



DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT DAY WAGERING GUIDE

By Jeremy Plonk

Yr. Winner	Jockey	Trainer	Odds	Prep-Finish	1/2 Mile Pos.
'02 Outta Here	K. Desormeaux	B. Currin	1.90*	Hollywood-3 rd	7 th / 6-1/4 L
'03 Mr. Jester	R. Chapa	S. Wren	14.30	Delta-2 nd	4 th / 2-1/2 L
'04 Texcess	V. Espinoza	P. Aguirre	1.40*	Hollywood-1 st	2 nd / 1/2 L
'05	<i>not conducted due to Hurricane Rita</i>				
'06 Birdbirdistheword	R. Albarado	K. McPeck	5.40	Keeneland-4 th	9 th / 9-3/4 L
'07 dh-Z Humor	G. Gomez	B. Mott	1.50*	Monmouth-5 th	2 nd / 1-1/2 L
'07 dh-Turf War	C. Borel	M. Casse	39.70	Woodbine-6 th	10 th / 15-1/2 L
'08 Big Drama	E. Coa	D. Fawkes	3.90	Calder-1 st	3 rd / 1/2 L
'09 Rule	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	1.00*	Delta-1 st	1 st / 1/2 L
'10 Gourmet Dinner	S. Madrid	S. Standridge	20.00	Calder-2 nd	6 th / 2-3/4 L
'11 Sabercat	G. Melancon	S. Asmussen	8.00	Monmouth-1 st	10 th / 8-1/2 L
'12 Goldencents	K. Krigger	D. O'Neill	2.60	Belmont-2 nd	1 st / 1 L
'13 Rise Up	G. Melancon	T. Amoss	2.10	Delta-1 st	1 st / 1 L

Delta Downs Jackpot Favorites

Year Favorite	Odds	Finish	Prep
'02 Outta Here	1.90	1 st	Hollywood-3 rd
'03 Judiths Wild Rush	1.70	7 th	Woodbine-1 st
'04 Texcess	1.40	1 st	Hollywood-1 st
'05	<i>not conducted due to Hurricane Rita</i>		
'06 Pirates Deputy	4.00	2 nd	Santa Anita-2 nd
'07 Z Humor	1.50	1 st -dh	Monmouth-5 th
'08 Terrain	2.90	5 th	Santa Anita-4 th
'09 Rule	1.00	1 st	Delta-1 st
'10 Bug Juice	2.40	6 th	Finger Lakes-1 st
'11 Drill	2.20	7 th	Churchill -10 th
'12 Bern Identity	1.80	2 nd	Delta-1 st
'13 Coastline	1.60	8 th	Churchill-1 st

Jean Lafitte Stakes Winners in Jackpot

Year Horse	Odds	Finish	Trainer
'02 Comic Truth	4.30	2 nd	C. Norman
'03 Joe Six Pack	9.50	5 th	C. Norman
'04 LeavingOnMyMind	7.80	7 th	D. Pish
'07 Golden Yank	6.20	3 rd	G. Thomas
'08 Kick On	36.00	6 th	J.Petalino
'09 Rule	1.00*	1 st	T. Pletcher
'11 My Adonis	3.90	9 th	K. Breen
'12 Bern Identity	1.80 *	2 nd	K. Breen
'13 Rise Up	2.10	1 st	T. Amoss

In '06 Go Poppa Fooze was disqualified from a 9-length win in the Jean Lafitte, and came back to run 7th at 4-1 odds in the Jackpot. In '10, the Jean Lafitte was offered later in the meet after the Jackpot.

Prep Locales Producing Jackpot 1-2-3 Finishers

- 8 – Delta Downs
- 5 – Calder
- 4 – Santa Anita
- 3 – Hollywood
- 2 – Churchill, Woodbine, Monmouth, Keeneland, Belmont
- 1 – Aqueduct, Fresno, Sam Houston

Delta Downs Jackpot Pick Four \$2 Payoffs

Year	\$2 Payoff	Pool Size
2013	\$3882.40	\$254,495
2012	\$843.60	\$259,279
2011	\$6087.60	\$202,967
2010	\$5551.60	\$155,275
2009	\$1134.40	\$94,925
2008	\$773.20	\$118,575
2007	\$126.60	\$104,866
2006	\$22,225.80	\$88,913
2005	<i>not conducted due to Hurricane Rita</i>	
2004	\$466.20	\$53,078
2003	\$721.40	\$35,591
2002	pick four not offered	

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Alumni in Jackpot

Year Horse	Odds	Finish	Trainer
'03 Consecrate	4.70	7 th	B. Baffert
'06 Malt Magic	4.80	4 th	B. Baffert
'07 Z Humor	1.50*	1 st -dh	B. Mott
'07 Overextended	15.40	5 th	D. O'Neill
'08 West Side Bernie	3.90	2 nd	K. Breen
'08 Terrain	2.90*	5 th	A. Stall Jr.
'11 Jake Mo	31.80	6 th	A. Milligan
'11 Drill	2.20*	7 th	B. Baffert
'13 Rum Point	11.00	10 th	D. O'Neill

** In 2012, Know More (8th) and Hightail (4th) exited the BC Juvenile Turf and Juvenile Sprint, respectively.

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Saturday, November 22, 2014 Delta Downs Race 7 \$1M G3 Delta Downs Jackpot

The Pace: Quality speed horses are tough to tackle with only 660 feet of stretch to work with in the lane. While deep closers have had some success in this race, you want to be in the mix – and if the speed is of some quality – you have to respect it.

Race Notes: The Jackpot offers Kentucky Derby qualifying points on the 10-4-2-1 scale as implemented by Churchill Downs ... Rain is in the forecast, so keep flexible with options for an off track and consult the updated conditions ... A \$200,000-guaranteed pick four pool will be offered on Races 4-7 and the past 2 years the pool has exceeded \$254k.

1 – **Prime Engine:** Was 3/1 morning line favorite in a hundred-grander at Del Mar on Saturday and Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer instead opted to put him on a plane and shoot for the million bucks here. That's an awfully good sign for the pride of Seattle, who dominated two casts at Emerald Downs and now gets the class test. But remember: 'Class' means very little in 2-year-old racing as we don't know the relative ceilings of the juveniles at this stage. Good speed from the rail and figures to get pressed to the outside by Mr. Z, Conquest Tsunami and Ocho Ocho. That's significant heat to overcome.

2 – **Dekabrist:** Barn has been known to pop a huge stakes surprise on occasion, but 4 straight losses by double-digit lengths has me on the "prefer others" bandwagon.

3 – **Mr. Z:** BC Juvenile fifth when adding blinkers, he's faced some heavyweights in the 2YO ranks to date. Much to like, but curious to see Mike Smith jump off of him to ride Ocho Ocho Ocho. Front-end ace Paco Lopez picks up the call in a good

style fit, however. Not sure he's battling to pass horses in a race where he's not likely fast enough to get the front end. Tough read, but could certainly see him in the exotics.

4 – **Conquest Tsunami:** Trainer Mark Casse won this race with Turf War in '07 (dead-heat), but also disappointed mightily last year with 8/5 chalk Coastline. Really disliked what I saw visually late in his Kee route bid & until he proves himself around 2 turns, I'd demand a much bigger price than he's likely to offer Saturday.

5 – **Saratoga Heater:** All 3 career starts have been on wet tracks, so trainer Al Stall likely will be doing a rain dance and the forecasters say he might get it. On a fast track, he's a complete unknown as I never trust wet-track form at face value. NY-bred seems to match up decently with most of these on an off-track. Contends if wet, but stand against otherwise.

6 – **Golden Actor:** Much appreciation here for the historical success Florida horses have shown at Delta in the stakes ranks. Just cruised in the local prep and has worked strongly at Delta since the layover. Fair to wonder if jockey Jose Gallego blinks with a million bucks on the line as he's new to the US scene from South America, but this stable's racing advisor is Hall of Fame jock Jose Santos, so there's internal respect for Gallego. If he works out a trip similar to the Jean Lafitte, Golden Actor will be the horse to beat Saturday.

7 – **Red Button:** If the track turns up wet, here's your hot ticket as a grandson of the fabulously predictive mud sire Skip Trial. He's run well on dirt, turf and Poly to date and his second in the Zuma Beach looked even better after the winner returned to run a bang-up second to Hootenanny in the BC Juvenile Turf. Usable on fast dirt, but even more provocative in the mud/slop.

8 – **Wake Up Nick:** Team O'Neill has been hit or miss in the Jackpot with Goldcents winning 2 years ago & Rum Point running last in 2013. This colt, 5-for-6, appears somewhere in the middle of those stable-mates in terms of talent. Not quite sure he's capable of improving in a route based on pedigree, but his even-handed style sprinting should translate pretty well. No real knocks, just prefer a few others more.

9 – **Far Right:** His late pace figures from BRIS sprinting indicate he could appreciate the extra ground Saturday. This is a January foal with some extra time to develop and that never hurts for a 2YO. The only real issue is that his even style and wide draw often conspire for ground loss as you'd rather be pure speed or a pure closer from post 9 on a bullring. Corey Lanerie has tough choices to make, but a capable rider and capable horse.

10 – **Ocho Ocho Ocho:** Rise Up won this race a year ago from post 10, so it can be done with a long run to the clubhouse turn. But unlike Rise Up, here's a speed horse without 2-turn experience and it will be a tough prediction how he'll handle that first bend given his inexperience and fast-starting style. Extremely quick out west and in Hall of Fame hands. Major threat if he handles the first turn.

11 (AE) – **Unblunted:** Bred more to be a closing sprinter than a router; only came home in :13 in SA maiden win. Pass if in.

12 (AE) – **Two Six Wins:** Inconsistency over multiple surfaces a concern as would be first route and wide trip. Not for me if in.

Jeremy Plonk's Picks: W) 6-Golden Actor; P) 9-Far Right; S) 7-Red Button

Jeremy Plonk's Wagering Strategies: Win-place bet on 6. Exacta key box 6 with 9,7,10.



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JEREMY PLONK'S DELTA DOWNS SELECTIONS

Race	Selections (best bets BOLD)	Analysis
2:15 pm ET 1 Maiden	#4 Charlie's Affair #7 Cullen #11 King of Honour (AE) #9 Just Kissing Buck	Rematch for top two choices here after Cullen edged Charlie's Affair in a similar race Oct. 30. Often a horse's biggest improvement is between career start #1 and #2, and since Charlie's Affair doesn't need much boost, he could turn the tables.
2:45 pm ET 2 \$75k Sam's Town	#4 D'Cajun Cat #6 General Ike #1 C'maw Charlie #5 Kody With a K	Likely short-priced favorite General Ike will be very tough to beat if he handles the tight turns after facing much better than these. D'Cajun Cat has hinted at some ability and his last over the track indicates a fondness for DeD, as shared by C'maw Charlie.
3:12 pm ET 3 \$150k LA Legacy	#3 Four Leaf Chief #7 Sharon's Boy #2 Contangold #6 Cook Some Rice	Keep an eye on how Sharon's Boy does here back vs. LA-breds after a 4 th in the Jean Lafitte. That could tell us more about Golden Actor's chances in the featured Jackpot. Like the pedigree and mile for Four Leaf Chief under local ace Gerard Melancon.
3:44 pm ET * P4 4 \$150k LA Jewel	#5 Wind Chill Factor (P4 USE) #1 Z Smoke (P4 USE) #9 Fantasy Queen #2 Pitcher	Four pursuers of Vivian Da Bling, a leading contender in the Princess later on the card, re-match. But Wind Chill Factor, off a solid 3 rd to a super-sharp Ingrid Mason winner at Kee, catches my eye. P4 – 5,1 w/ 9,2 w/ 1,6,5 w/ 6,9,7,10 = \$24 for 50 cents.
4:13 pm ET * P4 5 \$200k Treasure Chest	#9 CLASS INCLUDED (P4 USE) #2 Kiss to Remember (P4 USE) #3 Eden Prairie #5 Blue Violet	Class Included was my best bet on the card last year when winning this race by 6L and her form was a bit sketchy prior to that like this year. Freshened, back on dirt, let it roll again for sharp Fauchaux barn. Inside speed of 2,3 offers alternative.
4:43 pm ET * P4 6 \$400k G3 Princess	#1 Danessa Deluxe (P4 USE) #6 Take Charge Brandi (P4 USE) #5 Skipalute (P4 USE) #7 Vivian Da Bling	BC Juvenile Fillies winner Take Charge Brandi was 1-for-5 prior and 61/1 for a reason. That doesn't mean she can't win Saturday, but it does mean finding fair odds on her will be much higher than presented. Top pick for me is solid finisher, well-drawn and value.
5:15 pm ET * P4 7 \$1M G3 Jackpot	#6 Golden Actor (P4 USE) #9 Far Right (P4 USE) #7 Red Button (P4 USE) #10 Ocho Ocho Ocho (P4 USE)	See complete Jackpot horse-by-horse preview and strategies on previous page.
5:45 pm ET 8 \$250k Delta Mile	#7 Mystery Train #8 Grand Contender #4 Sunbean #2 Decisive Moment	Pace-wise looks like a two-horse affair up front to me with Mystery Train & Grand Contender battling throughout. At a mile, the class of the former and local edge of the latter should make them tough to tackle late. Respect others, but pace makes race.
6:15 pm ET 9 \$75k Orleans	#1 BRIDARIA #2 Gumara #8 Mary Rita #4 Jenny Vignette	Inside speed with ace front-end rider Paco Lopez makes Bridaria a wire-to-wire threat. Dominant in 2 starts sprinting this year and pedigree to handle this trip. Unless she gets hooked into a wicked duel, they're all chasing her home. Gumara respected from Fla.
6:45 pm ET 10 allowance	#3 Knockitdownhard #2 Rich'slion #9 The Absolute One #1 Primetime Dreamer	Knockitdownhard couldn't keep up with regional sprint legend Heitai last time, but there's no one nearly that league in this race. A second start off a mild freshening could make a leap forward. Rich'slion is the hot hand for a very high percentage Broberg barn.
7:14 pm ET 11 starter allowance	#5 He's So Proud #7 On Cycle #2 Caddo Native #3 Itsy Bitsy Walk	Starter allowances typically are the most straight-forward and formful races at any track because of many trainers' ability to find a horse who fits a condition and exerts a class edge all year long with several wins. Amoss is racking up the Ws with He's So Proud.

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