



DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

Race Day Date	August 29th
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Current ROI	\$1.15

Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO DAY 20 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 G2 Pat O'Brien and the G2 Del Mar Handicap. Good luck!

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	3	2	1	2,3	\$0.50	\$54
2	2,10	9	4,6,8	2,9,10		
3	2	1,6	5	1,2,6		
4	4	2,5,7	8	4		
5	1,12	4,5,6,7	9,10	1,4,5,6,7,12		
6	6,10	4,5	1,8	4,5,6,10	\$0.50	\$126
7	1,3,4	6,8,9,12	2,5,10,11	1,3,4,6,8,9,12		
8	9	3,11	1,5	3,9,11		
9	1	8,9	2,5,7	1,8,9		
10	4	2,7	-	4		

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	3	2	1
2	2	10	9
3	2	1	6
4	4	7	2
5	12	1	5
6	10	6	4



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

Today's Pick 5 Analysis

Today's Late Pick 5 at Del Mar is highlighted by a pair of Grade 2 events, with the Pat O'Brien and Del Mar Handicap giving the sequence plenty of star power. The Pat O'Brien brings together a deep group of seven-furlong specialists led by the likes of defending winner Dr. Venkman, Big City Lights and the talented March of Time, while the Del Mar Handicap presents a fascinating marathon on the turf as Gold Phoenix looks to continue his remarkable run in the race against a competitive group that includes the high-class Test Score. With two major stakes races and plenty of opportunities for prizes elsewhere in the sequence, today's Late Pick 5 has all the ingredients for a great betting challenge.

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)
4	4	Gold Foot	3-1	3	Win #4 - Ex 4 / 7
Notes:					
That was a pretty brutal beat earlier in the month when losing to Grandisimo at a huge number, but he ran so well that day I'm coming right back with him. He made a 7 wide move in the fastest part of the race to hit the lead at the 1/8 pole, only to get a little leg weary, giving it up to the big longshot. But					



Grandisimo saved every inch of ground, while Gold Foot was out getting a hot dog in the grandstand. As I said last time, Gold Foot falls under an interesting category of horses that come over for the Ship and Win bonus yet stick around on the West Coast after an unsuccessful first try. There's no stats to suggest this, but just from following Del Mar over the last several years, it seems to be an angle that works pretty successfully. There's nobody knew that he needs to be afraid of, and I wouldn't mind Ayuso getting him a little more involved early on.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Stronghold	6-1	5	Win #1

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! First, I have a pretty strong opinion about the Bing Crosby. To me, the effort Stronghold put forth was bad enough to suggest that it was more of a dud than anything, whereas the effort from Dr Venkman was good enough to suggest that he might just not be as good as he used to be. With that being said, the perception going into the race was that 6 furlongs was too short for Stronghold. I'm not saying his effort in there suggested that, but he's still going to be much better suited for the 7/8 today. Also, if you look at his PPs carefully, his best performances have come where he's able to be close to the pace. Now, there's not a whole lot of speed for a race like this, and from the inside post, I see Fresu being aggressive from there, hopefully getting himself in the pocket. That coveted pocket trip was what beat him last year in this race, but my hope he is on the receiving end of that trip this year.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	4	Gold Phoenix (Ire)	5-2	4	Win #4 - Ex 4 / 7

I'm tired of getting beat by Gold Phoenix. I have finally hopped aboard the train today, mainly because the presence of Test Score makes him a bettable price in here. Gold Phoenix is looking for his 5th consecutive Del Mar Handicap win, which is just absolutely insane, but the more insane thing might be the fact that he is potentially as good as he's ever been at 8 years old. While it looked like things might be over for him, he got it done in the San Luis Rey. You can forgive the effort at Churchill Downs, and he jogged by 5 lengths in the San Juan Capsitrano. He had ZERO BUSINESS winning the Eddie Read earlier in the meet. It was a prep for today, it was shorter than he prefers, and he won a photo over Cabo Spirit, who was half a length back next out in the Del Mar Mile, and Formidable Man, who had been in raging form going in and rarely gets defeated here at Del Mar. At the end of the day, I just don't see how you can knock him at this point in time, and the fact that I might get 2-1 has me



jumping for joy.

\$3 Turf Pick 3

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	4	-	2,5,7	4	\$3	\$12
8	6,10	4,5	-	4,5,6,10		
10	4	7	2	4		

