

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#2 IKE WALKER will be tough to beat today if he duplicates his last race. He perked up with a strong second going a mile here last out while facing older horses. This race is limited to three-year-olds. The same top rider follows this mount off the claim today.

#3 DOYOUKNOWSOMETHING also finished a good second in his last race over this track. While it was not restricted to his own age group, it was restricted to non-winners of two races lifetime. He too was claimed that afternoon and today lands the leading rider.

#4 PAPA KADE takes a significant drop in class this afternoon for one of this summer's leading trainers. He also switches back to the main track and has won on dirt before. His three lifetime wins top the others in this field and the same capable rider sticks with him.

RACE TWO

#3 TREASURING is likely to improve off her first race over today's longer distance. She had a bit of trouble in that event before finishing a distant third behind a very impressive runaway winner. All five of her siblings have won including a Grade I winner.

#6 SHAKTI was the mild favorite in her first and only race to date but finished sixth with a wide journey. She ran like the kind of horse that might improve today going around two turns. It is likely that she has more talent than her one showing indicates.

#7 JADE PRINCESS was bumped at the start of her debut here a few weeks ago and finished fifth as the favorite. She too fits the profile of a horse that is probably better than shown and will likely be better going a route of ground like she will here in this spot.

RACE THREE

#1 SINFULLY lost much chance at the beginning of his last race when he hesitated in a slow start and never got involved. He had been second or third in five of six previous starts this year. Today he drops in class for a winning stable but is unproven on fast dirt.

#3 CITY STATE is in good form and has early speed. That could make him dangerous at today's one-mile distance. He moves back to the main track today following a good third-place effort in a turf race last out and retains the same rider following a claim.

#6 ANTINANCO is taking a hidden drop in class. He is actually facing an easier field today while going up in claiming price. That is because this race is restricted to non-winners of three races lifetime while his last was not. He ran second against that group.

RACE FOUR

#4 MARK OF A GEM is eligible to bounce back with a good effort. She ran in a stakes race here over this layout a few weeks ago and faltered in the stretch but has won over this distance before. She had trained strongly going into that race and now faces claimers.

#6 PEARL DE VERE never picked up her feet in a dull showing last out but is capable of better. She can do well in this event if she produces one of her more genuine efforts. She hits the board more often than she wins but lands the leading rider and fits with these.

#7 SWEET PROFIT has run well in both of her starts this meet. She was claimed out of a main track win two starts back by her current connections and came back to finish a competitive third over this layout against tougher allowance horses under the same rider.

RACE FIVE

#7 HANK THE TANK has a few things going for him as he kicks off his racing career today. The Florida-bred is by a hot sire with juvenile firsters while both his dam and an older sibling were two-year-old winners. An outside post and capable trainer add appeal.

#4 I'M NOT BULLISH has recorded some morning workouts good enough to warrant respect in his racing debut today. One of his three winning siblings was a multiple stakes winner at two. The presence of a leading rider is a good sign, especially for this barn.

#2 JIMMY THE JUICE could easily be tough first time out today. His sire gets a healthy number of winners from two-year-old first-time starters. One of his three winning siblings was a two-year-old winner while his dam was a stakes winner. Watch the board.

RACE SIX

#2 KYANKES is one of three runners all exiting a productive heat last out that produced two next-out winners at the meet. She took the lead into the stretch of that race before finishing third while ahead of both those return winners and claimed by a winning barn.

#9 HOUSEMAKER finished second in her last start while nosing out the top selection in this race and defeating two next-out winners. The main concern today is whether or not the outside post position will cost her valuable ground in a race with the rails so far out.

#3 BACKSTREET LISA dropped out to finish last in her most recent race. She tries to put that behind her today as she races first off the claim for her current trainer and faces a similar group. She may be the type that needs to make the lead and set the pace to win.

RACE SEVEN

#8 ALL RUN might be sitting on a smasher. He has been transferred to a different trainer since his last race here a few weeks ago and switches both from turf to dirt and route to sprint. His trainer is high-percentage in each of those categories and having a solid meet.

#4 SWISS CHEESE was a little late to debut but won his only start like a horse with no major holes. He got claimed out of that race here two weeks ago and won rather easily. It does not appear that this assignment is too salty for him to come and repeat right back.

#9 GOLD TREASURE is an interesting price to consider. His leading trainer is known for doing many things well but striking with private purchases from out-of-state is certainly one of them. He is listed as a gelding for the first time. Do not ignore him.

RACE EIGHT

#2 MOOSE SKOWRON is a complete guess in a race that seems up for grabs. This first-time starter is a homebred with five siblings that have all won including a two-year-old. A couple of his workouts look strong enough to make him a live shot in here.

#5 RICKLES finished second in a solid effort here last out while safely clear of the third-place finisher. That performance was the best of those in this field who have started before. He may be able to parlay that into a win this time under the same capable rider.

#7 BUSSJAEGER could improve off his career debut here about two weeks ago. This barn has won with a few maiden second-time starters of late that may or may not have run well first out. He did show speed and push the pace briefly against tougher that day.

