

# Del Mar Bottom Line

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## RACE ONE

**#6 JADE WITH ENVY** should be tough as she drops back into the claiming ranks today. Though she is unplaced in two starts over this course, she had faced tougher than these and has one of the stronger overall turf records in this field. Her barn is doing well.

**#1 THUNDERING GALE** ships west in search of three straight wins. She was claimed out of her last race by her current connections who promptly try to cash in on the popular Ship and Win program at Del Mar for out-of-state runners. She owns five turf wins.

**#7 REDRESSTHEBALANCE** has a shot in here with one of her better efforts. She has won four times on the turf throughout her career including her most recent one in Arizona and another out here on this circuit. Her jockey is enjoying a successful summer.

## RACE TWO

**#1 CHASING KINGS** is by a sire excellent with first-time starters. He cost nearly a million dollars as a Keeneland September yearling and did not race at two. He lands the rail for his debut today but posted a sharp recent workout to cap off his preps for this.

**#3 NEW SUMMIT** has the benefit of three races under his belt but has been on the shelf since January. He finished third when last seen in a race that produced two next-out winners including a stakes winner in Arizona. He has never run a bad race before.

**#4 HOMER MATT** is worth considering. He did not do so well in his comeback race over the turf but could easily bounce with a sharper effort back on the main track today. He finished third in productive stakes company last year in his first and only dirt start.

### **RACE THREE**

**#2 BEN'S DUCHESS** was up for third last out in her first turf try but has done even better on the main track. Her win two starts back by a wide margin was impressive. She may be too fast for this group back in a dirt race this afternoon for a winning stable.

**#4 DR. FAGER'S GAL** is fresh off a decisive win over this track here opening weekend. She has won two of five lifetime starts and shown the ability to stalk and pounce from just off the leaders. Her trainer came to Del Mar loaded with live runners.

**#6 UNFORGETTABLE U** may perk up first out for her new trainer today. The fact that her best race was her very first one offers hope that she may fire fresh this afternoon. Her rider has won aboard her before and knows that she is versatile in her running style.

### **RACE FOUR**

**#1 UNUSUAL TASTE** likes it here at Del Mar. He won a turf race during last fall's inaugural Bing Crosby season and won again at hefty odds here in his last start about two weeks ago. He seems talented enough to do well in this competitive claiming event.

**#7 ATOMIC RULE** knows how to win races and is in sharp form. He ships down south from Northern California where he has won three of his last four including a turf event. He may not be outclassed against this group for a barn due for some luck down here.

**#2 CHINA PRINCE** takes an important class drop. This is an easier field than the ones he has been meeting for quite some time and his recent performances indicate he should appreciate that. His rider is one of the best in turf races and has won on him before.

### **RACE FIVE**

**#11 CARLOS DANGEROUS** may or may not get the chance to race today because he was placed on the also eligible list at the time of entries. He cannot be ignored because he is likely to be the favorite if he gets in. He was a tad unlucky when second here last out.

**#6 TRIBAL ROAR** is likely to improve off his one and only start so far. He fought against the rider early in the race before dropping back in the stretch. Today he faces maiden claimers while picking up a rider who's really on his game of late. Expect better.

**#2 COUNTERPLAY** showed a lot of improvement when he raced in blinkers while listed as a gelding for the first time last out. He was also ridden by the same jockey aboard today and was much quicker early in that race. He may be coming around.

## RACE SIX

**#1 MAJESTIC HEAT** was unlucky not to have won his last race here when second after a troubled trip. The traffic he encountered and having to steady were enough to cost him the win in an eventual photo finish. Today he has one of the best turf riders on his back.

**#5 MISS GIFTED** was visually impressive winning her only start. She was dead last entering the stretch and blew by the field with energy to spare. She was claimed that day by her current connections and can make them look smart with a big effort today.

**#6 CAUSEWAY CAROLYN** is worth a close look in the paddock. She became very nervous and had to be scratched from a race here earlier in the meet. She seems headed the right direction in her races with an improving pattern if she can keep her composure.

## RACE SEVEN

**#4 DREAMY ART** ran very well in her debut here on a sloppy track when second at decent odds. The winner of that race won like a future stakes horse and could be any kind. This filly was well clear of the others and could be tough to beat off that showing.

**#9 TREASURING** should find the extra distance of today's race to her liking. She ran on for distant show money after a spot of trouble in her debut. The winner of that race also won like a potential star with a bright future. Her full sister is a Grade I winner.

**#3 ALBEIT** exits the same race as the top selection. She didn't show nearly as much that day but seems to have plenty of room to improve. She cost some money at the sale earlier in the year and retains the same top rider for red hot connections. Don't ignore her today.

## RACE EIGHT

**#3 OM** should do well in this stakes race for three-year-olds which can serve as a prep for the Del Mar Derby on turf later this season. By far his best two races were his win on Polytrack here last summer, ahead of American Pharaoh, and a big win on turf two back.

**#9 PROSPECT PARK** was considered a Kentucky Derby hopeful earlier this year. He has finished second in his last two starts on dirt in graded stakes company like this. He will race over the turf for the first time today after two local workouts over the grass.

**#2 HERO TEN ALL** exits a productive race where the winner returned to capture the Oceanside Stakes here Opening Day. He doesn't possess much tactical speed but usually puts in some kind of late bid. It has been a big season here for both his jockey and trainer.

## **RACE NINE**

**#9 IT'S AINE** does not appear to have much to beat in this field. She is good enough to win at this bottom level of competition if she runs her race. Five of her six lifetime wins have come on dirt racetracks. Her lifetime record at Del Mar therefore is not important.

**#4 PEPPY BOLLY** should also be tough in a race at this level and also runs best on the main track. She has developed a habit of leaving the gate a bit slowly. She drops several levels in class today and should be respected for that reason alone. She fits in here.

**#7 BEST IN CLASS** cuts back in distance from a route to a sprint today. She has won going short before and finished a decent second after leading into deep stretch just two starts back in a one-turn event under the same rider aboard today. The barn is doing well.