

# OAK GROVE

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## The Players' Guide

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

Monday, June 23, 2025 • Race Day 28

POST 10:00 AM -

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

### Full-Card Selections

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



### Pick 5 Ticket

Race 4: 4,5  
Race 5: 1,3,4  
Race 6: 1,3,5  
Race 7: 2,4  
Race 8: 1  
Total Stake: \$7.20 for \$.20

### Race 1

#### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings Leg 1

(2) TJ'S DREAM already moves smoothly and quickly for a freshman. He lands a good draw for the debut and will likely be forward. (5) KOUNTRY TAB kept good chase to TJ'S DREAM in that most recent qualifier. He has speed to use from this wide draw, too. (3) YO BILLIE comes from an outfit that often pops in these spots & his lone qualifier was decent. (4) ENDURANCE closed ground to win his lone baby race, but tough to ultimately tell what he has to offer.

### Race 2

#### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Fillies Leg 1

(1) NAUGHTY SEASTAR showed marked improvement from qualifier one to qualifier two. She gets a great draw here to show how much of that speed can hold. (4) ETERNAL BLUSH really looks the part in her baby races. She wants to sprint and has a solid kick. She's obvious, the likely favorite and could still win. (2) LADY ALLURE stole the first half last time, but had to show decent heart in a :57 back half to hold on for the win. Few fillies could fight like that, so I'm curious what she'll offer on this step up. (3) SWEET TAMMY tired from an early move, but seems like she could still get a piece. I mean, they all can technically.

### Race 3

#### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies Leg 1

(4) MS PRADA has speed to use from this draw and seems capable of taking this group around the track. (3) BEST FRIENDS GIRL got an easy win here a few weeks back, but resurfaces after about three weeks. She's improved with racing, but price will dictate whether she's worth the plunge. (1) BELMONT should push from the inside, but she appears dependent on a slow tempo to have her strongest impact. (2) ALLURING still takes the turns a little rough, but she's capable of hitting the ticket if she can mind her manners.

### Race 4

#### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings Leg 1

(4) WHAT NOOO WAAAY was headstrong in his sole qualifier and moved effortlessly off the pocket ride for the win. We'll see if he has as much steam on the track today, but he appears well equipped. (5) PAPI RICK only did what was needed of him in his qualifier and quickened well with a back 3/4s in 1:26.2. He definitely has more in the tank. (1) FUNKY BUDDHA fought hard for that win in the Kentucky Proud Series, but this could be a big jump in class. (2) PUSH UP passed horses well to finish the best of the rest, but will have to show more here.

### Race 5

#### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings Leg 1

(4) MAGICAL SIX PACK has a head start on these guys and is handy off the wings of the gate. He should go forward and work a good trip. (1) DARLIN BOY has speed to get into a forward spot, but may take this start as a learning experience. He can still get a good chunk, though. (3) EXACTLY chased a runaway last time and finished his own mile well and unimpacted. He moves well, but not a lock if a short price. (5) WATER SLIDE seems capable of climbing into the action, which he'll likely have to from this draw.

### Race 6

#### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Fillies

(3) BARBUDA BELLE has great blood; she's out of the stakes-placed mare Uffizi Hanover, who had a great late kick back in the day for trainer Jimmy Takter. She has that late kick in her coffers too, plus this inside draw should put her in play. (1) KISSIN IN THE DARK has to come from off the speed, but does real well with a target. Pylon post is perfect for debut. (5) CAROLINA stayed engaged in her whole qualifier, doing a lot of work passing horses to get second. She has tactical speed to use here. (6) CAVIART DAISY can kick well, but the post makes her job on debut difficult.

## Race 7

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies Leg 1

(4) SPICY NICE finds a lighter group here. Her effort on debut is solid enough and she likely will show more on the class drop. (2) SUPER FREAK gets a better draw to put her more optimally in the action. (1) MADE OF GOLD performed well with the addition of hobbles, which maybe help her go from a chasing type to a passing type. (3) MONKEY WINE was fairly even as a 2-year-old. She gets a fine draw for debut, but nothing on her lines screams worthy of a short price.

## Race 8

### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings Leg 1

(1) PROLIFIC BLEND improved well between qualifiers and should be fine off Lasix. Luther has done this move before and still won in these spots. (2) CLOUSEAU made steady gains in that baby race, but maybe this draw puts him in a spot where he can show more interest. (5) DON'T SHUT ME DOWN kicked well for third in his Kentucky Proud division, but he appears to still be figuring things out. At long odds, maybe worth a stab. (6) L B I gave chase for third in that Proud division, but he maybe tries closing into the action from this spot.

## Race 9

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies Leg 1

(1) VICTORIANAS SECRET has the right tools and a great draw to find the winner's circle. (4) PATRICKS BELLE moves beautifully, but may only have so much speed to offer. She's a precocious type, but if she can get the tactical edge she may get the money. (6) ZINA KEMP has done all of her work without ever being asked. She does get a little steppy in places, but Dunn can likely keep her together and this will just be a matter of how she'll get away. (3) PILOT AREA was fine in that qualifier, but likely good enough to get a check on debut.

## Race 10

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies Leg 1

(3) APERFECT ANNIE won with ease against older competition in her sophomore bow. She has a huge talent edge on this field. (2) DIVINE THING puts the hobbles back on after a solid return to the races, minus the break in stride last time. She has the speed and could menace from this post. (1) GET IT ALL has landed terrible draws, but done good work to still find paths into her races. She has ability to offer here and a terrific draw now, so curious what Dunny (my new nickname I'm trying for Dexter) will do with it. (7) GRAND SLAM DEO debuted here as a 2-year-old and was good but green in his sire stakes outings. He's developed well into his 3-year-old season and can at least hit the ticket from this poor post.

## Race 11

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies Leg 1

(4) JAILBIRD JOG shows incredible promise from just one baby race. She still has to validate it, but she seems like she can be a solid racehorse. (2) JL SERENITY won easily on her debut and now gets a better draw to work from on the move up in class. Her speed should land her in a workable spot. (5) STAND ON BUSINESS made a sharp mid-race move that ultimately tired her in the last part of the race, but if she can time that move differently in the race then maybe she can contend. (7) KERSTIN can take air and push past horses, which should land her onto the ticket somewhere underneath.

## Race 12

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies Leg 1

(3) ISOTTA BI closed well past a drifting rival while another sprinted through a seam at the pylons to grab the win. She performed as needed and has a solid-enough kick to be one of the main factors spinning for home. (2) JULIE PALEMA has the speed to go a solid mile, but she's incredibly obvious with a good draw and one of the fastest marks of the field. (4) DEGAS qualified well and supposedly did so on the tail of sickness. If she races here today, we'll likely get to see how deep her well goes. (5) BETULA raced in a fast mile, but put up ample fight before settling for third from all those breaks in stride. If David Miller can keep her flat, I'm curious what she can offer in a faster race.

## Race 13

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings Leg 1

(3) ZEPHYR KEMP lost the lead late in his qualifier, but sprinted home solidly enough. He should be fine, but obvious. (4) NEGOTIATION has done everything right so far, and is maybe more appealing on handiness since he's won on and off the lead. But nothing certain on what ability he actually holds off these lines; they'll just make him take money. (5) AJAX BLUE CHIP has qualified fine and can likely work an okay trip on debut. (1) LETHAL LEGACY gets a good post to just push through, save ground and find a spot to make a move late if good enough.

## Race 14

### 1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings Leg 1

(3) THIAGO HANOVER got caught by the first foal from world champion mare Warrawee Ubeaut, and sprinted well with him in the stretch to hold second. He's ready. (1) HURRIKANELOUIEXIII threw some weird steps in his qualifier over a wet track at The Meadowlands, but somehow went fast without really looking like he moved fast. Peculiar type, but qualified well more recently nonetheless. (3-1-4)

## Race 15

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies Leg 1

(5) KNGTSTLKRS PISTOL was superb when racing here at Oak Grove and since shipped east to finish in contention with Deja Blu, the first foal from world champion mare Atlanta, in New Jersey Sire Stakes action. She has a great turn of foot and likely is well ahead of others in here. (1) CLARISSA W is win shy, but always finds herself in the right spot to get a piece. The inside post should again place her in the mix. (2) VITO'S LADY just has to stay flat

## **Monticello Raceway ( 12:10 )**

1. 3-5-6
2. 6-5-1
3. 1 entry -5-6
4. 7-5-4
5. 2-4-5
6. 3-2-1
7. 5-2-4
8. 6-1-5
9. 7-3-1-2

**Best Bets : Race 4 # 7 Georgia Time**

**Race 7 # 5. Grace In Heaven**



POST 12:50

1. 3-4-8

2. 6-5-1

3. 5-3-2

4. 6-1-2

5. 2-4-3

6. 6-5-7

7. 5-2-6

8. 4-9-1-8

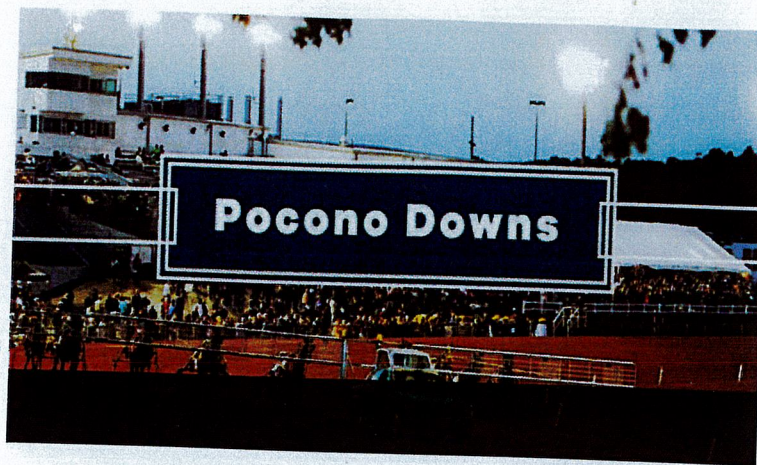
Best Bets

4-6 Midnight Majesty

5-2 Bold Buckeye

Pick 3 Play:

Race 3 - 3,5 / 6 / 2,4



## Pocono Downs ( 1:00 )

1. 3-6-5

10. 2-1-7

2. 5-2-7

11. 3-1-6

3. 2-6-8

12. 4-2-8

4. 4-6-1

### Best Bets :

5. 6-3-7

Race 5. # 6 Can't Say No

Was parked the mile last time, went wide to clear, chased uncovered, tired late, but held second and gets the nod with a better trip in this spot.

6. 7-6-3

7. 3-6-2

Race 8. # 2 Three Times Better

Was bet like her name implied and won easily, Can score again this afternoon for Pelling.

8. 2-1-4

9. 1-5-4

Race 10 # 2. Falkirk

Was bet off the board in last start, the 3YO the let the speed settle, brushed and crushed and scored . Can come right back here.

# INDIANA GRAND - POST 2:10



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

Best Bet - Race 4 # 3 For Your Pleasure

Pick 3 Play : Race 2 : 1,4,6 / 2,7 / 3



## Fort Erie -post 4:30

### Race 1:

- #2 Ruby's Ghost
- #1 Linda's Opal
- #3 Silent Patsy

### Race 2:

- #3 Bamboo's Babe
- #6 Sigiriya
- #1 Tachyon Speed

### Race 3:

- #4 Knotty and Nice
- #6 Now You See Me
- #7 Taproom

### Race 4:

- #1 Mymathes Correct
- #6 Sweeping Red
- #2 Bourbon North

### Race 5:

- #2 Hiatus
- #4 Society Joe
- #6 Valley Victory

### Race 6:

- #1 Rye's My Guy
- #5 Defogger
- #4 Attestation

### Key Race of the Day – Race 5 – Starter Optional Claiming – About 7 Furlongs (Turf)

The late double starts in race five, a starter optional claiming event, which is scheduled on the grass at a distance of about seven furlongs. **#2 Hiatus** will kick off his seven-year-old campaign against a level of competition that he was extremely competitive at last year. In 2024, this gelding won four races from seven starts, with two of them being turf events at today's distance. His early foot figures to serve him well against this group and while the runner to his inside has a fair bit of speed, this gelding can go two-turns whereas it's yet to be seen from Half to Reload. **#4 Society Joe**, last year's Puss N Boots Cup winner, won two races over this course last season. He is most effective when sitting mid pack early on and his rider, Amanda Vandermeersch, has been able to get him comfortable early from that position. While his last two races of 2024 are not the greatest, one can make excuses for both - one turn last time out and two starts back, he didn't handle the dirt. If there's a bit of pace for him to run at, which there should be, given the speed towards the inside, he could be rolling late. **#6 Valley Victory** didn't fire last time out in his dirt debut, but maybe he didn't handle the surface and it was a tough group. Some of his 2024 suggests he can run a bit and he can adjust based on where he's placed early plus, the turf should be more to his liking based on previous turf and synthetic efforts. At what figures to be a price, he might be worth a long look underneath in exotic wagers.



## Race Selections



# Monday June 23, 2025 (5:00)

	<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>	2 Prize Flyter 4 Cowboy 123 1 Flying Finn	1 Flying Finn 2 Prize Flyter 4 Cowboy 123	2 Prize Flyter 3 Imma Southern Bell 1 Flying Finn	4 Cowboy 123 2 Prize Flyter 3 Imma Southern Bell
<b>2</b>	<b>4 Ct Walking Through</b> 9 Perry Political 8 Southern Eagle	4 Ct Walking Through 8 Southern Eagle 5 Curlie D	4 Ct Walking Through 7 Suds 9 Perry Political	4 Ct Walking Through 5 Curlie D 9 Perry Political
<b>3</b>	9 Relentless Rocket 4 Apolitical Seis 8 Kool Dynasty	9 Relentless Rocket 8 Kool Dynasty 7 Lovepotionnumber 9	8 Kool Dynasty 7 Lovepotionnumber 9 9 Relentless Rocket	9 Relentless Rocket 8 Kool Dynasty 7 Lovepotionnumber 9
<b>4</b>	4 Flying Bandida 1 Rebelutionary 2 Apollitical Signs	4 Flying Bandida 1 Rebelutionary 9 Kool Cowboy 123	1 Rebelutionary 2 Apollitical Signs 4 Flying Bandida	4 Flying Bandida 9 Kool Cowboy 123 1 Rebelutionary
<b>5</b>	8 Relentless Pursuit 1 Cash Back Hero 4 Flashin Dynamite	4 Flashin Dynamite 8 Relentless Pursuit 1 Cash Back Hero	3 Access Granted 8 Relentless Pursuit 1 Cash Back Hero	8 Relentless Pursuit 4 Flashin Dynamite 3 Access Granted
<b>6</b>	5 Temple City Run 1 Fleet Of Hoof 4 Jupiter Mission	4 Jupiter Mission 5 Temple City Run 1 Fleet Of Hoof	5 Temple City Run 1 Fleet Of Hoof 3 Lucky Louie	<b>5 Temple City Run</b> 3 Lucky Louie 1 Fleet Of Hoof
<b>7</b>	5 Curlin's Lil Gal 3 Leucadia 2 Peppers Girlfriend	3 Leucadia 5 Curlin's Lil Gal 6 Highwood	5 Curlin's Lil Gal 6 Highwood 3 Leucadia	5 Curlin's Lil Gal 6 Highwood 2 Peppers Girlfriend
<b>8</b>	5 Shemeansbizness 2 Skyboom 4 Flat Out Rose	<b>5 Shemeansbizness</b> 2 Skyboom 4 Flat Out Rose	5 Shemeansbizness 2 Skyboom 4 Flat Out Rose	5 Shemeansbizness 2 Skyboom 4 Flat Out Rose
<b>9</b>	3 Kobe's Cause 5 C R Insta Gator 2 Rowdy Ray	3 Kobe's Cause 5 C R Insta Gator 4 Stroller Boy	5 C R Insta Gator 3 Kobe's Cause 1 Day Money	3 Kobe's Cause 5 C R Insta Gator 6 Ships on Fire
<b>10</b>	2 Steam Powered 1 Covert Quality 5 Alegrissimmo	4 Flat Out Blessed 2 Steam Powered 1 Covert Quality	1 Covert Quality 2 Steam Powered 4 Flat Out Blessed	2 Steam Powered 1 Covert Quality 5 Alegrissimmo
<b>11</b>	3 Skalkhaho 5 I Am Lowkey 4 Razor Wire	3 Skalkhaho 5 I Am Lowkey 6 Five Charlie	<b>3 Skalkhaho</b> 5 I Am Lowkey 1 Leapin Ty Man	3 Skalkhaho 5 I Am Lowkey 2 Harry Blueblood
<b>12</b>	6 Champagne Camie 4 Prettywittyandwise 5 Chaparrita	4 Prettywittyandwise 6 Champagne Camie 5 Chaparrita	1 Laconia 6 Champagne Camie 4 Prettywittyandwise	6 Champagne Camie 1 Laconia 5 Chaparrita

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

## PRESQUE ISLE ( Post 5:00)

*By Dick Powell*

### RACE 1

1st: (5) GREY CHARMER – finished up last season with a win and a pair of seconds against this claiming level. He returned here 19 days ago and raced evenly for Kevin Rice, who wins 19% in his first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: (3) KENTUCKY GHOST – ran evenly in his last start on the turf at Indy and now drops way down in class for Richard Estvanko. Son of Ghostzapper wins 11% with his overall claimers and draws well with Jane Elliott.

3rd: (6) JOE PHILLIPS – the addition of blinkers two starts back did not work out, but he missed by a neck without them.

### RACE 2

1st: (1) PRAIRIE HAWK – showed high speed on the dirt against much better this winter at Tampa Bay. He held on well as the 3-2 favorite in his PID debut, and now the gelded son of Curlin turns back in class and distance.

2nd: (5) LIGHTNING CHARLIE – dropped down in class and raced evenly to finish up last season, then came back here two weeks ago and was a good second going six furlongs. He moves up a notch in class and gets in light again with Brooke Bays.

3rd: (3) OUR ETHAN CHARLES – improved here in his second PID start when dropped to this class level.

### RACE 3

1st: (4) CALVARY KAT – improved some when Lasix was added last season. She was a distant second here against similar last out and now turns back to a sprint for Brandon Kulp, who wins 22% going long to short.

2nd: (1) ROCK N REWARD – was a good third here as the beaten favorite, then moved up in class off the claim and raced evenly. Leland Hayes wins 29% third start off the layoff and gets leading rider Antonio Gallardo.

### RACE 4

1st: (1) SANDY LANE KITTEN – almost went gate to wire in his PID debut here at the age of 10, then came back and ran about the same race. He draws the rail again for Juan Arriagada, who wins 30% in his first start after being beaten as the favorite.

3rd: (8) JEN'S SONG – horse for the course has won 12 times here at the age of 12. He chased the pace in his two starts here this year. He has plenty of back class and gets Addiel Ayala back aboard.

3rd: (3) SMILE BRYAN – showed good speed in his PID debut here at the age of 9 against much better company.

#### RACE 5

1st: (6) HAPPYISASHAPPYDOES – was outrun at long odds against stakes foes on the turf two starts back in very fast time. He shipped here and won easily in fast time as the odds-on favorite for Teresa Connelly.

2nd: (2) GROUNDED – horse for the course just missed two starts back on the turf at Tampa Bay, then came here four months later and won going away. Scooter Davis wins 34% with his allowance runners and 29% first start after a win.

3rd: (5) CHIRON – one-dimensional closer beat stakes foes at Turfway Park, then did nothing in his next two starts.

#### RACE 6

1st: (2) CANDY REWARD – horse for the course won three of four starts here last season, including a stakes race in fast time. She came back at Penn National and won on the dirt in March and now tries state-bred optional claimers.

2nd: (4) CLOUD IN THE WIND – ran well without winning too much, but prepped for this with three wins out of three dirt sprint starts at Penn National. She has good early speed and gets Gallardo for the first time.

3rd: (5) RUSTY MY BROTHER – beat similar two starts back here going a two-turn mile, then won again to finish up her season.

#### RACE 7

1st: (9) SETTLING STORM – versatile mare can run on or off the pace. She rallied for second on the turf at Tampa Bay behind a fast pace, then came here and rallied for third in her PID debut. Pavel Matejka wins 15% second start off the layoff.

2nd: (4) KISS BLUE – raced evenly going 1 1/4 miles on the Tapeta at Turfway Park, then shipped here and was a good second but ahead of the top choice. Riley Mott wins 25% with his overall synthetic-track starters and 20% second start off the layoff.

3rd: (1) MS SEDONA – one-dimensional closer has been freshened up by Adam Rice.

#### RACE 8

1st: (5) NAUGHTY FAVORS – was an even second at 9-1 going this distance, then tired next out when she pressed a demanding pace. Daughter of Collected draws well for a stalking trip where Israel Rodriguez can use her gate speed.

2nd: (1) LENA KAHLENA – broke her maiden second time out last October, then was off until three weeks ago when she came back and led to the final furlong. She gets in light again with Bays – flat-bet profit with her sprint rides.

3rd: (6) JOYS OF SUMMER – improved when Lasix was added in her first start off the layoff, then chased the pace last out.

# Woodbine ( H) -Post 6:35

By John Rallis

**Best Bet: NIGHTIME DANCER (3rd) Spot Play: TIGNANELLO (10th)**

**Early Pick 5: 5,9/2/3/2,5/2,7,8 = \$2.40**

**Late Pick 5: 1,5,9/1,6,7/5,6/5,8/7 = \$7.20**

Race 1 (9) WILLOWTIME cruised to an easy victory in the opening leg of this Pop-Up series. He stands out from a class standpoint in this series and should be tough to take down here even from an outside draw. He gets the call to repeat, but I won't single. (5) MISTER MAGIC was aggressively handled from the outside and was able to trot home to grab the place spot behind the choice. He has a middle of the gate draw to work with and I'm expecting a similar approach this evening; he can grab a good piece. (4) MYRETIREMENTDREAM made a first over bid on the backside and fought hard towards the end of the mile, but got picked off up the inside by a rival with a cleaner trip. He is winless in 10 tries but should be sitting on a good effort vs. this group. (6) PESO HANOVER was able to grab the show spot in his latest. He has hit the board in 10 of his 13 starts this season and will have every chance to land on the ticket here.

Race 2: (2) PEMBERTON seems to be rounding back into form, especially given what we've seen from him over his last two efforts. He has been outpositioned in both of those efforts with driver JBR in the bike, but finished up those outings with very strong trot late. He will pick up the services of James MacDonald after a couple of conservative approaches and will be tough to beat here. (3) SID THE KID rounded out the super in his latest in what was a tough group. He draws inside here and might try to bottom out this group here this evening, but he'll need to find more to fend off the choice. (4) GHOSTLY CASPER was up against it in his most recent try in a 5th place effort. He was a strong 2nd vs. this group two starts back and will have every chance to get a good piece. (1) NASEY found himself back in the win column after missing the board in his start prior. He has been racing well over his last several tries and is one that should have every chance to close late for a share.

Race 3: (3) NIGHTIME DANCER is coming off a 4th place effort at Grand River where he wasn't much of a factor. He stayed along the inside for most of that mile but had some good pace when angling out in the shorter stretch. He was 3rd at this level two starts back, but missed close to three weeks coming into that contest and might fare better in this spot. (1) CRUISE HANOVER was aggressively handled and in his latest and was a part of some quick panels early, before coming to a complete walk. He was sneaky good in a higher class than this one two starts back, where he appeared to have some pace behind rivals. He takes a further drop down in this spot and if he works out a clean, stalking trip, he could prove tough to fend off; using. (5) ROCKABILLY REBEL N has only hit the board once over his last six tries, with that 2nd place finish coming at this very same level two starts back. He draws the middle of the gate and is a main player this evening. (4) ULYSSES is winless in nine tries this year but can close late for a share.

Race 4: (2) TYMAL RIGGS was conservatively handled from pp8 on a night where horses from off the pace had a tough time getting a big piece of the action. He finished up with some solid trot in that mile to get up for 5th. He draws inside and should be able to put forth another good showing, but will need to be closer to the action to find himself in the winner's circle. I'll give him top billing here. 2-5-3-8

Race 5: (7) WINMEBAK raced big in a 3rd place effort last time out, after tiring on the lead and in what were some quick panels. He was handled conservatively in his first two outings of 2025, but raced with conviction by driver Jonathan Drury. We should be expecting him to want to go forward off the gate here, and is one that could be a main danger with a helmet to chase this evening; top call. 7-8-2-6

Race 6: (8) TACTICAL STRIKE stayed trotting in her latest after switching to the pace in the midst of her stretch driver two starts back. She appeared to be in a really tough spot turning for home last week, but made up a lot of ground in what was a defeat by the slimmest of margins. It was a very strong showing and she should prove tough to go against in this spot off that effort, even from the outside. (5)

ROBERTSON DE was conservatively handled from an outside draw in what was his first start of 2025. He angled out late and flashed some trot in a 7th place effort. He has the ability to be competitive in this spot with a more aggressive steer, and we could see that this evening now that he has a start under his belt; using. (1) R PEAKY BLINDERS is one who has had bad luck in terms of the trips he's worked out. He isn't the easiest to get off the wings of the gate and that's been his demise all season. He looked like he was going to get a good piece last two starts back before an interference break, and flashed some good trot to be 4th. He can get a big piece with a clean trip, but that's a big if. (4) P L RAINBOW DASH rounded out the super in her latest, but didn't have as much trot late in the mile as we've seen from her in starts prior. She is one that always closes well late for a share and that's something we can expect here. James MacDonald picks up the driving duties this evening.

Race 7: (6) P L SPENCER was a sick-scr in the Goodtimes final but will be in to go for this upcoming Gold. He was a strong winner in the first leg in what was a strong showing. He draws better than he did in that outing, and might offer up a bit more value than you'd think given his scratch last time out. I'll side with him to take leg 2. (7) LMC WAGON WHEEL was 4th in the Goodtimes Final in what was a big mile for that group. He has been racing really well – especially at the end of his miles – since entering Ben Baillargeon's barn and could be sitting on a big effort if he can work out an easier trip this evening. (1) RITCHIE RITCH has been razor sharp this season, with 5 wins in 8 tries. He tested the waters vs. Gold company and passed with flying colors, scoring in dominant fashion. He was a winner in an overnight last week but was a little bit bumpy gaited late, and will have to navigate from the rail in a race where plenty will be vying for early positioning. He'll have every chance if he's on his game but his starting spot this evening could be trouble. (9) GALEN ERSO was a winner in his Goodtimes elim two starts back but made a miscue in the final. He changed bridles in that elimination win which resulted in a more engaging effort. He draws outside and can hit the ticket.

Race 8: (5) AMERICAN HISTORY came into his most recent effort having not raced in over one month. He was 8th in that contest but still paced home well, and could be sitting on an improved effort being back on a regular rotation. I'll give him the nod here and hope he can find his past form in this spot. (6) PACINO HANOVER hasn't hit the board in 5 tries and will take a drop in class in what should be a much more manageable spot. He never had a chance in his latest but finished up nicely to round out the super. He draws well and should be able to work out a good trip and could prove tough to take down. (1) WHICHWAYTOTHEBEACH was 2nd to a strong winner who was dropping down several classes. He draws the pole position this evening and can push out and secure a good spot. He can get a big piece. (2) NAZARE hasn't hit the board over his last three tries and hasn't been much of a factor in those outings. He can land somewhere on the ticket here.

Race 9: (8) WATERFALL wasn't able to trot from the moment he stepped foot on post parade and it stayed that way as he approached the gate. I'm not sure what went amiss that night, but he was a horse sitting on a good performance given what we saw from him in his seasonal debut. He's back in to go this evening and is one I'll side with him in this spot hoping he can bounce back. (5) SPARKS FLY was 3rd in his most recent outing in what was tougher company. He draws the middle of the gate here and should be pointed forward off the gate and will be the one they'll have to catch this evening. 8-5-7-2

Race 10: (7) TIGNANELLO was claimed off a victory at Rideau Carleton two starts back, and was brought to Mohawk to race for new trainer Kyle Fellows. He drew the second-tier in that contest and wasn't able to work out a clean trip, having not seen a set of pylons throughout that mile. He finished with good pace in that outing despite that. He has his nose on the gate this evening and is one I'll side with in this contest, in hopes he can get a cleaner trip. (5) HP LIS SHADOW hasn't been much of a factor over his last two outings, but drew poorly in both of those contests. He draws the middle of the gate in this spot and can bounce back with a stronger showing if he can work out a trip more to his liking, 7-5-1-2-8

YONKERS (6:45)

## The Empire Report – Monday, June 23, 2025 – Race Analysis

**RACE 1** – (4) LOUS WORLD makes his first local appearance since racing decently in last year's Messenger elimination and Final – he lures Bartlett off a couple of his main accounts, and that could bode well for his chances tonight – certainly worth a good look at that 8-1 ML price. (1) HEZ ALLTHE RAGE N won at this level 2 back, to go along with a pair of recent 2nds in this class – he'll surely be using his speed from the pole, and looms a major threat from start to finish. (3) ROCK THE BELLES looked like he may be crashing after a long form spree but he bounced back with a MUCH better effort last week, pacing right to the wire into the teeth of a :27.1 final quarter – good value option with that 12-1 ML listing. (2) KINGSVILLE has climbed back up the ladder with a trio of 2nds along with a win – he was no factor last start, but moves inside and could grab a piece with the right trip. (5) SOUT HWIND CELSIUS may have been the top choice off the class drop but Bartlett opting off one of his favorite barns is a concern – mixed feelings about his chances tonight. (7) CHIMICHURRI N was a well backed winner last week, though helped by an easy lead in a lesser field – steps up a bit, lands outside, and Bartlett opts off. (6) CARABAO A certainly fits nicely here but he comes off a major clunker last week, and feels iffy for tonight. (8) HUNTINGFORC HROME lands all the way outside while still trying to find his 4YO form.

**RACE 2** – (4) DUNKIN was hurt when VERDUN left last week, and had to retreat after being unable to loop to the lead – he still finished well for 4<sup>th</sup> (after losing any realistic chance), and he's been on an excellent form spree since early May – willing to stay on his team. (3) ALWAYS A THRILL ended up with a tougher trip last week and had to settle for 3<sup>rd</sup>, taking home a rare 2025 loss – gets Bartlett back tonight, and looms his usual dangerous self. (6) VER DUN will likely be forced to rally from last tonight, but we've seen his late explosion work in the past – wouldn't count him out too quickly, despite the possibility of a tough trip. (5) ENDOFSTORY is blossoming into an excellent 4YO with a big future ahead of him – not sure he'll be able to find the trip to make him a big threat tonight, however. (1) RACING RAMPAGE has found some better form with lesser, but would still be a surprise vs. the top ones in here. (2) ALL CLASS hung in ok for 2<sup>nd</sup> to a very sharp winner last week but finds himself in tough tonight

**RACE 3** – Tough race: (5) OURMATEMENKO N hasn't found the winner's circle yet in 6 U.S. starts but he's raced well in most of them, hitting board 4X – this race may come down to trip, and he's capable of coming out on top with a good one. (1) EUPHORIA N was invisible from the back last week but may have already been looking forward to tonight's class drop – he's more than capable of wiring these if he shows up on his best effort tonight. (7) SHADOW CAT had been very sharp but his form has been clouded a bit by a series of terrible draws – he gets yet another tonight, but does have a shot to beat these IF Bartlett can manufacture some trip luck from out here. (3) GIN GRAS BEACH would be hard to endorse off his recent lines but his barn has sent out several form-reversing over the past week, and there's always a chance that he could be next. (2) SPORTY M THREE is winless here in 2025 and jus 1 for 28 over the past 2 years – chance for a small piece, thanks to the inside draw. (6) ROLLING WITH SAM used an easy trip to take home 3<sup>rd</sup> last week but tonight's draw figures to leave him looking at minor spoils. (4) LEVINE picked up his first win since 2023 last start...seems an unlikely repeater

**RACE 4** – (1) MULLINAX disappointed in his first start off the claim, but has been very sharp ever since (his last was better than it may look) – he should end up with the two hole trip here (or possibly cut it?), and looms a very dangerous player. (4) SWEET BEACH LIFE hasn't been "bad" at 4 (after banking \$371K at 3) but he does remain winless after 8 starts – he's the one to knock off here, but the top choice figures to give him a serious tussle. (2) OPT ICAL ILLUSION N feels like he MAY have tailed off just a bit, but an easy trip from this spot does give him a shot at a decent piece of this. (3) BRUTALLY HANDSOME A bumps up a notch off a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> last week, but can hang with these too...with an easy enough trip – playable underneath. (7) CADILLAC BAYAMA is very sharp for a hot barn but the terrible draw (up in class) may limit his production tonight. (5) SIX DEGREES was a decent 4<sup>th</sup> upon arrival from Monti but the leaders did all tire that race – probably looking at minor spoils from this spot. (6) RENAI SSANCE DEO lacked the pop when sent wide last week and could only manage 3<sup>rd</sup> – tough draw tonight

**RACE 5** – Very tough race! (2) KOPI LUWAK is hard to gauge since the claim because he's had valid excuses in his last 3 starts – he definitely fits with these on his best effort, but it's hard to know if we'll get that from him tonight – one of many with a chance to take the opening leg of tonight's \$75K GUARANTEED Pick 5 pool! (7) NANDOLO N showed up sharp in NJ and was able to swoop by the field and win going away – he's more than capable of beating these too but as always, is in danger of a tough trip, from a bad spot – he's the "best" horse, but can he reach? (6) SOHO DOW JONES A was very promising in his early U.S. starts but struggled once up at the top

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levels, and it's hard to say how far off form he's fallen – another big question mark for tonight. (5) SANTANA HANOVER was a solid front end winner as the favorite last week, one level down – he fits here too, and is just a good trip away from being a big player. (1) SHAZAM BLUE CHIP had an outstanding 2024 campaign but he's still winless after 17 starts in '25 – he's usually right in the thick of things (even up one level), but it's hard to have confidence in him coming out on top right now. (4) SURFSIDE BEACH has been inconsistent lately, but he'd hardly be a shock in here (as he did win in a NW20000 field 4 back). (3) TWIN B POWERBALL has won 2 straight for a very hot barn but steps up in class and may find these a little too tough. (8) CHURCHVIEWFRANKL IR can bang heads with better when sharp, but he hasn't looked in his last couple, and will coming from last tonight

**RACE 6** – (2) FLIP MY CHIP changed tactics and raced from off the pace 2 back, turning in a BIG effort for 2<sup>nd</sup> – he was claimed that night, reverted to his usual front end style in his next and was a blowout winner, despite being pressed to eye-popping fractions by a rival that refused to take a seat – steps up for another new barn tonight, but may be sharp enough to pull off a mild upset. (4) CENTURY ENDEAVOR tired on the lead 3 back but that mile is sandwiched between a pair of wins on either side – he goes for new connections tonight, was Holland's choice (over #2) and remains as dangerous as ever. (1) SHAKE IT has been on an extended form spree, that started when he was at the \$15K level – he came up 2<sup>nd</sup> best in his 2 starts after moving up to 30s, but was very sharp each time – he tries 40s this week (for another new barn), but can't be taken lightly in his current (raging) form. (3) MUSIC HALL was used VERY hard last week and it's to his credit that he was able to last for 4<sup>th</sup> – he's another that's been sharp for weeks, and more than capable here with the right trip. (6) LYRICAL GENIUS A never goes a bad one but he'll be coming from well back, and may just have too many sharp ones to pass. (8) ROCKIN N TALKIN was no factor at all from Post 8 two back but he used a super-slick drive (and sharp effort) to give #4 a late tussle last week – faces a lot of obstacles from Post 8 tonight, however. (5) TWIG has been on a very nice roll, but he was scratched sick off the claim, and looks to move up in class after leaving a very high % barn. (7) BONDI SHAKE A is 13-0-0-3 locally over the past 3 years, facing much easier than these.

**RACE 7** – (7) HEZA CHARTTOPPER A was visually impressive last week, sprinting home effortlessly in :27.1 to dominate his rivals in a hot 1:51.2 mile – he's moving up a peg, but he's won at the Invitational level this year – remains the one the beat, even with the bad draw. (1) FINVARRA A is always very tough when he drops out of the Invitational, and even holds his own at THAT level, when sharp – will be waiting in the wings should the top one not be as sharp tonight. (5) SIMON SAYS HANOVER hasn't come close to top form since returning recently from a long layoff – he'll perk up eventually and while there's no real signs that it'll be tonight, you'll get a big price if you think it MAY happen. (8) MY ULTIMATE BYRON A was sharp BEFORE the others in his barn recently followed suit – hard to see a way into the race for him tonight, but he'll be a big price for a red-hot barn...good one for longshot fans. (6) STELLAR YANKEE has held form even as he's risen from NW5000 to this high level – the draw does figure to really hurt his chances tonight, though. (3) HICKFROMFRENCHLICK gets a pass for his last (shuffled badly, losing all chance) but he does own a pair of recent longshot wins, and ALMOST scored at 36-1 two back – still leaning towards others, though. (2) BLUE LOU hasn't picked up his game since adding Lasix, and needs to start finishing better if he hopes to win at this level. (4) FUNATTHEBEACH N gets a pass for his last (trapped inside) but still would be a surprise against this bunch

**RACE 8** – (2) DESPERATE MAN was starting to look like his best-self heading into the Borgata Final but a bad draw (and miscue) sealed his fate – he bounced right back to pick up a new lifetime mark in a Pocono overnight (1:48.2), won an Open at Chester then went a BIG effort in the Battle of Lake Erie, getting down to 3/4s in an eye popping 1:21 before coming up 2<sup>nd</sup> best to the sharp tripsitter, in a sizzling 1:48.3 mile – have to give him the edge tonight, though he has a very good one to his inside! (1) CHASE H HANOVER was peaking heading into the Borgata Final and gave it a big front end try for \$516K, coming up 2<sup>nd</sup> best to MOSSDALE BEN N – things didn't go his way in his next pair out of town but he draws the pole returning to Yonkers, gets A Nap back in the bike and will surely be a handful tonight. (3) SOHO FIRESTONE A looked like "Open material" from his first U.S. starts and he certainly proved that he IS, in recent weeks – he does have a pair of beasts to his inside, and we'll see if he can give them a tussle with the right trip. (5) STREET HAWK N has done little wrong since arriving from Down Under and was actually sent off at 3/5 vs. HUNTINTHELASTDOLAR in his first try at the top level – he raced very well to be 2<sup>nd</sup> (1st over), but is another than may be at a disadvantage here with the top two drawing inside (4) HIMS ELF N sat the pocket and was a rock solid 2<sup>nd</sup> last week, and has gone his share of strong efforts against the top horses – still feels like he'll have to settle for a smaller piece tonight, though. (6) HEMSWORTH N had pace finishing the last 2 weeks and isn't a bad bomb to use for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. (7) AARDIES FLASH N probably needs a much

better post to be a serious threat against these types. (8) DIEGO N gets a brutal draw – pass for now, and wait for next week's drop

**RACE 9** – (3) WHATS STANLEY GOT A hasn't gotten back to top form in 2025 but he's still more than capable at this level, and has definitely added more consistency to his game...we'll give him the edge tonight. (4) THE BIGBOSS A came up a little light in his U.S. debut, had Post 8 the next start but brought a solid mile last week, a game 1<sup>st</sup> over 2<sup>nd</sup> to a sharp front end winner – logical threat tonight. (1) ALL ALONE finished well back in his first tries off the layoff, and it's hard to back him with any confidence tonight, especially at that 9/5 ML price – still, he CAN beat these if he happens to perk up and bring his "A game". (6) WASA HEAT SEEKER N won his U.S. qualifier but the fresh import is hard to evaluate – perhaps the tote board will offer some better clues? (7) SEMI TOUGH has seen his game pick up a bit in PA recently but he struggled in all 3 local tries this year, and is stuck with a terrible draw tonight – not a bad one if you're spreading this race in Pick 5s, as he is listed at 20-1 ML. (2) JETT STAR N lost to a much softer bunch here 2 starts back, though he does have 3 local wins this year – still leaning to others, though. (5) MYULTIMATEBAXTER N found some form at lower levels but quickly tailed vs. much better – drops, but still not ready to hop back on his team

**RACE 10** – (1) MANFERNO shipped in sharp and immediately proved he belonged with the locals, delivering a very sharp first over score last week – draws the pole tonight, and that stamps him as the one to knock off. (7) FREQUENT IMAGE stepped up to 40s off the claim, got roughed up hard getting the top from Post 8 and called it a night on the back side – drops back down to 30s (where he's done excellent work), and may just shrug that last mile off and deliver a big effort. (2) AMERITRIC tried to leave hard last week but was forced to grab up and retreat, pretty much sealing his fate – moves back inside, and could easily outperform that 12-1 ML price. (4) HARD TO CATCH usually doesn't take a lot of \$\$ here but he's raced well in many of his starts for these connections, and never a bad one for the bottom of exotics. (3) BIG DREAM FELLA finished ok for 3<sup>rd</sup> off an easy trip last week – he's generally stuck grabbing minor pieces, and will likely find himself back in that boat tonight. (6) IM THE PRICE had tailed off but landed on a dream trip 2 back and used it to deliver the 22-1 upset – he was in a no-chance spot last week, and may have trouble getting into the hunt again tonight. (8) LAZ won 8X last year and already owns 6 victories in 2025 – he does land in a brutal spot (for another new barn) tonight, and may have to wait for a better draw before he can strut his best stuff. (5) THAT DOG WILL HUNT feels like he may be starting to tail a bit after the recent claim.



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(POST 7:00)

Race 1 - 2-1-4

Race 2 - 2-5-4

Race 3 - 4-5-2

Race 4 - 6-5-1

Race 5 - 6-7-1

Race 6 - 1-6-5

Race 7 - 1-2-5

Race 8 - 2-7-1

Race 9 - 6-5-1

Race 10 - 5-6-3

Race 11 - 6-1-2

Race 12 - 1-5-8



## **Assiniboia Downs**

### **GAMING & EVENT CENTRE**

POST 8:30

Monday Jun-23-2025

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
3	Mystery Dance	Damario Bynoe 5/2	Can rally for the win.
1	Sneaky Situation	Rachaad Knights 4/5	Will have to be caught.
5	I Am Mila	Sven Baroop 7/2	Good effort in last.

AT THE WIRE: 3 - 1 - 5 Horse to watch: 2 Gamblers Nightmare

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
4	Market King	Damario Bynoe 1/2	Hard to go against.
1	Bossy Holiday	Mathew Bennett 5/1	Rates next in line.
5	Mr. Dazzle	Antonio Whitehall 15/1	Chance at a price.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 1 - 5 Horse to watch: 6 Magnolia Speed

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
4	Lansdowne	Ronald Ali 2/1	Call in a tight finish.
5	Exacting	Sven Balroop 8/5	The one to hold off.
1	Northvale Road	Prayven Badrie 3/1	Capable invader.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 5 - 1 Horse to watch: 6 Chicago's Gray

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
6	Tree Hugger	Damario Bynoe	7/2 Call in a scramble.
2	Unarmed	Dario Dalrymple	5/2 The one to beat.
4	Pioneer's Tigress	Ciera Pruitt	3/1 Could be the one.

**AT THE WIRE: 6 - 2 - 4Horse to watch: 7 Zippy Season**

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
5	Will the Thrill	Sven Balroop	6/5 Solid choice tonight.
7	Far Beyond	Damario Bynoe	5/2 The one to beware of.
2	Poderoso Equs	Antonio Whitehall	7/2 Can grab a share.

**AT THE WIRE: 5 - 7 - 2Horse to watch: 4 Exotic's Bear**

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
4	Marvelous Lady	Prayven Badrie	7/5 Like her chances.
2	Island High	Renaldo Cumberbatch	2/1 The one to beat.
3	Jj's American Diva	Damario Bynoe	3/1 Capable of the win.

**AT THE WIRE: 4 - 2 - 3Horse to watch: 1 Catch the Dream**

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
2	Orcadian Storm	Sachin Parris	3/1 Gets the call tonight.
7	Fast Traffic	Prayven Badrie	7/5 The one to fear.
4	Reserve Proof	Mathew Bennett	5/1 Grabs the show.

**AT THE WIRE: 2 - 7 - 4Horse to watch: 3 Last Renegade**