

# Del Mar Bottom Line

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## RACE ONE

**#6 TWO STEPS OF GLORY** fits well in here as she races for a claiming price for the first time. She tired after setting the pace last out but posted a clear second-place finish behind a standout winner in a turf race two starts back. This barn wins plenty of races.

**#5 RED STICH** is one of only three runners in this field that has won a race. She finished a distant fifth in state-bred stakes company here on the main track last out following a sprint win. She may be better now than she was when she last routed on turf.

**#4 KELLIANNE CAN CAN** won from off the pace in a slow time in her third and most recent start. She has never raced on turf before but is related to a turf winner. Her trainer sent out four winners here on Sunday and her jockey has been riding strongly all year.

## RACE TWO

**#4 DREAM TEAM** seems ready to win. The highly-regarded colt has finished in the money in both of his starts to date and now stretches out to go a longer distance. His likeliness to set the pace in this race may give him an additional edge over this bunch.

**#6 ACTION HERO** poses a serious threat. He ran his best race yet in his only start for this barn when second here last out during the summer. He has never run in a main track route before but should like it given his exceptional breeding and most recent showing.

**#2 ARMORED CAR** adds blinkers for today's race. His Hall of Fame trainer and jockey have decent success in tandem and he has some pedigree as a full brother to a stakes winner. He is unplaced in three starts to date but his last start was a small step forward.

### **RACE THREE**

**#2 TRUE HISTORY** gets a pivotal jockey change to the leading rider and is good enough to beat these. She registered a decisive tally against older over this course in July from off the pace. It was difficult to close ground on the course she ran over last out.

**#1 MISSY MOUSE** races for a claiming price for the first time. Her trainer has been making winning moves and enjoys success when using this leading rider as well. She ought to get this distance given her win down the hillside turf course and she drew well.

**#3 LOST BUS** is another class dropper and should appreciate the move back in with her own age group as well. Her speed could make her dangerous. While she is unplaced on turf her dam won on grass and she is akin to a pair of turf winners including a full sibling.

### **RACE FOUR**

**#1 LADIES MAN** is a recent maiden winner on the improve for a live barn. He dusted a field of maidens last out including a next-out winning runner-up. That win came sprinting but he showed previous route ability and possesses the very key element of early speed.

**#2 THUNDER BASIN** makes his debut on this circuit and may fit with these. His lone win in Florida fame at one mile and he too has speed and a good post position for the distance. This barn has been doing well and has several other contenders on this card.

**#7 DERBY GLASS** is a threat to come from behind and win. He figures to get a lively pace in front of him and that should help his closing style. This marks his first start for a claiming price since he broke his maiden and got claimed by his current connections.

### **RACE FIVE**

**#2 RUN THE SHOW** may be primed for a winning effort at a decent price. He makes his third start off a layoff today following two solid main track sprints. Progeny of his sire typically love the turf and he returns to the lawn today under the hottest rider of late.

**#5 ARCHITOP** will race without blinkers and switches to a lightweight apprentice rider today. He also moves back to the turf and finished a competitive third in a similar maiden claiming race here this summer. He missed by only a nose in another turf race this year.

**#6 BLUE LAW** has run well enough before to make him a contender today. He drops in for a claiming price for the first time following a poor effort last out. He rattled off a quick morning workout since and gets an important jockey change. Look for better.

## RACE SIX

**#1 WELL ACQUAINTED** raced once in Kentucky and finished third in a key race. She defeated three next-out winners that day after racing wide in a good debut. She is a half to three winners including two stakes winners and figures to improve with added distance.

**#2 PAGEANT MATERIAL** took a big step forward second out and finished a clear second over this distance last out. She may also have more room to improve because she pulled against the rider that day and raced wide. Her connections have been thriving.

**#4 DREAMARCHER** races with blinkers on today for an exceptional trainer. This will be her first try in a main track route and all three of her siblings were route winners. This Hall of Fame barn has a solid strike rate looking to this particular Hall of Fame jockey.

## RACE SEVEN

**#6 GLITTER OF SILVER** represents a good gamble in a tough race to figure. He is making a comeback and has shown he can fire fresh. His lone win came on turf and he can definitely sprint. The presence of this rider in this context indicates positive signals.

**#3 GLOBAL MAGICIAN** is an obvious contender. He has made some money picking up second and third-place checks at or around this state-bred level for some time. He picks up a hustling rider who wins plenty for this barn and fits off his recent turf form.

**#8 LAW DOG** is in his element. All four of his career wins have come over this short turf distance. He finished third in one start here this summer in his only start since April. The strength of his jockey/trainer team is well known. A big effort would be no surprise.

## RACE EIGHT

**#6 OCTOFY** is the one to beat. Her rider has won aboard three other runners in this race before but chooses to ride her in this race. He was aboard for her maiden win two starts back. She hooked a potential star last out and should not be tossed out off that showing.

**#8 BE A LADY** is a major threat. She won by a large margin in a full field in her second and most recent start after needing her first outing. She represents a winning stable with very strong numbers when using this particular rider. She also has speed and drew well.

**#2 SHARP HOLIDAY** moves back into the claiming ranks for the first time since her maiden win here in August. She led from start to finish that day and could be dangerous with her speed at this level. Her rider is having a productive meet and wins for this barn.