

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#1 GOOD FOR IT can win if he runs as well as he did here in his career debut this summer under the same rider aboard today. He finished a game second while far in front of the others, then turned in a dismal effort as the favorite last out in a race best ignored.

#4 ESPOSITO is a threat to win this based on his solid third-place effort first time out. He showed plenty of speed that day and has a right to be more fit this time around. He has trained right along since then and seems like an obvious contender to consider.

#6 SORRYABOUTNOTHING is worth taking a look at as he makes his racing debut. He attracted the services of a top rider and most horses bred in Florida like he was do well early in their careers. He cost some money at the sale this year and looks live.

RACE TWO

#1 PRIVILEGED ONE is a good gamble as she races on turf for the first time. She has won two of four starts for a thriving barn and is a full sister to a stakes winner on the grass. She should be able to save ground with the rails out under an excellent turf pilot.

#4 WITH A TWIST is a seven-year-old mare with an imposing record of seven wins and ten other in-the-money finishes in her turf career. She proved she still has what it takes with a win here this summer against similar rivals. She looks like the one to beat.

#5 THUNDERING GALE has won five turf races in her career and is better than her last race indicates. She should show speed as she stretches back out around two turns and may benefit from the rails being so far out. Her trainer wins plenty of races around here.

RACE THREE

#8 H R EXPRESS is bred to win early and hooked a soft bunch of maidens in this spot to make his racing debut. The homebred is by a sire that hits well above average first out with his juvenile progeny. An outside post should help and he worked fast out of the gate.

#6 MIKE'S BENCHMARK looks like one to fear amongst those who have raced before today. He was dismissed as a longshot in his only start but picked up second in a five-horse field after breaking slowly. The effort was solid enough to make him a threat here.

#3 NUSRET has early speed to make him dangerous against this group. He led into the stretch before finishing third last out and he is related to six winning siblings. His jockey led all riders here in the first week of racing this season. He warrants respect in here.

RACE FOUR

#4 WHAT A VIEW looks good enough to beat open company as he moves in from the state-bred ranks to tackle this group. His early speed should serve him well in this spot and he seems like the kind that wants to be close up early. He also won over this course.

#2 SOMETHINGS UNUSUAL is the bittersweet type. His record this year reveals he has more than paid his way and usually runs well but settles for second or third most of the time, then he got disqualified the only time he did win one this year. He tries hard.

#6 FRITZ JOHANSEN is inconsistent but capable if he fires. Both of his wins have come under the leading rider aboard him today and one of those was over this turf course. His final workout in prep for this was sharp and the barn sent out a winner on Thursday.

RACE FIVE

#3 NORTHERN IOWA is being given a realistic assignment in search of back-to-back wins. He won last out when dropped into the claiming ranks while benefitting from the seven-pound weight allowance he will enjoy again today. This barn is doing well of late.

#1 ANTINANCO receives a pivotal rider upgrade for today's event. He finished third in a five-horse field at this same class level just two starts back and has the early speed many bettors are looking for at this one-mile distance. He seems like a must use in here.

#2 ALPINE LUCK hasn't won in eons but should impact the outcome of this race from a pace standpoint at the very least. He has had many chances at this level but quite often runs second or third. He should be forwardly placed coming out of some one-turn races.

RACE SIX

#5 GLORY was an impressive winner of her turf debut when making a return after a five-month respite last out. She has already shown she can do well at this longer distance. She represents the connections who sent out the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner.

#7 SPIRIT OF TEN has blossomed for her current trainer and rattled off three straight wins on turf while stepping up to take on better each time. All of those wins have come under the same rider aboard today including two over this course. She is in the zone.

#1 CAUSEWAY CAROLYN has a fighting chance in this spot. She has shown development over the course of this year and did register a decisive tally over this lawn in late August. Her last race was not bad over a turf course that did not play kind to closers.

RACE SEVEN

#5 ALL RUN has turned into a monster in his last two starts when turned back to sprinting on the main track by his current trainer. His most recent win was particularly smashing. He may not have to duplicate such an effort in order to win this one either.

#8 MELATONIN should do well in this race. He finished second in a graded turf stakes last out behind a sharp horse who then participated in the Breeders' Cup. He also won big as a longshot here over the main track in August off a layoff when returning as a gelding.

#2 PRIME ISSUE might be prepping for longer in his first start since February but should not be dismissed. The pro has eight wins to his credit and has landed in the exacta in half of his lifetime starts. His morning moves have been fast for a very capable outfit.

RACE EIGHT

#5 BEAT OF THE DRUM looked sharp coming away from her rivals for a decisive wire-to-wire win last out going nine furlongs. The Irish import had raced in England before arriving in the U.S. and was a fast closing second in a race here this summer.

#7 CHAULK O LATTEY has evolved into a money-making California-bred filly around two turns on the turf. She has not been out of the money in any such race while a winner of three of her last five including her last race. This is a good stakes level for her.

#2 THREE HEARTS will have to reverse her declining form when last seen but exits the best races. She won a graded stakes race here last fall over a longer distance when on her game to prove she can handle a field of this caliber. Current condition is the question.

RACE NINE

#6 MIDNIGHT RUMBLE might be the right gamble in this grab bag nightcap. He takes the biggest class drop in racing today after showing little in his only start. He hails from a very productive family and will probably improve today under a hungry apprentice rider.

#12 UNBRIDLED ROCKET came very close but couldn't quite close the deal last out when second by a head while ten lengths clear of the others in that field. He has been banging on the door for a win having been in the money in his last four straight attempts.

#3 WINGS OF THE WIND could be live at first asking. His pedigree is favorable for a horse trying to win first out and his trainer is capable of surprises with newcomers like this. His morning workouts from the gate at a nearby training facility look decent enough.