Del Mar

Race 8 — 11/07/2026

Class: The Chosen Vron Stakes

Distance: 7f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $100,000

Starters: 9

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Del Mar R8
Saturday, November 7, 2026 | 7f Dirt | Cal-Bred/Sired 3YO & Up | The Chosen Vron Stakes ($100,000)

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Man O Rose (Post 1) — ELITE early speed; led to the stretch, cleared the field and widened late at Los Alamitos on 9/19. **Special Club** (Post 6) — Dueled to win his last two starts. **Mr. Disrespectful** (Post 8) — Has led and dueled in stakes company.

Stalkers / Pressers

Pure Madness (Post 4) — Can press or rally; led and dueled inside to win on 8/22. **Big City Lights** (Post 5) — Stalks from mid-pack. **Lonesome Stew** (Post 7) — Tracks the pace and can rate or press. **Matt At Five** (Post 3) — Stalks two or three lengths back.

Closers

Lovesick Blues (Post 9) — Late runner who rallies wide; blinkers on. **Shady Tiger** (Post 2) — Some closing form but VULNERABLE late.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :22 3/5 opening quarter, :45 2/5 half-mile. Man O Rose goes for the lead from the rail, with Special Club and Mr. Disrespectful likely to press. Stalkers sitting three or four lengths back are best placed if the leaders are hard pressed.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Man O Rose	3-1	32%	25.0%	**+7.0%**
2	Shady Tiger	20-1	3%	4.8%	-1.8%
3	Matt At Five	12-1	5%	7.7%	-2.7%
4	Pure Madness	6-1	15%	14.3%	**+0.7%**
5	Big City Lights	2-1	16%	33.3%	-17.3%
6	Special Club	12-1	8%	7.7%	**+0.3%**
7	Lonesome Stew	6-1	14%	14.3%	-0.3%
8	Mr. Disrespectful	20-1	4%	4.8%	-0.8%
9	Lovesick Blues	5-1	3%	16.7%	-13.7%





Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
	TOTAL		**100%**	**128.6%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (field total 128.6% in this nine-horse field). The original table used rescaled figures (Man O Rose +12.5%, Big City Lights –9.9%), and the text quoted other implied figures (24.8%, 33.0%, 16.5%, 14.2%). At raw odds **Man O Rose +7.0%** is the only meaningful overlay; Pure Madness +0.7% and Special Club +0.3%. **Big City Lights** –**17.3%** and Lovesick Blues –13.7%.

Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★★)

Man O Rose (Post 1) — Model Win %: 32%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse by a wide margin. 13-for-22 and the defending winner of this race (11/8/25). Won the E.B. Johnston Stakes at Los Alamitos three straight years, most recently on 9/19 (led to the stretch, cleared and widened). 2026: won the Don Valpredo California Cup Sprint (1/17) and the Palos Verdes (Listed, 2/15), 3rd in the Sensational Star (3/22), 8th in the Grade 2 Green Flash Handicap at Del Mar (8/22), then won the E.B. Johnston. Trainer Mullins 17% in route/sprint switches and 40% with last-out winners. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), +7.0%—the best overlay in the race.

Strengths: ELITE early and sustained speed—the only horse in the field rated ELITE in both; won this race last year; the rail suits his speed.

Concerns: Seven weeks since his last start; cuts back from a mile; likely to be pressed early.

Trip Projection: Breaks on top from the rail, leads by a length or two into the stretch and holds off the closers.

Big City Lights (Post 5) — Model Win %: 16%

PTW Profile: Stakes winner at 6f at Santa Anita on 1/18/25 (pressed, drew off) and 5/23/26 (in two wide, three deep at the 1/8 pole, best). Tracked three deep with no response in a 6.5f stakes at Santa Anita on 10/10. Trainer Mandella 16% on dirt. As the 2-1 morning-line favorite (33.3% implied), –17.3%—the biggest underlay in the race.

Strengths: Proven stakes winner in sprints; tactical.

Concerns: Recent form has tailed off; VULNERABLE sustained speed; stretches out from 6f–6.5f; heavily overbet.

Trip Projection: Stalks two or three lengths back and must make up ground late, which the model doubts in a HOT pace.

Pure Madness (Post 4) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: 4-for-8. Won an allowance optional claimer at a mile at Del Mar on 8/22 (led, dueled inside, held gamely); before that loomed three wide and dug in but just missed in a mile allowance optional claimer at Del Mar on 7/18. Lost on turf at Santa Anita on 9/26. Trainer Koriner 16% on dirt. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +0.7%.





Strengths: Tactical—can press or rally; gritty in a stretch duel.

Concerns: Cuts back from a mile to 7f; first try in a stakes; last start was a turf loss.

Trip Projection: Sits just off the pace three wide, then rallies into the upper stretch.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★★)

Lonesome Stew (Post 7) — Model Win %: 14%

PTW Profile: 7-for-15. Won a 6.5f starter optional claimer at Del Mar on 10/31/24 (inside, clear at the 5/16 pole, ridden out). Last start a mile on turf on 8/22, so he returns from 2 1/2 months off. Trainer Mark Glatt 21% on dirt and 20% in sprints. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –0.3%.

Strengths: Del Mar winner; strong trainer; can rate or press.

Concerns: Layoff; best wins at 6.5f; first try in a stakes.

Trip Projection: Tracks inside or two wide in mid-pack and rallies into the stretch.

Special Club (Post 6) — Model Win %: 8%

PTW Profile: 5-for-27. Won his last two: a 6f claimer at Del Mar on 7/18 (bid three wide, dueled, won gamely) and a 6.5f allowance optional claimer at Del Mar on 9/4 (vied between horses, dueled inside, won gamely). Trainer Papaprodromou 15% on dirt. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +0.3%.

Strengths: Two straight wins at Del Mar; tough in a duel.

Concerns: Class rise into a stakes; two months off; wins have come at 6f–6.5f.

Trip Projection: Vies for the lead early and likely flattens in the upper stretch after a hot pace.

Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★★)

Lovesick Blues (Post 9, 3%): 9-for-45 veteran stakes winner, including a mile stakes at Los Alamitos on 6/22/24 and a 6f stakes at Del Mar on 7/26/25, his last win. Blinkers on. Trainer Librado Barocio 23% in dirt sprints. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –13.7%.

Matt At Five (Post 3, 5%): 4-for-9 three-year-old; won a 6f allowance optional claimer at Del Mar on 8/8 by 4 1/2 lengths and a 6f turf race at Santa Anita on 10/10. First try in a stakes. Trainer Peter Miller 19% on dirt. –2.7%.

Mr. Disrespectful (Post 8, 4%): 7-for-26; won a mile stakes at Los Alamitos on 6/21/25. Threw his head and lost his rider at Del Mar on 11/16/25. Trainer Dollase. VULNERABLE late. –0.8%.

Shady Tiger (Post 2, 3%): 5-for-14; won a mile claimer at Santa Anita on 10/12 on the lead. Big class rise into a stakes. VULNERABLE late. –1.8%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings





Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Man O Rose	ELITE	ELITE	Low — maintains speed
Pure Madness	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finisher
Lonesome Stew	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finisher
Matt At Five	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finisher
Special Club	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finisher
Lovesick Blues	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — competitive finisher
Big City Lights	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Mr. Disrespectful	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk
Shady Tiger	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — pace collapse risk

Critical MPH Insight

Man O Rose is the only horse rated ELITE for both early and sustained speed. **Big City Lights**, **Mr. Disrespectful** and **Shady Tiger** are VULNERABLE late, which hurts them if the pace is hot.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Man O Rose — Fresh after seven weeks; defending winner of this race; trainer Mullins 40% with last-out winners.

Pure Madness — Back on dirt after a turf loss; won at Del Mar on 8/22.

Lonesome Stew — Back on dirt in a sprint after a turf route; Del Mar winner.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Big City Lights — Declining form; VULNERABLE late; heavily overbet at 2-1.

Lovesick Blues — Hasn't won since 7/26/25; heavily overbet at 5-1.

Matt At Five — Lightly raced and facing stakes company for the first time.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

WIN BET: MAN O ROSE — Confidence 9/10 — Target odds: 9-4 or better

Model projects 32% win probability, the highest in the field, at 3-1 (25.0% implied): +7.0%. The only horse rated ELITE early and late, he breaks from the rail and is the defending winner of this race. Fair price is about 2-1.





Value Assessment: **EXCEPTIONAL VALUE** (+7.0%).

VALUE PLAY: PURE MADNESS — Confidence 7/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better

Model projects 15% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +0.7%. Tactical and tough in a stretch duel; won at Del Mar on 8/22. Fair price is about 11-2.

Value Assessment: **SLIGHT OVERLAY** (+0.7%).

THIRD PLAY: LONESOME STEW — Confidence 8/10 — Target odds: 13-2 or better

Model projects 14% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): –0.3%. Del Mar winner for a 21% trainer, coming back on dirt in a sprint. Fair price is about 6-1.

Value Assessment: **FAIR PRICE** (–0.3%).

Multi-Race Sequences: Pick 3 / Pick 4 / Pick 5 / Pick 6 — Top 3

A: Man O Rose — 32%
B: Big City Lights — 16%
C: Pure Madness — 15%

Combined Projected Probability: 63%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★★★ (4 of 5 stars)

A HOT pace is likely, but **Man O Rose** is the only horse rated ELITE early and late, and the model makes him a strong top choice at 32% and the best overlay (+7.0% at 3-1). **Big City Lights** (2-1, –17.3%) and **Lovesick Blues** (5-1, –13.7%) are badly overbet. **Pure Madness** is the only other overlay of note.

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