

Date: September 5th, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Recinto Rompere (2nd race)****First Race****1. Jubilant Joanie****2. Dream Princess****3. Classymademoiselle**

The class hike from \$8k claiming to \$20k claiming is an ambitious climb for **JUBILANT JOANIE**. But based on her last-out romp and three-race win streak, she just might handle tougher company. Claimed off her win, she has a versatile style and should be forwardly placed if not setting the pace outright. Sharp filly can win another on the quadruple jump in class. **DREAM PRINCESS** wired \$16k claiming fillies and mares setting an easy pace last time. She probably will not get the same soft trip, but like the top choice, 'PRINCESS is also effective from a pressing position. **CLASSYMADEMOISELLE** stretches out from a runner-up comeback prep 19 days ago in a sprint, and runs back at the same level while again entered for the "no-claim" waiver. It signals optimism; **CLASSYMADEMOISELLE** should be forwardly placed from the inside post. **ICONIC SKY** stretches out, drops in class, and adds even more speed to the field.

Second Race**1. Recinto Rompere****2. Ang N Ash****3. Port Ellen**

A tough-trip runner-up by **RECINTO ROMPERE** last out stamps the turf-sprint filly the one to beat in this N3L starter. 'ROMPERE was taken off the pace, rallied through traffic on the turn, steadied in tight quarters, re-rallied inside, finished strongly and galloped out in front of the field. It was a super come-from-behind effort in a race won by the pacesetter. 'ROMPERE can be positioned closer to the front than last out, and facing easier company than the \$32k claiming fillies last time. **ANG N ASH** shortened up last time and scored a game win vs. 3yo claiming fillies. She was claimed for \$50k, moves back up in class to face older fillies and mares, and should be forwardly placed. **PORT ELLEN** cuts back to five furlongs following a runner-up effort at one mile at this same class level. She will probably be outrun early at this short trip, but she will be finishing. **AKNYRAH** fits off her recent two-turn form, but five furlongs is probably shorter than preferred. She also will rally late; comebacker **DIAL A FRIEND** is speed.

Third Race**1. Zimba Warrior****2. Elector****3. Clampett**

Triple-jumped in class off a sharp win for \$12.5k claiming, **ZIMBA WARRIOR** can win again moving up to \$25k claiming. The eight-time winner has won at this level or above in the past; his versatile style allows him to adapt to any pace scenario. Sharp horse can fire right back. His main rival comes off a highly rated romp for \$20k. **ELECTOR** returned from a short break to win with a big figure; his front-running style has been the most effective style this summer in dirt routes. **CLAMPETT** goes sprint to route, first off the claim. He pressed his way to a sharp \$16k claiming sprint win last out while making his first start in a year. He carried his speed two turns in spring 2022. **MOGOLLON RIM** has run fast enough on turf and synthetic to be competitive in this dirt race. He scratched from a turf race Sunday to go here.

Fourth Race**1. Willa T****2. Den of Iniquity****3. VibeZ**

WILLA T drops to maiden-50 after finishing in the money 4 of 5 starts vs. special-weight maidens. She broke through the gate and subsequently misfired in her recent comeback, hence the drop in class. Her best races this spring at Santa Anita are fast enough for this easier level. **DEN OF INIQUITY** finished an okay second in his comeback, first off the trainer switch to Michael McCarthy. The late-running filly should get a bit more pace to flatter her rally than she got last time. **VIBEZ** is speed, dropping from MSW. She does seem more effective on dirt, but her front-running style and now facing easier company are reasons to give her a look as a front-runner/pace-presser.

Fifth Race**1. Leyas Candy****2. Hardmoneymuchachos****3. Keen to Go**

LEYAS CANDY drops in class from open \$32k claiming to \$20k claiming non-winners of three. He finished nearly two lengths clear of third last out, he has carried his speed to victory around two turns, and dirt routes have been dominated all summer by forwardly placed

runners. **HARDMONEYMUCHACHOS** ran well last time at this level, runner-up while more than three lengths clear of third. **KEEN TO GO** won a N2L claiming race by 13 lengths and was claimed. His 86 Beyer is the highest last-out figure in the field. If he runs two alike, he could win again. **ROGUE SUN** will be picking up the pieces.

Sixth Race

1. Diamond Bar Gal

2. Dancing Soul

3. Nene Diamond

DIAMOND BAR GAL ran well in her return, third by less than a length. She was vanned off after the race, but nothing was amiss. 'GAL sometimes has a strange way of traveling that hints she is lame. She is not, she merely leans on her bridle. She worked since her comeback, and is expected to improve second start back. Also-eligible **DANCING SOUL** merits a shot in this Cal-bred allowance turf sprint, wheeling back and facing easier than the \$32k claiming field she wired less than three weeks ago. Except for the comeback front-runner on the rail, this field came up light on speed. **NENE DIAMOND** is the front-runner on the rail. A comebacker making her first start since she crushed Cal-bred maidens on dirt in February 2023, she is quick enough to establish position from the inside post. Not sure about turf, because progeny of Stanford generally prefer the main track. But in a field light on speed, and racing only five furlongs under meet-leading rider Juan Hernandez, **NENE DIAMOND** merits consideration first start back. **LONG MAYSHE REIGN** got loose on an easy lead and nearly stole a similar Cal-bred allowance at 15-1, but got collared on the wire. She is not likely for the same trip this time; **NENE DIAMOND** and **DANCING SOUL** are quicker.

Seventh Race

1. Whiskeyinateacup

2. Got Soul

3. Pax a Punch

A stretch-out to six furlongs will benefit **WHISKEYINATEACUP**, runner-up last out at five and one-half in his first try at this Cal-bred maiden-50 level and first under the meet's leading rider. **WHISKEYINATEACUP** closed ground in two of four starts at shorter distances; he might be able to wear them down at this longer trip. **GOT SOUL** drops in class and switches to dirt after he dueled and tired in his Cal-bred special-weight debut on turf. Maiden second-time starters is a positive category for this stable. Combining his debut experience with easier company second time out, and he should improve. **PAX A PUNCH** was fairly well-bet in his debut two months ago, but he took up early and was pulled up. He returns as a first-time gelding, adding blinkers. **WINDS OF FREEDOM** drops in class and moves from an inside post to an outside post for his second start. **MR. MACHUPICCHU** finished only a nose behind the top choice last out.

Eighth Race

1. War Swift

2. Silver N Black

3. Black as My Heart

Cal-bred maiden-50s go a mile on turf; **WAR SWIFT** is the choice in a wide-open Thursday finale. He split the field both starts, a sprint that was too short and a Cal-bred MSW that was too tough. Now he drops to maiden-claiming, switches to top turf jockey Hector Berrios, and should fire his best shot third time out. Also-eligible **SILVER N BLACK** is an 11-start maiden also returning to the maiden-claiming ranks. He misfired in both tries over the DMR course, but those were against better; the blinkers-on experiment last out did not pan out. Blinkers off, he is reunited with Kent Desormeaux, who guided him to in-the-money finishes twice last year. **BLACK AS MY HEART** returns from an extended layoff as a first-time gelding dropping in for a claim tag and making his first start since moving to the Richard Baltas stable. **VOLS** is another dropper, moving from post 11 at a mile on turf down to post 1. He is an eight-start maiden who fits well in this spot.