

Date: August 2nd, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Shady Tiger (6th race)****First Race****1. Man O Rose****2. Unconquerable Keen****3. Beer Can Man**

Friday post time 4 p.m. **MAN O ROSE** seeks his fifth straight in this allowance turf sprint; the gelding switched to turf last time and scored a highly rated (104 Beyer) win vs. a similar field. 'ROSE has speed, but he won his last two starts pressing from second position. With a front-running/pace-pressing trip over a turf-sprint course conducive to his style, the improved sprinter can extend his win streak and aim next to the G3 Green Flash Handicap on Aug. 31. **UNCONQUERABLE KEEN** set the pace and finished second behind the top choice last out at six furlongs. That was the first start in six months for 'KEEN, who benefits by the shorter distance of this five-furlong dash. He won twice over this short layout last year. **BEER CAN MAN** is another Del Mar turf specialist, 2-for-4 sprinting over the course. His closing style is opposite the top pair. Front-running comebacker **FAST BUCK** will keep the pace honest.

Second Race**1. In Without Knockin****2. Sky Sailing****3. Kisses Required**

One more drop to the maiden-20 bottom level can produce a win for **IN WITHOUT KNOCKIN**, runner-up in a maiden-30 last out. Although the filly who beat her returned Sunday to finish nowhere in a low-level N2L claiming sprint, 'KNOCKIN meets a modest field here and should wear them down. She figures to be forwardly placed chasing potential pacesetter **SKY SAILING**. The latter "stretches out" to five and one-half furlongs after a runner-up finish racing four and one-half furlongs (1,000 yards) at Los Alamitos. 'SAILING could be long gone if she can stay an additional furlong. First-time starter **KISSES REQUIRED** debuts against an ordinary field. Although maidens from this stable typically race into shape rather than fire first out, 'REQUIRED is by a sire (Stanford) whose progeny of all ages have won at a higher-than-average 16 percent. **ANNIE FOX** is an eight-start maiden with a smidge of ability; she finished second last out.

Third Race**1. Scipio****2. Cajun Gold****3. Kale's Angel**

Maiden 2yos sprint five furlongs on turf; first-time starter **SCIPPIO** has worked as if he is ready to fire. Juvenile debut progeny of Caravaggio won at a 14 percent clip; trainer Richard Baltas won with 4 of his last 10 first-time starters in Del Mar summer turf sprints (2020-2021 meets). **CAJUN GOLD** also is bred to win early; his sire Cajun Breeze has produced 17 percent winners with debut juveniles. John Sadler trains 'GOLD, who is believed to have speed. **KALE'S ANGEL** worked fast for Peter Miller; the colt is by hot first-crop sire Complexity, whose debut progeny have won 6 of 17. Most were on dirt, however. Complexity progeny have made only one start on turf (unplaced). **PALI KITTEN** appears to have trained well. This looks like an open, competitive race to kick off the pick six.

Fourth Race**1. Normandy Queen****2. VibeZ****3. Mizzyaan**

NORMANDY QUEEN stretches out from a promising third-place debut. She took dirt behind rivals, and finished evenly as if she wants farther than six furlongs. She gets it in this maiden dirt mile; she worked well since her only start. She toyed with a mate in a slow work July 20, then picked it up last weekend with a solid five-furlong drill in 1:00.80. Improvement likely second out at a longer trip. She must catch likely pacesetter **VIBEZ**, who switched to dirt last out and popped an 81 sprint Beyer; the figure exceeds par (79) for this class level. Not sure how far **VIBEZ** wants to run, but she clearly is a better filly on the main track and likely they one must catch. 5 of the 9 dirt miles the first two weeks of the summer meet were won by the pacesetter. **MIZZYAAN** is a G3-placed maiden making her U.S. debut after two promising starts in Dubai including the stakes. Sired by Justify and produced by G1 winner Vale Dori, **MIZZYAAN** is bred to be a good one. Stablemates **WELL FUNDED** and **HYMNAL** lost as favorites last out; both ran better in previous starts.

Fifth Race**1. Ang N Ash****2. Certitude****3. Marinas Tina**

ANG N ASH and **CERTITUDE** are tough to separate; they finished three-two last out in a similar N2L starter turf mile. Considering the fast pace she pressed, one could argue **ANG N ASH** ran better than the rival who beat her by a length and a quarter. If this race unfolds at a

slightly slower tempo, the improving 'ASH will get first run. The turf rails are at 30 feet this week for the first time at the meet. CERTITUDE finished in front of the top choice last out, despite steady in deep stretch. Although still a maiden, CERTITUDE finished second at this N2L starter level her last two starts. Maidens can win this condition. **MARINAS TINA** was claimed for \$32k from a tough-trip fourth; she lost by only a length. In the money three previous starts at this level, she will be rolling late.

Sixth Race

1. Shady Tiger

2. Pure Madness

3. Known Idea

SHADY TIGER looks tough in this seven-furlong stakes for Cal-bred 3yos. He has won four straight including a dirt-sprint stakes two back followed by a turf-route stakes. Freshened two months, he has worked exceptionally well; his pressing style allows him to create his own trip from the outside post. Big field of 13, but **SHADY TIGER** clearly the one to beat. **PURE MADNESS** is buried on the rail, and started only once. But his impressive debut against open older maidens on turf stamps him a contender despite the rail post. He won on turf, but always worked well on dirt. Not sure what type trip he can orchestrate from the inside post, but based on ability he fits with Cal-bred 3yos. **KNOWN IDEA** would add speed, though he is not a confirmed starter. He ran well both recent starts this spring at Santa Anita, runner-up in a pair of Cal-bred allowance races. His only subpar race was his only start without Lasix. In this stakes, none of the entrants are treated with Lasix. **LAST CALL LONDON** is a consistent Cal-bred stakes runner (one stakes win, plus four stakes placings). He returns from a four-month break to race over the DMR dirt on which he placed in two stakes last year; trainer Peter Miller won this race 3 times since 2014. **FINAL STORM**, stablemate of the top choice, will be rolling late.

Seventh Race

1. Sweet Delta Dawn

2. Everything Bugs Me

3. Lovin' On the Run

SWEET DELTA DAWN was not disgraced in her U.S. debut in a similar turf mile for maiden fillies and mares; she finished fifth while running better than the line looks. She pressed the pace but got swallowed in a race dominated by closers. The "shape" of the race was against her. Now she makes her second stateside start against a modest field, and won't need much improvement to handle this bunch. **EVERYTHING BUGS ME** ran well finishing second in her career debut on this course in December; her most recent start at Churchill Downs was better than her fifth-place finish suggests. She was very wide, and missed by only three and a half lengths. **LOVIN' ON THE RUN** stretches to a mile off a pair of decent turf-sprint efforts at SA. **HANNAH BUCKLE** also goes long off an okay sixth-place U.S. debut in a turf sprint.

Eighth Race

1. Moonlight Tryst

2. Perkins

3. Bajan Bashert

MOONLIGHT TRYST, previously trained by the late Dave Hofmans, drops to Cal-bred maiden-50 in her first start for trainer Dean Pederson. She returns to dirt, the surface on which she missed by only a nose in her debut two back. Also-eligible **PERKINS** is speed, also dropping to maiden-claiming. If she draws in, she has a shot to steal it as the pace of the race. **BAJAN BASHERT** is an eight-start maiden with seven in-the-money finishes. She will pick them up late. **WISHES TO RICHES** drops in class following a three-month break.