

# Del Mar Bottom Line

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## RACE ONE

**#4 ALWAYS A CHANCE** was an easy winner here on Opening Day. She got claimed out of that race by her current connections and now shoots for back-to-back wins while stepping up one rung on the class ladder. This barn is enjoying a solid season down here.

**#6 TWO STEP FLOR** may be the quickest in the field and therefore the one to catch. She finished second behind the top pick in this race in their last start and also debuts for a new barn today following a claim that afternoon. She lands a leading rider here as well.

**#3 AVICII** may wake up for this barn at this level while in from out-of-state. She has run some races in her career that would put her in contention with this group. Her successful trainer has strong stats with both fresh runners and ones new to his barn first time out.

## RACE TWO

**#3 SCARLET EMERALD** is eligible to improve a bunch off her first and only start. She caught both a sloppy track and a future star that day and rushed up to show some speed after breaking poorly from the rail. Her trainer wins with plenty of second-time starters.

**#4 AMARE** has a right to be live at first asking. She is bred to win early as two of her three winning siblings won at age two and her dam did as well. One of her workouts over this track was pretty quick and her hustling rider is having a good summer so far.

**#1 MITZI WINKS** also has a few things going for her as she makes her racing debut today. The rail post position is not one of them. She is the daughter of a young sire whose juveniles are winning at a high rate first out and is related to a stakes-winning stallion.

### **RACE THREE**

**#2 CORNBREAD RED** races on turf for the first time today and is bred to like the surface. He won his second start last fall here at Del Mar and another in December but has not raced since. Two of the horses he defeated in his last race came right back to win.

**#1 TRIBALIST** has been away from racing action for over a year. He broke his maiden here over the historic Polytrack surface when last seen. He too should do well on turf and was second in his only other try on grass. He has speed to make use of his post position.

**#4 KNOW PLANS** is the late threat to try and mow these down from off the pace. His trainer entered two horses in this race with the other being the top selection. It looks like this abbreviated sprint distance could be a bit short for him but the barn sure is clicking.

### **RACE FOUR**

**#7 CHASING THE HEAT** is one fast gelding. He has been holding his own against Quarter Horses in the Southwest region lately and crushed a field of allowance horses out there the last time he faced only Thoroughbreds. He seems spotted for action today.

**#8 JET WARRIOR** has his issues but lack of talent is not one of them. The five-year-old has raced only three times in his career and won two of those while second in the other. He returns at a lower claiming level today for a trainer good with this kind.

**#4 THE CLEANERS** goes for three wins in a row today. He is dropping two levels in class following his most recent win when claimed by his current connections. He has finished in the exacta in exactly half of his lifetime starts and has good early speed.

### **RACE FIVE**

**#7 ADMIRAL JAXON** could be a valuable price play. He was strongly backed at the windows before his last race when he was declared a non-starter through absolutely no fault of his own. He moves to the turf today for a hot barn. His dam was a turf winner.

**#3 NAKAMOTO** seems ready to win any time, perhaps today. He has now been second or third seven times in a nine-race career including his last four straight races. He seems to have the tactical speed to get out towards the front early and should be in the hunt.

**#1 ALLTHELEAVESRBROWN** has not raced since last summer. He finished second or third in all three starts last year near Chicago including his first and only try in a two-turn turf event like this one. He may well have been Dreamin' of coming to California.

## RACE SIX

**#8 BRIANA JEAN** might be the right horse in this event. She has finished second in both of her last two starts for a claiming price after a fourth-place debut effort. She has the benefit of a good race over the track. Her rider has gotten to know her as well.

**#4 PRINCESS KENDRA** should do well in this spot. She showed enough ability in her first two starts when third against non-sellers to warrant serious consideration in this claiming event. The same excellent young rider sticks with her. There isn't much to beat.

**#6 ATLANTIC SLEW** could be better than her one and only start suggests. The winner of that race returned to win a stakes race here last week in her next out. Her trainer wins with plenty horses dropping into maiden claiming races for the first time like this one.

## RACE SEVEN

**#2 INDECISE** looks like the one to beat. The six-year-old mare has been conservatively campaigned and makes her third start this year. She may be set to show her best for a Hall of Fame trainer. She missed by only a neck in a productive graded stakes last out.

**#4 ISTANFORD** gets back on her preferred surface today and should bounce back with a big effort. Her early speed could make her very dangerous in this event given her ability to shake loose on the lead. This is a short field without much other speed signed on.

**#5 FAMOUS ALICE** has always shown a touch of class in her racing career. She has finished in the top two in half of her twelve lifetime starts while competing exclusively on the turf. She won two starts back in a manner strong enough to give her a shot in here.

## RACE EIGHT

**#3 JENS DE VILLE** seems good enough to put in a solid late bid for the win against this group. He came from out of the pack to finish third in his first start at this level last out. He got claimed that day by an excellent barn that wins often with horses in this category.

**#5 MILTEE** raced on the main track for the first time last out and finished a good second while clear of the third-place finisher and subsequent top selection in this event. He too debuts for a new outfit following a claim. He picks up another leading rider today.

**#6 OUT OF MISCHIEF** could do well in this spot. He has never participated in a main track route before and sprints evenly like a horse that might be better over a longer distance like this. He may also be fully fit now as he makes his third start off a layoff.