



Picks

## Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 17 <sup>th</sup>
Tip Sheet By	Noah Meagher

### Race-Day Overview

Over halfway through with the Del Mar Power Picks and we have come upon one of the more highly anticipated races of the meet, the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks. Starting here, things really start to ramp up as we enter the back half of the summer. Let's go make some money!

*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!



# Tip Sheet

Picks

## Racetrack: Del Mar

ABC Grid - Post Time 5:00pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2	5	3	2,5	\$0.50	\$24
2	1,5	2,3	6	1,5		
3	2,6	1	5,7	1,2,6		
4	9	2,8	6,7	8,9		
5	6,7	5	2	6,7		
6	1	3,6,8	2,7	1	\$0.50	\$48
7	2,3,5	1,7	4	1,2,3,4,5,7		
8	1,3	6	2	1,3		
9	2,6	3,4	8	2,3,4,6		
10	2,4	5,8	3,6,9	2,4		

## Top 3 Selections

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

## Today's Analysis

Saturday's Late Pick 5 is highlighted by the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks, which contains some shippers and some that have already run once at Del Mar. The two main contenders are the #1 Iscreamuscream and the #3 Whiskey Decision, and I really think it's between one of those two. I'm going to try to get things kicked off with the #1 Fleet Feet in Race 6, and if he doesn't win, I'll come back and play the ole pick 4.



Picks

## Tip Sheet

*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)
4	9	Thought Process	7-2	4	Big Exactas: 9/2,8 Smaller Exactas: 2,8/9

#### Notes

The #9 Thought Process ran fine on debut, but I have much reason to believe he'll be a winner 2nd time out. His debut was going 5.5F on first, and like I said, was a respectable effort for a first time starter. His breeding completely points toward going long on the turf, and D'amato is definitely the guy you want when trying to perform in that scenario. I believe D'amato used that debut to get him ready for this race, as he's been stationed down at Del Mar and working very solid here. I'll be trying to get him in the exacta with one of the McCarthy first time starters.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	7	Departure	3-1	3	\$15 Win Doubles: 6,7/1

#### Notes

Boy am I a sucker for claim backs, and we've got one here with the #7 Departure. He's re-entering Steve Knapp's barn, I like that he's dropped in down because 1) a class relief is always beneficial and 2) he's most likely to lose him again anyways, so might as well run in a reasonable spot to rack up purse money on top of the \$12.5k. He's not going to get nearly as much pace pressure as he has in his last two starts, so as long as he breaks well, he could go wire to wire.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Fleet Feet	7-2	5	\$25 Win

#### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!!** I know that effort last time for the #1 Fleet Feet was kinda out of nowhere, but I think the 5 furlongs might just be his niche. Last time, he really came with a nice run late, and that race seems like it was a pretty good one, as the winner got a 90 beyer and the third place finisher came back and won last weekend. Even if he does break a little slow this time around, he doesn't have to navigate through such a large group of competitors. He also gets a BIG jockey upgrade in Umberto Rispoli. I think an effort similar to his last could very well get the job done.



Picks

## Tip Sheet

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Smash It	7-2	4	\$15 Win, \$10 Place
<b>Notes</b>					
Let's go ahead and smash it with the #3 Smash It. Poor guy has done nothing but run into some monsters from the Baffert Barn, and he's actually running really well in those placings. Especially last time, where he really stayed on nicely and never let Getaway Car really open up comfortably. Getaway Car obviously came back and won the Best Pal, which flatters the form. He could very well run into some more monsters, not just from the Baffert barn, but why not try and "smash it" with the horse with experience?					

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

