

DEL MAR



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DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR	DEL MAR
Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$336	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$270	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$432	Pick 4 - Ticket Cost \$360	BEST BET 4 GREEN CARRERA (7/2) RACE 9
Race 1 1,2,3,4,6,8,9	Race 4 1,4,7	Race 7 1,2,4,6,7,8,10,13	Race 8 2,3,5,6,7,9	LIVE LONGSHOT 4 DEAR DIARY (10/1) RACE 6
Race 2 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11	Race 5 3,5,6,7,8,9	Race 8 2,3,5,6,7,9	Race 9 3,4,9	MOST LIKELY 11 KNIGHTSBRIDGE (5/2) RACE 10
Race 3 2,4,5,7,10,12	Race 6 4,5,6,8,9	Race 9 4	Race 10 3,6,7,9,11	
Race 4 1,7	Race 7 1,2,7,8,10,13	Race 10 3,9,11	Race 11 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,12	
Race 5 3		Race 11 2,5,6,7,9,12		

1 - DEL MAR (5:00 ET) 60 MAIDEN CLAIMING 50K, 1M TURF \$10.40

4 BORN TO ROCK 5-1
3 PLETTENBERG BAY 6-1
9 MIGHTY TOO 8-1
2 PYROKINETIC 20-1

PICK: 4 BORN TO ROCK

He's been runner-up 3 of 5 starts on this track. One miss was in a G3 and the other he might have bled (laid off after then came back with Lasix). Big effort in the common race won by a wire to wire winner last out. That pace was too slow for him to grab the winner in the late stages but he still finished strongly. Draws a better post. He looks like the one to beat.

VALUE: 2 PYROKINETIC

We don't know much about this gelding. His debut came in the same race many of these came out of. He was hovering around last behind slow fractions and just didn't have a real chance in there. Not to mention the fact that Drysdale does not have them geared up first time out. Sire won the JC Juv Turf at Keeneland in 2015. Female line leans towards grass.

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

2 - DEL MAR (5:30 ET) 20 CLAIMING 12K, 6F DIRT \$8.00

11 SEXY BLUE 12-1
9 SHADY STRIPES 2-1
8 CELESTIAL SKIES 12-1
10 RICH OF JOY 8-1

PICK: 11 SEXY BLUE

She's only run on the Del Mar dirt four times. Once was as a 60-1 longshot in the 100k Betty Grable. She had no shot in there. She was on the board in 2 of the other 3. The other miss was last out when she eased with 25k open class foes. If she runs back to the start four back when second in opt 50k at 19-1 she could win this. She's in with very little today.

VALUE: 8 CELESTIAL SKIES

She's been on the turf, and over her head, in the four races since she broke her maiden. The last time on the dirt was in that maiden win five back at Santa Anita. Have to give her credit for a show finish at 17-1 and a close fourth two back at nearly 90-1. This is a massive class drop. She has already shown she can compete at this level. Might be overlooked.

A) 8,9,11 B) 1,2,4,10 C) 3,11 D) 12,13,14

3 - DEL MAR (6:00 ET) 59 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 1M 1/16 TURF \$30.00

12 ALLEQUIN SUMMER 9-2
10 VENTRY STRAND 5-1
4 TRUMP ERA 7-2
5 STYLISHLYACCLAIMED 6-1

PICK: 12 ALLEQUIN SUMMER

He hasn't had a bad start routing on the turf (3 tries so far). Deserves some credit running close to the fast pace in most recent start. 2nd and 4th benefited from the fast pace coming from far back. The post could cause some issues given how he runs (stalking the pace). He was boxed in briefly in that last start. Good to have Berrios stay here. He's strong on turf.

VALUE: 10 VENTRY STRAND

It appears Rosario had options in this race as he rode a few of these in the last starts. This one came off a two-month layoff and was favored. He drew a wide post and got a bit of a wide trip. He did finish well enough but was behind a couple in this race. It seems he was really just getting going late in his route races. The added distance is what he wants.

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

4 – DEL MAR (6:30 ET) 77**MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 1M DIRT****\$6.60**

1 WILL DO ONE	12-1
7 PSALM	7-2
4 FLIGHT CLUB	6-1
5 TAKE A PICTURE	3-1

PICK: 1 WILL DO ONE

Gary Mandella has just a 3rd place finish from 9 first timers. He had one sprint to route at DMR in MSW 2nd start. He won at 10-1 with Mike Smith (2023). He had 1:12.4 and 47.4 work into the 2nd start (nearly identical to this one). That winner was beaten 16 in the debut. Dam a half to a stakes winning dirt router (won 550k). Thinking this one will really jump up.

VALUE: 4 FLIGHT CLUB

With the scratches this one moves up the ladder a bit. This trainer doesn't normally fire with first time starters but the pedigree says he might be able to run. Sire is the superstar Flightline. Has a sibling who won the debut (in Russia) by 6 and then became a Group 3 winner in Dubai two starts later. On the downside, trainer is 7 for 117 with first timers (6%).

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

7 – DEL MAR (8:00 ET) 61**OPTIONAL CLAIMING 82K, 1M TURF****\$14.00**

7 CAPTAIN CHOOCHIES	6-1
10 FIRST PEACE	7-2
1 ADIOS COLE	12-1
8 LONESOME STEW	6-1

PICK: 7 CAPTAIN CHOOCHIES

He had excuses in the last two starts. Bad stumble last time out. Neither race came with Lasix which he gets back today. Geroux gets back up. He rode him four back when he took a similar race at Santa Anita. He is 5 for 12 on the turf at the distance. Trainer had Geroux up 4 times in turf route in opt clm. He won twice and was second in the other two. Speed.

VALUE: 1 ADIOS COLE

Three straight runner-up finishes. The last two came in FL 100k stakes. He hasn't been out since April but he won over this turf off a layoff 13 months ago. The winner two back at Tampa returned to win twice in opt clm at Delaware and at Colonial. Then was a 5-1 runner-up in the G2 United Nations at Mth. Works have been fast here on both the dirt and turf.

A) 1,7,10 B) 2,13 C) 4,6,11,12 D) 3,9

5 – DEL MAR (7:00 ET) 66**GREEN FLASH (G2) 100K, 5F TURF****\$16.00**

3 MAN O ROSE	5-1
9 SORRENTO SKY	8-1
6 MOTORIOUS	5-2
5 SUMTER	4-1

PICK: 3 MAN O ROSE

It's pretty obvious that the rail runner will try to clear off in here as the controlling speed from the inside. However, he has been quitting in deep stretch. This one has enough gas to get right behind that one. This Cal-bred has 12 wins in 20 career starts (4 for 10 on turf). Love the works both in terms of speed and spacing. This one took stakes twice off layoffs.

VALUE: 9 SORRENTO SKY

He was just getting going late in the opt clm race last time out. He was finishing best when third behind two of the foes in here. Likely needed the race and should move forward in this spot. He's 6 for 7 in the money at the distance. He won here at Del Mar at 5F on the turf in 2024. Tracks from off the pace and closes wide with excellent finishing rider, Rispoli.

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

8 – DEL MAR (8:30 ET) 37**OPTIONAL CLAIMING 81K, 1M DIRT****\$4.80**

2 HONKY TONK HIGHWAY	12-1
7 MAGNIFY	3-1
5 PURE MADNESS	5-1
9 SANTARENA	5-1

PICK: 2 HONKY TONK HIGHWAY

Claimed twice in the last three starts. Ruis claimed him for 62k last out. He had just one claim this year and he won in the first start off the claim (here two weeks ago) at 6-1 with Frey aboard. 6th from that race returned to win twice in the 32k claiming level at CD and ELP. Trainer is 5 for 6 in the top two at the meet so far. Two of the losses were by just a neck.

VALUE: 5 PURE MADNESS

Very strong meet for trainer Brian Koriner. He's had 20 who have started and half of those have been in the top two so far (10 for 20, 50%). This one was second in a race that some of these come out of. He was 4-1 and was wide but moved to the leaders in midstretch but was just outfinished by a foe here, Native Land. Third start off the break. He can win.

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

6 – DEL MAR (7:30 ET) 74**MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 5.5F DIRT****\$26.20**

4 DEAR DIARY	10-1
6 FURIOSITY	7-2
9 SEA'S NO JOKE	4-1
5 GIRLS WEAR PEARLS	8-1

PICK: 4 DEAR DIARY

Richard Mandella is tough to get a read on with his first time starters. But there are some things to like here. First off, this ownership is 3 for 10 with 6 in the money with a debut 2YO at Del Mar MSW sprinting on dirt at under 5-1 for Mandella. The 3 winners all had a 1:12.3 or faster 6F work around the two week out mark (as this one does). Think she is live here.

VALUE: 5 GIRLS WEAR PEARLS

Can understand the desire to start on the grass. Most of the runners in the female line ran on turf. But sire Hard Spun (2nd in the 2007 Kentucky Derby and winner of the 2007 G1 Kings Bishop) was all dirt. Didn't run too badly in the two turf starts at Saratoga. She had a wide post in the last one. Love the 59.3 bullet move on this dirt track back on Aug 12.

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

9 – DEL MAR (9:00 ET) 75**DEL MAR OAKS (G1) \$300K, 1M 1/8 TURF****\$7.40**

4 GREEN CARRERA	7-2
9 KENSINGTON LANE	3-1
3 TAM TAM	4-1
10 RAIDING PARTY	4-1

PICK: 4 GREEN CARRERA

She earned the biggest Timeform number overseas in that 8-1 win in the 30 horse Sandringham (158k) stakes 2 starts ago. The only two times she missed the exacta were on wet or soft turf (debut and third start). Second from that event won a Group 3 next. Winner of last has won 5 of 10 starts in her career. Tends to come running late. Rispoli fits her well.

VALUE: 3 TAM TAM

She was an expensive purchase (just short of \$1M) back in 2024. Second dam is Folklore, the D Wayne Lukas filly who won the G1 Matron by 14 lengths and then the G1 BC Juv Fillies back in 2005. Winner of the Regret returned to run 2nd in back to back rich stakes at Saratoga (Belmont Oaks-G1 and Saratoga Oaks-G2 by a head). Draws well. Gets the trip.

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

10 – DEL MAR (9:30 ET) 85
PACIFIC CLASSIC (G1) \$1M, 1M 1/4 DIRT \$4.20

11 KNIGHTSBRIDGE	5-2
3 FINGER	8-1
9 NAVAJO WARRIOR	8-1
7 HIT SHOW	6-1

PICK: 11 KNIGHTSBRIDGE

It's awful hard to get around this one. His last 4 route races have produced 3 wins and a runner-up to Nysos (who many felt was the best horse in training before he was retired). 5 of his last 6 races have produced Beyer figs of 102 or higher. It was highlighted by a 122 last out in an incredible effort. He's 5 for 7 with blinkers on. It's not like he beat nothing at MTH in last. The runner-up was undefeated 4 for 4 and third has won \$6M. The only question is the ship in and wide post.

2ND: 3 FINGER

Japanese 3YO colt by Gun Runner. He's 8 for 8 in the top two in Japan and comes in having won the first two legs of the Japanese Triple Crown. They skipped the third leg to come here in hopes that a strong effort will lead them to the G1 Breeders' Cup Classic. The question with these runners has always been to gauge what they faced. He did beat 95 foes in 8 starts there. Has tactical speed and that should allow a good spot. His dam won \$500k and was multiple G1 placed.

3RD: 9 NAVAJO WARRIOR

Another miracle project for Saffie Joseph. He seems to have this kind more and more lately. This one has won 10 of his last 13 starts. His last two wins came rather easily in Grade 3 company at Laurel and Prairie Meadows. 6th beaten 11 last out in the Cornhusker came back to win an opt clm 100k at Saratoga at 10-1 (98 Beyer). He's gone to the lead in the last two starts but might be comfortable sitting just behind the early speed, a great spot to be. Can't discount based on form.

4TH: 7 HIT SHOW

Must always respect a high class runner for Brad Box. This one upset in the 2025 Dubai World Cup which accounts for much of his money won. He was a decent 5th in the Mage Ky Derby and beaten just two lengths when fourth in the next start in the Belmont Stakes behind Archangelo. Comes from far back and could get a dream pace scenario with speed in this race. Last two starts have been a bit pedestrian by his standards. He figures to be closing at underlaid odds today.

VALUE: 3 FINGER

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

11 – DEL MAR (10:00 ET) 58
DEL MAR MILE (G2) \$300K, 1M TURF \$12.40

9 KING OF GOSFORD	5-1
7 ALMENDARES	6-1
12 EL POTENTE	7-2
5 DETAIN	10-1

PICK: 9 KING OF GOSFORD

He was in quite the good form in the fall of 2024 into spring of 2025. He had 3 wins and 2 placings in that time period. It was highlighted by a G1 win in the Shoemaker. Something obviously went wrong in this race last year when he was a bad last and hit the shelf after as the 2-1 second choice that day. Form improved each start in 2026. Sitting on a big race.

VALUE: 7 ALMENDARES

He was third in this race in 2023. He was second by a head in this race in 2024. He was second again in this race in 2025 with Fresu riding. He was a fast closing third 5 back in the G1 Pegasus Turf which turned out to be a key race. Ran like he needed the start in the G2 Eddie Read. He did bounce off the rail early in that race. Has the backclass to win this race.

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

