

THE LINDO REPORT FOR DEL MAR

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

Fair Odds

6th race

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| 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

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| 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 ***

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| 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

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| 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.