

# TRACK PHANTOM DEL MAR GUIDE



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<b>RACE 1</b> .50 P5    \$384	<b>RACE 6</b> \$2 P6    \$420	<b>RACE 7</b> .50 P5    \$432	<b>BEST BET</b> #3 PAVEL (10 <sup>th</sup> )
1 <sup>st</sup> 1,4,5,6	6 <sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,7,8	7 <sup>th</sup> 1,4,6,7	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 4,8	7 <sup>th</sup> 6	8 <sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,6,7,8	<b>LIVE LONGSHOT</b> #8 FREDERICKTOWN (6 <sup>th</sup> )
3 <sup>rd</sup> 2,3,5,6	8 <sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,6,7,8	9 <sup>th</sup> 1,5,14	
4 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,7	9 <sup>th</sup> 1	10 <sup>th</sup> 2,3,5	<b>MOST LIKELY</b> #6 THE GREAT DAY (7 <sup>th</sup> )
5 <sup>th</sup> 2,3,4,6,7,11,12,13	10 <sup>th</sup> 3	11 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,7,8	
	11 <sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,5,7,8,13		

1 <sup>ST</sup> OPT CLM 62K, 1M DIRT    41	2 <sup>ND</sup> MDN CLM 150K, 5.5F DIRT    68	3 <sup>RD</sup> GREEN FLASH 100K, 5F TURF    59	7 <sup>TH</sup> DEL MAR 250K, 1M 3/8 TURF    66
1 <sup>ST</sup> 5 FAWREE    3-1	1 <sup>ST</sup> 8 ORQUIDIAS BIZ    7-2	1 <sup>ST</sup> 6 MR VARGAS    3-1	1 <sup>ST</sup> 6 THE GREAT DAY    5-2
2 <sup>ND</sup> 4 PALADAR    2-1	2 <sup>ND</sup> 4 SAMURAI CHARM    4-1	2 <sup>ND</sup> 5 EDDIE HASKELL    9-5	2 <sup>ND</sup> 4 MARCKIE'S WATER    7-2
3 <sup>RD</sup> 6 ROUTE SIX SIX    6-1	3 <sup>RD</sup> 6 PAID INFORMANT    3-1	3 <sup>RD</sup> 3 UNRAFTED    5-1	3 <sup>RD</sup> 1 OSCAR DOMINGUEZ    12-1
4 <sup>TH</sup> 1 MAJOR CABBIE    5-2	4 <sup>TH</sup> 5 WITHYOURPERMISS    8-1	4 <sup>TH</sup> 2 STORMY LIBERAL    8-5	4 <sup>TH</sup> 7 ITSINTHEPOST    7-2
1 <sup>ST</sup> : 5 FAWREE He's 4 for 6 on a fast dirt track and is coming in off of a career best effort. There were 4 next out winners from that last start (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> all won, 12k, 20k, 20k and 16k claimers). He has stayed close to a very fast pace in his last 2 starts and drew off late. VALUE: 6 ROUTE SIX SIX A) 4,5    B) 1,6    C) 2,3	1 <sup>ST</sup> : 8 ORQUIDIAS BIZ Exits a strong MSW at Ellis Park. The 7 <sup>th</sup> place finisher returned to take a 62k mdn clm here by 14 lengths. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> all ran 2 <sup>nd</sup> next (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in MSW and mdn 50k clm here at Del Mar). Mullins having a big meet. That slow 4F drill a week ago a big tip off. VALUE: 5 WITHYOURPERMISSION A) 4,8    B) 1,5,6    C) 2,3,7	1 <sup>ST</sup> : 6 MR VARGAS It appears this gelding will be out in front early. He's had the lead at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> call in 6 of his last 7 starts. Went 44.1 in his last start and kicked away late. He will get a test for class. He is facing the best turf sprinters in the country. Needs to be caught though. VALUE: 3 UNRAFTED A) 2,3,5,6    B) 1    C) 4	1 <sup>ST</sup> : 6 THE GREAT DAY Good second in the Arlington Hcp in last and the winner of that race ran 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Bricks and Mortar in the G1 Arl Million last weekend. Really got into a lot of traffic trouble two back and might've been 2 <sup>nd</sup> without trouble. Is 2x G1 winner in ARG. Top rider is up. 2 <sup>ND</sup> : 4 MARKIE'S WATER Beat United two back with a big late run with this rider up. Looked good in the runner-up finish vs G1 winner Bowies Hero in last. Wide that race but passed many in late. Distance isn't a problem and likely to get the pace needed. Finishes fastest here. 3 <sup>RD</sup> : 1 OSCAR DOMINGUEZ He has a late running style and like that he draws on the rail here. He'll be able to ease out of the gate and save ground. Talamo has ridden him before and was up for a win in a 50k last October. Only 1 behind Markies Water three back. Form is good now. VALUE: 1 OSCAR DOMINGUEZ A) 6    B) 4    C) 1,7,9
4 <sup>TH</sup> OPT CLM 20K, 6.5F DIRT    55	5 <sup>TH</sup> MSW 61K, 1M TURF    61	6 <sup>TH</sup> MSW 61, 6F DIRT    54	
1 <sup>ST</sup> 2 OLIVER    4-1	1 <sup>ST</sup> 13 CHEWING GUM    5-1	1 <sup>ST</sup> 8 FREDERICKTOWN    10-1	
2 <sup>ND</sup> 5 CLEM LABINE    5-1	2 <sup>ND</sup> 12 MO FORZA    7-2	2 <sup>ND</sup> 3 HONOR A.P.    12-1	
3 <sup>RD</sup> 7 SATANTA    3-1	3 <sup>RD</sup> 6 PARSIMONY    6-1	3 <sup>RD</sup> 2 SMOOTH LIKE STRAIT    5-1	
4 <sup>TH</sup> 3 MR. BROWNSTONE    8-1	4 <sup>TH</sup> 4 FIVESTAR LYNCH    8-1	4 <sup>TH</sup> 6 GINOBILI    12-1	
1 <sup>ST</sup> : 2 OLIVER Last three starts on the dirt are very good and enough to win this. Came up for 2 <sup>nd</sup> late behind 2-time stakes winner Lieutenant Dan last time out and in front of a 3-5 Baffert. Been on the board in all 4 starts on this track including his lone win and 3 stakes. VALUE: 5 CLEM LABINE A) 2,5,7    B) 1,3    C) 4,6	1 <sup>ST</sup> : 13 CHEWING GUM Hesitated and was off slow in the 1 <sup>st</sup> start for Richard Mandella. He was bet down to 5-2 in that race and did come running on well for third. That was a decent field. Mandella has a good record with 2 <sup>nd</sup> time starters stretching out on turf. Leparoux up. VALUE: 6 PARSIMONY A) 12,13    B) 2,3,4,6,7,11    C) 5,8,9	1 <sup>ST</sup> : 8 FREDERICKTOWN Desormeaux just 6% with first time starter but 18% with a second time 2YO on dirt at DMR. One winner was Exaggerator who was well-beaten in his debut, as this one was. This is a sib to Grey Magician, the runner-up in the UAE Derby and Indiana Derby. VALUE: 3 HONOR A.P. A) 2,3,8    B) 1,7    C) 5,9,10	



<p>8<sup>th</sup> TORREY PINE 100K, 1M DIRT 57</p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> DMR OAKS 300K, 1M 1/8 TURF 69</p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> PACIFIC CLS \$1M, 1 1/4 DIRT 80</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> OPT CLM 62K, 1M 1/16 TURF 52</p>
<p>1<sup>ST</sup> 7 FIGHTING MAD 5-2                  2<sup>ND</sup> 1 INTO CHOCOLATE 10-1                  3<sup>RD</sup> 2 HIGH REGARD 12-1                  4<sup>TH</sup> 6 SNEAKING OUT 7-2</p>	<p>1<sup>ST</sup> 1 CAMBIER PARC 5-2                  2<sup>ND</sup> 14 HIDDEN MESSAGE 8-1                  3<sup>RD</sup> 5 RAYMUNDOS SECRET 10-1                  4<sup>TH</sup> 10 MUCH UNUSUAL 5-1</p>	<p>1<sup>ST</sup> 3 PAVEL 7-2                  2<sup>ND</sup> 5 SEEKING THE SOUL 3-1                  3<sup>RD</sup> 2 QUIP 9-2                  4<sup>TH</sup> 1 WAR STORY 8-1</p>	<p>1<sup>ST</sup> 5 RUBY TRUST 8-1                  2<sup>ND</sup> 7 BETTY F 5-1                  3<sup>RD</sup> 2 WOODFIN 10-1                  4<sup>TH</sup> 8 SALSA BELLA 7-2</p>
<p>1<sup>ST</sup>: 7 FIGHTING MAD                  Baffert trained filly is 2 for 4 with a good runner-up finish (last time out with a field high 90 Beyer). Note she was nearly 5 in front of third in most recent start. The winner came back to run third in the Rancho B-G3 last weekend at 5-1. Has worked sharply.</p>	<p>1<sup>ST</sup>: 1 CAMBIER PARC                  Pretty difficult to pick against her in this spot. Beat BC Juv Fillies champ, Newspaperofrecord two back at 5-1 odds, although that doesn't look as good after she ran last G1 BEL Oaks. Winner of last won the 700k SAR Oaks next. 6<sup>th</sup> won the G3 Pucker Up.</p>	<p>1<sup>ST</sup>: 3 PAVEL                  Never thought he was at this G1 elite level but his form keeps arching to a career best. Might not have wanted the sloppy track in the San Pasqual. Huge 4<sup>th</sup> in the Dubai World Cup by 3 lengths. The Met was loaded and he wasn't disgraced. Good trip is likely.</p>	<p>1<sup>ST</sup>: 5 RUBY TRUST                  Obvious advantage this 5YO mare has over this field is her early speed as she appears to be the one they'll have to run down. Went wire to wire twice in her last four and one was a turf route. Gets a test for class here but if left alone, could forget to stop.</p>
<p>2<sup>ND</sup>: 1 INTO CHOCOLATE                  Interesting option in here. Debut at Santa Anita was no more than prep for later races as the trainer doesn't crank them up in their first start. A nice win with Smith two back. Didn't break well in last but was a good 2<sup>nd</sup> some 7 clear of third. Saves ground.</p>	<p>2<sup>ND</sup>: 14 HIDDEN UNUSUAL                  Dam nibbled in G1 company and the sib, Encipher, won 276k turf routing overseas. This one was 4<sup>th</sup> in a good G2 at Chantilly two back when off at 18-1. Runner-up three back won in a Group race next out. Clocker reports high on her works prepping for this.</p>	<p>2<sup>ND</sup>: 5 SEEKING THE SOUL                  Comes in here off a game win in the G2 Stephen Foster over today's foe, Quip. 3<sup>rd</sup> won in the 100k Alydar next time out. 6<sup>th</sup>, Yoshida, ran 2<sup>nd</sup> in the G1 Whitney 2 weeks ago. Behind the top choice in the Dubai WC. Top rider ships in for this. Dangerous favorite.</p>	<p>2<sup>ND</sup>: 7 BETTY F                  Not the strongest field for this level so it might set up perfectly for this Euro shipper. She gets 1st time Lasix and blinkers are removed. Thought the third in the 90k overnight stakes at York three back was a big run vs a good field. Top turf rider is up today.</p>
<p>3<sup>RD</sup>: 2 HIGH REGARD                  Trainer, owner won the G2 Yellow Ribbon here twice at good odds ('15 and '16). This one ran decently in the G3 Indiana Oaks when closing late to get up for 4<sup>th</sup> at 18-1. Liked her win 3 back when strong in the CD stretch. Winner 4 back is G2 placed 2x since.</p>	<p>3<sup>RD</sup>: 5 RAYMUNDOS SECRET                  Two for two after she crushed here last month in 1<sup>st</sup> start after a private purchase. Word definitely not out in debut when she shocked everyone at 41-1. Beyer earned in last is good enough to give this field a serious run. Might have to be caught in here.</p>	<p>3<sup>RD</sup>: 2 QUIP                  Shown serious talent on occasion including last when he fought with Seeking the Soul in the Foster. Drew serious consideration for the Derby in 2018 after he won the Tampa Bay Derby. Should be used on all tickets as he will get the perfect trip today.</p>	<p>3<sup>RD</sup>: 2 WOODFIN                  Trainer is usually good for an upset or two at Del Mar over the summer. This one was game in the 21-1 win at CD on the yielding turf in last. Good to see Geroux up for this run as he's 1st call for a few of the bigger barns in this. Is bred to be a good runner.</p>
<p>VALUE: 1 INTO CHOCOLATE                  A) 1,7 B) 2,3,6,8 C) 4</p>	<p>VALUE: 14 HIDDEN UNUSUAL                  A) 1,14 B) 5,7,8,10,11 C) 2,4,6,12</p>	<p>VALUE: 1 WAR STORY                  A) 2,3,5 B) 1,8 C) 4,6,7,9,10</p>	<p>VALUE: 7 BETTY F                  A) 2,5,7,8 B) 1,14 C) 10,11,12</p>