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Del Mar Trends

by Michael Jay Kipness, a.k.a. The Wizard

Del Mar's main track superintendent, Steve Wood, also handles the main track at Santa Anita. Many barns based at Santa Anita often skip the entire Hollywood Park meet and point their horses to the Del Mar meet

Frequently horses that ran poorly at Hollywood Park really turn it around at Del Mar. If you see a poor last race running line at Hollywood Park, I suggest digging deeper in the horse's past performances to see the horse's true form.

Prior to the 1999 Del Mar meet, handicappers approached Del Mar with the idea that late-running sprinters dominated while horses with early speed would often quit. However, the track surface was replaced after the 1999 meet and that assumption is nonexistent when you consider the track profiles for distances of 5 1/2, six, 6 1/2 and 7 furlongs. Here are some noticeable trends from the 2002 Del Mar Meet that were evident at these distances.

5 1/2 furlongs: The majority, if not all, of the races at this distance are for maiden or allowance two-year-olds. There were 28

races at the distance last year and 22 were won by horses either on the lead or within a head of it at the first pace call (opening quarter-mile). As far as horses breaking from the three inside post positions, 13 of 28 races were won from the inside.

One can assume that with early speed dominating, it is difficult to get value. However, Humorous Lady at \$82.20, Ionia at \$91, Sky's Snow at \$26.20 and My Stars at \$15.40 all displayed the right profile before paying a good price for a front-running score at this distance.

Six furlongs: No distance is more prevalent to early speed than this distance. Last year, Del Mar carded an amazing 107 races at six furlongs and 77 were won by horses either on or within two lengths of the lead at the first call. That's a 72 percent win clip. In 2001, horses breaking from the rail at the distance were pitiful, winning only three of 98 races, but that changed last year as 26 of 107 races were won by horses break-

ing from the two inside post positions.

6 1/2 furlongs: Though early speed is an advantage, with 31 of

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Philip Devlin

\$49,000 Belmont Pick 3 - 10/3/02

\$16,583 Belmont Pick 4 - 10/3/02

\$2,300 Belmont Exacta 1996

Handicapping Style	Class and breeding angles are the 2 most important factors that I consider.
Brisnet.com products which aided in victory:	I almost always use the Brisnet Quick Play Past Performances. In fact, the comment for the 4th race on Doubtful Diva in my big Pick 3 hit noted that the sire was 3 for 3 with his 1st time starters. That was the principal reason why I included the horse in the Pick 3--the breeding angle mentioned in the comment area. The positive/negative comments concerning 1st time starters and the training stats/angles mentioned on the Brisnet products have proven to be invaluable to me in playing baby races . I used to avoid those races; now I regard them as having great value potential.
Other Notes	I bet online through BrisBET.com. I usually download Brisnet products through them.

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46 races run at this distance being won by horses either on or within two lengths of the lead at the first call, the noticeable trend at this distance is with post positions. Inside posts were terrible. Only eight horses came from the first two gates to win at this distance in 2002.

Seven furlongs: As with the previous sprint distances, early speed is an advantage as 12 of 18 races at seven furlongs were taken by horses either on or within two lengths of the lead at the first call. Unlike at 6 1/2 furlongs, the first two posts won six of 18.

One interesting trend that occurred last year at this distance was the strength of the route-to-sprint angle. Seven of 18 winners were turning back in distance, many at a price. Horses such as Martinis at Midnite at \$66.20, Runninwithscissors at \$46.60, and Holy Mackerel at \$21 were examples of an angle that the public overlooked.

One mile: Tactical speed was vital for success here. Thirty-one of the 53 races were won by horses either on the lead or within two lengths of the lead at the first call (half-mile pole). The three inside posts produced 25 wins.

1 1/16 miles: Last year's meet featured a strong bias against wire-to-wire winners. From 25 races at the distance, only five were won wire-to-wire and three of those were favored, including Azeri at a \$2.20 mutuel.

Five furlongs on turf: This is a new distance for this year's meet. The Jimmy Durante Turf Course at Del Mar is seven fur-

longs in length with a short stretch run. With only a quarter-mile run to the far turn, horses breaking from inside posts with early speed have an advantage. Horses breaking from an outside post run the risk of losing serious ground into the far turn.

One mile on turf: The mile distance is fair to all running styles. Whether on the lead, near the pace or from well off the pace, the key principle is pace. Last year, the Del Mar turf course was extremely fast with track performances recorded by Special Ring in 1:32.72 and a front-end score by Golden Arrow with torrid early fractions of :21.69 and :44.93.

Seventeen of 30 races at the distance were won by horses on or within two lengths of the lead after the first half-mile. The first three posts produced 12 winners.

1 1/16 miles on turf: Horses coming from well off the pace or sitting in midpack enjoyed success last year. Only 13 of 40 races at the distance were won by horses either on or within two lengths of the lead at the first call (half-mile pole). Despite that profile, it does not mean to bet against horses that figure to grab an uncontested lead because there were plenty of examples of horses who were able to grab the lead and win. If a horse you like figures to make the lead at a generous price, then take the odds.

Note: This feature consists of excerpts from the complete article in the Handicapper's Edge. For the complete articles as well as handicapping advice for Saratoga, click on the Wizard's Crystal Ball link on the side bar of the Handicapper's Edge.