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**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 – FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.**

**Best Bets: GAMESTONKS (7<sup>th</sup>) – PURE LURE (9<sup>th</sup>)**

### Race 1

- 6** SIR PALACE PRINCE – Hard used chasing rapid opponent in better field; might lead throughout.
- 2** J D FACTOR – Battled throughout this spot in narrow loss and finished ahead of big favorite.
- 1** OKIE DEN DEN – Consistently close and takes logical next step after decisive score; weight off.
- 4** MR. GEORGIE – Hard-earned score at Penn in mud; trains locally but most success elsewhere.

### Race 2

- 4** AULA – Dueled then held on determinedly to win last; may stalk outside front-runners.
- 7** THIRSTY PAPPY – Used up dueling in sprint after claim and three route scores; hard to guess.
- 2** BOOK RUNNER – Prominent all way in two outings since January; taken by hot Plno stable.
- 5** UNDER THE RADAR – Narrowed gap when easily second best and back up claiming ladder.

### Race 3

- 2** BOBO LIVER – Overmatched in last but rallied despite bad stumble in prior outing this level.
- 3** HOPPY TIME – Humbled by smashing winner after maiden victory; lone score from 15 tries.
- 1** Z'S SO GOOD – Absent couple months but flashes of ability in many chances this spot.
- 6** SOLO IN PARIS – Distant runner-up as extreme longshot but further progress necessary.

### Race 4

- 4** GET SET – Late energy when beaten favorite again but extra furlong works to his advantage.
- 1** MALIBU STAR – Veteran with 10 victories makes rare sprint appearance; tigerish in past.
- 6** GUAPONESS – Dueled to late yards in race taken by closer; speedy and terrific local record.
- 3** YO YO CANDY – Stopped on wet surface and idle again; graded stakes-winner gets Lasix.

### Race 5

- 4** SPLENDOR BEAUTY – Speedy gelding switches turf to dirt and difficult to catch this level.
- 2** LUCKY DUDE – Gained well in sprint when claimed third in row; back in route, just 4-for-41 log.
- 1** SILENT MODE – Good effort behind heavily-favored Ness barn winner; claimed by Brown stable.
- 5** RICH'S WAY – Classy in past but on losing skid; back at amount of Diaz claim in April.

### Race 6

- 2** NEW COMMISSION – Lightly raced but numerous impressive scores; 3 easy wins for this rider.
- 7** CELESTIAL MOON – Drops in third outing since hiatus and nearly won stake here last season.
- 5** HEY PORTER – Narrowed gap after two months off and Castillo re-claimed from prior outing.
- 4** WICKED GENIUS – Humbled by top pick when Tyler Servis took; just third race since November.



**Race 7**

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| <b>6</b> | <b>GAMESTONKS</b> – Powerful stretch-runner whipped next-out winner despite early trouble.      |
| <b>4</b> | <b>SO FULLY SUE</b> – Advanced behind formidable rival at Penn and actual drop for this test.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>SISTER SUPREAM</b> – Rapid mare with success at various venues and often difficult to catch. |
| <b>1</b> | <b>THEGODDESSOFSNAKES</b> – Closer than anticipated on wet footing sprinting after claim.       |

**Race 8**

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| <b>5</b> | <b>SON OF THOR</b> – Bargain claim by Pino seeks fourth straight and defeated many of these lately. |
| <b>1</b> | <b>LET'SMAKEITADOUBLE</b> – Sharp behind top pick when rebounding from poor try; romped debut.      |
| <b>3</b> | <b>SIRCHARLYBROWN</b> – Lightly raced but continued gamely after long duel; fast work since.        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>FRIDAY SURPRISE</b> – Pulled away eagerly from maidens in second try after layoff; threat again. |

**Race 9**

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| <b>9</b> | <b>PURE LURE</b> – Excellent effort vs. solid Pa.-breds and fires very time; decisive score this yardage. |
| <b>1</b> | <b>SHETALKSTOMUCH</b> – Rallied from last to first with strong surge to beat lesser; ample targets.       |
| <b>6</b> | <b>EDGE OF TOWN</b> – Survived constant pressure to capture this spot after Hawthorne claim.              |
| <b>2</b> | <b>BELLA QUEEN</b> – Big effort behind third choice and impressed here in February; fits nicely.          |

**Race 10**

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| <b>3</b> | <b>ZIPPY GIZMO</b> – Lost ground but finished well and flattered when conqueror repeated recently.        |
| <b>6</b> | <b>JAKE BRAKE ALLEY</b> – Set pace when just behind top pick and claimed by Kirby; lures Lopez.           |
| <b>9</b> | <b>EDDIE W</b> – Difficult to like or dismiss plunge from \$25,000 ranks; likely holds ability advantage. |
| <b>2</b> | <b>DREAM KNIGHT</b> – Not much lately but competed in classier company during much of career.             |



**Monticello ( Post time 12:10)**



- 1. 3-2-6**
- 2. 6-4-7**
- 3. 2-1A-4**
- 4. 2-1-4**
- 5. 5-2-3**
- 6. 6-1A-3-4**
- 7. 5-2-8**

**Best Bets :**

**Race 1 # 3 Low Inside**

**Race 6 # 6 Doctor Strange**





**POST 12:50**

1. 1-5-6
2. 3-6-5
3. 4-1-5
4. 4-5-2
5. 6-4-3
6. 3-4-6
7. 1-6-2
8. 1-3-6

### **Best Bet**

**Race 7 # 1**

**National Diamond**

**Pick 3 Play : Race 6 : 3,4 / 1 / 1,3,6**



# LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

## FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 02, 2025

(1:00)

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

RACE	#	HORSE	COMMENT
1	1	MR. RIPPLE	DANGEROUS INVADER FROM THE RAIL
	5	BERNING BEAUTY	BIG THREAT WITH HIGH PERCENTAGE BUG
	4	SORORITY PRANK	HAS TO BE CONSIDERED IN LOCAL DEBUT
2	1a	HAPPY INSTEAD	APPEARS TO BE ABLE TO GET THE TRIP
	2	FIGHTER KITE	EXPECTED TO IMPROVE IN 2ND 2025 RACE
	3	NO CONFESSION	HAS BACK CLASS AND CAN'T BE DISMISSED
3	1	ROCK STAR REBEL	RACES IN NY ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO WIN
	7	MONTAUK MEMOIRS	WILL RUN BETTER WITH TRIP OVER TRACK
	3	RAGTIME PRANKSTER	HASN'T HIT BOARD BUT CAN IN THIS SPOT
4	4	REVIVALISM	DROP TO TAG COULD LEAD TO VICTORY
	7	SKELLIG ISLAND	RAN WELL IN FIRST RACE AT THE LAKES
	2	SUPPORT THE CAT	GAINS CONFIDENCE AFTER GRADUATING
5	9	MISS C BANKER	SLIGHT EDGE IN WIDE OPEN DASH
	1	MIO ATLAS	FIRST TIMER HAS BEEN WORKING WELL
	11	PARTY AT THE POST	NOT BADLY BEATEN AGAINST OLDER
6	5	STORMY'S DREAMING	CAN GET THE DUB WITH BEST EFFORT
	2	FAST AMENDMENT	CUTS BACK AFTER SOLID RUNS IN NY
	9	RIDOLFI	GETS IN LIGHT BUT MUST OVERCOME POST
7	6	DEPUTY TRAMON	HAS FACED BETTER MAIDENS IN THE PAST
	5	KING'S SPIRIT	MUST BE RESPECTED IN PRESENT FORM
	3	KING SOLOMON	ANOTHER TOP THREE FINISH LIKELY
8	3	COIN JAR	WILL BE SHARPER WITH RACE UNDER HIM
	7	STARS N STONES	BURNED MONEY BUT CAN'T BE OMITTED
	4	FREEDSDALE	ALSO FROM TOP BARN AND MUST BE USED
9	4	BANKER BLAYNEY	IMPRESSIVE OFF LAYOFF. RIGHT BACK
	1A	FERRARO ENTRY	TWO CONTENDERS FOR PRICE OF ONE
	3	JAKE'S ORCHARD	CHANCE TO MAKE NUMBER AT BIG PRICE

**RACE**    **#**    **PLAY OF THE DAY**  
3        1        **ROCK STAR REBEL**

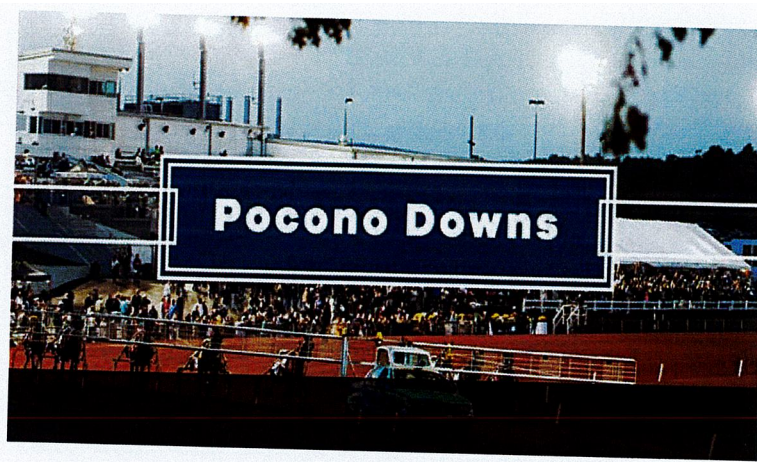
**RACE**    **#**    **BIG SPLASH – NICE PRICE!**  
9        3        **JAKE'S ORCHARD**

*The selections are purely recommendations and success is not a guarantee.*

*Track conditions, scratches, and other factors can affect the way the selections would be made.*

*Bet with your head, not over it.*





## Pocono Downs ( 1:00 )

1. 1-7-6
2. 7-4-6
3. 5-1-3-6
4. 3-5-6

**Race 4 # 3 WAY TOO SWEET** -had poor cover, rallied wide and finished for third place to earn a look in next.

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

**Race 13 # 6 IDEALSOMEMAGIC A** - swooped wide around dead cover, challenged, blew by the leader and drew off with every step. Can face better and win again.

**Pick 3 Play : Race 4 : 3,5 / 2,6 / 3,5,6**



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# OAK GROVE The Players' Guide

RACING • GAMING • HOTEL YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

Monday, June 2, 2025 • Race Day 21

Today's selections and commentary by: *Ray Cotolo*

( 2:25 )

## Full-Card Selections

1	8-5-3-6	6	7-6-5-3	11	1-4-8-7
2	3-2-1-5	7	1-6-7-2	12	3-2-1-5
3	8-1-3-4	8	7-4-6-1	13	9-1-5-3
4	1-5-2-4	9	4-8-7-5	14	
5	4-5-2-1	10	6-4-2-3	15	



## Pick 5 Ticket

Race 4: 1,5  
Race 5: 4  
Race 6: 7  
Race 7: 1  
Race 8: 4,7  
Total Stake: \$0.80 for \$.20

## Race 1

### 1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT

Appears that Team Harris has sniped this spot for (8) MORRONE DOLCE. The draw could be tough, but he seemingly clocked a :54-and-change backhalf in his debut, so the \$300k purchase should do fine. (5) GATECRASHER qualified well when flat, but many Oke starters have improved with races. The qualifier indicates this horse should fit this class though. (3) KING CRUNCH has the speed to roll and do well. Just a matter of whether he will. (6) GIGANTHOR looks ready to race, but Dunn getting the drive hurts any chance of value. Should at least hit the ticket.

## Race 4

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings 2nd Leg

(1) HUNG OVER gets Dexter Dunn after an uncharacteristic break in the last KYSS final. He showed ample spunk in his debut and should race well as long as Dex keeps him together. (5) WAYS N MEANS has to leave here for a chance to win. He went a weird trip last time, but maybe McCarthy takes advantage of lukewarm speed to his inside? (2) TOM'S MUSCLE should land a good seat to stalk and pounce for a share. (4) MISTER DAD probably does better if he can find a helmet to follow. He doesn't have the most strength, but offers a good spurt if the trip obliges.

## Race 2

### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares 2nd Leg

(3) ASWEETBEACHHERE could have the speed edge all depending on how Andy times the gate with (2) BATH BOMB. The Engblom mare just lagged to the start of the race and had to go a tough trip, so tough to settle for her at a short price when things aren't going right. But she can still win; she just has to leave. (1) PEACE TALKS could shake up the race if Dunn blasts her from the cones and maybe works a pocket trip. She wouldn't surprise me. (5) FEARLESS BETTOR draws the right post to work a trip and finish best of the rest.

## Race 5

### 1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(4) ALWAYSSTELLTHETRUTH has the speed to pocket everyone behind and roll. Main question will be how much action comes forward on the rim. (5) SPEAKING VOLUMES had one clunker three starts ago but appears back in rhythm. He's a factor until proven otherwise. (2) SETH HANOVER could fit this class after an odd campaign here last season. The fact he blasted last time was a surprise, so now that he lands a good draw maybe he has more to offer? (1) STUN GUN should get a good position from the pylon draw and just has to find a good opportunity to move overland and build momentum.

## Race 3

### 1 Mile / Pace • USHDC NW \$3,000 L4 CD

(8) HOLD MY DRINK went huge fractions to chase for second. His speed should hoist him to the top from this draw, and maybe he has a chance to bottom the barrel. (1) CLEAR-CHOICE DE VIE should try to just park everyone, but he always has to build his speed. Marohn needs to time the gate perfectly. (3) KISSINBYTHEBEACHES is off form, but also possesses solid gate speed. As long as he secures a close seat, he can get a piece. (4) ANNS MARINA DELRAY showed fight in a game of attrition last time. She may improve getting her nose back on the gate.

## Race 6

### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings 2nd Leg

I don't know how (7) WOMEN LAYER loses. My best guesses would involve me making up stuff I don't want to and also don't feel like. (6) LOU HILL has been rounding into form with each start, though. He maybe spices up the exacta by a dollar or two. Hopefully it buys a cheeseburger. (5) BETTER IS NICE hasn't been able to turn the tables even from good trips, so he could again just be along for the ride here. (3) STEELY KNIFE made an aggressive early move and held well for fifth, so the improved draw also makes him intriguing.



## Race 7

### 1 Mile / Pace • NW \$9,000 L4 CD

(1) LATER DUDES gets the best draw to just do what he did last week. As long as he does, this field likely scrambles behind. (6) DALE YEAH could pose a threat if Luna can work into a close spot, whether that mean leaving for a seat or finding a tow second over. He has a menacing punch. (7) ZEPPOLE HANOVER should fit here class wise, but I really don't know how to gauge his trip from this spot. He's capable, but the likely short price irks me. (2) BEACH VIBES got a solid mile under him after a weird break on May 5. The inside draw should also put him in contention.

## Race 8

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings 2nd Leg

(7) CONVOY HALL packed a strong brush to win last time, plus Toddy floated him off the gate cozily to a midpack position. As long as he can get a helmet to track into the mix again, he likely powers over the field. (4) INTERNATIONAL LAW scored one of the easiest wins I've ever seen this meet at Oak Grove last week. Not sure he'll get handed a golden trip again, but the victory first out proves he could be competitive. (6) PENNTROLLER HANOVER hurried into action late when finishing second last time. Maybe the acclimating mile helps him get more involved, because he displayed tremendous interest once activated. (1) ORDAINED has speed but was again flat at the end of the mile. Post likely forces him forward and he just gets a piece.

## Race 9

### 1 Mile / Pace • Open Handicap

(4) RUSH IN possesses speed to get into the race, plus his main factors are drawn wide of him. He has a chance to work a really good trip here and prove himself. (8) MUSKATEER HANOVER has a tough task ahead from this draw, but sometimes Hall will take back with him in spots like this and he still somehow wins. (7) SAULSBROOK VICTOR probably wins if he gets out sooner last time. He has been so trip burdened that the short price is getting harder to justify, but he will be involved. (5) TIP TOP CAT gets a workable draw and just needs the right trip to unfold.

## Race 10

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Mares 2nd Leg

Not sure how (6) WOMAN OF PASSION loses. Won't think about it. (4) BLACK VELVET AS kept grinding from a first-over push to just miss second last out. She's getting good, but still has a really good one to overcome. (2) SPY COAST has speed to get a good seat, but she's another logical one to be involved. Same for (3) DANGER, who finished evenly on debut for fourth last out. A potentially simple race again.

## Race 11

### 1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares Open Handicap

(1) PRESSURE COOKER has been solid in her last two starts and just had little room to work with in the stretch both times. Pylon draw should force her to launch again. (4) YANKEE B SOMETHING keeps doing things the hard way, but as long as these races collapse in the backhalf her first-over moves will get her checks. (8) ANNA LOVE N appears like she'll need speed to close into, especially on the move to the smaller track. Capable, but trip dependent. (7) LYIN' EYES similarly needs a particular setup.

## Race 12

### 1 Mile / Pace • NW 4 EXT PM LT CD

One more chance for (3) BLAZ N CHIP. This is a potentially easier field than what he tired against last out, so we'll see if he has a better time rating on the lead. (2) KING OF METAL AS should offer something as long as he can save ground and find room late. (1) BET ON BIG JOE theoretically takes this field coast to coast, but he's a ways away from his sophomore form currently. Tricky type. (5) RULE THE WEST maybe completes the ticket if Curtin can get a stalking position.

## Race 13

### 1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(9) CAPTAIN MCKEE should have speed to follow. He's vicious off a helmet, so he just needs the opportunity to strike. (1) HIGHRTHANANEAGLE A seems poised to try and go down the road, but he's not the sturdiest pacesetter if challenges mount. (5) JUST A START can get a good position and fight late if he can time his moves. (3) SWING DANCING seems capable of handling a group like this. Like many here, he's a quirky type.

## SHEET STATS

2025 STATS (20 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	251	89	52	42	22	205
WIN %		35.46%	20.72%	16.73%	8.76%	81.67%
RETURN	(\$502)	\$473.58	\$453.68	\$512.60	\$260.75	\$1,700
ROI %		-5.66%	-9.63%	2.11%	-48.06%	-15.31%
AVG RETURN		\$5.15	\$8.40	\$11.92	\$10.87	\$9.08
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.66	\$6.23	\$8.78	\$6.54	\$5.22
AVG ODDS		3.06	6.27	9.28	14.87	8.37
MEDIAN ODDS		1.77	4.03	6.19	9.24	4.67



# PRESQUE ISLE ( Post 3:30)

By Dick Powell

## RACE ONE:

1st: (4) **BRIO** – rallied from off the pace to win going away two starts back on the dirt at Thistledown, then tired after a fast half-mile. He makes his PID debut for Johanna Urieta, who wins 14% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: (6) **OUR ETHAN CHARLES** – was beaten less than three lengths despite breaking slowly from post one at odds of 34-1. He has some decent back class on dirt and should be able to work out a stalking trip for Ron Allen, Jr.

3rd: (5) **COUNTRY RUCKUS** – speedball is dangerous if he can make the lead, and Villa-Gomez can get him to relax.

## RACE TWO:

1st: (6) **MR. SQUEAKY WHEELS** – was soundly beaten on the Tapeta [at Gulfstream Park](#) two starts back, but then went to Tampa Bay and romped by almost six lengths on the dirt in fast time. Kevin Rice wins 17% first start after a win.

2nd: (1) **ROCKET DRAGON** – just missed two starts back going five furlongs on the Tapeta at Gulfstream Park, then was beaten two lengths in a fast turf sprint [at Tampa Bay](#). Versatile gelding can sit a perfect trip while saving ground for Scott Spieth.

3rd: (2) **RIDING A DREAM** – won easily, then was up the track when moved up in class. He romped last out on the dropdown.

## RACE THREE:

1st: (4) **AQUITANIA ARRIVAL** – horse for the course has only been beaten once in four starts here, including a nice win from just off the pace here two weeks ago. He has the perfect running style for here and gets Willie Martinez back aboard.

2nd: (3) **PRAIRIE HAWK** – held well going two turns two starts back, then tired last out going seven furlongs. Gelded son of Curlin tries Tapeta for the first time for Juan Arriagada, who wins 18% off short rest but has yet to win with Israel Rodriguez in 13 starts.

3rd: (1) **SAN COSTANTINO** – rallied for second on the dirt at Tampa Bay against one class better.

## RACE FOUR:

1st: (8) **HIGH TRACK** – was a game second here last year in her PID debut, then tired next out. Still a maiden after eight tries, she showed good speed last out going two turns and now drops down in class.

3rd: (6) **SIAINTE MHATH** – [still a maiden](#) after 13 tries, but she had three seconds and three thirds. Well-bred daughter of Uncle Mo is out of a dam by Scat Daddy. She makes her first start of the year, but could be loose on the lead.

3rd: (5) **ISSA VYBE** – did nothing in her career debut here last year but improved some next out on the turf last month at Laurel.



### RACE FIVE:

1st: (4) **COMBAT HOOFS** – had two decent starts here last year, then began this year with a pair of decent efforts at Penn National on the dirt. Brandon Kulp wins 29% with this surface switch and 28% with his overall claimers.

2nd: (5) **CARLOTUK** – beat this claiming level two starts back here last year, then raced evenly in fast time. Since he returns for the same price, she does not run for a tag here. Larry Hayes wins 21% with his overall claimers.

3rd: (1) **QUEEN ANNA T** – won here last out going 5 1/2 furlongs for Larry Rivelli, who wins 33% first start after a win.

### RACE SIX:

1st: (4) **PINK ROSE** – ran well on the dirt at Penn National against allowance company, then won easily last out there in an off-the-turf event. She makes her Tapeta debut for Brandon Kulp, who wins 22% first start after a win.

2nd: (1) **SWEET NOLA** – was beaten 26 lengths then won three straight races on the dirt at Tampa Bay when claimed by Juan Arriagada, who wins 21% first start after a win. Israel Rodriguez picks up the ride – 16% with his route rides.

3rd: (5) **SARATOGA GAZE** – was a game second against this claiming level on the turf at Tampa Bay.

### RACE SEVEN:

1st: (1) **CAPTAIN COURTNEY** – won her PID debut by 10 lengths last June, then she came back and beat state-bred stakes foes by six lengths. Off for 10 months, she was a good third as the odds-on favorite at Woodbine for Mike Trombetta.

2nd: (2) **KISS BLUE** – won her PID debut last September, going two turns, then was a game second in fast time. Off for 116 days, she returns for Riley Mott, who wins 40% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

3rd: (3) **SETTLING STORM** – was a good second on the turf at Tampa Bay and now tries [Tapeta](#) in her first start off the claim.

### RACE EIGHT:

1st: (4) **JOYS OF SUMMER** – broke her maiden here by over five lengths when dropped to maiden claimers for the first time. She was a good third with Lasix added for Murray Rojas, who wins 18% when her daughter Martina rides for her.

2nd: (2) **LENA KAHLENA** – tired in her well-bet career debut, then finished up last year with a smart, front-end win. Off for 228 days, she has already shown she can run well fresh for Randy Russell, who wins 13% first start after a maiden win.

3rd: (6) **MOMENTOUS MISS** – has had many near misses, but they all came against better company than this.



# **Harrington ( Post 4:30)**

**Monday June 2 2025**

**Race 1 – 1-2-3**

**Race 2 – 4-2-7**

**Race 3 – 3-1-6**

**Race 4 – 3-1-6**

**Race 5 – 1-3-6**

**Race 6 – 1-6-2**

**Race 7 – 1-2-8**

**Race 8 – 2-3-5**

**Race 9 – 1-8-2**

**Race 10 – 5-2-1**

**Race 11 – 3-6-1**

**Race 12 – 4-5-6**

**Race 13 – 6-5-3**

**Race 14 – 1-2-6**





# Race Selections



## Monday June 2, 2025

	<b>Bobby Neuman</b> Track Announcer	<b>Trackside Tina</b> The Unbridled Spirit	<b>TV Drew</b> "Iowa Energy???"	<b>Tipster</b> The Wizard Of Calle Ocho
<b>1</b>	1 Vivir Con Alegria 3 That's Something 2 Drifter	1 Vivir Con Alegria 5 Rachel's Caper 3 That's Something	3 That's Something 1 Vivir Con Alegria 2 Drifter	<b>1 Vivir Con Alegria</b> 2 Drifter 3 That's Something
<b>2</b>	1 Bilderberg 6 Irish Coast 2 Swift Key	1 Bilderberg 6 Irish Coast 4 Low On Funds	<b>1 Bilderberg</b> 6 Irish Coast 5 Southfork	1 Bilderberg 6 Irish Coast 3 State School Smart
<b>3</b>	1 Eye Of The Panthor 6 Surprise Road Trip 8 Papa Geeb	5 Savoya Return 6 Surprise Road Trip 4 Stroller Boy	8 Papa Geeb 1 Eye Of The Panthor 6 Surprise Road Trip	6 Surprise Road Trip 4 Stroller Boy 5 Savoya Return
<b>4</b>	3 Husker Butch 1 Go The Distance 2 Pleaseusetheportal	3 Husker Butch 5 Bolt Forty Five 2 Pleaseusetheportal	2 Pleaseusetheportal 3 Husker Butch 5 Bolt Forty Five	3 Husker Butch 2 Pleaseusetheportal 1 Go The Distance
<b>5</b>	<b>3 Escape Map</b> 4 Beautiful Breeze 1 Sophie's Girl	3 Escape Map 7 Miss Mary 5 Our Special Gift	3 Escape Map 1 Sophie's Girl 6 Call Darla	3 Escape Map 2 Ranch Rebel 1 Sophie's Girl
<b>6</b>	6 Cinco De Mo 8 Razor Wire 7 On A Hunch	1 Leapin Ty Man 6 Cinco De Mo 3 Orphan Sandy	8 Razor Wire 7 On A Hunch 5 Strollntothemarket	7 On A Hunch 1 Leapin Ty Man 4 La Fee's Secret
<b>7</b>	7 Redneckerthanyou 3 Palace Guard 4 Justa Streak	<b>3 Palace Guard</b> 8 Rockin The Dad Bod 7 Redneckerthanyou	8 Rockin The Dad Bod 4 Justa Streak 5 Dreadpirateroberts	3 Palace Guard 7 Redneckerthanyou 8 Rockin The Dad Bod

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



# LOUISIANA DOWNS



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## 50 YEARS OF RACING

**Post 5:05**

1. 5-1-2
2. 6-4-2
3. 3-7-6
4. 4-7-6
5. 2-8-4
6. 3-1-2
7. 6-1-7-2

**Best Bets : 5-2.    Guitar Boy**

**7-6.    Foxtrot Harry**

**Pick 3 Play : Race 5 : 2 / 1,2,3 / 6**



# NORTHFIELD - POST 6:00



1. 5-6-2
2. 1-4-3
4. 2-3-8
5. 5-1-3
7. 7-6-3
8. 1-6-3
9. 8-5-6
10. 8-4-2
12. 9-5-1
13. 5-3-9
14. 4-2-7
15. 4-2-7

Best Bet :

Race 8 # 1

New Plan Stan



Best Bet: ILIKEMEBETTOR A (race 10)

Spot Play: LETS GET ROCKED (race 5)

Race 1: (8) PL STEVIE hasn't hit the board in both of her career tries but has been sneaky good in those efforts. She was stuck behind a rival i on the inside in her latest and didn't have a seam. I'm not a fan of the outside post, but this filly is sitting on a big effort, and I'll side with her for value. 8-4-1-3

Race 2: (2) MYFRIENDJOSE rebounded from a lackluster effort and was able to score a nice victory, making multiple moves in the process. He was able to fend off a rival who had a clear shot late as well. He takes on similar company and he'll have every chance to double up. 2-6-3-4  
[DRF BETS: Wager on tonight's Mohawk Park card at DRF Bets.com!]

Race 5: (8) LETS GET ROCKED worked out a nice pocket trip in his latest before jumping it off as the 3/5 favorite. He loses his pilot from last week, but picks up Billy Davis Jr. in what appears to be a live pickup. 8-9-10-6

Race 8: (2) PL ROBERT G has been a strong runner up finisher in his last two tries. He has been racing well all year and is one I'll side with in this spot to find the winner's circle; good draw. 2-5-3-1

Race 9: (3) GAINES HANOVER was a game winner last time out and will be tough to beat given how sharp he is right now. (6) OSCEOLA was a strong 2nd to the choice last time out, and he will likely be his biggest threat this evening. (4) SPARTAN GENERAL has been racing very well, and he can grab a good share in a short field. (1) NASEY has rattled off consecutive victories. This is much tougher, but he can grab a share.

Race 10: (4) ILIKEMEBETTOR A ships in from tries at Yonkers, where's he's failed to hit the board in 5 straight tries. He had no chance in his latest from pp8 and could appreciate being back on the big track this evening. I'll give him the nod in the finale. (2) BET THE BB should appreciate the company he keeps this evening and was an okay 3rd in his latest. He'll be involved early and merits respect. (1) GRAVITATIONAL was able to convert a pocket trip to victory in his latest. He steps up but could work out another nice trip. (5) PIPEWRENCH CHARLIE took support but never saw any racetrack after stating along the pylons. He appeared to have pace and is one that could be handled aggressively here and work out a nice trip. (3) STONE CARVER draws inside and is coming off a win at Flamboro. He can round out this Hi-5.



YONKERS (6:45)

## The Empire Report – Monday, June 2, 2025 – Race Analysis

**RACE 1** – Tough race on a card that is full of them! (1) WALKINSHAW N was “ok” when 2<sup>nd</sup> three back but a sharp winner in that 18-1 upset the following week – he was very good again in his last (at 23-1), and probably could have reeled in LYONS STEEL had he not been backed up by SPLASH BROTHER on the final turn – could be dangerous here for a barn that came to life in May (26%)! (6) CENTURY ENDEAVOR has 5 wins this year and that includes last week’s sharp 8 hole score – he goes for 3 in a row tonight, and has a solid chance to get it done...if he can avoid getting used too hard early on. (3) LYRICAL GENIUS A is a little light in the win column but he’s raced well week after week for a long time, and is dangerous from OFF the pace as well – belongs in your exotics. (8) SHADOW CAT is actually razor sharp right now and would have been listed even higher if not for the terrible draw – still a good bomb to use underneath, hoping for some trip luck. (4) TUFFENUFTOWEARPINK is a solid 40 but he has live ones both inside and outside of him and may be looking at a tough trip – minor share? (2) SADDLE UP is a strong 15-6-4-0 this year but most of that work was done vs. easier – he’s also exiting some high % barns, so we’ll see how he fares tonight. (5) ITALIAN LAD N has been grabbing nice pieces much of the year but he threw a rare dud last week and feels iffy off that mile. (7) MACH N CHEESE was off a month to his last – could be tighter now, but the draw is a killer

**RACE 2** – (2) TOBINS CHESTER raced well from the back to be a close 2<sup>nd</sup> in his local debut then flashed his speed last week before coming up 2<sup>nd</sup> best to an easier-trip KINGSVILLE – he’s ready to win one, and that may happen tonight if he lands on a decent trip. (7) CADILLAC BAYAMA charged home in the lane to put a late scare into favored frontrunner VICI last week, and his start 3 back was excellent as well – he’s more than sharp enough to threaten here, but Lachance may need to leave hard to try to improve his chances...good value at 15-1 ML. (3) TWO FACED is now 0 for 18 on the year and that’s hard to believe (considering how many big miles he’s gone along the way) – he drops, moves inside, and is an obvious threat...but he also figures to be overbet. (4) KINGSVILLE got rough on multiple occasions 3 back or he would have crushed that field by open lengths – he hung a bit when 2<sup>nd</sup> in his next, but put it all together with last week’s perfect trip victory (over #2) – remains a very logical player, even moving up a bit in class. (1) WELL THATS MARKY picked up a couple of minor checks in his 2 local tries and will need to find a bit more if hoping for a bigger slice tonight. (5) ROLLING WITH SAM hasn’t done much winning here the past couple of years but he’s taken home a bunch of smaller pieces – looking at more of the same tonight. (6) WINDSUN RICKY drops to a level where he becomes dangerous but the bad draw may see him having to wait for a better spot – check the tote board? (8) BENHOPE RULZ N was sharp finishing last week but he moves up and draws Post 8...tough to overcome

**RACE 3** – (1) ORLANDO BLUE A was sharp early in the year, winning 4 races – he hit a rough patch after that, but has recently come back around and continues to climb back up the ladder – he hasn’t WON in a while, but is one of several in here with a chance to come out on top...with the right journey. (2) SCRIBBLERS continues to turn in strong efforts but has been coming up a little light vs. some pretty sharp foes...another capable of getting his picture taken if things go his way. (5) OURMATEMENKO N took a couple of starts in the U.S. to work out the bugs but his last 2 were more like it – he’s moving up a notch, but seems capable of beating these under the right scenario. (4) SLING SHOCK is winless in 11 local starts this year but hit board in 7 of them – remains a solid candidate for exotics. (6) VICI appreciated the class drop and the lead and was able to deliver the victory last week – much tougher spot here, but still can have a say if the race goes his way. (3) POP IT has done solid work since returning at 4, but seems more comfortable with a bit cheaper – maybe a small piece? (8) SANTANA HANOVER drops to a level where he can do some damage...but may take a conservative approach tonight after landing out here. (7) OUTLAW MAN N’s lone victory this year came with a perfect trip, vs. much easier – leaning elsewhere

**RACE 4** – (3) CARABAO A did well chasing a pair of hot miles behind DUNKIN (3rds), was a dead game first over (DH) winner in his next, and ended up with an impossible trip in a very “weird” race last week (where CHURCHVIEWFRANKL IR was somehow on the lead, and jamming up the field to the quarter) – as noted, his barn clicked at 26% in May...worth a look here at that 10-1 ML price. (8) STREET HAWK N was conservative in his U.S. debut but simply outstanding in his last two blowout victories – he’s stepping way up and lands all the way outside...but may have still been the top choice had Bartlett not opted for #5 (not sure why). (4) CHURCHVIEWFRANKL N insisted on the lead last week then acted like he didn’t know what to do there, jamming up the field badly to the quarter and ruining the race for many of them – assuming he goes back to his usual off the pace style tonight, he could be a real late threat. (6) SMIFFYS TERROR N goes solid miles week after week but could be looking at a



tough trip from this spot – still a threat to rally for a share, though. (7) TWIN B DELUXE came into his last seeking his 5<sup>th</sup> straight win and ALMOST pulled off the last-to-first rally in the lane to get there – he's ridiculously sharp right now, but may have trouble getting into the hunt from out here, up in class. (1) SURFSIDE BEACH just looked sharp right from the start last week, and blew right by the 1/10 favorite in the lane to score the 9-1 upset – he's in tougher now, but maybe the rail draw can help him grab a piece. (5) THE IDEAL DANCER A had things all his own way last week and still couldn't finish the job – he's Bartlett's choice (over #8), but others do look more appealing. (2) HICKFROMFRENCHLICK upset #5 at 22-1 last week and was a 20-1 winner 3 back – in tough here, though

**RACE 5** – (2) CAMOUFLAGE MONEY is just beyond sharp right now and anything even close to his last couple of efforts would make him almost impossible to knock off...but note that he's also exiting several very high % barns before betting the farm tonight, at what figures to be a very short price. (1) ALWAYS CUTTINSCHOOL was used very hard last week and still managed to last for 3<sup>rd</sup>...one of several horses in the barn that shrugged off a recent 3 week vacation to return very sharp – should be a close up player from start to finish tonight. (3) HELLO GORGEOUS beat the 20s twice in PA then stepped up to 30s in his YR return and extended that streak to 3 – no reason he can't be right in the hunt once more. (4) IM THE PRINCE went some huge miles here in March/April before hitting a recent rough patch – gets a much better draw tonight, and a wake up call is not impossible. (7) BULLVILLE FRANK has 4 seconds from his last 5 starts (broke in the other) but tonight's draw may have him looking at a smaller piece than he's used to. (8) TOPVILLE SOMEBEACH took on a tough bunch of "older" 30s last week (off the claim) and had no impact – he's back in the class where he really thrives, but is another that figures to be negatively impacted by the bad draw. (6) HARD TO CATCH tried to be more aggressive last week but that didn't work out – tonight's draw will make it hard for him to rebound. (5) BUGABOO LOU has struggled in most of his starts for a long time

**RACE 6** – (2) BLUE LOU is just 1 for 13 this year but has been chasing better ones most of the season (after winning 5 of 8 local starts in 2024) – Bartlett drives him for the first time in a while, and this feels like a spot where he can control the action...but that 8/5 ML price is admittedly a turn off! (3) HEZ ALLTHE RAGE N was blown away to 3/4s two back by the promising STREET HAWK N then just went way too fast on the lead (at Tioga) last week – he's actually pretty good OFF the pace as well...and a patient trip tonight could produce some better results. (4) KOPI LUWAK deserves a complete pass for his last (had to back off hard after being outleft by ENDOFSTORY then was forced to pull very early after CHURCHVIEWFRANKL IR caused the field to "accordion" at the quarter) – could easily rebound tonight and be a legitimate threat. (1) WATTSUP SUNSHINE A may be in a little tougher than he'd like but he could be looking at an easy trip from this spot and that could help him grab a small share. (8) SOHO DOW JONES A drops to a level he can manage but he also draws all the way outside – perhaps the tote board will offer some clues to how aggressive he might be tonight? (6) WHAT STANLEY GOT A finished well last week but that was the race that just fell apart – feels like a tough spot. (7) OPTICAL ILLUSION N is good right now, but gets a brutal draw with plenty of live ones to his inside – leaning towards others. (5) THUNDER HUNTER JOE hails from a hot barn, but hasn't threatened THESE types in some time

**RACE 7** – (5) HUMBLE A may be worth a try this week – he hit a snag during the Borgata Series (after being purchased) but rebounded in the "Borgata Eligibles" race on 5/5, delivering a vicious brush to score the victory – he got a little too hot on the lead when 3<sup>rd</sup> in his next, then simply had no prayer at Chester last week, racing from well back in DESPERATE MAN's 1:49.3 win...maybe he can trip out and score at a decent price tonight. (8) ALWAYS A THRILL drew the outside in last week's six horse field and despite the 3 week vacation, was sent off at 1/2 and wired the field easily – he's in the midst of an amazing form spree and remains the one to beat...but maybe tonight he runs into a tougher trip? (3) HEZA CHARTTOPPER A is the last horse to actually beat ALWAYS A THRILL, and he also knocked off VERDUN in another start – he comes into this off a pair of 3rds, and maybe the right trip puts him in play again. (4) WHY NOT NOW had several nice tries in the Borgata, but failed to fire at all last week – could rebound, but would need a decent price to consider tonight. (6) ENDOFSTORY was forced to drop into the pocket by CHURCHVIEWFRANKL IR last week but avoided shutting his air off (when the pace really jammed up) and was able to prevail after shaking free in the lane – he acts like he's going to be an "Open" pacer...but tonight's draw could cause some problems. (7) VERDUN will almost certainly be handled very conservatively after a nightmarish trip in his last...may still rally for a piece, though. (2) AARDIES FLASH N just hasn't been at his best lately and that has us leaning elsewhere. (1) VENTURESOME ARDEN N could use some class relief



**RACE 8** – (2) SOHO FIRESTONE A acted like he could be an Invitational-type horse from the time he arrived stateside and he crushed the 3-6YO Open in just his 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. start – Brennan fills in for Gingras tonight, but that shouldn't stop this guy from having a big chance to take another. (4) HUNTIN THE LAST DOLLAR always liked Yonkers so it was no surprise to see him thrive throughout the Borgata Series, going 5-2-1-2 before grabbing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Final – give him a pass for that tough trip at Chester last week, and look for him to be a serious threat tonight. (1) HIMSELF N can be counted on for a solid finish most weeks and shouldn't find himself sitting too far back tonight – good one for the bottom of exotics. (3) AMERICAN DEALER N has clawed his way back up to the top level though the highest class he's BEATEN so far this year in NW15000 – still ok to use underneath, though. (5) DIEGO N was unable to threaten in his first try up at this level but it's way too soon to write him off – leaning towards others tonight, but wouldn't be surprised if he turned in a bigger effort. (7) HEMSWORTH N is capable of a big mile at any time, but does seem destined for a tough trip tonight. (6) SIMON SAYS HANOVER won 12 of 17 local starts in 2023-24, some in spectacular fashion – he went on the shelf after his win on 2/12/2024, and didn't resurface until 5/2 of THIS year...and doesn't look anywhere near ready to compete at this level right now

**RACE 9** – (1) MIND HUNTER turned in a very encouraging effort last week, pacing a strong final half (from well back) to be a fairly close 4<sup>th</sup> at the end – he moves all the way inside, gets to choose his trip, and may be ready to deliver a winning mile. (3) HUNGRY ANGEL BOY was clearly overmatched when trying his luck in the Borgata Series but it's not like he embarrassed himself – he definitely wasn't serious last week from Post 8 (returning from Stga.) but figures to be all system go with the move inside tonight – very live player. (4) GENTLE GIANT was “sneaky ok” in his last couple and maybe able to land somewhere on the ticket tonight, with a decent trip. (2) MULL IN AX was heavily backed off the claim last week, got to cut the mile but just wasn't nearly sharp enough to pull it off – way too soon to write him off, but we're still leaning more to others this week. (5) CAVIART SARGENT often outraces his odds, even from tough spots...always a good one for the bottom of exotics. (6) SPLASH BROTHER drops, but also lands a tough post with likely speed to his inside – maybe he can grab a piece if he can find a good early spot. (7) CHANTEE will likely be coming from too far back to have any real say here. (8) ALWAYS A LOOK could use a much better post...in a much easier field

**RACE 10** – (1) AMERITRIC landed on brutally long first over trips the last 2 weeks (into sharp clips cut by CAMOUFLAGE MONEY) and lived to tell about it both times – he steps up to face “open” 30s tonight but is looking at a much easier trip...and seems sharp enough to come out on top. (5) MAXIMUS RED A came to life after rejoining his favorite barn on 4/1 – he was claimed away on 5/10, re-claimed for \$5K more the next week, and had no trouble turning in a sharp effort in his last, despite bumping up TWO classes (to 30s) – deserves plenty of respect here! (7) BILL HALEY N has had a completely mixed season so far – he went bad for a while, culminating with his refusal to even go to the gate at Pocono on 4/26 – he did qualify back super, however, and this particular owner/trainer/driver team is incredibly potent – would be no surprise at all. (6) I DRAIN THE SWAMP A was an even 3<sup>rd</sup> dropping to this level last week behind a pair of sharp ones – playable in exotics. (4) THAT DOG WILL HUNT rarely throws a bad one and was hopelessly blocked last week – he does step up a bit in class tonight (“open” 30s), and also exits a sharp barn, off the claim...we'll see how he holds up. (3) BIG DREAM FELLA has been stuck on minor spoils and looking at more of the same tonight. (2) BETTORBUCKLEUP may just be looking to get in a start as he moves up to 30s after missing more than 3 weeks (and failing to beat 25s). (8) OZONE BLUE CHIP looked more like his old self in that blowout 2 back (heavily speed favoring track) but was no factor from a bad spot last week, and lands in another one for tonight.





## **Assiniboia Downs**

### **GAMING & EVENT CENTRE**

POST 8:30

Race 1 Rolling Double/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
1	Mary Who	Ciera Pruitt 9/5	The one to catch.
3	Just a Pose	Mathew Bennett 2/1	Must be dealt with.
5	Blue Tango	Rachad Knights 3/1	Can grab the show.

AT THE WIRE: 1 - 3 - 5 Horse to watch: 6 Parzanni

Race 2 Rolling Double/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
4	Sebadas	Dario Dalrymple 6/5	Can repeat his last.
5	Ropers N Wranglers	Antonio Whitehall 7/2	Fits well in here.
2	DogwoodsmillieJane	Sachin Parris 5/2	Must be respected.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 5 - 2 Horse to watch: 1 Danzigs Star Storm

Race 3 Rolling Double/.20 ASD Jackpot Pick 5/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
1	Tiz Lord	Ronald Ali 3/1	Solid win in debut.
3	Suit Me Up Charlie	Neville Stephenson 9/2	The one to fear.
7	A Lot of Verve Prayven Badrie	2/1	Would be no surprise.

AT THE WIRE: 1 - 3 - 7 Horse to watch: 2 Lt. Norm



**Race 4 Double/\$1 Pick 4 (\$50K Guaranteed) /.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor**

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
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4	Demurely	Renaldo Cumberbatch	3/1 Gets the call tonight.
5	Speedy Gigi	Prayven Badrie	8/5 Been away two years.
2	Otter Pop	Shavon Townsend	6/1 Chance at a price.

**AT THE WIRE: 4 - 5 - 2Horse to watch: 6 Always the Lil One**

**Race 5 Rolling Double/.20 Pick 3/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor**

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
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4	Bottle Caps	Antonio Whitehall	9/5 Call in a scramble.
6	Red Road Runner	Prayven Badrie	3/1 Just missed in last.
8	Silvercreek Kid	Ronald Ali	5/1 Can grab a share.

**AT THE WIRE: 4 - 6 - 8Horse to watch: 1 Go Fer**

**Race 6 Rolling Double / \$1 Classic Hi-5/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor**

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
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1	Bee La Soul	Prayven Badrie	7/5 Looks like a solid winner.
6	Medicine Dog	Renaldo Cumberbatch	9/5 Rates as runner up.
2	Betterlucknexttime	Neville Stephenson	4/1 Can grab the show.

**AT THE WIRE: 1 - 6 - 2Horse to watch: 5 Princeoftheprairie**

**Race 7 \$1 Classic Hi-5/.20 Superfecta/.20 Triactor/Exactor**

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
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5	It's Not the Law	Dario Dalrymple	2/1 Just missed in last race.
2	Adventurous	Neville Stephenson	9/2 Can rally for a share.
6	Tree Hugger	Damario Bynoe	8/1 Would be no surprise.

**AT THE WIRE: 5 - 2 - 6Horse to watch: 3 Frankly**