

DEL MAR



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DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR	TOP PLAYS
Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$480	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$300	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$450	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$300	BEST BET 9 Forewarn (4/1) Race 9
Race 1 5	Race 4 2,3,4,7	Race 7 2,5	Race 8 1,2,3,6,7,8	LIVE LONGSHOT 3 Warrior Saint (15/1) Race 5
Race 2 2,3,4,5,7	Race 5 3,4,5,6,7,9	Race 8 1,2,3,6,7,8	Race 9 3,7,8,9	MOST LIKELY 9 Miss Monica (8/5) Race 9
Race 3 1,3,4,5,6,7	Race 6 1,2,4,7,8	Race 9 1,3,5,7,8,9	Race 10 3,7,8,9,10	
Race 4 2,3,4,7	Race 7 1,2,4,5,8	Race 10 3,7,8,9,10	Race 11 4,6,7,8,10	
Race 5 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9		Race 11 4,6,7,8,10		

1 - DEL MAR (4:30 ET) 69 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 6F DIRT

5 STRIKE A MATCH	5-2
2 ON THE BURNER	7-2
1 CHARISMA	15-1
4 CHEEVER	3-1

PICK: 5 STRIKE A MATCH

Mark Glatt wins at 21% with first-time starters in 3YO+ dirt sprint MSWs at SA/DMR. He's won with two at this meet, both ridden by Jaramillo (5-1, 7-2), and both had a sub-1:00 work like this one. The 2nd dam was a 4-time dirt sprint stakes winner who earned \$622k. He's been working regularly and on schedule since June 20.

VALUE: 2 ON THE BURNER

He's bred to sprint but hasn't been in a sprint in the dirt yet. He's fired in all 3 starts. Had little chance to carry his speed at 1M when he went :45.4 for the half and he was still on the pace in 1:10.4. Prior two starts at CD on turf and on a sloppy track produced runner-up finishes at long odds. Pedigree says dirt sprints will be his best.

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

2 - DEL MAR (5:00 ET) 65 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 1M 3/8 TURF

7 PATH TO POWER	4-1
5 BALNIKHOV	3-1
4 STAMP MY PASSPORT	8-1
3 BALLADEER	4-1

PICK: 7 PATH TO POWER

Never an easy thing to debut at 1M 1/4 vs. 12 foes and carrying 134 pounds. That is what he did in Ireland. He was beaten just a head while clear of the rest. He was supposed to run better two back but he ran poorly as a 7-2 chance. The layoff, comeback at longer and easy win indicate start 2 back can be tossed. Can be anything.

VALUE: 4 STAMP MY PASSPORT

He's had some starts and stops. Came back in last off a two month break. He pressed the wire to wire winner at 25-1 and gamely held in for second. He does his best while tracking the pace. He'll need others to make that last winner more honest in here. Almost pulled off a big upset in the Turf Classic. Looks like he's at the right level.

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

3 - DEL MAR (5:32 ET) 54 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 6F DIRT

3 CHERRY CIDER	4-1
7 CONVO	7-2
6 SLICE	12-1
5 BANZAI BETTY	8-1

PICK: 3 CHERRY CIDER

Bob Baffert is 64 for 164 (39%) in a MSW sprinting on dirt with JJ Hernandez riding. He was aboard at even money in the debut and nearly took that field all the way, only to lose by a nose. The winner came back to run third by a length in the G1 Del Mar Debutante in only her 2nd start. This could be the controlling speed. Sharp works for this.

VALUE: 6 SLICE

Came off the two month break and ran in the same race that the outside runner was third in. This one was far back early but was making up good ground late to get up for fourth about two behind the outside filly. Good debut when second at 8-1 odds. Notice that 59 flat drill since the last start. Think there's something more here.

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

4 – DEL MAR (6:02 ET) 57
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 1M 1/16 TURF 6-1

3 KNIGHT TO KING	4-1
2 LYLE THE CROCODILE	9-2
4 IRISH PROPHET	6-1
7 ON THE WHIM	5-2

PICK: 3 KNIGHT TO KING

6YO returns from a 2.5-year layoff after being privately purchased in Ireland, where he faced stronger. Dam a G1 winner. Sib Ghaiyyath won 9 of 13, earned \$1.1M and was a 4x G1 winner, including a win over Enable. Another sib, Zhukova, went 7-for-13 and won the '17 G1 Man o' War by 6. Talent is there but layoff is a concern.

VALUE: 4 IRISH PROPHET

He got no help from the post draw in the last two starts as he was in the widest 11 post and widest 10 post. He got wide trips in each of them. Last time he wasn't out wide was three back when he won at 1M at SA as a 7-1 chance in an allowance. Figures to be off the pace here. There could be some pace depending on how gets sent.

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

7 – DEL MAR (7:33 ET) 69
DEL MAR JUVENILE TURF (G3) 100K, 1M TURF 6-1

2 ITINERARY	8-1
5 SHADOW NATION	5-2
4 GOLDEN SENTRY	5-1
8 OFF IN THE CORNER	8-1

PICK: 2 ITINERARY

McCarthy won this very race in 2023 with second-timer Endlessly. This one was a 2-1 co-favorite on debut but didn't get going until the final 100 yards, closing well late. Encouraging placement off the 6th-place finish, Rispoli stays aboard and he's bred to be good. Get the idea we didn't see anywhere near his best in the debut.

VALUE: 4 GOLDEN SENTRY

Works were average into debut, but this Cal-bred was much the best and never looked a loser in a MSW win. His :57 flat was a full second faster than another MSW later that included the outside runner. Gaines trained the turf-oriented female family, though mostly sprinters. Distance is the concern. Winning rider Kimura stays up.

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

5 – DEL MAR (6:32 ET) 44
MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING 150K, 6F DIRT 11-1

3 WARRIOR SAINT	15-1
6 MAGIC WAVE	8-1
4 FREE LUNCH	8-1
9 GRAND INDIAN	8-1

PICK: 3 WARRIOR SAINT

Sold for \$105K after being withdrawn from a June sale. Work pattern mirrors a 9-length debut winner in a SA Mdn Opt Clm for this trainer/owner in '24. Female line leans precocious, with its better runners excelling at 2. Sire was a G1-winning 2YO, with additional win-early speed from Carson City on the female side. Check tote.

VALUE: 6 MAGIC WAVE

Has some Canadian multiple stakes winners along the female pedigree line. Sire exceeds the national average with 2YO's (15% compared to 12% nationally). He was the sire of Mage, Dornoch and G1 Champagne winner (at 2YO) Blazing Sevens. Last starter was a debut winner for Palma in md opt cl 62k here on 8/28, Blame Ashley.

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

8 – DEL MAR (8:03 ET) 60
TRANQUILITY LAKE 100K, 1M DIRT 7-5

1 SO THERE SHE WAS	12-1
6 HOWIN	5-2
2 MAGNIFICAT	7-2
7 OUR MOONLIGHT	12-1

PICK: 1 SO THERE SHE WAS

She's run well here at Del Mar. She broke her maiden in 2024 here. She was third in the G1 Del Mar Debutante on this track and just missed winning the Torrey Pines last year at 27-1 here. Winner of the Mother Goose won a G1 by 10 last weekend. Runner-up was second in the G1 Ky Oaks previously. Two gate works prepping for this.

VALUE: 7 OUR MOONLIGHT

She's never been off the board on the dirt. She had bad trips in both turf starts. She's never been in a stakes on the dirt yet so this is a jump up in class. She typically comes from off the pace and that might be the place to be in this race. Notice that :59.1 bullet work here about 3 weeks ago. That's a huge tip-off from trainer Pederson.

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

6 – DEL MAR (7:02 ET) 73
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 6.5F DIRT 32-1

8 ZAKIEL	3-1
1 MICKEY	4-1
7 CORNEALEUSTHEGREAT	7-2
4 HEMET GOLD	4-1

PICK: 8 ZAKIEL

Back to back in the money efforts at this level. Thought he closed well at 5.5F in the debut at nearly 6-1. They stretched him out in the last start and he gamely kept pace for the entire race when a clear runner-up. Third won back in MSW (72 Beyer) here at DMR. Huge change of rider from Belmont to Hernandez. Blinkers are added.

VALUE: 1 MICKEY

He hasn't run a bad race yet in three career starts. The debut came with a QH rider aboard and he was getting to the winner late when second at 24-1. Moved to a top rider Rosario for the next two. Off slow two back when behind the top choice by 4 lengths. Very wide trip last time out. Saves ground from the rail as Rosario stays up.

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

9 – DEL MAR (8:33 ET) 70
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 1M TURF 3-1

9 FOREWARN	4-1
7 D'YQUEM	5-1
8 DASH	7-2
3 MYSWEETVALENTINE	20-1

PICK: 9 FOREWARN

Trainer Richard Mandella is 1 for 4 (25%) with all 4 able to finish in the exacta with a second time starting 2YO routing on turf at Del Mar when off at under 10-1. It is interesting that the winner and one of the runners-up were in off well-beaten dirt sprint debuts as this one is. Dam a full to G3 turf winner Bombard for same trainer.

VALUE: 3 MYSWEETVALENTINE

This trainer has had just 5 horses and 20 starts between them in his career (all inn the last year). His last 8 races have produced two wins (one her at DMR) and 6 times in the money). Purchased for under 5k so this is going to be a massive longshot here, and she may not run at all. There is a lot of turf on the female side of the family.

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

9 – DEL MAR (9:03 ET)
DEL MAR DEBUTANTE (G1) 300K, 7F DIRT

85

2-5

9 MISS MONICA	8-5
7 WELL VERSED	12-1
10 FAST AMY	8-1
8 HOLMBY	4-1

PICK: 9 MISS MONICA

Bob Baffert has won this race a ridiculous 12 times so far in his career (dating back to 1995). Many of the wins were with second timers who won their debut here at Del Mar. She cost 850k so there are expectations. Rider Hernandez is off the other Baffert (and another runner) to stay here. Note the sizzling 1:11.2 work since her win.

VALUE: 7 WELL VERSED

She couldn't not keep up with the top choice in her first start. But she was 10 clear of the third place finisher in there. Mandella often gives them a race before he has them cranked up. Particularly true if he's eyeing a G1 in the 2nd start. Dam won the 2020 BC Juv Fillies. Trainer Mandella won this in 2023 (Tamara) for this ownership.

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

11 – DEL MAR (9:33 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 5F TURF

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9-2

6 KING'S RIDE	6-1
4 JAGUAR JON	8-1
7 OWL	5-1
8 COURTSIDE ACTION	6-1

PICK: 6 KING'S RIDE

Interesting that the full sibling, also trainer by Lewis for this ownership, won his 6th career start here at Del Mar at 5F on the turf in opt clm. He was 3 for 3 at 5F on turf in his career as a multiple stakes winner and earner of nearly \$1M. Back on Lasix on the move from stakes to opt clm. He's bred to be stakes quality. Good placement.

VALUE: 4 JAGUAR JON

Claimed for 25k in the start 9 back. Since that claim, he is 6 for 8 in the top two (with two wins) for Mathis. He clearly outran his odds of nearly 20-1 last out when he hung in gamely for second. He put away the speed but couldn't hold off a deep closer as the fractions set it up for an off-the-pace type. Form is excellent. Consistent.

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

