



DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

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Current ROI	\$1.07

Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO DAY 17 of the DEL MAR POWER PICKS!!! We are very excited to bring you Del Mar Power Picks for our THIRD 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 myself and Jackson Muniz. We are LIVE on Youtube, X, and other various platforms. Today's features are the G2 Green Flash, G2 Del Mar Mile, G1 Del Mar Oaks, and of course, the G1 Pacific Classic.

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	8,9	1,4	2,3,5,6	1,4,8,9	\$0.50	\$160
2	9,10	1,11	2,4,6	1,9,10,11		
3	2,5,11	4,12	6,8,9	2,4,5,11,12		
4	5	7	1,6	5		
5	1,9	5,8	2,6	1,5,8,9		
6	3,8,9	6,7	4,11	-		
7	2,12	1,5	7,8	1,2,5,12	\$0.50	\$60
8	8	7,9	4,5	7,8,9		
9	3	4,10	6,9	3		
10	3,7,10	11	6,9	3,6,7,9,10		
11	7,12	9,11	1	7,12		

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	9	8	1
2	10	9	1
3	5	2	11
4	5	6	7
5	9	1	8



6	3	8	7
7	2	12	5
8	8	9	7
9	3	10	4
10	3	10	11
11	7	12	11

Today's Pick 5 Analysis

Welcome to Pacific Classic Day! Today's Late Pick 5 at Del Mar is a sequence worthy of one of the biggest cards of the summer, with four stakes races packed into the afternoon and the Grade 1, \$1 million Pacific Classic serving as the centerpiece. The sequence also features the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks, Grade 2 Del Mar Mile and Grade 2 Green Flash Handicap before the Pacific Classic takes center stage. With so much raw ability spread throughout the sequence, separating the legitimate favorites from potential value plays will be the key to unlocking a challenging Late Pick 5. The Pacific Classic looks especially compelling as Knightsbridge brings standout recent form into a deep 11-horse field, while contenders including Finger, Hit Show, Forged Steel and Original Sin ensure that the final leg is anything but a one-horse race. With championship implications and some of the best horses on both coasts converging at Del Mar, today's Late Pick 5 has all the ingredients for a memorable betting sequence.

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)
1	9	Mighty Toro	8-1	3	Win #9

Notes:

After two even efforts as a 2yo, Mighty Toro came back on opening day off of a pretty substantial layoff. He was hounded in the early going of that race by another speedy rival, so I can forgive the fact that he didn't hang around all that much at the end of that race. It's no secret that he's taking the biggest drop in racing, but when I tell you that group was much better than the one he faces today, they are MUCH better. He's got tactical speed from an outside post which I like, but his 2yo form proves he doesn't necessarily have to be on the lead to be effective. The freshness may have gotten him in the leading spot last time out, but with some other frontrunners drawn to his inside, I wouldn't mind to see Ayuso sit second level, do his best to try to tuck in, and come with his run.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	Clouseau	5-1	4	Win #8 - Ex 8 / 7,9

Notes:

Simply put, Clouseau is a horse that's just in really good form right now. Since coming back as a 6yo, he's earned a 101 beyer in victory, and a runner-up last time out chasing a wire-to-wire winner who got things his own way on the front end. The public knock will be that he's 0/7 at Del Mar, but he's run races plenty good enough here in the past, including a third here last summer behind Lyell's Song and Del Mar Jerry, who were running in the mid to high 90s on Beyer at the time. Another one of the mile efforts at Del Mar was over Breeders' Cup weekend where he drew the far outside post, made a big wide move around the far turn, then flattened out late against a superior group. You might even get a better price if people simply see 0/7 and disregard his chances. I don't love that he was a vet scratch on July 18th, but that was a while ago, he's worked well since, and do you really think they would put him in this spot on Pacific Classic Day if he wasn't ready to go? It's also noteworthy that George Papaprodromou had a really nice last couple weeks here at the seaside oval.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Tam Tam	4-1	5	Win #4



THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! We've seen some eastern invaders when it comes to the turf stakes so far at the Del Mar meet, but none like the out of town presence posed by Tam Tam and Kensington Lane. When it comes to Kensington Lane, I just want to see it again, as she had extremely favorable circumstances last time. Tam Tam is drawn much more advantageously top the inside, which over the last couple years has proven to be a beneficial spot on a day like Pacific Classic Day when they move the rails all the way down (see Reef Runner getting to the rail from post 12 in last year's Green Flash). She might be on the lead, she might be sitting the pocket, but regardless of where she really ends up, it's very difficult for me to see her not getting a very good trip in here. And yes, the 9 furlongs might be a bit of a concern. But when you get to save every inch of ground and can do it easily, how much do you really have to love the extra ground?

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	7	Almendares	6-1	4	Win #7 - Ex 12 / 7

In my opinion, this year's Del Mar mile seems somewhat straightforward between the 7 and 12, with a slight nod going to Almendares. Over the last couple years, all of Almendares' best races come when he's going 8 furlongs over this Del Mar turf course. A couple of those have been in this exact same race, and even though he is unsuccessful in 3 tries, all of those efforts were very good. His trip last time was far from ideal: he was super rank, and even hit the rail at one point, and all in all was probably closer than he wanted to be. Now that race was going further than he prefers, he was first off the bench, and in terms of similar rivals, he didn't really run all that much worse than them. I'm confident this time Fresu will be able to take a hold, get him to relax, and come with his one run. Let's hope the 4th try in the Del Mar Mile is the right one.

\$3 Turf Pick 3

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,12	5	1,7,8	2,5,12	\$3	\$18
9	3	4,10	-	3		
11	7,12	-	1,9,11	7,12		

