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Race Day Date	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
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### Race-Day Overview

Day 7 of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club is upon us, and we've got plenty of action throughout the day. If I'm being brutally honest, I was more of a fan of Friday's card than today's card, but that's obviously not going to stop us from making some money! Before we begin, I'd like to give a shout out to Craig Drager and some buddies that own the #7 Jack's Magic Girl in R1. Good luck to them, and good luck to you on this beautiful Saturday!

*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 amount of 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!



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### Racetrack: Del Mar

ABC Grid - Post Time 5:00pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	5,7	8	2,4	5,7,8	\$0.50	\$54
2	1,5	3	2,4,6	1,5		
3	1	3,6	5,7	1,3,6		
4	6,7	3	1,2	6,7		
5	2,4,6	-	7,8,9	2,4,6		
6	6,8	3	1,7	-		
7	5,9	1,6	2,3	1,5,6,9	\$0.50	\$30
8	2,4	3	1,7,10	2,3,4		
9	10	1,2	8,9,11	10		
10	2	3	5,6,8	2		
11	8,9	2,4,12	5,10	2,4,8,9,12		

### Top 3 Selections

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

### P5 Analysis

The feature on Saturday's card is the Grade 1 Clement L. Hirsch, which in all honesty, is probably a free square. One of the invaders from the east, Scylla, is in very good form right



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now, but I don't think she's at the level of the heavy favorite Adare Manor just yet. I'll most likely also be singling the #10 Old Pal in the California Dreamin, who you'll read about in just a minute, and trying to press up and hit this sequence multiple times.

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

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	6	Lovesick Blues	6-1	4	\$15 Win Big Exactas: 6/2,4 Smaller Exactas: 2,4/6

#### Notes

The #6 Lovesick Blues is a horse I have been chasing for a LONG time. He's gone his last 13 starts without a win, but his numbers on Timeform are right with the best in this field. His last try going 5F on the turf at Del Mar was back on November 23rd, where he had absolutely nowhere to go in the stretch. Lately he's mostly been running at 6F and 6.5F, but I've been waiting for him to try 5F again for what feels like forever, and he finally does today. Important to note that trainer Steve Miyadi wins at 20% in turf sprints at Del Mar over the last 5 years.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Smart Mo	6-1	3	\$10 Win/Place

#### Notes

The #2 Smart Mo has always been a tough horse to figure out. His debut was fantastic, but after that he just couldn't seem to get back to that. In his first two starts of the year, he really got back to what he was anticipated to be, and to be quite honest, I have no idea what happened last time. But he looks to have come out of the race fine, so I'm going to scratch that last effort. The trip that he looks to sit, which should be right behind the leaders, is what has me most intrigued. Shirreffs horses seem to be firing right now, so if he runs back to those efforts two and three starts back, I think he's gonna be hard to hold off in the stretch.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	10	Old Pal	3-1	4	\$20 Win

#### Notes

It's not typical of me to go with the morning line favorite in one of these turf races, but I don't really see many threats to the #10 Old Pal. There are 7 horses coming out of the Crystal Water stakes,



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including this colt, and I thought he ran BY FAR the best of that large group, as he closed stoutly into a very moderate pace. He's one that's getting better and better with every start, and he gets much more pace to run at on Saturday. Not to mention, trainer Mark Glatt has already won a listed stake on the grass this meet with First Peace in the Wickerr.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	9	Nuclear	9-2	4	\$15 Win/Place

### Notes

Once a \$1.5 million dollar purchase, the #9 Nuclear has been screaming for some class relief, and he finally gets it. The first two starts of his career were very solid, then he was off for a year, and just hasn't quite gotten back to that. Trainer John Sadler finally drops him into a more reasonable spot, he's been working better than he ever has, and Reylu Gutierrez, a jockey I've become very fond of in the finale, hops aboard. Important to note that John Sadler is 25% when dropping from MSW to MCL here at Del Mar.

**Good luck with all your wagers.... CRUSH YOUR BETS!!**

