

Del Mar Bottom Line

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RACE ONE

#2 YOU'RE A GOAT had a brutal trip when third in a turf route last time out. She got stopped cold when trying to rally up the rail when full of run before angling out and blowing past the others galloping out past the wire. She picks up the leading rider.

#6 BOMBILATE is a major threat. She seems ready to collect her first win in this country following a good second in a big try going a mile and a quarter. She has finished in the money twice at this class level in her last two starts. She can stay the distance.

#5 ANTONINA is an interesting longshot. She is likely to improve off her U.S. debut because she fought the rider too much early in that race to have anything left in the stretch and horses from South America typically need racing to become acclimated.

RACE TWO

#7 SAUCE ON SIDE is one of several contenders dropping into the maiden claiming ranks for the first time following numerous tries at the maiden allowance level. She had no speed but passed horses and kept running for third last out. This barn is on fire.

#2 LINE DRIVE was scratched from a tougher race here earlier in the meet and goes today in this spot instead. She showed a lot of speed in her career debut and chased a wicked pace last time. One of her three winning siblings was a multiple stakes winner.

#3 CONDI can win this if she runs as well as she did her in her career debut this July. She pushed the pace and finished third in that race when her stablemate was second and returned to win next out. She also chased some decent fillies home in her last start.

RACE THREE

#8 A RED TIE DAY ran well when third by a neck here in a restricted stakes race the first week of this month. He has fired big in his last two starts under this rider and is one of the more accomplished turf runners in this field. He should be forwardly placed.

#1 HOLIDAY STONE removes blinkers and has done his best work without them. He is more likely to relax early for that reason after pulling against the rider last out before giving way. He fits off his best efforts this year and the leading jockey rides him back.

#2 CARIBOU CLUB is a definite threat. He posted his first win of the year in a downhill turf sprint last out and might be better around one turn or at shorter distances. He did however finish third twice in two starts going one mile here this summer.

RACE FOUR

#6 CATFISH HUNTER scratched out of a maiden allowance race here last weekend going long on the turf to go in this maiden claiming event on the main track around one turn. He has already finished in the money in three of six starts for a winning trainer.

#7 SEA'S JOURNEY returns from a layoff for a barn that wins with comebackers and showed some ability when last seen. His career debut resulted in a third-place finish behind a future stakes type and a next-out maiden winner. His dam had a touch of class.

#4 QUICK FINISH is worth watching on the tote board as he makes his second start. He is likely better than his one race in April makes him look and his overall worktab signals positive intent. He is related to seven winners including a graded stakes winner.

RACE FIVE

#4 SHIVERMETIMBERS has run well in two sprints and now stretches out over a route of ground for his third start. He showed much more speed in his second out and is bred to handle the additional distance. This barn is having a very strong fall meet.

#8 HE'S STYLISH ran hard all the way and finished a good second behind a very promising sort while all out in his career debut going seven furlongs. Horses that shake loose on the lead can be tough to catch here at this distance. His dam was a route winner.

#6 PEACE ran on for second in a decent debut effort going six furlongs in his only start. It is likely he will improve around two turns this afternoon for a Hall of Fame trainer and two of his four winning siblings were route winners. He retains the current leading rider.

RACE SIX

#7 RESPONSIBLEFORLOVE gets a narrow edge in a wide-open race based on her win here this summer. It came over this same turf distance against very similar rivals and her only race since then was very strong. She was a good third at the Grade I level.

#3 EVO CAMPO was in for conditioning last time making her first start since April against males on a synthetic surface. She returns to her element today and is a true stayer with two wins going a mile and a half on her record. She has also won at this class level.

#9 GALILEO'S SONG ships West for one of the most powerful stables in the country and should be given a look for that reason. She fits with these off her best performances and is in her element in a turf race at this distance. She has a big money rider aboard.

RACE SEVEN

#3 NEIGHBORHOOD BULLY was too far back and got rolling too late at a distance too short for him last out when finishing third. He had more in the tank at the finish and ran past the leaders galloping out. He won easily at this distance here this summer.

#9 WARRIOR'S LULLABY is the one to catch. He was ridden from the start and ran hard all the way when second out last despite failing to switch leads coming down the stretch. He does fight back and may benefit from the outside post position today.

#1 PSYCHO DAR adds blinkers and is likely to flash speed from the rail under the leading apprentice. He broke his maiden first out here this summer going five furlongs in what was his best of three showings to date. He is difficult to look past in this field.

RACE EIGHT

#9 ACHIRA was very green in her career debut but came running to finish third in a two-turn turf route. It seems she was just getting warmed up in the final stages despite failing to switch leads and she finished in front of two next-out winners that afternoon.

#3 CHALKY is one to fear as she races in the U.S. for the first time for capable connections. She was second or third in all three starts in her native England this summer and appears to have come right along in her morning drills since arriving in this country.

#11 BLOSSOM TRAIL MISS was decent when finishing third last out in just her second start after getting her bearings here this summer in a turf route. It may be more difficult for her to save ground this time from this post position but she can run a bit.