Del Mar

Race 3 — 11/15/2026

Class: Md 12500

Distance: 6f

Surface: Dirt

Purse: $17,000

Claiming Price: $12,500

Starters: 7

MAIDEN CLAIMING. Purse $17,000 FOR CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRED MAIDENS, FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Claiming Price $12,500.

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COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

Del Mar R3
Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 6f Dirt | Cal-Bred F&M 3YO+ | Maiden Claiming $12,500

Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

True Front Runners

Last Chance Darcy (Post 1) — Dueled inside at Los Alamitos on 9/11 and vied inside here on 8/6. **Champagnia** (Post 5) — 2nd, then led, before holding 3rd here on 8/16. **Godbless Her** (Post 7) — Up close 2-wide on 10/17; sent 3-deep on 10/23.

Stalkers / Pressers

Willow in the Wind (Post 2) — Mid-pack in her recent sprints.

Closers

Melba Montgomery (Post 3) — Not a presser: advanced from 7th to 2nd on 10/17 and from 4th to 2nd on 9/20. **Dancing With Shari** (Post 4) — Gained from 7th to 3rd on 7/31.

Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **MODERATE** early pace (relabeled from HOT)—projected :22 2/5 opening quarter, :45 1/5 half-mile, in the moderate band at 6f. Last Chance Darcy, Champagnia and Godbless Her go forward; Melba Montgomery and Dancing With Shari come from behind.

Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

Post	Horse	ML Odds	Model Win %	Implied ML %	Edge
1	Last Chance Darcy	3-1	10%	25.0%	-15.0%
2	Willow in the Wind	8-1	5%	11.1%	-6.1%
3	Melba Montgomery	2-1	29%	33.3%	-4.3%
4	Dancing With Shari	5-1	24%	16.7%	**+7.3%**
5	Champagnia	6-1	11%	14.3%	-3.3%
6	Palace Mischief	30-1	3%	3.2%	-0.2%
7	Godbless Her	7-2	18%	22.2%	-4.2%
	TOTAL		**100%**	**125.8%**	

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's column was scaled). **Melba Montgomery is the 2-1 favorite** at 33.3% implied and –4.3% (not +2.5%)—not enough to fade. **Dancing With Shari is +7.3%** (not +10.8%). **Last Chance Darcy** (3-1) is –**15.0%**.





Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★★)

Melba Montgomery (Post 3) — Model Win %: 29%

PTW Profile: The model's top horse and **the 2-1 favorite**. 0 wins and 3 seconds in 9 starts. 2nd, beaten 2 1/2, at this level on 10/17 after advancing inside; 2nd, beaten 3 1/2, on 9/20 at Los Alamitos; 7th after breaking slowly on 8/16. She has been **rallying, not fading**. Already wears blinkers (no change).

Strengths: Juan Hernandez is 6-for-16 at the meet; Steve Knapp is 2-for-6 at the meet and 14% with maiden claimers.

Concerns: 0-for-9. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –4.3%.

Trip Projection: Mid-pack early, rallies inside.

Dancing With Shari (Post 4) — Model Win %: 24%

PTW Profile: 0 wins, a 2nd and three 3rds in 5 starts—all on dirt. 3rd at this level here on 7/31; 2nd as the 3-5 favorite at this level on 6/15. **Off 107 days.** No trainer change—she has been with Tim McCanna throughout.

Strengths: McCanna is 17% with maiden claimers. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), +7.3%: STRONG VALUE.

Concerns: McCanna is 8% off 61–180 days, and McCanna with Kyle Frey is 0-for-12 at Del Mar. A stalker, not a speed horse.

Godbless Her (Post 7) — Model Win %: 18%

PTW Profile: **Still a maiden**: 0 wins and a 3rd in 4 starts. The report's "wins" on 9/26 and 8/30 were a 6th and an 8th (the 8/30 race was in 2025). 3rd as the 1.90 favorite at this level on 10/17; 5th, beaten 10 1/2, in a $50,000 maiden claimer on 10/23.

Strengths: Doug O'Neill is 22% with maiden claimers.

Concerns: Faded as the favorite. Emmanuel Maldonado is 0-for-4 at the meet. At 7-2 (22.2% implied), –4.2%.

Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★★)

Champagnia (Post 5) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: 0 wins and a 3rd in 3 starts. Her last race was a 9th in a $50,000 turf maiden claimer on 10/18 (not 8/16); her 3rd at this level came here on 8/16. Bill McLean is 2% with maiden claimers. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

Last Chance Darcy (Post 1) — Model Win %: 10%

PTW Profile: **0 wins in 6** (not one win). 6th, beaten 10 1/2, at a mile on a good track on 10/11; 4th after a duel on 9/11. Aggie Ordonez is 25% with maiden claimers. At 3-1 (25.0% implied), –**15.0%**.





Tier 3 — Pace Factors / Longshots (★)

The rest

Willow in the Wind (8-1) — 0 for 5, two 3rds; Ruben Gomez is 5% in 2026. –6.1%.

Palace Mischief (30-1) — 5-year-old mare, 0 for 15 with one 2nd; blinkers off. –0.2%.

Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

Horse	Opening Speed	Sustained Speed	Deceleration Profile
Melba Montgomery	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — rallies
Dancing With Shari	STRONG	STRONG	Moderate — gains late
Godbless Her	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — faded as favorite
Champagnia	ELITE	STRONG	Moderate — game 3rd
Last Chance Darcy	ELITE	VULNERABLE	High — dueled, weakened
Willow in the Wind	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — late weakness
Palace Mischief	STRONG	VULNERABLE	High — no factor

Critical MPH Insight

Melba Montgomery is changed from VULNERABLE to STRONG late: she has been rallying, not collapsing. The early speed belongs to Last Chance Darcy, Champagnia and Godbless Her (opening upgraded to ELITE for the first two). No horse rates ELITE late.

Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

Likely to Improve

Melba Montgomery — Two straight 2nds at this level; Hernandez is the meet's hottest rider.

Dancing With Shari — Back at this level after placing in her last two tries at it.

Bounce / Regression Risks

Godbless Her — Faded as the favorite at this level.

Last Chance Darcy — 0-for-6; weakened after dueling.

Champagnia — Beaten 13 3/4 last time.

Report Section 6: Suggested Bets





WIN BET: MELBA MONTGOMERY — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 5-2 or better

Model projects 29% win probability, the highest in the field. At 2-1 (33.3% implied), –4.3%: NO VALUE at the morning line (not +2.4%).

VALUE PLAY: DANCING WITH SHARI — Confidence 5/10 — Target odds: 7-2 or better

Model projects 24% at 5-1 (16.7% implied): +7.3%, STRONG VALUE. Off 107 days.

LONGSHOT PLAY: None.

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

A: Melba Montgomery — 29%
B: Dancing With Shari — 24%
C: Godbless Her — 18%

Combined Projected Probability: 71%

Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A maiden claimer for Cal-breds in which nobody has won. **Melba Montgomery** tops the model; **Dancing With Shari** is the overlay. No favorite to fade; **Last Chance Darcy** (–15.0%) is the most overbet.

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