

**DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT WAGERING GUIDE**

**Saturday, November 21, 2015  
Delta Downs Race 7  
By Jeremy Plonk**

**Race Notes:** Last year's 1-2-3 finishers all made the Kentucky Derby starting gate – Ocho Ocho Ocho, Mr. Z and Far Right ... Breeders' Cup Juvenile alumni are 10: 1-1-0 in the Jackpot (Z Humor '07) ... In its 12 previous editions, 4 Hall of Fame jockeys have guided Jackpot winners – Calvin Borel, John Velazquez, Mike Smith and Kent Desormeaux ... Gerard Melancon is the only locally based jockey to win the Jackpot (twice, 2011 & 2013).

**The Pace:** Very fair historical profile in this race is evenly split among speed, stalkers and deep closers. Found Money brings California sprint speed and should set what looks to be a modest tempo. Whitmore rates the likely presser with Memories of Winter.

**1-Forevamo:** \$320,000 purchase in April meant to be a 2YO factor as a son of red-hot sire Uncle Mo and a half-brother to Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint winner Musical Romance. Won the local Jean Lafitte Stakes while getting a prep over the track as the 3-5 favorite. Only 2 Jean Lafitte winners have added the Jackpot – Rule in '09 and Rise Up in '13.

**2-Memories of Winter:** Unbeaten in 2 starts at Monmouth and Laurel, both around 1 turn. Hard Spun colt makes stakes debut for Anthony Margotta, Jr., a trainer best known for his 1990s NYRA stakes stars Brunswick & Turk Passer. Jackpot winners Z Humor ('07) and Sabercat ('11) also used the Monmouth path with success.

**3-Sunny Ridge:** G1 Champagne runner-up is a 2-time winner over the Monmouth strip, previously noted as a

successful prep route to the Jackpot. Only prior 2-turn start was a victory in Mth's 1-mile Sapling Stakes. Jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. having a career year, outgunning Javier Castellano for the '15 Saratoga title.

**4-Whitmore:** Green, but impressive debut winner at Churchill Downs just 15 days before the Jackpot. Trainer Ron Moquett sent Far Right to the '14 edition of this race and maybe was best if not for a troubled trip. Barn is going very well right now. Jockey Robby Albarado piloted '06 Jackpot winner Birdbirdistheword.

**5-Harlan Punch:** Jockey Gerard "G\$" Melancon is the only rider to win the Jackpot twice, 2011 aboard Sabercat and again in 2013 with Rise Up – the latter also teaming with trainer Tom Amoss. Deep closer adds blinkers following a runner-up in the local Jean Lafitte and returns from his FG base.

**6-Texas Jambalaya:** Longshot rallied from far back to be distant third in local prep at 74-1 odds. Waters get even deeper for ex-\$25,000 maiden claimer.

**7-Found Money:** Trainer Doug O'Neill's amazing 2015 with 2YOs already includes the BC Juvenile, Hopeful, Del Mar Futurity, Frontrunner and Alcibiades. Last year's Jackpot champ Ocho Ocho Ocho also shipped in from California as did 3 other winners of this race – Outta Here, Texcess, and the O'Neill-trained Goldcents. Speedster has yet to go around 2 turns or beyond 7 furlongs. Fourth-generation home-bred for Paul Reddam's breeding outfit.

**8-Cowboy Classic:** 0-for-6 maiden has cashed only minor checks in 2 starts since arriving via Presque Isle.

**9-Exaggerator:** G2 Saratoga Special champ has validated his early season

form with G1 checks in the Breeders' Futurity and Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Keeneland. Must prove capable of finishing off the deal around 2 turns, but certainly the level of competition in his routes rates a valid excuse so far. Jockey Kent Desormeaux won the inaugural Jackpot aboard Outta Here. Z Humor in '07 is the only BC Juvenile alumnus to win the Jackpot.

**10-Iron Dome:** Skipped away from maidens at Thistledown in his second start while adding blinkers. Gets his first test in stakes company and first try beyond 6 furlongs from tough post.

**Jeremy Plonk's Picks:**

Win 7-Found Money  
Place 4-Whitmore  
Show 9-Exaggerator  
4<sup>th</sup> 1-Forevamo

**Suggested Wagers:**

Win 7.  
Trifecta part-wheel 7 with 4,9 with  
4,9,1,3,2,5.

**Delta Downs Jackpot  
Pick Four Pools & \$2 Payoffs**

Year	\$2 Payoff	Pool Size
2014	\$185.40	\$319,918
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 contested (Hurricane Rita)</i>	
2004	\$466.20	\$53,078
2003	\$721.40	\$35,591
2002	<i>pick four not offered</i>	

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## Delta Downs Full-Card Picks for Saturday, November 21, 2015

Race	Selections (best bets BOLD)	Jeremy Plonk's Analysis
<b>1</b>	<b>#9 MICK</b> #5 King's Share #4 Zartan #8 Make Do	Mick cross-entered in Race 4 stakes and looks live in that spot if sent to tougher task, so against these he stands out. Zartan lacks an early foot so the extra distance will help. Make Do also figures to make a late run. King's Share best of the pace players.
<b>2</b>	<b>#4 My Miss Venezuela</b> #1 Mayla #3 Lunar Gaze #6 Top Figure	Florida invaders have a long history of success coming to Delta on this program and My Miss Venezuela has fit very well in the region in past appearances. Mayla will be strongly backed by the simulcast audience via NY for well-known Calhoun and factors.
<b>3</b>	<b>#5 M.B.'s Vow</b> #2 Glitter O'Prado #7 Zuzor #1 Blue Ribbon Girl	M.B.'s Vow did the dirty work in futile chase of heavily favored La Apassionata last time out and should find this field much less taxing early on. Glitter O'Prado drawn well and handles the distance with some ability on dirt as well as the obvious turf form.
<b>Louisiana Legacy</b> <b>4</b> <b>Pick 4 Use: 6,8,7,1</b>	<b>#6 Berniestrike</b> #8 Mick #7 G's Josh #1 Rose Needs a Check	A full field of La-breds will make most national simulcast players spread here as they'll trust themselves more with the big stakes races to come. If you can narrow here, you have a major leg up in the pick 4. Tempted to use only 6,8 out of open company race.
<b>Delta Mile</b> <b>5</b> <b>Pick 4 Use: 7,1,5,2</b>	<b>#7 Cougar Ridge</b> #1 Departing #5 Rise Up #2 Agent Di Nozzo	Departing has been a classy sort and figures strongly off his last, while Rise Up and Agent Di Nozzo are proven commodities over this track. But the current form of Cougar Ridge and his willingness to win races (10-for-31 life) makes him Mr. Right Now.
<b>G3 DeD Princess</b> <b>6</b> <b>Pick 4 Use: 6</b>	<b>#6 LA APPASSIONATA</b> #2 Learning Curve #3 Jet Black Magic #4 Above Fashion	Impeccably bred La Appassionata will be very short odds and deservedly. Sister to major stakes winners Wilburn and Beethoven, she crushed the local prep by 7 lengths and showed class in Churchill debut. Learning Curve improving rapidly.
<b>G3 DeD Jackpot</b> <b>7</b> <b>Pick 4 Use: 7,4,9</b>	<b>#7 Found Money</b> #4 Whitmore #9 Exaggerator #1 Forevamo	See previous page for analysis of each contender.
<b>8</b>	<b>#3 Haunted Heroine</b> #4 Kyriaki #6 Julie's Jewelry #2 Diva's Diamond	Haunted Heroine may sit perfect trip 3 <sup>rd</sup> behind Julie's Jewelry and Walk of Stars and get first run on them. Kyriaki really tempts off the pair of Del Mar tries in 2-turn miles and comes in fresh. Surprised if it's not one of these two from just a smidgen off pace.
<b>9</b>	<b>#4 Just Kissing Buck</b> #7 Nublado Bling #3 Thirtysilverpieces #1 Fusaichi Flame	Big class rise on paper for Just Kissing Buck, but field didn't come up super-tough and his speed and home-court edge play to potential upset. Nublado Bling hasn't developed at 3, but big win vs. weaker at Retama and fast work locally indicate a turn-around.
<b>10</b>	<b>#3 Cajun Silver</b> #4 Tallahatchie Luke #8 Netcents #7 Buggin Out	Cajun Silver makes first appearance for Amoss barn which has a way of moving them up and will get plenty of pace to close into. Tepid choice as I don't trust the Thistledown form with confidence. Tallahatchie Luke likes to win races & makes sense.
<b>11</b>	<b>#4 One Survivor</b> #7 Broadway King #5 Itsy Bitsy Walk #2 Low Places	Consistent group with not much separating them. One Survivor appears most fleet early and drawn well, so that may be enough to carry him to a third straight win. Broadway King has 9 straight in the superfecta and made One Survivor earn it last time.

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