

**Date:** November 9th, 2024**Track:** Del Mar**By Brad Free****BEST BET: Prince Dolce (5th race)****First Race****1. Breezy Blue****2. Miss Will****3. Lita Way**

The choices in this turf route for Cal-bred maidens boil down to first-time long **BREEZY BLUE** and many-time long career maiden **MISS WILL**. The former may have the edge. **BREEZY BLUE** returned as an improved horse last out at Santa Anita, though she finished fourth at even-money. She ran okay to miss by a length, and now stretches out as the likely pacesetter with a two-turn pedigree and modest rivals behind her. **MISS WILL** makes her seventh start; she finished second both recent starts at this Cal-bred maiden level including creditable efforts over the Del Mar turf in summer. 'WILL will get there one of these days, she will rally from behind. **LITA WAY** is improving; the late-runner finished third last out while closing from last of seven. G'ORO finished fourth in the same race and also will rally.

**Second Race****1. It's My House****2. Joint Venture****3. Leyas Candy**

Front-runner **IT'S MY HOUSE** faces a potentially challenging pace scenario in this \$20k claiming route because his main rivals have the same style. They are **JOINT VENTURE** and **LEYAS CANDY**. The race might actually unfold in favor of late-runners **TAISHAN** and **FOWLER BLUE**. Only five entered; **IT'S MY HOUSE** gets the call. Freshened since he was claimed from a speed-and-fade fourth vs. similar, he is drawn outside his pace rivals where he can either apply pressure or go on with it and set the pace. **JOINT VENTURE** wired easier both recent starts, though the pace was modest in both. That might not be the case in this dirt mile, because the top choice is quicker. **LEYAS CANDY** adds speed, but he has run well from a pressing position. That might be the best trip here, tucked second or third behind 'HOUSE.

**Third Race****1. Big Mama Sue****2. Chasingserendipity****3. Sareeha**

**BIG MAMA SUE** returns to preferred footing, turf, after two ordinary efforts on dirt. She is a four-time winner on turf including a minor upset over the DMR course in summer at this \$25k claiming level. There is enough pace to flatter her rally. **CHASINGSERENDIPITY** drops from a third-place finish in an allowance; she finished in front of the top choice three back and behind the top choice four back. **SAREEHA** is speed, in peak form with a win and second both recent starts at this level. The challenge is dealing with stretch-out sprinter **MYLITTLERUNAWAY**.

**Fourth Race****1. Wild Recruit****2. Remi Or Not****3. Ignatowski**

Class-drop speedster **WILD RECRUIT** slides from maiden-40 to maiden-20; he is quick enough to clear the field. Come and catch him. **REMI OR NOT** also drops, from maiden-50, while adding blinkers and making his first start since he was gelded. He is likely to be positioned second behind the speed, and therefore would get first run if the top choice falters. **IGNATOWSKI** is an eight-start maiden with no speed. But he hit the board three times and will pick them up in the lane.

**Fifth Race****1. Prince Dolce****2. Steak Fries****3. The Shillelagh**

A sharp win in a maiden turf sprint at SA stamps improving **PRINCE DOLCE** the choice in this N1X turf sprint for Cal-bred 2yos. The maiden win was the first turf try for 'DOLCE; he settled early and ran away late over a good field. The third- and fourth-place finishers returned to win their next start. 'DOLCE can fire right back. **STEAK FRIES** crushed Cal-bred maidens two months ago; this is his first start since. He does have something the top choice lacks. That is, proven form over the DMR turf. **THE SHILLELAGH** wheels back 15 days after a Cal-bred maiden win at SA. He obviously improved since **STEAK FRIES** defeated him by more than six lengths two starts back.

**Sixth Race**

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**1. Bowtie Boys****2. Frost Alert****3. Pop d'Oro**

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The maiden-20 win by **BOWTIE BOYS** was validated when runner-up Navajo Warrior returned to win a maiden-20 with an 83 Beyer. That win flatters **BOWTIE BOYS**, who fits perfect in this \$16k claiming N2L route while facing many who are stuck at this class level. **FROST ALERT** is speed, returning from a three-month break with a new trainer. Front-runner 'ALERT finished second and third his two previous DMR routes at this class level, and probably is the one they have to catch. **POP D'ORO** is uncertain around two turns; he finished a tiring third last out at SA in his first route. But he ran well over the DMR track in summer, and has speed for a pressing trip just off **FROST ALERT**. Turf-to-dirt surface-switcher **BERT'S PROSPECT** has run turf races that put him in the hunt in this dirt race.

**Seventh Race**

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**1. Montjica****2. Shocking Grey****3. Moment's Pleasure**

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Runner-up in her second U.S. start, **MONTJICA** is logical in this N1X turf route. Her U.S. debut was only a prep; she improved next out when she was allowed to use her speed. Although she may not get the same front-running trip with a speedster drawn directly to her outside, **MONTJICA** is the "now" filly and likely winner if she avoids going head-and-head. **SHOCKING GREY** is a closer who would benefit by a pace battle. 'GREY was compromised by the pace scenario both starts this summer; fourth and third in races dominated by front-runners. Both races were better than they appear 'GREY will roll from behind. **MOMENT'S PLEASURE** fits off her summer form over the DMR turf: Cal-bred allowance win and Cal-bred stakes win. Her next two starts at SA were below par; she had a wide trip two back, uncertain what happened last out. Back on preferred DMR footing, she has more speed than it appears and should be in a forward position. **LAMPORGHINI** is the aforementioned speedster drawn outside the top choice.

**Eighth Race**

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**1. Big City Lights****2. Curlin's Kaos****3. Man O Rose**

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**BIG CITY LIGHTS** will try for a third time to win the \$100k Cary Grant Stakes for Cal-bred sprinters. The absence of 2022-23 Cary Grant winner The Chosen Vron paves the way for 'LIGHTS, runner-up to his nemesis the past two years in this stakes. 'LIGHTS ran in graded races all three starts this year: G3 win in February, thirds in G2 and G3 races. He drops into a state-bred stakes for his first start since August, he is working well, likes the DMR track, he is versatile and runs well fresh. **CURLIN'S KAOS** returns to the DMR surface and seven-furlong distance at which he ran the best race of his career in summer. That was a romping win in a Cal-bred stakes for 3yos. He subsequently scratched twice, and needed the race when he returned with a creditable effort in a G2 turf route two weeks ago. He led into the lane, then tired to fourth while racing for the first time in nearly three months. It was a sharp comeback. He will be wheeling back in two weeks with a prep under his belt, and if he reproduces his summer stakes victory will give the top choice a battle. He is a 3yo facing older; Edwards Going Left won this stakes as a 3yo in 2017. **MAN O ROSE** misfired last out. He was angry in the pre-race, fought with his rider even before the race began, ran off on a blazing pace in the turf mile, and wilted. 'ROSE is better than that; he has speed to establish position from the rail. His last four dirt starts were runaway wins including a Cal-bred stakes. **NONE ABOVE THE LAW** will rally late. **MOOSE MITCHELL** was supplemented to this race.

**Ninth Race**

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**1. Enjoy It Strait****2. Takes Three****3. Dont Fight the Fed**

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**ENJOY IT STRAIT**, a 10-for-23 pro, returns to Cal-bred N1X/optional claiming after he was compromised by the race shape and finished last in an open \$40k claiming turf route. The pace collapsed; the one-two finishers rallied from the back. 'STRAIT also has an alibi for his last-place finish two back. It was a N1X marathon that was simply too far. But his starter allowance win on DMR turf in summer was strong; he won his last two starts vs. state-bred company including a turf route. Entered for the optional \$20k claim tag, removing blinkers, he could tuck into a cozy trip just off the speed. **TAKES THREE** fired all three starts this summer/fall season, in the money three straight turf routes vs. allowance Cal-breds. He'll be rolling late. **DONT FIGHT THE FED** ran the best race of his career finishing second on this course in August, while **I'LL HAVE ANOTHER WON** scored a solid maiden win over next-out winner Blame the Classic. It was only the second start for 'WON, who is listed as a first-time gelding.