

THE LINDO REPORT FOR DEL MAR

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1st race *** FIRST POST TIME 12:30 PM ***

Fair Odds

1. **Current Affair (#1)** 6/1
 2. **Blissterinthesun (#6)** 3/1
 3. **Cyprus Moon (#3)** 2/1
- Current Affair** raced greenly but finished OK & galloped out well trying turf for first time. Expect more tactical speed today. **Blissterinthesun** exits a fast race & could get nice stalking trip. **Cyprus Moon** the one to catch, but she needs to finish better.

2nd race

1. **Rodriguez (#6)** 9/5
 2. **Romanesque (#1)** 2/1
 3. **The Last Straw (#4)** 7/2
- Rodriguez** has looked good working with good company in the am and Baffert brings Martin Garcia in for the mount. Stablemate **Romanesque** also working well & gets Hernandez but draws the rail. Royally-bred **The Last Straw** shows fast 5f drill here Oct 31.

3rd race

1. **Crazy Cavalier (#6) **BEST BET**** 2/1
 2. **Eligio (#9)** 5/1
 3. **Certitude (#3)** 4/1
- Crazy Cavalier** proved he is best as a turf sprinter finishing 2nd vs. this kind at SA. He should have the pacesetter in his sights at all times. **Eligio** fit exiting a route is a must-use completing vertical wagers. **Certitude** faces the boys; should be rolling late.

4th race

1. **J B Strikes Back (#3)** 9/5
 2. **Coalinga Road (#5)** 7/2
 3. **Speed Crazy (#4)** 4/1
- J B Strikes Back** dueled on a fast pace and drew clear to easily beat softer Nov 3. He loves DMR & looks like controlling speed. **Coalinga Road** ran well in Bull Dog Stakes at FNO but not big on winning. **Speed Crazy** another who thrives on minor awards.

5th race

1. **Gregory's Pride (#6)** 3/1
 2. **Kid Azteca (#3)** 5/2
 3. **Without Borders (#5)** 7/2
- Gregory's Pride** runs well fresh and likes sprinting on the DMR turf. Rispoli fits his closing style. **Kid Azteca** adds blinkers after series of close-but-no-cigar finishes. Stablemate **Without Borders** has more tactical speed than top pair & still has upside.

6th race

Fair Odds

1. **Diva Cat (#7)** 7/2
 2. **Uptown Preacher (#1)** 3/1
 3. **Mayacama (#5)** 5/2
- Diva Cat** has trained well for career debut and outside post gives her rider some options. **Uptown Preacher** has worked well after appearing to need Oct 13 debut. Rail draw no bargain. **Mayacama** figures to press the speed drawn to inside & get first run on the closers.

7th race

1. **Double Jab (#5)** 5/2
 2. **Devil Be Me (#3)** 3/1
 3. **Supernal (#7)** 5/1
- Double Jab** was DQ'ed from a win vs. this kind down the hill at SA. He owns a local win over this course & distance & could make amends if he runs a straight course. **Devil Be Me** exploded on the dirt last time & has won last four sprints. Turf is the question. **Supernal** may appreciate getting back on a flat course.

8th race *** GRADE III NATIVE DIVER STAKES ***

1. **Skinner (#3)** 4/1
 2. **Ultra Power (#2)** 2/1
 3. **Mixto (#6)** 3/1
- Skinner** was runner-up in this race last year and had solid sprint prep off layoff Nov 1. This may have been the target all along. **Ultra Power** had no excuse as beaten chalk vs. softer in last, but when he is good he is very good. **Mixto** was overmatched in B.C. Classic. These are his friends. **Mirahmadi** looked good beating Maidens when given easy lead last time. More pace in here.

9th race

1. **Malibu Rocks (#4)** 6/1
 2. **Over the Ocean (#1)** 7/2
 3. **Dairago (FR) (#10)** 5/1
- Malibu Rocks** had all kinds of traffic trouble in only start on turf. He has tactical speed & makes first start as a gelding. **Over the Ocean** another who was gelded after wasting good trip at KEE. Thomas stable having good meet with shippers. **Dairago** and **Spearfish** are deep closers who need some pace help.

TODAY'S KEY PLAYS

Race 5

Exacta boxes keying **Gregory's Pride to Kid Azteca & Without Borders**

Race 6

Exacta boxes keying **Diva Cat to Uptown Preacher & Mayacama**

\$50 PICK FOUR RACES 6-9 (\$36 Ticket):

6. **Diva Cat, Uptown Preacher, Mayacama**
7. **Double Jab, Devil Be Me**
8. **Skinner, Ultra Power, Mixto**
9. **Malibu Rocks, Over the Ocean, Dairago, Spearfish**

NEWS AND NOTES

The rails are 18 feet out from their normal position on the turf course...Main track and turf course played fair on Friday...First post time is 12:30 pm...Jockey **Antonio Fresu** won three races Friday. Jockey **Kyle Frey** was handed a three-day suspension that would encompass closing weekend unless he files an appeal...**Laurel** has cancelled racing throughout this weekend due to concerns by the jockeys about the condition of the main track...2023 Breeders' Cup Classic winner **White Abbario** was a 10 length winner in his return at **Gulfstream Park** Friday. Jockey **Tiago Pereira** was uninjured after **Scroll Up** ducked through the inside rail after the start of race 6. The filly ran loose around the infield and was walked off after being caught and appeared to be OK.