

DEL MAR

MOST LIKELY
3 MUTH (3-5)
RACE 7

LONGSHOT
1 TEJON PASS (8-1)
RACE 10

BEST BET
4 SIMPLY ENCH (3-1)
RACE 3

DEL MAR		
RACE 1	PICK 5	\$450
RACE 1	5	
RACE 2	1,2,3,6,7	
RACE 3	1,2,4,5	
RACE 4	1,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12	
RACE 5	1,2,6,8,9	

DEL MAR		
RACE 2	PICK 4	\$320
RACE 2	1,2,3,6,7	
RACE 3	1,2,4,5	
RACE 4	1,4,5,7	
RACE 5	1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9	

DEL MAR		
RACE 6	PICK 5	\$360
RACE 6	2,4,6,7,8,10,11,12	
RACE 7	3	
RACE 8	1,6,7	
RACE 9	1,2,3,8,10	
RACE 10	1,5,6,8,10,11	

DEL MAR		
RACE 7	PICK 4	\$270
RACE 7	1,3,5	
RACE 8	1,4,5,6,7	
RACE 9	1,2,3,5,8,10	
RACE 10	1,5,6,8,10,11	

1 - DEL MAR (4:30 ET) 59
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 75K, 6F DIRT

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

- 5 BULLARD 3-1
- 3 FREEDOM'S NOT FREE 5-2
- 2 KALEA BAY 6-5
- 1 WHISKYGINANDBRANDY 8-1

PICK: 5 BULLARD

Taking a stand against Baffert who is 0 for his last 9 in 2nd start in MSW sprinting on dirt at DMR with 2YO (just 4 ITM). This is a 1ster who will be better routing. 3rd dam is 1982 G1 Ky Oaks winner, Blush With Pride. Trainer has a win and a photo second in MSW with a 2YO here at DMR sprinting in MSW with Rispoli aboard.

VALUE: 3 FREEDOM'S NOT FREE

Nicely bred first timer who sold for nearly 8 times the sire fee back in May. Has some G1 winners deep in the female line but most of those were going long. Decent works but have a feeling he'll be better later. Not the deepest 2YO MSW at DMR. Check tote.

- A) 5 B) 2,3 C) 1,4 D) 6,7

2 - DEL MAR (5:00 ET) 46
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 76K, 1M 3/8 TURF

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

- 6 EXPLAIN THIS AUDIT 6-1
- 7 SEVEN WONDERS 5-2
- 1 JEWEL SHILLELAGH 10-1
- 3 RIMPROTECTOR 9-2

PICK: 6 EXPLAIN THIS AUDIT

Claimed out of a win at 30k conditioned claiming here last out. He did get a lot of pace to run down and did so despite a slow start and wide trip. Has won 3 times and all were with Ayuso up. He knows this one quite well and figures to get another fast pace to close into. Miller 20% 1st off the claim here.

VALUE: 1 JEWEL SHILLELAGH

Rispoli has to make a decision. Does he send from the rail and risk a pace battle with the one right to his outside? He has shown ability to rate slightly in behind runners but could be shuffled if that is the plan. Has enough talent to compete. Trip will matter.

- A) 6,7 B) 1,2,3 C) 4,8 D) 5

3 - DEL MAR (5:30 ET) 76
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 76K, 1M DIRT

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

- 4 SIMPLY ENCHANTING 3-1
- 2 TAM'S LITTLE ANGEL 5-1
- 5 BOLT D'VINE 2-1
- 1 NORMANDY QUEEN 5-2

PICK: 4 SIMPLY ENCHANTING

First three starts were all very good. It included a stakes placing and a runner-up in a strong opt clm at CD in what turned out to be a key race. Went off favored in the last start but basically eased. Wasn't seen since and that was back in June. Have to think something went wrong and has sine been corrected.

VALUE: 2 TAM'S LITTLE ANGEL

Older 5YO mare has some pretty decent efforts on all 3 surfaces (dirt, turf and synthetic). Lone win in 3 starts on the dirt was a stakes victory at PLN back in June 2022. She has run fast enough to figure in the outcome. Likely to be overlooked in the betting.

- A) 2,4 B) 1,5 C) 3,6 D)

4 – DEL MAR (6:00 ET) 39
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 76K, 5F TURF

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

5 GALLAND DE BESOS 12-1
7 IN VRONSKY STYLE 10-1
4 LEMON SUSHI 5-1
1 REFOCUS 12-1

PICK: 5 GALLAND DE BESOS

This 5YO gelding is basically a specialist now at the 5F turf distance. He won 2 of his 3 starts on turf and they came at 5F. Drew the widest 11 post in the last start and did have some run coming into the stretch but was mostly stymied for clear sailing until it was too late. A better post. Will be in a better spot early.

VALUE: 7 IN VRONSKY STYLE

These are very dangerous connections on the turf. Was in the 1 post in last and never got comfortable from there. Stumbled and in tight two back and he was eased out of the race. Has been in the top two in 6 of 11 on the grass. Expecting to see much more.

A) 4,5,7 B) 1,3,6,10,11,12 C) 2,8,9 D)

5 – DEL MAR (6:31 ET) 54
MAIDEN CLAIMING 40K, 1M DIRT

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

1 PRINCE OF POWER 8-1
6 DADDY JUSTIFY 5-2
9 MONGOLIAN GOLD 30-1
8 SALTWATER COWBOY 5-1

PICK: 1 PRINCE OF POWER

He ran second a head at CD at this level 3 back. The winner of that race won an allw at CBY next and then took the 125k Manitoba Derby at ASD. Last two were in with winners. Tried 100k stakes routing on turf in the last start and showed some speed before tiring. Drops back to the right level. Figures to save ground.

VALUE: 9 MONGOLIAN GOLD

This outfit won twice and was second in another the last 5 times they've gone from MSW to maiden claim (one of the winners was 17-1 ridden by same jockey Laprida). He somewhat fires in every other start so he's due today. Certainly a fit on the class drop here.

A) 1,6,8,9 B) 2 C) 3,4,5 D) 7,10

6 – DEL MAR (7:02 ET) 42
CLAIMING 25K, 1M 1/16 TURF

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

6 CARDIFF CRACK 15-1
10 LAW ABIDING 4-1
2 LIL RICHARDS BELLO 7-2
4 MAN FRIDAY 12-1

PICK: 6 CARDIFF CRACK

He's been on this Del Mar turf 3 times and ran 3rd in all 3 at 25-1, 27-1 and 21-1 odds. Only poor start going long in 2024 came 4 back when he had a very rough trip at GG. Rider was aboard a turf winner at Del Mar back in July for this trainer. Low rate team so demand value. The drop should help his chances.

VALUE: 4 MAN FRIDAY

He's compiled a decent turf record with 4 wins and 6 in the top two in his 15 starts on the grass. He has a win and a runner-up in three starts here at DMR on the turf. Reared at the start in last and was not a starter. Won 3 back at TUP with this same jockey.

A) 2,6,10 B) 4,7 C) 1,5,8,11,12 D) 3,9

7 – DEL MAR (7:37 ET) 81
SHARED BELIEF 125K, 1M DIRT

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

3 MUTH 3-5
1 MCVAY 9-2
5 DE' MEDICI 12-1
4 PONY EXPRESS 5-1

PICK: 3 MUTH

Baffert is a head bob loss from having won this race in 4 straight years. He won with Medina Spirit for the same owner off a layoff from May. Interesting that Baffert didn't go in the soft G1 Pacific Classic on Saturday with him and opted for a weaker race here. Could be a prep for later. He's not a slam dunk.

VALUE: 1 MCVAY

When he's on his came he can be very good. Down side is that two of his best efforts, including his top Beyer, came with Lasix, which he won't have in this one. Major traffic trouble in the starts 3 and 4 back offer some excuses. Figures to run into tiring foes.

A) 3 B) 1,4,5 C) 2,6,7 D)

8 – DEL MAR (8:02 ET) 76
DEL MAR DERBY (G2) 300K, 1M 1/8 TURF

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

6 FORMIDABLE MAN 8-5
1 GUY NAMED JOE 7-2
7 CURLIN'S KAOS 8-1
4 STAY HOT 5-2

PICK: 6 FORMIDABLE MAN

Nice win in the Oceanside here 5 weeks ago. He did get a perfect pace set up when they went 45.4 for the half in front of him. Ran 2nd to Trikari who may be the best 3YO turf horse in the US (won the G1 Bel Derby and G2 Secretariat since). Can press or close in from far back. Looks the one to beat in this one.

VALUE: 7 CURLIN'S KAOS

Added blinkers in the last start and zipped out fast in the early going and kept the speed to the end in that 6-1 win. Runner-up won here on Sat in opt clm on the turf. Rider is a Los Al QH guy and he'll send out fast and looks to put them to sleep behind him.

A) 1,6,7 B) 4,5 C) 2,3 D)

9 – DEL MAR (8:32 ET) 63
MAIDEN CLAIMING 50K, 6F DIRT

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

8 ARTIST POINT 9-2
10 LAST CALL PAUL 4-1
3 SON 'O SANPETE 15-1
2 JARAMA 5-2

PICK: 8 ARTIST POINT

Got almost no help from the rider in the last start. He stumbled a bit from the gate, rushed up twice in the early going and had to sit off heels. He went very wide on the turn and ran in place late. He was 2nd in a similar race in the debut at 13-1 here over a year ago. 1st time running back quick. Good post.

VALUE: 3 SON O' SANPETE

Toyed with having this one on top but he just didn't show enough in the debut. Goes from turf to dirt in this one and drops in class. That alone makes him eligible for a big jump forward. Rider has 7 wins in 19 starts at Del Mar for Mathis (37%). Check betting.

A) 2,3,8,10 B) 1 C) 4,5,6 D) 7,9,11

10 – DEL MAR (9:02 ET) 75
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 76K, 1M 1/16 TURF

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

1 TEJON PASS 8-1
5 UNCLE HAPPY 9-2
6 CATHAL 5-1
10 AMERICAN GLORY 4-1

PICK: 1 TEJON PASS

Finally gets grass routing. Dam a multiple graded stakes winner routing on the turf for the same ownership. Last was simply a prep to stretch out in this spot. He is stakes placed so there is some run in him. If he has any upside it will come going long on the grass given the pedigree. Rispoli is aboard.

VALUE: 5 UNCLE HAPPY

Back in 2016, D'Amato took over the training on a Lone Star shipper (Bowie's Hero) and won the Del Mar Juv Turf with him before earning \$1.5M on turf. Dam won the G2 Golden Rod on dirt in 2013. Deep in the female lineage is a 6x G1 winner, Slew O'Gold.

A) 1,5,6 B) 8,10,11 C) 3,4,9 D) 7

11 – SARATOGA (5:42 ET) 61
BARUCH 150K, 1M 1/16 TURF

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

1 FORT WASHINGTON 9-2
7 TAKING CANDY 5-2
5 RUNNING BEE 9-5
2 BEUYS 12-1

PICK: 1 FORT WASHINGTON

Pace is going to make a big difference in the finish for this one. He comes from far back. Gets a great post to allow him to slowly get into the race and is going to save ground. Steadied in last before a late run. Dead-heat win two back at 36-1 with Running Bee. The 3 prior were on good turf. He wants it firm.

VALUE: 2 BEUYS

Bumped at the start last time out and ran midpack for most of the race. It's quite possible that he gets sent to control the pace from the two post with a great speed rider aboard. He's the kind others are going to wait and not press. Makes for a sneaky play.

A) 1,5,7 B) 2,4 C) 3,6 D)

12 – SARATOGA (6:15 ET) 88
JOCKEY CLUB GOLD CUP \$1M, 1M 1/4 DIRT

SELECTIONS AND ANALYSIS

7 ARTHUR'S RIDE 4-5
4 DISARM 8-1
1 TAPIT TRICE 4-1
5 PYRENEES 8-1

PICK: 7 ARTHUR'S RIDE

Bill Mott has been patient with this 4YO colt and it is the reason that he is now a G1 winner. Ran once in a year and a half but has come back this year as a different animal. Only loss was basically an ease on a very sloppy track at CD 3 back. Crushed in the other 3 including the G1 Whitney. Absolute standout.

VALUE: 4 DISARM

After running a game 4th in the Ky Derby he's been on off-tracks in 4 of the next 6 starts. Did not fire 2 back in the G1 Foster at 4-1 but was running on late behind the top choice in the Whitney in last when 4th at 12-1. Has won here (over the top pick) in 2022.

A) 7 B) 1,4,5 C) 3,6 D) 2