

CHURCHILL DOWNS (POST 12:45)



Race 1: Blame Day (5/2)Let's see if we can get the week off to a winning start, with #5 Blame Day. A key piece of form from Blame Day came two starts back, when Brett Calhoun's daughter of Blame finished 4th by 5 lengths in a competitive allowance at Oaklawn. The race was won by American Band, who came back to score at odds of 27/1 in the Matron Stakes next time out, finishing 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Royal Spa, who herself won a competitive allowance at Keeneland by 4 lengths next time. A repeat of that run from Blame Day will make her very competitive here. Reylu Gutierrez rode Blame Day in her first four starts, finishing in the exacta every time and he gets back aboard the four-year-old filly today for Brett Calhoun – a trainer he has an 18% strike rate with from 145 starters over the past year. Calhoun himself won with 2 of 4 starters in dirt sprints at this meet in 2023, recording a +55% ROI, and he also has a 20% strike rate when running horses back in 23-39 days. **5-1-3**

Race 2 # 6 Luna Moth goes out for the father -son Asmussen duo, making her second start back from a 7 month layoff- she's been 1st or second in 5 of 6 career starts under the Twin Spires. **6-2-4**

Race 3 – A solid group of fillies and mares will go postward in the dash. #1 Condiment Girl (3-1) is the one to beat in my eyes for trainer Rob Atras. The Outwork five-year-old has run well on the surface in the past, and she gets a pass for stopping early while in with much better last time out at Oaklawn Park. #2 Sense You Left is my close second choice and a must-use for Mark Casse. The seven-year-old daughter of Street Sense has run four good ones in succession since being claimed in December and will appreciate the cutback in distance under Johnny Velazquez. And while I was disappointed by the performance from #6 Goshen) at Keeneland most recently, I still think that she has a chance in this spot. The Classic Empire filly was an easy winner in her lone prior run on the course, too. **1-2-6**

PICK 3 PLAY : RACE 3 1,2,6 / 1,23 / 6

RACE 4 – Juddmonte homebred #2 Batten Down (1-1) is a towering presence in the field for conditioner Bill Mott, but I'm not convinced that he is a single. The well-bred son of Tapit has gone close in both of his route attempts to date, and the move to 1 1/4 miles seems like a logical one with Junior Alvarado in the silks. I also will use #1 Bricklayer with Irad Ortiz Jr. signed on. The Always Dreaming colt showed a big move forward going long and moving to the dirt at Keeneland most recently, and the late energy that he displayed gives me confidence that he will enjoy more distance going forward. 2-1-3-6

RACE 5 – I find it impossible to look past #6 Battle of Normandy (8-5) in the closing leg. The Shug McGaughey trainee hasn't run in a while and will have an equipment change with blinkers going on, but his overall body of work appears to be too much for this cast. Tyler Gaffalione will guide the City of Light colt once again. 6-3-11-7 Turf 15-13-12 main track

RACE 6 - # 4 COLLECT A Lil - earned fields top number in only start over this surface . 4-8-6-2

RACE 7 - # 6 Corkage Fee - Drops into a claimer while stretching out to 1 1/16th miles 6-1-8-2

RACE 8 # 1 QUEEN OF THE MUD – Despite her name , she hopes this one stays on the grass ,where she has scored in 2 of 3 career starts . 1-10-5-7
TURF 10-6-4 MAIN TRACK

RACE 9 # 7 GRAND SLAM – GELDING DEBUTS FOR THE Hartmann barn – (15 % overall winners this year – but 19 % with first timers, 25 % with first time Lasix, and a superb 43 % with horses debuting in maiden claiming races as is the case here. Chestnut shows a sharp 34.4 breezing gateway at Fair Grounds earlier this year. 7-1-9-13



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TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 — FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.

Best Bets: TRICOLOUR (7th)-- WICKED SIGHT (9th)

Race 1

- 7** OSPREY – Sidelined since October but very capable in past and Moore stable excellent with absentees.
- 4** DOCTOR DOOM – Slow fuse returning to sprint but often forms bottom portion of exacta with late kick.
- 2** WE READY – Progressed in last pair as extreme longshot and should be prepared for extra furlong.
- 8** MARISA'S MISSION – Lightly raced but exits good effort and likes to win; possibility if ready.

Race 2

- 3** CONFISCATED – Newcomer by \$17 million earner Arrogate out of graded stakes-placed dam; rapid works.
- 8** EVOLUTIONARY – Easily second best when finishing runner-up three consecutive time; avoiding tag.
- 7** LUCKY LINUS – Fired both starts and less than one length behind with state-breds; obvious threat.
- 2** OMAHA EIGHT – Back on conventional dirt as first time gelding and worked best of 76 half mile.

Race 3

- 1** FUEGO SOS – Used up dueling after long absence in seemingly better version; progress anticipated.
- 6** MISTER B – Speedy but hampered by stamina woes; gets Lasix and sheds 13 pounds with “triple bug.”
- 3** HERO'S SPIRIT – Failed to run to backing after slow start from rail in debut; barn with good youngsters.
- 5** PLEASANT DREAMS – Rookie by solid stallion Social Inclusion but reveals little in numerous preps.

Race 4

- 1** THIRSTY PAPPY – Improving gelding ran into tigers last pair this spot; likely stalking trip from inside.
- 4** SMOOTH MOTION – Rapid colt progressed in second start after hiatus when battling to finish.
- 7** CENTURION – Edged second choice with rail rally as longshot; earlier romp at Churchill.
- 6** HARDY CHOICE – Defeated two-time winners in Turfway finale and steps up moving to Ness barn.

Race 5

6 FAST MULE – Appears best if disregard latest and Carlos Guerrero barn terrific here last week.

1 ISTRIA – Crushed soft group on wet footing and takes logical next step with renewed confidence.

8 LULI'S DANCER – Easily second best behind huge favorite this spot; 17 month losing streak.

5 BULLET ON TAP – Drew away from two-time winners to end losing skid; rare stamina test.

Race 6

7 COLLIN'S GREY LADY – Good effort when claimed and just became eligible for drop within same tag.

1 THIS ROUND'S MINE – Sidelined since November but holds ability advantage with 9-for-31 record.

10 MAZAL EIGHTEEN – Dueled drop-down winner in improved effort and speed to pose threat on best.

3 PHANCY PHILLY – Capable in past and claimed for twice this amount four weeks ago.

Race 7

2 TRICOLOUR – Severe case of seconditis but strong showing when necked by Kentucky invader.

8 NEW SPELL – Keeps firing and claimed for \$30,000 from Turfway finale; prior dirt outings poor.

5 FUNSTRUCK – Absent since November and making fourth attempt at different venues; threat if ready.

1 COALVILLE – Regally-bred gelding yet to justify heavy support but offering good speed inside.

Race 8

5 CARCHAROTH – Pulled away from maidens in impressive score and taking realistic next step.

4 MR SANDMAN – Exits strong try in "open" company and fired this spot previously at Penn National.

1 CAPITAL CONQUEST – Less than five lengths behind with tougher at Aqueduct; just missed locally.

8 BRONX BOYS – Idle since New Year's Day but numerous encouraging outings last season.

Race 9

2 WICKED SIGHT – Defeated next-out winner after layoff and began career in impressive style.

4 CONFIRMED STAR – Crushed state-breds by double digit margin in best yet; tested with these.

6 ET'S MOON MAIDEN – Advanced behind loose pacesetter in solid effort; ample early targets a plus.

1 NOISY ON THE BAY – Prevailed after race-long duel in just second race of season; game and versatile.

Race 10

6 ROLLS ROYCE JOYCE – Remote third in much better version of this spot; re-claimed by Coletti stable.

11 QUEEN CADENCE – Decent try at loftier level following Kirby claim; threat with Lopez in finale.

4 PEYTON'S COLLEGE – Sharper in past but always possibility this level and Brown barn heating up.

3 VANISHING FAITH – Led usual zip in latest and extra furlong could prove obstacle; sneaks into gimmicks.

LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

(1:15)

Lake's Lucky Picks uses years in the business and a horse sense to regularly track runners, see trends, and watch each race — providing you with greater insight!

RACE	#	HORSE	COMMENTS
1	1	UKRAINIAN PRINCESS	FORM LAST YEAR WOULD WIN THIS
	2	SARATOGA SMOKESHOW	SHOULD BE CLOSER VS THESE RIVALS
	5	CRYSTAL	MAY GO BETTER IF DRY TRACK IN 2 ND START
2	3	WARTAPPED	RETURNS TO LAKES AT REDUCED LEVEL
	7	BAD CONNECTION	WILL BE HELPED BY SHORTER DISTANCE
	6	MADDIE'S SURPRISE	DROP TO BOTTOM HELPS CHANCES
3	5	MARGARITA SUNRISE	HAS THREE WINS AT THE DISTANCE
	3	FATHER WALSH	HAS TO BE USED AT THIS LEVEL
	4	FOLLOW THE SIGNS	10-YEAR-OLD STILL CAN WIN RACES
4	7	DEE BO	HAS HAD SUCCESS HERE AGAINST RICHER
	6	SON OF DARKNESS	EARLY FOOT IS HIS BEST ASSET
	1	OLD MAN WINTER	COULD RETURN TO WINNING WAYS
5	3	SOL EMPERATRIZ	NOT BADLY BEATEN AT DISTANCE
	5	LADY LAWRENCE	CHANGE IN SCENERY IS THE KEY
	2	UNCAPTURED QUEEN	THESE TYPE HAVE DONE WELL IN PAST
6	4	KENTICKY JOKER	HAVE TO FORGIVE LAST EFFORT
	3	DEE'S WISEGUY	WON IN SIMILAR RACE LAST SEASON
	2	GOLD IN THEM HILLS	HAS ENOUGH SPEED TO BE A FACTOR
7	5	LITTLE MS SUNSHINE	HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG IN CAREER
	7	CURL TALK	WON BOTH LOCAL STARTS AGAINST GIRLS
	3	LOCKBOX	WON'T HAVE AN EASY LEAD THIS TIME
8	3	SUN AND WIND	MUCH SOFTER SPOT FOR LOCAL DEBUT
	1	SWEEPING PASSION	GETS RAIL AND ATTRACTS TOP PILOT
	7	BUSTINROXY	WON'T STOP AS BAD WITH LESS YARDAGE

RACE	#	PLAY OF THE DAY	RACE	#	BIG SPLASH – NICE PRICE!
7	5	LITTLE MS SUNSHINE	1	5	CRYSTAL

*The selections are purely recommendations and success is not a guarantee.
Track conditions, scratches, and other factors can affect the way the selections would be made.
Bet with your head, not over it.*



THISTLEDOWN (12:50)

FIRST RACE	1	K P Silver Bullet	1-4-2
SECOND RACE	5	Redden	5-4-2
THIRD RACE	1	Royal Air Force	1-4-3
FOURTH RACE	3	Joya Del Sur	3-2-4
FIFTH RACE	3	Cue the Band	3-5-4
SIXTH RACE	1	Afjan	1-5-3
SEVENTH RACE	7	Dixie Giant	7-6-4-1
EIGHTH RACE	2	Stay Thirsty Amigo	2-7-6-4



Indiana Grand (Horseshoe - Indianapolis) Post 2:10

FIRST RACE

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| 1 | Kneedeepjustice | Terraza G |
| 6 | Magic in Motion | Sanjur S |
| 7 | Hoosier Daddy Now | Pedroza M Jr |
| 2 | Costly Pass | De La Cruz F |

SECOND RACE

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| 5 | Salty Sue | De La Cruz F |
| 4 | Dressed in Purple | Correa Y L |
| 3 | Ribbons and Lace | Villarreal O |

THIRD RACE

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| 6 | Bella Bolle | Pauly S |
| 4 | Botox Katie | Terraza G |
| 5 | Compressed Energy | Perez E E |

FOURTH RACE

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| 5 | My My Munny | Pedroza M Jr |
| 6 | Gonnabee | Sanjur S |
| 4 | Triple Scout | Perez E E |
| 2 | Justa Simple Girl | De La Cruz F |

FIFTH RACE

5	Oil Man	Roman E A
8	Creek Valley	Correa Y L
3	Humor's Image	Morales J
4	Pop the Cork	Perez E E

SIXTH RACE

1	Port Royal	Riquelme J
2	Revenge Tour	Jimenez A
3	Somnus	De La Cruz F
5	Vino Caldo	Terraza G

SEVENTH RACE

2	Dabney	Pauly S
1	Kays Heavenly Star	Figueroa J
5	Mygaljustice	Sanjur S

EIGHTH RACE

9	Drop It	Elliott J
7	Mon Ami Fuzzie	Hernandez O K
2	Domhnall	Perez E E
4	Shipshape	Burgos A

NINTH RACE

6	My Little Star	Villamil Bocanegra
3	Jess One Concept	Pina R D
4	Booray	Munoz M
7	Jla Hide the Shine	Ceron A
11	Beach Dreamer	Morin F



Turf Paradise (4:25)

By: Scott Ehlers

Race 1 3 Sweetdisire 6 Lady Dealin Rogue 4 Cc Diabolic Eagle

Race 2 7 HIT THE SEAM draws best with this outside post and has good speed. His last race came back key when 3 of 6 returned to win with the only available Beyer of 78. That 870 race was good for the level and now this guy adds distance. This runner is feeling great and has hit the exacta in half of his eight local starts. 3 RECKONING DAY did get a 72 Beyer only two back. He tried tougher last out and held his own. He drops in class today and has tactical speed to help his trip. 5 LETTHERAINSETTLEIT ran OK last out even though it was his first start on the green. He cuts back to a sprint and this barn is 36% when going route to sprint. This guy did win his only start at this distance.

Race 3 1 VICTORY LINE has good speed and needs only to break well to run well in this spot. New barn is 19% off the claim, 18% on the dirt, and 19% in both sprints and claimers. Win rider gets a leg up and is 32% for this barn locally. 4 CRYPTO CONSPIRACY has some upside with this being only his fifth start. He did run OK off the layoff three back and showed good speed versus stakes foes. A classic bounce two back, right? We like how connections want a shortened sprint right back. 7 SCOPELLO is the outside speed. A better trip than some? New barn is 0 for 1 off the claim. Does this gelding have a penchant for less? That 870 race two back was versus better.

Race 4 1 WELTON puts three races together for the first time and that has to help. He missed a Beyer top by a point last out and that was his first time on this dirt. He drops in class but that makes perfect sense as the meet ends on Kentucky Derby day. Pena gets a leg up and is 43% for this barn as of this writing. 3 SOL DEL SUR didn't run that well last out but was trying an elongated sprint. That win two back was solid and maybe this guy just bounced some previously. He has tactical speed and like many drops in class. 7 HOWBEIT just won and goes for the leading barn who are 31% with their repeating winners. This gelding has solid figs and draws best.

Race 5 7 VROYSKY showed speed off the layoff and now returns right on time. This barn is 17% second off this type of layoff. This guy has some speed, draws fine, and figures a good price. 5 HEAD FOR BUSINESS has speed and adds a half furlong today which actually helps theft chances. He seems to like this distance well enough. New barn is 30% off the claim and shows a flat bet profit. 8 CURLY ESA wants to pass runners and gets some pace to chase. He has won twice going this distance and draws outside for a comfy trip. New barn is 18% off the claim.

Race 6 9 AWARENESS AUTISM ran well off the layoff and then tried tougher in her most recent which didn't work out. We like how connections turn this filly around quickly. A slow start hurt two back but then she broke better in her most recent. She goes third off the layoff today and draws more outside. 3 ROCKSIE HARTBRAKER has speed and cuts back a half furlong. She has hit the board in five of eight starts. She is also a 7YO maiden. Main pace foes are drawn outside so maybe this gal holds the rail for longer than you think. 2 SMILING RENEGADE is by a 4% debut sire. Her dam was un-raced and this is her first foal. We like that this 4YO has a ton of works and a few hint at ability all at what should be a big price.

Race 7 11 ELUSIVE LOVE has a touch of tactical speed and draws outside in this elongated sprint. He has won going this tricky distance before and that was his last start. This barn is 23% with their repeating winners and we love the fast turnaround. 9 SURPRISE FASHION just likes this distance. New barn is 18% off the claim, 20% on the dirt, 19% in sprints, and 22% with their claimers. Race flow is fine and this gelding just likes it here. 3 BIG SCOTT DADDY has solid figs and can handle this distance. New barn is 17% off the claim. This gelding has a versatile running style and that can only help. Curious as to price and this full field helps there.

Race 8 1 MINISTERSDON'TLIE figures a huge price as he sits at 20-1 on the morning line. We think his recent races at 870 yards were simply too short. He is 16-7-0-2 going this distance with a Beyer top of 72. He won for fun four back going 1,000 yards at Ruidoso and won easily 6 and 7 back. The rail draw won't bother this guy and he even has some tactical speed to help his trip. 5 HEY NOW just ran better and now goes third off the layoff. He has hit the exacta in 3 of 11 starts here. He likes this distance at 6-2-1-1. Regular rider tags along and is 26% for this barn. 8 POVERTY BAY has back class. Recent works are well spaced and fast. This guy has some speed, likes this dirt, and draws fine. MOR TEQUILA will take money just not ours.

Race 9 BEST BET:11 DIAMOND DEE ran evenly in her debut all while getting needed race experience. Now she draws best and turns around in only 8 days. Both sibs beat winners and earned 62K and 57K. 1 GETAWAY DAY is feeling better of late. She jumps in class but that isn't a deal breaker for around here. Race flow is fine and more so if any of the first time starters show zip. 2 LOTSA STEEL has solid figs and missed a Beyer top by a single point in her most recent. She draws inside once again so she should be used to that. She is often a good price.

Harrington Raceway – Post 4:30



By Matt Sparacino

1ST Matt's Picks: 6-2-4

6 - My Luckydog - Parlayed a pocket trip to victory in her last and may pursue similar tactics here.

2nd - Matt's Picks: 5-1-8

5 - Dance With Tabby - Regular speed player for team Davis, mid pack post should help give her position off an improved race.

3rd - Matt's Picks: 4-6-1

4 - Bad Nella Monella - The only filly in field to reach in her last two starts and should be the chalk tonight. 6 - Stay Salty - Nice job to get a check from a tough slot in her last. One of more talented rivals in field and would be looking for value tonight.

4th - Matt's Picks: 3-5-6

3 - Lyons Bettorday - Underachieved a little of late but certainly capable of more and this looks to be a much better spot for her. 5 - Peaks Cruiser - Love the consistency here and she's been reaching at nice prices!

5th - Matt's Picks: 3-4-2

3 - Prideful - Hard to deny her ultra consistent form for Hall barn. Aims for 3rd win of year.

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

5 - Majorca - Back to the winner's circle last week from same mid pack post and the probable chalk to repeat.

7th - Matt's Picks: 7-6-1

7 - Need Ur Opinion - 2 straight wins and enters new barn here.

8th - Matt's Picks: 2-5-1

2 - Sweet Violets - May be class of the field, was just an improved 3rd vs. tougher for top JC barn. 5 - Shes Got The Lynx - Slightly better draw after adequate attempts with early speed from the 7.

9th - Matt's Picks: 6-1-3

6 - Caviart Callum - The only horse to be on the board in all of her last 3 and would be hard to leave off ticket.

10th - Matt's Picks: 1-4-5

1 - Hungry For Money - Needed last start and put in a solid bid. Inside draw and early speed combo should give plenty of backing. 4 - Idyllic Delight - Blowout win in her last despite post 8 but caught a tougher split here. 5 - Direct Mist - Her last 2 races were among tops in the field and looks to keep that trend going.

11th - Matt's Picks: 6-7-1

6 - Southwind Mina - One of classier rivals in field, she woke up in her last and may be the one to beat. 7 - Sea Princess - Blowout win one level down should set her up well for this.

12th - Matt's Picks: 1-2-3

1 - Bella's Dream - Wide open field but she's most proven lately and wins the draw. 2 - River Of Fear - Should be situated in a great spot behind #1 here and taking a shot that she'll get the trip. 3 - Fox Valley Janis - Struggled in prior 2 attempts but caught a weaker division tonight.

13th - Matt's Picks: 3-2-4

3 - Bare It Hil - Sustained a pocket bid very well in his last and it was a big step in the right direction.

TRI- STATE GREYHOUNDS (6:00)

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3RD 7 3 8 2

4TH 7 6 5 4

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14TH 1 5 8 3

BEST BET

Race 14

1 RS PENNY LANE

MOUNTAINEER (POST 7:00)

FIRST RACE

1 Resvalon 1-6-7-2

SECOND RACE

4 Kaztharos 4-5-3-7

THIRD RACE

2 Maureenlovesfrank 2-5-4

FOURTH RACE

2 This One Can Run 2-3-5

FIFTH RACE

3 True Heiress 3-7-9-4

SIXTH RACE

5 Big Way 5-4-6

SEVENTH RACE

6 Tragically Quewick 6-1-5

EIGHTH RACE

1 Free Square 1-7-3-4

NINTH RACE

4 Lady P 4-6-5-9