

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Date: 9/7/25

Race 10: Cal-bred \$20K optional-claiming/N1X for fillies & mares going 6.5-furlongs on dirt

Post: approx. post 6:11 p.m. PDT

OVERVIEW

“So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, good-bye!”

But not so fast...we still have two races to close out this online contest, starting with Race 10, a Cal-bred \$20K optional-claiming/N1X contested at 6.5-furlongs on the main track. The nightcap is the second leg, and lucky for you, both races are part of the \$5 Late Double, so you can hear what Ciaran thinks as well by tuning into “Double Trouble Live” at 5:50 p.m./PDT on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/VMGT5JRHZD0?si=gicKVpkFLcwp28bC>.

#1 CLUBHOUSE BRIDE—program scratch.

#2 LADY OF SKY (20/1) seems class-compromised after failing miserably against \$16K foes last time, but she was claimed out of that race by a shrewd claiming trainer, so I have to think he has a plan to improve this 3-year-old filly. That said, even her best races look way too slow, so she’s really going to need a big move forward, and the rail draw does not help. GRADE: X.

#3 DON’T JU FORGET (4/1) was a voided-claim at Oaklawn Park when faltering in a \$35K beaten-claimer as the 7/5 favorite. She’s been off since then, and she now comes back to the West Coast to run for the \$20K tag. Miller knows how to spot them, so the drop doesn’t concern me, and seeing Hernandez show up just adds to the appeal on a horse who has good form against better animals to run back to. GRADE: A.

#4 SUMMER LAKE (8/1), the first Gaines entrant, has won twice at this level already, but both wins were on turf. In fact, she’s never raced on dirt before, so this 6-year-old is entering uncharted territory. The works seem perfectly fine, so it’s possible she’ll be okay on the main track, but I think I want to watch one. GRADE: X.

#5 RIZZLEBERRY ROSE (10/1) shows up off a November layoff for a new barn, and Peter Eurton is terrific with his new charges. She gets Lasix for her 3-year-old debut, so I have to think

she's capable of running faster than the speed figures she posted as a juvenile. Fresu's presence should not be ignored. GRADE: B.

#6 FANCY FACTS (10/1) looked sharp breaking her maiden in a 5-furlong turf sprint a month ago. She set the pace and easily held sway. She now moves to the main track, and I'm not sure she'll be able to carry her speed this far after setting the pace and tiring in her debut on dirt. GRADE: X.

#7 THIRSTY TRICKSTER (12/1) looked good in two claiming races, including her win last time against \$16K types—but those were age-restricted fillies, and now she has to face older foes. The last time she tried this level, she got pasted, so new trainer Hess will have to work wonders to get this gal a win in this spot. GRADE: X.

#8 BUDS N SUDS (15/1) got a good pace set-up and just grinded away to victory against \$10K/N3L conditional-claimers last time going today's distance. She'll be grinding away again today from this outside post, but this is a major class raise, and she just looks too slow on paper. GRADE: X.

#9 RAISING SILVER (12/1), the second Gaines entrant, cuts back after a fifth-place finish at this level going a mile. She might have been a short horse, coming off a freshening, so it's possible that she'll run better today, but this 4-year-old looks a bit on the slow side. I do like that she has tactical speed, so she can sit a good stalking trip; then we'll see if she's good enough. GRADE: X.

#10 DANZINGWITH MAXINE (5/1) gets top honors. She came off a freshening last time and ran a good second at this level, just running out of room in that 6-furlong affair. The extra half-furlong will surely help today. GRADE: A.

#11 MISTY HEART (20/1) hung on for dear life to break her maiden at first asking in a 5.5-furlong main-track affair at Mountaineer. She now shows up in SoCal for new trainer Vann Belvoir, who is capable of doing something with a good horse. Is this a good enough horse in this spot? Her win came back very slow, so I'm fine watching one today. GRADE: X.

#12 CHRISTEL CLEAN (7/2) looked professional breaking her maiden in her first career start a month ago going 6-furlongs on the main track. This is always a tough ask, however, since this 3-year-old filly now has to face winners for the first time. If she moves forward, she'll have every chance, but what if she doesn't at a short price? GRADE: B.

#13 BACK ON TRACK (12/1) is not impossible. She makes the third start of her form cycle as a 4-year-old, and she has some decent foundation to build upon, including a win at this Cal-bred N1X level, hence the \$20K tag. That said, she seems better suited to underneath, since she's a grinder who will keep running on through the lane, looking to pick up the pieces. GRADE: B.

#14 SAND TO SEA (12/1) (AE) gets a 5-pound weight-break while going turf-to-dirt and sprint-to-route while making the third start of her form cycle. She figures to run a peak effort today, but I'm not sure how much improvement we can expect from a 5-year-old mare who hasn't exactly wowed in one-turn events. She can beat me. GRADE: X.

CONCLUSION

My two "A" runners are fairly obvious, so I'm expecting my top pick, **#10 DANZINGWITH MAXINE (5/1)** to be fairly shorter than her 5/1 morning-line, so I'm not sure how that will help you in the contest. I think **#3 DON'T JU FORGET (4/1)** also has a big shot, but I do prefer the former if I'm deciding between the two. I guess if you need a price, you can consider **#5 RIZZLEBERRY ROSE (10/1)**, though she requires a leap of faith based on her very slow juvenile figures. Or **#13 BACK ON TRACK (12/1)**, who will be the beneficiary if the race falls apart.

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Date: 9/7/25

Race 11: \$50K optional-claiming/N1X contested at one mile on the lawn (rails at 0-ft.)

Post: approx. post 6:41 p.m. PDT

OVERVIEW

It's the last race of the summer season, and they sure didn't make things easy for us. Today's second online contest race, Race 11, is a \$50K optional-claiming/N1X contested at one mile on the turf with the rails at zero-feet. It drew an over-subscribed field of evenly matched horses, so there are plenty of places to land. Let's see if we can close things out with a winner (so tune in to "Double Trouble Live" at 5:50 p.m./PDT on YouTube to see if Ciaran and I are alive to this pay-leg at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/VMGT5JRHZD0?si=gicKVpkFLcwp28bC>).

#1 TAKES THREE (6/1) has taken a lot of my money because I'm always expecting him to show up with a breakout race, but it's often too little too late for this guy. That said, he gets to save all the ground from the rail, and he should get a pace to close into, so he'll have every chance to get the job done today if he's good enough. GRADE: B.

#2 FRIENDLY CONFINES (9/2) is a 3-year-old who has raced only three times, so it's hard to get a read on him. He tried to wire fellow sophomores in the Pasadena and got run down by a better horse. His tactical speed means he should be prominent, but that might not be a good thing with an expected fast pace. That said, he gets the best jock in America to ride, and Prat isn't one to get caught up in a speed duel. GRADE: B.

#3 CUBAN CONFUSION (GB) (7/2), the first D'Amato, just missed at this level last time in his first try versus winners after breaking his maiden by a nose two back. Last time, he was right there but couldn't summon the necessary oomph to get the win. He always seems to fire, but he doesn't exactly have the heart of a champion with only one win yet eight placings in 15 starts. He'll be right there again, but he'll need to show more tenacity today. GRADE: B.

#4 BROSKI (IRE) (5/1), the second D'Amato, just wired six other maidens last time as the 3/5 favorite. He's another one who always seems to fire but who also lacks that extra oomph, settling for the minor awards with only one win yet eight placings in 10 career starts. He'll fire, but will it be good enough to beat winners in his first try? GRADE: C.

#5 OUBABE (15/1) was last seen back in October, running fifth at this level at 7/1. That was for Baltas; today, he shows up for Powell, who does well with his new charges. Like his two inside rivals, however, he's another one who seems content to just pick up a check with only two wins yet 13 placings in 20 career starts. GRADE: C.

#6 JIMMY BLUE JEANS (8/1) is a cool old boy who uses his sharp early speed to his advantage—but I'm not so sure that's going to be useful today in a race that should have a quick early pace. Last time, he was 5/1 against \$32K time-restricted claimers, and he couldn't get the W, losing to one of today's foes. If he couldn't win that race, he's going to have a hard time winning this one. GRADE: X.

#7 BIG BET JAFINSAFA (20/1) came off a very long layoff last time and ran a decent fourth at this level and distance at 21/1. Gaines is pretty patient, so I have to think this one will be ready to run even better today. This Cal-bred will need to show he can beat open foes, but he's always had a nice late kick, so if he gets the right pace set-up, he could surprise at a big number. GRADE :B.

#8 UNCLE HAPPY (8/1), the second Powell runner, was just purchased for \$32K after beating a few of these in a time-restricted claimer. He got a perfect stalking trip and edged away to get the win at 5/2. He always seems to show up, but he does like to be up in the mix early, and if the expected fast pace develops, that's going to be a problem. GRADE: C.

#9 IRISH PROPHET (20/1) should not be 20/1 in here. He's been facing much tougher animals, and his come-home times are pretty solid for this easier level. He now makes the third start of his form cycle while cutting back from an 11-furlong affair, so he should be sitting on a big effort. Upset special. GRADE: A.

#10 SPEARFISH (30/1) was claimed for \$25K out of a conditional-claimer, where he did the business as the 7/5 favorite. He cut it close, winning by a dirty nose in a race that wasn't particularly fast. I like that new trainer Javier Sierra protects this one, but that also means his horse will have to run much faster against much better animals. GRADE: X.

#11 THE RABBI (12/1) is a lightly raced 4-year-old who should be sitting on a big effort, making the third start of his form cycle and cutting back a smidge after a fifth-place finish at this level in an 8.5-furlong race. He never really seemed comfortable in that race, stretching out from 5-furlongs to that much longer distance, so I'm expecting him to be more relaxed today with that two-turn run under his belt. He needs a career-best, but that's not impossible with an excellent trainer like Ron Ellis calling the shots. GRADE: A.

#12 DANIEL'S MAGIC (12/1) was no match for a few of these last time in that \$32K/N1Y, where he finished fifth, despite getting a 5-pound weight-break, which he loses today. Dollase goes back to the blinkers today to see if he can get this \$50K claim to run the same monster fig

he ran two back in a 5-furlong turf sprint. I think I'll wait for him to sprint on the main turf course at Santa Anita. GRADE: X.

#13 YACOWLEF (IRE)—program scratch.

#14 SEPTEMBERSIXTYFOUR (6/1) (AE) looked sharp breaking his maiden in a 5-furlong turf sprint, stalking and pouncing to get the measure of five other foes. This is a whole new ballgame, stretching out and facing winners for the first time. A repeat of that last race figure would put him in the frame, but how likely is he to replicate that under these circumstances? I'll watch one. GRADE: X.

CONCLUSION

I think you have to go price-shopping in here, so you can absolutely let the board decide how you want to play it, but I do think **#9 IRISH PROPHET (20/1)** has a big chance in here. I doubt he'll be as high as 20/1, but he should still be a decent price in such a wide-open race where the money is going to be spread amongst several contenders. Also consider **#11 THE RABBI (12/1)**, who should run a career best as a lightly raced 4-year-old in good hands with Ellis.

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