

## DEL MAR FEATURED RACE OF THE DAY

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**Date:** 11/3/24

**Race 9:** \$20K Cal-bred/N1X for fillies & mares going one mile on the lawn

**Post:** approx. post 4:30 p.m. PST

### **OVERVIEW**

After two days of amazing racing for the Breeders' Cup, we return to our regularly scheduled programming as we take on today's Sunday 9-race card. We've got a decent group of statebred female turfers taking on this entry-level allowance race for Golden State animals.

#1 ONLY REPUTATION (6/1) was 12/1 at this level and distance last time, and she didn't show enough oomph to contend for the prize money. She did have trouble, so the blinkers come off now. Will that be enough? *Meh?* GRADE: X.

#2 SATELLITE HEART (5/2) was 5/1 at this level last time, and she ran a decent second—but she had a good trip and still wasn't good enough. Also, her trainer was winning everything under the sun at Santa Anita. Let's see how she fares here, but she should be competitive. GRADE: B.

#3 ASHLEYS SANDCASTLE (15/1) is a bit of a plodder who has already lost to a few of these before. She comes from off the pace, so things need to go right for her. That said, she should be sitting on a peak effort second start off the bench. GRADE: B.

#4 ANNIE'S HOPE (8/1) has sprint speed, so she should be prominent from the bell. Will she hang around late? I don't like that she hasn't been effective against weaker animals, so I'll bet that someone runs her down. GRADE: C.

#5 **QUANTUM INNERGY (12/1)** has run a mixed bag of races against a few of these, so she'll need to show more oomph for the W. She does have some solid come-home times, and she does have a win at this level on dirt, so at least we know she belongs. I've seen worse 12/1 shots. GRADE: A.

#6 **SHEZMISBEHAVING (7/2)** was 8/1 at this level last time, and she could only manage third. She did run on through the lane, so she should be finishing up, especially since this is the second start of her form cycle. She's not impossible, but she has to answer some class questions today. Fortunately, she catches a weak group. GRADE: A.

#7 GLACIER RIM (12/1) took a while to break her maiden, and part of that is because she likes to come from off the pace. She looks a little slow on paper, and she'll need a lot of things to go right for her. GRADE: C.

#8 SASSY PRANCELOT (8/1) hasn't had the best trips at this level while sprinting. She now stretches out for the first time. D'Amato does good work with this move, but it's not like this gal has shown anything that suggests she'll love a route of ground. GRADE :C.

#9 LADY MONCLAIRE (6/1) wired 10 other foes two back when breaking her maiden, but I'm not sure she'll have things her own way today. I'll watch one in her first try versus winners. GRADE: X.

#10 SMART MONIQUE (20/1) lost to a few of these last time, so she'll need to show a bit more oomph. I'm not sure that's possible while breaking from out here. GRADE: X.

#11 BOLD CHOICE (12/1) would be just that, since this runner has been a longshot in several of her recent races. She'll need to show she can stay the course, since she hasn't shown much routing ability of late. GRADE: X.

#12 COUNCILWOMAN JILLY (20/1) hasn't won on turf in a long time, and I don't like that she hasn't been able to beat lesser foes. She does have tactical speed, so she should be able to get over and get a forward position—but she has some class questions to answer after failing to beat lesser. GRADE: X.

#13 BIG MAMA SUE—program scratch.

### **CONCLUSION**

I don't really love this race, but **#5 QUANTUM INNERGY (12/1)** offers some value as a contest play.

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