

# Del Mar Bottom Line

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## RACE ONE

**#4 SEATTLE SERENADE** must be considered a major threat as he makes his racing debut. The blue-blooded colt could be any kind with his exceptional pedigree. His trainer also has tremendous success with first-time starters. A Hall of Fame rider is aboard.

**#3 PICASSO'S MANDOLIN** ran on to finish second in his one and only start. That makes him an obvious contender right back for a successful outfit that doesn't really press hard to win first out. The extra distance should help based on the way he finished.

**#5 ORION'S BELT** has a nifty pedigree of his own. The first-time starter lands a standout rider. That factor combined with his strong string of morning workouts makes him one to consider at a price. The tote action may tell a lot in terms of his readiness.

## RACE TWO

**#6 TELL HER YES** will be ridden by the leading jockey here after the first two weeks of racing this fall. Her close third-place finish against comparable rivals here this summer shows she has what it takes to win this race. She returns off a win at the fair up north.

**#5 NO TRICKS FOR JACK** has visited the winners circle no less than sixteen times before. She has also been known to string together back-to-back wins and was decisive in victory last out. She returns at the same level and has enough speed to lay close early on.

**#1 MIDNIGHT LADY** seems likely to finish in the money. A win would not be out of the question given her overall record at Del Mar, success at this distance and recent performances at or around this bottom level. Her early speed will serve her well in here.

### **RACE THREE**

**#3 PATIENCE LADY** looks like a well-meant first-time starter. Her trainer doesn't run many here at Del Mar but is more than capable of sending a firster ready to win. Her high claiming price is well more than what she cost and her dam was stakes-placed at two.

**#1 STRAIGHT N STRONG** is the only runner in the field who has started before. She had been second or third in two of three starts including her last race when she showed speed and just failed to last. Her new trainer via claim adds blinkers for today's event.

**#8 EDGY GIRL** has a few things going for her at first asking. An outside post position and a win-early Florida-bred pedigree enhance this package. She hails from the leading stable the first two weeks of racing here this season. She lands a speed-friendly rider.

### **RACE FOUR**

**#5 COURAGEOUS DAVE** may have landed in a winning spot. He moves back into the claiming ranks and cuts back to a sprint today following a fading fourth as the favorite last out over a route of ground. His solid effort two starts back would be tough to deny.

**#4 GREYSON AND JOHN** responded with a win following a prolonged stretch battle in his first start wearing blinkers last out. He and the runner-up were ten lengths clear of the rest of that field. This seems like a realistic group to face winners for the first time.

**#1 CARLOS DANGEROUS** broke his maiden from the rail here in August but has struggled in two starts since. He finished last in a stakes race two back and failed to threaten after racing wide in his last start. He keeps the same top rider on the class drop.

### **RACE FIVE**

**#2 TOUGH IT OUT** has a right to do well in this tough race to handicap. He is listed as a gelding for the first time today with a pedigree that says he may take to the turf. His trainer inspires confidence at the windows and his jockey has been riding many winners.

**#5 AND THEN SOME** is like the top selection in that he will race in a two-turn turf race for the first time following two main track sprints. He finished fourth on both occasions while chasing home a handful of next-out winners. Four of his siblings have won before.

**#8 GIO MIO** still has potential. He tipped his hand first out here this summer with a near miss before running in stakes company in his last two starts. He has as much right to move forward trying the grass as any and is reunited with a rider who can hustle early.

## RACE SIX

**#3 ONE LAST SHOT** could be tough to beat if she runs like she did first out here this summer at this same short distance. That effort was followed by a solid second in a stakes race going long on the turf before she wilted last out. She returns to a main track sprint.

**#1 UPTOWN TWIRL** has ability and should run well. She settled for second in a tough loss last out while bouncing back off a subpar effort. She did not break well in a graded stakes appearance here this summer. Look for her to be a factor right from the start.

**#2 MISS BIG STUFF** beat males when she won here this summer. The effort was strong enough to make her the favorite in a stakes race last out but she gave way and finished fourth after showing early speed. It would be no surprise if she held on better today.

## RACE SEVEN

**#2 HOLY LUTE** returns to the site of his stakes win here this summer over this abbreviated turf distance. He has had tough luck since including a photo finish loss and being rained out of a scheduled turf start. His grass sprints look tough against this field.

**#5 HAY DUDE** can threaten these as he returns from an eight-month absence. His leading trainer brings them back ready and one of this import's best local efforts was his only turf sprint. He has not won in some time and seeks his first win in the United States.

**#8 RICHARD'S BOY** is a three-year-old with a knack for winning. He defeated older stakes horses over this same turf distance in Northern California earlier this year and has made a fair amount of purse money in the state-bred division. Would not count him out.

## RACE EIGHT

**#10 CORDIALITY** gave it a good try when an improved second last out in her third lifetime start. That race was for a lower claiming price than the one today but not restricted to horses bred in California like this one is. She lands a fresh apprentice rider.

**#6 TIZ PLEASANT** missed by a nose last out and is overdue for her first win. She has finished second in her last three consecutive starts while the beaten favorite in her last two. One of her runner-up efforts was over this track. She has speed and a leading jockey.

**#11 PRINCESS KENDRA** has a shot and has finished in the money in three of her four starts to date. She missed some time following her last one and has not raced in more than three months. Today she can show whether or not that time off did her any good.