

# Del Mar Bottom Line

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## RACE ONE

**#1 HE WILL** seems likely to do well in this competitive heat. His morning workouts have been very sharp since his last race. He goes first out today for one of the top barns the first two weeks here at Del Mar and lands the leading rider. He comes from behind.

**#7 OIL** is the one to fear most. He has finished second as the beaten favorite in both of his last two starts since winning by eight lengths. His early speed should make him dangerous in this field. He also drew a good post for another of the leading trainers.

**#5 BOOMPA** might be set for a big effort. He was coming off the bench last out when third against a tougher group in his first start for his current trainer, who enters two. His participation in that claiming event made him eligible to the conditions of this race.

## RACE TWO

**#3 WORLDWIDE** has much going for him as he races for the second time today. He finished a useful third after a slow start in his debut for a trainer who wins more often second out. Four of the other six runners in that field came right back to win next out.

**#7 WHERE WAS EDDIE** could be the one to catch under a hot rider. He led the way down the hillside turf course and lost by only a neck in his one and only start. That race was restricted to horses bred in California. He has six winning siblings in his family.

**#2 LOVE MY BUD** kicks off his racing career today at age four. He is a full brother to a stakes winner here on this circuit. He does have some quick morning workouts in prep for this and the presence of this jockey is a positive sign. Watch the tote board for action.

### **RACE THREE**

**#2 JIMMY BOUNCER** is undefeated in three starts last fall. He has not raced in about nine months. This will be his first start on the turf course. Progeny of his sire win their fair share of races on turf. He seems handy enough to do well at this short distance.

**#1 SERBIAN SYCLONE** is very fast. He seeks his first turf win but finished third in a stakes race at this same turf distance in Northern California in his last start. He turned in a quick workout over this course here last week to put him on his toes for a top trainer.

**#3 WELL MAYBE** has won two of four starts and been freshened since his last race in April when he ran poorly. The same talented rider aboard for his two wins is named back on today. He tries turf for the first time and also brings some zip to the table.

### **RACE FOUR**

**#6 RICH GIRL** ran like she'd gone too far in a turf route last time but it doesn't matter anyway because she is back in a main track sprint today. She also drops in class to face claimers like she did when she ran third two starts back. Her rider is one of the best.

**#3 TEQUILA MARY** finished second in her only start up north over a synthetic track. We have seen numerous horses ship down and run big over this dirt track following such a pattern. She also fought the jockey early in that race and is likely to improve today.

**#11 WISH I UNDERSTOOD** was put on the also-eligible list at the time of entries but has a big look if she starts. She finished second in a maiden claiming race here just six days ago and figures to use her speed from the outside to make her presence felt here.

### **RACE FIVE**

**#7 WARM ENDOWMENT** should run well as she stretches out on the turf today. Her breeding suggests she will relish the assignment and she finished a good second in her only start in a main track sprint. Her rider knows the way to victory on the turf course.

**#3 LAND OVER SEA** was also second in her debut and, like the top selection, drew the rail on that occasion. She too is related to a capable turf runner and has a right to do well in a turf route like this one. The same rider is back aboard today and having a good meet.

**#5 GOOD LOOKING** has two main track sprints under her belt and showed less than the top two selections did. She still has perhaps as much right to improve today in this element. Her pedigree, rider and one-paced running style are among those reasons.

## RACE SIX

**#3 BONUS SPIN** might be too talented for this group. Her first two starts including an impressive win were her best and she should fire fresh having been on the shelf all year. This barn started winning right away down here and seems to be clicking this season.

**#8 ANITA MARIE** is a bit of a pro in this context with five wins and seconds to show from nineteen lifetime starts. All of that success came in claiming races and she has not raced in quite a long time. Her presence in a race at this level could be taken positively.

**#1 LUCKY STUDENT** usually goes right to the front. She is entered for the optional claiming price in this race because she has already succeeded the allowance conditions to be in this event. Many such optional-claiming runners are therefore tough at the level.

## RACE SEVEN

**#5 LOOKIN FOR MONEY** looks like one of the strongest in this field. She disappointed as the heavy choice in her most recent race. A change in tactics could be forthcoming as she was up close early in her last two but has won from off the pace.

**#8 BELLE ET BETE** is the only multiple turf winner in this group. The Irish-bred import won both of those races in her native country as a two-year-old filly going shorter than today's one-mile distance. The drop into claiming ranks should make her tough.

**#2 SOUND CITY** finished second against a similar group last out at this same turf distance. That was the first time she was ridden by the jockey aboard today. It may be important to save ground with the turf rails out and she does have speed to get position.

## RACE EIGHT

**#1 SHAKAHARI** should be tough in this spot. He finished third behind two tough professionals last time and faces an easier field of restricted claiming horses today. He has finished out of the money only once this year and has dangerous early speed.

**#9 NO EZ MONEY** has been lightly raced for a six-year-old and not been seen in action since last fall. He has the ability to do well at this level and lands one of the hot young riders this season. He seems to be best on dirt when looking at his past performances.

**#10 JIMMY'S DATE** returns to Del Mar from the Southwest for strong connections. He raced here three times over the historic Polytrack last summer and finished first, second and third in those events. He has done at least as well racing on dirt throughout his career.