

**Date:** July 28th, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Flatterwithjewels (1st race)****First Race****1. Flatterwithjewels****2. Dream Princess****3. Dramatizer**

**FLATTERWITHJEWELS** figures to win this filly-mare claiming route as she moves up one level off an eight-length runaway at Santa Anita. The veteran mare's pressing style matches the Del Mar main track that mostly favored speed early in summer meet; 'JEWELS last summer won a DMR dirt sprint at 14-1 odds, so she likes the track. Long gone with a forwardly placed trip. **DREAM PRINCESS** returns to preferred conditions, long on dirt. All three career wins were dirt routes, this is her first dirt route since she won a low-level claiming route more than four lengths in March. **DRAMATIZER** also stretches back to her preferred two-turn trip, while **MYFAVORITEDAUGHTER** has never raced at a class level this low.

**Second Race****1. Capital Outlay****2. Don't Hit Me Bash****3. Billbernjoehohnick**

This Cal-bred maiden turf sprint is one of many perplexing races on the Sunday card. **CAPITAL OUTLAY** is the tepid choice after setting the pace and fading to third in recent turf sprints at Santa Anita. His most recent start was his best yet. He dueled with a pace rival, put that one away, then missed by a neck. With slight improvement shortening from six furlongs to five, he gets the nod to win with a front-running/pace-pressing trip. **DON'T HIT ME BASH**, first-time gelding, figures as an off-the-pace contender. He appears to have worked well recently at San Luis Rey Downs; this is his first start since early May. Look for him to rally from midpack, while **BILLBERNJOEJOHNICK** is a seven-start maiden with four thirds and enough speed to be positioned right behind the top choice. If **CAPITAL OUTLAY** falters, 'JOHNNICK could get first run.

**Third Race****1. Emerald Bay****2. Uncle Dude****3. McKinzie Street**

**EMERALD BAY** is the one to beat in this 2yo maiden sprint. By the win-early sire Nyquist (17 percent debut 2yos), produced by a G1 winner and trained by Bob Baffert, the \$700k yearling has worked fast for his debut. He smoked five furlongs from the gate, :58.60 in company, slightly more than a week ago. He is comfortably drawn outside, and likely to fire first out. **UNCLE DUDE** also has trained well. Phil D'Amato trans the colt by first-crop sire Volatile (3-for-15 debut 2yos), produced by a stakes winner. The gray has targeted this five and one-half furlong race, and looks live first out. **MCKINZIE STREET** debuts with a series of fast workouts. By the first-crop stallion McKinzie (0-for-12 debut 2yos), 'STREET has trained like he will give the top pair a battle. **CURVINO** finished third in his debut; maidens from this stable generally improve with racing.

**Fourth Race****1. Parenting****2. Ultimate Gamble****3. Hero Status**

**PARENTING** scored highly rated wins his first two starts, including a stakes route, and might have shipped to the G1 Haskell last week at Monmouth except for a minor illness. He recovered quickly, posted two fast bullet works, and is the choice to extend his win streak. It won't be easy. He is the only 3yo in this N2X, facing older for the first time, against main rivals who both have running styles similar to **PARENTING**. But the Justify colt's decisive scores to begin his carer stamp him as potentially something special. The only knock on his recent stakes win is that runner-up Scatify returned to finish off the board in the Oceanside Stakes. **ULTIMATE GAMBLE** and **HERO STATUS**, both trained by Mark Glatt, will provide pace pressure to the lightly raced top choice 3yo. **ULTIMATE GAMBLE** won a N1X last out by more than six lengths while making just his second start of the year. He is fresh, always well regarded (\$1.75 million juvenile purchase), and heading up the ladder. **HERO STATUS**, a pace-presser, won this N2X condition last time; he is entered for the optional \$80k claim tag.

**Fifth Race****1. Mamba On Three****2. Jetovator****3. Give Me the Lute**

Florida shipper **MAMBA ON THREE**, a five-furlong specialist, arrives in California with the field's highest figures and a top local rider. One-two more than half his 31 starts, the veteran gelding can win on the lead or by rallying from just off. **JETOVATOR**, freshened three months since winning a slow-pace \$40k claiming turf sprint at Santa Anita, drops a notch to \$32k and figures to be tucked in just off the pace. **GIVE ME THE LUTE**, one-two in five of eight Del Mar turf starts, figures as an off-the-pace contender. Interesting that regular rider Juan Hernandez rides the shipper **MAMBA ON THREE** rather than 'LUTE. Also-eligible **WHATMAKESSAMMYRUN**, a graded stakes winner, drops in for a \$32k claim tag. He would rank higher except he would start from the extreme outside if he does draw in.

### Sixth Race

#### 1. Danzing Cat

#### 2. Discrepancy

#### 3. Norah's Princess

Low-level N2L filly-mare claiming sprinters race six and a half; dropper **DANZING CAT** gets the call. She has run well at DMR, has never raced at this bottom level, and she will be setting or pressing the pace. Six and one-half furlongs might be a reach, but this field is fairly soft. **DISCREPANCY** put it all together last out to win a maiden-claiming sprint in the ninth start of her career. She is realistically placed for her first try against winners. This class level (\$12.5k N2L) is often won by last-out maiden-claiming winners. **NORAH'S PRINCESS** returns from an extended layoff to run at the bottom level. She will be rolling late.

### Seventh Race

#### 1. Glorious Life

#### 2. Fight Back

#### 3. Vodka Vodka

In a turf scramble for Cal-bred maidens, 4yo second-time starter **GLORIOUS LIFE** might be the one to beat despite a nine-month layoff. The son of Vronsky showed ability finishing third in his debut at six and a half, he should be able to stay a mile even though his dam was a sprinter. Tepid choice. **FIGHT BACK** has something the top choice lacks. That is, a recent race. **FIGHT BACK** split the field finishing fifth in a creditable debut last month, beaten only slightly more than two lengths. He is a sibling to route stakes winner Eddie's New Dream, and has a license to improve second time out. **VODKA VODKA** figures as one of the favorites off back-to-back runner-up finishes in spring at Santa Anita. This is his first start in three months.

### Eighth Race

#### 1. Mongolian Champ

#### 2. Palagio

#### 3. Aloha Chrome

Maiden-40s go a mile on dirt, comebacker **MONGOLIAN CHAMP** can win if he reproduces his highly rated third-place finish his most recent start in February. The one-two finishers from that restricted maiden race won their next start; 'CHAMP faces easier this time. The five-month layoff is not an issue; comebackers trained by Enebish Ganbat can be ready to fire. **PALAGIO** is a 15-start career maiden who has never raced this low. His figures are fast enough, he hit the board more than half his starts, and drops from a tougher maiden race. **ALOHA CHROME**, gelded since raced, stretches out from a creditable runner-up finish behind next-out winner Instinct D'Oro. **DADDY JUSTIFY** finished nearly six lengths clear of third last out at one level less.

### Ninth Race

#### 1. There Goes Harvard

#### 2. Easter

#### 3. Johannes

**THERE GOES HARVARD** can upset this G2 turf at a mile and one-eighth following a creditable fourth-place comeback in a G1 mile that was too short. That was his first start in more than a year, he finished willingly in a race designed as a prep for this stakes. G1 winner at a mile and one-quarter on dirt, 'HARVARD wants every bit of this longer distance; tab for an odds-beating effort second back from a layoff. G2 winner **EASTER** has improved in morning workouts since adding blinkers. He will add blinkers for the race and should be positioned closer to the lead than previous races. He dropped too far out of it his most recent start at a mile, ran his final quarter-mile in a quick 23.13 seconds, and missed by only three lengths. If he can stay in contact with the leaders and still produce a finishing kick, he should be right there. His only previous DMR turf start was a G2 win. **JOHANNES** stamped himself as one of the top turf milers in California with a sharp G1 victory last out. He could be positioned second behind potential pacesetter **BALLADEER** and get first run if/when that one falters. **GOLD PHOENIX** is 3-for-4 on DMR turf including a win in this race last year. **MASTER PIECE** won this race in 2022, and returns from the East Coast in top form. His G2 win last out at Aqueduct was flattered when the runner-up won a G2 next out. **DU JOUR** is a top turf miler stretching to a mile and one-eighth. He won two stakes here last summer, and rarely runs a bad race.

### Tenth Race

#### 1. Perfect in Gray

#### 2. Putt for Dough

#### 3. Don't Worry Boss

Taking a shot with potential longshot **PERFECT IN GRAY** in this claiming sprint for 3yo fillies. She misfired twice following her runaway debut, but she had excuses for both. The first was on turf; second out she stumbled, dueled and cracked in a starter allowance. She is now back in for a claim tag with jockey Emily Ellingwood. The gray speedster might be long gone. Ellingwood and trainer John Sadler

teamed to win at a 34 percent clip (12 for 35) the past five years. **PUTT FOR DOUGH** drops for the first time into a claiming race and returns to the DMR track on which she won a maiden race last summer. **DON'T WORRY BOSS**, also a maiden winner here last summer, drops in for a tag and adds blinkers second start back from an extended layoff. Blinkers are on. **BEAU SOLEIL** made the "horses to watch" list after losing her chance at the break last out. Claimed by Bob Hess, Jr., her best races put her in the hunt.

### Eleventh Race

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#### 1. Moment's Pleasure

#### 2. Court Snort

#### 3. Jessebear

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**MOMENT'S PLEASURE** is the obvious choice in this filly-mare Cal-bred allowance turf mile based on recent runner-up finishes in a Cal-bred stakes and an entry-level allowance. She missed by only a neck in her only previous DMR turf start last summer. **COURT SNORT** won four of her last seven starts. She runs short and long, turf or dirt, and will rally late. **JESSEBEAR** ha a tough trip last time in a similar race. She missed by two lengths and fits with these.