DEL MAR

Thursday, November 26

Full Card Analysis

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TRACK PHANTOM

DEL MAR

Pick 5 Total Cost $400

Race 1	1,2,3,4,5
Race 2	1,2,5,6,7
Race 3	1,2,5,6
Race 4	1,2,4,6
Race 5	3,7

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Pick 4 Total Cost $225

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

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Pick 5 Total Cost $324

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

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Pick 4 Total Cost $360

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

KEY HORSES

BEST BET
3 FAIR QUESTION (8/5)
RACE 6

LIVE LONGSHOT
3 PENTLE BAY (15/1)
RACE 8

MOST LIKELY
1 ATOMIC AGE (8/5)
RACE 4

1 – DEL MAR (2:00 ET) 59
MAIDEN CLAIMING 16K, 1M DIRT

5 HARD HEARTED	5-2	AMERICANO
3 DARLIN' DUCHESS	2-1	PEREIRA
2 SHE SPENDSALOT	4-1	AYUSO
1 LA CANTINA ROSSA	15-1	GARCIA

PICK: 5 HARD HEARTED
She's had excuses in all 6 of her starts. Two were on turf (is not bred for that). Very wide in last. Shuffled on the turn 2 back. Lacked room and in tight in the two prior starts. She had run three back but nowhere to go. Despite no wins at the meet, this is a rider upgrade (Americano has 158 wins this year). Think she'll move out wide and charge home late.

VALUE: 1 LA CANTINA ROSSA
She probably isn't for the top spot here but with just three career races, she is eligible to improve. Toss the debut as it was vs. open MSW company. She had zero chance in there. She didn't have a great trip two back but was only about 3 behind the show spot. Added blinkers last time and ended up about 5 behind the top choice. Might make it into the tri.

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

2 – DEL MAR (2:31 ET) 63
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 5F TURF

2 CACTUS CHARLIE	4-1	KIMURA
1 RONCERO	7-2	ROSARIO
5 CONQUER WE MUST	5-1	SPENCER
7 RULER OF LAW	4-1	MALDONADO

PICK: 2 CACTUS CHARLIE
Peter Miller runner comes back a new gelding after he last ran at Oaklawn Park in Feb. Has had just two poor starts in his 7 career races. One came two back routing in a race that he might have bled in (got L1 next) and sans blinkers. The other was in the debut when he set a fast pace. Dam ran in the UK on turf. Handled turf quite well in So Cal a year ago.

VALUE: 1 RONCERO
Debuts late in his 4YO season. Argentine-bred has strong turf influences on both sides of the family tree. Sire raced exclusively on grass, mostly beyond a mile, while his third dam a multiple Grade 1 winner on turf. Excellent works. Sadler is red-hot at the meet (44%) and attracts Rosario. All 7 of Sadler's MSW turf sprint debut winners under 6-1.

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

3 – DEL MAR (3:02 ET) 57
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 35K, 6F DIRT

2 IT'STHETWENTYTHIRD	3-1	AYUSO
5 LIHUE PRINCESS	5-2	PEREIRA
6 THE MOE SHOW	5-1	AMERICANO
1 CLUB FIGHTER	4-1	ROSARIO

PICK: 2 IT'STHETWENTYTHIRD
Willing to give her a break in two of the three starts. Debut came in a MSW at CD which is significantly better than the MSW races in So Cal. Toss the turf race last time out. That came in an open 80k opt claimer which is a tough race, and she was 65-1 in there. The win two back was very good. It was a decent field she beat. Hess winning 28% at the meet.

VALUE: 6 THE MOE SHOW
Not a bad effort in the 176k Golden State Juvenile last time out. He was 47-1 in there and lagged far behind. He passed some late to grab third beaten less than 5 lengths. Clearly didn't care for the blinkers three back. They came off and he romped next time out. Might end up with a great trip in a wide position stalking the pace. Rider will win some here.

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

4 – DEL MAR (3:33 ET) **68**
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 100K, 1M 3/8 TURF

1 ATOMIC AGE	8-5	KIMURA
6 BALNIKHOV	9-5	RISPOLI
4 MAAZ	3-1	ROSARIO
2 TEMPUS VOLAT	20-1	AYUSO

PICK: 1 ATOMIC AGE
Moved into the Grade 2 Del Mar Handicap after the opt clm win three back at 4-1. He moved to the lead in early stretch before being outfinished by G1 winner Test Score and the multiple G2 winner Atitlan. That runner-up Atitlan came back to win the G2 John Henry at SA (99 Beyer). Should be in a good stalking spot from the rail. 1 of 2 for Phil D'Amato.

VALUE: 2 TEMPUS VOLAT
This colt used to be a front runner. He's come from behind in the last few. There isn't much speed in the race so could trainer Leonard Powell opt for a return to his speed tactics with Ayuso? He's had serious traffic trouble in recent outs. Both of his career wins came on this turf course. One was wire to wire. Will be dangerous if he can separate up front.

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

5 – DEL MAR (4:05 ET) **57**
MAIDEN CLAIMING 20K, 5.5F DIRT

7 MORNING GLASS	5-2	BERRIOS
3 DON'T TELL JEAN	4-1	AGUILAR
2 PATRICIA'S BOY	8-1	AMERICANO
1 HERE COMES TOO TOO	5-1	LAPRIDA

PICK: 7 MORNING GLASS
All 3 starts came in MSW company. Debut over this dirt course wasn't bad at 8-1. Trapped along the rail without room early 2 back, and the early trouble took its toll late. 4th-place finisher, beaten five lengths, returned to win a SA MSW at 8-1 (52 Beyer). Trainer is 2-for-2 dropping from MSW into Cal-bred md claimers in dirt sprints at 5-1 or less.

VALUE: 2 PATRICIA'S BOY
Trainer Papaprodromou is 9 for 26 (35%) with 19 that ran in the money (73%) first time off the claim. He's done that with a $2.75 ROI and an average win price of $8.00. This is a tough one to read. He was 7-2 in the debut and the word must have been out as they claimed him sight unseen. He steadied and eased in there. Might be worth a look at odds.

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

6 – DEL MAR (4:36 ET) **84**
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 65K, 5F TURF

3 FAIR QUESTION	8-5	AYUSO
7 RED HOT	5-1	MALDONADO
2 BENNY AND THE JET	3-1	ROSARIO
5 MODEST A.P.	5-1	BAZE

PICK: 3 FAIR QUESTION
Really only had two poor starts in his six career races. Both had excuses. He went 45.4 going a mile two back and had nothing left for the stretch drive. A horse blew the turn 3 back and forced this one very wide and he basically eased in thereafter. Beaten a head at this distance here in July at 14-1. Nosed out in last (3 next out winners from that race).

VALUE: 7 RED HOT
Always pay attention to a horse who has a 10k sire fee but sells for so much higher as this one did (13x that fee). He's a gelding so racing is what he'll do. Debut wasn't bad and he took a lot of money in there (bet down to 3-1). The wide 10 post cost him better. Long layoff and comes back with a sharp worktab. Dam was 1 for 1 on the turf. Check the tote.

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

7 – DEL MAR (5:06 ET) **43**
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 67K, 1M DIRT

3 THERESASILVERLININ	6-1	VAN DYKE
6 ISSA COURT	2-1	AYUSO
7 TAKING A JOY RIDE	7-2	KIMURA
1 MISS KONA	12-1	LEZCANO

PICK: 3 THERESASILVERLININ
She was on a run of 8 straight in the exacta at a mile on dirt before she eased three back. She came out of that race and ran well at low level claiming (second at 8k and then a wire to wire win at 10k last time out). She's 17 of 25 in the exacta on a fast dirt track. Trainer Steve Knapp is showing a sign of confidence on the bump in class. Forwardly placed here.

VALUE: 1 MISS KONA
Sprinter stretches out to a mile for the first time. Her only try at beyond 6.5F came in the Golden State Juv Fillies 3rd time out. She ran on well for 4th beating 7 runners at 3-1 in that stakes. Blinkers on, draws the rail and should be able to save something until late. Eurton put in 6 works after a poor start on the turf last time out. Bred to go long, as well.

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

8 – DEL MAR (5:36 ET) **48**
RED CARPET 100K, 1M 3/8 TURF

3 PENTLE BAY	15-1	BERRIOS
1 MASSARAT	7-2	SPENCER
8 RESOLVE	6-1	AYUSO
11 KENTUCKY GAL	6-1	RISPOLI

PICK: 3 PENTLE BAY
She finally broke through with a win last time out, and at 12-1 odds. She always makes her run but hasn't been able to get the win until last time out. Backbreeding says she'll love longer distances and her win came at 1M 1/4 last time out. Career best was a 75-1 runner-up in the Juv Turf here about 14 months ago. Thinking she will outrun large odds.

VALUE: 8 RESOLVE
One of the deeper closers in the field, she should benefit from what projects to be a strong pace, particularly at this distance. Favored in a similar spot 4 back, she was steadied late and finished 4th, beaten just over a length. Not sure why she was sent to duel through a 46.1 half at a mile two back, not her game. Should get a favorable pace setup here.

A) 1,3,8,11 B) 4,6 C) 2,9,10 D) 5,7

