

# Craig Donnelly's

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025 – FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.**

**Best Bets:** DELICATE (6<sup>th</sup>) – ZANDUHOC (8<sup>th</sup>)

#### Race 1

- 2** ADDYSON'S DREAM – Many chances and numerous losses at short odds but holds ability edge.
- 6** GUNMAN JAYVO – Finished well both local tries going short and long; Lasix, suitable yardage.
- 5** Z STORM IS COMING – Late energy in debut despite slow start and blinkers should help.
- 1** BIG DOSSER – Signs of progress lately and victim of loose pacesetter in shorter test.

#### Race 2

- 4** WAITWAITDONTTELLME – Used up dueling in better field and romped for new management.
- 5** PRINCESS CUPID – Speedy mare with stamina issues but soft opposition and yardage helpful.
- 2** CICI UNIFIED – Decisive score last week to end long losing skid and takes logical next step.
- 6** ROAD TO DREAMS – Upset winner in lesser company recently when switching to Haddock.

#### Race 3

- 2** BURNING EMBERS – Dueled throughout in narrow loss and drops within same claiming tag.
- 5** SO SWELL – Some wide late response last week but needs aid of pace set-up for best chance.
- 4** GIA'S FUEGO – Makes presence felt early but tends to weaken in stretch; seen better days.
- 6** CRÈME CARAMEL – Stuck in this spot for ages but fires on occasion and can't throw out.

#### Race 4

- 4** AMAZING WOO – Trounced single-winners in impressive style and very short odds for repeat.
- 2** FINANCIAL STRENGTH – Lost rider in last and frequently hit board previously; hot stable.
- 7** KHOPE\$H – Narrowed gap as longshot and should be gaining late again with set-up.
- 5** GAMERUN – Signs of interest lately but just 2-for-39 lifetime; possibility if throw out last.

#### Race 5

- 1** ANGEL OF HOPE – Sidelined since December but promise as juvenile and gets Lasix for return.
- 2** SWEET DISTRACTION – Steadied nearing stretch when humbled by Chad Brown rookie in N.J.
- 3** DADOO – Late energy behind smashing odds-on winner two weeks ago and merits attention.
- 7** SELVAGGIA – Sire McKinzie won 2018 Pennsylvania Derby and \$3.6 million; few clues in works.

#### Race 6

- 7** DELICATE – Powerful double-digit score after arriving from Keeneland; repeats at same yardage.
- 1** ROCK ME GENTLY – Speedy filly fires every time and often forms bottom of exacta as favorite.
- 4** ZONING ORDER – Competing better than odds predict lately but further progress necessary.
- 6** NEIGHBELLINE – Often close with similar and possibly most effective when reaches front early.



**Race 7**

<b>7</b>	<b>AWESOME FLAY</b> – Series of game but frustrating defeats here and Monmouth; scores on best.
<b>4</b>	<b>HAPPILY DELUSIONAL</b> – Overmatched in recent pair of stakes; back home with closing punch.
<b>3</b>	<b>WARP NINE</b> – Nice try sprinting in local bow after crushing maidens at Keeneland; fits nicely.
<b>1</b>	<b>THE TIRE MAN</b> – Fair showing in slop after hard-earned maiden score; upset possibility.

**Race 8**

<b>3</b>	<b>ZANDUHO</b> C – Set rapid fractions and nearly lasted against heavy favorite in slightly longer test.
<b>1</b>	<b>LOST AND CONFUSED</b> – Closed big gap when just two lengths behind top pick after layoff.
<b>2</b>	<b>ACTION HERO</b> – Finished behind top pair but offers closing kick with favorable pace scenario.
<b>6</b>	<b>JACKSON ROAD</b> – Ample ability but idle several months and faces difficult task in return.





Courtesy of **SARATOGA RACEWAY**



MIKE SARDELLA at SARATOGA HARNESS Tuesday, June 3, 2025

(12:00)

RACE #1

4- Vel Sharp Looking  
Looking to build off an improved second  
1- Serotonin  
Getting a bit better every week  
3- Wattwastinadrinkin  
Post relief off a solid Spa debut  
7- Choiceofthetown

RACE #2

6- Certify  
Drops off a strong closing effort, trying to break an 0-13  
2- Circuit Party  
Drops off a fast second in his return  
1- Oh So Pine  
His best can beat these but he hasn't been sharp  
3- Devious Hottie

RACE #3

2- Delta Three N  
Beaten favorite in last when coming off a career best effort, rebounds  
7- Fox Valley Nova  
Strong finisher but may be coming from last again  
1- Big Cheddar  
Pole control for her Spa debut  
4- Cloche On

RACE #4

2- Tiny But Mighty  
Looking to avenge a late break when in striking distance last week  
3- Rockin Nelly  
Fresh Wally in a spot to wake up  
6- Skyway Freakshow  
She'll be flying home  
1- Lyons Ladyluck

RACE #5

1- Stay Jelly  
Down and in  
5- Mikilob Ultra  
Looks to find her winning way again  
2- Violets Rainbow  
Another who has faced better all year long  
6- Truly

RACE #6

7- Louisville GB  
Invader is always the favorite and loves to win, call  
2- Pit Boss Hanover  
Moves to the Open while razor sharp  
4- SS Superstar  
Has regressed some of late but is always a threat  
5- Alittlesidehustl N

RACE #7

8- Virgin Honor  
Fast enough to swoop this group, the post gives him value  
2- Sounds Good  
His best beats these but could need the start  
6- Play Rock  
Minor spoils  
4- AR Commandor



RACE #8

1- Brooklets Sonic  
Best bet from the rail for Wally  
6- EA Perfect Wish  
Should close for a good piece  
4- Ponda Numeral  
Early speed from this local first timer  
2- Kindanotbutiam

RACE #9

6- Shes Epic  
Devaux's choice motored home to cruise to victory  
4- Sea Storm  
Steps up off a seasonal best win for her new connections  
1- Sweeter Than Lou  
Threat with pole control  
2- Delivered On Tyme

RACE #10

5- Ukulele Blue Chip  
First legit shot since coming to town  
1- Intense Lady  
The one to beat  
4- Better Crunch  
Closing threat again  
6- TH Rita Lou

RACE #11

1- Exotic Dragon  
Moves to the rail off a strong closing second at 18-1  
3- Royaltys Dreamer  
Motors home  
2- Hurrikane Lori Ann  
Looks to bounce back off back to back weaker tries  
5- Sharkine N

RACE #12

2- Rockin Rae L  
Edge to drop and pop  
6- HS Shauna  
Improved second off the drop in last but yet to win one this season  
1- My Rugala  
Piece from the pole  
3- Java

RACE #13

1- Shallow  
Wally and the rail for a slim edge  
6- Dark Eclipse N  
Razor sharp  
2- Demeter N  
Has been a factor almost every week  
5- A Disruptor

## ***best bets***

RACE #3

**2- Delta Three N**

*Beaten favorite in last when coming off a career best effort, rebounds*

RACE #8

**1- Brooklets Sonic**

*Best bet from the rail for Wally*



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



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

**Best Bets**

**Race 4. # 7**

**Watch Me Ride**

**Race. 7 # 2**

**Icarus Falls N**





**POST 12:50**

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

**Best Bet**

**Race 6 # 3 Toastmaster**

**Pick 3 Play : Race 5 : 2,4,6 / 3 / 6,7**



# LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

## FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

(1:00)

*Lake's Lucky Picks uses years in the horse racing business and horse sense to regularly track runners, see trends and watch each race, in an effort to provide you with a greater insight on racing from Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack.*

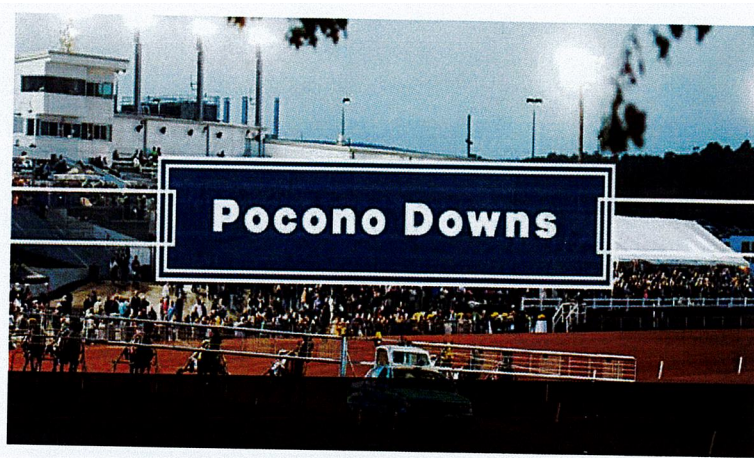
RACE	#	HORSE	COMMENTS
<b>1</b>	6	KING'S LEAP	CAN COME RIGHT BACK VS THESE FOES
	4	JANSSEN	WAS CLOSER WHEN STRETCHED OUT
	1	STJAMES	HAS BEEN CRYING OUT FOR MORE YARDAGE
<b>2</b>	4	DIGITAL CURRENCY	CLEARLY KNOCKING AT THE DOOR
	3	FUNNY FORECAST	WELL-BRED FILLY HAS PLENTY OF UPSIDE
	6	I AM EV	CAN LAND A SHARE WITH USUAL EFFORT
<b>3</b>	2	D'S A ROCK	HARD TO GO PAST IN 2ND LOCAL START
	1	SHELLY	FRESH HORSE HAS BEEN CONSISTENT
	3	MA MI JO DREAMS	UNDERNEATH TYPE SHOULD BE IN MIX
<b>4</b>	5	WELL SUITED	HAS THE NUMBERS TO DEFEAT THESE RIVALS
	2	HIGH WATER MARK	FINDS PERFECT SPOT FOR FINGER LAKES DEBUT
	3	SMEAUXKINITUP	LONGSHOT CHANCE TO MAKE THE NUMBER
<b>5</b>	5	BREAK THE FALL	GOOD EFFORT IN FIRST LOOK. TAKES NEXT STEP
	4	PRICE IS TRUTH	MUST HANDLE SURFACE SWITCH & STRETCH-OUT
	1E	DAVIS ENTRY	CONSIDER USING IN TRI'S AND SUPER'S
<b>6</b>	5	WESTERN WOLF	GETS IN LIGHT AND CAN HANDLE THESE RIVALS
	7	SCOTT TWENTYTWO	TRAINER HAD SUCCESS AT THUMB IN PAST
	3	MR. SUGAR DADDY	CAN WORK OUT BETTER TRIP AND HAVE IMPACT
<b>7</b>	4	HEY TOBY	WAS COMPETITIVE AGAINST BETTER IN NY
	2	KING PHOENIX	CAN'T IGNORE INVADER WITH GOOD FORM
	6	STARSHIP TANGO	WATER IS DEEPER BUT VYING FOR 3RD STRAIGHT
<b>8</b>	5	IMPERMANENCE	SLIGHT EDGE IN WIDE OPEN FINALE
	4	JOURNEY OF FIVE	HAD TRAFFIC ISSUES IN RECENT TRY
	7	POSITIVELY	VICTIM OF TROUBLED TRIP LAST TIME AT LEVEL

**RACE # BEST BET**  
**5 5 BREAK THE FALL**

**RACE # LIVE LONGSHOT**  
**4 3 SMEAUXKINITUP**

*The selections are purely recommendations, and success is not a guarantee. Track surface conditions, scratches, and other factors may change and can affect the way the selections would be made. Watch the TV broadcast for further updates. Bet with your head, not over it*





## Pocono Downs ( 1:00 )

Pocono Downs picks

( Brian Mcevoy )

1-5-8-3

2-6-1-7

3-1-5-6 BEST BET

4-1-4-2

5-6-2-4

6-4-3-7 VALUE PLAY

7-1-3-5

8-4-6-3

9-8-3-6

10-6-2-4

11-5-6-3

12-4-3-5

Best Bet

Race 3 # 1 R Cee Cee



# PRESQUE ISLE ( Post 3:30)

*By Dick Powell*

## **RACE ONE:**

(6) SHEZ TWISTED – showed high speed for a half-mile in her well-bet career debut against much better maidens at Churchill Downs 19 days ago. Larry Rivelli wins 22% second time out and 29% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

(1) FISTFULOFMONEY – just missed in his career debut against restricted maidens first time out at Churchill for Kevin Rice, who wins 19% with his second-time starters and 29% going dirt to synthetic.

(5) TEAR JERKER – first-time starter from Ron Potts who wins 14% with his debut runners.

## Race 2

1st: (1) WILD DELIGHT – was a game second last year going two turns after she opened a 15-length lead. She ran well in the next two starts in sprints, then raced evenly here two weeks ago. Martina Rojas, who rode here last year, picks up the mount.

2nd: (5) VANILLA BEAN – finished up last year with a good win going two turns, then returned to the races here last out and won easily. She moves up a notch in class for Mike Rogers, who wins 17% first start after a win.

3rd: (3) I'M HEADING EAST – horse for the course won going 5 1/2 furlongs here last out in her second start off the layoff.

## Race 3

1st: (6) SAMURAI LEGACY – horse for the course has won 11 times here and returns off a 250-day layoff. He ran well in the same spot last year, and because he returns against the same claiming level, he runs without being exposed to the claim.

2nd: (7) OLDZFOURFORTYTWO – horse for the course has won 11 times here and makes his first start in 232 days. He will probably be fresh off the layoff, so Walber Alencar might send him to the front from an outside post.

3rd: (4) GUACO – ran well against the top choice here last year and has two dirt starts at Finger Lakes to ready for this.

## Race 4

1st: (7) TUDOR PEAK – has yet to win here in eight tries. She showed good speed to the deep stretch last out in her first start off the long layoff for Mike Rogers, who wins 14% in this spot and 17% with his claiming starters.

3rd: (6) DOMINANT STRANGER – has only won once here in 40 tries but has placed 20 times. She drops a notch in class for her first start off the long layoff for Rory Barron, who wins 16% with his claimers.

3rd: (3) DOWN TO EARTH – won once here last year and was beaten four lengths off the long layoff two weeks ago.



#### Race 5

1st: (1) SPEIGHT THE SNOW – broke his maiden here second time out last year, then came back and held well for second against stakes foes. After two even starts to finish the year, he returned with a decent effort on the dirt at Tampa Bay two starts back.

2nd: (6) SCHNITTKER – ran well here last year as a four-year-old against state-bred allowance foes. He returned here 10 months later with an even third when dropped down in class, and now moves back up off the claim by John Guciardo.

3rd: (3) TOWN BARBER – missed by a neck two starts back at Turfway Park, then did little in a turf sprint at Churchill against better.

#### Race 6

1st: (1) MENTY B – was a good second after a clumsy break as the odds-on favorite in her career debut on the dirt at Belterra. She tries Tapeta for her second start and draws the rail again for Ethan West, who wins 13% second time out.

2nd: (8) SPANISH CARA – ran well on synthetic in Ireland last year, then shipped to California where she raced on turf going long and short. Tim Hamm wins 22% second start out of the barn and gets Pablo Morales.

3rd: (3) PINCARA – showed good speed for a half-mile in her career debut here, going 5 1/2 furlongs.

#### Race 7

1st: (9) SUSANOO – broke her maiden against bottom maiden claimers two starts back here going two turns, then did nothing in her last start. She returns 230 days later for Kim DePasquale, who wins 12% in this spot.

2nd: (7) CEFALU – one-dimensional closer ran well on the turf at Tampa Bay in her last two starts, including a win last out in decent time. Daughter of Wooton Bassett tries Tapeta for Juan Arriagada, who wins 27% with his claimers but is 0 for 13 with Rodriguez.

3rd: (8) SWEET LILIBET – broke her maiden on the Tapeta at Turfway Park. Daughter of Violence drops way down in class.

#### Race 8

1st: (4) WE CALLED SOL – dropped down to this maiden claiming level last out and was beaten two lengths in his Tapeta debut. Son of Liam's Map returns for Gerry Brooks, who wins 17% with his synthetic-track starters and 14% with his maiden claimers.

2nd: (6) HOTLINE BLINK – has had 11 chances to break his maiden, and his lone Tapeta start back in March was good enough to beat these. Speedy son of Goldencents draws well with Gaddiel Martinez aboard.

3rd: (8) HIGHTAIL FOX – ran well here last year against better maidens and shows a bullet workout here for this.



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

**Tuesday June 3 2025**

**Race 1 – 1-2-5**

**Race 2 – 1-3-6**

**Race 3 – 7-6-4**

**Race 4 – 2-4-7**

**Race 5 – 2-3-5**

**Race 6 – 2-5-6**

**Race 7 – 4-7-6**

**Race 8 – 3-7-8**

**Race 9 – 5-1-2**

**Race 10 – 7-1-5**

**Race 11 – 6-7-2**

**Race 12 – 6-2-3**

**Race 13 – 2-1-6**

**Race 14 – 5-1-7**





## Fort Erie -post 4:30

### Race 1:

#3 Truly Mischief  
#4 Back to Reality  
#1 Rye's My Guy

### Race 2:

#5 Grand Ambition  
#1 Anarchy  
#4 Collaborative

### Race 3:

#4 Berkus (FR)  
#3 Take My Allowance  
#1 Screen Legend

### Race 4:

#4 Flawless Quality  
#5 Linda's Opal  
#7 Princess O Denmark

### Race 5:

#5 Now You See Me  
#6 Bamboo's Babe  
#2 Tachyon Speed

### Race 6:

#5 Gran Spirited  
#4 Sir Maximus  
#2 Attestation

### Race 7:

#1 Menagerie  
#3 Sweet Serenade  
#5 Born to Be Good

### Race 8:

#9 Victory March  
#4 Blue Max  
#2 Cost Basis

### Key Race of the Day – Race 8 – Starter Optional Claiming – 6 1/2 Furlongs

The final race on the card is a strong starter optional claiming event for male dirt sprinters and features a field of nine. **#9 Victory March** is the morning line favourite and rightfully so – this now seven-year-old gelding has shown up in each of his local efforts and boasts a 5-1-1 resume from seven starts over the main track at Fort Erie. He can sit closer to the action, or he can rally from off it, which is what he typically prefers and there appears to be enough speed for him to get the perfect setup. His workout tab in preparation for his 2025 debut shows a slew of bullet drills... watch out. **#4 Blue Max** has races already under his belt this year and in fact, won his first start of 2025 against first-level allowance competition at Mahoning Valley. He too, likes to close from off the pace and in some of his starts in Ohio, he's needed more ground so the return to the six and a half furlong distance should be to his liking. **#2 Cost Basis** will make his Fort Erie debut for his new trainer, Julie Mathes. This eight-year-old son of Into Mischief hasn't fired in his last two starts, but he has some back class and his earlier efforts during the winter months at Oaklawn Park were quite good – he faced some tough horses such as Principe Carlo, who's three for five this year at the age of nine and recorded an 80 Byer two starts back. Cost Basis figures to be part of the pace and may be able to stick around, for at least a piece at what could potentially be a decent price.



# LOUISIANA DOWNS



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## 50 YEARS OF RACING

**Post 5:05**

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

**Best Bet :**

**Race 6**

**3 IceEm Up Boys**

**Pick 3 Play : Race 5 1,4 / 3 / 1,3**



YONKERS (6:45)

## The Empire Report – Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – Race Analysis

**RACE 1** – (5) JENDEN STRIKE A had been doing some good work at the \$30K level but was left in a no chance spot after dropping down to 25s last week – Zeron will have more options tonight, this isn't a bad spot to give her a look. (2) WOODMERE HARRIET was incredibly camera shy here for a long time but she comes into tonight with 3 wins from her last 6 starts, and some excellent overall form – she moves to new connections tonight, but the guess is that she'll continue to thrive – live player. (1) BOUT DAMN TIME A snapped out of a long dry spell 3 back and has come up second best 3X since then – remains a very viable threat, especially with another inside draw. (3) NUTTIN BUTHEBEST has been highly unpredictable for some time, and that's why she paid 25-1 when just paced over the field last start – it's anybody's guess as to which version we'll see tonight, though. (7) TOBAGO TIME appreciated the class drop last week and was able to knock off a much softer bunch of 20s – she was claimed from her last by connections that seem to have a horse in every barn, and this feels like a tough spot...even landing with a very sharp trainer. (8) WHOS PERFECT was used hard off the drop to 25s last week and that left her a little short at the end – tonight's draw could leave her with another difficult journey. (4) EBONY LADY beat a soft bunch 3 back but has otherwise struggled in a lot of her other recent starts. (6) LAZIN ON THE BEACH has really leveled off after a long form spree to start off 2025

**RACE 2** – (4) AMBUSHED has now been claimed from 4 consecutive starts...but that's not surprising, considering she has 6 wins and 2 close 2nds from her last 8 starts – remains the one to beat, especially if she continues to get things her own way, most every week. (6) RACEY RACH N may actually be as sharp as the top choice right now, but some tough spots/trips have left her unable to knock that one off – tonight's terrible draw may hurt her chances once more. (1) MALUKA MISS N has been using easy trips to take home pieces the last 3 weeks...and she could be looking at a similar scenario tonight. (3) JIVE DANCING A was pretty disappointing (vs. much cheaper) off the layoff this spring but seems to be sharpening out of town lately – this spot feels pretty ambitious for her right now, but her barn was sending out some incredibly sharp horses last week...maybe if the price is big enough? (2) PEMBR OKE SOUTHIE can be a big threat with these on her best effort but she wasn't sharp at all last week – would need a big wake up call. (5) YS SENSATIONALCITY did knock off the top choice 2 back but just wasn't nearly as sharp last week – tonight's draw won't make things any easier as she looks to bounce right back

**RACE 3** – (2) CAPTAIN MOORE A makes his U.S. debut off a sharp (PcD) qualifier that saw him kick home in a sharp :27 seconds – his barn has brought in too many talented imports over the past couple of years to NOT give this guy top billing...but note that there are a few interesting newcomers in here as well, before taking a very short price. (5) FATEFUL TWIST won his 3YO debut on 4/7 (at PcD) and has continued to improve since then, making his local debut off a win in a TSS division at Chester last start – figures to be a serious player in what shapes up as a pretty strong NW2 field! (4) HAZARDOS was no factor in his own TSS race last week but he got away at the back and never had a prayer (paced his final half in :53.3) – he recently won a pair of starts in Canada, and could easily be part of the equation tonight. (7) RJS RED DEVIL took a 1:51.4 mark in his maiden-breaking win at Pocono 2 back then raced well for 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Excelsior A race at Stga. last start – tonight's draw is an obvious concern, though. (1) LI FEBLOOD picked up his first career win in PA 2 back (start #16) but just seems a bit below several of the sharp players in here – leaning elsewhere. (3) HURRIKANE MIKI can sometimes find some late pace for a small share – ok bomb for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. (6) BEANZY FRESH took 18 starts to pick up his first win but failed the next week at 2/5 – he's in MUCH tougher now, gets a bad draw, and may struggle this week

**RACE 4** – Tough race: (4) MARLBANK ROAD doesn't have the most exciting lines lately but he's mostly been facing better– he did try to cut the mile the only time he was in this class recently and ended up finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>– maybe this is a field he can handle? (1) TEXAS HOLDEM hasn't fared so well since exiting the “NWPM” classes but he's also been facing tougher foes for weeks – the drop and rail may be enough to trigger a wake up call. (5) SWEETHO MEALABAMA N is another that did much better back when racing here in NW2-4PM...he returns showing a mixed bag out of town tries, but his best effort would at least make him a player here. (2) SARANAC BLUE CHIP is another returning to YR with some very mixed recent lines – his “best” effort would make him a player here – but will get that from him tonight? (6) MUSCLE BART A struggled mightily for a while but he did respond to the barn change on 5/18 to beat softer at Pocono – he wasn't nearly as effective moving up in class last week, and lands a bad draw as he tries his luck at The Hilltop again. (3) MY CARBON COPY N could be tighter with last week's mile under his belt but his 1 for 39 record here (last 3 years) makes him tough to consider on top! (8) KIMBLE A fits



well at this bottom level but generally needs a much better draw to have any real say. (7) AUSSIE HANOVER draws Post 7 after losing his last 4 starts by double digits each time

**RACE 5** – (1) STAY HAPPY reaped the benefits of both the class drop and perfect trip last week and was able to charge home to an easy victory – she’s been known to string victories in the past, and may be able to take another with the help of tonight’s excellent draw. (4) SALE EL SOL was handled conservatively last week (racing off a month) and did finish with good pace – that mile should serve as a good tightener, and she could have a bigger say tonight, with a good trip. (6) STORMY SERENA raced “ok” from a tough spot last start (off 3 weeks) after wiring the field (at 25-1!) in this class the start before that – her normally sharp barn was exceptionally good last week, and this mare is definitely worth considering, at the right price. (7) MORNING HAS BROKEN will need lots of trip luck to win from out here but note that she did deliver a 25-1 upset (from the same Post 7) five starts back – not a bad one for longshot fans. (5) CRÈME DELIGHT finally gets some class relief – we’ll see if it’s enough to make her a player again. (8) BOORAA N has been good week after week but a lot would have to go her way to win from out here – another one for those fishing for a big price. (2) OKINAWA BEACH A’s best recent efforts have come vs. easier – has to prove she can still be a threat vs. these types. (3) BIG BETTOR HANOVER used a perfect pocket trip to beat softer last time...faces a much tougher task tonight

**RACE 6** – (3) ESCAPE TO AMERICA was MUCH sharper than his lines might have suggested coming into his last start so it wasn’t really a huge surprise to see him throw a big one, flying from way back to be right there 3<sup>rd</sup> on the wire – he’ll still be a nice price here, and definitely a good value option. (2) RACING RAMPAGE endured a very tough trip from Post 8 last week and just isn’t sharp enough these days to overcome a journey like that – he does get major post relief for tonight, though, and this MAY be a spot he can handle...live player. (4) NIGHT HAWK had everything go his way in that race he won 2 back but things evened out last week, when he lacked room in the lane and could only manage 3<sup>rd</sup>...definitely sharp enough to be part of the action here too. (5) LYONS STEEL was able to hang on at 1/10 last week, and needed some good racing luck just to do that – could be a bit vulnerable here unless he shows up a bit sharper. (8) THE BIGBOSS A was bet down to favoritism for his U.S. debut last week but was a bit short, and ended up 4<sup>th</sup> – he could be tighter now for sure, but the terrible draw may leave him a little bit conservatively here. (6) ROCKMYSTER N is an in-and-outer...but even his best effort may leave him a little short against a few of these (1) EUPHORIA N has leveled off at these higher levels– leaning towards others (7) SHAZAM BLUE CHIP left at 70-1 last week and was predictably parked – have to believe he’ll be handled more patiently now

**RACE 7** – (8) SHERLOCK N has held his own with much better on many occasions and is getting a significant drop here – he’s also stuck with Post 8, and the possibility of a brutal trip...that 12-1 ML price does make him worth trying, though. (5) BOILING OAR is having a disappointing year but he comes into this off a pair of sharp tries, and may be ready to win one, with the right trip – another good value horse to consider. (3) TRENDY TEEN missed most of 2024 but he’s been making up for lost time the past couple of months – he lost all chance last week when Bongiorno went from a full leave to a full retreat but he gets Bartlett back tonight, a good draw, and could have a big say here. (4) AYE AYE CAPTAIN is now 7-5-2-0 since arriving in the U.S. but he did get beat as the 1/5 favorite last start – he’s never gone off longer than 30 cents on the dollar here at Yonkers but he does figure to see his price move up considerably tonight...can’t blame anybody looking to stay on his team (1) LUCAPELO A rebounded from a rare dud 2 back to deliver a game first over victory last week – prefer others for the top slot, but he’s certainly worth considering for exotics. (6) CURBSIDE PICKUP looked good in back-to-back wins after the recent barn change but he’s facing tougher tonight from a bad post, and may have trouble replicating those efforts. (2) BLANK STARE has won 3 of his last 5 starts but has to prove he can be a player against these tougher foes. (7) MYULTIMA TEBAXTER A has upped his game lately, but seems up against it from this tough spot

**RACE 8** – (5) SNACK ATTACK showed promise at 2, going 7-1-5-0 – he qualified nicely to begin his 3YO campaign and has gotten sharper through his 5 starts this year, going off as the odds-on choice in his last 2 TSS events (close 2<sup>nd</sup> in each of them) – faces a couple of very legitimate foes in his Yonkers debut, but we’re willing to give him a try. (7) STAESIDELCKDOWN GB took a liking to Yonkers immediately, an open length “brush and crush” winner in his first local start – he beat a bit better field in his next start as well as deserves plenty of respect here, even starting from the outside. (4) CHIEF BOGO has gone some big miles so far through 11 starts at 3 and as noted before, this owner/trainer/driver combination has achieved outstanding results– he did make a break last week, however, and went offstride earlier in the year as well– hard to say how he’ll handle the 4 Hilltop turns (2) YANKEE CLOUT was a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> here on 5/6 then shipped back up to Canada...where he was 2<sup>nd</sup> at Flamboro last week– he’s



now BACK here at Yonkers, and you can consider the globetrotting 5YO for a small slice. (3) MASTER OF THE HOUSE hasn't really impressed in NJ but he did jog in his only local try...just feels like this field may be a bit tougher (1) MANALOU was better in his 2<sup>nd</sup> local try but that was 3 weeks ago—leaning elsewhere (6) LENNON HANOVER was an ok 3<sup>rd</sup> in his first local try and a good winner in his next—those miles were vs. cheaper, though, and he'll have to prove that he can compete with these better ones

**RACE 9** – In a race with no real standouts we'll look for an angle: (4) SUMMIT SEELSTER adds Lasix, adds Bartlett, and his trainer is off to an incredible 16-8-5-2 start here this year...maybe this is the time for him to perk up with a winning effort. (5) SETTHEWORLDONFIRE was no factor off the barn change last week but he was also racing in the NJSS Final – eligible for a much bigger effort facing this softer bunch tonight. (3) STARE ME DOWN has a less than stellar 15-1-1-0 slate but he seems to be improving since recently changing barns, and he does figure to be a good fit with this bunch. (1) GANSBAAI is just 1 for 27 lifetime but he did pick up a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> from his 2 local starts – ok to use underneath. (2) KING LOUIE LOU seems on the cheap side (arriving from Stga.) but may be able to beat a couple for a small paycheck. (6) HURRIKANE JUSTIN is 1 for 33 lifetime and 6-0-0-0 to start off 2025. (7) PINE BUSH UP DRAFT draws Post 7 and is 6-0-0-0 here at Yonkers

**RACE 10** – (4) I LOVED HER FIRST was handled conservatively in her first local try (for a new barn) but did have sneaky life in the back at the wire – look for her to be more aggressive tonight...with a chance for the top prize. (7) RACIN FOR ROYALTY was a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> last week (off the claim) behind ONEDERFULBEACH, who came back to jog in her next – tough draw, but a good price makes her worth a look. (3) PARADISE ROCK L drops down to 20s and she can be a legitimate threat at this level if she brings her best – worth a look if the price is decent. (8) BADDIT UDE draws Post 8 off a bad date but her recent efforts have been solid, and Yannick is never shy about racing one hard – another worth considering at a juicy price. (6) CHILLIN BY THE POOL has her moments and her (small) barn is clicking right now – she's just 1 for 32 locally over the past 2 years, though, so insist on some pretty big odds if considering on top. (1) JILLIAN JIGGS was a complete flop after being claimed for \$20K back on 3/25 – her connections gave up and recently sold her, but she faltered for her new barn last week as well – waiting for some better signs before hopping back on her team. (2) BROOKDALE JESSIE has been struggling for a while – another in need of a wake up call. (5) CHARMING VIXEN had a strong 2024 campaign but is off to a 6-0-0-0 Yonkers start in '25/





(8:00)

## Darin's Picks

### HORSE OF THE NIGHT

#### Race 3

#### #2 ZANETTI

RACE 1	5 - 2 - 4 - 1	RACE 6	5 - 1 - 3 - 2
RACE 2	4 - 6 - 2 - 1	RACE 7	8 - 7 - 4 - 6
RACE 3	2 - 4 - 3 - 6	RACE 8	3 - 6 - 8 - 1
RACE 4	6 - 7 - 2 - 10 - 1	RACE 9	3 - 4 - 9 - 1 - 2
RACE 5	7 - 8 - 1 - 4		

### EXOTIC PLAYS

EARLY PICK-4 (Race 2 )	4 / 2,3,4 / 2,6,7,10 / 7 (\$6)
EARLY PICK-3 (Race 3)	2,3,4 / 2,6,7,10 / 7 (\$6)
LATE PICK-3 ( Race 7)	7,8 / 3,6,8 / 3,4 (\$6)
LATE DOUBLE (Race 8 )	3,6, / 3,4 (\$8 for \$ 2 dd ))





## **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	Pickin' Riffs	Shavon Townsend	5/2 Gets the call tonight.
4	He Knows We Know	Ronald Ali	8/5 The one to beat.
2	Mor of Tadaa	Ciera Pruitt	9/5 Will have to be caught..

AT THE WIRE: 1 - 4 - 2Horse to watch: 3 No Barb Wire

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
4	Just Trust Me	Antonio Whitehall	1/5 Looks like a lock.
1	Shocking Malice	Renaldo Cumberbatch	3/1 Rates next in line.
3	War Echo	Prayven Badrie	12/1 Grabs the show.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 1 - 3Horse to watch: 2 Coal Boy

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	Mr. Dazzle	Renaldo Cumberbatch	6/5 Call in a tight one.
3	Big Ticket	Antonio Whitehall	7/5 The one to fend off.
5	Wrong Direction	Rachaad Knights	4/1 Can grab a share.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 3 - 5Horse to watch: 1 Far Beyond



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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
5	Twolefttoload	Neville Stephenson 5/2	Like her chances tonight.
1	Zibibbo	Damario Bynoe Even	Needs a clean break.
2	Mini Glazed Donut	Mathew Bennett 5/1	Can grab a share.

AT THE WIRE: 5 - 1 - 2 Horse to watch: 7 Born in a Blizzard

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
6	Load Abroad	Damario Bynoe 7/5	Can double up in here.
3	Stevie Wonder Girl	Dario Dalrymple 9/5	The one to fear.
1	Miss Z Prayven	Badrie 5/1	A minor award.

AT THE WIRE: 6 - 3 - 1 Horse to watch: 7 Adam's Creed

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
2	Sawasdee	Ronald Ali 2/1	Catch him to win.
4	Upstriker	Sven Balroop 3/1	In top form so beware.
6	Exxel	Neville Stephenson 12/1	Chance at a price.

AT THE WIRE: 2 - 4 - 6 Horse to watch: 7 Jeff Fa Fa

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

Program #	Horse Name	Jockey M/L	Comments
4	Designated Hitter	Damario Bynoe 2/1	Can repeat his latest.
9	Lifes Adventure	Rachad Knights 5/1	Class drop will help.
1	Gallant Oak	Antonio Whitehall 5/2	Win threat on a top effort.

AT THE WIRE: 4 - 9 - 1 Horse to watch: 6 Happy Camper