

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#2 SUGAR SPICE might just be too quick for this group at this distance. She usually goes right to the front and has won three of four starts here at Del Mar while second in the other. Her trainer has done well with her before and claimed her back last time out.

#7 WILD STREET PARTY is unbeaten in just two starts. She has not been managed ambitiously and could fit well in this spot based on the relative strength of her two wins. She has speed to get into the race early and retains the same rider. She should run well.

#3 LUST FOR LIFE comes from behind and can win this with one of her better efforts. She rallied to finish second in a race at this same level last out and has run well at Del Mar before. She does finish second or third more often than she wins but has a shot.

RACE TWO

#2 IRON FIST will be heavily favored to win this event. He is fresh off a strong second to one of the nation's best three-year-olds in a graded stakes race on the road last out. He adds blinkers today and has beaten older horses twice before. His rider knows him well.

#6 SAMMY MANDEVILLE looks like the second choice. He has run with some of the best this year and done well on several occasions. His jockey is certainly top notch and he has a stablemate in the race to insure an honest pace. That will help his closing style.

#3 SOLID WAGER has what it takes to be tough in here. He has won more races than any other in this group including one at this same class level in his last start. That win did come at another venue and he has never won here before. He comes from off the pace.

RACE THREE

#7 COWBOY has a chance to rebound and win at a decent price. He finished fourth in a very similar race here in August before facing open company in a race best ignored. The fact that his capable rider sticks with him is a plus today back at the state-bred level.

#1 AT EASE should run better today back on the grass. He was favored in a race originally scheduled for turf last out but faltered after a slow start. His third-place finish two starts back at this same level on turf was as good as we've seen from any of these.

#3 HEAT has enough ability to do well in this spot. A couple of his races have been solid down the hillside turf course. His most recent one resulted in a second-place finish via disqualification while facing open company. He hails from a productive winning family.

RACE FOUR

#7 ALL IN THE PROOF looks like a live one racing for the first time. Her excellent trainer sends out many debut winners and the outside post is usually a plus in this context. The presence of the leading rider stamps her as one to respect in this event.

#1 COPPA has a right to come out running. She is bred to win early in her career and related to seven winners including a stakes winner. Her human connections are solid and some of her morning workouts have been snappy. Landing the rail is the main drawback.

#4 ANDIAMO makes her racing debut for the same top trainer as the top selection. She is a full sister to a multiple stakes winner here in California. She cost a pretty penny at auction last fall and also sports good morning workout activity. The tote may offer clues.

RACE FIVE

#8 PEPNIC is one of many horses capable of winning this competitive race. He won strongly in his only start over this short distance here this summer against similar foes. He has always been a real turf pro and represents a barn that won two here on Thursday.

#5 CHIPS ALL IN drops out of stakes company and would be no surprise despite the fact he has been winless a long time. He too has done some real damage in turf sprints throughout his career and has run some winning races in defeat this year. Count him in.

#6 MR. SEXY ran the race of his life winning over this layout last summer at a huge price. He can win this if he reproduces that kind of performance today. His only other start here was off a layoff against tougher horses than these. He lands a capable rider.

RACE SIX

#7 PIPPAPPY could be tough to deny in this race. His most recent effort over a route of ground should be ignored. He did well enough in his previous sprint races to be a serious threat against this modest group and has since been gelded. Look for him to bounce back.

#5 WARREN MY BOY is very likely to finish in the money. He has done so in four of his seven lifetime starts to date and does not have much to beat on paper. He also stands an excellent chance to make the lead in this race and could prove tough to catch.

#4 ANDA is late to the party making his debut at age four this time of year but must be considered. The homebred shows a quick gate workout on his morning tab to indicate he might fit at this level. He will debut under the light weight of an apprentice rider.

RACE SEVEN

#2 STORMY LUCY has a fighting chance at a fair price. She has been holding her own in turf races at or around this level and encountered a tad of misfortune last out when the jockey dropped his whip. She is due to have one of these go her way with a little luck.

#6 ELEKTRUM is a major contender. She was a game winner here over the summer at this same graded stakes level going nine furlongs. Most of her career has been spent in longer distance events but she has done well at today's one-mile assignment before.

#1 GENDER AGENDA likes this course and does well at a flat mile. She has won three turf races since shipping here from her native England and ran second in a stakes race here last fall. She has been unplaced twice in graded stakes company in the United States.

RACE EIGHT

#1 SWISSARELLA is a recent claim and a good gamble to close out the weekend. She has proven ability going seven furlongs and picks up a capable rider who did well here over the summer in his first season at Del Mar. She can improve off her most recent stuff.

#6 HIDE MY HEART is the one to beat. She posted a big win against restricted claimers here this summer and came from off the pace to win her last race at this same level under the same apprentice. Her best races thus far have not come back-to-back.

#8 IPRAY is a definite contender first off the claim while retaining the same leading rider. She is lightly raced with a two-for-five lifetime ledger so far. Both of those wins were going one mile and one of those came when last seen here at the end of the summer.