

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 4: \$10K/N3L conditional-claimer contested at 8F on the main track

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OVERVIEW

We kick off the first online contest race of this week with a \$10K/N3L conditional-claimer contested at one mile on the main track. Can't rely too heavily on anyone in here, but the logicals look pretty solid to me (famous last words!).

Reminder: Me, Ciaran, and the DTL Crew will be covering the R7/R8 \$5 Late Double today at 3:05 p.m./PST on "Double Trouble Live." Click [here](#) for today's show—and be sure to like and subscribe!

#1 PRINCE PRANCEALOT (8/1) has been overmatched since joining the Garcia barn, so this seems like the right level for him to show his best stuff, fourth off the bench while dropping to a new low level. The issue is whether or not this career sprinter can handle a stretch out to a mile. He's a bit of a grinder type, so anything is possible, but he will need to step things up today for the W. Wiseguy pick? GRADE: A.

#2 MONGOLIAN MAX (5/2) was claimed for \$16K back in July, and he's been off since—not a good sign, especially when you consider the fact that he's now in for \$10K. Sure, a win and a claim would be nice, but we'll see if this horse is still the same horse who ran a decent third against open \$16K foes here over the summer. If he is, he'll be tough. GRADE: A.

#3 SUPERMAX (12/1) couldn't beat \$6,250/N3L foes at Los Al in June, and that's not a positive. He was 11/1 in his subsequent race, which came over this track and at this level, and he was never involved, which prompted another layoff. He can win without me. GRADE: X.

#4 PETESOLDFASHIONED (3/1), the first Knapp entrant, was 3/1 at this low level last time, and he ran a good second, showing tactical speed and holding place while unable to catch the wire-to-wire winner. That same trip makes him a threat right back. He does look a bit on the slow side, however, so he'll need to run a bit faster for the W—and check out all of those seconds (8) and thirds (3) compared to just two wins in 28 starts. GRADE: A.

#5 RESEMBLANCE (4/1), the second Knapp runner, was 9/2 at this level two back, and he was no match, but I won't be too harsh on him, since that was a sprint race, and his best work has come around two turns. His stalking style should help his cause, but I don't like that he couldn't beat N2L foes last time at Los Al, so he'll need a step up today. He also needs to make up some lengths on his stablemate. GRADE: B.

#6 MALA (15/1) was 12/1 at this level and distance last time, and he was well-beaten. Sherman will now try blinkers, which hasn't been a popular move for him of late. I'm fine watching one from a 3-year-old who needs to run significantly faster to get the win today. GRADE: X.

#7 CRYPTO RIDE (5/1) is hard to get a bead on because his last win came while attending the pace and drawing off to beat \$15K beaten-claimers at Emerald Downs. His recent SoCal try wasn't pretty, but he was facing tougher animals, so I guess we'll see exactly where he fits on this circuit today. He does have some decent SoCal races from 2024 that would make him dangerous in here. GRADE: B.

#8 BLUEGRASS GO GO (10/1) takes off the hood and stretches out after running half a race against much tougher animals last time. Before that, you have to go back to December 2024 to find his last win, a \$15K/N2L victory going 6-furlongs at Emerald Downs. This is a new low price tag for him, but is that enough to get this guy to show his best stuff while trying two turns for the first time? GRADE: C.

CONCLUSION

I don't love anyone in here, though I do think the two favorites—#2 **MONGOLIAN MAX (5/2)** and #4 **PETESOLDFASHIONED (3/1)**—are perfectly fine. A few others figure as well, but of this whole group, #1 **PRINCE PRANCEALOT (8/1)** looks a little sneaky to me, dropping and stretching out.

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