

DEL MAR



DEL MAR		DEL MAR		DEL MAR		DEL MAR		BEST BET 1 VITRUVIAN MAN (6/1) RACE 10 LIVE LONGSHOT 2 MOLUCCAN (12/1) RACE 11 MOST LIKELY 9 NET PAR (5/2) RACE 6
Pick 5	\$350	Pick 4	\$378	Pick 5	\$441	Pick 4	\$315	
Race 1	1,3,4,5	Race 4	3,5,6,7,9,10	Race 7	3,4,6,7,8,10	Race 8	5,6,7	
Race 2	1,2,3,6,10	Race 5	4,5,6,7,8,10	Race 8	5,6,7	Race 9	1,3,4,7,8,9	
Race 3	2,3,4,5,6,7,10	Race 6	8,9,10	Race 9	1,3,4,6,7,8,9	Race 10	1,4,5,7,8	
Race 4	5	Race 7	3,4,6,7,8,9,10	Race 10	1	Race 11	1,2,3,4,5,6,11	
Race 5	4,5,6,7,8			Race 11	1,2,3,4,5,6,11			

1 - DEL MAR (5:00 ET) 42 CLAIMING 25K, 6F DIRT

4 HEY BROTHER	4-1
3 COMEDY TOWN	2-1
1 SOI NGERN	12-1
5 OTTO THE CONQUEROR	3-1

PICK: 4 HEY BROTHER

This rider, Aguilar, really gave this one a poor ride last time out. He was sluggish early and got him in trouble off the heels of a horse. He dropped back and then ran in place in the lane. He is better than that effort. Got in for no tag due to the layoff waiver in the win 4 back. Aguilar was up there and had him near the lead. Look past the last start and he is a good fit with this group.

VALUE: 1 SOI NGERN

We might see this one right on the lead here. He gets in with light weight with the 5 pound apprentice rider aboard. This rider basically took him wire to wire when he won back to back starts before going to the turf 2 back. Exits the same race as the top choice and beat him there at 13-1. Moves from the widest post in the last two starts to the rail. Aguilar does know him well.

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

2 - DEL MAR (5:32 ET) 37 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 5F DIRT

10 MS GRAINGER DANGER	6-1
6 THIRSTY CAITLIN	3-1
3 VERONICA HERZ	8-1
1 I'M SMOKEN HOT	5-1

PICK: 10 MS GRAINGER DANGER

Trainer Papaprodromou is just 7 for 115 (6%) with first time starters. But he's had 5 first time two-year olds in a Cal-bred MSW sprinting on the dirt at Del Mar. He won at 6-1, ran in the money 3 of the 5 and all 5 were 4th or better (odds ranging from 4-1 to 32-1). Rispoli rode his last such runner who was 2nd at 4-1 last year (then won 3 straight including the Golden State after).

VALUE: 3 VERONICA HERZ

Back in 2023, Jeff Bonde came a head from winning with 5 straight two-year olds in a Cal-bred MSW sprinting on the dirt in the debut. He has nibbled with that type in the starts since (including a couple of seconds last year). Has a sib that won in the debut at CD two years ago. That last work in :47.1 from the gate is very quick for a Bonde debut two-year old. Quarterhosed rider up.

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

3 - DEL MAR (6:04 ET) 44 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 5F TURF

10 TIGER OF THE SEA	6-1
7 ZIP ME UP	5-1
2 PAVEL IS APPEALING	6-1
5 FANCY FACTS	8-1

PICK: 10 TIGER OF THE SEA

There is a lot of speed in this race. Quite often, those that win in a race like this sprinting on the turf is the one who can sit close and finish. This one naturally is near the lead but has proven she can run in the lane as she did three back. Been on the turf five times and was in the money in all five of them. Only poor start came when she stumbled badly from the gate 6 starts back.

VALUE: 7 ZIP ME UP

She is very well bred for a turf sprinter. Sire Om gets about 17% winners with turf sprints (well above what is average). Dam won just short of \$1M on the turf at the sprint distances (she was a 10-time turf winner in stakes company here in So Cal about 15 years ago). 4 next out winners from the maiden two back. Good that Berrios sticks with her. Looks like she will improve here.

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

4 – DEL MAR (6:38 ET) 57
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 5F DIRT

5 HOLMBY	7-2
3 PRO PAYNE	15-1
9 QUATTRO PASSI	3-1
7 BUENA VIDA	12-1

PICK: 5 HOLMBY

Bob Baffert has won with 48% of his first time starters in MSW sprinting on the dirt for two-year olds with JJ Hernandez riding. That includes having won 7 of last 11 on that angle. Adding to that, in the last 3 years here at Del Mar, Baffert has won 16 of 29 (55%) on that same angle with Hernandez riding. Clockers say she was a bit better than her stablemate entered here in two works.

VALUE: 3 PRO PAYNE

There is no guarantee this 22k purchase can run at all. She was 3-1 morning line and went off at 5-1 in debut. She broke poorly and was forced out very wide turning for home. Those two events cost her any chance of a better finish. Gets Leparoux for her second start. Has three solid works since the debut. There is no bigger chance for improvement than from debut to a 2nd start.

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

7 – DEL MAR (8:10 ET) 29
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 1M 1/16 TURF

7 CATCH THE BREEZE	8-1
6 CENTRODELANTERO	4-1
4 PACKS A WAHLOP	7-2
10 MYTHICAL REEL	6-1

PICK: 7 CATCH THE BREEZE

He was forced into fast fractions going 1M 1/4 last out. The winner came from dead last as the pace set up well for a late runner and was tough on the pacesetter. One that pressed the pace and finished last returned in a similar spot and won at 5-1. He had a difficult trip two back and it cost him late. Despite 2 in the money from 9 starts, McCarthy keeps him protected. Hernandez up.

VALUE: 10 MYTHICAL REEL

He last ran in the same race as the top choice and he beat that one as the 3-1 favorite in an evenly matched field. Ran into traffic two back and it stunted a run in a race he ran third. High percentage connections for a race of this type on the turf (D'Amato/Fresu). He was also up on that fast pace last out but was game to stay in the race all the way. Well-bred for turf and distance.

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

5 – DEL MAR (7:10 ET) 46
CLAIMING 16K, 6F DIRT

7 STAGGER LEE	5-1
8 B GRAYSON	4-1
4 KID DYNASTY	3-1
6 YA'LL COME	7-2

PICK: 7 STAGGER LEE

Comes into this race having beaten non-winners of two lifetime 25k claimers on the turf. That was his first in blinkers and it proved a good thing. Was second on dirt two back. 1st and 5th both won 10k claimers out of that race in their next starts. Miyadi is 17% with one in clm company who won their last start. Huge rider upgrade from the most recent starts (gets Leparoux in this one).

VALUE: 8 B GRAYSON

Won the last two times he sprinted on the dirt. That includes a blowout win over 4 foes in 25k claiming for non-winners of two lifetime two back. Notice the 2nd place finisher was well clear of the rest of them. This apprentice rider was aboard on that day. Cuts back in distance after he was a bit flat late going long in one he was overmatched. Seems a good fit at this 16k tag.

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

8 – DEL MAR (8:40 ET) 65
SAN DIEGO (G2) 300K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

6 FULL SERRANO	7-2
5 JOURNALISM	1-1
7 THE GOAT	6-1
2 MIRAHMADI	6-1

PICK: 6 FULL SERRANO

Draw a line through the last start. He broke about 3,4 lengths slow and was left with too much to do vs a top flight field. He also had to angle out 7-wide. 1st, 2nd, 5th from the G1 Pegasus all won G1's next out. This runner was third in there and that might be a career best. He has been a speed type but will likely sit just in behind in here. Clockers have been raving about his workouts.

VALUE: 7 THE GOAT

This one was a 3-time Group 1 winner in Chile. Those races are always tough to gauge in terms of talent. He beat just one home in the Triple Bend but given that he won two races at 1M 3/8 in Chile, it seems unlikely that the 7F Triple Bend was the goal for this team. The trainer, Sadler, normally has them geared up and ready for the Del Mar meet (his backyard). Pretty sharp drills.

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

6 – DEL MAR (7:40 ET) 61
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 5F DIRT

9 NET PAR	5-2
8 OLYMPIAN THIRST	8-1
10 CUPID COWBOY	10-1
4 GOLDEN CLUB	7-2

PICK: 9 NET PAR

There must be something under the hood. The trainer is just 5 for 67 with first time starters but that didn't deter the public from making him the 9-5 favorite in the debut. He had a lot of trouble early in the race. He got going late and nearly caught the runner-up at the wire. Place finisher won a MSW wire to wire next time out. Consistent, solid 5F works since the debut at SA.

VALUE: 8 OLYMPIAN THIRST

Showed very little in the first start but that might've been a bit stronger race. The show finisher came back to win (beat the top choice). Added blinkers in the last start when 42-1 and close up for second. 8th beaten 19 returned to win in mdn clm 30k by 7 (Jonny's Cap). He will likely keep improving start over start. Will be lost in the betting due to these low percentage connections.

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

9 – DEL MAR (9:10 ET) 52
SAN CLEMENTE (G2) 200K, 1M TURF

9 LOOKIN AT DIAMOND	6-1
4 SPIRIT DOLL	8-1
1 RAIDING PARTY	3-1
3 GROUND SUPPORT	5-1

PICK: 9 LOOKIN AT DIAMOND

She made a big late run in all three of her starts. This trainer never has them cranked up for the first start. But this one closed strongly to get within 3 in the end. Two solid runs at 1M where she won and was getting to them late in the stakes last out. Big rider change to Rispoli. His style fits her nicely. Sib to Diamon Wow who was beaten a head in the 2021 Grade 2 Jessamine on turf.

VALUE: 4 SPIRIT DOLL

Her 4th place finish at GP three back (beaten less than 3 lengths) was very good. That field was full of stakes runners who have done some good things since. The 3rd place finisher won a 500k G2 next. Added blinkers last time out and she roared home to beat a weaker group. The rider for that win ships in with the horse for this stakes. Might just prefer more ground. She gets it here.

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

**10 – DEL MAR (9:40 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 1M DIRT**

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1 VITRUVIAN MAN	6-1
4 MAGNIFY	4-1
8 CLOUSEAU	7-2
7 PURE MADNESS	8-1

PICK: 1 VITRUVIAN MAN

3YO colt has been on a fast dirt track just three times. He won beating MSW foes at KEE at 21-1. He was third in the G1 Santa Anita Derby. He was a very troubled 7th in the Belmont last out but was still only beaten about 11 lengths despite the poor trip. 2nd dam won \$1.2M in her career. Blinkers come off and Lasix is added for the first time. Slow 4F move 6 days ago indicates readiness.

VALUE: 7 PURE MADNESS

Hard to get a good read on this 5YO. He has been either first or second in all five career starts. Only loss as a 3YO came in stakes company without Lasix. While 2nd in that race, he was more than 7 clear of the field in a full field of 12. Good try on the comeback last out when second to comeback winner The Old Nine (beat same in next start). Outworked a graded stakes turfer on 7/11.

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

**11 – DEL MAR (10:10 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 80K, 1M TURF**

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2 MOLUCCAN	12-1
4 YEP	7-2
6 KOEKKOEK	4-1
1 PEACE ON EARTH	12-1

PICK: 2 MOLUCCAN

Split the field in both starts at CD going 1M on the turf. Had little chance in last when he broke from the widest 11 post. 2nd dam won two Group 1 races in France. She won the 2003 G1 French Oaks at 1M 5/16. Owner had 3 runners start out East and ship to So Cal for Powell. All 3 were turf runners and all 3 improved dramatically in the care of Powell. First time gelding, first time Lasix.

VALUE: 4 YEP

Trainer Phil D'Amato has an excellent record in a MSW with a Euro shipper routing on the turf. He is 7 for 10 (4 wins) either first or second with such and Rispoli up. Sire was a Group 1 winner overseas. His offspring have won all of their races on turf including G1 Makers Mark Mile winner Raging Bull (2021). The works for this are tremendous. Adds Lasix. Check the tote for any betting.

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

