DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

Race Day Date	July 27th
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Current ROI	$2.92

Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO Day 7 of the Del Mar meet!!! 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 9:30PM EST. Quick shoutout to Lil Bro Noah for holding down the fort for the first few days of the meet, look at that ROI through six days!! Way to put the pressure on! Today's card is highlighted by the GII Eddie Read Stakes, let's dive 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.

ABC GRID - POST TIME: 5:00pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	5	-	3,4	3,4,5	$0.50	$18
2	3		2	2,3		
3	3,5			3,5		
4	1	5	2	1,2,5		
5	4	-	5	4		
6	2,5,7			-		
7	3,4,6,8			2,4,6,8	$0.50	$24
8	3	-	2,7	3		
9	6,7		2,5	2,5,6,7		
10	2,6		4	2,4,6		
11	9		1,4	9		

Top 3 Selections

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

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

Today's Pick 5 Analysis

We close out the week with a fun pick 5 sequence that I thought was very difficult to narrow down. Starting off is an impossible turf sprint where I'm hoping the favorite is vulnerable as she's drawn inside of her main pace rival who is arguably quicker. In the next leg, I suppose Margarita's Girl will be the biggest key to the sequence as she's likely to be the shortest price and singled on many tickets, but I didn't think she was a lock by any means. Things do not get any easier in a wide open edition of the Eddie Read and then we finish up with two more wide open races in the late double. Terrific sequence that should pay well so get involved horizontally and vertically!

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)
5	4	Won For Lou	7/2	5	$50 Win
Notes:					

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! I've been waiting for **#4 Won For Lou** to run back ever since his debut at Santa Anita. That race was a total prep and I actually thought he ran pretty well. He was quick enough to establish position from the rail going five furlongs and just chased the top two around the track to finish third. The top two finishers are both well regarded prospects so no shame in finishing third, and I love that he galloped out strongly. Now he stretches out to two turns, picks up the best turf jockey in the colony, and has the experience/stamina edge over the majority of his rivals. All systems go.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	A Friend of Mine	12-1	4	$25 to win, $10 ex 7/3
Notes:					

This maiden race feels like it's begging to fall apart late. Baffert has two very speedy fillies that are suspect in the lane and the same could be said for Margarita Girl, the morning line favorite who has one way to go and finds herself sandwiched between the two Baffert's. Throw in the Mandella filly who reportedly has plenty of speed, and note the 6.5 furlong distance of this sprint. I like a **#3 A Friend of Mine** from off the pace. I know this is a step up in class, but I'm not sure if this field is really that much tougher than what she's been facing (outside of the favorite) and she's supposed to get a great set-up. Her one sprint came in her debut and she ran well from off the pace to finish second by a nose to a next out winner and I thought her second start was respectable too. Now she's paired up Beyer-tops, she's working very well in the mornings, and she cuts back to a distance that could hit her right between the eyes. Lots to like.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	9	Royal Dusty	20-1	3	$15 win
Notes:					

The favorites in the nightcap can absolutely win but I find them uninspiring. #4 Goatski could be a heavy favorite in here, but she got a big pace set-up that day, that turf Beyer has not held up, and she lacks any early speed. #5 Hello Kid O Kid O is the other logical but she's had plenty of chances at this point and often finds trouble. Give me the upside of **#9 Royal Dusty** at a MASSIVE price. I thought she ran better than looked in both starts. The debut seemed like a prep when they placed her behind horses and she passed a few to just finish evenly in a sprint. Then she stretched out on the grass and was a step slow and lost valuable position early. She was rank the entire race and looking to do more, but just never found clear sailing at any point. I actually like this outside post for her because it gives her a better chance to recover and get forward if she breaks slow again. And I do hope Kimura puts her into the race since there's very little speed. Note the recent step up in the mornings for a trainer that typically races his horses into shape.

$3 Late Pick 3

2,5,6,7/2,6/9 $24 ticket

$5 Late Double

2/9 $5 ticket