# Del Mar

## Race 5 — 11/28/2026

Class: Allowance Optional Claiming $50,000 N1X

Distance: 1 Mile

Surface: Turf

Purse: $67,000

Starters: 12

Post Time: 5:35 ET (2:35 PT)

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING. Purse $67,000 (plus $20,100 CBOIF - California Bred Owner Fund) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON $21,000 ONCE OTHER THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING, OR STARTER OR STATE BRED OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR CLAIMING PRICE $50,000. Three Year Olds, 122 lbs.; Older, 125 lbs. Non-winners Of A Race Other Than Maiden, Claiming, Or Starter At A Mile Or Over Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $50,000 (Non-Starters For A Claiming Price Of $25,000 Or Less In The Last 2 Starts Preferred). (Rail at 12 feet).

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# COMPREHENSIVE HANDICAPPING REPORT (CHR)

**Del Mar R5**
**Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 1 Mile Turf | 3-Year-Olds & Up | Optional Claiming $50,000 N1X | Purse: $67,000**

**Field note:** Twelve horses (the report said 14); there is no #12 in the past performances, so **Balladeer is #13 and Captain Choochies #14** (the report listed them as 11 and 12). **Layoffs the report missed:** Kansas Cat, off since 11/1/25 (13 months); Madridista, off since 2/20; Big Bet Jafinsafa, off since 3/8. **Madridista:** his three starts were on the synthetic track at Pau, France; this is his first turf start and first North American start. **Same races:** Santa Anita 10/31—Stylishlyacclaimed 2nd, Sir Rocket 3rd; Santa Anita 3/14—Captain Choochies beat Balladeer by a nose.

## Report Section 1: Pace Analysis

### True Front Runners

**News At Ten** (Post 4) — Led to the stretch on 10/18 and won wire to wire here on 8/2. **Balladeer** (Post 13) — Led early in each of his last three turf starts (from post 13, not an inside post). **Captain Choochies** (Post 14) — Led or pressed early in his last five (the report called him a stalker). **Sir Percival** (Post 11).

### Stalkers / Pressers

**Kansas Cat** (Post 1), **Stylishlyacclaimed** (Post 6), **Sir Rocket** (Post 3).

### Closers

**Big Bet Jafinsafa** (Post 8), **Third Beer** (Post 7), **Tiz All That** (Post 10), **Bright Eye Bungle** (Post 2). **Madridista** (Post 5) — No running-line data from France.

### Pace Scenario Projection

MODEL PREDICTS: **HOT** early pace—projected :23 2/5 opening quarter, :46 4/5 half-mile (the report said MODERATE; :46 4/5 on turf at a mile is HOT). **News At Ten**, **Balladeer** and **Captain Choochies** all want the lead.

## Report Section 2: Win Probability Matrix

| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kansas Cat | 4-1 | 9% | 20.0% | -11.0% |
| 2 | Bright Eye Bungle | 20-1 | 1% | 4.8% | -3.8% |
| 3 | Sir Rocket | 12-1 | 3% | 7.7% | -4.7% |
| 4 | News At Ten | 12-1 | 13% | 7.7% | **+5.3%** |
| 5 | Madridista | 5-1 | 15% | 16.7% | -1.7% |







| Post | Horse | ML Odds | Model Win % | Implied ML % | Edge |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Stylishlyacclaimed | 6-1 | 11% | 14.3% | -3.3% |
| 7 | Third Beer | 12-1 | 5% | 7.7% | -2.7% |
| 8 | Big Bet Jafinsafa | 12-1 | 4% | 7.7% | -3.7% |
| 10 | Tiz All That | 8-1 | 7% | 11.1% | -4.1% |
| 11 | Sir Percival | 30-1 | 2% | 3.2% | -1.2% |
| 13 | Balladeer | 6-1 | 17% | 14.3% | **+2.7%** |
| 14 | Captain Choochies | 6-1 | 13% | 14.3% | -1.3% |
|  | **TOTAL** |  | **100%** | **129.5%** |  |

Implied ML % is the raw morning-line conversion (the report's table column was scaled). **Fade:** the 4-1 favorite **Kansas Cat** is –11.0% (not –6.5%). Overlays: **News At Ten** +5.3% (not +7.0%) and **Balladeer** +2.7% (not +6.0%). Madridista is –1.7% (not +2.1%); Captain Choochies –1.3% (not +2.0%).

## Report Section 3: Contender Analysis

### Tier 1 — Primary Contenders (★★)

**Balladeer** (Post 13) — Model Win %: 17%

PTW Profile: A 7-year-old horse, 5 for 42. Won a $40,000 claimer at 1 1/8 miles on turf here wire to wire by 1 on 7/24; 2nd by a nose to Captain Choochies in an N2X optional claimer at Santa Anita on 3/14. George Papaprodromou trains.

Concerns: Led early and stopped in his last two: 7th by 16 3/4 in the Grade 2 John Henry Turf Championship on 9/26 and 6th by 8 3/4 at this level here on 9/5. Post 13 (the report said an inside post). Off 63 days; not a third start off a layoff. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), +2.7%.

**Madridista (Fr)** (Post 5) — Model Win %: 15%

PTW Profile: A 3-year-old gelding, 2 for 3, all at about 1 1/4 miles on the synthetic track at Pau, France; won his last start on 2/20. Jonathan Thomas trains.

Concerns: First turf start (the report called his French races turf), first North American start (the report said he had three), off 9 months, and cutting back to a mile. At 5-1 (16.7% implied), –1.7%.

**News At Ten (GB)** (Post 4) — Model Win %: 13%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 3 for 20. Won an optional claimer at 1 1/16 miles on turf here wire to wire by 3/4 on 8/2; led to the stretch and was 4th by 1 at this level at 1 1/4 miles on 10/18. Peter Eurton trains.

Concerns: 11th at Kentucky Downs on 9/6. Will be pressed by Balladeer and Captain Choochies. At 12-1 (7.7% implied), +5.3%.

**Captain Choochies** (Post 14) — Model Win %: 13%





PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 6 for 25. Won N2X and N1X optional claimers at a mile on turf at Santa Anita in February and March, both on or near the lead. George Papaprodromou trains.

Concerns: Led or pressed and faded in his last four: 7th by 4 in the Grade 3 American on 4/18, 8th in a Del Mar stakes on 7/19, 10th by 5 3/4 here on 8/22, and 7th by 8 at Santa Anita on 10/11 (not a 5th in a stakes at another track). At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –1.3%.

**Tier 2 — Secondary Contenders (★)**

**Stylishlyacclaimed** (Post 6) — Model Win %: 11%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 3 for 9. 2nd by 3/4 at this level at 1 1/8 miles at Santa Anita on 10/31 after rallying from 7th; won a state-bred optional claimer at a mile on 9/27. Carla Gaines trains.

Concerns: His 4/4 11th was a state-bred optional claimer, not a stakes. At 6-1 (14.3% implied), –3.3%.

**Kansas Cat (Arg)** (Post 1) — Model Win %: 9%

PTW Profile: A 6-year-old gelding, 1 for 12 with five 2nds. Three straight 2nds at this level in 2025, the last by 3 1/4 here on 11/1/25.

Concerns: Off 13 months. One win in 12 starts. At 4-1 (20.0% implied), –11.0%—the fade.

**Tier 3 — Pace Factors & Longshots (★)**

**Tiz All That** (8-1) — 1 for 5; 2nd by a head in a 6-furlong turf allowance at Santa Anita on 6/14; 7th at Kentucky Downs on 9/7. One turf route, a 5th. –4.1%. **Third Beer** (12-1) — 3 for 8; won a 6 1/2-furlong state-bred turf allowance by a head on 11/1 off a 5-month layoff (a sprint, not a route); 2nd in the Grade 3 Zuma Beach in 2025. –2.7%. **Big Bet Jafinsafa** (12-1) — 3 for 16; off since a 3rd on dirt at Santa Anita on 3/8. –3.7%. **Sir Rocket** (12-1) — A 5-year-old, 3 for 18; 3rd by 2 at this level on 10/31. –4.7%. **Sir Percival** (30-1) — 2 for 8; won a state-bred turf mile wire to wire in February; 6th by 8 3/4 here on 9/5. –1.2%. **Bright Eye Bungle (Ire)** (20-1) — 1 for 5, all turf sprints; first route. –3.8%.

Workout, pedigree, trainer/jockey-percentage and ROI claims removed throughout.

## Report Section 4: MPH Analysis + Sustained Speed Ratings

### PTW Proprietary Speed Rankings

| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| News At Ten | ELITE | STRONG | Moderate — led, 4th by 1 on 10/18 |
| Balladeer | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — led, 7th by 16 3/4 on 9/26 |
| Madridista | STRONG | ELITE | Low — won in France on 2/20 |
| Captain Choochies | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — led, 7th by 8 on 10/11 |
| Stylishlyacclaimed | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by 3/4 on 10/31 |





| Horse | Opening Speed | Sustained Speed | Deceleration Profile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas Cat | STRONG | STRONG | Moderate — 2nd by 3 1/4 on 11/1/25 |
| Third Beer | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — won by a head on 11/1 |
| Sir Rocket | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — 3rd by 2 on 10/31 |
| Big Bet Jafinsafa | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — 3rd on 3/8 |
| Tiz All That | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — 7th on 9/7 |
| Sir Percival | ELITE | VULNERABLE | High — 6th by 8 3/4 on 9/5 |
| Bright Eye Bungle | STRONG | VULNERABLE | High — sprinter stretching out |

**Critical MPH Insight**

Three ELITE openers (News At Ten, Balladeer, Captain Choochies) make this HOT. Captain Choochies changed from STRONG/STRONG to ELITE/VULNERABLE (he has led and faded in his last four). Tiz All That and Sir Percival were UNRATED in the report, which is not valid for raced horses; they are now rated. Madridista's ELITE late rating rests on French races with no call data.

## Report Section 5: Improvement & Regression Candidates

**Likely to Improve**

**News At Ten** — Led to the stretch and lost by 1 at this level last out.

**Stylishlyacclaimed** — Close 2nd at this level; a HOT pace suits his rally.

**Bounce / Regression Risks**

**Kansas Cat** — 4-1 off a 13-month layoff.

**Captain Choochies** — Four straight fades after leading.

**Madridista** — First turf, first North American start, off 9 months.

## Report Section 6: Suggested Bets

**WIN BET: BALLADEER** — Confidence 3/10 — Target odds: 5-1 or better

Model projects 17% at 6-1 (14.3% implied): +2.7%. Top model horse; fair odds are 5-1.

**VALUE PLAY: NONE** — No other overlay under 10-1.

**LONGSHOT PLAY: NEWS AT TEN** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 7-1 or better

Model projects 13% at 12-1 (7.7% implied): +5.3%, the biggest overlay.

**SECOND PLAY: MADRIDISTA** — Confidence 2/10 — Target odds: 6-1 or better







Model projects 15% at 5-1 (16.7% implied): –1.7%. Next unused model horse.

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

**A: Balladeer** — 17%
**B: Madridista** — 15%
**C: News At Ten** — 13%

**Combined Projected Probability: 45%** — News At Ten edges Captain Choochies (also 13%) on the bigger edge; a spread race.

Favorite to fade: **Kansas Cat** (4-1), –11.0%.

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## Report Section 7: Confidence Rating

★★ (2 of 5 stars)

A wide-open turf mile with three pace horses. **Balladeer** tops the model at 6-1 and **News At Ten** is the best price overlay at 12-1. Fade the 4-1 favorite **Kansas Cat**, off 13 months.

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