

**Date:** September 2nd, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Show Card (3rd race)****First Race****1. One Magic Philly****2. Scary Fast Ride****3. Nokie**

The last-out maiden win by **ONE MAGIC PHILLY** was more impressive than the neck margin suggests, and makes the lightly raced 3yo filly the choice moving up in class to entry-level allowance. 'PHILLY settled just off a fast pace, rallied three-wide into the lane, fought hard to the wire and outfinished runner-up Seismic Beauty, who returned with a runaway maiden win Friday. The maiden win by 'PHILLY was impressive, but her main rival is older, more accomplished, and more seasoned. She is **SCARY FAST RIDE**, whose last-out fourth in a similar N1X was not as disappointing as it looks. Racing over a Del Mar track that favored inside speed (a recurring theme this summer), 'RIDE lagged three and four-wide and went evenly in a race dominated by the odds-on pacesetter. A stakes-placed 5yo mare, 'RIDE will rally late. **NOKIE** rallied for second in the same race. It was the first start in six months for NOKIE, who is eligible to improve second start back. The filly who beat her, Hope Road, was the odds-on program favorite Saturday in a G3 (race 4).

**Second Race****1. Om N Joy****2. Pavel Is Appealing****3. Rizzleberry Rose**

A promising third-place debut by **OM N JOY** stamps the Cal-bred 2yo maiden the one to beat stretching to six furlongs. She was not quick from the rail, lagged, never left the fence, but finished with run and galloped out super after the finish. It was a solid educational debut by a filly who should relish the longer distance, and improve with a race under her belt. **PAVEL IS APPEALING** makes her debut with apparently okay works including a team drill from the gate Aug. 18, followed by a sharper half-mile move last weekend. This Cal-bred maiden field did not come up that tough, it would be a good spot for a firster. Debut progeny (all ages) of Pavel are 3-for-19; the dam produced debut winner Putt for Dough. **RIZZLEBERRY ROSE** raced greenly in her fifth-place debut in the same race as the top choice. She was climbing early, raced on her wrong lead through the lane, and split the field. She adds blinkers and figures to improve second time out. This race is a split of race 4.

**Third Race****1. Show Card****2. Super Shine****3. Ascendancy**

**SHOW CARD** returns from a three-month break in a route stakes she can lead wire to wire as the controlling speed. Her springtime maiden and allowance sprint wins were fast; she had an alibi when she stretched to a route and misfired in the G2 Summertime Oaks. She lost her composure in the paddock, got keen and aggressive, and chucked it. She worked well since, pointed to this stakes for weeks, and can be long gone on the front end. **SUPER SHINE** gets class relief, dropping from three successive Grade 2s and stretching back to her preferred two-turn trip. A G2 winner in Argentina, runner-up by a neck in a G2 in her U.S. debut, she probably is the class of the field after chasing Sweet Azteca and Adare Manor her last two starts. **ASCENDANCY** is an eight-time winner, and multiple stakes winner. She will be grinding away late. **LIBERAL LADY** has enough speed to tuck in just off the pace. **LIBERAL LADY** could get first run if **SHOW CARD** misfires.

**Fourth Race****1. Grateful My Love****2. Cloudy Rose****3. Lil' Boom Boom**

First-time starter **GRATEFUL MY LOVE** meets a modest field of Cal-bred 2yo maiden fillies in this split of race 2. 'LOVE looked decent working in company Aug. 24 with older graded stakes-placed Mixto, who entered the Pacific Classic on Saturday. The team work by 'LOVE hints she is ready to fire first out. **CLOUDY ROSE** is a firster bred to win early. Sired by Tom's Tribute (14 percent, debut 2yos), she was produced by a dam whose first four runners included three debut winners. None were favored. The work pattern of 'ROSE hints that she also is ready to fire. **LIL' BOOM BOOM**, runner-up her last three starts, will rally late. **LESS IS MORE** is a Cal-bred by Nyquist, whose 2yo debut progeny have won at an above-average 17 percent clip.

**Fifth Race****1. Thirsty in Vegas****2. In the Air Tonight****3. Cayucos**

This stakes race for Cal-bred 2yo fillies is a good spot to take a shot at a price. Steve Knapp trains two leading contenders; less-accomplished **THIRSTY IN VEGAS** might post a front-running upset over stakes-winning stablemate **IN THE AIR TONIGHT**. Both exit the same race. **THIRSTY IN VEGAS** had missed some training with a minor setback going into the CTBA Stakes, she duelled on a hot pace and tired to third. She has had no hiccups since, she might be the speed of the field, and can spring a front-running mild upset. But her stablemate is good. **IN THE AIR TONIGHT** trained super into the CTBA, and ran accordingly. She won by more than five lengths at five and one-half furlongs, giving every indication she will relish six furlongs. The rail post for **TONIGHT** is not a deal-breaker, because she probably will be outrun early anyway. Look for her late. **CAYUCOS** got an easy lead and wired maidens first out; the race was validated when the runner-up returned to win her next start. **HOT GIRL WALK** makes her third start of the meet; the speedy filly could pester the top choice on the front end.

### Sixth Race

#### 1. Big Summer

#### 2. Kissed by Fire

#### 3. Itzel

**BIG SUMMER** moves up to N2X following a sharp come-from-behind N1X win over a turf-sprint course on which she has fired every start. Four tries here produced a win and three seconds. This field has pace to flatter her closing kick, no reason she cannot win right back rallying from behind. **KISSED BY FIRE** also is a course specialist, with two wins over the course including this N2X level last fall. She entered for the \$80k optional claim tag and has the opposite style of the top choice. Front-runner **FIRE** will set or press the pace from the outside. **ITZEL** drops from a \$125k stakes in which she set the pace to deep stretch before getting swallowed by better fillies including Connie Swingle, a contender Saturday against males in the G3 Green Flash Handicap (race 9). **JUST NAILS** finished a half-length behind top-choice **BIG SUMMER** two back, then won her next start (barely) in a N1X.

### Seventh Race

#### 1. Greatheart

#### 2. Upstart Yankee

#### 3. Vanzzy

Bottom-level \$8k claiming males race one mile, **GREATHEART** seeks his second win of summer at this level. The gelding's half-length victory was validated when runner-up Zimba Warrior ran back and won convincingly for \$12.5k. The trainer of **GREATHEART**, Kelly Bainum, is quietly making her presence felt. Since she resumed training in 2023, she is 15-for-80 (18 percent) while producing a flat-bet profit. **UPSTART YANKEE** drops a couple notches after an improved runner-up finish last out for \$12.5k; he finished four lengths clear of third. **YANKEE** probably has more speed than the top choice. **VANZZY**, a three-time stakes winner early in his career, plummets to rock bottom. The drop could wake him up. **BIG SPIN** was claimed for \$16k last out, but he broke slowly and finished nowhere. It gives his new connections license to drop him to the bottom first off the claim.

### Eighth Race

#### 1. Raw Ability

#### 2. Alluring

#### 3. Loterie

European import **RAW ABILITY** is the call in this N1X turf mile for 3yo fillies, based on her impressive debut victory this spring in Ireland and solid training over the DMR turf since her arrival in the U.S. Her only start was rather impressive. She broke slowly, quickly rolled up to a forward position, and ran away late. Nice win, partly validated when the third-place finisher returned to win two starts later. **RAW ABILITY** meets a field that did not come up all that tough; her works suggest she will fire in her U.S. debut for trainer John Sadler. **ALLURING** is a stakes-placed turf sprinter stretching to a mile for her first start in four months. Her pedigree is fine for a route. **LOTERIE** was in tough in the G2 San Clemente, she finished sixth of 10. Class drop to N1X, she will rally late. This race is a split of race 10.

### Ninth Race

#### 1. Majestic Palisades

#### 2. Smokem If U Gottem

#### 3. Don't Hit Me Bash

First-time starter **MAJESTIC PALISADES**, sibling to debut winner/G1 winner Ceiling Crusher, gets the call in this Cal-bred maiden sprint. His work pattern signals readiness, trainer Dean Pederson can fire with rookies including a debut winner Aug. 23 ridden by Armando Aguilar. Same trainer-jockey combo here. One pedigree statistic worth noting: progeny of the top choice's sire Majestic Harbor are just 1-for-34 first time out according to Formulator. **SMOKEM IF U GOTTEM** finished second all three starts. He has speed and will be involved early. **DON'T HIT ME BASH** is a no-speed six-start maiden who will be running late, same as **TROTSKY**.

### Tenth Race

#### 1. Ima Joker

#### 2. Tiaraqueen

#### 3. Miss Meagher

**IMA JOKER** got a wake-up win last out when dropped to maiden-62k; she dominated the turf mile by three lengths and was claimed. Her recent speed figures compare favorably to this lineup, she looks like a timely claim by Doug O'Neill, who is 24 percent (8 for 34) with

first-off-the-claim turf-route starters the past five years. 'JOKER can add to the stat. **TIARAQUEEN** makes her U.S. debut after winning one of four in England. The quality of the race she exits is dubious, but her forwardly placed running style should suit firm ground in the U.S. **MISS MEAGHER** makes her U.S. debut for a stable that has much success with European imports. Unraced since a maiden win at a low-profile track in Ireland, MISS MEAGHER adds Lasix for her comeback but is parked on the far outside (post 12 of 12). **ESPRIT ENCHANTE** might be ranked too low; her runner-up finish as the favorite last out in a similar race makes her one of the favorites.

**Eleventh Race**

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**1. Captain Sparrow**

**2. Fast Chaz**

**3. Bowtie Boys**

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**CAPTAIN SPARROW** drops from maiden-50 to maiden-20 with speed to make the lead. Color him long gone second start back. **FAST CHAZ** also drops, and though he drew the inside post, he has shown speed in the past and fits if he can establish position before being shuffled back. **BOWTIE BOYS** raced wide and sputtered in his maiden-50 comeback, but the drop could wake him up. The truth is, if the top choice does not wire the field, anything goes.