



DEL MAR POWER PICKS TIP SHEET

Race Day Date	July 31st
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Current ROI	\$0.15

Race Day Overview

WELCOME TO DAY 8 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 feature on the card is a very difficult Real Good Deal Stakes for Cal-bred 3yo's going 7 furlongs on the main track.

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	2,3	4,7	5	2,3	\$0.50	\$24
2	1	4,5	3,6,7	1		
3	2,6	9	-	2,6		
4	1,5,6	-	3,7	1,5,6	\$0.50	\$108
5	2	1,8,10	-	1,2,8,10		
6	1	9	8	1,9		
7	3,5,11	1,9	4,8,10	1,3,5,9,11		
8	7	3,4	11	3,4,7		

Top 3 Selections

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



Today's Pick 5 Analysis

As previously mentioned, the centerpiece of Friday's Late Pick 5 at Del Mar is the \$150,000 Real Good Deal Stakes, a competitive California-bred showdown that appears especially difficult to decipher, as several talented runners bring legitimate winning credentials and make the feature anything but straightforward. I've got 5 horses on the A and B line, and it just seems like one of those races where some chaos could ensue. Not only is that race difficult, the finale is a really good betting opportunity where I counted at least 6 or 7 horses that have a punchers chance. It should make for a very fruitful and appealing \$5 Late Double.

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	1	Dats Ms. Blame	5-1	4	Win #1

Notes:

One of my favorite angles is when a horse who has been unsuccessful in several tries finally seems to turn the lightbulb on and beats rivals with authority. That's exactly what Dats Ms. Blame did at Los Al just a few weeks ago. It's possible that getting back to the main track was just what she needed, since both prior dirt efforts were at the maiden special weight ranking. Not to mention the first one was the career debut, and the other one was with a troubled trip against the 2yo champ in Super Corredora. I'm intrigued to see how she handles facing winners for the first time, mostly because this group isn't exactly all that fearful.

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6	1	Sand Bagger	5-1	3	Win #1 - Ex 9 / 1
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Anyone that knows this circuit is aware that inside speed can be so deadly in these turf routes, ESPECIALLY when the rails are way out like they are today. Switching from an outside post to an inside post today is Sand Bagger, who last time made a premature move to take the lead away from the two frontrunners that finished up the track. He was unable to fend off the winner that day, but I thought he didn't have much business finishing as close as he did. It seems like Gary Stute has got him heading in the right direction, unlike the favorite Kokosan, who projects to get a wide trip from post 9 and seems to be tailing off form.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	Marla Hooch	5-1	5	Win #7 - Ex 7 / 3,4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!! Marla Hooch's form in my opinion is extremely dirtied up and looks much better visually than it does on paper. Not only did she cross the wire first in April, she's been compromised in both starts since then. Two back she got pushed way out around the far turn on a day where the rails were as far out as they can possibly be at Santa Anita, and she finished behind some very talented fillies and next out winners She's No Quant (also won the Fleet Treat last weekend) and Zip Me Up. Last time she was in a bit tight and was bothered when crossing the dirt, which put her further back then she probably wanted her to be. She was behind a wall of horses when trying to make a rally, got swung way out wide once again, and actually came home with the fastest final 1/8 of anyone in the field. The stretchout is the unknown, but she's got a sib that earned \$156k routing on the grass, as well as the granddam who earned \$206k.

\$3 Turf Pick 3

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
3	2	6,9	-	2,6,9	\$3	\$18
6	1	9	-	1,9		
8	7	3,4	11	7		

