

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 6: \$150K Red Carpet (G3) for fillies & mares going 11-furlongs on turf (rail at 24-ft.)

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OVERVIEW

Happy Thanksgiving, one and all! I'll be at the racetrack enjoying a nice turkey dinner. Will you? If so, come say hi. If not, raise a glass wherever you may be and give thanks to the horses. Let's see if we can get back on the good foot today after having our "A" streak of winners broken on Sunday. Today's contest race is a neat renewal of the \$150K Red Carpet (G3), an 11-furlong turf affair for fillies and mares with the rails at 24-feet.

#1 LADY JAE (12/1) outran her 49/1 odds in the Senator Ken Maddy when she finished third in that downhill affair. It was a career best, but now the waters get much deeper for a gal who has never been this far or faced this level of competition. **GRADE: X.**

#2 ANGEL NADESHIKO (15/1) has sharp early speed and a jock who hates being pinned down at the rail, so you can expect this one to be setting the pace in an attempt to wire the field. She did just wire the field last time when beating N1X foes going a mile on dirt, but this is a whole new ballgame, and her few turf races are nothing to write home about. **GRADE: X.**

#3 QUATROELLE (IRE) (5/1) usually runs her race, and that means you can expect her to be coming on through the lane with her customary stretch run. Will it be good enough? Well, she's a lightly raced 4-year-old who looked really good beating N2X foes last time going 9-furlongs, and even though she's never been this far, her come-home times suggest she should be okay with the added distance. You can certainly use her in your exotics, but she'll need to show she can handle graded-stakes foes, since she wasn't able to beat Grade 3 animals last year. **GRADE: B.**

#4 DRAMATIZER (12/1) is a bit of a grinder who always runs on late, so seemingly today's extra distance should help out this gal who just beat N1X foes going 9-furlongs. But it should be noted that it took her a while to finally clear that hurdle (though she did it in her first start for her new barn), and she faces the toughest task of her career today. Maybe you can use her underneath for a piece. **GRADE: X.**

#5 BELLSTREET BRIDIE (GB) (4/1) is a 3-year-old who makes her first U.S. start after several good races in Great Britain at all kinds of longer distances, so 11-furlongs won't be an issue for her at all. She likes to be forwardly placed, and she gets the services of Prat, who always puts them exactly where they need to be to get the most out of his mounts—and in this case, I can see this gal just stalking nicely off Angel Nadeshiko. That trip makes her a strong contender, but I have to say: as much as I like Glatt, these imports haven't really been his strongest suit, despite the fact that he gets some really quality turf imports from Red Barons. Still...the race sets up really nicely for her. **GRADE: A.**

#6 SCARABEA (5/1) is a very useful gal, always running her race and competing for a piece of the purse—but it's hard to overlook the fact that she's 1-for-16 with 7 minor placings. Perhaps the barn

change will help, as she makes her first start for Eoin Harty—but it should be noted that this gal has finished behind several of these in her last few starts. GRADE: C.

#7 SISTER OTOOLE (5/2) is the one to beat, making the second start of her form cycle after a decent third in the Dowager (G3) at Keeneland. Over the summer, this gal won an 11-furlong race here at Del Mar, so I'm sure Graham Motion was pointing her to this race, and a good trainer with a target is always a dangerous proposition. There are, however, two small concerns: first off, she has no early speed, so she will need something to run at; secondly, Rispoli hasn't been at his best lately, for whatever reason, so he'll need to give this gal a heady ride today. GRADE: A.

#8 QUEEN OFTHE TEMPLE (6/1) is a lightly raced 4-year-old who has a decent late kick, so you can expect her to be running on through the lane as she goes from 10-furlongs to 11-panels and makes the second start of her form cycle after an okay effort in the much tougher Rodeo Drive (G1). I expect her to fire, but it should be noted that the 3-year-old Duvet Day (Ire) beat her in an N1X two back at today's distance, and that was over the summer, so this gal will need to show a little more oomph to get the W today. GRADE: C.

#9 DUVET DAY (IRE) (6/1), a 3-year-old, won at this distance here over the summer, beating her inside neighbor in the process, despite having a slow start and some trouble. It was a nice effort, but she couldn't really build off that when facing better animals, a few of whom are in this field. She'll be running on late, as per usual, but she will need a career best to beat some of the older runners in here who will also be running on strongly late. Plus, this gal will have to work out a trip from the widest post. GRADE: C.

CONCLUSION

Sorry I'm not being too clever here. I think **#7 SISTER OTOOLE (5/2)** is the one to beat, but she's going to take a lot of money. **#5 BELLSTREET BRIDIE (GB) (4/1)** seems like a solid alternative given the race shape and the presence of Prat, but as mentioned, her trainer isn't the greatest when it comes to these European imports. I wish I liked one of the other runners in the field just a bit more to come up with a wise-guy play!

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