) was 22/1 at this level last time, and she ran to those long odds after a rough beginning. She can do better for a trainer who often perks up at Del Mar, since this gal has a good Kentucky Downs race to run back to, but I see her more for underneath. GRADE: C.

#2 RVALENTINA (5/2) looks to be sitting on a peak race, making the second start of her form cycle after chasing a quick pace last time, moving too early to make the lead and then flattening out. She can do better with a more patient ride. GRADE: A.

#3 WEMISSGRAMMY (3/1), the first Eurton entrant, got the right set up last time when she dropped in for a \$50K tag for the first time and graduated in stylish fashion, tracking the pace and coming home nicely for the win. She was 19/1, since no one gave her credit for trying turf for the first time after several bad dirt races. A move forward today makes her a contender, but she is facing winners for the first time. GRADE: B.

#4 CLASSY (3/1) had trouble last time when she finished third to Wemissgrammy in that \$50K maiden race, so, yes, this gal is still a maiden who is facing winners. She did have to break from the 12-hole, and she did have a rough beginning yet still tried hard all the way to the wire. She can do much better today, especially with Prat taking the call, but it's tough to get excited about a winless horse at 3/1 in a field full of winners. GRADE: C.

#5 FOR THE GOOD TIMES (8/1) was 19/1 at a similar level back in May, and she ran on late after a rough journey to split the field and finish fifth. It was a better-than-looked effort, so I think she'll run well today off the layoff and with Rispoli taking the call. Note that they once thought she could compete against quality allowance runners, so even though she's failed a few time at this level, I think there is more here than meets the eye. GRADE: A.

#6 WITCH MOON (8/1) was 16/1 at this level last time, and she was too far off the pace to have any impact. She'll need a more aggressive ride today, and it's tough to get behind a gal who has had several tries at this level, to no avail. There was a time when she was consistently running third at this level, so maybe you can slot her in underneath in your exotics. GRADE: C.

#7 SENSIBLE MOVE (15/1) was 18/1 at this level last time, and she ran to those long odds after some trouble. That was her first try versus winners, so I won't be too harsh on her, but she looks a bit on the slow side, and she'll need to do better today. GRADE: C.

#8 MAJESTIC STEPS (5/1), the second Eurton runner, is obvious because she always seems to run her race, but she has been a beaten-favorite a few times throughout her career, and that's a tough pill to swallow when you're trying to pick the winner. I also don't like that she hasn't been able to string together races this year, which isn't a great sign. That said, she is a 4-year-old, so if she's matured at all since that February race, she'll have every chance to get the job done. GRADE: B.

CONCLUSION

This isn't the strongest group, and I do think there are a few different places to land, so be sure to demand value in this race. Based on the morning-line, I like **#5 FOR THE GOOD TIMES (8/1)** to make some noise. She's a 4-year-old who has some decent races to build on—and she had a brutal trip last time and now gets a major jock upgrade.

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