

Date: August 16th, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Michael Hammersly****BEST BET: Sunrise Journey (8th race)****First Race****1. Last Elizabethan****2. Comanche Gal****3. Glacier Rim**

LAST ELIZABETHAN may be ready to turn the corner at a price. After some not-so-hot outings she perked up in a race like this here July 26, rallying from well back to split the field, finishing 5th. Could be she's partial to this course and a couple nice works since for a barn having a big meet bode well. **COMANCHE GAL** set the pace in her first try on turf and first route here July 26 and kept on well to DH for 2nd. She can surely improve off that run and her speed again figures to have her in it from the start. A bullet work since on Aug. 8 is a thumbs-up. **GLACIER RIM** has shown a nice late kick at times and traffic trouble hurt her in a race like this last time out here July 26. Four of her five sibs to race are winners, two of them turf winners including Gold Lace (24-8-3-2, \$207K, 20-7-2-2 on turf).

Second Race**1. Frost Alert****2. I Don't Get It****3. Uncle John**

FROST ALERT came from a long layoff to be a nice 2nd at LRC July 5 at this trip. He can surely improve off that outing and ran well on this track last summer. **I DON'T GET IT** hasn't been much of a factor in his recent work, though in his defense that all came vs. tougher. Maybe today's drop can get him turned around. **UNCLE JOHN** has been racing almost exclusively on turf and flashed ability. This is his first try on dry fast dirt and he's shown some tactical speed in the past.

Third Race**1. Recycleyourheart****2. Apple Valley Girl****3. Dyin a Thirst**

RECYCLEYOURHEART showed ability in here first two starts including running on well for 3rd in a race like this here July 26. That shows she handles the track, trip and level and with the outside post she should fall into a nice stalking trip. Her lone sib is Cobra Jet (22-5-4-1, \$112K, 2 SWs, 1 SP). **APPLE VALLEY GIRL** was a good 4th in her debut here July 26, only a head behind the top pick so that shows she fits. And considering that was just her debut she's eligible to move forward. Three of her four sibs are winners including Clubhouse Bride (7-2-1-1, \$99K, 1 SP). **DYIN A THIRST** ran very well to be a rallying 2nd in a race like this at LRC July 5. That run was been more the exception than the rule but at least it shows she's got some tame. She gets blinkers after a dullish 7th vs. some of these here July 26. Eight of her 10 sibs are winners including Nichiren (32-4-8-3, \$166K).

Fourth Race**1. Summer Chief****2. Mendelssohns Music****3. Getemdusty**

SUMMER CHIEF may be primed to graduate. The 4yo gelding is trending the right way, topped off by a sharp 2nd in a race like this here July 25. That shows not only his improving form but that he handles this track, trip and level. Four of his five sibs to race are winners including Brazilian Summer (37-4-7-2, \$64K). **MENDELSSOHN'S MUSIC** stalked before finishing 5th on LRC dirt June 22 but not only was that his first run on dirt it came vs. straight maidens. He can benefit from that outing and surely from today's drop. He's worked well since, too. Two of his three sibs are winners Tell Your Daddy (27-4-6-2, \$506K, 1 G2 SW, 4 SPs including 1 G1) and Dynadrive (35-9-6-2, \$594K, 2 SWs including 1 G3, 2 SPs). **GETEMDUSTY** has been knocking on the door since the start of the year and might be ready to break through. Those last four good efforts all came in races like this. All three sibs (all fulls) are winners including Unstoppable Guy (14-3-1-2, \$26K).

Fifth Race**1. Ankyrah****2. Port Ellen****3. Pink Ace**

ANKYRAH comes here sharp, particularly if you ignore that June 8 debacle at SA when she broke through the gate prior to the start. Draw a line through that race and you're left with four strong efforts including a rallying 2nd here last time out July 26. It's encouraging they do not again risk her for a tag and she's done her best work with Berrios aboard. She is stuck way outside, however. **PORT ELLEN** likewise comers here doing well off two straight wins, the last on turf at this trip at SA May 24. She hasn't run since but has worked

steadily the past month and a half and Rispoli, who was up for that May 24 win, stays. **PINK ACE** not only has speed, it's sprint speed, which here might translate to her being the one to catch on the stretchout.

Sixth Race

1. Keen to Go

2. Big Drinker

3. Syntactic

KEEN TO GO ran 2nd, albeit well beaten, in a race similar to this here a year ago. He was then gone 10 months and came back to be no factor at SA June 8 but not only was dealing with the layoff he was facing much more expensive. There's another layoff since but this comeback comes with a big drop, a return to dirt and some solid local works under his belt. **BIG DRINKER** did some good work at SA in the spring. He's been freshened and has worked steadily. The slight drop can't hurt. **SYNTACTIC** has a bit of a good race/bad race pattern going and if he sticks to that it's time for one of his better efforts. He was a decent 3rd in a spot similar to this at SA June 15.

Seventh Race

1. Linda's Gift

2. Musical Rhapsody

3. Sunset Glory

Save for Anisette, **LINDA'S GIFT** has been the best turf distance distaffer out West the past year. She's won three of her last four, all stakes (the lone loss coming to Anisette in a G1) and has beaten a number of today's foes before. She worked splendidly here last week and has shown an affinity for this course. **MUSICAL RHAPSODY** has been chasing the top pick the past year (five times, no less). She's run awfully well in most of those races and maybe 'GIFT' just has her number. Then again, this gal has been reliable and it won't take too drastic of a break to see her turning the tables. But a break or two are required. **SUNSET GLORY** is the new shooter. She comes off a smashing allowance win here July 21. That was just her 4th race so there's plenty of upside, but the water is a whole lot deeper.

Eighth Race

1. Sunrise Journey

2. Shashashakemeup

3. El Diablo Rojo

SUNRISE JOURNEY continues his good form, showing there's still plenty of gas in the tank despite his age (9) and all those furlongs (55 starts). He's run well here and the two-level price hike is most encouraging. **SHASHASHAKEMEUP** hasn't been seen in a long time (three years) but the ol' boy has plenty of back-class to fall back on. He resurfaces with a huge drop and as a gelding and some snappy recent works say there's still some life here. **EL DIABLO ROJO** comes here in solid form, though he finished 3rd behind the top pick in his last two. He has won here and figures to bide his time again and make a run. Williams saw fit to claim him and it's encouraging to see the more-than-mandatory price hike.