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## **Del Mar Stable Notes 7/23/09 Horse Race Insider**

### 10 DEL MAR FUTURITY PROSPECTS TO RUN AS MAIDENS SATURDAY

Aside from Del Mar's stakes program, the races that generally create the most interest in the seaside track's fan base are maiden special weight events. The fans won't have to wait much longer to indulge that enthusiasm and, at the same time, will be able to whet their appetites for Del Mar Futurity prospects.

An 11-horse field of special-weight maidens going 5 1/2 furlongs will command interest on Saturday. The race is scheduled as the seventh on the card, sandwiched between the \$100,000 Fleet Treat Stakes and the Grade I, \$350,000 Eddie Read Stakes.

Ten of the horses entered are nominees to the Grade I, \$300,000 Futurity, slated for closing day, Wednesday, September 9. Bob Baffert, who has trained eight Futurity winners, and John Sadler, who has never won that race, will start two in the maiden event. One of Baffert's runners, Tiny Woods, is from his Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable, a creation linked to trainers Baffert, D. Wayne Lukas and Nick Zito, who dominated Triple Crown races during the 1990s.

Lukas and Zito are ensconced in racing's Hall of Fame and Baffert joins the duo this summer.

Overall, Baffert has 27 juveniles nominated to the Futurity, seven of whom are Thoroughbred Legends horses.