

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 9: \$25K/N2L conditional-claimer for fillies & mares going 8F on turf (rails at 18-ft.)

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OVERVIEW

After a nice score yesterday with top pick Hey Demps at 4/1, we'll try to do it all over again in today's Race 9, a \$25K/N2L conditional-claimer for fillies & mares going one mile on the lawn with the rails at 18-feet. That said, I don't feel as good about this race as I did yesterday, since we are dealing with horses who are all looking for their second win.

Note that this is the pay-leg for all of the late multi-bets, including the low-takeout \$5 Late Double, so be sure to join us for the Sunday edition of "Double Trouble Live" at 3:15 p.m./PST. We are hopping on early because we have a special guest, an OG member of the DTL Crew, so be sure to join us [here](#).

#1 LADY RIDER (8/1) tried turf for the first time last time, and she responded with a career-best, and that usually means that improvement is in the cards, especially for a young 3-year-old filly. Last time, she broke from the rail in a 6.5-furlongs turf sprint, had a tardy beginning, and still finished up well to finish second at 16/1. Cerin has had a quiet year, but he's perked up the last month or so. I think she's in with a shot on the stretch-out today. GRADE: A.

#2 NO OTHER LIKE YOU (3/1) was overmatched last time against stakes-quality animals, but even though she finished last, I think it was a useful race for her. She now makes her third start for O'Neill, who takes off the blinkers for what should be a peak effort. Two back, she was 6/1 at this level, but after setting the pace, she found 9-furlongs too far. I think she's going to run big today. GRADE: A.

#3 SEI BELLA—program scratch.

#4 LADY OF POWER (4/1) has failed twice at this level at 7/1 and nearly 3/1, so she's going to need a big step forward to be in the mix today. That said, she should be fit off that last race going longer, and this is just her second start for Puype, who took her for \$25K two back, so perhaps she can move forward. Still, 4/1 seems a little light. GRADE: C.

#5 EXINGTON (10/1) hasn't done much since coming to SoCal, but she does have a decent fourth against \$30K/N2L conditional-claimers at Ellis Park from over the summer that isn't a bad fit in here. That said, I don't like that she lost against weaker foes the last two times (albeit on dirt), and this 3-year-old also looks a bit slow on paper. I'm not seeing it, but I always say that Pereira boots home more long-shots on this circuit than anyone else, if you're a believer. GRADE: X.

#6 MORGAN'S BLUFF (8/1) makes her first start for Hess after two okay races at this level at Indiana Whatever It's Called These Days. Still, those races came back pretty slow, and her come-home time in that one 8-furlong turf affair was nothing special. Hess can move a horse up, but I think I want to watch one after that recent defeat against cheaper foes. GRADE: X.

#7 LADY LITHESOME (30/1), the first Baker entrant, was 14/1 at this level and distance here over the summer, and she ran to those long odds. Her form since that race is even worse, so I'm having a hard time seeing her in the winner's circle today. GRADE: X.

#8 TRUE PATRIOT (7/2), the second Hess runner, was 5/1 at this level last time in a 6.5-furlong turf sprint where she ran a good third but was DQ'd to twelfth. Two back, she had to break from the 11-hole going a mile against better animals, and while her running line isn't pretty, she still came home respectably for this level. Berrios keeps the faith, and that's enough for me to bet that this gal is ready to show her best stuff today. GRADE: A.

#9 UNION HEIRESS (20/1), the second Baker runner, was 76/1 at this level and distance last time, and she outran those long odds by crossing the wire fifth (with trouble and then being elevated to fourth). That was the best race of her life, so hats off to her. She'll certainly be fit after that race, but I'm not sure she has enough of a forward move in her for the W today, considering the fact that she needed \$12.5K maiden-claimers to graduate two back. GRADE: X.

#10 THEA (8/1) needed to drop down to the \$20K maiden-claimer level in order to graduate, where she wired the field in a one-mile dirt race. Her turf form before that wasn't terrible, but it wasn't good enough to hit the board. This is a decent level for her first try versus winners, but I'm fine watching one. GRADE: X.

#11 SEXZIE (12/1) ran one of the worst races of her career going a mile on turf, so she seems in deep today, especially since she couldn't win last time for Glatt against \$10K animals. Galvin claimed her from that, and I commend his ambition by moving this gal up the class ladder, but she needs to show marked improvement to have a say in the outcome. GRADE: X.

#12 SEVERE CLEAR—program scratch.

CONCLUSION

This is a pretty weak group, so anything can happen, but I do think that **#8 TRUE PATRIOT (7/2)** and **#2 NO OTHER LIKE YOU (3/1)** have big shots as the top-two choices, but this

condition is often unreliable, so I'll take a shot with a better-priced horse: **#1 LADY RIDER (8/1)**.

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