

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 7: Cal-bred \$20K optional-claiming/N1X for fillies & mares going 6.5-furlongs on the main track

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OVERVIEW

It's a bummer that racing was canceled on Friday, but this 9-race Saturday card will begin a three-day race week with bonus Monday racing, so pace yourselves! I have a pretty strong opinion in today's contest Race 7, a Cal-bred \$20K optional-claiming/N1X for fillies and mares going 6.5-furlongs on the main track. The price won't help you much in the online contest, but I think this gal is a pretty good single to build your late multi-race wagers around.

Speaking of multi-race wagers...Ciaran and I aren't doing a show today, but we'll be back to close out the week on both Sunday and Monday for low-takeout \$3 Late Pick 3 action, so LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE to get notifications and set your reminders! Check out "Double Trouble Live" on YouTube [here](#). You'll thank me later!

#1 BUDS N SUDS (12/1), the first Knapp entrant, is very much a "what you see is what you get" kind of gal, so you can expect her to show up and grind away, trying her best to pick up a slice of the pie. Unfortunately, her best is not going to be enough to beat the best in here. Two back, she was 43/1 at this level and distance, and she could only manage sixth. GRADE: X.

#2 NEWPORT DREAMZ (12/1) is a lightly raced 3-year-old who just broke her maiden against Cal-bred \$50K types in pretty slow time. That was her first try with Lasix, so perhaps she can continue to improve, but she needs a big step forward in her first try against winners (and I'm guessing she's going to need a lot lesser to find the winner's circle again). GRADE: X.

#3 TIMEKEEPER'S CHARM (4/1), the second Knapp runner, took a while to break her maiden, but her last three races have been pretty solid, and her tactical speed means she'll get a good forwardly placed trip. She faces winners for the first time, but she's not too far off the best in here if she can take a step forward. That said, I think I'll like her a lot more next time. GRADE: B.

#4 RIZZLEBERRY ROSE (5/1) looks a bit slow on paper, but she's sitting on a peak effort, making the third start of her form cycle and switching from turf to dirt for a trainer who calls on the leading rider to take over today. I can see her getting a nice stalking trip and being right there at the wire (despite the fact that she was 13/1 and 23/1 in her recent races at this level). I don't think she'll beat my top choice today, but she could offer good value in the contest. GRADE: B.

#5 CALIFORNIA ROCKS (12/1) has raced exclusively on turf, so she seems in deep today, switching surfaces after failing to train on going two turns on turf. This has to be a shake-up move or a prep for a longer turf race down the road. GRADE: X.

#6 DON'T JU FORGET (5/2) was 8/1 at this level and distance two back, and she outran those odds to get the W after being pretty far out of it for most of the race, beating the gal I like best today. Granted, she got a wicked-fast pace to close into, so perhaps that run was a bit flattered, especially since she couldn't improve on that in her first start off the claim when Papaprodromou ran her for \$25K and tried her on turf. Obviously, this is the right spot for her, so she should give a good account for herself, but she's a 6-year-old mare who will run her race, while my top pick still has a ton of room for improvement. GRADE: B.

#7 CHRISTEL CLEAN (2/1) was 7/5 at this level last time, but she was never really comfortable while breaking from the inside two-hole, and the best she could manage was second. Before that, she lost a tough one to Don't Ju Forget, but this gal was very wide throughout, and she moved too early into a hot pace—thus getting tagged late. She should make amends today. I think we are looking at 6/5, however. GRADE: A.

#8 DRAW ME (20/1) has been racing shorter distances in the minor leagues, so she seems up against it today. If this 8-year-old mare wins, I'll tip my cap—and then tear up all of my tickets! GRADE: X.

CONCLUSION

I think **#7 CHRISTEL CLEAN (2/1)** is the nuts in here. If you need a little bit of a price among the “B” horses, I'd go with **#4 RIZZLEBERRY ROSE (5/1)**, as she could get overlooked because of her slow speed figs—but then again, J.J. is riding, so there's a world in which she might be overbet!

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