



## DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

Race Day Date	August 2nd
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Current ROI	\$2.53

### Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO DAY 8 of the DEL MAR POWER PICKS!!! 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 THURSDAY NIGHT at 9:30 PM EST. Today's card is highlighted by the GI Clement L. Hirsch Stakes and the California Dreamin' Stakes. 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](http://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	7	6	1,3	6,7	\$0.50	\$24
2	5	3	1,2,8	3,5		
3	2,5	1,3,4,8	6,7	2,5		
4	3,6	-	5,7	3,6		
5	1,5,6	-	3,8,9	1,5,6		
6	6	1,3	4	-		
7	4	(12,13)	3,7,8	4	\$0.50	\$42
8	1,7	2,4	5,6	1,7		
9	7	2,5,8,10	9	2,5,7,8,10		
10	1	5,7	2,6	1		
11	6,9,10	11,12 (13)	1,5	1,5,6,9,10,11,12		

## Top 3 Selections

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



7	4	13	12
8	7	1	4
9	7	9	5
10	1	7	5
11	10	6	9

## Today's Pick 5 Analysis

Saturday's Late Pick 5 was discussed on this week's Episode 39 of Pacific Horseplayers, and it is an interesting sequence to say the least. There are several shorter morning line favorites within the sequence, so if you're playing, you're going to have to evaluate which favorite(s) you think is most vulnerable. For me, Southern Gentleman becomes slightly vulnerable with him drawing the rail, but still one I'll be leaning on in some fashion. In my opinion, the favorite that is most vulnerable is Kings River Knight in the California Dreamin', who has plenty of speed to contend with. I've decided to take the approach of spreading in there as well as the wide open finale, and staying skinny in the other three legs.

*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	5	Mondego (GB)	6-1	5	\$25 Win
Notes:					
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! #5 Mondego is a horse that was entered on Opening Day in a race going shorter, and I didn't like him all that much because of it, but this is a perfect spot for him. In his comeback race and first start in the McCarthy barn, he was well back early, but was the only one making up significant					



ground in a race dominated by frontrunners. 2nd in that race was Genius Jimmy, who came back and won the race he was scheduled to run in on July 18th. There's a decent amount of speed for a three-turn turf race, so he should get a setup, and I expect a big effort from him second off the long layoff.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	1	Mighty Kai	7-2	3	Big Ex 1 / 5,6   Small Ex 5,6 / 1

#### Notes:

I really like what the connections are doing in bringing **#1 Mighty Kai** back to the turf. He's run over it 10 times, a majority of them being when he was a 3-year-old, but he seems like a much better horse at this point in his career. Last year, he always seemed to lag out the back, but in his last two starts, he's been only a few lengths off of some fast fractions for the level. I'm hoping he translates that new dimension back over to the turf, as tactical speed from an inside post on this Del Mar turf course is extremely dangerous. I hope my boy Ayuso keeps things rolling.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Coalinga Road	8-1	4	\$20 Win

I know it hasn't happened in a while, but I've got a real inclination that Saturday is finally the day for **#7 Coalinga Road**, who has not gotten any kind of setup whatsoever in his last few races. The last time he was here at Del Mar was last year's rendition of this very race, which was a paceless race, but he showed a wicked late kick to only be beaten 5th by 2 lengths. Other than that, he's got two wins and a second over 4 other tries on this turf course. **#9 Kings River Knight** is obviously fast, and there are several other horses with early gas that could really heat this thing up. Saturday seems like the setup that Coalinga Road has been longing for.

## \$3 Late Pick 3

2,5,7,8,10 / 1 / 6,9,10 - \$45 ticket

## \$5 Late Double

1 / 6,10 - \$10 ticket

