DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY
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Race 7: $150K Fleet Treat for Cal-bred 3-year-old fillies going 7-furlongs on the main track
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OVERVIEW

Before we get into today's contest race for this first 4 o'clock Friday card, I just want to remind everyone that Ciaran Thornton and I will be hosting our two-part "Double Trouble" and "Double Trouble Live" shows today. Check my X feed **@ScatoniSureShot** for times and details, but we'll go live for both the pre-race seminar (about two hours before first post) and again during the race day before Race 7 (about 6:45 p.m.) for the $5 Late Double. Here's a link to our YouTube channel. Please subscribe so you don't miss a show: **Double Trouble Live**.

And lucky for you all: today's online contest race just so happens to be Leg 1 of the low-takeout $5 Late Double. Race 7 is a very competitive renewal of the $150K Fleet Treat, a 7-furlong main-track affair for Cal-bred/Cal-sired 3-year-old fillies.

#1 GOING DEEP (12/1) outran her odds in the Melair back in May, but she was outgamed by Om N Joy, and she has to face that foe again today. She did get a little late in that 8.5-furlong main-track affair at Santa Anita, so shortening up today should suit her well. That said, I'm not crazy about the rail draw and the likely trip she'll get stuck inside and having to go hard from the bell. GRADE: X.

#2 HURRICANE LAYLA (15/1), the first Antonio Garcia entrant, went down in flames last time as the 4/5 favorite in a Cal-bred entry-level allowance at Los Al while going 6.5-furlongs. That does not bode well for her today, having to navigate an extra half-panel while facing some pressure to her outside. GRADE: X.

#3 OM N JOY (5/2) is a very cool gal who comes off a May freshening after winning three races in a row: her maiden-breaker going 6.5-furlongs, the Evening Jewel at 6.5-furlongs, and the Melair at 8.5-furlongs, so you know she's versatile. Note that in the Evening Jewel, she sat off the pace and closed strongly to win fairly easily against a few of these. She figures to get the same trip and run the same type of race, but I'm worried about her being buried down toward the inside in this big full field. GRADE: B.

#4 COOLING OFF (30/1) was claimed out of a Cal-bred $12.5K maiden-claimer, so her new trainer must really like what he sees because this is a very ambitious spot, especially since it's not like her victory came in fast time. She needs a drastic move forward. GRADE: X.

#5 DRINK THIS CUP (3/1) invades from back East after a sharp wire-to-wire victory against both open and older foes, so this can be considered class-relief even though it's a stakes race. I like that she has speed, but she doesn't need the lead to win, as is evidenced by her maiden-breaker where she stalked the pace and drew off to crush the field. We'll see how that Delaware Park form stands up—and how she handles an extra furlong for the first time—but Stidham rarely ships out here (this is only his fifth starter here since 2020), so he must love this gal's chances—and he entices J.J. to ride. GRADE: A.

#6 YOUNG LOVE (8/1) is cross-entered in a Cal-bred entry-level allowance race on the turf on Sunday, where she's 3/1 in that field, so I'm guessing she'll end up there instead, since this is a much tougher spot for her. She just broke her maiden while attending the pace in a 6-furlong flat turf race at Santa Anita, so if she ends up here, she'll likely be part of the early pace, and I'm not sure that's a great place to be in this elongated-sprint affair. GRADE: X.

#7 LADY MENDELSSOHN (12/1) tried dirt for the first time in the Melair, and she wasn't disgraced, finishing third behind a few of these while running willingly to the wire. I think she can improve off that, and I really like that Gaines adds blinkers to a horse who is comfortable coming from off the pace. She should be closer today, and that could make a world of difference, but she does need to run quite a bit faster. GRADE: B.

#8 IN THE AIR TONIGHT (15/1) had some trouble two back when losing to a few of these in the Melair, so I won't be too harsh on that defeat. I'll also ignore her tries against open foes; heck, I'll just ignore all of her races and focus on her terrific third-place finish here at Del Mar when going 7-furlongs in the Cal-bred Golden State Juvenile Fillies last year. She likes this track, and clearly, 7-panels won't be an issue. Upset special? GRADE: A.

#9 HOT GIRL WALK (20/1), the second Gaines runner, has more tactical speed than she's shown against open foes, so don't be surprised if she gets a great stalking trip while racing over the good part of the track. Her recent form against older foes doesn't look like much, but she won a Cal-bred stakes race over this track last year, so she's not out of it, even though a few have already handled her. Don't sell her too short with all of those blah races dirtying up her form. GRADE: A.

#10 FIBONACCIS RIDE (15/1) moves to Garcia, who promptly adds blinkers. The horse already has speed, so you can expect her to be involved early yet again, but can she carry her speed 7-furlongs? She gave up the ghost three back going 5.5-furlongs after setting an easy lead—and in her next race, she was no match for a few of these. That said, she'll be on the good part of the track, and the barn change could provide a wake-up call. GRADE: C.

#11 ELLEN JORTH (6/1) has done good work on turf in her only two races, but it remains to be seen if she can transfer that form to the main track while facing stakes foes for the first time. I trust D'Amato to put her where she can be competitive, so who am I to argue the surface switch?

Plus, she's looking at a really good stalking trip from the outside. Is she good enough after just faltering against Cal-bred N1X types. GRADE: C.

#12 SUNSET GRAZEN (12/1) broke her maiden for $16K, but ever since then, she's knocked heads with some tough customers, including several of these. I like that she's versatile, and she has the right tracking style to get a great trip in here—but Om N Joy has handled her pretty easily a few times before, so this gal will need to defeat her nemesis, as well as several others who figure to run big ones today. I'm expecting her to run much better than she did last time when something clearly went wrong, but will it be enough? Maybe. GRADE: B.

CONCLUSION
This is a ridiculously competitive race, so you'll have plenty of places to land. I like two bombs, but I give the edge to **#8 IN THE AIR TONIGHT (15/1)**, but **#9 HOT GIRL WALK (20/1)** isn't too far behind the top one as far as overlays go. I rarely suggest this, but for the contest, a double win bet wouldn't be the worst strategy in the world at double-digit odds.

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