

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#5 SOONER TIME adds blinkers and draws a better post position today after she was sent hard in a crowded pace scenario last out before finishing fourth. She was chasing an imposing class dropper for the level. She has two wins over this track and switches riders.

#4 KHALAYA is worth a look at a price. Her last race was inconclusive but she had no chance with an uncomfortable inside trip. Some of her races in Northern California would make her a factor against these and she should be passing horses coming down the lane.

#1 STREET GODDESS looks for back-to-back wins. She won by a nose in a photo finish last out in a race that was restricted to horses that had not won two races. Today's race is restricted to three-year-olds only. She did not draw a good post for the distance.

RACE TWO

#3 BEANTOWN BOYS drops in for a claiming price and cuts back to a main track sprint. He set the pace in a turf route last out in his second start against maiden special weights. He picks up the leading rider today and had a bullet workout since his last.

#5 DATCATSA GEM could be live at first asking. His sire has seen a handful of first-out juvenile winners from about a dozen foals to hit the races so far. This New York-bred gelding had a snappy morning workout here a few weeks ago and has trained steadily.

#2 BLOWEMAWAY is one of two runners in this race from the same stable. All three of his older siblings are winners including one that was stakes-placed as a two-year-old. This barn wins plenty of races when using this rider and he is having a solid meeting.

RACE THREE

#4 TOURNY has classy European credentials and makes her U.S. debut for connections having a profitable summer. She was Group I placed as a turf sprinter in her native France but she has not raced since last summer when she was a two-year-old filly.

#5 CODACIOUS has winning experience over this sometimes tricky course. She switches back to a rider having a very good meet who is waking up horses and making the right moves. She has been on the pace in her recent races but can win from behind.

#3 SNOW CLOUD caused a huge upset when she won a race over this same layout here just over two weeks ago. Back aboard is a rider making an impression on this circuit as a new face here this meet. This seems to be her distance and she could be tough right back.

RACE FOUR

#2 NO TRICKS FOR JACK must be taken very seriously because she has won nineteen times in her career. The seven-year-old mare has not raced since April but was last seen winning two in a row up north and has trained steadily. Her jockey can ride.

#6 SWEET PROFIT finished third from the rail in a decent effort over six furlongs in her last race. She has been primarily a sprinter but was claimed by one of leading barns on the backside and retains the same top rider. She has won here before and might route.

#3 STOLE A KISS drops out of the state-bred allowance ranks to this claiming level. She has finished third once before in three main track races but the majority of her career success has come in turf and synthetic races. The presence of this rider is a big plus.

RACE FIVE

#1 HOWDY KINGKOWBOY showed ability in his only start here two weeks ago. He was not real quick but rallied well and should appreciate the extra distance. He picks up a top rider and could be able to drop back early and get off the rail to make a late run.

#4 SUPREME GIANT has some ability. He should benefit from the experience of his first race when he was in contention but forced to race amongst and behind horses for much of the race. He has since been gelded, adds blinkers and keeps a leading rider.

#9 AMAZING LOVE will benefit from the fact this race is a full six furlongs. He has been away slowly in all three of his starts to date but finished steadily and should be coming on to the end. The winner of his last race won impressively for that level.

RACE SIX

#2 KENNEDIE SKY was visually impressive in victory with a big rally from off the pace here over this course last out. She came wide into the stretch around the whole field to beat a field of one-time winners. Today she faces state-breds for the big purse money.

#1 PROFICIENTLY is a longshot of interest. She is still learning how to race having won her first out and only run once since then. She was green in her only start here against winners but galloped out with interest after the wire and today switches riders.

#10 WARM ENDOWMENT landed on the also eligible list at the time of entries. She is definitely one to consider in the event she does get to run. She was well ridden by the leading jockey named again today in breaking her maiden on turf here last month.

RACE SEVEN

#7 FINEST CITY has been assigned the high weight in this handicap for fillies and mares that came up very tough even for this stakes level. She has done okay in route attempts in her last pair of races but already has shown she is a very fast sprinter.

#2 TARA'S TANGO is a Grade I winner. She has been freshened since April and returns to a track where she has won both of her starts to date. She has shown that she can both sprint and fire fresh even though she had been routing when last seen in the spring.

#3 SENSITIVELY is extremely quick. She has won four of eight lifetime starts and when she wins she wins big. That last sixteenth of a mile against a field like this is likely to stretch her limits today. Her trainer has been strong this meet and wins with this rider.

RACE EIGHT

#10 WARD 'N JERRY is ready to win provided he gets the opportunity to race. He landed on the also-eligibles at entries. His second-place effort over this course last out was particularly good because he was forced to move early but still finished very well.

#1 HE COULD might benefit from the addition of blinkers today. He ran second over this course last out but appeared hesitant to go on once he hit the front and drifted around a little while possibly waiting on the pack. He is back in with state-bred runners today.

#3 MONTEREY SHALE is a definite threat. He finished second in a one-mile turf race about sixty days ago just ahead of a horse that came down here and won in his next start. It looks like he missed a bit of time in the middle of July but his last work was a bullet.