

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 9: \$50K optional-claiming/N1X contested at 5F on turf (rails at 30-ft.)

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OVERVIEW

Closing week ends with a competitive contest race in today's Sunday nightcap, a \$50K optional-claiming/N1X contested at 5-furlongs on the lawn with the rails back out at 30-feet.

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#1 SHADY TIGER (5/1) is a versatile Cal-bred who has run well under several different circumstances. That said, he is coming off an April layoff, and in his one 5-furlong turf try, he was getting to the wire too late, so perhaps this is a prep for something longer next time. GRADE: B.

#2 AFTERNOON NAP (6/1) is a Cal-bred who has struggled the last two times at this open level. Berrios bails, which is a concern. GRADE: X.

#3 PROOF HE RIDES (5/1) ran a mixed bag of races here over the summer while facing tougher N1X types. Last time, he ran a decent second against \$40K claimers, so this former stakes runner is trying to seek his level. His best races are a fit, but can he run back to one of them? GRADE: C.

#4 BALLYVAUGHAN GIF (8/1) won here at 13/1 over the summer when he broke from the rail, made the running, and never looked back in a Cal-bred AOC. It was a very sharp race that earned him a career-best speed-figure. I'm not sure he can replicate it against this better group, however. GRADE: X.

#5 IRISH CORN (6/1) won here last October at this level and distance, so I'm expecting a good race from him after tiring off the bench last time going 6-furlongs. GRADE: A.

#6 FLYOVER (7/2) looks like the one to beat. He weakened after making the running down the hill last time, and his 5-furlong race before that was pretty good. He should also get the right trip in here. GRADE: A.

#7 RE ARMED JON (8/1) has won two in a row, including a sharp win in August, where he wired a field of starter foes. And therein lies the rub: this guy is taking a big step forward today against much better animals—and there is other speed in here. GRADE: X.

#8 TIGERHON (9/2) is a very cool 7-year-old who shows no signs of slowing down. He ran second at this level last time going 6-furlongs at Santa Anita, so he should be ready for a good race today, since he likes this course and distance. Two back, he ran a tough-luck third against N2X types here. That said, I'm concerned about the trip he's going to get. GRADE: B.

CONCLUSION

I think **#6 FLYOVER (7/2)** is definitely the one to beat, but if you want a better price, consider **#5 IRISH CORN (6/1)**, who likes this course and distance.

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