



Picks

Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 16 th
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Race-Day Overview

I can't believe we are halfway through the meet! It seems like it has flown by, and it continues here with a newly scheduled 3pm post time. I generally feel that early is more difficult than late, so I would recommend trying to make a nice score on whichever sequence you prefer.

*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, 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 6:00pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	5,6	-	3,4	5,6	\$0.50	\$60
2	1,3	6,7	4	1,3,6,7		
3	1,3	7,8	6	1		
4	2,7	3,11,14	1,5,8	2,3,7,11,14		
5	7	2,3	6	2,3,7	\$0.50	\$54
6	2	6	1,3,7	2,6		
7	2	1,5	4,6,8	1,2,5		
8	2,8,11	3,6,10	5,7	2,3,6,8,10,11		

Top 3 Selections

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

P5 Analysis

Friday's Late Pick 5 could be pretty chalky...until you get to the last race. It is a wide open \$16k claimer where just about anyone could win. In the feature, I don't think Linda's Gift has to win, but if she does lose, I have a feeling it'll be by someone she hasn't faced before, so I threw in the 1 and 5 incase of such an occasion.

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.



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Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	1	Apple Valley Girl	3-1	4	\$15 Win, \$10 Place
Notes					
The #1 Apple Valley Girl is typically the type of horse I'm against. A huge price on debut, now a much shorter price 2nd time, and for a very small barn. But the way she ran on debut has me intrigued. She showed some natural speed, she had a slight bobble around the turn, and still was actually coming with a little run in the lane and galloped out really nicely. Apple Valley Girl is a full sister to a horse named Clubhouse Bride, who was very successful early on in her career, and this field is not great, so it won't take huge improvement to better this field.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	2	Big Drinker	5-2	5	\$25 Win
Notes					
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! I have some major questions about some of the major contenders here. The 3 hasn't won in 2 years, the 6 seems more turf meant, and I don't think the 7 wants to go 2 turns. It took Big Drinker a while to break his maiden, but he had been running decent numbers in those failed efforts. Steve Knapp has gotten him some rest, he's working well, and it's hard for me to imagine him not sitting a really good trip in behind the speed.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Lansdowne (GB)	10-1	3	\$10 Win/Place
Notes					
I know I said the last race was nearly impossible, but I do have a slight opinion with the #2 Lansdowne. I find it interesting that Kent Sweezey claimed this 6 year-old gelding, since normally these Midwest trainers come here with the intention to open up stalls rather than fill them. He's got natural early speed, and even though he's only dropping for \$4k less than his purchase price last time, this seems like a MAJOR drop in class.					

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

