

**Date:** August 17th, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Michael Hammersly****BEST BET: Fleet Feet (6th race)****First Race****1. Classymademoiselle****2. Roman Empress****3. Just a Little Luck**

**CLASSYMADEMOISELLE** came into her own last year, winning three of her last four. Trouble is, she hasn't been seen since so there's a long layoff. That layoff came off the claim, which isn't the most enthralling news either as you don't claim a horse merely for the sake of housing it. The good news, though, is she's been working well, has run nicely before off the bench, has run well here and returns with no tag attached. **ROMAN EMPRESS** looked good whipping \$10K foes here July 27 so she's sharp and handles this track. Being doubled in value is most encouraging. **JUST A LITTLE LUCK** comes here off four straight wins. Trouble is, that all came at Los Alamitos so can she be as effective elsewhere? The good news is she has loads of speed.

**Second Race****1. Dandy Man Shines****2. Reiquist****3. Irish Prophet**

**DANDY MAN SHINES** has been knocking heads with some real toughies and has held his own. Today's class relief after trying stakes foes here July 21 may be just what the Dr. ordered. It also helps he's done his best work here. **REIQUIST** rallied gamely to post an 11-1 upset going 9fs here last time out July 21 so he's sharp and handles this place. He does cut back a furlong and takes on tougher, including the top pick who beat him twice at SA this spring. **IRISH PROPHET** finished gamely to be a sharp 3rd just behind REIQUIEST here July 21. That was his first start in a while so he's eligible to improve with that run under his belt.

**Third Race****1. Journey D' Oro****2. Smokem Ez****3. Come Out Fighting**

**JOURNEY D' ORO** was a smashing winner of his debut at LRC June 23 but then dueled and fizzled here July 27. In his defense, not only was that his first try vs. winners, it was his first try on turf, he was facing tougher AND got into a duel. He gets some significant class relief and returns to dirt so that might get him back on track. He worked well since, too. **SMOKEM EZ** added blinkers vs. more expensive at LRC last time out July 7 but was one-paced and never a factor after a slow start. The blinks come back, he drops and there are some good works since to encourage. **COME OUT FIGHTING** dueled before giving way to end up last of six here July 27 but not only did he duel he was facing much more expensive and doing so off a bit of a layoff. Today's big drop, with that race under his belt, might snap him back to life.

**Fourth Race****1. Thought Process****2. Aransas Pass****3. Schilflied**

**THOUGHT PROCESS** ran decently first time out here July 27, stalking and keeping on for 3rd. Yes, that came sprinting on dirt and today she's asked to route on turf but her pedigree hints neither will be an issue and a strong work here Aug. 11 hints she's coming to hand. **ARANSAS PASS** debuts going long, no easy task, but has worked well for a trainer who is solid first time out. Her two sibs are Balpool (7-3-0-0, \$179K, 1 SW, no turf starts) and Rosie Jeeks (turf winner). **SCHILFLIED** is another asked to debut going long but as worked well. She's by a G1 turf winner who's proving a good turf sire and all four sibs to race are winners including Brody's Streak (24-7-6-1, \$121K, 2 SWs, 1 SP, no turf starts) and full-bro Cigale (turf winner).

**Fifth Race****1. Departure****2. Royal Act****3. Funkenstein**

**DEPARTURE** chased the pace before tiring to 5th vs. \$25K foes at this trip at LRC June 19. Not only did he do some of the early dirty work, he was facing foes worth twice what he faces here. That was also his second start after a couple months off. The drop surely helps and remember he's been a pro for a long time - you don't win 10 times by accident. His speed can help him flee the outside post. **ROYAL ACT** stalked at this level last time out at CD June 26 and loomed a big threat turning for home before flattening out to end up 4th. Sweezy saw fit to claim him, is solid off a claim and cuts him back a furlong, which might help. **FUNKENSTEIN** did some good work in NY this

spring. He comes off a modest 4th for this price at BAQ May 25 but his new connections saw fit to claim him, have freshened him and bring him back for the same price. He figures to bide his time and make a run.

### Sixth Race

#### 1. Fleet Feet

#### 2. Eddie's Last

#### 3. Tejon Pass

**FLEET FEET** ran on smartly to be a sharp 2nd at 15-1 here last time out July 20. that was a nice bounce back after a few not-so-hot outings, though you can forgive those subpar efforts as all came going longer. If that last July 20 run is any indication this shorter trip is more to his liking and he's not facing much power. **EDDIE'S LAST** held good form from last November into this June with a string of good races. He didn't do so well here last time out July 20 but maybe that was just one of those days. it's nice to see no subsequent drop or layoff and if able to get back to his prior form can be dangerous, though off that last run that's no small 'if', is it? **TEJON PASS** returns from a lengthy layoff trying turf for the first time. He gets class relief for his return and has worked steadily. And while it's first time on this ground the Justifys handle turf wonderfully.

### Seventh Race

#### 1. Unique Power

#### 2. Smash It

#### 3. Citizen Bull

**UNIQUE POWER** is bred to be a beast as he's by one of the game's elite stallions out of a champion sprinting mare. He's worked lights-out for this first run and if able to deal with the layoff could come out firing first time out. His lone sib is winner Ultra Power. **SMASH IT** showed talent in his first two starts and it took two nice Bafferts to beat him, including Getaway Car last time out here July 20 who came back to win the G2 Best Pal easily here last Sunday. All five sibs are winners including Slammed (13-9-1-0, \$557K, 6 SWs including 1 G2, 1 G3 SP) and Smash Ticket (8-4-1-1, \$226K, 1 SW, 1 G2 SP). **CITIZEN BULL** cost a pretty penny (\$675K) and has worked well for a trainer well known for having his 2yos cranked and ready for this meet KALEA BAY gives Baffert two looks at this and like his stablemate CITIZEN BULL has worked strongly and cost a bunch (\$700K) so you know there are some expectations here. He's kin to six winners including Truth Seeker (51-13-12-7, \$467K, 3 SWs, 8 SPs) and Constellation (14-5-5-1, \$619K, 4 SWs including 1 G1, 6 SPs including 2 G1s, 2 G2s, 2 G3s). **POWER PLAY** has a bunch of good works for a trainer who has smashing debut-win numbers and his price tag (\$375K) show there are likely some expectations. **POST GAME** is another high-priced youngster who's worked well for his debut. He's kin to Heaven Street (23-5-2-3, \$422K, 1 SW, 3 SPs).

### Eighth Race

#### 1. Medoro

#### 2. Iscreamuscream

#### 3. Whiskey Decision

A fun renewal. **MEDORO** won her first four starts before finishing 3rd behind a couple of these in the G2 San Clement here July 20 but she had a troubled start that day, traffic issues into the lane and was going just a mile. It was also her first start in three months. She can benefit from that outing, the added furlong and the presence of ample speed to give her the right kind of pace/target. **ISCREAMUSCREAM** is a perfect three-for-three and gamely won the aforementioned San Clemente. Speed is her main asset so she figures in it from the start but there's other speed to deal with here and an added furlong. Still, there's no telling where her ceiling is. **WHISKEY DECISION** is a scary new face. She not only won her last three including a turf stakes at DEL last time out July 8, she romped in those three. She's shown versatility, too, though she's asked to ship across the country, deal with new surroundings and foes likely tougher than she's seen before. **ZONA VERDE** must be respected coming off a sharp 2nd in the San Clemente. Her three best races have come on this course.

### Ninth Race

#### 1. Tiz Tok

#### 2. Stop and a Tres

#### 3. Zimba Warrior

**TIZ TOK** found turf and tougher too much to handle here last time out Aug. 1 so the drop and return to dirt might be just what the Dr. ordered. **STOP AND A TRES** kept to his task to finish 3rd, albeit well beaten, vs. more expensive here July 20. That was still a nice move forward and the drop can't hurt. **ZIMBA WARRIOR** ran on well for 2nd vs. \$8K foes here last time out July 25. He gest a price hike back to his claimed level, which is an encouraging move.

### Tenth Race

#### 1. Adaay In Asia

#### 2. Aventapp

#### 3. Dancing Soul

**ADAAY IN ASIA** hasn't won in a while and hasn't really done much since coming to the U.S. 14 1/2 months ago but all that work came vs. tougher. Belvoir saw fit to claim him, has super off-the-claim numbers and gives her a significant drop which might prove key. He also adds blinkers. **AVENTAPP** had traffic issues in a similar spot here July 25 and was unable to factor in the final furlong. Knapp saw fit to

claim him and some better racing luck can put him in the mix. He's done some of his best work with Fresu aboard. **DANCING SOUL** can sizzle and while he's winless in six turf tries he has handled the footing just fine. That speed makes her the one to catch.