



BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT

POST 1:10

By Kevin Cox

Race 1 #2 NUMBERED gets her working papers this afternoon, and does such with a bullet gate move on the docket, which is something that always merits consideration. The 377 Tomlinson figure for today's distance is the highest amongst those who have yet to run, and this well bred gal went for nearly two and a half times the \$175,000 stud fee at auction. #6 SHIRL'S DELIGHT is beginning to give the impression of being a professional maiden, and while we have difficulty putting her upstairs, we must include, nonetheless. #1 MILA CANDY was a gamely and well clear runnerup in the lidlifter 22 days in the rear, and the 368 Tommy tells us the result that day was likely not an aberration.

Race 2 #2 TRADE SECRET went to coast to coast like butter and toast in this race three dozen days back, and we see no reason the repeat isn't well within reach for a guy who should be no worse than third for all you show grinders out there. #3 FLOGE has been freshened up a bit since being transitioned to the Cox barn, and as she had hit the board in her three outings prior to that, you have to think they'll be some improvement with the new shotcaller. #4 APRIL ANTICS sheds a whopping 13 lb.'s of a third place finish as a decent bug takes the call, but we are still going to leave this notorious nibbler beneath.

Race 3 #2 VERY SATISFACTORY has always been quite the money burner, as this grey gelding has set it ablaze in five of his the last six outings. Regardless, he has been kept in jail since being purchased back in early April, and sheds 7 lb.'s for the comebacker, it just maybe enough to get him over the hump. #7 BATTLE ANTHEM is up for grabs for the first time, and like we alluded to in yesterday's column, this jockey/trainer combination have been potent of late. #5 HER SUGAR BABY was a well beaten third place finish last out, and can land a share once again in his second start on the main.

Race 4 # 7 LAVENDER DISASTER was impressive winning her career debut over this course and distance last September after taking all the money; stepped right into a Grade 2 for her second start, and she appeared to be moving strongly into that race when she was eliminated by a rival bolting in front of her; appears to have plenty of talent and returns with Lasix on. 4 OBEISSANTE did some racing while going short in her career debut; appeared to really improve when stretched out for her second start, as she was more patiently handled and worked her way through traffic around the final turn, before moving wide and firing a good one to run that field over. 3 POOKIE endured an unlucky trip in her career debut at Saratoga before returning to win her next start comes back with Lasix and might be better than she looks. OFF TURF: 1-7-5-4

Race 5 #2 LADY ARWEN returns at the level she was claimed from two starts ago after disappointing against allowance competition. She gets a little bit of a break in the weights with Elliot assigned, and has done decent work beneath the seagulls. Mild choice. #7 DESPOS DREAM can be forgiven the most recent as it came against a bit tougher, and obviously rates a shot if able to get back to the penultimate score. #3 KAREN'S HONOR is winless here, but has crashed the party in 7 of 12 starts and can do such once again.

Race 6 #3 CADENCIA has some decent early hoof, and was a convincing victress in her only second off the bench deal when sprinting. Gal has a nice rapport with Franco, and just may go all the way. #2 PAROLA SICURA was disqualified down in Laurel last out, but aside from that, posted some decent running lines last year, and is now up for grabs for the first time. Sensible inclusion. #5 LA SALVADORENA is 3:1-1-1 in all her turf dashes, and makes all kinds of sense if sound and fully cranked up. OFF TURF: 1-2-5-4

Race 7 #3 CHILENO returned off a four month hibernation to pick up 20% of the pot in a near identical placement right here, and could move forward with that under his girthstrap. Meek selection. #2 MASQUEPARADE has a nice amount of back class, and has hit the board in all three third off the bench jammies as well. Could come along with any pace to cut into. #5 JACKSON HEIGHTS has done his best work right here, and is as good as any for the show dough.

Race 8 #2 EQUIVOQUE didn't display a whole heck of a lot when going over the blades for the first time, but we like to see that The Toddster hasn't given up on the concept yet, despite him having done some decent work on the dirt. Chance to improve. #6 SUMMER IN ADRIANE blew up the tote board in an all out performance down in Lexington a month ago, and did such despite encountering a boatload of trouble that day. Can obviously do with any pace to cut into, and note that he is one for two with a For Sale sticker attached to his butt. #5 NOTED (uncoupled barnmate with our top selection) got the job done in his only start at this trip, and has done some decent work beneath Irad. Will likely take some pounding at the windows. OFF TURF: 6-3-4-7

Race 9 While not a single, we truly love #9 TRULLI MAGIC in today's first try on the grass (Hopefully) . The reason for such, is that her turf Tomlinson is nearly double that of the sand, and it is extremely rare to see that kind of disparity. Adjusting it accordingly, we give her a minimum of a 77 in this spot, at will hopefully be a decent parimutual offering. #7 WILD MISCHIEF and #10 LONG LEGGED QUEEN both own some decent adjusted numbers from last year, and appear to be the main threats to the above because of such. OFF TURF: 5-3-9-6



Pimlico - Post 12:10

First Race **1** Efficacy **11** Mycroft **15** Owhatanite

EFFICACY didn't debut until late in his 4-year-old season last year, closing from well back to make up a few places in both starts; he ran both races within eight days in November and didn't exactly set the world on fire in either, but he got a massive winter break and is making his 2025 debut in a relatively soft field.

MYCROFT did absolutely no running in two dirt starts at Penn National last year, but there are several peripheral angles that point to improvement on turf; the sire and dam were both stakes runners on grass and have proven capable of passing the trait down to their foals; in the past year, McClellan is 4-for-11 with first-time turfers (36%, \$10.67 ROI).

Second Race **7** Beach Cowboy **6** Midnight Renegade **5** Abuelo Paps

BEACH COWBOY put his early speed to good use in his first attempt at this claiming level last time out, dueling on the front before fading to third in the stretch; though he didn't win that day, it was a clear sign that he belongs against competition of this caliber, and with the right setup on the front end, he could be a more potent threat in the stretch; this field might not challenge him much.

MIDNIGHT RENEGADE was claimed back by Gaudet last time out, when he earned his third 63 Beyer in four starts; the consistent claiming runner won with an improved performance in March, and though it's hard to make a case for more improvement, he's still a major presence in this field based on his current form.

Third Race **7**. Twirling Express/**2** Corrected Pedigree **9**. Thunder Lad

TWIRLING EXPRESS had an erratic 4-year-old campaign, oscillating between sharp form and several aimless performances; one interesting wrinkle is that he seemed to rediscover an affinity for this shorter turf distance, where he broke his maiden off a winter break; past success off a layoff is another hint that he may have a lot to offer here..

Fourth Race **3**. Rapidity **6**. Dewy's Beast **1** Woodline

RAPIDITY is probably the horse to beat in this field, despite the fact that he has earned three straight regressed Beyers while dropping in class this year; the perceived regression is probably little more than a phantom, as he won without a rider's crop in the stretch two back and caught a sloppy track last time out; with a clean trip on fast dirt, he's probably as dangerous as ever.

Fifth Race **7**. Melancia **6**. Loving Gaze **4**. Kissed At Dawn

MELANCIA stayed at Aqueduct through the winter, where the filly naturally had no chance to run on turf; World of Trouble was an immense sprinter on both surfaces and he has been able to pass down turf ability to his progeny; it simply feels like Atlas's decision to take this trip to Maryland must mean something about the horse's chances on the new surface. LOVING GAZE ran a few reasonably strong races on the turf as a juvenile and Lane is putting her back on the surface after a rough showing on a sloppy track last time out; the most encouraging factor here is that her dirt form in 2025 is about as good as her turf form in 2024

Sixth Race **2**. Ma Ma Ma My Vekoma **1**. Brightness **5**. Regal Miss Lily

MA MA MA MY VEKOMA has been steadily improving in the morning for Russell, and the trainer usually has a good sense of when her well-intentioned firsters like this \$170,000 purchase are ready to go; non-juvenile firsters by Vekoma strike 21% of the time, which is still a mind-boggling stat despite the small sample size

Seventh Race **11** Wish Me Home **8**. Bode's Maker **2**. The Last Scip

WISH ME HOME has been a highly consistent runner throughout his career, seldom making a disappointing start on the turf; Russell brought him to Fair Grounds late last year to keep him fresh and he responded with a win and a third-place finish; there's little reason to suspect that he won't fire in this spot.

Eighth Race **3**. Mischief in Motion **2** Rosieontheriver **6**. Tres Aries

MISCHIEF IN MOTION made her first start on dirt at Tampa Bay Downs and excelled to break her maiden by 2 1/4 lengths; the filly is coming off a layoff but is working well in the morning to prepare for this return at Pimlico.

Ninth Race **1** Mamba Mindset **4** Tyson's Delivery **7**. Dark Lute

MAMBA MINDSET hasn't finished worse than fourth in five starts since February, though he has not gotten particularly close to winning either; if bettors are willing to toss the trip to Charles Town last time out, his last performance in Maryland was a show finish behind two next-out winners; it's difficult to see two winners of any sort in this field in the immediate future. TYSON'S DELIVERY is steadily finding his way in cheap maiden claiming competition through four career starts;

Pimlico Opening Day Pick 4 Analysis -

Friday

by Frank Carulli

PIM 6th race (2:55 p.m. EST) -- REGAL MISS LILY spotted the field several lengths when she broke in the air in her debut, but she advanced quickly on the rail into contention on the turn. She couldn't keep up with the lead trio -- two who came back to win -- on a sloppy track. She should retain good betting value with a few high-profile barns represented and is a must use in the leadoff leg with the addition of blinkers. BRIGHTNESS chased the 4-1 winner in the 4-path and 'kept on with good energy' in an improved second start on a day when 3 of 4 dirt sprints were won in wire-to-wire fashion. Eric Camacho rode two horses for top trainer Brittany Russell in the last 3 years. Post Time won at first asking and blossomed into a Grade II winner, Breeders' Cup runner-up and a millionaire. Silver Trinket ran second at 7-5 odds in her debut at this level. It's a point worth nothing, but for value purposes, I'll pass on MA MA MA MY MEKOMA in the Pick 4.

PIM 7th race (3:28 p.m. EST) -- SAKETUMI blew past the favored pace setter in a 'key' turf route two starts back, a performance that was bolstered when Major Thomas came back to win an allowance and place in a grass stakes race. He raced close-up behind a fast pace in a follow-up try on the lawn at 1-1/16 miles, but was no match for the deep closers. WISH ME HOME, a \$268k turf earner with a 24/6-3-6 record, returns home for his seasonal debut and runs for the cheapest tag of his career. Classy 10-year-old BODE'S MAKER is reunited with trainer Jamie Ness, who won four consecutive turf routes when he first claimed the gelding three years ago. He is 7-for-16 on turf, 6-for-12 with Ness and a major player yet again. (Note: If the race is taken off the turf, add #3 YOUR ANALYSIS to the ticket.)

PIM 8th race (4:01 p.m. EST) -- TRES ARIES ran a scare into the 3-to-5 winner at 7F as her three-race winning streak ended. She takes another confident class hike for trainer Claudio Gonzalez, who excels with claims and is 18-for-102 the last three years on the sprint-to-route angle. Her uncoupled stablemate, ROSIEONTHERIVER, rallied for photo-finish victories at three distances in her last six starts. MISCHIEF IN MOTION arrives from Tampa Bay Downs off an impressive second-out victory going long for the first time. She stalked the pace under a 'snug hold' and took command when asked. The \$525,000 sales buy is working forwardly for her return from a three-month layoff.

PIM 9th race (4:34 p.m. EST) -- DARK LUTE disappeared as a debut favorite in an 11-horse field at Turfway Park, but can't be discounted as the lightweight in a field of unproven routers. His stablemate, MAMBA MINDSET, draws the rail and has three recent third-place finishes to summon, the latest at 6F when finishing behind the two favorites who both returned with victories. GOLD ASPEN failed at 5-2 odds or less in his last five starts and is difficult to take as one of a handful of underperformers in this barn. TYSON'S DELIVERY, the son of 2018 Breeders Cup Classic winner Accelerate, goes long for the first time and can use his speed well after chasing the 1-to-9 winner last out. PARLAY FOR DESTINY was eased as a beaten favorite repeater, but he is a good fit on his best effort and a 2nd-of-68 workout in :48-1/5 since his last start is a good sign.

Suggested 50-Cent Ticket

PIM 6th 1, 5 / 8, 9, 11 / 2, 3, 6 / 1, 4, 6, 7

Cost: \$36

Harrah's

PHILADELPHIA

CASINO AND RACETRACK

POST 12:40

PHILLY'S FINEST

A daily aid to handicapping the races at Harrah's Philadelphia

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

FRIDAY'S PHILLY CARD HIGHLIGHTS UP-AND-COMING HORSES ON BOTH GAITS

The twin \$12,000 features on today's card at Harrah's Philadelphia are for the "non-winners of three races lifetime" basic class. Race three is for trotters, with the inside four horses all showing wins within the last month, and the ones on the outside showing close-up finishes. In race eight, distaff pacers are brought together, with again quite a few with winning lines high-up or with good finishes lately. ... The PA-sired stakes season started last Saturday at The Meadows, comes to Pocono this Saturday, and then will appear at Harrah's Philly on SUPER SUNDAY, May 26. Check the results to help your May 26 selecting in the PaSS and PaStSI!

ANALYSIS OF KEY RACES

3rd race: Three of CASH INVASION's rivals won at a level higher than she did last time out, and they will all attract their share of mutuel attention. CASH INVASION steps up now, but she looked good in the lower class, and the Smedshammer barn has sent out many very sharp horses right off the bat. Chance for some value.

4th race: The clockings in the last two races of MYSTIC WAZE are far faster than what can be expected of this type, so we would forgive this shipper those lines. He wasn't bad vs. conditioned stock three and four starts back, and he has shown some early jet, which might be a big asset in this aggregation.

8th race: We think the outside two horses have shown the most ability in this co-feature, but they need to be looked at in two different ways. SHES A STREAKER was a good stakes second last time and raced vs. the top of her class at two, while VERITY BLUE CHIP has shown sharp improvement at three. Neither one would be a surprise.

11th race: This is another race where we give our prime consideration to two horses, both dropping in class. TOPOFTEHILL AS won a half-notch lower than these two back, then had trouble two levels above this company. ALEXA'S SUNSHINE was badly overmatched last time, but she shows a Dover win a level higher. (She has speed, too.)

WATCH OUT FOR:

Something that has always been hard for us to grasp sufficiently is that enough of a drop in class may be just what a horse needs to start showing some winning form, including being able to use gate speed. This seems to be especially true with Yonkers-to-Philly horses — it's easy to get disenchanted with a horse who seldom gets out of the gate well or makes a big advance, but most of these horses have been in against better, and while you always like to see speed and forward moves, this "class factor" sometimes can override our "preferences" — and what we should prefer most is making a profit.

PHILLY'S FINEST

Race 1	5-7-3-2
Race 2	4-6-7-8
Race 3	2-5-1-3
Race 4	7-8-1-3
Race 5	2-6-4-7
Race 6	5-7-1-3
Race 7	8-4-6-3
Race 8	6-7-1-4
Race 9	4-5-1-6
Race 10	3-4-1-2
Race 11	7-2-4-6
Race 12	4-6-3-7
Race 13	7-3-4-1
Race 14	8-1-2-3

"SUPER SUNDAY" HERE ON MAY 26



GULFSTREAM PARK

(12:50)



Friday, May 9 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Royal Palm Meet Statistics (through 5/4):

GP Meet: 189-49-39-34 (\$\$1.79/\$5.34) **Best Bet:** 19-8-4-2 (\$2.29/\$6.32) **Longshot:** 18-4-2-3 (\$3.94/\$9.26)

Race 1: You'll have to take a short price, but it sure looks like **6 IT'S ONLY WORDS** is spotted to score in the opener, as she drops stiffly and doesn't meet much. Both **1 CAJUN ANTHEM**, who has speed and defeated **2 FOR THE THRILL** narrowly last time, seem next up if the favorite falters.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2-5

Race 2: A big weight break with a 10-pound apprentice and the potential to get loose early make **4 FIGHTING WORDS** a wire-to-wire candidate, especially because he doesn't meet a field brimming with consistency. Expect a bit more early foot from **9 THEO'S THUNDER** with Lopez getting aboard, and note he wasn't far behind the pick last time. If 'Words can't see it out, then **8 BACK IN BUSINESS** would be in a good spot on the far turn, as she figures closest to him early on.

SELECTIONS: 4-9-8-2

Race 3: Getting back to Tapeta and having a rating gear in a field with some speed says you better look out with **5 FRONT END**, who won here over the surface on debut and tightened up on turf last time. If **6 SNEAKY SNEAKY** runs back to his MSW win on Tapeta two-back he'll be tough, as it as a very fast race for the level, but yikes, that

was a total no-show on the dirt last time, there are concerns. It took 10 starts, but **7 SMOKIN JACK FLASH** finally broke through, and he did it in fast time as well, so he's a player right back as well.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-7-4

Race 4: It's Best Bet time with **1 CARRINGTON**, as she's off-the-claim for a white-hot David barn that is 32% with this move, comes in off an easy N2L turf win, has won on Tapeta in the past, and meets a field with very questionable recent form. Which brings us to **4 SASSIE ALLIE** and **6 MOBAY PRINCESS**, who have back form to win this but come in off some real duds.

SELECTIONS: 1-4-6-2

Race 5: You won't be surprised if **5 MINTENON** blows up off the switch to David (30% with newcomers), especially since he's a stalker in a race with speed, and has a decent 3rd over the GP Tapeta too. The wide draw doesn't help, but **11 STAR OF THE BEAST** drops and can settle early, and he'll be a price. Draw a line through the dirt no-show and **7 BLUE SPEARMAN** is the one to beat, and he defeated the pick in both of that one's starts here, but you have to wonder where his form is off that run.

SELECTIONS: 5-11-7-1

Race 6: An MSW drop and a stalking style gives **4 FOREVER NOW** the call in a speedy race, and that 2nd on Tapeta at the level two-back gives him a big chance here. They all have to beat **2 WEAREBACKYOUNGMAN** after that brutal neck 2nd last time, but that was on turf, he's never run on Tapeta, and meets other speed, so he'll have to earn it again. Lasix could move up **1 EXCUSES**, who returns off a November layoff with a solid 2nd over the surface showing in his PPS.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-1-3

Race 7: The newcomer angle applies to **6 NOBLE DREAMER**, as she's been doing the Tapeta thing forever but has a dirt win, and sure doesn't meet much. A list that includes **3 MADNESS** off a slow 2nd last time at the level, and **7 PATTY'S HAVING FUN**, a class riser off an equally slow N3L win last time.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-7-1

Race 8: All **1 MISS MARY NELL** does is want to beat you, as she's now 3-for-6 on Tapeta, and with David winning in bunches, she looks tough on or just off the early speed. A return to Tapeta makes **2 FORMULATE** appealing at a price, as she won by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths on debut, albeit against weak foes. The class drop **4 MCKELLEN** gets is a plus, and she adds Lasix too, though she's unknown on Tapeta and two turns as well.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-4-6

Race 9: It's Longshot time in the finale with **8 PROUD AMERICAN**, as he woke up at two turns, is bred for turf, and still has upside off just two lifetime starts. The 4/18 turf race was a salty heat, so **4 CORTA FUEGO**, off a solid 3rd, seems the one to deny here, and note that was his turf debut too. a

ground-saving inside draw is a big coup for **1 BAD OBSESSION**, and that 3rd last time was an improvement as well.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-1-9

Best Bet: R4: #1 Carrington (8-5)

- * David firing hot, 32% off-the-claim
- * Exits sharp turn win, has Tapeta form
- * Main rivals iffy, come in off clunkers

Longshot: R9: #8 Proud American (12-1)

- * Improved at two turns in second start
- * Bred to like turf (by American Pharoah)
- * Not far off (ML) favorites on figures



Wheeling Greyhounds (Post 1:00)



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Best Bets

2 -5 Forest s Goal

9-1 Top Command

Cumberland (Maine Harness)

(3:15 p.m.)



By Lucky Lou

1. 1-4-2

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7. 1-3-4

8. 2-4-6

9. 5-1-7

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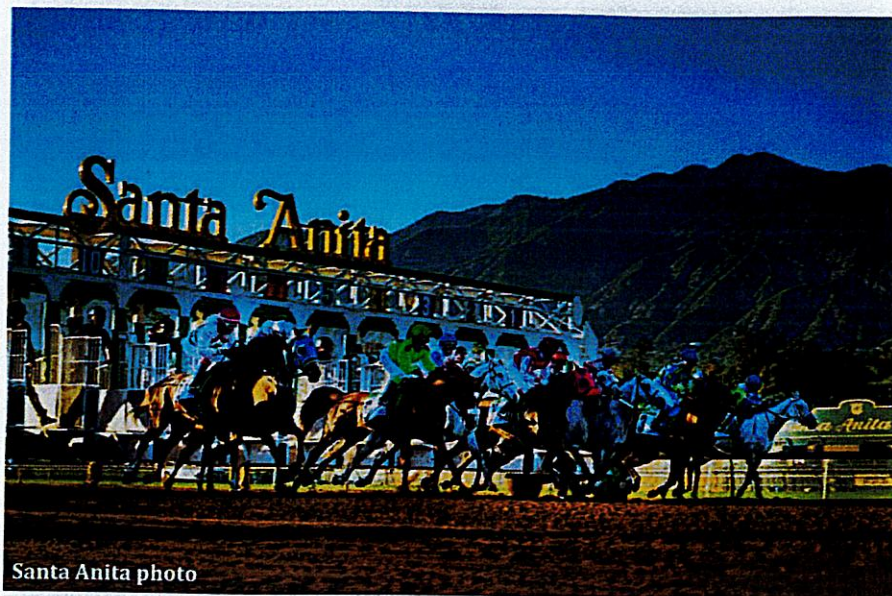
Race 5 #2 BROADWAAY GIANT

Drops sharply in class

Has 11 wins here the past 2 years.

.50 Pick 4 Play

Race 6 : 1,3 / 1,3 / 2,4 / 5



SANTA ANITA - POST 4:00

FRIDAY
BY BRAD FREE

BEST BET: *One of These Days* (9th race)

First Race **5-7-3**

1. Going Nowhere

2. Non Domicile

3. Outworker

~GOING NOWHERE^, who improved this spring when he switched to turf, merits horse-to-beat status in this Cal-bred maiden turf mile. He finished second last out; the third-place finisher returned to win by six. NOWHERE has improved each successive start; the trainer-jockey of Ron Ellis and Welfin Orantes is 5-for-10 since late February. ~NON DOMICILE^ is believed to be better than his sixth-place debut suggests. He was shuffled to last place, uncorked a three-wide move on the turn, then flattened out in the lane while racing greenly. With a race under his belt, he should improve at a hint of a price. ~OUTWORKER^ stretches out following a respectable third-place debut in a dirt sprint. The winner of the race (Western Freedom) returned to win an allowance on Sunday. OUTWORKER was produced by a turf-route mare, therefore this turf mile should be okay.

Second Race **5-4-3**

1. Crypto Crush

2. Auditory

3. Misty Dancer

This low-level restricted claiming sprint is strange due to a conspicuous lack of pace. The scenario poses a challenge for class-drop late-runner ~CRYPTO CRUSH^, who must rally from behind. She has run okay against better company, she returns from a two-month break to the lowest class level for winners that she has tried. Tepid choice to rally for the win. ~AUDITORY^ also has no sprint speed, but she has run okay against better. She exits the same turf route as the top choice; the best race by AUDITORY was the last time she ran on dirt last fall at Del Mar. ~MISTY DANCER^ and LUCKY SERMON are pacesetter candidates in a field where the front end is open for any who want it.

Third Race **4-1-3**

1. Rastaman Vibe

2. Sketchy

3. Dealers Special

Trouble-prone ~RASTAMAN VIBE^, third at this N3L starter level each of his last three starts, is the one to beat. He often finds traffic (lacked room, checked, troubled trip); his rally fell short three starts at this level. But all three were relatively fast races, and with a two-month break since his most recent start, VIBE figures to come back firing. He can sit, wait and blast home for the win. ~SKETCHY^ moves up a notch after a decisive N2L starter victory in which he ran for the optional \$50k claim tag and became eligible for this higher-level starter (started for \$50k claim price). The sharp colt gained confidence in his N2L victory, the one-level class jump to N3L is well within reach. ~DEALERS SPECIAL^ dusted N2L claiming rivals by more than four lengths in a career-best effort. He fits with these. MR. DISRESPECTFUL is a dirt horse with speed. It is uncertain if he can carry his speed on turf. PROMISSIO is not impossible. He posted a pair of upsets last spring over the Santa Anita turf course. This is his first start following a two-month break.

Fourth Race **4-5-3**

1. Charley Pride

2. Riding By

3. James J. Braddock

A well-bred gelding with limited ability, ~CHARLEY PRIDE^ drops from Cal-bred maiden-50 to Cal-bred maiden-12.5. It's the right spot for the dubious likely favorite. Sired by Arrogate, produced by six-time stakes winner Enola Gray, CHARLEY PRIDE can win this race at underlay odds if he runs back to his March 7 third vs. better. ~RIDING BY^ also drops; his third-place finish two starts back vs. tougher fits with these. ~JAMES J. BRADDOCK^ is another dropping from the same maiden-50 the top pair exit. This is a modest bunch.

Fifth Race **6-3-5**

1. Lamporghini

2. Ultimate Hy

3. Song of Shadows

~LAMPORGHINI^ is the tepid choice in an evenly matched field of Cal-bred fillies and mares sprinting six furlongs on the main turf oval. It's the easiest chance for LAMPORGHINI since a starter allowance in January when she scored her third win over the SA turf. She was in tough spots and did not hit the board three subsequent starts (allowance, stakes, claiming starter). But this state-bred NIX came up soft, there is speed for LAMPORGHINI to run at. ~ULTIMATE HY^ misfired last out on dirt; she is a different mare on turf. First or second in 8 of 14 on SA turf, she returns to preferred footing and will be rolling late. The challenge is distance; her best recent races have been two turns. This race is six furlongs around one turn. Speedster ~SONG OF SHADOWS^ has a chance to steal it while dropping from a \$32k claiming race that produced two next-out winners. SHADOWS might be the one to catch, although BABY KRISTEN also has speed. Those two could knock each other out. Last-out starter allowance winner DANZING WITH MAXINE has improved each start, and could tuck into a cozy trip right behind the speed.

Sixth Race

6-2-5

1. Pio Nono

2. Last Call Paul

3. Salsa On the Beach

Debut runner-up ~PIO NONO^ returns at the same Cal-bred maiden-50 level of his debut, and meets an apparently modest field. According to Formulator, trainer Vladimir Cerin is 18-for-28 (64 percent) with maiden favorites the past five years. The knock on PIO NONO is the race he exits has been non-productive. Six from the race ran back, none hit the board. ~LAST CALL PAUL^ is a 21-start maiden with 8 seconds and 4 thirds. He is a must-use on the bottom of the exacta. ~SALSA ON THE BEACH^ debuts with a series of fast works at Los Alamitos, while JENNY'S TIZ exits two fast races. He did not get close in either, but these rivals are easier.

Seventh Race

7-2-6

1. Khinjani

2. Sareeha

3. Omnipontet

Comeback mare ~KHINJANI^ and sharp stablemate ~SAREEHA^ merit top billing in this N2X turf mile. KHINJANI has not started since February 2024, but she has been working well for her return, and runs well fresh. She scratched from the Santa Barbara Stakes on Sunday to go in this easier spot. The challenge is the mile distance. KHINJANI is a long-distance specialist. But the late-runner acts like she will fire first start back against Mark Glatt-trained stablemate SAREEHA. The latter won this N2X condition in January, finished second at this level last out, and fits perfect while entered for the optional \$80k claim tag. Since she was claimed for \$25k in November, SAREEHA has earned more than \$90k while maintaining her consistent record. Her 23 turf starts produced 8 wins, 9 seconds. And unlike her top-choice stablemate, one mile is perfect. ~OMNIPONTET^, Group 1 winner in

Eighth Race

5-6-1

1. Woodbine Way

2. Tessa

3. I'm a Risque Girl

This \$5k claiming sprint is restricted to fillies and mares who raced for a \$6,250 claim tag or less in one of their last two starts, or fillies and mares/horsemen based in Northern California since Jan. 1, 2024. It is not a strong group, but it is similar to the field ~WOODBINE WAY^ defeated two back when she was claimed. Overmatched last out when she finished ninth at 38-1, 'WAY returns to her winning level with speed for an up-front trip. ~TESSA^ has two wins and 10 runner-up finishes, including last out when the top choice defeated her by a length. A consistent pace-presser, the most recent win by TESSA was August 2023. She fits with these low-level claiming rivals. ~I'M A RISQUE GIRL^ was claimed last out from a fourth-place finish. Her trainer is 4-for-14 first-off-the-claim since last summer.

Ninth Race

1-5-3

1. One of These Days

2. Gentlemen's Club

3. Big Juanito

~ONE OF THESE DAYS^ has plenty going for him in this non-winners-of-two \$25k claiming turf race at a mile and one-eighth. 'DAYS can stay the distance; he finished in the money all three tries at the distance against better company last spring. He has a pace advantage as potential controlling speed, and his figures are highest in the field. With a front-running or pace-pressing trip, 'DAYS figures as a strong favorite. ~GENTLEMEN'S CLUB^ is better than his recent last-place finish suggests. He was compromised by curious strategy. Positioned next-to-last, he uncorked a crazy four-wide move into the far turn, got hung wide through the turn, then flattened out in the lane. It was an odd trip, horses rarely win turf routes losing that much ground. The runner-up finish by 'CLUB two starts back puts him in the hunt. ~BIG JUANITO^ adds blinkers and stretches out. He has been nibbling vs. better company than these.

PENN NATIONAL (5:45)

1. 4-5-1

2. 4-2-3

3. 7-6-1-5

4. 4-2-5

5. 1-5-4

6. 5-1-2

7. 5-7-1-2-

Best Bet Race 7 # 5 Roadtriptonowhere

Vernon Downs Race Day Selections

Welcome back race fans to Vernon Downs 72nd Anniversary Racing Season!

Race Day "Top Contenders" for each race every Saturday Night and Friday Stakes/Holidays when time permits from Vernon Downs co-track handicapper, Tony Lasinski. They will be available this season on the vernondowns.com website

Tune into Ryan Harrington's live handicapping segment every Saturday before and during the races.

If you are a fan of Vernon Downs, please check out the 'Vernon Downs Racing' Page on Facebook.



****Horses listed in order of preference. The first few weeks are always a puzzle determining the racing shape of horses. The top selection may not always be a good value play. Don't be afraid to take a chance on horses at longer odds that are stabled here.*

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

** There is a nice carryover in the Pick 5 starting in Race #1*

Friday May 9, 2025

Race #1 big carryover in the pic 5

#5 Emotions Riches
#6 Century Invader
#2 Lightfootedlegend

Race #2

#2 Topville Swift Dan (BB)
#1 Jesmach On Target
#6 Night Star

Race #3

#5 Dizzy Lizzy
#7 Ideal Entry
#4 Drama Club

Race #4

#3 Carisah Marie
#6 Billionaires Club
#1 Sevechic

Race #5

#5 Affairs Of State
#4 Suite Up Bro
#6 Gregory

Race #6

#2 Poker Play
#5 Accelerate
#6 Tech Titan

Race #7

#7 Reign Of Honor
#1 Mr French
#5 Usurp Hanover

Race #8

#5 Jo Pa's Warrior
#4 Prospectors Gold
#3 Mask On Mask Off

Race #9

#1 Cinamoneedzaponcho
#6 Jovitola
#3 Donut Lady

Race #10

#3 Moppies Mooss must stay flat
#2 Modelo
#1 Logo

Race #11 tough closing race

#3 Special Prosecutor *(VP)
#5 Explosive Ridge
#6 Tantra Blue Chip

BEST BET: Race 2) #2 Topville Swift Dan – nice 2nd first start for Jimmy Whittemore in the Open Trot, gets significant class relief

***VALUE PLAY:** Race 11) #3 Special Prosecutor (9-2 ml) won his last start in this class in a DH, tough race to gauge with a lot of question marks and a few with back class but show breaks

SCIOTO DOWNS



Post 5:45

1 st	3-5-7
2 nd	3-6-4
4 TH	4-7-3
5 TH	7-2-5
7 TH	1-2-4
8 TH	5-3-4
10 TH	3-5-4
11 TH	2-9-8
13 TH	2-3-5
14 TH	1-2-4
16 TH	6-8-4-9

BEST BET

RACE 5 # 7 VEKNA

REMINGTON PARK

-POST 6:00

Race 1 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 9 – Sheza Goldigger Has been 2nd & 3rd^d in futurity trials
- # 6 – Hawkeye Pearce Won trial for the Oklahoma Futurity in only start
- # 5 – Kep Her Off Tequila Fired bullet workout for her first start
- # 7 – Chew Bac Cah Finished 3rd in debut

\$1 Exacta Box: 9-6-5 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Pick 5: 9-6-5 / 4-9-2 / 7-6 / 3-10 / 6-7-3 Cost: \$54.00 Pick the winners of races 1-5.

Race 2 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 4 – Kj Midnight Rider Impressive winner in career debut at 250 yards
- # 9 – Eyedeale Finished a close 3rd only beaten a neck on 4-17
- # 2 – Innocent Down Perry Has been 3rd in all career starts vs maiden company
- # 5 – Pyc Fancy Return Didn't fire in last after a solid 3rd in futurity trial in March

\$1 Exacta Box: 4-9-2 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Premier Pick 4: 4-9-2 / 7-6 / 3-10 / 6-7-3 Cost: \$18.00 Pick the winners of races 2-5.

Race 3 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 7 – Dr Whizkey On Ice Big improvement when 2nd in trial for the RP Futurity
- # 6 – Fasterthanmybrothers Comes off maiden win vs the same company
- # 2 – Jay W Has shown ability finishing 2nd in debut, a close 4th as favorite in last
- # 3 – Monaghan Boy Just missed in his debut a head behind #6

\$1 Exacta Box: 7-6-2 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Kickoff Pick 3: 7-6 / 3-10 / 6-7-3 Cost: \$6.00 Pick the winners of races 3, 4, 5.

Race 4 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 3 – Beltane Impressive in both wins this season, will be the one to beat
- # 10 – Right On Tyme Finished 3rd in Oklahoma Juvenile in March
- # 6 – Dr Stone Cold Was 3rd in debut for high % connections
- # 7 – Valiant Geronimo Has a steady improvement with each race

\$1 Exacta Box: 3-10-6 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

\$.50 Pick 3: 3-10 / 6-7-3 / 5-10-8-2 Cost: \$12.00 Pick the winners of races 4, 5, 6.

Race 5 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 6 – Legendary Golddigger Finished a good 2nd in first start
- # 7 – Jess a Good Angel Might have not liked the muddy track in last
- # 3 – Her Majessty Finished 4th in debut, will improve tonight
- # 5 – Nsm Flying Corona Should move up off of the 5th in debut

Race 6 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 5 – Lights a Blazin Finished 2nd as the favorite in her first start
- # 10 – Darioush Solid workouts for debut
- # 8 – Chillithang Gets rider change here
- # 2 – Sm Alys Kvn Can't leave out when picking up leading rider Juan Pulido

Race 7 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

- # 1 – I Are a Cowgirl Debuted a winner for high % connections
- # 2 – Dr Make It Sweet Closed well for the win in first start
- # 7 – Coronas Golddigger Should benefit from the 2nd in her first start
- # 4 – Nehi Will benefit from experience of running 4th in debut

Race 8 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

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| # 2 – Coronados 123 | Finished 5th in the Oklahoma Futurity |
| # 1 – Working Class Hero | Improves with a clean start |
| # 4 – First Corona Sunset | Was 3rd at this distance in her last start |
| # 9 – Wr Desperado | Sharp works for debut |

\$1 Exacta Box: 2-1-4 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.
\$.50 Pick 3: 2-1 / 1-9 / 8-2-6 Cost: \$8.00 Pick the winners of races 8, 9, 10.

Race 9 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

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| # 1 – Bp Hail Mary | Already a stakes winner with a Laico Bird victory |
| # 9 – Jc the Hitman | Tries longer distance after maiden win at 250 yards |
| # 4 – Bye Bye Baby Train | Slow start in Oklahoma Juvenile after winning his trial |
| # 2 – Tiny Temptress | Was 3rd in debut |

\$1 Exacta Box: 1-9-4 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.
\$.50 Pick 3: 1-9 / 8-2-6 / 4-5-1-3 Cost: \$12.00 Pick the winners of races 9, 10, 11.

Race 10 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

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| # 8 – Jessacorona Interest | Came back with a win after 2nd in Oklahoma Futurity trial |
| # 2 – Mh Cyber Spy | Rough trip when the favorite in his debut |
| # 6 – Apollitical Jessblak | Was 2nd against state-bred maidens for top connections |
| # 4 – The Negotiator V | Solid works for first start |

Race 11 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

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| # 4 – No Sin Here Z | Solid workouts for \$71,000 baby |
| # 5 – Southard Legend | Should see better when 5th in debut |
| # 1 – Bp Flingin Checks | Connections are good with first time starters |
| # 3 – Mw Gonna B Relentles | Good trainer & jockey |

\$1 Exacta Box: 4-5-1 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.
\$.50 Last Chance Pick 3: 4-5-1-3 / 6-3 / 5-1-6 Cost: \$12.00 Pick the winners of races 11, 12, 13.

Race 12 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

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| # 6 – Wera C | Winner of the Oklahoma Juvenile |
| # 3 – Tempermyntal | Really nice works for debut |
| # 9 – Paint Me Blu | Has been 3rd as the favorite in both starts |
| # 1 – Jd Dashing Damsel | Maiden winner at SRM in debut |

\$1 Exacta Box: 6-3-9 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.

Race 13 Heritage Place Futurity Trial 350 yards

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| # 5 – Ruse Ticle Knockout | Finished 6th in Oklahoma Futurity after quick trial win |
| # 1 – Dr Talk Politics | Improves tonight |
| # 6 – Shezinnocent | Came back to score maiden win after 2nd in Oklahoma Futurity trial |
| # 4 – Border Buckaroo | Was 3rd in his debut for top connections |

\$1 Exacta Box: 5-1-6 Cost: \$6.00 2 out of the 3 horses must finish 1st and 2nd in any order.



- R1 (5) Devious Paul
(2) Bourbon Cream
(4) Flyhawk El Derecho
- R2 (7) Cannery Row
(8) The Stunning Nun
(5) Rosey Time
- R3 (7) Luscious Lucky
(8) Abby Rose
(4) St. Lads Dark Angel
- R4 (2) Fashion Terror
(6) American Hope
(8) Red Dit Flash
- R5 (1) Smarter Choice
(2) Boost
(6) Mob Rat
- R6 (7) American Delight N
(3) Big Bad Mosa
(5) P L Portia
- R7 (1) Do Me Better
(8) Fade Out
(3) Hello Yes Hi
- R8 (3) In the Spotlight
(2) Legal Jeopardy
(4) Huntressvilla A

PERFECT PLAY

Race 4, #2 Fashion Terror

Mark Ford trainee remains eligible for this condition one more time before winning out and looks like a single off an impressive score in her last.

PRICE PLAY

Race 7, #1 Do me Better

Chindano trainee figures to improve second start over the 5/8th's Nichols oval. Gets class relief and main threat is drawn wide. Worth a look at likely double-digit odds.



RACE 1

3 TONY N ROCK 4-5
1 BRAZEN BRAZILIAN 4-1
5 KISSINBYTHEBEACHES 9-2
9 BIONIC 10-1

(Post 6:20) By BOB PANDOLFO

RACE 2

2 PARODY 5-1
1 HOOFBEATS DE VIE 5-2
3 MONEY MATTERS 5-1
4 GOOGOO EYES 6-1

PARODY didn't have the smoothest trip in last and may be as good as any here...HOOFBEATS DE VIE has been racing well but hasn't won in a long time....MONEY MATTERS drops and gets a catch driver...GOOGOO EYES drops and moves inside.

RACE 3

7 GET IT ALL 2-1
6 MY BFF ANNEE 3-1
2 DOMINANT FASHION 4-1
8 R JEZZY 9-2

RACE 4

3 QUEEN SUN RYSER 4-1
5 ALMOST KAREN 4-1
6 TESLA POWER 4-1
8 GOING AWAY 4-1

RACE 5

10 STORM THE COURT 8-5
7 ROJAN'S WAY 7-2
9 MARCUS SEELSTER 4-1
1 FIRSTUP 6-1

STORM THE COURT takes a key drop...ROJAN'S WAY was used pretty hard in the pace in last but has dangerous speed here...MARCUS SEELSTER comes off an improved effort...FIRSTUP needs a trip.

RACE 6

2 BACARDI 7-2
3 LIONHEAD 4-1
8 LIMERENCE 6-1
4 BANK BOX TREASURE 8-1

PICK 4 (6-9)

Tonight's tickets:

\$0.50 cent ticket: 23/127/1378/14 = \$24.00

Race 6: I'm going to use two but this isn't an easy race, 2, 3.

Race 7: 2 and 7 may be all you need here but the 1 qualified nicely, 1, 2, 7.

Race 8: This is wide open so I'll use all four of my listed contenders, 1, 3, 7, 8.

Race 9: Go Ahead Makemyday has some potential and Dribbling Bi is in good hands.

RACE 7

7 DISTANT DRUMS 8-5
2 WINTER SOLDIER 2-1
1 COOL PAPA BELL 7-2
9 SOUTHWIND BANSHEE 8-1

DISTANT DRUMS drops and gets a better post...WINTER SOLDIER dropped and turned in a good effort...COOL PAPA BELL only raced seven times last year and struggled but former Hambletonian winner seems well prepped for return...SOUTHWIND BANSHEE drops and is third off a layoff.

RACE 8

7 T DOG 2-1
1 APERTIF 5-2
8 I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN 3-1
3 HYPEBEAST 7-2

T DOG takes a key drop and the last time he was in a MADC race he romped; edge in a competitive amateur driver race...APERTIF had a tough parked out trip in a fast-paced race and held gamely in last; one to beat with a better trip...I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN changes barns off a claim and he won easily last week...HYPEBEAST was Yogi's choice over two sharp horses.

RACE 9

- 1 DRIBBLING BI 2-1
- 4 GO AHEAD MAKEMYDAY 2-1
- 5 TE QUIERO LINDY 4-1
- 9 FINITE 9-2

DRIBBLING BI has been racing well but was parked to the half from post 10 in last...GO AHEAD MAKEMYDAY ships in from Mohawk off two good qualifiers and 3yo showed some potential last year...TE QUIERO LINDY is back from Pocono and recent form is solid...FINITE gets a tough post but comes off a game uncovered effort.

RACE 10

- 7 HASHTAG MONEY 7-2
- 2 LOU ON THE BEACH 7-5
- 1 SEEYOU AT THEBEACH 4-1
- 4 URBAN RENEWAL 6-1

HASHTAG MONEY faced faster fields in his last two starts and gets a key driver change here...LON ON THE BEACH was an easy winner over similar two back then rallied for the show from post 10 in last; can be tough to beat here.

RACE 11

- 7 FRONT PAGE STORY 7-5
- 5 MY AUGUST MOON A 4-1
- 1 ABSOLUTE POWER 9-2
- 2 ELEGANT A 6-1

FRONT PAGE STORY finished sharply in :26.4 in last; sharp mare has class.

RACE 12

- 5 PORTOBAROSSO AS NL 8-5
- 7 TOP GUN HANOVER 9-5
- 6 GREENMA 5-1
- 3 JERSEY SLIDE 8-1

PORTOBAROSSO AS NL tailed off as the end of his 2yo season but showed some ability at times; qualified sharply for trainer Julie Miller, who does well with fresh horses...TOP GUN HANOVER was 4/5 in his 3yo return and broke his maiden nicely; main rival...GREENMA ships in sharp for good trotting barn...JERSEY SLIDE turned in some solid efforts last year, returns for a top trotting trainer and gets Beckwith.

RACE 13

- 5 HOLD MY TIARA** 5-2
- 7 MS FRANCES ASSISI 2-1
- 4 EA MUSHU 7-2
- 3 THANEEYA 5-1

HOLD MY TIARA was overmatched in last but drops down; her two prior efforts at this level were sharp...MS FRANCES ASSISI was overmatched in the Weiss series at Pocono. She hasn't shown any early speed but if she can work out a trip she may be best here...EA MUSHU is always a threat when Beckwith is in the bike...THANEEYA best needed.

RACE 14

- 7 OUR CORELLI N 2-1
- 6 MY WISH CAME TRUE 4-1
- 4 MOONWARDS HANOVER 5-1
- 5 COLE ON THE BEACH 6-1

OUR CORELLI N broke as the favorite in last, drops, and Beckwith sticks...MY WISH CAME TRUE gets a key driver change...MOONWARDS HANOVER gets better post and a key driver change...COLE ON THE BEACH showed some life in last.

BEST BET: HOLD MY TIARA 13th Race

BEST BET: HIGH FLYIN' FILLY (5th)**SPOT PLAY: QUEEN OF ALL (4th)**

Race 1: (2) LUCKY ARTIST A gave her usual solid try last week and held for third after clearing the front from the eight hole; Brent Holland gets the call again on this classy mare and I think he's a good option for getting the most out of her. (1) KISS MY CHEEK was a fast-closing third at this level two back and finished second last out in an age-restricted event; 4YO fits nicely but beware as she was odds-on in those last two and failed to convert. (8) GOLDEN QUEST N is another classy oldtimer and she's competitive every week but the eight hole is a killer. Consider underneath.

Race 2: (4) PASS AND STOW was left with a little too much to do out of the eight hole last start and had to settle for second to the well-rated winner; improved post and smaller field is just what she needs to get back to winning ways. (1) LLOYD'S LOVES dropped and popped out of the Matchmaker and she's classy enough where the bump back up a notch won't hurt her; not sure what to make of the trainer change, however. (2) CHIAPANECAS draws well again and is the most logical candidate to complete a chalky triple.

Race 3: (2) GALANTE A was right there in a 1:49 2/5 mile last week at The Meadowlands when he finished second and he draws well here while keeping Bartlett. I suspect he'll be overbet off that race but does look like the one in this questionable field. (1) SHOCK TROOPER hasn't done a whole lot in three Yonkers tries but he definitely seems fast enough to keep up with these and should be looking at a live trip from the rail. (3) DEALERS TURN hasn't had the easiest of trips lately but the post improvement should help.

Race 4: (7) QUEEN OF ALL has been so sharp in her last two that I don't think the bump in class or outside post is going to stop her in the quest for three straight. New driver in A. Nap as Zeron owns #1. (3) WARRAWEE YANG went a very tough trip after breaking last out and held for third. Obvious player if he stays trotting. (1) TEXSONG SOPRANO has been close in most recent but can't seem to get over the hump; definite chance here, however.

Race 5: Blue Chip Matchmaker Consolation - \$20K Gtd. Pick 5

(2) HIGH FLYIN' FILLY was a sharp winner in the second leg and then was the victim of tough trips on the rim in her last three. Burke trainee draws well again into a spot where it's likely that Gingras will get more aggressive to either cut the mile or stalk from the pocket. (4) COACHELLABOUND N has been coming up short in recent races when she's sent on or near the lead; maybe a small change in tactics can help this talented mare out. (8) LIT DE ROSE deserves a look as last year's champ. Lachance trainee raced in all five legs and did have a win but missed out on the final, and draws an awful post for this consolation. Still, maybe she can slide in there at a big price.

PICK 5 PLAY: 2/2.5/1/1.5.6/1.2.4

Race 6: MGM Borgata Pace Consolation

(2) MIKI SHAN N got a late start to the series when he was scratched sick in the first leg and he performed admirably from then on but it seemed like he was a bit outclassed. Oakes trainee lands in a spot here where Gingras can get much more aggressive and I would love to see him cutting the mile. (5) HEMSWORTH N left the series to race in an overnight at Philly and scored in 1:50 4/5 with Dexter Dunn, who picks up the drive again. He has options from this midpack post. (4) CHARLIE MAY didn't win any of the five prelims but banked over \$32K and he keeps chugging along and performing at a high level. Ron Cushing takes the lines again.

Race 7: Blue Chip Matchmaker Final

(1) AARDIE B MIKI N basically dominated this series so far and she's perfect in four tries since arriving from Down-Under. Engblom trainee now lands the rail, as if she needed any additional help to win the final. Very short price looming as she's in a controlling spot. Of the other contenders (4) SILK CLOUD A is always forwardly placed and can clear the front into the first turn, then sit a trip as the top choice is likely to brush to command. (2) WALKIN ON SUNSHINE has done absolutely nothing wrong throughout the series and through eight overall races at Yonkers. I do think she deserves to be second choice. (6) ROCKET DEO comes into the final sharp with three straight wins but with the less-than-ideal draw she may be on the outside looking in.

Race 8: MGM Borgata Pace Final

(1) VERDUN has blossomed into a top-class pacer for Lachance ever since he claimed the 4YO last season for \$50K plus allowances. He's now raced 24 times for this barn and has NEVER put in a poor effort. Tonight with a plethora of speed to his outside and the potential for a sizzling pace he can sit just in behind and hopefully get set up to make his patented late burst. (6) CHASE H HANOVER looked super in the final prelim with his 1:51 score and :27 2/5 sprint home. Veteran gelding has even shown a different dimension recently by winning from off the pace. He's got a post edge on the two speedy outside rivals which figures to work to his advantage. (5) MOSSDALE BEN N has been drawing some comparisons to Peter Tritton's star Bit Of A Legend N and he certainly hasn't disappointed. As mentioned a couple of times recently he's yet to show us early speed and will that hurt him in the early stages and leave him with too much ground to cover? Certainly something to think about. (8) COACHES CORNER was great all of last year and has picked up right where he left off as the Engblom trainee has basically breezed his way into the final, and then he lands post eight. 5YO gelding will have to be otherworldly to win this.

Race 9: (4) CREATIVE VENTURE was the play last week and he finished well at a price for third; now he drops again and moves inside a couple of slots. (2) CREATE MYSTIQUE has looked much better in her last two and at 0 for 14 she's clearly knocking at the door. 4-2-1

Race 10: (7) BIG BETTOR HANOVER has not shown much since being claimed for \$25K down in Delaware but she raced okay in her local debut and barn change to Stratton and though outside again she gets to drop into a softer spot. (1) COWGIRL LILLY tried taking the field down the road last week at a price and tired to third. She's got the rail again and maybe Holland tries the same thing. 7-1-5



Race Selections



Friday May 9, 2025 (7:00)

	Bobby Neuman Track Announcer	Trackside Tina The Unbridled Spirit	TV Drew "Iowa Energy???"	Tipster The Wizard Of Calle Ocho
1	5 Money In Motion 6 Lions Not Sheep 4 Burning Leaves	5 Money In Motion 6 Lions Not Sheep 4 Burning Leaves	4 Burning Leaves 5 Money In Motion 7 Contrabandista	5 Money In Motion 6 Lions Not Sheep 7 Contrabandista
2	1 Forthelonghaul 4 River Ridge 5 Gluckstadt	1 Forthelonghaul 5 Gluckstadt 4 River Ridge	1 Forthelonghaul 4 River Ridge 5 Gluckstadt	4 River Ridge 1 Forthelonghaul 5 Gluckstadt
3	3 Ships On Fire 4 Say It Nicely 1 Uncle Singh	7 Knight Commander 4 Say It Nicely 1 Uncle Singh	7 Knight Commander 4 Say It Nicely 1 Uncle Singh	4 Say It Nicely 7 Knight Commander 3 Ships On Fire
4	6 Goldys Lock 3 Irish Tap 2 Northern Gem	7 Chojo 6 Goldys Lock 3 Irish Tap	3 Irish Tap 7 Chojo 1 Berea	7 Chojo 6 Goldys Lock 3 Irish Tap
5	4 What About Q 5 Escape Map 7 Steel Spun	5 Escape Map 7 Steel Spun 1 Love Restrained	1 Love Restrained 4 What About Q 5 Escape Map	7 Steel Spun 1 Love Restrained 4 What About Q
6	6 Alexiana 4 Skyboom 2 Aintnoshakin Kid	1 Mind Your Mo 4 Skyboom 6 Alexiana	6 Alexiana 4 Skyboom 2 Aintnoshakin Kid	6 Alexiana 4 Skyboom 1 Mind Your Mo
7	4 Devils's Tower 5 Hurricane J 7 Our Last Chance	4 Devils's Tower 7 Our Last Chance 5 Hurricane J	5 Hurricane J 2 Dawson's Storm 7 Our Last Chance	5 Hurricane J 7 Our Last Chance 4 Devils's Tower
8	8 Glad Von D 7 Dancing Ember 6 Dixie Surprise	6 Dixie Surprise 8 Glad Von D 7 Dancing Ember	7 Dancing Ember 2 Lilly Of Prince 1 Sunset For Sandra	8 Glad Von D 7 Dancing Ember 1 Sunset For Sandra

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

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

7:30



RACE	PICKS	SUGGESTED WAGERS (\$10 OR LESS)
1	1-5-3-4 ZOOM BUCKY BANG has been knocking on door	\$10 Double 1-3 TOTAL: \$10
2	3-1-4-5 Heavy fave MS FIRST PILOTO a likely winner	\$0.50 Pick Four 3 with 3.4 with 2,5,6 with 3,6,8 TOTAL: \$9
3	3-4-6-8 Class drop, top jock in play for JODY JONES	\$6 Win on #3 and \$1 Exacta Boxes 3,4 and 3,6 TOTAL: \$10
4	2-5-6-9 SHESALITTLESPITFIRE faced better last time out	\$3 Exactas 2 with 5,6,9 TOTAL: \$9
5	3-6-8-2 Bad break dogged LA PANDEMIA in latest	\$10 Win on #3 TOTAL: \$10
6	3-5-4-6 Facing maidens again helps HONDO HOCKS	\$5 Exactas 3 with 4,5 TOTAL: \$10
7	3-5-6-1 KAS ANNE GOODBY GL in from New Mexico	\$10 Double 3-10 TOTAL: \$10
8	10-3-9-8 JESS COOKIES PLEASE has been knocking on door	\$5 Exactas 10 with 3,9 TOTAL: \$10
9	2-9-10-7 Rich auction price for DASHIN MVP Z in here	\$0.50 Trifecta 2 with 9,10 with ALL TOTAL: \$8