

DEL MAR



BEST BET: 7 GEMINI JOURNEY (5th)
 LONGSHOT: 8 ERIC THE TROJAN (2nd)
 LIKELY: 3 LONDEN HOTEL (1st)

FRIDAY 11-23-18

DMR P5	RACE 1	\$240
3 *	2,4,5,7,8 *	2,4,5,6
	1,5,6,7,8,9 *	4,5,6,7

DMR P4	RACE 5	\$300
	2,4,5,6,7 *	1,3,4,5,7,8
	2,3,6,7 *	1,5,6,7,9

<p>1 DEL MAR RACE 1 (12:30 PT) 58 MDN CLM 20K, 6.5F DIRT</p> <p>3 LONDON HOTEL 7-5 2 SECOND FIDDLE 9-5 5 WHATA FLIRT 3-1 4 PRINCESS NICOLE 20-1</p> <p><u>PICK: 3 LONDON HOTEL (7-5)</u> Takes a big class drop after running 2nd in 2 maiden claiming 40k-50k starts. Ellis is 3 for 12 (25%) with 8 in the money when dropping into maiden claiming 20k. Has broken slow from the gate in all 3 starts but clockers say she broke well in recent work. Talamo stays.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 2 SECOND FIDDLE (9-5)</u> Looks the only real threat to the top choice and the 9-5 morning line indicates that. She drops off the table, removes blinkers and is transferring to the dirt. Good to see Mullins' top call rider Baze remain aboard. She has enough speed to get into the race early on.</p> <p>A) 3 B) 2,5 C) 1,4,6</p>	<p>2 DEL MAR RACE 2 (1:00 PT) 44 OPT CLM 62K, 5F TURF</p> <p>8 ERIC THE TROJAN 4-1 4 LITTLE JUANITO 6-1 2 EDDIE HASKELL 3-1 7 AIR VICE MARSHALL 9-2</p> <p><u>PICK: 8 ERIC THE TROJAN (4-1)</u> This was a reclaim by these connections in the start five back. Just missed three back when flying from near last as the 9-5 favorite here at DMR. Has a 7 for 7 in the top 3 record on this turf course. Gets an advantageous post. Third from last won a 100k stakes next.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 4 LITTLE JUANITO (6-1)</u> Won three back at this distance and this turf course. Was right behind the top choice two back with Quinonez up. Has a bit more early speed than the top choice and will likely get the jump on that one. Won 2 of the 3 times he was at 5F on the turf. Don't leave him out.</p> <p>A) 2,4,8 B) 5,7 C) 3,6</p>	<p>3 DEL MAR RACE 3 (1:30 PT) 51 MDN CLM 50K, 5.5F DIRT</p> <p>5 I'M SASSY 5-2 2 SOUTH BOOT SHIRLEY 2-1 4 PERFECT PORTRAIT 7-2 6 AWESOME AMANDA 4-1</p> <p><u>PICK: 5 I'M SASSY (5-2)</u> Hasn't run since she was 4th by 4 in a MSW at LRC after getting a very wide trip. It was the 2nd time in a row that she drew the widest post and was wide on the turn. Trainer has not started many but has won 27% during the year. Not facing much on the class drop.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 6 AWESOME AMANDA (4-1)</u> She's had just the one start so far and it was in a MSW on the turf. She ran evenly in there to finish a non-threatening 7th. Trainer has done well with his second time starters and is having a very good start to this meet. Has come back with an ok 4F move since debut.</p> <p>A) 2,5 B) 4,6 C) 1</p>	<p>4 DEL MAR RACE 4 (2:00 PT) 34 MDN CLM 50K, 1M TURF</p> <p>5 AUSSIE FOX 7-2 6 BLITZKRIEG 3-1 7 BRIOSO 20-1 8 MO BOB 5-2</p> <p><u>PICK: 5 AUSSIE FOX (7-2)</u> Claimed two back and really fired in his first start off the claim when 2nd at 9-1. That was also the first time Van Dyke was aboard. He rallied well off of a fast pace. Has run well in all 6 turf starts and most were against better runners. Should be a key player in this spot.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 7 BRIOSO (20-1)</u> Trainer has only 2 wins in 24 starts so there isn't much to go on there. The debut was ok when 3rd after a slow start. Faced better 2nd time out and now makes his first grass start here. Breeding say he might take to turf due to the influence from War Front on dam side.</p> <p>A) 5,6,7,8 B) 1,9 C) 2,3</p>
<p>5 DEL MAR RACE 5 (2:30 PT) 60 CLM 16K, 5.5F DIRT</p> <p>7 GEMINI JOURNEY 7-2 5 C. C. ZIPP 5-2 4 CHRISTY JACKSON 6-1 6 DURANGA 3-1</p> <p><u>PICK: 7 GEMINI JOURNEY (7-2)</u> Nice win on the class drop in last. She's hit the board in five straight races and that also includes two wins. Claimed out of last by a trainer who was hot during the summer. He is 9 for 30 first off the claim (30%). The wide post could be advantageous off a swift pace.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 4 CHRISTY JACKSON (6-1)</u> Game effort in last when she kicked back on late to lose by a head at 15-1. Third place out of that race came back to run 2nd at 25k clm non-winners of 3 lifetime at 7-2 (77 Beyer). Is 4 for 5 in the exacta at this distance and the rider knows her. Seems well-spotted today.</p> <p>A) 4,5,6,7 B) 2 C) 1</p>	<p>6 DEL MAR RACE 6 (3:00 PT) 62 HOL TURF CUP-G2 200K, 1M 1/2 TURF</p> <p>7 YA GOTTA WANNA 4-1 3 BIGGER PICTURE 5-2 4 CAN'THELPBELIEVING 8-1 5 ASHLEYLUVSSUGAR 9-2</p> <p><u>PICK: 7 YA GOTTA WANNA (4-1)</u> Former maiden claimer has really started to turn the corner for D'Amato. Late runner was 2nd to a G1 type stablemate three back in the Del Mar Handicap. He was steadied twice in that race but finished well. Big rider move to one of the best on in So. Cal. Is working well.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 4 CAN'THELPBELIEVING (8-1)</u> Pretty confident placing following a poor run in the G3 at KEE last out. Have to think they consider the soft track to be the problem in last. He's never handled the softer turf. Was boxed in two back and lost all chance but he was sharp off a layoff. Was G1 placed 5 back.</p> <p>A) 3,4,7 B) 1,5,8 C) 6</p>	<p>7 DEL MAR RACE 7 (3:30 PT) 57 MDN CLM 50K, 6.5F DIRT</p> <p>6 CASSIE BELLE 5-2 2 SHE'S A DIME 2-1 3 MERITOCRACY 8-1 7 SPICY CURRY 6-1</p> <p><u>PICK: 6 CASSIE BELLE (5-2)</u> Fired in debut at 22-1 when she got up for a runner-up finish. Got away slowly in her 2nd start from the rail and basically eased in. 2nd in last in front of 7 runners on the stretchout to a mile. The winner got away wire to wire. Gets rider upgrade to Baze. Two good works.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 3 MERITOCRACY (8-1)</u> First time starter has a bit of win early blood deep in the pedigree. The trainer has won 3 times in 4 starts with a debut runner in a maiden claiming 50k and the one loss was a second place finish. Two of three wins were by 6 and 9 lengths with similar works as this.</p> <p>A) 2,6 B) 3,7 C) 4,5</p>	<p>8 DEL MAR RACE 8 (4:00 PT) 66 MSW 53K, 1M 1/16 TURF</p> <p>1 SUTRO 5-2 5 SHE BE STRIKING 3-1 6 ARCTIC ROLL 8-1 7 KAYDETRE 8-1</p> <p><u>PICK: 1 SUTRO (5-2)</u> Ran 2nd in back to back turf routes. The 27-1 runner-up finish two back was very good as the early pace was slow and she closed into that pace. Beat three foes in here in the last start. The winner came back to run 2nd in an allw. Smith stays up. Saves ground in here.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 6 ARCTIC ROLL (8-1)</u> Off slow in the debut. The winner of that race has come back to win twice, the last beating 16 foes in a 70k allowance in Great Britain. Blinkers come on after the first start in the US. Worked strongly since last and with the blinkers. Trainer sneaky with longer prices.</p> <p>A) 1,5 B) 6,7,9 C) 2,8</p>