



DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

Race Day Date	July 18th
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Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO OPENING DAY AT DEL MAR!!! We are very excited to bring you Del Mar Power Picks for our second consecutive year! It will ALWAYS be Fast and Firm Where the Turf Meets the Surf! If you're interested in more West Coast racing coverage, check out Pacific Horseplayers with Noah Meagher, Ryan Anderson, and Jackson Muniz. We are LIVE on Youtube, X, and other various platforms EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT at 9:30 PM EST. We've got a fantastic Opening Day card to discuss with tons of betting interests, especially in today's Late Pick 5. Let's dive right in!

We will do our best to give you ideas on whom to bet and how, plus stats on trainers/jockeys when appropriate. It is imperative that you CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, because we often send out the DMPP's BEFORE scratches are officially posted. So, our final selections might be VERY DIFFERENT if races contain even a couple scratches!! If that's the case and Spot/Price Plays involve surface changes, those picks will NOT count towards the ROI Stats! We send out the DMPP's early to give you ample time to study and make decisions before the races begin. Finally, as we always say....."these picks are our opinions....once you make a bet, they become your opinions!" GOOD LUCK to all this summer at Del Mar! Now, onto today's action!!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and go to the "Power Picks" section...you have to scroll down a bit under the DMPP promotion...a video explanation is also available on the page.*

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!



ABC GRID - POST TIME: 5:00pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2,4	7	-	2,4	\$0.50	\$48
2	1,6	3	2,4	1,3,6		
3	2	6	1,4,5	2		
4	2,3,11	6	-	2,3,6,11		
5	2,6	4,8	-	2,4,6,8		
6	1,11	4,5	3,9	1,4,5,11	\$0.50	\$64
7	8	4,5,6 (13)	2,3 (12)	4,5,6,8		
8	3	4,6	5,8	3,6		
9	4,8	-	2,5,10	4,8		
10	6,8	4	3,5	6,8		

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	2	4	7
2	1	6	3
3	2	6	1
4	3	11	2
5	2	6	8
6	1	11	4
7	8	5	4
8	3	6	4



9	8	4	2
10	8	6	4

Today's Pick 5 Analysis

Today's Late Pick 5 was the topic of discussion on Ep. 37 of Pacific Horseplayers with myself, Ryan, Jackson, and special guest Frank Scatoni. As we mentioned on the show, the first couple races of this sequence are quite difficult. #8 Cara's Rose in R7 could be one of the more likely winners based on the quality she's faced, but there are plenty of unknowns with the abundance of first time starters. In the Oceanside, #3 Iron Man Cal will no doubt be a popular single. I've got a horse on my ticket you'll read about in a bit that probably is more of an underneath type, but I've got him on the ticket in case he blows up the tote. I'm gonna try to get through the last two races, mainly using two in each race.

Below are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses we like that will provide some value (typically 5-2 or higher in general). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Price/Spot Plays

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	2	Invincible	3-1	5	\$25 Win

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! The timing couldn't have worked out better with the #2 **Invincible**, as new conditioner Jeff Mullins claimed this gelding on June 1st, and is able to run him back for \$25k to begin the meet. Not to mention Mullins is 22% 1st off the claim so far this year. The 5-year-old's dirt numbers are by far the best in this field both on Beyer and on Timeform, and seems to get a nice stalking trip off of the favorite #6 **Toughness**, who seems hard to trust. Hoping Baffert takes money and we get somewhere around 5-2. He's the single for me in the Early Pick 5.



Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Tejon Pass	12-1	3	Big Ex: 2,11 / 3 Smaller Ex: 3 / 2,11

Notes:

If the **#5 Kangaroo Court** and the **#10 Itzel** (other Miller) duel up top, it seems like it could open up for anyone, so why not take a shot with a price in the **#3 Tejon Pass**. The only turf sprint of his career was a fourth behind Boss Sully, who almost pulled off the upset on Derby Day in the Turf Sprint, and that race completely fits with his group on paper. Besides the race on the synthetic, his sprint races are much better than his route races. He's working well, got his stablemate to set things up for him, Miller is 27% over the last 30 days, and he's got none other than Juan Hernandez piloting him today. Lots to like, and if not on the win end, certainly underneath.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	Kale's Angel	12-1	4	Big Exacta: 3 - 6 Small Win #6

Notes:

Hopefully the Peter Miller barn keeps things rolling, because I see a big race coming from **#6 Kale's Angel** in the Oceanside. The 9-5 favorite **#3 Iron Man Cal**, who co-host Jackson Muniz said should be 1-5, is way the horse to beat in here. If you're gonna beat him, it seems like you've gotta be in front of him early. Kale's Angel has some really big races on his page, like his win in the Advent at Oaklawn and the Animal Kingdom at Turfway, but his turf races as a 2yo are much better than they look. His maiden score was here at Del Mar, and he ran just as good as similar foes with a troubled trip in the Zuma Beach way back in October. Directions seem simple for my boy Ayuso: either A) get to the front or B) sit right off **#4 Lyle the Crocodile** if she's headstrong like last time. I'll be playing a big 3-6 exacta along with a saver win bet in case he pulls off the upset.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	American Privilege	6-1	4	\$20 Win

Notes:

A half-sister to last year's GI BC Mile winner More Than Looks, **#8 American Privilege** took significant money on debut in November, especially for a trainer like John Shirreffs, who is known to race his horses into shape. That race was 5F, and it's no secret that she's much more suited for today's mile distance. She gets lasix for her second career start, and Shirreffs' main man Hector Berrios, arguably the best turf jockey here at Del Mar, hops aboard. The main concern is whether she's ready off the layoff, but if she's sitting on the board at 7-2, there might not be much to worry about.



\$3 Late Pick 3

3,6 / 4,8 / 6,8 - \$24 ticket

\$5 Late Double

4,8 / 6,8 - \$20 ticket

