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TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 - FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.

Best Bets: UP THE KINGDOM (5th) – TWISTED RIDE (8th)

| Race | 1 | | | |
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| 4 | SUPREME MIND – Rediscovered ability at Penn when clocked nearly as fast as allowance test. | | | |
| 7 | CARNABY – Good effort at times and competing cheapest ever; Hawthorne barn with solid year. | | | |
| 6 | COACH CLINT – Less than five lengths behind in classier company and lures leading rider. | | | |
| 3 | PLANET – Distant fourth behind repeat winner but yet to regain encouraging Kentucky form. | | | |
| Race 2 | | | | |
| 4 | ROYAL UPSTART – Prominent throughout in mud as 3-5 chalk after crushing single-winners. | | | |
| 3 | CHARM OF THE SONG – Nice try this spot behind drop-down winner and also from Solis barn. | | | |
| 6 | ON PARADISE HILL – Frequently close and proven she fits with this kind; Linder barn hot. | | | |
| 2 | ROSE OF SHARON – Far behind top choice when claimed as beaten favorite on sloppy track. | | | |
| Race 3 | | | | |
| 2 | BEWARE OF PRIDE – Switches turf to dirt in third outing since hiatus; faces soft opposition. | | | |
| 1 | MALIBLUE – Used up chasing runaway winner at loftier level; shorter yardage provides relief. | | | |
| 4 | CHECKING BOXES – Some progress over muddy surface but lone score from 26 attempts. | | | |
| 3 | SUPERNESS – Led this far with Delaware routers and rallied from off pace in local victory. | | | |
| Race 4 | | | | |
| 2 | MERRYCHILL – Stumbled start when humbled by smashing winner; can overrun this group. | | | |
| 6 | FAR HEART – Trounced single-winners in route after layoff for new management; threat again. | | | |
| 5 | EMILY'S ON FIRE – Led throughout when taking plunge and re-claimed by Aristone for this tag. | | | |
| 4 | FIVE STAR FRAN – Just missed when easily second best; must put it all together. | | | |
| Race 5 | | | | |
| 6 | UP THE KINGDOM – Dueled eventual winner after slow start in bow; half-brother to Bump N Run | | | |
| 5 | BEYONDEXPECTATIONS – Showed promise as juvenile then idle since November; fast works. | | | |
| 1 | MR PUNCUALITY – Finished behind top choice in debut; tries blinkers and quick work since. | | | |
| 8 | COOL MILLION – Shown talent but prone to early trouble; outside post might prove helpful. | | | |
| Race 6 | | | | |
| 5 | PACHELBEL – Talented and versatile mare seeks third straight and much success this yardage. | | | |
| 7 | CHAPA – Dueled heavy favorite to late stages in stake and hit board in all 16 attempts. | | | |
| 2 | SHETALKSTOMUCH – Much-improved stretch-runner finished strongly behind top choice. | | | |
| 6 | MORNING MATCHA – Million earner back sprinting and yet to regain best form; must respect. | | | |
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| Race 7 | | | | |
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| LEILAUNI SUE – Failed to offer true measure against tough company on road trip; local romp. | | | | |
| 2 BREEZETHRUTIME – Competed exclusively on turf and synthetic; Lupe Preciado barn on a roll. | | | | |
| RINGER CARD – Lightly raced but speed inside and could prove difficult to catch this level. | | | | |
| BLESSED CANDY – Laurel shipper back on dirt for high percentage barn; late kick anticipated. | | | | |
| Race 8 | | | | |
| TWISTED RIDE – Determined veteran dueled to final yards in return; fitter now and can progress. | | | | |
| ONE MORE SCOOP – Big effort with similar following \$100,000 claim; on rare losing streak. | | | | |
| HOUGHTON SHUFFLE – Amazingly consistent shipper edged next-out winner here last month. | | | | |
| 2 FAR MO POWER – Veteran with closing kick looking like old self again; threat with Lopez up. | | | | |
| Race 9 Address State Provide Receiver and the second state of the | | | | |
| SONADORA GIRL – Hampered by traffic woes at higher level; romped prior and testing stamina. | | | | |
| DREAM CHASER – Drops again after failing as heavy favorite; \$25,000 claim dangerous here. | | | | |
| 2 IRIE EMPRESS – Overmatched in mud after claim and could benefit from ample early targets. | | | | |
| AMY MULE – Slow fuse and hard to support off latest when claimed; favorable pace set-up. | | | | |

LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

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 1 | # 6 5 2 | <i>Horse</i> HINENI SOX FOR DAUGHTERS MANNY PENNY | <i>COMMENTS</i> RAN WELL IN RETURN OFF LAYOFF RESPONDED TO DROP WITH GOOD FINISH DOMINATED EASIER FIELD LAST TIME |
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| 2 | 4 | HE HAS IT ALL | DROP IN CLASS SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH |
| | 2 | CAN'T STAND DISCO | HAVE TO FORGIVE LAST EFFORT |
| | 6 | DEPUTY TRAMON | GETS TESTED AFTER BEATING MAIDENS |
| 3 | 3 | FREEDSDALE | SLIGHT EDGE IN WIDE OPEN DASH |
| | 1 | HEREBY | CAN GET AN IDEAL TRIP FROM INSIDE POSITION |
| | 6 | HAIR ON FIRE | EXPECTED TO IMPROVE IN 2ND START OF 2025 |
| 4 | 9 | ZHEN LOU | SPEED FROM OUTSIDE WILL BE TOUGH TO CATCH |
| | 7 | FRANNIE LEW | LOGICAL PLAYER WITH WEIGHT ADVANTAGE |
| | 2 | SHOCK | HAS TO BE USED WITH CAPABLE CONNECTIONS |
| 5 | 4 | LA DINAMITA | HAS EXPERIENCE AND IS FASTER THAN THESE |
| | 3 | SHE'S GRAND | WELL-BRED FILLY CANNOT BE DISMISSED |
| | 1 | PRACTICALLY SUMMER | ADDS LASIX AND CAN MAKE NOISE FROM THE RAIL |
| 6 | 4 | DRACULA | TOO MUCH CLASS FOR THESE RIVALS |
| | 6 | DRIVE THRU | GETS CLASS RELIEF AND WILL BE IN MIX |
| | 2 | FELINE TREASURE | HIT BOARD WHEN RUNNING AT THIS LEVEL |
| 7 | 3 | MR. RIPPLE | FACED MUCH BETTER COMPETITION IN FLORIDA |
| | 4 | JAKES'S ORCHARD | ANOTHER TOP THREE FINISH LIKELY |
| | 6 | FINDANAME | CAN MAKE THE NUMBER AGAIN AT A PRICE |
| 8 | 5 | CAJUNETTE | MAKES AMENDS FOR LOSS AND TAKES FINALE |
| | 1 | LADY OF MERCIA | PLUNGE IN VALUE HELPS CHANCES |
| | 4 | YEARNING | CAN'T OMIT ANY ENTRANT FROM THIS BARN |
| RACE | | # BEST BET | RACE # LIVE LONGSHOT |
| 2 | | 4 HE HAS IT ALL | 7 6 FINDANAME |

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



POST 12:50

1. 3-6-1.

2, 5-1-3

3. 2-1-3

4. 3-1-2

5. 5-7-6

6. 6-3-5

7.7-4-3

8.3-5-2

Best Bet Race 7 # 7 Cloud Storage



INDIANA GRAND (2:10)

| 1. 6-1-8 | |
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| 2. 3-7-6 | |
| 3. 7-3-2 | |
| 4. 2-6-5 | 8. 6-3-9 |
| 5. 5-1-3. | 9. 10-3-1 |
| 6. 7-2-6 | |
| 7. 5-2-8 | |

Best Bet Race 1 # 6. Vaccinator Pick 3 Play : Race 1 6 / 3,7 / 3,7

Presque Isle (3:30)

RACE 1 Maiden Special Weight

Lady Loves Money and U Ain't That Lucky are live threats if bouncing back, but last month's C&D second MOMS TRIBUTE is the most solid proposition. 3-2-1

Race 2 - Maiden Special Weight

PUMP IT UP arrives on the back of some creditable efforts at Penn and a breakthrough victory might be on the cards. Pancho Slips Away and newcomer St. Emilion complete the shortlist.

1-2-5

Race 3 - Allowance

AWESOME EMPRESS clocked a useful speed figure when finishing third over C&D last month and a repeat may prove sufficient. La Scatta and Vanilla Bean can also make their presence felt.

4-1-5

Race 4 - Claiming

MAGNIFICENT RIDE looks the most likely to run his race and can edge out Lucago. The Connector has a shout on the pick of his form.

4-1-3

Race 5 - Claiming

CANDY CAUSE can make the most of this drop in class and resume winning ways. Refugiada and Crystal Water rate the main dangers.

5-3-6

Race 6 - Claiming

SPARKLING RUBY beat a subsequent winner here last time and looks worth sticking with. Aztec Princess and Lizzie Baby could give the selection the most to think about.

1-3-6

Race 7 - Claiming

RANSOM MONEY is the pick after his recent second when only beaten a neck over C&D in June. We Called Sol may be the bigger danger, ahead of Steeler Mischief.

1-4-7

Race 8 - Maiden Claiming

KING REIGERT was disqualified after winning here last month and, with blinkers to keep him focused now, he could well make amends. Snovember and High Five Sy might fill the places, possibly in that order.

3-1-6

LOUISIANA DOWNS

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50 YEARS OF RACING

Post 5:05

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

Race 5 # 7

Mongolian Champ



RACE SELECTIONS: RACE 1: 1-4-5-9 RACE 2: 1-9-3-5 RACE 3: 9-8-6-2 RACE 4: 7-4-8-5

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

RACE 11: 1-5-7-8 RACE 12: 5-6-7-2 RACE 13: 5-2-8-9-10

CHAMBERLAIN'S CHOICE:

RACE 11 HORSE #1: FASHION BABY (ML: 7-2) DRIVER: TRACE TETRICK | TRAINER: KENNEDY LINDSEY

VALUE PLAY

RACE 1 HORSE #1: WELL DRESSED SWAN (ML: 7-1) DRIVER: LOGAN LONEY | TRAINER: JAMES YODER



Tri State Greyhounds (6:00)



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Best Bet Race 14 # 7

FGF BLACK POWDER

WOODBINE (H) - \$ 75 K GUARANTEED PICK FIVE POOL (RACES 1-5)

Race 1 Selections

by Garnet Barnsdale

#1 WINDSUN CHARLOTTE was a winner in Leg 2 of this Grassroots series in 1:50 3/5 which is by far the fastest lifetime mark in this field. Granted, she got a great trip following a speedster that set some wild fractions, but she still had to keep up and rally late. Her start two races back is a toss because she was never put into that race. On July 3rd, she was offered up for a tag in a \$20,000 conditioned claimer, and there were no takers as she absolutely jogged on some overmatched rivals. It appears she has changed hands since that win, and she moves into the Garry Merner barn tonight. She retains the leading teamster, who drove her to her last win, and she gets top billing to kick off tonight's \$75,000 guaranteed Pick 5. 1-3-5-8

Race 2

#5 MARS HILL returns home following a three-race stint in New Jersey where he only took one fifth place cheque. His competition was much tougher than he meets tonight as he was facing the best four-year-old trotters in North America in those Graduate miles. Last time, he had little chance starting from a wide post, and he could close for only seventh while trotting his last quarter in 27 1/5. He is 0 for 8 so far this year, but this is the best chance he will get so far this season to break through. Starting from one of the best posts he should get put into the race early by Doug McNair and he gets top billing here. 5-3-7-6

Race 3 #7 CAPTAIN CODE is from the first crop of exciting new sire and Hambletonian winner Captain Corey, who has already been making some waves with some of his two-year-olds. This gelding is a half bother to two that have raced and won, and he looked good powering his way to a first-over crush job in his lone qualifier. He draws perfectly to try for the same trip he got that night. He gets top billing in this opening leg of the early Pick 4. 7-3-10-2

Race 4 #7 ALL MY WISHES is an improving sophomore that could add some value to early multi-race tickets here with the leading driver choosing the morning line favorite over her. She hasn't missed the board so far this year and her best effort may have come in Leg two of the Grassroots where she closed like a rocket to finish third. She failed as the favorite in her most recent start, but she was absolutely buried with no hope for the entire stretch drive. She is fast enough to beat these with the right trip, and I'll give here the nod here in a good Grassroots field. 7-4-9-3

Race 5 #2 READYFORPRIMETIME was on a two-race win streak heading into his race against other Grassroots starters on July 5th. He was driven conservatively from an outer post and he stayed sharp by pacing a 53 3/5 back half that featured a 26 3/5 kicker. He was driven with more aggression two starts back when he won a Grassroots point race like tonight's. It's logical to assume that he will get put into this race earlier in the mile tonight. Leading driver James Macdonald chose him over two other contenders in this field, and so will I.

#1 SILVERWALLS is having a terrific season having notched seven wins in 10 tries while not missing the board once. In his most recent start, he raced gamely, but his trip was just too tough. He paced a 54 2/5 middle half uncovered on the rim, and he made it to the lead in the stretch before tiring late from those efforts. If he can find a live helmet to follow tonight or race from the pocket, he could resume his winning ways. He is another one that merits a look for multi-race tickets. #9 GRIN AND WIN will be happy to get away from Fifth And Five who beat him in his last two starts but looking back further we see that he was beaten in two straight by Silverwalls. He raced well in four straight starts, but he came up empty and he is 0 for 2025 still. He has the look of a contender for a share, but as the morning line favorite he is one that I have to try to beat out of the multi-race tickets in this spot. 2-1-9-6