

Date: September 5th, 2021**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Big Coupe (11th race)****First Race**

1. Wearenotbadpeople	2. Head for Business	3. Warrens Candy Man
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First post time, 1:30 p.m. **WEARENOTBADPEOPLE** drops to Cal-bred maiden-50 after a respectable runner-up debut vs. special-weight Cal-breds. He set the pace into the lane before tiring. He moves from the rail to the middle of the field, and can be gone even while picking up eight pounds. **HEAD FOR BUSINESS** ran the best race of his career last out, runner-up in a highly rated maiden-20. His 69 Beyer tops the field. **WARRENS CANDY MAN** is a 12-start maiden cutting back to a sprint with a shot from off the pace. **IRRESISTIBLY SEXY** finished a length behind 'BUSINESS in a promising third-place debut.

Second Race

1. V Bucks	2. La V.	3. Civil Suit
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Runner-up vs. \$40k claiming 3yo fillies last out, **V BUCKS** was claimed but the claim was voided. Now she drops to \$25k claiming N2L for fillies and mares, and with five weeks between starts is likely to reproduce her first start of the meet. That would probably be good enough. **LA V.** won a fast maiden-claiming race more than four months ago, and is realistically spotted for her comeback and first against winners. **CIVIL SUIT** was claimed from an okay third at this class level; **MAJESTIC GIGI** is a comeback dropper with speed; **BIG ANDY** takes a dubious class drop second start off the claim, but does pick up the leading rider.

Third Race

1. Vulin	2. Wicked	3. French Franc
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A pair of first-time starters get top billing in this turf mile for maiden 2yo fillies. **VULIN** is a Kitten's Joy filly from a top stable. The challenge is two-turn maidens from this outfit typically race their way into shape rather than fire first out. Tepid choice, due to a lack of alternatives. **WICKED** is a Ghostzapper filly produced by a graded stakes winner, with fast works but a tough outside post (10) for a mile on turf. Also-eligible **FRENCH FRANC** has racing experience, second and third her first two starts. If she gets in, she might be the one to catch.

Fourth Race

1. Liv and Let Liv	2. Til I Found You	3. Focus First
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Quite the class drop for **LIV AND LET LIV**, from N1X to \$16k claiming 3yo fillies. Her summer form in the East would crush. **TIL I FOUND YOU** also drops, from \$50k claiming. Her third-place finish two back in her only start on dirt might be fast enough. Tough to get excited over the top pair due to the class drops. **FOCUS FIRST** is yet another dropper with races in spring that fit with these. A **SEASON TO REMEMBER** missed by a head in a \$8k claiming sprint vs. older. Parallel class move to age-restricted claiming.

Fifth Race

1. Reiwa	2. Trouville	3. Over Attracted
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In a deep field of starter allowance turf fillies and mares, **REIWA** gets the call dropping from a runner-up comeback in a N1X at Golden Gate. That was her first start of the year, she may be facing easier in this \$50k claiming starter, nonwinners of three. **TROUVILLE** routinely promises more than she delivers, in the money seven of eight starts since her most recent win. She chased razor-sharp Samurai Charm both recent starts; that rival won again and has now won four straight. **OVER ATTRACTED** won for \$32k and was claimed; **ELLIE ARROWAY** drops from a runner-up finish in an open \$25k claiming turf mile. She will force the pace with **BUY WAVE GUY**.

Sixth Race

1. Real Fire	2. Lady T	3. Keychain Girl
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A deep field of 2yo maiden fillies race five and a half; sharp-working firsters **REAL FIRE** and **LADY T** get the nod over tough-trip

second-time starter **KEYCHAIN GIRL** and fast-working I GOT A GAL. The call is REAL FIRE, a Street Boss filly whose workouts include an Aug. 1 drill in which she appeared to outwork older G1 winner Flagstaff. John Sadler, trainer of REAL FIRE, won with two of his last three debut 2yos this meet including an impressive win last week with Michael Talla-owned filly Electric Ride under Joe Bravo. Same connections here. LADY T is an Into Mischief filly who also has trained well including an impressive Aug. 19 work (viewed on XBTV.com) in which she toyed with a mate. LADY T looks like she has speed. KEYCHAIN GIRL might be ranked too low by this handicapper. Well-bet in her debut, she broke slowly from the rail, steadied, rushed inside to set a fast pace, and tired inside the eighth pole. Sharp effort, she could be gone second time out with a clean takeoff. I GOT GAL also deserves attention. Her workouts have been impressive.

Seventh Race

1. Ultimate Hy

2. Fearless Girl

3. Norma Jean B.

ULTIMATE HY is due for luck. She misfired two back on dirt, then was compromised by the outside post (10 of 10) last out when she returned to turf. Now she drew a cozy inside post, her Cal-bred N1X turf mile win three starts back is fast enough to handle this open N1X turf mile. Her main rival is Euro-shipper **FEARLESS GIRL**, who beat colts and geldings in an 11-horse field last out at a minor track in Ireland. Her trainer excels with foreign imports; she gets Lasix. **NORMA JEAN B.** finally got the job done winning a maiden race last out in her 10th try. Her speed figures compare favorably to the rest of the field. ZYDECO MAMA is sharp, improving, with speed for an up-front trip.

Eighth Race

1. Flightline

2. Escape Route

3. Freedom Fighter

Four months after his smashing debut victory, **FLIGHTLINE** returns as overwhelming favorite in this N1X sprint. In his maiden win, he ran the fastest six furlongs (1:08.75) of the Santa Anita meet, earned a 105 Beyer and should win if he picks up where he left off. **ESCAPE ROUTE** has something the favorite lacks. That is, a race over the DMR track. 'ROUTE cruised in a starter allowance last month; his 1:09.91 time is the fastest six furlongs this meet. Each start by 'ROUTE has been better than the start before. **FREEDOM FIGHTER** bombed at odds-on in his opening-week comeback. However, the G2-placed colt went into that race without a recent work at DMR. Since then, he posted a series of sharp DMR works including a bullet :58 last weekend.

Ninth Race

1. Helens Well

2. Dendera

3. Into Touring

Favorites won this stakes race five of the last nine years, but this year's Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf is absolutely wide open. **HELENS WELL** gets the nod based on her last-to-first U.S. debut. She walked out of the gate to be away last, inched forward on the backstretch, took hold late and won going away. Sharp win, improvement likely with a clean takeoff. **DENDERA** posted the fastest final quarter-mile in this field; she crushed Cal-breds with a :23.36 final fraction. She has tactical speed, a late kick, and might handle the jump from state-bred maiden to open stakes. The third-place finisher from her maiden win won a maiden race Thursday. **INTO TOURING** also moves up in class following a solid win in a maiden turf mile. URBAN ran better than looked finishing third in her career debut. Sired by Quality Road, she should relish two turns.

Tenth Race

1. Dance to the Music

2. Grace Adler

3. Elm Drive

The authoritative maiden win by **DANCE TO THE MUSIC** was faster and more visually impressive than the speed figure; she can win the G1 Del Mar Debutante second time out. 'MUSIC was well-regarded all spring, and ran to expectations wiring the field by nearly five. She trained well since, drew outside a pair of stakes one-two finishers, and can fire right back with an up-front trip. **GRACE ADLER** also makes the second start of her career after an off-the-pace debut win, and is likely to improve from her ordinary debut figure. Sired by Curlin, her debut victory was at a five-furlong distance that probably was too short. Drawn outside, with a closing style in a race likely to unfold at a strong tempo, GRACE ADLER should make a forward move stretching out to seven furlongs. Look for her late, possibly at a price. **ELM DRIVE** and EDA are the aforementioned Sorrento Stakes winner and runner-up. ELM DRIVE, two-for-two, held off her rival for a game win. She is battle-tested and quick. Two-time runner-up EDA gave ELM DRIVE all she could handle. Not sure what type trip EDA can get from post 2 in this deep field, however. BICAMERAL finished second to the top choice in her debut. Second-time starters from this stable typically improve. Upset candidate from the outside post.

Eleventh Race

1. Big Coupe

2. Eagle in the Sky

3. Really Big News

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The 4yo maiden **BIG COUPE** is ready to win following a solid comeback in a similar Cal-bred maiden turf mile. He was keen and unrelaxed early, lost ground much of the trip, took up slightly on the far turn, rallied wide, made the lead and got collared. In the money all five starts, the gelding should be tough to beat. **EAGLE IN THE SKY** finished less than a length behind the top choice two back, then runner-up last out with an imperfect trip. He adds blinkers, switches to Bravo and fits if he can somehow get a trip from the outside post (12 of 12). **REALLY BIG NEWS** finished last in his initial route, but the race was a toss. He was fanned wide on the clubhouse turn, made an early move to press, and faded. His back-to-back runner-up finishes in sprints his first two starts suggests he will not be a maiden for long. **JUST ABOUT ENOUGH** drops in to face Calbreds after an okay effort vs. open company in his first route try.