

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#6 HIDE MY HEART looks like the one to beat in this event. She finished second in her most recent start against similar company going a bit further than she will today. It was the only time she has raced for a claiming price in her career. She has good early speed.

#4 L X SUNRISE has finished second ten times throughout her career with just one win. This will mark her first race in a main track sprint since recording that lone victory. She seems to fit better in this spot than her last two and races without blinkers today.

#2 ILL TELL YOU WHAT should be finishing well from just behind the early leaders. She tossed in a clunker last out but showed in prior races this summer than she can act with this bunch. She had a second vs. similar two back and her rider won aboard her.

RACE TWO

#4 JAN'S SPIRIT is spotted for action. The speedy filly seems plenty good enough to win a race at this level of competition. She has been first or second in all three main track sprints in her brief career and drops in claiming price again today.

#2 HAAAY SEXY LADY should be a factor in here. She is one of the multiple winners in this field of straight three-year-olds and has defeated older horses as well. She debuts for another excellent trainer off the claim today and picks up a leading rider.

#1 PRETTYPRECIOUSHEIR seems to want the early lead and adds more fuel to the fire. She figures to be part of a lively pace scenario while facing winners for only the second time. She was the beaten favorite when third in her last start against similar.

RACE THREE

#6 VISIBILITY might just be the best horse in the race. The five-year-old did not make it to the races until this year but has now finished second or third in six starts on the main track. Two of those were around two turns. This barn sent out a winner here on Friday.

#7 WOODY'S FOLLY returns to this circuit after having shipped north and finished second in a two-turn race on a synthetic surface in his last start. It was a step in the right direction for a horse that showed little in previous races and may now be ready to win.

#3 L'S CHOICE should do better in this spot today. He has been well beaten in all three starts against maiden special weights but will find these rivals easier. The presence of a top rider is positive. He also seems to enjoy success in tandem with this particular barn.

RACE FOUR

#10 NEWFOUND GOLD is a reliable older pro. He did not race between October and June of this year but returned to the wars with a win and second in two starts this year at age eight. His lifetime record shows how consistent he is as well. Gotta like this guy.

#6 RUSH IN can perk up in this spot. He has finished in the exacta in half of his lifetime starts with seven victories. Today he will cut back to a sprint and remove blinkers following a dull effort on a wet track. The drop in class should also make him tough.

#4 BRANDO THE BIRDMAN is good enough to win. His pattern of dropping down the claiming ranks following claims that have been voided by the vet is a concern. His trainer however knows how to manage horses like this and has freshened him since May.

RACE FIVE

#8 RARE CANDY looks like a serious candidate for the win. He finished a solid second with good late energy in his one and only start in New York this June. He now ships into California and stretches out over a longer distance. His sire won the Del Mar Derby here.

#7 MIDVALE MAGIC is likely to improve a bunch off his one and only start. He was bet down to favoritism that day in a race for California-breds and showed little. He is related to some turf winners and may take to the green. His rider has been winning races.

#3 RIDEO is a son of Pacific Classic winner Candy Ride and makes his debut today. He was bred by his owners and could be ready to win first out based on his lengthy and steady worktab. His Hall of Fame trainer looks to a leading young rider first out.

RACE SIX

#5 MASOCHISTIC is developing into a top-class sprinter. He will be heavily favored to win this important stakes race based on the strength of his most recent wins. There may not be a horse in the race who can hold him off and he continues to train fast as well.

#2 DISCTINCTIV PASSION is one of the fastest horses around for the opening quarter mile. It is not easy to beat him to the front and typically no one does. He has won eight races in his career and his strategy is no secret. Four of his wins have come on dirt.

#1 KOBE'S BACK is the late threat from behind. He may prefer a slightly longer sprint distance but has been effective as a closing sprinter in stakes races since early in his career. He was in awfully tough last time but should be able to make an impact in here.

RACE SEVEN

#7 TIZ A TOMMY TOWN ran a winning race in defeat in her one and only start. She finished second in a fast heat while well clear of the third-place finisher. The same rider is named back on today and the promising firsters in this group have her to beat.

#1 SONGBIRD is unveiled today with a license to be a good one. She cost a pretty penny and has an excellent pedigree to do well early in her career. The rail post position is not typically preferred for a first-time starter. Her trainer has two good shots in here.

#4 COVER SONG is worth a look at first asking. Her mother made over a million in purses racing in Europe as a Group I winner and she too was a pricey purchase. Her trainer can win first out without bullet workouts and her rider has led the early standings.

RACE EIGHT

#9 G.G. RYDER could be tough in this race restricted to horses bred in California. He has an excellent strike rate on the win end and won two graded stakes races up north just this spring. One of those came on the turf. This barn came to Del Mar loaded with stock.

#3 ROCK ME BABY won this race last year. He returned from an eight-month absence in his last start to win a short turf sprint with a late surge. It proved he still has it and could have been the perfect tune up for a repeat in this event. He is a tough racehorse.

#8 AWESOME RETURN fits in this league and helps make this race competitive. He won a restricted stakes race over this turf course last fall and has been second in his last three consecutive starts. He figures to be right there and can win with a top effort.

RACE NINE

#6 ROSICKY has never run a bad race. He was third as the beaten favorite in his most recent outing after finishing second in his first three races. Today he will cut back to a sprint and remove blinkers as they try to determine what he does best. This may be it.

#2 ALAMO seems overdue to win. The well-bred four-year-old gelding has been second in his last two starts and in the money in five of seven lifetime. He has tried it all from dirt to turf, from long to short, and from pushing the pace to coming from behind.

#8 POWER OF HOPE makes his debut with a right to be a runner. One of his older siblings was a good young horse as was his multiple stakes-winning dam. One particular morning workout of his was sharp to enough to indicate he could be ready first out.

RACE TEN

#6 Q'VIVA is one of many contenders in a wide-open affair. She has been a consistently solid performer in hillside turf sprints but may be able to threaten these around two turns. Her excellent rider knows her well and she seems very likely to finish in the money.

#12 WONDERFUL LIE did not get one in terms of her post position in this event. It can leave a horse a little further down the fairway than they would prefer to be. She had a right to get tired in her last race following a layoff but may be more fit today.

#8 TEMEEKU broke her maiden here last fall and has not run since. Her chances to do well in here are based primarily on whether or not she needs this race. She probably has the raw ability needed to keep up with these and has a Hall of Fame rider on her back.