

# Churchill Downs ( 12:45) -Saturday

## Marcus Hersh

1	Chillax	5
	Excite	4
	Cromwell	2
2ND	One Cool Dude	11
	Morello	3
	Midnight Pranks	6
3RD	If If If	12
	Backgammon	2
	Quick Sand	3
4TH	Putonahappyface	1
	Kapoor	4
	Scarce	5
5TH	Heavenly Sunset	7
	Clicquot	6
	Justinqueso	5
6TH	World Record	7
	Giant Mischief	3
	Skelly	6
7TH	World Beater	6
	Scipio	3
	Mesero	4
8TH	Royal Spa	3
	Gin Gin	7
	Hoosier Philly	4
9TH	Mercante	8
	Lagynos	5
	Brilliant Berti	9
10TH	Mystik Dan	4
	Banishing	8
	Hall of Fame	6
11	Mechaya	9
	Lush Lips	7
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## Race 6 Aristides Stakes

Four-year-old #7 **World Record's** peak came last summer at Saratoga in the Grade 2 Amsterdam, which he won so powerfully that he probably bounced one month later, fading to sixth in the Grade 1 Allen Jerkens over a seven-furlong trip beyond his best. World Record possesses great speed, though he's less a force of nature than Skelly. Champlin also brings serious early foot to the Aristides and has drawn the rail. If he goes forward and can hook Skelly, World Record and Flavien Prat could fall into a perfect trip. World Record sharply won a May 1 third-level Churchill allowance, his first start since Nov. 25. He earned a 100 Beyer and can do better." **3 Giant Mischief** could post an upset if the pace boils over. Typically a stalker, he somehow wound up leading the Grade 1 Churchill Downs Stakes on Derby Day, fading to ninth in a race dominated by closers and contested over a sloppy track, which Giant Mischief doesn't seem to handle.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Race - Shawnee Stakes

**# 3 Royal Spa** might be the now horse. Her last two figures, both in one-turn Maryland races, are the highest of her career, and Brisset said Royal Spa has never turned in breezes like her last two. Flavien Prat picks up the mount, and the horse's earlier two-turn failures came under challenging circumstances. "She didn't let them past even after the wire last time. The jockey said he couldn't get her pulled up," Brisset said. Is Royal Spa the right answer if Gin Gin can't repeat her Doubledogdare? Maybe. Maybe.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Race - Arlington Stakes

**# 8 Mercante** finished second in the Turf Classic, while Cameo Performance checked in sixth and Gigante was a fading ninth. On Beyer Speed Figures, Mercante is the horse to beat Saturday. A homebred trained by Cherie DeVaux for Richard Klein's Klein Racing, Brilliant Berti began his 4-year-old season finishing eighth, beaten by Cameo Performance and Gigante, in the Grade 2 Muniz Memorial at Fair Grounds, a strange race won wire-to-wire by a huge longshot. DeVaux expected the colt to improve in the Opening Verse, and he did, firing a field-best 22.87 final quarter-mile to get up by a half-length over a stubborn Lagynos. "I like the change in post draws, he runs well at Churchill, and he runs well for Prat," said Steve Asmussen, who trains Lagynos. "And I really like how the horse has gone from 3 to 4." Mercante passed a major class test in the Turf Classic, his first turf stakes start of any sort. Leading into the first turn, Mercante wound up tracking from second after Gigante, hung very wide into the bend, then sped forward to take the lead and set the pace. Sitting just off the leader was fine with Brian Knippenberg, who trains Mercante for his breeder, Carl Pollard. "He does seem to prefer flanking a horse, and he got another beautiful draw out there in the eight-hole Saturday," Knippenberg said. Mercante has produced strong, improving form since his comeback, winning the Grade 3 Kentucky Cup Classic at Turfway Park before the Turf Classic, where he fended off several pursuers through the homestretch, but was tagged late by Spirit of St Louis. "He's a really good-feeling horse. He's been pulling everyone around the barn, training like a freight train," Knippenberg said.

## Race 10: \$275k Grade 3, Blame Stakes

The last time **# 4 Mystik Dan** raced at Churchill Downs, he snuck up the rail under Brian Hernandez Jr. and won a three-horse photo finish to capture the Kentucky Derby. Thirteen months later, in the Grade 3, \$275,000 Blame Stakes on Saturday, Mystik Dan can finally, fully validate that Derby victory. Mystik Dan finished a decent, if unspectacular, second in the Preakness, barely lifted his hooves in the Belmont, rested the remainder of the summer and into autumn, returned to action with a distant sixth Dec. 26 in the Malibu Stakes, then checked in a dismal ninth a month later in the Pegasus World Cup. A year after his Derby, Mystik Dan ran like a Derby winner. He did not win the Lake Ouachita Stakes at Oaklawn Park but lost by a nose to crack miler Saudi Crown, matching his career-best Beyer Speed Figure of 101. He has since worked twice at Churchill and on video looked strong under Hernandez in a half-mile drill with a strong gallop-out May 24. "Brian said it's as good as he's ever felt him. We're just trying to get him back to his old self," trainer Kenny McPeck said. Banishing long has been a candidate for the Met Mile next week at Saratoga, and trainer David Jacobson, like Cox, wasn't sure mid-week what he'd do. Banishing could run in the Blame, skip the Blame and run in the Met Mile, or even start in both races. Jacobson has never shied from wheeling horses back on short rest. McPeck blames himself for Mystik Dan's poor winter performance. He said he made a mistake sending the colt on a two-day van ride from Fair Grounds to Santa Anita for the Malibu and that he should have passed the Pegasus. That's all water under the bridge if Mystik Dan can take a step forward from his last race, where he chased loose leader Saudi Crown and made a strong run at him. With ample pace in the Blame, Mystik Dan could be best served by a stalking trip; McPeck said that's all in Hernandez's hands.

"The horse when he's good, he's very push-button," McPeck said.



# MONMOUTH PARK

( POST 12:50)

By Eric Solomon

Race	Top Pick	A	B	C	Exotics Menu
1	3	3,7,5	6		DBL, PK3, PK5
2	3	3	4		DBL, PK3, PK4
3	7	7	3	4	DBL, PK3
4	5	5,1,3			DBL, PK3
5	6	6,8,3			DBL, PK3
6	8	8		5	DBL, PK3, PK6
7	7	7,1			DBL, PK3, PK5
8	2	2	7		DBL, PK3, PK4
9	1	1,3	4		DBL, PK3
10	5	5	6,4		DBL
11	8	8,1,3			

Race 2: Magical Warrior (#3), should be a heavy favorite with this group. He's been sharp since Jose Delgado claimed him four starts ago. He's coming off a decent effort to finish second with open \$8K-\$7K claimers at Tampa. Despite not having a win on this oval, he did run a fast race here last year. I think he's in the driver's seat for this race. The alternative for me is going to be Diamond Heist (#4). It's a quick turnaround for this Danish Dynaformer gelding who was second to Feast last weekend. He was claimed by Jorge Delgado and he comes back right away. He followed a similar pattern last year, coming back 11 days after making his first start off a layoff. He improved a decent amount in that race, winning on this oval. This does feel like a spot where he'll run better, despite running back so quickly. If the price disparity widens between him and the top pick, and if he is sitting on the board at a longer price than Feast, I may be tempted to upgrade him. There is a world where he could be the 4th choice in the wagering from the betting public, and if that number is big enough, I'd think about using him to win in the contest.

Race 3: We'll stay on the dirt for a \$5K starter allowance race for three year olds and up going 1 mile and 70 yards. To be eligible for this race, a horse has to have a minimum of one start in his career where he ran for a \$5K claiming tag or less. King of Hollywood (#7) had a very productive 2024 campaign here, winning four times from eight starts. He was very tough in starter allowance races, winning three of those races in races similar to this one. He comes into this race as the main speed threat. While he may have to work a little to clear from his outside draw, I do think he finds himself on the lead. He made his first start off the layoff at Penn National at the beginning of the month, holding on to win in gate to wire fashion. He should be more fit in his second start off the bench. I think he's going to be tough to run down in this race. Walk Away Joe (#3), and Doin'ittherightway (#4) are viable alternatives in this race, but I do have questions about each one of them.



Race 5: Beaten \$5K claimers will go one circuit around the dirt course in this mile contest. Crazy Legs Hirsch (#6) is going to have to work hard to get back to his better form from late 2023 and early 2024. He was third in a starter allowance at Keeneland in April of 2024, but he faltered badly here in the slop in a starter allowance race in May. He was away for almost an entire year before coming back in a six furlong sprint with open \$10K-\$9K claimers. He wasn't involved in any part of that race, but that could have been more of a public workout for him. He comes back in two weeks and goes back to two turns while also getting a jockey upgrade. He hits the bottom today, but I'll wager that he can run a competitive race with this group. Get Like Mike (#8) is coming out a different race on that same 5/17 program here. He covered a lot of ground in that race, staying around the three path going around the first turn and coming with a sustained, four wide bid on the far turn and into the stretch. Despite the ground loss, he finished with some interest to be a close 4th, finishing in front of both Boca Guy (#4) and Knox (#5), who he's seeing again today. He's a four year old, so there's reason to believe that he can run back to that effort., Post eight is not ideal after his last start, but it's also not a deal-breaker for me.

Race 7: There's two horses that I want from this race on my multi-race wagers. The class choice is Wistucky (#1), who changes barns and gets back to one turn racing, which is clearly what he does best. However, speed is a part of his game and he's going to be committed to go from his rail draw. Bar Down Express (#2) has some speed in the stall next door, but the horse that really could be the thorn in his side from a pace perspective is Ellie's Boyfriend (#5). He has speed to clear an allowance level field at Charles Town when going 4 ½ furlongs. He's already had two races here during this meet and while he's moving up in class, he showed that he wasn't really competitive with lesser fields. However, his early speed for the first half mile could easily soften up the favorite. I think the one that could benefit from that is Lloyd (#7). He went on a heater here last season, running five strong races on this oval in five tries. He found the Winner's Circle twice and hit the board in the other three. His outside post should allow him to sit the kind of stalk and pounce trip that he loves and does so well when things are clicking for him. It's a quick turnaround after racing last week, but I think he'll be more fit and should be competitive with this field today.

#### Race 8, The \$100K Jersey Derby:

Three year olds will go one mile on the turf in the featured race today. Originally, the Penn Mile was set to be run at Penn National Friday night, so as a result, this race might have come up a little short. That race was postponed until 6/20 due to heavy rain in the area Wednesday and forecasted rain on Friday. Barbadian Runner (#3) was cross-entered in that race, so he could very well take the trip up I-95 from his Maryland base in order to compete in this spot. I really like Outrunner (#2) in this race. He showed a lot of class when winning on debut at Laurel last fall. Jorge Duarte brought him back in an ambitious N1X allowance field against older runners where I thought he ran a sharp race. While the ceiling for many of these runners in this field might be higher, the allowance field he saw three weeks ago here was a tougher group than the field he is facing in this stakes race. He was a little eager while racing in between runners. Javier Castellano rode him that day and he tried to tip him out in the three path on the turn, but a rival wouldn't let him out. He was forced to duck inside while another horse carried some runners a bit wide. He made his move and was gaining ground, but his hole closed as Sonny Leon, who rode the winner, wouldn't let him float out a bit. That figured to be a beneficial race from both an educational and fitness standpoint.



Race 9: Fillies and mares will go a mile and 70 yards on the main track in an optional \$20K claiming/N1X allowance race. I wasn't exactly sure what to expect from Just Be You (#1) when she made her first start since September 2023 here two weeks ago. She ran at this level in a six furlong sprint and finished a respectable 4th, 2 ½ lengths behind the winner. She ran twice in sprint races as a two year old, finishing off the board behind high quality fillies like Chatalas and Tamara. Once she went to two turns and got away from those ladies, she absolutely crushed a maiden special weight field at Los Alamitos. She didn't beat much that day, but she drew off with authority in the long stretch in Cypress, California. Ruth (#3) makes some sense for Todd Pletcher here. Pletcher hasn't had much of a presence in the month of May at Monmouth, but running this filly in this spot makes some sense. She was very sharp in her third career start at Gulfstream, finishing 4th in a good N1X race there. She went to Keeneland where he never got her footing on a sloppy course. She didn't fire in a one turn mile at Aqueduct last time out. Shipping here offers some class relief, despite facing older rivals. I like her to move forward on a dryer track, while getting back to two turns. On deeper tickets, I'll use It's Goodtobe Jose (#4).

Race 11: The last race of the day is a beaten \$16K-\$14K claiming race going six furlongs. All eight runners in this race qualified under the N2L condition. This is another race where there is going to be a short priced runner, J J Valentin (#3). He goes for the potent combo of Jamie Ness and Paco Lopez, which are 4-5 together at this meet and they've clicked at a ridiculous 42% together since the start of 2024. This is a better spot for him, but his ceiling isn't that high. He is 0-6 since Ness claimed him, which is not the typical return on investment that Ness gets with his claimers. I'll use him, but I'm taking others ahead of him, led by Betta Go Go Go (#8) getting back on the dirt for Claudio Gonzalez. He's been the leading trainer here for the last few years, but once again, he's off to a slow start. He tried the turf with this one here three weeks ago, but his dirt form is just better. He's 1-24 in his career, but he has another 16 races where he finished second or third. Perhaps he's better suited to be used underneath, but he's facing the lowest level of winners in claiming company on the dirt yet. I'll also include another Oaklawn shipper for Dan Ward, My Kid Syd (#1). He broke his maiden in his 8th career start there on closing day of their 2024-25 meet. He's moving from a lower percentage barn that has a 7% winning percentage in 2025 to a barn that has had more success, winning with 13% of their starts this year.

#### Horses to Build Tickets Around

Race 6, #8 Wild Jaime (9-2 ML) After a disastrous effort when trying a turf route for the first time in August, he came back at the Meadowlands to run a strong second at this level in October. He makes his second start off the layoff while getting back to the turf for the first time in 2025. His trainer this year is Panagiotis Synnefias, who has a strong record with horses running on the turf. He feels like a horse that could be a nice price with a potential heavy favorite in this race.

Race 8, #2: Outrunner (7-2 ML): He might be the one that gets overlooked in the feature today as he's up against a stakes winner and a pair of runners from Pletcher and Brown coming off strong maiden scores. He's coming off a strong effort against older runners in a good N1X allowance race here three weeks ago. His pedigree suggests that he's going to be a good one for Colts Neck Stables





# GULFSTREAM PARK (12:55)



**Saturday, May 31**

By Samantha Perry (Check X @samanthagperry for updates)

**Race 1:** Not a lot to go off of in the Saturday opener with these two-year-old maidens, but **FOURTH AND CENTRAL** is a half to a horse named Mila's Wish, who was a first-out winner at Gulfstream, and the works on paper seem pretty quick. **EXPRESS LANE** is one of two starters for the barn, and this one has a bit longer work tab compared to his stablemate. That stablemate, **JUST A TEASE**, is the lone filly in the race and comes in with only two recorded works but will have leading jockey Edgar Zayas aboard.

**Selections: 2-6-7**

**Race 2:** The two outside horses look strongest in this turf route. **TINTA ROJA** is a reclaim for the barn and comes in as a four-year-old taking on a field mostly made up of three-year-olds. Her stablemate, **POCKET PAIR**, faced older horses last time out at a much tougher level and shapes up as another major threat here. **GULFSTREAM MARY D** is coming off a maiden win, and while she's never faced older before, she does bring some speed from the rail.

**Selections: 9-10-1**

**Race 3:** **PET MAT** looks best here on a significant class drop. The lack of speed is a bit concerning, but I like the switch back to the Tapeta, where he has a win and a second-place finish. **TRIUMPHANT ROAD** finished second by three-quarters of a length at this level last time out — that was his first try on the Tapeta, and he was stuck on the rail, so it's a positive that he draws away from there today. **DOWN IN THE ISLANDS** is taking on older horses but has shown two-turn speed and could hang on for a minor share. In his only three Tapeta starts, he's finished no worse than third. **Selections: 7-5-4**

**Race 4:** **MOHAWK RIVER** looks like he's down the road in this spot, as this is one of the softest fields he's ever faced. Coming off a strong second-place finish last time out, he'll be very tough here. **FOURTY FOUR** brings some Tampa dirt form into the mix, but he still has plenty to make up on Mohawk River. **RELENTLESS RAIDER** will try the main track for the first time and cuts back to one turn — if he takes to the dirt, he could be a player.

**Selections: 6-7-9**

**Race 5:** **SUNSHINE FROLIC** is coming off a very impressive victory back in late March and could work out a nice trip sitting just off the outside speed of **SPEEDY HANS**, who is also coming off a front-end win — though he got away with some easy fractions that day and may not get that same setup here. **BELLY OF JELLY** finished second to Speedy Hans last time and now goes first off the claim for the Biancone barn, which isn't a stable you typically see jump in for a horse like this, making the claim an interesting angle.

**Selections: 4-5-7**

**Race 6:** The Game Face Stakes is for three-year-old fillies, and **ANDREA** comes in as a very classy type with a stakes win already under her belt, having won three of six starts for sharp connections. **WIN N YOUR IN** is a hard filly to trust — when she's on her A-game, she's extremely dangerous, but you never quite know which version will show up, and she'll be tested here outside of Florida-bred company. **UNCHAINED ELAINE** was so impressive winning the Any Limit last time out, and while they shipped her to Kentucky to try stakes company



there and scratched, I wonder if she'll find her best footing today back at Gulfstream.

**Selections: 3-7-1**

**Race 7: PARIS SURPRISE** finished second at this level last time out, coming off a few months on the sidelines, and looks like the one to beat here — he'll be a single for me to kick off the late pick five. **SOCIAL MAJESTY** made a sharp middle move last time, running very well despite going off at 21-1, but he'll need to take another step forward today. **FREEDOM STREET** debuts for the Saffie Joseph Jr. barn and has been drilling consistently in the mornings, but it's no easy task to debut going two turns right off the bat.

**Selections: 4-6-2**

**Race 8: JULEE'S LEGACY** was a game winner last time out and now goes first off the claim for the Victor Barboza barn, a move he strikes with at a sharp 29% rate. **RUMOR'S HAVE IT** is impeccably bred and finally broke through for her first win last out — if her confidence is up, she'll be very dangerous here and might have a bright future ahead. **LYNN'S MILKY WAY** is the lone three-year-old in the race and will get a weight break from the rest of the field. There's a lot of speed signed on, and while she's very quick herself, I'm not sure about this group for her — she could win, but I would've preferred to see her take a shot in the Game Face Stakes earlier on the card.

**Selections: 7-6-4**

**Race 9: EDITH** looks like she'll be tough here, returning to the Tapeta where she aired by over seven lengths against a similar group last time out. Having two wins already and experience against winners gives her a clear advantage. **POP ROCKS** hasn't tried the local Tapeta yet, but she seems like a filly who could handle it just fine, making her a legitimate contender. **ANY MOMENT** was defeated by **EDITH** but has since come back with a win, and she

looks like she'll be the early pacesetter from the rail.

**Selections: 8-6-1**

**Race 10: TIMELY REWARD** set the pace in her last start going the one-turn mile but faded to third; now she cuts back to seven furlongs, and this is a perfect post position for her. **ST. OLAF ROSE** dusted a few of these rivals two starts back at this seven-furlong distance but couldn't quite match up sprinting at six furlongs — if she can work out a trip from the rail, she'll be a player here. **PALEO'S PRINCESS** will try the dirt for the first time since her two debut races, and I really like this move under new connections — if she handles the main track, she's an intriguing contender.

**Selections: 7-1-6**

**Race 11:** In the last and final feature on the Saturday card, the Powder Break Stakes, I'm focusing on the fillies and mares exiting the Monroe Stakes. **SENSITIVITY** returns here with much more rest than before and really ran well despite her odds last time out — though it's notable that her rider from the last two races has opted to ride **LADY CHA-CHA** instead. **STARSHIP AGENDA** finished fifth behind Sensitivity in the Monroe and will need to find a bit more speed to factor here. **LADY CHA-CHA** drew better than her stablemate and turned in a big effort last time, finishing second against state-breds before heading to the bench — plus, some of the turf company she's faced in the past has been quite solid. This is a very wide-open edition of the Powder Break, and much of it will come down to the trips they work out.

**Selections: 3-5-1**

**Best Bet Race 7 Paris Surprise**

**Long Shot Race 4 Relentless Raider**



## Wheeling Greyhounds ( Post 1:00)



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**Best Bets : 3-1 Tnt Tarzan**

**9-8 Arkwild B Minnie**



Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson  
Saturday, May 31st 2025

## Race 1

### #2 Patches O'Houlihan

### #3 Simcoe

#2 PATCHES O'HOULIHAN dominated the Thornccliffe Stakes in a track record-setting performance to begin the campaign. He has scared off a lot of competition here. #3 SIMCOE wintered at Turfway where he was able to win two high-level allowance events comfortably. Highly thought of as a younger horse, he finally seems to be flourishing and finding his best.

## Race 2

### #7 Heat Merchant - Best Bet

### #6 Embrace My Uncle

### #1 Fighter in the Win

### #2 Yorkville

#7 HEAT MERCHANT got his confidence up with a couple of wins at Fort Erie and returned to Woodbine in improved form, closing out the season with a runner-up effort for \$25,000. He catches a field with little early speed and could have a pace advantage. #6 EMBRACE MY UNCLE rallied smartly down the outside to be second behind the lone speed Classic Dancer when kicking off his season on May 11. He got into very good form late last year after being claimed back by these connections and seems to be picking up where he left off. #1 FIGHTER IN THE WIN plunged in for \$15,000 and closed out the season with a dead heat win while attracting a claim. Back-classy colt has had a couple of sharp breezes and may have appreciated the winter off. #2 YORKVILLE proved his improved form at Gulfstream was not simply due to the dirt when running a strong third, a half-length behind Embrace My Uncle in a spot that was much tougher than what he was racing in late last season; definitely a contender.

## Race 3

### #3 Veery

### #1 Crevalle d'Oro

### #4 Hurricane Claire

### #6 Perhaps Tonight (IRE)

#3 VEERY steps up in class for her first start of the season after a very strong 2024 campaign. Speedy mare should be able to get loose on the lead here. #1 CREVALLE D'ORO has had a couple of midpack efforts in a similar class at Gulfstream before returning to Woodbine. She draws well and should find this company a bit easier than what she has faced recently. #4 HURRICANE CLAIRE had a very nice three-year-old season highlighted by a win in the Wonder Where. She is one-for-one over this turf course; blinkers come off for the first time in a long time. #6 PERHAPS TONIGHT (IRE) was given time off in the winter after finishing fourth in a starter allowance at Tampa in December. Although winless last year she did have some good efforts against high quality company earlier in the season; could be live after some time to reset.

## Race 4

### #8 Bold Ripasso

### #5 Snatched

### #2 Codicia Por Vida

### #4 Tandhoneywithane

#8 BOLD RIPASSO raced wide throughout and ran a solid third in a similar spot on May 10. If she can get more early cover this time she could have the late kick to come out on top. #5 SNATCHED swung wide and narrowly missed by a head in the same race that Bold Ripasso exits. That was her best effort to date; we'll see if the move from two to three has improved her. #2 CODICIA POR VIDA showed some speed when debuting for \$25,000 but was outkicked and finished a distant third. There is not much pace in this race; we'll see if she can improve with a start under her belt. #4 TANDHONEYWITHANE broke badly from the 12 hole and never got involved when kicking off her season in a tough maiden special weight event. Her form last year suggests she is capable of much better; blinkers are added for this drop in for \$40,000.

## Race 5

### #1 Out N Out Disgrace

### #8 Pierre

### #3 Bowman's Run

### #5 Compton

#1 OUT N OUT DISGRACE had a wide trip and ran an even fifth when cutting back to seven furlongs on May 10. He gets back to his preferred surface and will hopefully be able to save some ground from the rail post. #8 PIERRE forced the pace, had some trouble at the top of the stretch and emptied out when making his first start since the Prince of Wales on May 10. He drops in for a tag for the first time; blinkers come off. #3 BOWMAN'S RUN had a couple of clunkers but overall had a solid three-year-old campaign with a maiden win for this tag and a couple of good maiden allowance efforts behind good foes on this surface earlier. Draws well and looks logical. #5 COMPTON forced the pace and was able to hold off Out N Out Disgrace to break his maiden and now makes his first start since that win in October.

## Race 6

### #2 Frosted Over

### #3 Justintimeforwine

### #11 Bring Me a Check

### #4 J P Hellish

#2 FROSTED OVER briefly hit the front in deep stretch but was picked up at the wire when racing for \$35,000 over the Gulfstream turf on April 11. He catches a field with a few legitimate speed types to his outside and could land a perfect trip. #3 JUSTINTIMEFORWINE was claimed for \$16,000 at Tampa in January and was able to win for that price two starts later before running a respectable third in a starter allowance behind the very classy Tidal Forces. He is probably up against it here but is a winning horse with speed who may go overlooked on the tote board. #11 BRING ME A CHECK has been in very good recent form at Gulfstream, most recently finishing second in a similar class behind Nantasket Beach who came back to win an N2X/\$80,000 at Churchill. He has speed out of the gate and has a long enough run into the turn to find some decent position



from the outside draw. #4 J P HELLISH was a very game fourth by just a half-length in an N2X/\$62,500 at Gulfstream last time and now drops back in for \$32,000, a price he was able to win easily for these connections in November. The other speed in this race could work against him but he is tough to ignore.

#### Race 7

##### #6 Maps a Breeze

##### #5 Megalodon

##### #2 Faber

##### #3 Times a Breeze

#6 MAPS A BREEZE took a bit of a shuffle on the turn and had to alter course as a foe was bumped in front of him when kicking off his season over seven furlongs on May 10. He gets out to his preferred distance and should benefit from having that start under his belt. #5 MEGALODON was outclassed when facing Grade 1 company in the American Turf on Kentucky Derby day but had been in great form on the synthetic before that, finishing second in the Rushaway at Turfway on March 22; looks to have a bright future. #2 FABER was beaten a neck when facing three-year-olds at Turfway on March 6. He ran a solid fourth in the Coronation Futurity in November and is definitely worth a look in his return to Woodbine. #3 TIMES A BREEZE showed more speed than normal when stalking the pace and proved best to break his maiden on October 17. Although that is the only race where he has hit the top three, his only truly bad performance came when trying turf.

#### Race 8

##### #2 Toupie

##### #8 Earhart (FR)

##### #10 Gal in a Rush

##### #3 Freedom Speaks

#2 TOUPIE has never finished out of the top four in a turf sprint. Grade 3 winner has Beyers that can rival Earhart and is proven on turf, unlike the presumed favourite. #8 EARHART (FR) got back to the winner's circle after a somewhat disappointing though by no means bad third place effort at Turfway with an easy front-end score in the Whimsical. French-bred filly has tremendous talent and should not have any trouble transitioning to turf. #10 GAL IN A RUSH was a non-threatening second behind Earhart in the Whimsical. She gets on turf for the first time since last June; she has a very strong turf record and is just a neck away from being a Stakes-winner on the lawn in New York. #3 FREEDOM SPEAKS gets a cutback in distance after being beaten  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths in an N2X/\$62,500 around two turns on the Gulfstream turf on April 12. Blinkers are being added; she is a Stakes-winner at this distance at Kentucky Downs.

#### Race 9

##### #1 Possiblemente

##### #6 Stanley House

##### #3 Get Smokin

##### #7 Webslinger

#1 POSSIBLEMENTE chased the pace but could not sustain when turfing in the Tampa Bay Stakes on February 1. Although he has more wins on turf than synthetic, his synthetic form comes against far better competition and he looks like an interesting option in his

debut for the Drexler barn. #6 STANLEY HOUSE was wrapped up on in the stretch after bearing out in the Canadian Turf at Gulfstream on March 1. Although he has never won a Stakes race he has been a very solid member of this older handicap division and would not come as a surprise. #3 GET SMOKIN wired the field in the 12 furlong Valedictory to close out 2024 and will now make his return to the races. He has earned over \$2 million and has had good efforts against Grade 1 company in the past. #7 WEBSLINGER will make his synthetic debut here in his first start since a runner-up effort in the Colonial Cup in September. Multiple Grade 1-placed stayer looks as good as anyone if he is ready off of the layoff.

#### Race 10

##### #1 Dana's Beauty

##### #2 Caitlinhergreatness

##### #4 Literate

##### #9 Fashionably Fab

#1 DANA'S BEAUTY had a fantastic 2024 which has continued into 2025, winning the Latonia at Turfway in her most recent start on March 22. 12-time winner has a shot to wire them from the inside. #2 CAITLINHERGREATNESS made an early move to the lead before fading to fourth in the stretch in the Maple Leaf. The King's Plate winner has been firing bullets coming into her four-year-old debut and looks ready for a good effort. #4 LITERATE looked good when pulling off an upset win in a high-level allowance at Gulfstream on March 13 but could not reproduce that effort in the La Troienne on Kentucky Oaks day. I still believe the synthetic is her best surface and expect a better effort out of her here. #9 FASHIONABLY FAB is the defending champion of this race. Ontario-sired mare loves to win with a 10-for-17 record in her career but will have to overcome an outside draw and some tough company here.

#### Race 11

##### #5 Mo Argento

##### #4 Quality Presence

##### #9 Serenading Kitten

##### #10 Nicki is a Breeze

##### #2 Workout Affair

#5 MO ARGENTO did not show the same speed here that she did in her debut at Colonial, running on to be an okay fourth. She is still gaining experience and could be live stretching out to a route. #4 QUALITY PRESENCE knocked on the door a few times last year. Four-year-old hooks a field of mainly three-year-olds and has the speed figures to be a factor here. #9 SERENADING KITTEN was a close second when kicking off her season in a short field at this distance on May 11. Second-best in half of her eight starts, she figures to be competitive once again. #10 NICKI IS A BREEZE was nervous behind the gate but was beginning to gain momentum far too late and galloped out well when kicking off her season in a six furlong race on May 4. She raced well around two turns last year and could step forward in her second start off of the bench. #2 WORKOUT AFFAIR finished a non-threatening third,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  lengths ahead of Nicki is a Breeze on May 4. We'll see how she handles the stretch out to a route.



# Cumberland (Maine Harness)

## ( 3:15 p.m. )



By Lucky Lou

1. 3-7-1

2. 1-3-6

9. 2-4-5

3. 1-5-3

10. 2-5-1

4. 1-5-4

11. 5-1-2

5. 1-4-5

**Best Bets : Race 6 # 1 ITS JUST NUMBERS**

4 for 8 here the past 2 years , good inside post

6. 1-2-6

7. 3-4-7

**Race 8 # 1 General Ward**

Paced a .28 second third quarter last week  
comes from a good barn, well spotted w/ Case

8. 1-4-6

**.50 Pick 4 Play : Race 8. 1,4 / 2,4 / 1,2,5 / 1,2,5**



BEST BET: Jimmy Blue Jeans (4th race)

First Race **3.** Yacowlef **2.** Neon Lights **1.** Hurricane Cloud

Sharp later-runner YACOWLEF seeks his fourth straight in this \$25k claiming starter turf mile that he can win if he catches NEON LIGHTS, the likely pacesetter.

YACOWLEF has never been better; three recent wins include two sprints and a route at this turf mile trip. Back 14 days after winning a N1X turf sprint, he can stay a mile and is simply the best horse in the field. However, NEON LIGHTS returns from Turf Paradise in peak top and with a pace advantage. 'LIGHTS led wire to wire both TuP starts, though he is obviously facing tougher this time. 'LIGHTS finished behind the top choice when they met in a January sprint; two turns might be a different story. Either way, 'LIGHTS should be in front early, depending on the strategy of stretch-out pace-presser SIMPLEXITY. If the pace gets too hot, late-runner HURRICANE CLOUD has an upset chance. 'CLOUD finished less than a length behind the top choice two back and repeatedly earns speed figures high enough for this class level.

Second Race **4.** Naftis **1.** Arteta **5.** Whiskeyinateacup

Only five entered this \$5k claiming sprint restricted to non-winners of two races who were based in Northern California since Jan. 1, 2024. This race is the lowest of the low, with minimal wagering appeal. NAFTIS plummets in class; he has never faced a field this soft. ARTETA misfired both recent starts, but his runner-up finish three back gives him a shot from off the pace. WHISKEYINATEACUP "stretches out" from a midpack finish in a 1,000-yard night race at Los Alamitos. He produced respectable efforts against better company (albeit 3yos) at Santa Anita in February and March. SIX HOT GRANDS should be forwardly placed. This is a sad race.

Third Race **3.** Ole Silver **4.** Sweet Hello **1.** Tiergarten

Close call between 8yo comeback mare OLE SILVER and SWEET HELLO in this \$8k claiming mile. OLE SILVER has not raced in nearly a year, but she has run well following extended layoffs, and has never raced this low. She is 3-for-6 at Santa Anita, her works at Los Al look solid on paper, and she should produce a top try first start back. She faces a legitimate rival in SWEET HELLO. The latter won both starts at this claiming level in January and March, she subsequently ran well finishing second in a Cal-bred N1X, then misfired last time out.

Fourth Race **4.** Jimmy Blue Jeans **3.** Rodrigoknows **2.** Flyover

Veteran gelding JIMMY BLUE JEANS drops into a Cal-bred allowance/optional claiming turf mile that he figures to win with a pressing trip. He has been facing tougher all recent starts, he won a stakes for 3yos here in 2021, and returns from a break for his easiest chance in a long while. He typically sets the pace, but also has run well from a pressing position. That is his likely trip due to the stretch-out maiden winner in post 2. Basically, 'JEANS is the best horse in the field.

Fifth Race **7.** Power Play **2.** Bigredsandribeyes **3.** Toppers At Seaside

POWER PLAY drops from MSW to maiden-20 while making his second start since he was gelded. He also adds blinkers. He is the only entrant who has not lost for a claim tag, BIGREDSANDRIBEYES drops from maiden-50, and like the top choice, goes from turf to dirt. 'RIBEYES has produced at least one speed figure (albeit on turf) fast enough for this level.



Sixth Race **7.** Vincero Grande **8.** Big Mama Sue **3.** Shezmisbehaving

Third start following an extended layoff, dropping from open N1X to Calbred N1X, VINCERO GRANDE looks solid. This mile and one-eighth turf distance is in her wheelhouse; she finished in the money her last three tries at a mile and one quarter. Facing a field of mostly milers, 'GRANDE looks like one of the more probable winners on the card. BIG MAMA SUE is perhaps the only other "distance" mare proven at this mile and one-eighth trip. Six tries at the distance produced two wins, a second and a third. However, her best races at this distance were long ago. Runner-up last out against open \$25k claiming rivals, she is dropping in class to Calbred N1X/optional \$20k claiming. Trouble-prone SHEZMISBEHAVING gets a rider switch. She should be running late, though this distance is uncharted territory.

Seventh Race **2** Nysos **5.** Dr. Venkman **4.** Smooth Cruisein

Recent G1 runner-up NYSOS is the "now" horse in this G3 sprint, while graded stakes winner DR. VENKMAN is ready to fire first start since August. The slight edge is to NYSOS. He began his career with three blowout wins, disappeared for a year, then ran super in his recent comeback. He missed by a neck in a G1 at Churchill Downs. He trained fast since, and has a recency edge over his main rival. That is DR. VENKMAN, runner-up in this stakes race a year ago, followed by a G2 route win at Del Mar. He is making his first start since finishing fourth as the favorite in the G1 Pacific Classic. That race was too far. 'VENKMAN runs well fresh, and might be a better horse this season at age 5.

Eighth Race **3.** Frog **6** Uptown Sweetheart **4** Infinity Dream

FROG could shake loose in this maiden-50 turf sprint. She set the pace to deep stretch last time racing six and one-half furlongs, and now shortens to six as the likely pacesetter. They'll have to catch her to beat her. The speedster is trained by Michael McCarthy, who also entered comeback dropper UPTOWN SWEETHEART. The latter showed promise in her third-place debut last summer, a MSW turf route that produced three next-out winners. 'SWEETHEART cuts back to a sprint and drops in class for her comeback/second start, and will be rolling late.

Ninth Race **8.** Howbeit **4** Bronko Nagurski **3.** Grazen Sun

HOWBEIT, G2 winner on this track in autumn 2022, is now a veteran claiming sprinter and the best horse in this \$6.2k claiming starter. The honest gelding (13 for 52) broke slowly and misfired last out at TuP, but previous starts at that track included three wins during the winter meet. HOWBEIT returned to California this spring, is now trained by Peter Miller, and enters as the best horse. From the outside post, he can win with a pressing/stalking trip. BRONKO NAGURSKI did not have much behind him winning a N2L \$5k claiming sprint last out, but he looked good doing it and was claimed by high-percent first-off-the-claim trainer Jeff Mullins. GRAZEN SUN is quicker than the top pair and will contest the pace. His most recent start was the fastest of his career based on figures.

Tenth Race **2** Quick Brown Fox **4.** Lovely Idaho **9.** Grecian Goddess

If she can be forgiven for a disappointing fifth in a N1X dirt route last out, QUICK BROWN FOX can make amends shortening to her preferred sprint trip. She scored a decisive come-from-behind maiden turf sprint win two back, and seems best at one turn. The winner of the route race she exits (Seismic Beauty) returned to score a highly rated G2 win last weekend. 'FOX can bounce back shortening up and returning to turf. In order to win, she must catch LOVELY IDAHO.



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*\* Selections made before final driver choices and late program scratches/changes*

**Saturday May 31, 2025**

(5:05)

**Race #1**

#2 TH Cha Cha Cha  
#3 Lovely Pebble  
#5 Mafalda

**Race #5**

#5 Prospector's Gold  
#1 War Of Will  
#3 Mask On Mask Off

**Race #9**

#3 Northern Rein \*(VP)  
#1 Captain Terror  
#2 Snap Call

**Race #2**

#2 Medeena  
#1 Pay Me To Knight  
#6 Match My Miracle

**Race #6**

#4 Unusual Clarity  
#5 Imprincessgemma A  
#3 The Hunt Is On

**Race #10**

#4 Tommy Shelby  
#3 Mister Miami  
#6 Evanator

**Race #3**

#2 Wellsze J (BB)  
#6 Modelo  
#9 Forty G's

**Race #7**

#2 Cupid's Revenge  
#4 Little Miss Loie  
#9 Rock On Express

**Race #11**

#5 Made of Misschief  
#6 Cinamoneedzaponcho  
#2 Not Worth It

**Race #4**

#5 Telenovela  
#1 Moni's Heaven Cent  
#2 Poker Play

**Race #8**

#2 Davids Coming Home  
#5 Seaside Sunset  
#6 Mickie Mantle

**Race #12**

#1 Upallnightbluechip  
#2 Samsun Of A Beach  
#5 Go With The Flow

**BEST BET:** Race 3) #2 Wellsze J – steps up after a couple of easy wins against nw1, controlling speed always a plus especially with rain expected again on Saturday

**\*VALUE PLAY:** Race 9) #3 Northern Rein – is on the improve, went three wide in a faster last half last week and closed well for 3<sup>rd</sup> for a hot Joe Nassimos barn



Remington Park Selections  
By Jerry Shottenkirk

(6:00)

**1<sup>st</sup> Race**

5 SHADOWING PT  
4 WF JESS CANDY  
1 VESPER MARTINI  
3 WF APOLITICAL BULLET

**2<sup>nd</sup> Race**

4 JC SPEEDING  
9 TURBULENT  
8 OLD HABITS NEW TRICKS  
6 FLIGHT RISK

**3<sup>rd</sup> Race**

1 FL RIZZO  
2 O DONOVAN ROSSA  
6 VOLCOMS FAVORITE  
7 WYNNCHESTER

**4<sup>th</sup> Race**

4 IMA FANCY EYE OPENER  
2 VALIANT PAINTED SIGN  
9 FLYING WRANGLER  
8 PERRY FAST

**5<sup>th</sup> Race**

5 ILLEGAL COWGIRL 123  
1 BP HAIL MARY  
3 BELTANE  
4 RELENTLESS KNOCKOUT

**6<sup>th</sup> Race**

8 JC THE HITMAN  
2 ARGYLES  
10 GODZ SPEED  
4 RELENTLESS JAMES

**7<sup>th</sup> Race**

8 KISS MY HAT  
3 JS ON FIRE  
1 COWBOYS R MYHEROS  
4 RARE ROY

**8<sup>th</sup> Race**

4 CURLS JOYFUL WAGON  
10 BP MOONLIGHT  
3 ALLIEKAT DYNASTY  
5 HALLMARKE

**9<sup>th</sup> Race**

8 JS FREIGHTTRAIN  
7 DK MARNEY JESS  
4 RAINBOW OF DIAMONDS  
2 APOLITICAL MUSE

**10<sup>th</sup> Race**

6 KISS MY MARUSKA  
7 CURLS MAGIC WAGON  
4 HOUSE OF REBEL ONE  
9 MUY PICOSITA

**11<sup>th</sup> Race**

10 SHAKERS NO SECRET  
3 MR MICHEL  
9 AB BOOGIE  
2 UNRELENTLESS

**12<sup>th</sup> Race**

2 EFFORTLESS FAVORITE  
1 JESS A GOOD ANGEL  
5 DR AMERICAS DYNASTY  
6 JAY W

**TODAY'S BEST BET**

CURLS JOYFUL WAGON (8<sup>th</sup>)

**PICK FIVE**

(Races 1-5)

5-4-1-3 with 4-9 with 1-2 with 4-2 with 5-1-3 (\$48)

**PREMIER PICK FOUR**

(Races 2-5)

4-9-8 with 1-2-6 with 4-2-9 with 5-1-3 (\$40.50)

**PINNACLE PICK FOUR**

(Races 6-9)

8-2-10 with 8-3-1-4 with 4-10 with 8-7-4 (\$36)

**PRIMETIME PICK FOUR**

(Races 9-12)

8-7-4 with 6-7-4 with 10-3 with 2-1-5-6 (\$36)

6TH 8-JC THE HITMAN broke on the lead and held well after getting rambunctious in the gate prior when earning a figure that's ohhh so slightly best in a very colse event with all factored in.

7TH 3-JS ON FIRE broke well and finsihed the same to garner the win versus a solid group when earning a quality figure that's best in this event and the shed-row is a solid 20% with entrants of this ilk. 8-KISS MY HAT destroyed a maiden group by over 4 lengths in his last and without being asked for any run when earning an impressive figure with all factored in.

10TH 6-KISS MY MARUSKA showed a big mid-race and late-run to the wire after a less than stellar start when crushing a solid group on the ship-in and off the long layoff when earning a solid figure. The one to beat with a step forward. .

11TH 10-SHAKERS NO SECRETS went well for the runner-up placing when earning another quality figure that could and should give this runner a look at reversing the final placing tonight with a baby step forward for a barn having a super season no matter the venue.

12TH 2-EFFORTLESS FAVORITE broke well and surged strongly down the lane to garner an impressive figure for his efforts with all factored in and should be a player for the Big Money





- R1 (3) Barn Angel  
(1) Frozen Tiara  
(4) Nutin But a G Thang
- R2 (1) Highland Delight  
(2) Catch a Peek  
(4) Farkle
- R3 (2) Sevenshotsobourbon  
(8) Tarpon Springs S  
(4) Voss Blue Chip
- R4 (4) Run Beckus Run  
(5) Papa Joe Lozito  
(3) Number One Child
- R5 (5) Archery Seelster  
(4) Coventry Hall  
(8) Evolving
- R6 (2) Ms Titan  
(4) Sweet Valley  
(5) Niccolo
- R7 (5) TNT Blue Chip  
(9) Dewey Arnold  
(8) Purple Lord
- R8 (8) City of Hope  
(1) Jimbaran Zon S  
(5) Bodelicious



(6:15)



## PERFECT PLAY

### Race 5, #5 Archery Seelster

Jeff Cullipher trainee continues to descend the class ladder after two unsuccessful local tries. Finally draws well. Free bingo square in the horizontals.

## PRICE PLAY

### Race 2, #1 Highland Delight

Bettor's Delight filly makes her three-year-old debut after a challenging two-year-old campaign at Wbsb. Moves to a high percentage barn.





**Canterbury Park - (Post 6:10)**      Selections by Angela Hermann

**Race 1: 2-5-1-6**

**Race 2: 2-4-7-8**

**Race 3: 8-2-5-9**

**Race 4: 3-4-1-5**

**Race 5: 6-7-1-4**

**Race 6: 9-2-3-4**

**Race 7: 7-5-4-1**

**Race 8: 5-7-3-4**

1<sup>st</sup> 2 PRINCE RAMA has speed but so do others. A stalking trip from the 2 hole makes more sense. This guy is a four time winner on this dirt so we know he likes it here. Sam Houston sprint figs are solid but what if this guy is better going two turns? He has never missed the board going this distance.

Fourth Race 3 VALHALLA VIXEN is speed with more speed. She has a pair of local works for Mac who has started the meet in fine fashion. Those restricted foes at Oaklawn are on a level with these.

Fifth Race 6 SMARTY BE GOOD likes the grass. Race flow is fine and turf breeding is solid.

Eighth Race 5 LAST MARTINI gets good race flow as we count at least three in here with speed. His last race came back key when 2 of 7 returned to win with figs of 68 and 58. That effort two back was better. This gelding faced much better when last seen here.





**( Post 6:20)** By Derick Giwner

Race 1: (3) OREGON TRAIL was here two starts back in this class and had absolutely no shot after they went a 57 half with him sitting last. Last time he was again out of it from an outside post at Saratoga. He's going to be in play this week in a field with plenty of dull-looking horses. (7) RAPTORS FLIGHT N got a tour of the track from post 10 in his first start since December. If he's ready to roll now than this field is in trouble. (2) ENIMEN HANOVER has plenty of good angles with class and post relief. That said, his final quarters don't indicate he's in good enough form to beat anyone; mixed feelings.

Race 2: (3) FEARLESS FURY drops, draws better and sheds the trainer from the bike. There are many things to like with this guy against a field that doesn't like to win. (4) BIG BAD BILL hasn't done much but this may be the softest group he's faced. Notice the barn has won almost as many races this meet as the rest of the trainers combined. (7) GOTTA MINUTE N fell to this condition last time and was a decent third; capable on best.

Race 3: (5) MARCUS SEELSTER exits the amateur series where he's been doing some good work and seems to land in a great spot here. Veteran pacer should head to the front and control the race in this short field. (1) FERRAGAMO HANOVER drops to the level of his last win and is very dangerous on the win end. (6) LITE N SWEET would be very competitive here on his best. In his current form I'm not sure we can use him on top.

Race 4: (2) DEAN B HANOVER was used from the outside post last time versus better and faded some in the lane. This is a much better spot where he can be more patient and pounce. (6) JK BLACK GOLD was caught in some fast miles when last here and you have to like that he is off a confidence building win. (1) HANDLELIKEAPORSCHE could try to air it out on the engine this week with inside position and a short field.

Race 5: (6) ROCKIN ON VENUS lacked the same edge last time as he showed here two starts back. In a field that seems to lack an abundance of early speed, perhaps this guy can take charge and get a winning position. (2) CAPTAIN CRUSADER A is probably the horse to beat on paper and I'd be surprised if he wasn't sent towards the front. (5) DANCE PARTNER is the sharpest horse in the field. While this looks like a class drop it is really more of a lateral move.

Race 6: (3) SELECT FRIDAY is razor sharp right now and almost climbed the condition ladder for the third straight week when coming up a nose shy. He drops back down now and figures to take control of the race. (2) BLUEBIRD TIME exits an amateur race and reunites with a catch driver. Tetrick won with him two starts back. (7) IMINURBLINDSPOT could be showing early speed here and if he can land a seat without working too hard an exotic finish is well within reach.



Race 7: Let's take a flyer here with a horse that seems off form. (7) ALTA BLUES N owns a string of off the board finishes and I'd argue that he's either been in bad spots or had bad posts. When on his game he's as fast as any in here and you know he won't get into too much trouble with just six foes. (1) ROCKIN THE ACES should be firing out and could very well control the action. (2) HOOSIER CELEBRITY left and chased home for third last time in this class. He should stick close here.

Race 8: (9) BOBCAT BAY lands in a soft TM83 and if Stratton feels motivated he could certainly fire to the front and place his horse in position to pick up a win. (5) TOTO HANOVER seems to be coming off a dull line but his night was over when the half came up in 56 seconds. A 26 3/5 final quarter says he's still sharp. (3) FENDI HANOVER is up in class but razor sharp. He'll need to go faster to win but an exotics slot is very much in play.

Race 9: (3) VOUKEFALAS has put in two nice races to start his 5-year-old season and last time he really had no shot given the fractions. Tonight he lands in a great position to either sit just off the pace or charge off the gate and set the fractions. (2) SABONIS comes out of a qualifier that was so good you would think he's going to go undefeated this year. While that is unlikely, I'd be shocked if he wasn't 3-5 and he has to prove he's worth those odds in a race first. (5) MAXIMUS MIKI had some misfortune in his first start of the year but don't be shocked if he turns it around in a hurry.

Race 10: (6) LOCKDOWN LOUIE N rolled in this class three starts back and kept his form nicely in the TM74 condition. He's back in TM71 with McCarthy in the bike and should be heading to the top again. (7) LATEST ERA found his form since coming her a few starts back; needs pace help. (5) SAN JOSE is the other logical early speed player in the field and it is logical to assume he could be sitting pretty in the pocket behind the top pick.

Race 11: This is probably the most difficult race on the card as almost any of these can win. (3) ON THE MONEY GB came up big when last here to the tune of a 1:51 3/5 win. He was certainly tightened up on Tuesday at Yonkers and should be ready to fire a big shot. (1) KNEEDEEP N CUSTARD figures to show early speed and he can chase another leaver with the best of them. (4) LMC PEANUTS WATCHN scored upon arrival and there is no reason to believe he can't build on that effort in his second start back from a two month break.

Race 12: (4) T H TYSON drops back into a straight NW2 where he went a tough trip and missed by just a nose on April 19. As long as Ryder works out a reasonable trip he should have a big shot. (2) LAUGH STOP has put up back to back 1:50 miles in defeat; clear player in here. (7) KNOCKOUT ROUND was just ok in his morning efforts but there is ability here and I wouldn't be shocked if he raced very well and even won.





# Race Selections



## Saturday May 31, 2025

**Bobby Neuman**  
Track Announcer

**Trackside Tina**  
The Unbridled Spirit

**TV Drew**  
"Iowa Energy???"

**Tipster**  
The Wizard Of Calle Ocho

**1**

**5 Jack's Time**

1 Amorosa  
3 Can Do Andrew

**5 Jack's Time**

3 Can Do Andrew  
1 Amorosa

**5 Jack's Time**

1 Amorosa  
2 Five Charlie

**5 Jack's Time**

1 Amorosa  
2 Five Charlie

**2**

5 Blame Nellie  
6 Blue Moon River  
1 Maui Mistress

1 Maui Mistress  
3 La Bella Bella  
5 Blame Nellie

6 Blue Moon River  
5 Blame Nellie  
1 Maui Mistress

1 Maui Mistress  
6 Blue Moon River  
5 Blame Nellie

**3**

2 Chica Arma  
3 One Way Or Another  
5 Travelin Witch

1 Heavenly Dancer  
2 Chica Arma  
3 One Way Or Another

2 Chica Arma  
3 One Way Or Another  
5 Travelin Witch

5 Travelin Witch  
1 Heavenly Dancer  
4 Toffee

**4**

1 Macho Ronnie  
2 Goddess Of War  
3 K C Rocket

2 Goddess Of War  
3 K C Rocket  
4 Prints Money

3 K C Rocket  
4 Prints Money  
1 Macho Ronnie

1 Macho Ronnie  
2 Goddess Of War  
3 K C Rocket

**5**

7 Hop Away Hottie  
2 Dreaminonthenile  
1 Peggy Rules

7 Hop Away Hottie  
3 Espiridion  
5 Firebaugh

2 Dreaminonthenile  
7 Hop Away Hottie  
3 Espiridion

2 Dreaminonthenile  
1 Peggy Rules  
7 Hop Away Hottie

**6**

8 Quintessential Lady  
7 Selinus  
4 Lottery Ticket

7 Selinus  
2 Queen Wilhelmina  
4 Lottery Ticket

4 Lottery Ticket  
2 Queen Wilhelmina  
8 Quintessential Lady

2 Queen Wilhelmina  
4 Lottery Ticket  
1 Line Runner

**7**

6 Determined Lover  
3 Hit Scene  
5 Forthelonghaul

8 Hasty Flyer  
5 Forthelonghaul  
6 Determined Lover

4 Devious Lover  
6 Determined Lover  
3 Hit Scene

5 Forthelonghaul  
4 Devious Lover  
6 Determined Lover

**8**

8 Dancing Ember  
7 Dixie Surprise  
4 Stella Bella

4 Stella Bella  
8 Dancing Ember  
7 Dixie Surprise

8 Dancing Ember  
4 Stella Bella  
1 Addy Up

1 Addy Up  
7 Dixie Surprise  
8 Dancing Ember

Most probable winner noted in **BOLD** /Please verify all horse names and numbers in the official program!



# TIPS & PICKS

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK LIVE TIP SHEET

**SATURDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

(7:30)



RACE	PICKS	SUGGESTED WAGERS (\$10 OR LESS)
1	<b>7-4-8-3</b> DEPREDADOR narrowly missed against similar	\$10 Double 7-6 TOTAL: \$10
2	<b>6-5-8-2</b> Rail, bad start hurt LOUISIANA MOVES last time	\$1 Pick Four 5,6 with 8 with 4,5,7,10 with 8 TOTAL: \$8
3	<b>8-7-9-1</b> DRAKON B will benefit from having a start	\$5 Exactas 8 with 7,9 TOTAL: \$10
4	<b>4-10-7-5</b> SIGN OF A DIAMOND drops in class tonight	\$10 Win on #4 TOTAL: \$10
5	<b>8-4-9-3</b> JLC CROSS EYED CAJUN towers over these	\$0.50 Trifecta 8 with 4,9 with ALL TOTAL: \$8
6	<b>1-9-6-4</b> Improvement expected for TEMPT ME MADIS C	\$6 Win on #1; \$1 Exacta Boxes 1,6 & 1,9 TOTAL: \$10
7	<b>10-8-2-7</b> CINCO DE JOURNEY had trouble early last time	\$5 Win on #10; \$5 Exacta 10-8 TOTAL: \$10
8	<b>10-7-2-4</b> TELLEM IM MOHICAN needed his last start	\$2 Pick Three 10 with 2,9 with 4,7 TOTAL: \$8
9	<b>2-9-5-6</b> CHILIZ CARTEL will move forward 2nd time out	\$10 Exacta 2-9 TOTAL: \$10
10	<b>4-7-9-2</b> PURA CALIDAD had real trouble last time out	\$0.20 Superfecta 4 with 2,7,9 with 2,7,9 with ALL TOTAL: \$8.40