

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#3 EXIT SIXTY SLEW is one of many that could win a tough race to figure. She has the benefit of two sprint races under her belt from a fitness standpoint as she goes two turns for the first time. She also has enough early speed to be a factor right from the start.

#5 SARNO'S B F F checked home third in her one and only start here about two weeks ago. She chased the pace that day and may handle the added distance okay based on that showing. Her trainer has been on fire of late and reached a career milestone here Sunday.

#2 HEED TO SPEED was claimed out of her first race by a very sharp trainer. He will send her two turns in her second start today after finishing fifth going seven furlongs in her lone out. She too has a right to be in the race early and improve off her debut effort.

RACE TWO

#6 TWIRLING TIGER could be tough as he makes his local debut. His trainer has been firing here this fall and sends out a runner who was stakes-placed just two starts back and has been in the exacta in five of eight lifetime starts. He is not yet proven on the dirt.

#3 SUGAR BUZZ is a solid contender. He won in his first route try when claimed by these connections two starts back in his second lifetime start. He then came back to finish second in a race very much like this one. It helps that he shouldn't be far behind early on.

#1 NICARADALIC ROCKS faces winners for the first time after graduating over this one-mile distance last out. He will be handled by the same pilot and has run his two best races under this jockey. He would benefit if a lively pace were to develop in front of him.

RACE THREE

#2 GIFT OF A STAR improved a ton in her second try and may now be ready to win. It took her a long time to make it to the races but she is a half sister to a Grade II winner on the turf and hails from a Hall of Fame barn. Further improvement would make her tough.

#6 UNTOUCHABLE U will race on turf and around two turns both for the first time. She ran well enough when third then second in two main track sprints to be considered a threat in this event. Her rider is excellent and her trainer has had an incredible year.

#12 MARGARET REAY drew a poor post position but is definitely one to fear. She has finished in the money five times and may use her experience to her advantage over some less seasoned main rivals. She was second in her only start wearing blinkers last out.

RACE FOUR

#2 SMOOTH TALKER should be tough in here for the leading barn. She is back in eleven days following a race against tougher horses at a slightly shorter distance. The conditions today are a bit more in her favor. She can win with one of her honest efforts.

#6 SHAKEITUPBETTY takes a significant drop in class. It seems warranted because she is winless in eight starts this year. She has been chasing much tougher allowance horses for quite some time and gets a significant break against this field of claimers.

#5 MOSCATO GIRL has speed and likes the main track. She has not run her best races at Del Mar to this point and was unplaced in two starts here this summer but was in tough in both spots. She seems to fit better here and has finished third in two starts since then.

RACE FIVE

#2 TIZ A CLASSY LASS will be tough to deny if she repeats her last race. Her connections were rewarded for smart management and a solid game plan by making her eligible to the conditions of her last race and running away with that purse money.

#7 JADE WITH ENVY is wisely spotted in this California-bred race. She runs for more purse money than when she faced non-restricted claimers several times this year. Her last win came under this rider and her trainer has great success when looking to this jockey.

#4 PEGGY SUE'S LOOSE has come to hand in her last two and won back-to-back races. It took her a while to find the winners' circle but she just won at this same class level last out. She must be entered for the optional claiming price as a result of that win.

RACE SIX

#1 SAMBAMZAJAMMIN is capable of winning this race. She defeated the likely favorite in this field when second last out behind an ultra-impressive winner in a stakes race here last month. This shorter distance is probably better for her and she has speed.

#9 PATRIOTIC DIAMOND is the one to beat. She adds blinkers for today's race after a come-from-behind third last out with a wide trip. She followed up a promising debut effort with a stakes win here at this distance in August under the same talented rider.

#2 DRAGON FLOWER had to be used following a bobble at the break last out and paid the price facing superior horses. She had not been worse than second in four previous starts including a pair of wins. Her speed makes her dangerous and she does try hard.

RACE SEVEN

#6 THE PIZZA MAN is a serious turf marathoner. The \$1.7-million dollar earner has won fifteen of twenty-five races in his career and can certainly stay this trying distance. The Grade I winner was not disgraced facing some of the best in the world last time out.

#14 BIG JOHN B can prove his last race meaningless with a big effort today. He won a race very similar to this one here in September to prove his worth and is unbeaten in three starts over this turf course. He has won fourteen races and is a major player in this spot.

#2 UP WITH THE BIRDS has what it takes to be competitive with these. He has held his own in races of this caliber for some time and earned \$1.6-million in his career as a Grade I winner on turf. He is winless in five starts this year but may prefer firm ground.

RACE EIGHT

#5 AND THEN SOME races for a claiming price for the first time. He finished fourth in a pair of main track sprints for horses bred in California before faltering in a turf route last out. He adds blinkers today and should be helped by this turnback in distance.

#3 LITTLE MUSTARD has been third in his two starts so far. A winning stable and a strong rider help his cause as he makes his first start in about sixty days for a barn that thrives with horses about this fresh off their last race. He seems like a legitimate threat.

#12 DEPUTY DANE is a first-time starter worth a look. An outside post position is usually a plus for an inexperienced horse like this in a one-turn race. This barn has served warning they should never be ignored and have clicked of late with this apprentice rider.