



DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

Race Day Date	August 15th
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Current ROI	\$0.93

Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO DAY 14 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 Solana Beach Stakes and the CTT and TOC Stakes.

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	5	1,4	6	1,4,5	\$0.50	\$90
2	7	2,3,4,6	1,5	2,3,4,6,7		
3	2,6	1	5	1,2,6		
4	1,9	4,5	7,10	1,4,5,9		
5	4	2	3,6,7	4		
6	5	1,3	6,9	1,3,5	\$0.50	\$72
7	1,2	5	3,8	1,2		
8	5,9,11	2,3,6	1,7,10	5,9,11		
9	1,5	2,7	3,8	1,5		
10	1,9	8,11	4,5,10	1,8,9,11		

Top 3 Selections

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



7	1	2	5
8	11	5	9
9	5	1	2
10	9	1	8

Today's Pick 5 Analysis

Saturday's Late Pick 5 at Del Mar offers a challenging sequence highlighted by a pair of turf stakes for fillies and mares: the \$150,000 Solana Beach Stakes and the \$100,000 CTT and TOC Stakes. The Solana Beach Stakes, contested at one mile on the turf, features defending champ Grand Slam Smile, who returns looking to repeat her front-running success from a year ago. However, she'll face pressure from a deep cast that includes Take Another Card and several other California-bred turf specialists, making it one of the most contentious races on the card. Two races later, the marathon 1 3/8-mile CTT and TOC Stakes provides another handicapping puzzle. The distance is likely to separate the true stayers from those stretching beyond their preferred range, with eastern invader Vronti appearing especially dangerous after a strong Saratoga effort at a similar trip. Local contenders Kentucky Gal and Resolve also bring proven form and should ensure a competitive renewal.

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)
2	7	Clear and Present	3-1	4	Win #7
Notes:					
Clear and Present is one of several coming out of the common race on July 25th, and although he					



didn't finish all that well, I thought there were things to like. Going into the race, I figured he'd be a horse that would be better with more distance and racing under his belt. He showed a good deal of speed before getting tired late, but he was wide chasing a slow pace, and there was a big inside bias that day. Jack Christopher has surprisingly had a pretty good start with his turf progeny (4 for 12), so there's optimism as to whether this colt will handle the grass. And this team of Fresu/D'amato/LRF win way too many races at this level here at Del Mar to ignore

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	5	Take Another Card	5-1	5	Win #5

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! Let me start by saying this year's Solana Beach consists a pair of the worst morning lines I've ever seen. Take Another Card is listed at 5-1 after back to back 81 beyers, while the filly to her inside is 6-1 after putting up 54 and 50 beyers in her last two. Regardless, Take Another Card is a horse I've always had an affinity for, and even though I would've much preferred Lady in Paris staying up, there's no denying how big this filly ran last time. There wasn't much pace in front of her, and she was forced to make this big wide move around the far turn, yet was still able to be right there at the finish. And if you go through many of her other races, she finds herself in spots where there just isn't much pace in front of her. That doesn't seem to be the worry today. The worry for me is how close we end up getting to that 5-1 price come post time.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	2	Articulation	12-1	3	Win #2 - Ex 1 / 2

Notes:

Although Articulation isn't my top pick, I have a feeling he's going to run big at first asking. He's been training with the 6 in here (the other McCarthy), and he just absolutely destroyed that stablemate in the morning when they went in company. The stablemate might not be very good and it might not mean much, but it was just too damn visually impressive for me to he's not going to fire big today. Yes, he does have to deal with the 1 and the 5, but from a price standpoint, the 1 is a Marley's Freedom baby, and the 5 is a \$2.1 million Flightline colt, so plenty of money will be allocated towards those runners. Even the other Baffert runner (Myracehorse) will most likely take more money than he should. It just feels like an opportunity to get a stellar price on a juvenile that could have some talent.



Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	9	Lyle The Crocodile (Ire)	4-1	4	Win #9

Notes:

Good friend and co-host Jackson Muniz has signed the divorce papers on Lyle the Crocodile, but I'm going to give him one more shot before filing. His form is extremely dirtied up, which makes him easy to keep betting back. To put it in brief detail, 4-back he was the only one making up significant ground, 3-back he was setting a swift pace for no reason, 2-back he faced solid horses in the Mathis Mile, including Hiding in Honduras (who beat older next time out), and last time he was probably just third best, but lost to two horses who have had the majority of their success come down the hill. He gets back to routing today, and the form doesn't suggest it, but in my opinion he's run well enough at Del Mar to give him one more chance. Oh, and you get Rispoli today, which won't hurt at all

\$3 Turf Pick 3

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	5	1,3	-	5	\$3	\$54
8	5,9,11	2,3,6	-	2,3,5,6,9,11		
10	1,9	11	4,8	1,9,11		

