



POST 1:00

By Gabby Gaudet

#### Race 1 8-2-5

I'm hoping we can start the day with a big-priced winner in #8 Midway Miracle. Tommy Short's runner has speed figures on dirt which give him a shot in this race; he ran a decent race off a freshening last time and will be suited by the cut back in distance. #2 Shogun Be Fast showed potential on debut but has struggled against tougher competition lately. He takes a significant class drop which will make him competitive for Steve Asmussen. #5 Nak Nak Bolt beat five future winners when he won at Turfway in February and ran well against a tough group last time. He can go close again, now returning to the dirt.

#### 2nd Race 7-1-8

#7 Whatintheliteral was sent off as the 5/1 third choice here on April 7, and ran on well to finish 5th despite getting shuffled back from her inside post. The first two finishers pulled 11 lengths clear that day and Whatintheliteral was only 1 1/2 lengths away from 3rd. With that experience under her belt and a kinder draw, I can see her entering the winners circle here. Wesley Ward is has already won five 2yo MSW races at this meet and sends out #1 Caribbean Wind. Irad Ortiz picks up the ride on this well-bred filly who has some fast works and could be hard to catch. #8 Tapit First hails from a strong sprinting family and following a sharp gate drill on April 6, she can go close for Steve Asmussen.

#### 3rd Race 3-4-7

#3 Mo Rhodes is a well bred \$300k purchase who has struggled in competitive MSW races to date but gets some class relief here. The stretch out in trip should help him sit closer to the speed and on pedigree, two turns will be to his benefit. #4 Fear of Union showed improvement following a gelding operation by finishing 3rd in an off-turf MSW two starts back and then wasn't disgraced on the grass last time. He can continue to improve and go close now dropped in class. #7 Du Monde has a strong Godolphin pedigree and can go close for his new trainer, now stretching out in trip and moving to the dirt for the first time after two decent efforts on the synthetic at Turfway.



#### 4th Race 7-8-1

Chad Brown has been on fire lately and can get another win in race 4, with #7 Unit Economics. In both his starts at Gulfstream, he's closed really strongly into slow paces, and despite a troubled trip last time, he finished 2nd by a neck to Malibu Springs, who won an allowance here on April 10. He has some of the fastest speed figures in this race and should get a more genuine pace to run at. \$1.1m purchase, #8 Coinvest is a very well-bred runner who has twice finished 2nd in strong MSW races at Gulfstream. He got caught late on over 1 1/16 miles and ran out of real estate going 7 1/2f - today's trip looks ideal. He holds a strong chance again with blinkers now added. #1 Five Star G Man has consistently been running well at Turfway and could be dangerous again on his turf debut, using his speed from the rail.

#### 5th Race 8-5-3

#8 Air Force Cruising ran well on debut, despite getting caught in a speed duel going 5 1/2f on the grass in a MSW. He drops in class here and moves to the dirt for the first time, which his pedigree suggests will bring about improvement and as a likely pace setter, with his promising debut run under his belt, he can get the win. #5 Hero Worship has shown ability on both turf and dirt in MSW races and is now dropped in for a tag for the first time. Brad Cox and Axel Concepcion have been hitting at 55% together lately and this runner holds an obvious chance. Tom Amoss has a very strong record in maiden claiming races at Keeneland and if the dirt brings out any improvement in #3 Star of Caesarea, he hit the board.

#### 6th Race 5-2-3

I'm hoping that #5 I'm a Sure Thing is a sure thing in race 6. From a talented Coolmore family, Christophe Clement's runner always shaped as if 1 1/2 miles would be to her advantage, and she didn't disappoint on her first attempt at the trip, breaking her maiden at Gulfstream last time out. Her form and speed figures make her very competitive here and she can make it back-to-back wins, now returning to the turf. #2 Viva La Red has run very well at long odds in graded stakes recently and is a justifiable morning line favorite as she returns to the allowance ranks.

#### 7th Race 2-8-3

#2 Accede is a very well-bred filly, who after breaking her maiden on debut, finished 3rd in the Eight Belles Stakes (G2) - some of the strongest form in this race. She was last seen comfortably winning an allowance race here in October and has plenty of works underneath her to make a winning 2024 debut. #8 Amaretti is a half sister to MGSW Caramel Swirl and broke her maiden by an easy 7 lengths here last April. She was a dominant winner again last time and holds every chance as the likely pace setter. #3 Howl hasn't been seen since she disappointed as the favorite in the La Brea Stakes (G1). However, she had done little wrong before then and ran a very fast speed figure when breaking her maiden here on debut. She can get back on track here following a break and hit the board for her in-form trainer.

#### 8th Race 5-10-12

We have already seen a number of European shippers run well at this meeting and I think that #5 Rebel Red will add to that list in the night cap. Charlie DeVaux's new trainee has a very strong pedigree, being a full brother to G1 Royal Ascot winner, Without Parole, as well as a half brother to US G1 winner, Tamarkuz. He showed potential on debut in England before finishing behind a GSW next time out and has plenty of works behind him to break his maiden on his first start in America. Things didn't go to plan at all on debut for #10 John the Beer Man who after a rough start, did exceptionally well to rally from 14 lengths last to be beaten by only 1 1/4 lengths. Tyler Gaffalione and Chad Brown are obviously a formidable team and with a better break today and extra ground to his advantage, John the Beer Man has a big chance.





POST 1:00

By Ashley Anderson

Keeneland Late Pick 5 ( races 4-8 )

Below we've got top picks for the final five races, along with a pair of Doubles to play.

\$3 Double, Races 4 and 5: 8 with 5, 6, 8 (\$9)

\$2 Double, Races 6 and 7: 4, 5 with 2, 8 (\$8)

4th Race 8-7-10-12

#8 Coinvest (3-1) — City of Light three-year-old makes third start for Todd Pletcher and will stretch back out to a route after he was beaten three-quarters of a length in a 7 1/2-furlong maiden special weight at Gulfstream. Had the lead through the stretch but was nailed at the wire in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight on debut. Pletcher is a 22% winner off layoffs of 46-90 days and a 20% winner with first-time blinkers. Irad Ortiz Jr. (22% on turf) will stay in the saddle.

#7 Unit Economics (9-5) — Four-year-old gelding makes third career start for Chad Brown after he was beaten by a neck as the favorite in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight on Gulfstream's turf; recorded 80 BRIS figure. Closer will cut back to a mile here, and Brown strikes at a 34% rate with second career route races. He's also a 25% winner with shippers, and regular rider Tyler Gaffalione will retain the mount.

#10 Surf City (8-1) — Mendelssohn colt was second in lone turf start, a one-mile maiden special weight at Churchill in November. Raced on dirt in third career start and was close up to the lead through the second call but tired to finish seventh to next-out stakes winner Track Phantom. Will race on Lasix the first time. Vicki Oliver is a 10% winner going dirt to turf but a 9% winner off layoffs of more than 90 days. Luis Saez will regain the mount. Bullet four-furlong workout April 14.

#3 Uno Mas Bourbon (15-1) — Interesting longshot for Ian Wilkes, who's 10-2-2-0 this meet. Macho Uno colt tried turf in third career start and was a one-length third in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight at Churchill in September.



#### 5th Race 6-5-8

#6 Grand Rapids (7-2) — Into Mischief gelding makes debut for Rodolphe Brisset, a 26% winner at the maiden claiming level and a 15% winner with first-time starters. Into Mischief's progeny win at a 15% rate with their first career starts, and Grand Rapids' dam has a stakes winner from one starter. Flavien Prat (33% winner with sprints) is named to ride. Bullet four-furlong workout at Keeneland April 14.

#5 Hero Worship (8-5) — Morning line favorite is 0-for-4 for his career and raced on turf in his last two. Was beaten a head two back in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight on Fair Grounds' turf and clocked an 89 BRIS figure. Uncle Mo colt posted a 79 BRIS figure on debut when racing six furlongs at Fair Grounds and finishing third. Brad Cox is a 34% winner dropping from a maiden special weight to a maiden claimer, and Axel Concepcion (16% winner this meet) will pick up the mount. He's also got two wins and a second from four starts when paired up with Cox the last 14 days.

#### 6th Race 5-4-9-1

#5 I'm a Sure Thing (3-1) — Four-year-old filly moves up in class after breaking her maiden in eighth career start, when racing 1 1/2 miles on Gulfstream's all-weather track; clocked an 85 Brisnet Speed figure. Two back, she finished a neck second racing near today's distance on turf. Christophe Clement is a 17% winner coming off a maiden win and a 20% winner with shippers. Tyler Gaffalione will retain the mount. May improve off the more than two-month layoff.

#4 Awasef (6-1) — Cairo Prince filly has not raced in more than a year, but she's looked ultra fast in recent workouts at Keeneland. Awasef has raced exclusively on dirt in her first five starts and graduated on debut in a six-furlong sprint in Dubai. She placed in the U.A.E. One Thousand Guineas Trial at seven furlongs and the one-mile One Thousand Guineas, then stretched out to 1 3/16 miles in the U.A.E. Oaks (G3) and was far back in fifth. Trainer Brian Lynch is a 26% winner first start with the trainer and 3-for-5 with shippers to the U.S. Luis Saez (12% on turf) will ride. Will race on Lasix today.

#### 7th Race 8-2-1

#8 Amaretti (4-1) — Bernardini mare is 2-for-4 lifetime and 4-2-1-0 from today's distance. Last out, she clocked a 98 BRIS figure, the highest last race speed figure among the field, when wiring a six-furlong allowance at Aqueduct in February. Moves up in class and comes off a two-month layoff for Bill Mott, a 27% winner with horses that won their last race and a 25% winner this meet. Jose Ortiz will ride and strikes at a 25% rate with sprints. Bullet four-furlong workout April 14.

#2 Accede (7-2) — Late runner clocked a 95 BRIS figure last out when winning a 6 1/2-furlong allowance at Keeneland in October. Returns off a more than six-month layoff for Chad Brown, a 26% winner off layoffs of 90-plus days and a 25% winner at the allowance level. Won on debut at today's distance at Gulfstream. Irad Ortiz Jr. (25% winner paired with Brown the last two months) will retain the mount.

#### 8th Race 10-1-9-5

#10 John the Beer Man (5-2) — Chad Brown runner was fifth by 1 1/4 lengths on debut in a 7 1/2-furlong maiden special weight. Can improve in second career start and first at a route distance, a 30% winning move for Brown. Tyler Gaffalione will pick up the mount and is 6-2-0-1 paired with Brown the last 14 days. More Than Ready colt's 85 BRIS figure last out is the highest last race speed figure among the field.



## TAMPA BAY DOWNS ( 12:25)

Analysis By: Kenny Peck

**1<sup>ST</sup> 3 WAR NOVEL** exits a pacesetter route and cuts back to a sprint, which is normally not the type expected to have a pace edge, but he may be quickest of them all in this speed-less opener; can steal it given aggressive handling in the opening stages. **2 LEE ANN'S WARRIOR** is the other main pace candidate on the class drop, and out of a race featuring a good amount of early zip; the one to beat for the meet's top trainer. **3-2-1**

**Race 2 3DANCINGWTHDAFFODLS** should be well set up in this sprint, which features no shortage of early speed; she was off the board in her latest but she was moving well enough through the lane and she should get faster splits to chase today. **3-6-1**

**Race 3 2 Katies a Lady 6 Slime Queen 1 Milliondolarmonkey**

**Race 4 1 Anotherdaygoneby 3 Chem Major 2 One Tough Dame**

**Race 5 5 Momma Kim 6 Ashima 1 Retired Kathy**

**Race 6 6 Sequin Lady 7 Take Charge Chloe 1 Sassy Charlee**

**Race 7 5 MISS TARISANSOL** was far off the board in her lone turf try to date but that was against much better, she had some trouble, and she earned a Beyer that gives her credibility in her local debut; this is not an above-average field and she may be good enough given a clean trip and fast fractions up front. **3 THREE RUN BOLT** has proven speed and she was game in defeat in her latest; that effort makes her the one to beat today, and she could be tough to catch if she can get clear from the outset. **6 SHAMU** has never raced this cheaply and her best Beyers may be good enough to win this, if she can run to them.

**Race 8 5 CLOUDLESS BLUE** is down in class off the layoff, which can be construed as a negative, but she may be worth a shot at a price; she wasn't badly beaten two back, her only other start at this distance, and if she can rate and make one run there is some speed to her inside and out. **8 RAPID RUBY** is one of those proven speeds, and she'll take them as far as she can on the front end; she's also down in price off the layoff, but unlike the top pick she figures to be a relatively short price. **9 REIGN IN MY HEART** didn't break cleanly in that debut but she recovered enough to get the show in a promising effort; obvious threat today, but she could be overbet some off that effort and against this modest group.

**Race 9 9 CROWNED JEWEL** is a double upgrade candidate off his last two, a pair of races featuring little speed where he was off the pace; gets back on the turf here and this is clearly his best surface, and he is versatile enough to lead or rate. **5 SUMMER STORM STRIC** is another who stands to benefit from a better race flow than he got in that last one; makes his first start at Tampa and he may find the locals more his speed. **9-5-4**





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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 — FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.**

**Best Bets: FAIRY DREAMS (8<sup>th</sup>)-- BURN THE EVIDENCE (9<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 4** ASSEMBLY POINT – Dueled to stretch in finish dominated by powerful stretch-runner; can end losing streak.
- 6** LOOK OUT LAMBO – Good effort when claimed from tougher version this spot; top pair won next time.
- 7** SUPER JOHN – Soundly beaten following hiatus but fired this level in January and should progress.
- 8** HENRYTHETHIRD – Just three lengths behind top choice but yet to duplicate impressive May romp 2023.

### Race 2

- 4** HIGHTIME VALENTINE – Nice effort at loftier level after Castillo barn re-claimed; won prior try decisively.
- 5** LEAN ON E – Dueled to late stages in slightly longer event; classy in past and always a threat.
- 7** PONTIFFANY – Speedy mare given time off since poor showings and Pino barn clicking at 23%.
- 1** JULIET'S MUSIC – Used up after sluggish start in better field; most effective when reaches front early.

### Race 3

- 7** WINNIN'ONWEEKENDS – Difficult to love or dismiss plunge after clipping heels early; formidable at times.
- 3** RUNNIN JOKE – Convincing score with two-time winners and threat taking logical next step for hot barn.
- 6** WARRIOR'S VENDETTA – Some progress this spot as longshot but no match for top choice in winter.
- 5** SENSIBLE JIM – Possibility if disregard latest and sheds 10 pounds for this; numerous good tries earlier.

### Race 4

- 1** LERETHA – Hard used pressing runaway winner on wet surface and also fired in debut on fast surface.
- 8** UNDICI – Finished ahead of top choice with wide trip and showed good speed in only prior outing.
- 7** MIKEY'S SONG – Advanced behind top pair following \$25,000 claim; merits some attention.
- 6** PROBLEMS ABOUND – Prominent long way in route before racing greenly in stretch when claimed.

### Race 5

4-11-8

- 4** CITY RAGE – Weakened after forcing pace in first try at bottom level; enough left to handle these.



**Race 6****3**

STAVROS – Lightly raced but aggressive drop by leading barn with major ability advantage.

**6**

MIDNIGHT MOONSHINE – Vied long way after layoff this level and shorter yardage to his liking.

**4**

FULL CONTACT – Speedy gelding responded well to drop when just failing to last in longer test.

**5**

SPIRIT'S HERO – Flashes of interest lately but years since victory; deserves some attention.

**Race 7****2**

ÉCLAIR BLANC – Dueled throughout this yardage when easily second best; removing blinkers.

**7**

SLIVER OF SUNSHINE – Rallied behind top pick over wet surface in debut; benefits from experience.

**1**

KOKOPELLI GIRL – Faded behind smashing winner and solid try in route when claimed for \$25,000.

**4**

J WILLARD – Improved after long absence with Lasix; fitter now and progress anticipated.

**Race 8****8**

FAIRY DREAMS – Determined mare cruised past easier after claim and repeats with realistic next step.

**11**

BUCKS SOME – Quicker than usual in game effort last week when claimed; 9-year-old still tough.

**4**

REITERATE – Rapid veteran keeps firing for various connections; might prove difficult to catch.

**9**

CATALON – Vastly overmatched last pair but won impressively after layoff earlier; fits with these,

**Race 9****9**

BURN THE EVIDENCE – Powerful response to drop leading throughout in confidence booster; can repeat.

**1**

I DON'T SEE COLORS – Dueled this far against routers and eliminated at start in previous attempt.

**2**

HOT LOVE – Sharp effort this spot when nailed by closer in final yards after repelling challenges.

**3**

RENEGADE SERENADE – Trailed early after layoff then gained late in blanket finish with these.

**Race 10****1**

LOOKIN AT ROSES – Failed to give true measure again at Aqueduct after sharp local effort with classier.

**2**

RON DON SCORESE – Big effort this level and captured pair with Sanchez up since Ness re-claimed.

**6**

WHAT DOES IT TAKE – Quick gelding with much success elsewhere; first local appearance.

**5**

KINGSVILLE – Faced tough opposition lately and posted upset two races back; threat on best.

**Race 11****5**

SCAMP WALKER – Significant drop returning to sprint and gets blinkers; fires this level and yardage.

**10**

SWING OIL – Overmatched lately but gets class relief and finally tested over fast track again.

**13**

TITANIUM RECKAGE – Hampered by stamina woes but good earlier and third race since return.

**4**

MARVELOUSMOONDANCE – Victim of traffic trouble while narrowing gap this spot; never finished in front.



# THE MEADOWS (12:45)



## The Professor's Picks

Handicapping Selections for The Meadows, brought to you  
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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

#### RACE 1

- 4 – MUSE LA ROUGE – 2-for-2 in series, has to be the pick
- 5 – BIRDIE SAID – Fast-closing second last week, raced well
- 1 – SONADORA – Rail post certainly won't hurt in short field

#### RACE 2

- 6 – CATHY HANOVER – Won last week in this class, sharp right now
- 3 – ELLASEN – Game effort last start, parked most of the way
- 5 – ARRHYTHMIC DREAM – Another contender here
- 2 – OH SO SMOOTH – Has post advantage over main rivals

#### RACE 3

- 2 – LATAVIUS – Drops back to NW4 level this week
- 8 – SUNRISE HILL – Post hurts his chances a bit
- 6 – ROCKABYE FASHION – Last 2 starts, has lost by less than a length
- 3 – INVISIBLE TOUGH – Bad posts last 2 weeks, better chance today

#### RACE 4

- 5 – SWIRLY WINDS – Good final quarter last week
- 7 – ACCESSORY – Qualified well for season debut
- 9 – VICKIS MONI – Last 2 starts have been good, but post works against her
- 4 – NOELLE'S ALIBI – Tried the front last week, tired late
- 1 – GREEHILL VIC – Joins new barn since last official start

#### RACE 5

- 1 – DIZZY MISS LIZZY – Stable has been racing well lately
- 4 – HURRY UP – Returns to NW2 level, just missed last start
- 3 – SOUTHWIND COCKTAIL – In good form, consistent top finisher
- 8 – ANTE Up – Raced well last week, gets the worst post today

#### RACE 6

- 4 – WHOODLE HANOVER – Big win last week, can repeat despite class jump
- 9 – AVA MARIE – Showed closing speed in first start for new barn
- 7 – PEMBROKE FAYE – Always a factor to be on the ticket
- 1 – DORFERD – Needs a quick start from inside post

#### RACE 7

- 7 – MORNING SHADOW – Too far down in class to overlook
- 5 – DOROTHYS LEGACY – Overdue for a big mile
- 6 – MISS MARY MACH – 6 is the best post she's had in a while
- 2 – AIDA DE VIE – Newcomer is worth a look for Perfido barn
- 4 – SPORTSBOOK HANOVER – Make season debut, may need a start

\*\*Please note...selections are made prior to scratch time. Numbers may change due to early scratches. Verify the horse name matches program #



**RACE 8**

- 1 – UNHYNGED ZENZERO – Moves back to inside post today
- 7 – LOVETHEPARTY – Second to runaway winner last week
- 5 – RACIN ROCK – Showed gate speed last time
- 3 – CAPE CORAL BEACH – Fourth last week, can be in the top-4 again

**RACE 9**

- 3 – GONE COASTAL – Huge mile in first career start
- 7 – MELISSAS ROCKINIT – Last week was the best of her career
- 8 – MIKILOB ULTRA – Newcomer has never finished lower than 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 4 – T'S TWISTEDSISTER – Good mile from a bad post last time

**RACE 10**

- 6 – MARLOE HANOVER – Always tough to beat when she's here
- 4 – LYDEO – Returns from Ohio, on the board in last 5 starts
- 3 – BE MY ROSE N – Moves to the top level today
- 1 – ALWAYS GONNA B YOU – Makes second start on Lasix

**RACE 11**

- 1 – SARAH SAID – Slow half last time, broke while changing gears at  $\frac{3}{4}$
- 2 – STAY PUMPED – Won her last start in this class on 3/27
- 7 – TALE OF TRUTH – Big late rally a week ago
- 4 – SHANI WIGGLES – Up in class for second start in new barn

**RACE 12**

- 4 – KANNECTS BENEDICT – Has been close, can get the win today
- 1 – ACTION SHOT – Needs a quick start from inside post
- 5 – SIX TO WON – Big win last week, career best
- 6 – DOYLE HANOVER – Needs easier trip today

**RACE 13**

- 3 – PREMIER DELANEY – Drops in class, equipment issue last week
- 2 – SOUTHWIND AUSSI – Should improve in second start after layoff
- 7 – BETTER DAYS AHEAD – Faced Open horses last fall, returns after time away
- 6 – BAD ROSSA – Had missed a month prior to local debut
- 9 – SPORTYTINO – Will be passing horses late

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THISTLEDOWN ( 12:50 )

1. 5-6-3

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6. 3-4-2

7. 3-1-5

8. 1-6-3

**Best Bets :**

**Race 5 # 5 Candlelight Hours**

**Race 8 # 1 Weekend Buzz**





## Turf Paradise ( 4:00)

By: Scott Ehlers

Race 1      9 Coronela Corona    8 Hp Just Chrome    4 Ac Express Effort

Race 2      6 Eema                      7 Rice Road      2 Flaming Seis

Race 3      10 Jm the Spaniard    6 Call Me Apollitical    2 Noahs Kiss

Race 4    5 CHOCOLATE FRECKLES has good speed and could find the front end today where an early breather awaits. Those tries one and three back certainly fit here. Trainer stats are solid across the board and this jockey has a flat bet profit when riding for team Woolley. 1 FIRST EMERALD is feeling good but had her most recent claim voided. Horses often return and run well following a voided claim so that alone won't sway us. The quick turnaround is actually a plus for this barn as they are 2 for 2 when doing so. 4 BONITA DIXIE has done all of her winning on this dirt. She broke last in her most recent but only lost by 3 lengths all while beating a few home.

Race 5    5 LAST MARTINI just likes it here and now goes third off the layoff. We like how he jumped in class in his most recent and improved his Beyer by four points while 3rd at 11-1. He gets some pace to chase as long as everyone stays in. There is no doubt that this mile is his best distance. Last chance for a decent price? 3 EL JOY is better on a real dirt surface. He got Beyers of 68 and 65 the last two times he tried it. He might be better now. This barn is 19% with horses that won their last start and 25% going synth to dirt. 4 TAKE CHARGE CURLY switched barns last out and tried the grass for the first time. He actually ran OK even though his turf Tomlinson is only 275. That distance try two back was fine. Could this guy get first run on the speeds?

Race 6    2 COASTLINE HOTTIE is out of a dam who went 9 -2-4-3 on the green for 35K. This filly drops in class and should like the green according to turf and distance Tomlinsons of 319/351. We even like this inside draw on the stretch-out. 1 HIGHLANDS has tried nothing but two turns on the grass so bonus points for that. She has the best upside and goes for a barn that has done quite well with these turf shippers from SoCal.. Race flow is fine and this filly gets to save all the early ground. 4 NORTH EAST STAR exits a key race where 2 of 5 returned to win with figs of 73 and 65. Current form is fine and this filly is proven going two turns on the green.



## Race 7

11 A LOT OF VERVE ran evenly in his debut and even got some play when sent off at almost 6-1. He should be all set to improve in his second start and draws best in the process. We like that connections keep this guy at this level when they could have easily dropped him (only cost 4K). A better price than some we would think. 8 NOW N LATER GATOR ran big in his debut and is the one to beat. He has tactical speed to help the trip, draws fine, and is by a good sire in Jimmy Creed. A recent work rounds out the appeal. 4 HOLD YOUR APPLAUSE just likes it here. This colt has some speed and puts the blinkers on today. Beaten favorite angle applies if you like that. There is other speed in this race if the front end is wanted but what if this guy learned to pass foes in his most recent?

## Race 8

9 AVALON KING is stuck a bit outside but there ends the knocks. This gelding didn't fire last out but he was stuck outside going a mile on the turf and then was hooked every step of the way. This spot is better and we like that Cruz stays put. This barn is 18% on the dirt and 20% with their claimers. 8 EAST RAND is feeling great. He goes from one high percentage barn to another so no problem there. This guy pushed the pace last out but can stalk just as easily. He has the best Beyers and will be the chalk today but remember that horses are at this level for a reason. 6 BROOKYS TAPIT is the other Evans runner and the better price. This gelding gets some pace to chase and has never missed the board on this dirt.

Race 9 **BEST BET 8 BUCK OWENS** draws best and loves this elongated sprint distance of 6 1/2 furlongs. His last three Beyers when doing so are 80, 75, and 72. He ends up in a barn that is 28% with new runners. Race flow is more than fair. We would love to get 4-1 morning line. 6 TEMPTED MISSION was getting good before the layoff. This barn is 29% off a long layoff. Local works are noted and we know this gelding likes this dirt. This is a tricky distance off a layoff though. A stalking trip would work well but fresh horses often show speed. 2 DEL MAR JERRY finds a spot where he can't be claimed as he tries this dirt for the first time. Voided claim and a layoff are often seen together. This barn is 16% off this type of layoff. Lone distance try is poor but this guy was stuck on the rail that day and broke 8th of 12 all while facing better. Work tab is solid.

Race 10 9 INVINCIBELLA should be more fit as she puts three races tougher. She is an 8YO so needing more than one return race isn't unusual. She has some tactical speed to help with this outside post. She has won on this sod before and goes for a barn that is 24% on the grass, 24% in routes, and 20% with their claimers. 4 WARRIOR'S MOON exits a key race where 3 of 10 returned to win with figs of 78, 71, and 64. Three more returned to place and did so with figs of 73, 72, and 70. If you said this horse was better on the grass then we wouldn't argue. She gets some pace to chase as she tries this sod for the first time. 8 LADY LANA has speed but so do a few others. That was a decent turf try two back and she even went favored. Working out a good trip is the tricky part.



# Harrington Raceway – Post 4:30



By Matt Sparacino

1<sup>ST</sup> Matt's Picks: 7-1-6

7 - Likeitusedtobe - Uncorked a nice rally from here last time and the draw is the main hurdle again.

1 - Jetsam - Has been off a month which is the chief concern but comes out of much tougher company.

6 - Royal Mistake - Consistent speed threat that is camera shy. Yielded late last time but held well and should have every chance to do the same.

2<sup>nd</sup> Matt's Picks: 3-1-2

3 - Shocking Truth - Bested the inside pair off an aggressive speed attempt last week. One to beat.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Matt's Picks: 1-7-2

1 - Templeton - Just missed in his last and beat many of these same rivals. Should be a main contender.

7 - Kountry Express - Miscued in his last - can he find stellar form from 2 back?

4<sup>th</sup> - Matt's Picks: 7-1-2

7 - Fifty Ways - Class of the field should have his way with these.

5<sup>th</sup> - Matt's Picks: 8-4-6

8 - Gotta Habit - 2 straight wins including his last with similar. Can he overcome the snowman?

6<sup>th</sup> - Matt's Picks: 4-3-5

4 - Darbyshire - Ample back class and looms the one to beat here.



7th - Matt's Picks: 6-5-4

6 - Hundie N - 10-year-old makes debut for new barn - looking to continue solid form spree.

8th - Matt's Picks: 4-3-1

4 - Im Still Here - Kicked home well to notch repeat win for team Callahan. One to beat. 3 - Cavalli Island - Debuts with NW 2 off an improved effort and this field looks to be his speed.

9th - Matt's Picks: 1-3-5

1 - Gold Train - Much improved post for top barn and should be heading forward from here. 3 - Hiro Knockout - Loved the steer last week as this guy raced well but fell just short. Gets another great opportunity.

10th - Matt's Picks: 1-8-3

1 - Blue And Bold - Drops in class for team DB and looks to be the one to beat.

8 - Special Miss - One of classier options and could be pointed towards the front here.

11th - Matt's Picks: 1-2-7

1 - Herb - Needed last start and finished the mile well. Have to like the improved draw. 2 - Mattalian Stallion - Namesake improved in his last and looking to build on that in a wide open field.

12th - Matt's Picks: 7-8-2

7 - Rose Run Xtra - Blew 'em away last time and looking to ascend capably. 8 - Backstreet Player - Another with ample back class - now needs some racing luck to tackle the outside draw.

13th - Matt's Picks: 4-1-3

4 - Mucho Macho - He was gobbling up ground impressively late last start and that caught our eye.

14th - Matt's Picks: 4-1-8

4 - Its Oliver Now - 2nd time lasix as he was a badly beaten chalk in his last but has shown more than others in field and here's a legit rebound opportunity.

15th - Matt's Picks: 3-6-7

3 - Famous Dan - Big drop out of winners-over - was beaten 2 lengths last time in this class in a tougher split. 6 - Destiny's Darling - Kicked home with urgency in strong 2nd place finish on 4-17. That was his first start in 3 weeks and was an improvement so watch this mare!



# Northfield



(JJ Zamaiko Photography)

( 6:00 )

1. 4-3-5

2. 1-9-6

3. 1-3-9

4. 2-8-3

5. 3-8-1

6. 5-3-9

8. 1-3-5

12. 5-2-3

13. 6-4-2

14. 3-4-1

16. 2-5-1

## Best Bets

**Race 4 # 2 Lenox Hill**

**Race 12 # 5 Chipeter**

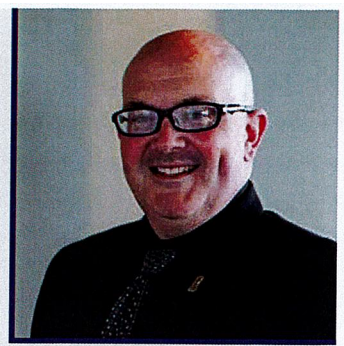
## Pick Four Play :

**Race 2 1,9 / 1 / 2 / 1,3,8**



# MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN'S RACING TIPSHEET

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 | FIRST POST 6:15PM



## RACE SELECTIONS:

RACE 1: 5-4-3-6  
RACE 2: 3-2-6-4  
RACE 3: 3-7-5-4  
RACE 4: 8-3-5-7  
RACE 5: 5-7-1-3

RACE 6: 3-1-7-10  
RACE 7: 7-1-4-5  
RACE 8: 8-1-6-2  
RACE 9: 3-5-4-9  
RACE 10: 5-6-1-2

RACE 11: 8-6-10-7  
RACE 12: 7-6-2-4  
RACE 13: 10-6-4-2  
RACE 14: 3-7-10-5-2

## CHAMBERLAIN'S CHOICE:

RACE 13 HORSE #10: BOB LEE BELL (ML: 3-1)  
DRIVER: MARVIN LUNA | TRAINER: WALTER HAYNES JR.

## PRICE PLAY

RACE 4 HORSE #8: FIX-IT-UP (ML: 10-1)  
DRIVER: ATLEE BENDER | TRAINER: DARLA GASKIN

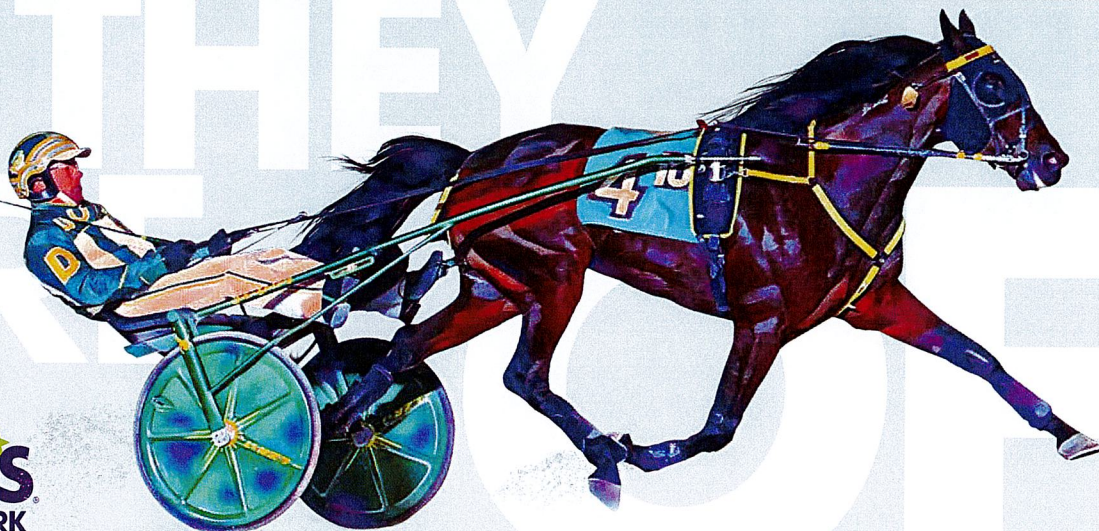
## EARLY PICK 5 (RACES 1-5)

4,5/2,3,6/3/3,5,8/5,7 = \$18

## LATE PICK 4 (RACES 11-14)

5,8,10/6,7/10/3,5,7,10 = \$12

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# YONKERS (7:00)

## The Empire Report – Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – Race Analysis

**RACE 1** – (8) SWAGASAURUSREX landed on a terrible trip last week but was still a pretty close 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end – obviously he faces the possibility of another bad trip from out here, but a decent price still makes him worth another shot. (5) CENTURY IGLESIAS shipped in sharp from Fhd. and parlayed a perfect trip into victory last week – if Lachance can find him another nice journey, he'll have a chance to repeat. (1) LYONS JOHNNYJNR just missed to #5 last time and really had no excuses – he has to be respected here (thanks to a big post advantage over his main foes), but he's very likely to be way overbet. (7) PRESTIGE SEELSTER drops back down to his preferred 15s but he draws outside and does seem off form – one to consider if the price gets juicy enough. (3) MACAHOLIC was distanced in his first start off the barn change but was much more competitive last week – with some additional improvement, he may be able to contend for a piece. (2) PROVOCATIVEPRINCEN is just 1 for 49 over the last 2 years and hard to consider for more than a minor piece. (4) PHELGON raced ok vs. better in a few starts this year but his current form (in NJ) seems lacking. (6) KEYSTONE DASH has yet to get untracked at all in 2024.

**RACE 2** – (4) TRUE BLUE HANOVER has been holding her own in the Matchmaker Series and now plummets in class to this much softer spot – pretty hard to go past! (5) HURRIKANE LADY LOU started her 4YO campaign here with a trio of horrible posts – headed to PA where she picked up a pair of 2nds, followed by a pair of wins... may prove next in line. (3) HONEY LOVE got sharp at Rosecroft, winning 4 in a row before faltering in the Open last week – gets Gingras for her YR debut, and should fit nicely here... solid chance to land somewhere on the ticket. (1) DEVILISH DREAMS isn't on her best game right now, but also isn't at her worst – eligible to grab a piece from this spot. (6) FIGHT NOT FLIGHT had some success in PA at 2, but may be handled conservatively here as she makes her 3YO return. (2) FRONDEUR will be on the “watch list” tonight after qualifying three times

**RACE 3** – (2) ITALIAN DELIGHT N took a bad step off turn three last week and that probably cost him a victory (as he still only lost by ¾ length after racing wide a long way AND also allowed the race winner to get out) – he gets a surprising switch to Bartlett tonight, perhaps hoping to bring back the success that the pair had last fall/winter – one more try. (3) ALOTBETTOR N clearly benefited from a few weeks off as he almost pulled off the wire to wire victory from Post 8 last start – remains a very dangerous player. (5) LIBERTY N FREEDOM beat BOTH of the top two choices last week, giving his trainer his first victory of 2024 – suppose he could do it again, but still leaning to the other two. (1) ATLANTIS has obviously been struggling in his last 4 starts, although his last was better than it looks – maybe he can perk up at least enough for a small piece? (6) GOLDEN GESTURE benefited from an inside trip last time but still raced much better – maybe 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>? (4) BEST BETTOR is now 1 for 70, and 0 for 55+ at YR – sticking with others (8) LYONS PRIDE wasn't nearly as sharp last week as he was in his previous pair and now gets stuck all the way outside. (7) MAJOR MAKEOVER would be a surprise, even shipping in for his hot barn

**RACE 4** – (6) OAKWOOD DYNASTY IR was off to a rough beginning in the U.S. but improved in her 3<sup>rd</sup> start, won her 4<sup>th</sup>, then was able to last for 2<sup>nd</sup> to a runaway “first timer” who just crushed the field – the one to beat here, but not one to bet the rent money on (at a short price). (4) URSULA BLUE CHIP finished right behind the top choice last time and usually races ok when aggressive early – if Smith puts her in play, she can have a say tonight. (7) PINE BUSH MAGA has been racing a bit better than her lines might suggest, and figures to be a big price here – good bomb to try to slip into the exotics. (1) SHES NEVER WRONG raced 6X as a 2YO but then missed her 3 and 4YO seasons – has returned now at 5, and has a couple of ok Stga. tighteners under her belt – maybe she's ready to be a contender down here? (2) PULL THROUGH qualified back nicely at 3 for our leading barn but then folded badly in her first 2 starts (at PcD) – total guessing game as to what we'll get from her tonight. (5) DUCK INTO THE NITE was dull vs. softer at Fhd. in her first start back at 4 – prefer to just observe, for now. (3) GANDY DANCER has struggled all year here. (8) GROOVY JANE ANN draws post 8 after showing little in her 2 previous YR starts

**RACE 5** – (5) DOWNRIGHTDELICIOUS lit up the tote board with that powerful win 2 back then proved it was no fluke after turning in another excellent effort last week (rallying for 3<sup>rd</sup> from a tough spot) – the race just may set up well enough for him to score a mild upset tonight. (6) ADAM TWELVE has come up just short in his last 4 starts, but has still never been off the board at Yonkers (17-8-8-1) – remains a very real threat. (3) THUNDER HUNTER JOE dropped out of the Borgata Series last week and came up with a big mile, just missing despite a very tough trip – could have a very big say tonight with the move inside. (1) ULTIMAROCA gets a kind post assignment considering he was a sharp 2<sup>nd</sup> two back, and finished strong from a hopeless spot last week – chance to outperform that 20-1 ML price. (8) TAKE A GAMBLE comes into this razor sharp, with 3 wins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from his last 4 starts –



he also draws Post 8 in a solid field, and that could hurt his chances significantly. (4) GREG THE LEG was invisible at the back last week but he drops right back in the box, moves inside, and could rebound quickly – willing to use underneath. (2) KINGSVILLE probably would like to be in a bit easier – may look to just save ground, and hope for a piece. (7) NIGHT HAWK couldn't overcome a tough trip last week and could be looking at another one for tonight

**RACE 6** – (3) SISTER MARY MAUDE was purchased after a couple of impressive victories early on in her 2YO campaign and finished the year 8-5-1-1, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish (at Yonkers) in the NYSS Final – she shows a pair of nice preps for her 3YO season and while this particular race may not be high on her priority list, she still figures to be a serious threat tonight. (4) CAL MILES N SHELL would be very tough on his best game, but he's just been way too unreliable this year to endorse on top at a short price. (5) EL MISSION GODDESS has started to turn things around and has been bringing solid efforts every week– belongs in your exotics. (1) VOSS BLUE CHIP was handled surprisingly aggressively in his first start of the year but broke on the first turn – he requalified back nicely, adds Lasix for tonight, and could be a player...if he minds his manners. (7) MR KNOWITALL has been 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in all 5 local starts and remains a good bomb for the bottom of tris and supers. (2) BARN DREAMER was a bit short in her 3YO return and may need another start before we see her best – leaning towards others for the top slots. (8) WAYS AND MEANS showed ability at 2 but lands all the way outside for his 3YO return and figures to be handled very conservatively. (6) BEACON BEACH hasn't been sharp in a while

**RACE 7** – John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 3: (3) ROYALTY BEER has a pair of effortless victories in the series so far...no real surprise since he'd been right there in the Open in most of his starts this year – faces a little tougher task tonight, but we'll stay on board. (4) WARRAWEE YANG arrived riding a 4 race winning streak and has extended that to 6 in a row, with wins in both of his series starts – he'll need to be pretty good to beat #3, and get that streak up to 7! (5) MOHATU AS was a solid finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Leg 1 (his first start of the year) then built off that with a nice 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish last week (behind #4) – chance to land somewhere on the ticket once again. (7) IMMANUEL K S has started the year at 5-0-4-1, including a pair of 2nds in this series – he can be in the hunt once again, but will need some trip luck starting from Post 7. (1) BONTONI DEGATO S was a no threat 2<sup>nd</sup> to the top choice 2 back and a no threat 3<sup>rd</sup> to him last week – the rail draw gives him a chance to grab another small piece. (6) WICKENBURGH had been looking very good since arriving from Ohio 4 starts back but lost all chance after breaking before the start last week – tonight's draw could cause some trouble, as well. (2) LAVA FIELD picked up small pieces in the first 2 legs but may have a tougher time doing as well in this solid field. (8) CITY OF HOPE seems too far out to be any kind of serious threat this week

**RACE 8** - John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 3: (1) BY THE BOOK shipped in with Stga. lines that suggested he was a pretty nice trotter – he rallied for 4<sup>th</sup> from an impossible spot in Leg 1, then was a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> best after a pocket trip behind ROYALTY BEER last week...maybe he can pull off the mild upset tonight? (3) SEA CAN was an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> behind TACHYON in the first leg then picked up the win in Leg 2, though he was definitely handled a bit carefully in the lane...he's clearly the one to knock off, but may just be a tad vulnerable at a short price. (2) OPTRIX kept coming in Leg 1 to pick up the win in his first start of 2024 – he raced “well” to be a close 3<sup>rd</sup> in his next start, but it would have been nice to see a little better finish – the good draw puts right in the mix tonight, and he should be able to grab another nice chunk. (6) DYLANDMAR shook free a little too late to do more damage two back then was a nice 2<sup>nd</sup> behind TACHYON last week – the post is a concern, but he can still add some value to the exotics. (5) COVENTRY HALL tried to cut in the first week and came up a little light at the end – he raced off the pace in his last and made a menacing move entering the stretch...only to hang late and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – we'll see if he can up his game a bit more for tonight. (8) RESOLVE TO WIN was underestimated last week and was able to hit the top from Post 7 and go 2 for 2 in the series – he'll really need to be good to get it done again, from yet another tough spot! (4) CREATIVE VENTURE was dull in his last pair and in need of a wake up call to be a player. (7) STONGE RWITHLINDY wasn't bad in his 2<sup>nd</sup> start of 2024 but the draw figures to really hurt his chances tonight

**RACE 9** – (1) BARN CREDIT had a solid 2YO campaign, culminating with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Excelsior Final – she moves to a new barn for her 3YO season, and had a useful tightener in PA (adding Lasix) to start off the year – may have her sharp enough to get it done tonight. (5) WAVERLY HANOVER, like barmate EL MISSION GODDESS, has picked up her game lately – feels like a very live player, but the bad post and short ML price make her tough to endorse on top. (6) MAGIC MELVIN was handled extremely conservatively last week, somewhat surprising considering the connections – willing to consider here, if the price is good enough. (4) SHIV had some good starts at 2, qualified ok (in Florida) for her 3YO season and may be able to have some say tonight. (2) TO MY CREDIT is 0



for 17 locally and only hit board 3X – minor share only. (7) FULL SCALE fits well enough, but may have a tough time getting close from out here. (3) LIGHTNING TAMER feels like a work in progress at the moment

**RACE 10** - John Brennan Trotting Series, Leg 3: (6) TACHYON has already won 5X this year including his last 3 in a row – he’s hitting on all cylinders right now and while that can change at any time, he’s still pretty tough to go against at the moment. (1) YOU GOT IT was handled conservatively last time after a miscue 2 back – he’s capable of better, and may have a chance to complete the exacta with the good starting spot. (2) DRACO S finished decently for small pieces the last 2 weeks – he draws inside, with a chance to grab a piece with a decent trip. (7) DEADLINE HALL was stuck first over in both legs and wasn’t bad either time – he’ll be a big price tonight, and may be able to add some value to the exotics. (8) FERRETTI raced well in both local starts, rallying for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> – the ability is there for sure, but he does face the possibility of a pretty tough trip starting from Post 8. (3) MYCROWNMYKIN GDOM has been a little disappointing in the first 2 series legs but he’s capable of better, and his barn did send out a pair of bomb winners on Monday night – not a fan of that low 4-1 ML price, though. (5) CASSIUS HANOVER picked up a pair of 3rds in the first 2 legs but still seems a bit cheaper. (4) CRAZY BROTHER JIM was hurt by terrible cover last week but didn’t really have much to offer of his own

**RACE 11** – Good finale: (4) IM J BEE N went his best mile for his current connections last week, almost pulling off the 35-1 upset – obviously that price will come down now, but he should still offer decent value in a pretty wide open affair. (1) OZONE BLUE CHIP dropped from 40s to 20s last week, raced very hard but was done in by a very tough trip – will probably look to control the action from this spot (despite plenty of other “speeds”), and he may be able to pull it off. (5) SMOKIN BY N was just reclaimed by his favorite barn and absolutely is worth considering, especially at that 8-1 ML price! (7) IMABEACHBOY puts his 3 race winning streak on the line tonight and he’ll certainly have his work cut out for him from Post 7 – but definitely not impossible! (8) CAPTAIN T HANOVER lands outside all his main foes but he CAN leave fast off the car, and is a good one to use underneath at what figures to be a big price. (6) ROCK THIS WAY tripped out last week and picked up his first win of the year – will be much harder to replicate that vs. these. (2) JOJOS PLACE is as unreliable as they come, but even his best effort may only be good enough for a small slice. (3) SHARK PLAY was a “drop and flop” special moving down to 20s last week – prefer others here.