

**Date:** November 19th, 2023**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Not A Sinner (5th race)****First Race****1. Hurricane Cloud****2. Overdue****3. Flavius**

**HURRICANE CLOUD** drops from a productive N2X turf mile to \$40k claiming, and returns to the Del Mar turf on which he finished a creditable fifth in his summer comeback. He raced too close to the pace before tiring last out, but is now reunited with Umberto Rispoli, who rode him two starts back. The race 'CLOUD exits produced three next-out winners, three next-out runners-up. With a waiting ride, he can mow them down. **OVERDUE** is a four-time winner on DMR turf, with a style that fits the pace scenario. Lots of speed here to set it up for a come-from-behinder. **OVERDUE** had no shot last time in a slow-tempo turf mile won by the pacesetter. Different pace scenario here to flatter his rally. **FLAVIUS** has not won in more than two years, but his recent form is decent including a runner-up finish in a turf stakes here in summer. **DOMINANT SOUL**, **DEPARTURE** and **TIZ PLUS** all have speed.

**Second Race****1. Tembo****2. Signofthecross****3. Sol Del Sur**

**TEMBO** and **SIGNOFTHECROSS**, second and fourth last out in a similar low-level race, top this \$8k claiming mile. **TEMBO** has more tactical speed and is likely to get first run if/when the likely pacesetter in post 2 weakens. Recent races by **TEMBO** suggest he is distance-challenged, but he did win two route races early in his career (one dirt, one turf). **SIGNOFTHECROSS** lost ground last time finishing a half-length behind the top choice. **CROSS** will be chugging away late. **SOL DEL SUR** is the aforementioned likely pacesetter breaking from post 2. He stretches out from sprints and will lead as far as he can. **'SUR's** third-place finish in his most recent start was flattered when the one-two finishers won their next start.

**Third Race****1. Beef Winslow****2. Lemon Sushi****3. Americaredwhiteblu**

Up in class off a dominating N2L starter turf win at Santa Anita, **BEEF WINSLOW** can win again if he reproduces the effort. His win by more than three lengths was his first start off the claim by Mark Glatt, the gelding smoked his final quarter-mile in an unreal :21.88 according to the race chart. Though he did not hit the board three previous starts on DMR turf, he ran well enough in all three that footing should not be an issue. Sharp horse can win right back in this N3L starter. **LEMON SUSHI** is uncertain around two turns on turf, but he has been running fast in sprints and hit the board his last seven starts including a dirt route. A front-runner/presser, **'SUSHI** should be forwardly placed on the stretch-out while running back in 14 days off a fast runner-up in a turf sprint. **AMERICAREDWHITEBLU** stretches out off a solid runner-up comeback in a sprint. A stablemate of the top choice, **'REDWHITEBLU** should be forwardly placed. **BIG HAT WILLIE** and **BIRTH OF COOL** will rally late.

**Fourth Race****1. Judge Miller****2. Devilish Desire****3. Matanzas Creek**

**JUDGE MILLER**, a 3yo first-time starter who is a full sibling to recently retired multiple G1 winner Clairiere, makes his long-awaited debut with solid works. Although six furlongs might be shorter than preferred for the Curlin colt, he looked good working in company Nov. 12 (viewed online), and drew the outside post where he can sit, wait and pounce. **'MILLER** is trained by Glatt, who also entered **DEVILISH DESIRE**. The latter finished third in his debut; the race might have been better than it looks. He took dirt while racing inside and behind the pace, raced greenly in the lane, and finished evenly. Good debut, improvement likely second time out. **MATANZAS CREEK** worked well into his debut, but tired in the stretch after dueling early with the eventual front-running winner. With a race under his belt, **'CREEK** should be fitter. And he does have speed. First-time starter **YANGARRA** debuts with fast works. He might be ranked too low.

**Fifth Race****1. Not A Sinner****2. Ashley****3. Alluring**

**NOT A SINNER** should win this maiden turf sprint based on her promising U.S. debut. She broke slowly, quickly recovered and sped forward to chase, got blocked at the quarter pole while the winner got first run, then finished willingly for second. That race was six furlongs; she finished in the money at this five-furlong distance in her debut in Ireland. With a clean trip, 'SINNER should deliver. **ASHLEY** ran better than the line looks in her last-place debut in July. The speedster broke from the rail on a track that favored the outside, dueled inside while under pressure, and tired. She finished last of eight, but actually ran okay. Off nearly four months since, **ASHLEY** could steal this. **ALLURING** is a Ghostzapper filly making her debut with an apparently decent work pattern. **FEISTY MITOLE** got banged around at the break and lost her chance last time. She has more speed than she was able to show, and could keep **ASHLEY** honest on the front end.

### Sixth Race

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#### 1. Envisioned

#### 2. Cocktail Cutie

#### 3. Mumbles Brockman

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Despite a disappointing debut, **ENVISIONED** gets the call dropping from Cal-bred MSW to Cal-bred maiden-claiming. She worked fast into her debut, produced speed, but cracked to finish eighth. That was two months ago, she meets easier second out, and might be the quickest in the field. Regardless, she is likely to move forward second out on the drop. **COCKTAIL CUTIE** was overmatched vs. state-bred MSW rivals; she finished second in both Cal-bred maiden-50 starts at DMR in summer. **MUMBLES BROCKMAN** adds blinkers after splitting a five-horse field in her debut. **HOT DANZING** drops in class, adds blinkers, and has enough speed to possibly keep the top choice honest.

### Seventh Race

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#### 1. Derecho Dandy

#### 2. Worse Read Sanchez

#### 3. Thirty Four Coupe

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This N2L claiming turf mile is tough; **DERECHO DANDY** returns to the level at which he was claimed from a third-place finish in summer. 'DANDY was subsequently overmatched and split the field in a starter allowance, but is back now at his proper level and racing over the DMR turf on which three summer starts produced a second and a third. **WORSE READ SANCHEZ**, a trouble-prone gelding who has never raced this low, will be running late. He had no chance last time in a race won by Beef Winslow, the top choice in the third race. **THIRTY FOUR COUPE** figures for a front-running/pace-pressing trip, while **BROTHER REID** will be rolling late.

### Eighth Race

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#### 1. Nysos

#### 2. Stronghold

#### 3. Tejon Pass

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**NYSOS** should be heavily favored in this G3 sprint based on his debut. The juvenile won by more than 10 lengths with a 96 Beyer that is among the fastest this year by a 2yo (Fierceness earned 105 in Breeders' Cup Juvenile; Prince of Monaco 103 winning Best Pal; NYSOS, Locked and Booth each earned 96, third-highest). Drawn outside in this small field, NYSOS will be tough if he repeats his debut. Blinkers are off. **STRONGHOLD**, the first runner produced by G2 Sorrento winner Spectator, won well his second start in Kentucky and worked well since then in California. **TEJON PASS**, a Justify colt produced by multiple graded winner Foxysox, improved second out with a solid maiden victory on wet-fast at SA. His fourth-place debut in summer at DMR was not bad. **WINE ME UP** drops from an eighth-place finish in the BC Juvenile; **MISSION BEACH** returns to the DMR track on which he won his debut. He split the field last out in a G1 in New York.

### Ninth Race

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#### 1. Touchdown Kittle

#### 2. Antibes

#### 3. Dark Marcus

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**TOUCHDOWN KITTLE** deserves another chance in this Cal-bred maiden turf mile, a race he might have won last time except for a bad trip. The stretch-out maiden was expected to make the lead, but he broke in a tangle and got caught inside and behind rivals. It was an uncomfortable position; he loomed a threat into the lane and then went flat. He actually ran well to finish third. With a route under his belt, the Tiznow gelding can handle this field. **ANTIBES** ran well in his debut, then misfired second out. He stretches to two turns with a pair of sprints under his belt, and route influence in his pedigree. **DARK MARCUS** is a 15-start maiden who will be rolling late. **MAXVILLE** is a trouble-prone gelding who also rallies from behind.