

DEL MAR



DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR	TOP PLAYS
Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$450	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$336	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$243	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$324	Best Bet 10 Domenici (4/1) Race 8
Race 1 1,3,5,6,8	Race 4 1,4,6,9	Race 7 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,12	Race 8 3,5,8,10	Live Longshot 8 Del Margarita (12/1) Race 2
Race 2 7,8,9	Race 5 2,3,4,7,10,11,12	Race 8 10	Race 9 2,4,7	Most Likely 4 Thought Process (8/5) Race 9
Race 3 1,4,5,7,9,11	Race 6 1,5,6,7	Race 9 4	Race 10 3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12	
Race 4 1,6	Race 7 1,2,7,8,9,12	Race 10 3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12	Race 11 3,4,6,7,9,10	
Race 5 2,3,7,11,12		Race 11 3,4,6,7,9,10		

1 - DEL MAR (4:30 ET) 58 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 1M TURF

9-2

3 PAVULAR 3-1
6 ROSA'S MIRACLE 5-2
5 MS GRAINGER DANGER 5-1
8 TIGER LUCK 3-1

PICK: 3 PAVULAR

She's made one start and it came sprinting on the dirt at 11-1. She drew the widest 10 post in that race. Last time this trainer switched to Berrios on the turf here at Del Mar he won at 4-1 odds. That one was also by sire Pavel out of a Square Eddie mare for Reddam Racing in 2025. Comes back on short notice (8 days) for this one.

VALUE: 5 MS GRAINGER DANGER

Trainer Papaprodromou is just 16 for 236 (7%) with first or second time starters combined. But he is 25% with a third time starter on the turf at under 10-1 odds. He is 65% in the top two on that angle. He adds blinkers for more focus after this one ran a choppy race last out. He adds Fresu to the mix. Should be a square price in here.

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

2 - DEL MAR (4:30 ET) 41 MAIDEN CLAIMING 16K, 5.5F DIRT

84-1

8 DEL MARGARITA 12-1
9 STYLISHLY BIG 7-2
7 CHERRY CANDY 5-1
4 LIST MY BIZ 12-1

PICK: 8 DEL MARGARITA

Peter Eurtion is 5 for 12 (42%) with 8 in the money in a maiden claiming race of 32k tag or less at Del Mar. That includes two such wins at this meet. She was working at this meet last year but couldn't make the start. Since she returned on June 19th she has been working every 7 days. Doesn't face much in here. Worth a shot a odds.

VALUE: 7 CHERRY CANDY

Trainer Val Brinkerhoff has had 3 starters making their second career start here at Del Mar and going MSW to a maiden claiming race. He won two of those three. The winning odds were 25-1 (2021) and 3-2 (2025). Faced a decent MSW in the debut and drew a difficult rail slot at 42-1. 3 of the top 4 returned to hit the exacta next out.

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

3 - DEL MAR (5:38 ET) 37 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 50K, 5F TURF

12-1

4 FAMOUS FORZA 12-1
7 KINTRIGUE 10-1
9 MISS HELLFIRE 8-5
11 JENNYS WINE GIRL 15-1

PICK: 4 FAMOUS FORZA

Considered Miss Hellfire but she was a vet scratch in a similar spot on 8-15 and was outworked by a low level claimer after. This filly has had just two off the board finishes. One came in a stakes from a wide post. Other was two back in her only start in blinkers. Sire was a G1 millionaire turf runner. The dam won on the turf herself.

VALUE: 7 KINTRIGUE

She's been routing since the debut on the dirt sprinting at Santa Anita. She's shown great route speed and that often translates well on the cutback to a sprint on turf. Seems the pedigree leans to shorter. Picks up a superb rider in Fresu for the first time. Connections win a lot of turf races here. Love the spacing and type of the works.

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

4 – DEL MAR (6:11 ET) 66
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 50K, 6.5F DIRT 6-1

1 MISS KONA 3-1
6 STAY IN LINE 5-1
4 DOTTIE HINSON 4-1
9 PAVEL'S ETOILE 8-1

PICK: 1 MISS KONA

She really hasn't run a bad race. All four starts were at Del Mar. She's broke slow in each of them but had a lot of closing energy and passed many competitors in the late stages. The filly she beat in the maiden victory has since been second in a G2 and also was beaten a neck in the Cal Cup Oaks (175k). Will be saving ground today.

VALUE: 6 STAY IN LINE

This one has been popular in the claim box. She's been taken via claim 6 times in her career and that includes each of the last two starts. She's won twice in 8 starts at the distance. She has good speed but don't think she needs the lead to win. Orantes is back up and he rode her in 9 starts (3 wins and 5 in the money). She is game.

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

7 – DEL MAR (7:44 ET) 55
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 5F TURF 3-1

8 TAKING A JOY RIDE 8-1
2 DONTTELLMEWHATTODO 6-1
1 A GREAT SHAKING 12-1
7 FANCY FACTS 7-2

PICK: 8 TAKING A JOY RIDE

She was first or second in 3 of the 5 starts. The two that she ran off the board came on the dirt in a 150k stakes last time out (no Lasix) and a maiden race 3 back when she broke in the air and was eliminated. The pedigree is all turf sprint. 3rd, 4th and 6th have won back from the start two back. Kicked clear from a work mate on 8/24.

VALUE: 2 DONTTELLMEWHATTODO

She's run some races good enough to win this. Toss the start two back when she was in the 150k Fleet Treat on the dirt. She had a bad trip. Was second in another top level Cal-bred stakes four back at 12-1. Big rider move to Fresu for this. This is her third start in a form cycle so it can be assumed she'll peak today. Has a win at DMR.

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

5 – DEL MAR (6:44 ET) 35
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 1M TURF 3-1

7 FAIR QUESTION 5-1
2 MO BRADLEY 12-1
11 THROWTHEFIRSTPUNCH 4-1
3 GOING NOWHERE 7-2

PICK: 7 FAIR QUESTION

He overcame much traffic trouble to get into a 3-way photo two back. The top two from that race came back to win in opt clm and mdn clm 50k. He was favored in the last start but was eliminated when a horse bolted out wide taking him out of the race. Fresu eased him in afterwards. Bred on both sides to want longer distance.

VALUE: 2 MO BRADLEY

Can't really glean much from the debut. It came at 6.5F from the 11 post at 33-1 nearly a year ago. He is back as a first time gelding and gets first time Lasix. The works have been praised by the clockers. Trainer Andy Mathis hits at 27% off a layoff of 6 months or more. Dam and second dam both won turf races going long. He looks fit.

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

8 – DEL MAR (8:14 ET) 72
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 5F DIRT 7-5

10 DOMENICI 4-1
8 IMPERIAL HONOR 5-2
5 MOONFLIGHT 12-1
3 MAGIC TIME 6-1

PICK: 10 DOMENICI

Run off his feet by the huge favorite who wired the field in debut. However this one outgamed 4th place finisher, a Baffert runner named Emancipate who returned to win easily in a MSW. The trainer is 5 for 23 with a second timer 2YO. Interestingly Vazquez rode 2 of the 3 winners (7-1 at DMR, 8-5 stakes at SA). Screws tightened today.

VALUE: 5 MOONFLIGHT

There is a chance this one will be better when he goes longer. The same trainer/owner had the dam. She won two graded stakes routing and was a close 4th in the G1 BC Distaff in 2020 won by Monomoy Girl. Trainer is 21% with first timers sprinting on the dirt in MSW. Worked in company w/ 3 Magic Time on 8/31. Maybe best later.

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

6 – DEL MAR (7:14 ET) 71
IM SMOKIN 100K, 6F DIRT 4-5

7 EARLY ENCORE 9-5
6 NET PAR 8-5
5 EMPIRE OF ASH 6-1
1 LITTLE KING 6-1

PICK: 7 EARLY ENCORE

He took heavy action in both starts (1-2 and 2-5 odds). He crushed in the debut that validated the betting. Was caught up in a speed duel with a 50-1 shot (in this race) in the Graduation and tired from those fractions. Think they'll try to let him rate some in here. Clockers really high on the sub minute lick on 8/29. Better in this one.

VALUE: 5 EMPIRE OF ASH

He broke a few steps slow in the debut and then he was shuffled and checked that forced him some 10-12 off of the lead. He stayed far back until he made up ground in the stretch. The trainer rarely has them ready in first starts so he did all of that on his own. Encouraged that Fresu stays with him. Figures to be much better in here.

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

9 – DEL MAR (8:44 ET) 84
JC MABEE (G2) 250K, 1M 1/8 TURF 7-2

4 THOUGHT PROCESS 8-5
7 MEDORO 7-2
2 PURA VIDA PRINCESA 12-1
1 WHISKEY DECISION 6-1

PICK: 4 THOUGHT PROCESS

This is a serious turf filly. She's lost only twice in her 9 turf starts. Once was in the BC Juv Fillies Turf when she went an insane :45.1 for the half. The other came 3 back in a race she pressed early. Consider the 3 others up on the lead were last, third to last and fourth to last. Rider Berrios 6 for 7 aboard her. Working strongly for this G2.

VALUE: 2 PURA VIDA PRINCESA

If the top choice goes with this one early, it's expected this filly will fade out. But there is a reasonable chance that the top choice sits behind her. Unless someone in here changes their style, that would put this filly alone on the lead. All 3 wins came either wire to wire or right on the lead. Not the most talented but has a pace edge.

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

10 – DEL MAR (9:14 ET)
STARTER ALLOWANCE 75K, 6.5F DIRT

60

9-5

3 HARD TO FIGURE

7-2

8 KNOWN IDEA

4-1

9 WHISKYGINANDBRANDY

12-1

10 JOINT VENTURE

6-1

PICK: 3 HARD TO FIGURE

He has some backclass when with Bob Baffert. He won a stakes here to end his 2YO season and was second by a neck in the Bob Lewis (G3). Form dropped off and he was put up for a tag and claimed multiple times. Form is much better off the break. Only loss in the last three was when he went 45 flat for the half at 1M. Cuts back.

VALUE: 8 KNOWN IDEA

This is another one who has been setting or pressing fast fractions going long and now cuts back in distance. He is 2 for 4 at the distance (one other he ran second in the debut by a head). Runner-up in last returned to win over the weekend at the same level. Moved very well in the work 9 days ago. Seems to be set up for a big effort.

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

11 – DEL MAR (9:44 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 1M 1/16 TURF

53

7-2

4 CONSTITUTION ANDI

6-1

9 PARKER'S CANDY

5-1

6 POSTMODERN

8-1

7 YEP

6-1

PICK: 4 CONSTITUTION ANDI

Evenly matches race. This one has 4 show finishes in 5 career starts. The only miss was with blinkers on dirt in the debut going 6F at Santa Anita. He pulled badly last time out and never got comfortable. He still finished a decent third in front of many in here. Checked 3 back and it cost him a better placing. He needs to settle a bit.

VALUE: 9 PARKER'S CANDY

Jeff Mullins has employed Jaramillo 7 times in the last 5 years (all in 2026). He won 4 of them (57%) and was in the money in 6 of 7. All 7 starters went to the front. It could be they have that in mind on the stretchout here. Pedigree is distance. Sire was a distance type in his day and grandsire Mineshaft was at his best beyond a mile.

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

