DEL MAR

Saturday, November 21

Full Card Analysis

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TRACK PHANTOM

DEL MAR

Pick 5 Total Cost $360

Race 1	2,3,4,7,8,9
Race 2	1,4,5
Race 3	1,2,3,4,5
Race 4	1,4
Race 5	2,4,6,11

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Pick 4 Total Cost $300

Race 2	1,3,4,5
Race 3	1,2,3,4,5
Race 4	1,2,3,4,5,6
Race 5	2,4,6,10,11

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Pick 5 Total Cost $350

Race 5	2,4,6,10,11
Race 6	1,5,6,7
Race 7	1,2,3,4,5,6,8
Race 8	2,3,4,5,6
Race 9	4

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Pick 4 Total Cost $350

Race 6	1,2,5,6,7
Race 7	1,2,3,4,5,6,8
Race 8	2,3,4,5,6
Race 9	4,8,9,10

KEY HORSES

BEST BET
1 LAKEVILLE LOVE (5/2)
RACE 4

LIVE LONGSHOT
6 RUSLEEPINMRBR (5/1)
RACE 5

MOST LIKELY
4 TEE N OFF (2/1)
RACE 2

1 – DEL MAR (3:30 ET) 45
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 1M TURF

9 CYCLONE CLAIRE	3-1	HERNANDEZ
4 PLATINUM GROOVE	5-2	ROSARIO
7 ALLIED FLEET	10-1	JARAMILLO
3 KITTY MAC	8-1	ESPINOZA

PICK: 9 CYCLONE CLAIRE
Of her 3 starts, only one offers a particularly useful measuring stick. She debuted sprinting from the 10 post in a 12-horse field, while her latest came over a good turf course. That leaves her runner-up finish two back as the race to focus on. Sent off at 11-1, she finished ahead of Platinum Groove, a major player in here, in an effort that looks like a winning race against this company. Switch to J.J. Hernandez for the first time a significant upgrade.

VALUE: 7 ALLIED FLEET
Took money in debut at 4-1 but had little left after the halfway point. Improved when switched to turf two back, finishing fourth at 13-1 despite a wide trip at 6F. Regressed last out when beating just one, although the good turf course may not have suited her. Adds blinkers and gets another rider change. Worked sharply in blinkers on Nov. 12, and her pedigree suggests turf is preferred. Blinkers will sharpen her speed. Looks like she'll rebound in here.

A) 4,9 B) 3,7 C) 2,8 D) 1,5,6

2 – DEL MAR (4:00 ET) 64
CLAIMING 16K, 1M DIRT

4 TEE N OFF	2-1	ROSARIO
5 SOUTHERN MELODEE	3-1	AYUSO
1 COURT OF APPEAL	6-1	AMERICANO
3 TIGGRRR WHITWORTH	7-2	HERRERA

PICK: 4 TEE N OFF
Claimed from these connections for $10K, only to be reclaimed in his very next start. Comes off one of his better efforts, finishing a game second at 15-1 against similar despite a wide trip. Toss two back when traffic trouble compromised his chances before he flattened out late. The switch to Joel Rosario is a massive rider upgrade, particularly for a horse who does his best running from off the pace. He has been remarkably consistent at this level lately.

VALUE: 1 COURT OF APPEAL
Returned from a lengthy layoff to finish 3rd at 6-1 behind Desert Kat in a $16K claimer at Santa Anita that several of these exit. Did show late interest in that effort and figures to move forward second off the bench. Americano, still seeking his first Del Mar victory, reunites with this gelding after guiding him to a 4-1 win at Turf Paradise four starts back. Draws the rail and should save every inch of ground while others work out their trips. Has class.

A) 4,5 B) 1 C) 2,3 D)

3 – DEL MAR (4:30 ET) 68
ALLOWANCE 69K, 5F TURF

4 MO' EM DOWN	4-1	HERNANDEZ
3 STREET SWINDLER	3-1	JARAMILLO
5 SURFIN' U.S.A.	6-1	AYUSO
1 YOURS SINCERELY	5-2	RISPOLI

PICK: 4 MO' EM DOWN
Several interesting changes. Cuts back to a sprint after trying 2 turns for the first time last out. Blinkers, removed for that race, go back on, and Lasix returns after two wins in as many starts with it. Major rider upgrade to Hernandez, who was aboard for her 11-1 third in a G3 turf sprint at Santa Anita two back. Had a legitimate excuse four back when badly blocked in the stretch. Lasix and Hernandez makes her an intriguing contender in here.

VALUE: 5 SURFIN' U.S.A.
Exits the same G3 turf sprint as the top choice, where she was fourth at 32-1 despite a very wide trip, finishing just 2½ lengths behind that one. Two back, she rallied late at 8-5 to finish fourth, beaten roughly a length by Mo' Em Down. Ayuso, aboard for her maiden victory five back, gets the call again. Has shown she can compete with these despite often leaving herself too much to do. Her late kick is an asset, but she'll likely need a lively pace to win.

A) 3,4 B) 1,2,5 C) 6,7 D)

4 – DEL MAR (5:00 ET) **75**
MAIDEN OPTIONAL CLAIMING 65K, 6.5F DIRT

1 LAKEVILLE LOVE	5-2	HERNANDEZ
4 BLUE SKY RAIN	6-1	BERRIOS
2 I KNOW NOTHING	8-1	MALDONADO
5 PRO PAYNE	8-1	AGUILAR

PICK: 1 LAKEVILLE LOVE
Took money in the debut at Keeneland. She was 4-1 (might have been due to Jose Ortiz riding). She was slow early but made up a lot of ground to split the field despite a 7-wide trip. 4th beaten 12 returned to run second at 7-1 in a MSW at FG on Thursday. 10th in that race (by 17) came back to run second in a mdn clm 20k at CD next. Trainer Thomas is 20 for 46 (44%) dropping from high clm or MSW to maiden claiming. Will benefit from the circuit change.

VALUE: 4 BLUE SKY RAIN
She was 7-1 in the debut but did little running after the first half of the race and beat just one runner home. Off slow on the turf in the last start facing MSW and went to the shelf for 2.5 months. Have to pay attention to the worktab coming back. The notable work was the last one when she went 46.2 from the gate. Hasn't done much running yet but have to think she's better than we've seen. Layoff indicates there was an issue. Guessing it's resolved.

A) 1,4 B) 2,3,5,6 C) 7 D)

5 – DEL MAR (5:32 ET) **56**
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 5F TURF

6 RUSLEEPINMRBEAR	5-1	AYUSO
4 HAL OF A DAY	5-2	ROSARIO
11 CAN'TAFFORD NOT TO	4-1	JARAMILLO
2 PRETZEL RIDE	8-1	HERNANDEZ

PICK: 6 RUSLEEPINMRBEAR
This is a first time starter for trainer Steve Knapp. He is 17% with a debut two-year old overall. He's only had two start on the turf. Both were in sprints. One ran second here back in August at 4-1 (Ayuso riding). The other was fourth. Knapp claimed the dam for these owners/breeders and she won 3 of 7 for them sprinting on the grass. Sire was all turf in his day and his best offspring were clearly turf runners. Fast drills for a trainer who works them slow.

VALUE: 2 PRETZEL RIDE
Another well-bred first timer with upside. Sire earned $1.3M for Craig Lewis (mostly dirt and synthetic), while sibling Brickyard Ride won 13 of 31 and nearly $1M, including a turf stakes victory (3-for-7 on grass). Craig Lewis rarely wins with debut runners, but securing JJ Hernandez is noteworthy. This worktab stretches back to July 10, with drills typical of Lewis' live firsters. The live Lewis first timers were not overly bet. Toteboard will not tip hand.

A) 4,6,11 B) 2 C) 1,8,10 D) 3,7,9

6 – DEL MAR (6:03 ET) **60**
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 1M DIRT

7 CLOUSEAU	5-2	ESPINOZA
5 ROAST	6-1	RISPOLI
6 CANANI	5-1	FREY
1 SAN SABA	6-1	JARAMILLO

PICK: 7 CLOUSEAU
Returned from a lengthy layoff five starts back and fired fresh, drawing off by four lengths while runner-up finished another eight clear. That effort earned him a career-best 101 Beyer. He's followed with another victory (last out) and three additional in-the-money finishes. The 10-time winner had Espinoza aboard for the first time last out and prevailed as a 1-2 favorite. Has enough tactical speed to make the lead. He has won 5 of 17 at the distance.

VALUE: 5 ROAST
Lightly raced son of Practical Joke. He sold for 725k at the 2024 Keeneland September Sale. Looked like a suspect purchase after the first two starts that were mediocre to poor. However, blinkers added for the first time last out and he won comfortably. Sprints might be the ideal distance for this pedigree but he deserves one look after the maiden win going longer. Trainer McCarthy won 8 of 34 (24%) with a last out maiden winner going long on the dirt.

A) 7 B) 1,5,6 C) 2 D) 3,4

7 – DEL MAR (6:33 ET) **42**
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 5F TURF

1 HEY LIL LADY	8-1	AYUSO
6 UNBINDING	3-1	RISPOLI
4 PRIME AND READY	12-1	AMERICANO
8 MISS KITTY BOOM	8-1	VAN DYKE

PICK: 1 HEY LIL LADY
She finished her 2025 season (about a year ago) routing. But she came back in sprints and turned the corner. Another layoff prior to the last set of three starts. She has been either 1st or 2nd in all 5 starts since returning for her 2026 campaign. Bottled up 2 back and lost momentum. She will need to get a bit lucky with the trip breaking from the inside. She has shown some speed in the past but not 5F speed. Ayuso is up after he rode her to the win last out.

VALUE: 4 PRIME AND READY
This looks like the level for this one. She hasn't been lucky in the trips she's had of late. Held up after breaking well last time out as the 6-5 favorite. It cost her any real chance and Baltas sent her to the shelf afterwards. Traffic two back, as well, but she did rally well to get within a length, at this distance here at Del Mar, when off at 32-1. Baltas wins at about 17% off layoffs of this type. Rider is better than his 0 for 20 start here. Look for her to send early on.

A) 1,4,6,8 B) 2,3,5 C) 7,9,10 D)

8 – DEL MAR (7:03 ET) **70**
NATIVE DIVER 100K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

5 BULLARD	4-1	ROSARIO
3 MR. A. P.	3-1	JARAMILLO
2 MIDWAY LANE	5-1	HERNANDEZ
4 ZIHNAL	7-2	KIMURA

PICK: 5 BULLARD
His signature win came here at Del Mar as a two-year old when he won the G3 Bob Hope. Earned a career best speed rating three back when runner-up in the G3 Cornhusker at Prairie Meadows. The last three finishers in that race won next out (opt clm at SAR, 200k stakes at ALB and opt clm at PRM). Winner of the last start is 9 for 18 for nearly 700k. 4th beaten 5 returned to win one of the claiming crown races at 8-1 last weekend with a 97 Beyer Figure.

VALUE: 2 MIDWAY LANE
He's won 3 of 4 dirt starts since returning from a 2 month layoff. Proved turf is not what he wants when he was up the track two back at 3-1 odds. Runner-up in last was coming in off a 22-1 win with a 94 Beyer first off the claim for Sean Williams. He was over 5 clear of third. Trainer John Sadler has been on fire this meet. He has 6 wins heading into Saturday. Hernandez got up for the first time in the last start and won the race. Will be forwardly placed.

A) 2,3,5 B) 4,6 C) 1,7 D) 8

9 – DEL MAR (7:33 ET) **53**
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 1M TURF

4 PEACHY CANYON	7-2	HERNANDEZ
8 FIRST OR LAST	3-1	ROSARIO
10 OU LA LA	8-1	RISPOLI
9 SHANE'S THE BRAINS	5-1	AYUSO

PICK: 4 PEACHY CANYON
She's nibbled in her 7 career starts. She's never been in the exacta in those races but has also never run a bad race. She comes from far back and should get some pace to set her up. She was moving well late but checked at a key moment last time out. Stopped in the start three back when she closed for third at 5-1. She might have won that race without the problems. Bred for the turf both sides of the pedigree. Trainer hitting at 19% for the season so far.

VALUE: 10 OU LA LA
Cost 400k but hasn't done much to validate that cost. Second in the debut at 7-2 odds but beat only four foes home in that 6F at Santa Anita. The last two have not been very good. But Mandella won a race on the grass on Friday with a similar worktab as this one has. That winner was 7-1 odds. Second dam, Bizzy Caroline, was a multiple graded stakes winner on the turf going long. She picks up Rispoli for this. He's won 30% for Mandella last 2 years.

A) 4,8 B) 7,9,10 C) 2,3,5,11 D) 1