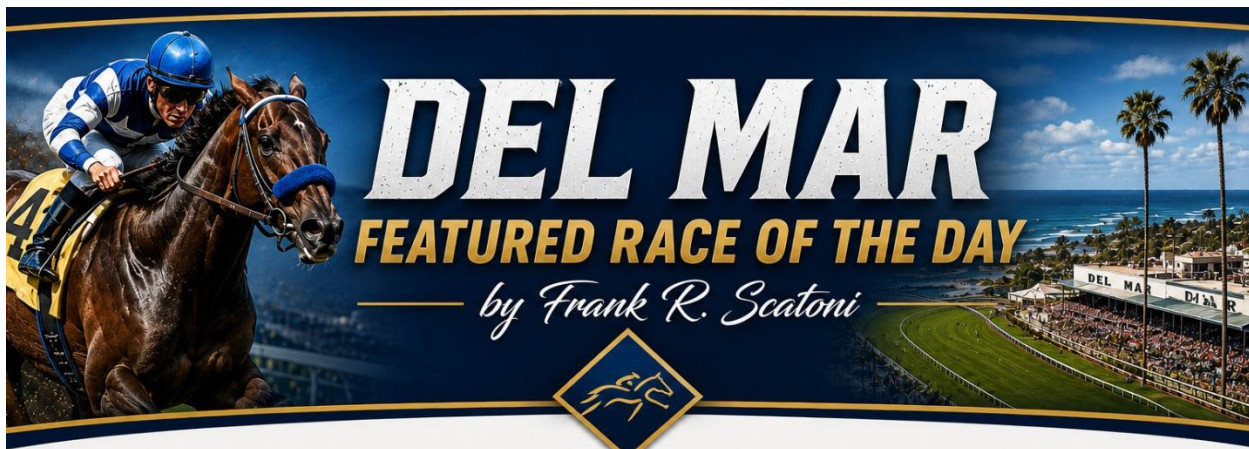




DEL MAR
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Date: 9/5/26

Race 8: \$100K Tranquility Lake for fillies & mares going 8F on the main track

Post: approx. post 5:03 p.m. PDT

OVERVIEW

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Today's online contest race is not part of the usual late low-takeout sequence, but Race 8, the Tranquility Lake for fillies and mares going one mile on the main track, is the start of the Late Pick 4 for those who want to get involved in a multi-race wager.

We've got a full field of ladies assembled for this contentious race—and the quality of the field (due to the restricted stakes condition) is impressive.

#1 SO THERE SHE WAS (12/1) faced some tough cookies the past year, but after romping in the Remington Park Oaks, she went off form—and after three subsequent races, she hit the shelf back in January. She now returns off the layoff in a tough race where she'll likely have to go hard from the rail, and there are faster ladies in here. Maybe next time? GRADE: C.

#2 **MAGNIFICAT (7/2)** has done good work around one turn, winning a listed stakes race and finishing second in a Grade 2. She showed that she could win from any spot and with any pace, so that versatility will certainly come in handy today. There's no denying her quality, but she's coming off a July layoff while trying two turns for the first time. That always worries me when a horse is trying something for the first time against proven runners, but it looks like Mandella has been prepping her for this challenge with a bunch of stamina works before that old-school 3-furlong blowout. Plus, top jock Rosario takes the call. GRADE: A.

#3 MI CONFESION (8/1) (ARG) looked like a contender on paper last time, but once she didn't get the lead, she lost the plot and finished eighth of nine in an upper-level allowance against some really good turf horses. Yes, I said turf! She does have dirt form from her South American days, but she's been exclusively on turf since coming to America. Michael McCarthy isn't one to throw his horses to the wolves, so he must think she can handle the dirt, but I'm having a hard time seeing this gal wire them. Also note that Jaramillo (who won with her three back and rode the last two times as well) bails. GRADE: X.

#4 CATALINA COCKTAIL (20/1) looks overmatched on paper, but here is something to consider. Sadler had her entered in a \$32K claimer on September 3, but she was scratched out of that race and now shows up here against some quality ladies. Either she's doing incredibly well, or this is a placeholder for an easier spot next time. I just can't see it. GRADE: X.

#5 SURF SONG (15/1), to me, is a nice turf allowance horse who is capable of picking up plenty of checks in that division. I've never considered her a dirt horse, and that's because she's 0-for-4 on the main track. She is coming off a June layoff, so perhaps this is also a public workout for a turf race down the road. Plus, Powell is inexplicably cold, and this jock is very tough to bet with any confidence (so I probably just willed them both into the winner's circle!). GRADE: X.

#6 **HOWIN (5/2)** is obvious: Baffert, J.J., graded-stakes experience, and a win over the track. That said, she is coming off a long layoff, and she's a gal who likes to be in the vanguard early, so there's a world in which she's too keen and the other early/presser types make her

uncomfortable. Then again, there's a world in which her last sizzling bullet work means she's going to win by a pole! GRADE: A.

#7 OUR MOONLIGHT (12/1) has consistently hinted at ability, but she has yet to come through with a “wow” performance—and I should know because I've been betting on that to happen for several races now! She finally won an N1X after so many “just okay” efforts where she ran well but wasn't quite good enough—but that win came at Los Al, where the competition isn't nearly as tough. Based on paper, she doesn't seem good enough, but if I bet her before at short prices, I have to bet her as a bomb today, especially since she's never raced on this track before, and she has a tracking, grinding style that might get flattered if the track is tilted that way. Once more unto the breach! GRADE: A.

#8 AMORITA (4/1), the second Mandella, is coming off a sharp win in the Daisycutter, a 5-furlong turf race, which plays nothing like today's one-mile main-track affair. But if I'm giving the other Mandella a shot to excel at something new, should I give this gal a pass as well? Back when she was routing on turf, she showed a lot of speed, so I'm guessing she'll be prominent early in here, especially after exiting that short sprint. It's hard to ignore her class (graded-stakes proven) and all her bullets on the Del Mar dirt, but she has something to really prove today. GRADE: B.

#9 ROSIE JEEKS (15/1) is another turf specialist trying dirt for the first time, and that's a major concern for me. Her first trainer, Chad Brown, never ran her on turf, nor has her current trainer, Neil Drysdale. Two of the best to ever do it never once raced her on dirt. GRADE: X.

#10 LAVENDER LOVE (8/1) has plenty of speed and an aggressive jock, so you can expect her to gun hard and angle over to make the pace. And I can't see her wiring this group. GRADE: X.

CONCLUSION

#6 HOWIN (5/2) probably wins for fun because that's just how Baffert rolls. But she's not invulnerable. **#2 MAGNIFICAT (7/2)** has a whiff of class and the top jock in the colony, but she has questions to answer. If something crazy happens, I hope it's my gal **#7 OUR MOONLIGHT (12/1)**. She owes me a lot of money, but she can pay me back and then some in one fell swoop if she pops at a price in here. If not, I may be filing divorce papers soon!

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