

DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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Race 6: \$50K starter-allowance for fillies & mares going 8-furlongs on turf (rails at 30-feet)

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OVERVIEW

Today's contest race is a neat starter-allowance for fillies and mares going 8-furlongs on the turf with the rails at 30-feet. There should be an honest pace in this big full field, but the winner is going to need to work out the right trip with the rails being out so far.

#1 TRUST FUND KITTY (7/2) should get a good tracking trip while saving all the ground. She's run races good enough to win at this level, but she's been stuck here for a long time, unable to show the eye of the tiger (check out that 16: 1-3-3 overall record). She'll need a little luck while having to show more starch in the lane, but she's an obvious contender. GRADE: A.

#2 JACCAT (8/1), the first Powell entrant, exits sprint races, so she should be in the vanguard early, especially from this inside post. She's only been around two turns one time before, and that was a third-place finish in a one-mile MSW on dirt, where she stalked the pace before weakening. That was back in May 2018, and she's been sprinting ever since. She's run well at the starter level before, and she'll get the right forwardly placed trip, but stamina is a concern for this 5-year-old mare. GRADE: B.

#3 GIRONA (20/1) was claimed off a strong \$30K maiden victory back in June, where she was up on the pace before drawing away in that 6-furlong main-track event. She's been freshened since the claim, and she now comes back protected while stretching out on turf. Her one turf try wasn't horrible, since it was her debut and she was off slowly, but she did show a tiny bit of interest late, so maybe she'll take to this routing game. Still, it probably makes sense to watch one, since I think it's unlikely she'll wire this field on the stretch-out. GRADE: X.

#4 PERSEPHONE (4/1) should get a good stalking trip in here, and if this 3-year-old has matured at all since early summer, she could prove very tough against these, since she was running solid races at the starter level while facing her own age group. Her come-home times aren't the strongest, but she should be in a good spot to inherit the lead turning for home. I'm not crazy that she's based at Los Al, but she is a contender, nonetheless. GRADE: B.

#5 DULVERTON DARLING (6/1) just broke her maiden as the 2/1 favorite, coming from way off the pace to run down five other foes in a 9-furlong affair. It's a good thing the race was that far because her previous tries going a mile saw her come up too short. She'll be running on late again—and you know she'll be fit off that 9-furlong effort—but this 3-year-old will need some luck in this big full field. GRADE: C.

#6 SAMANDAH (12/1) just wired \$30K maiden-claimers in facile fashion as the 8/5 favorite. It was a sharp effort going a mile on dirt, but the waters get deeper today: first time against winners while trying

the lawn for the first time since November 2018, where she ran an even eighth against MSWs. She's been off since February, and I'm not a fan of layoff horses after a win, so I'm okay watching one today. GRADE: X.

#7 KTTYHAWK LASS (3/1) just ran second at this level and distance, finishing ahead of Trust Fund Kitty thanks to a perfect stalking trip. She'll get a similar trip in here, making her an obvious contender—but the price will be short, and maybe we can beat her if it turns out that she doesn't like the Del Mar sod, since she did run a dud over this course two back (though she likely needed that race). GRADE: A.

#8 VEGAS STRONG BABY (12/1), the second Powell runner, has tactical sprint speed and is stretching out, so I'm sure Figueroa will use some of that speed to get her into the race. She'll probably end up stalking 3-wide, and that's not where you want to be on the turf. I also don't like that she couldn't beat conditioned-claimers last time, getting edged late. GRADE: X.

#9 BELLA FIGURA (IRE) (6/1) just broke her maiden against \$50K foes as the 19/10 favorite in a one-mile affair at Santa Anita. She stalked the pace and won by a neck, getting claimed out of that race by Marquez, who has a very good eye for horses. He promptly legs up Bejarano while protecting this gal in the allowance ranks. I think she's interesting, but I wish she had a better post, since her tactical speed means she's likely to get a wide stalking trip. GRADE: A.

#10 OH MY OH—scratched.

#11 TINSEL TOWN QUEEN (20/1) just wired \$20K maidens going 6-furlongs on dirt. She now has to face winners, stretch out, and try turf for the first time—making this a tough ask right back for this 3-year-old filly. I have to watch one. GRADE: X.

CONCLUSION

I don't really have anything clever in here, since I do think the top few choices all have big shots. Based on the morning-line, however, I think **#9 BELLA FIGURA (IRE)** offers value at 6/1. I'm worried about her trip, but I do think there is upside here, and I've seen Marquez claim a horse and do well with her on turf.

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