



SARATOGA - POST 1:10

By Mike Beer

First Race 4. Baron of Sealand 2. Six Kings 6. B D Saints

BARON OF SEALAND was bumped hard at the start before moving wide and chasing down maidens over a mile back in January; came right back to win again over that distance a month later while improving to a 78 Beyer that makes him competitive here; chased over a sloppy track and was no match in his first attempt over this distance, though that was a much tougher field; big drop with all the upside. SIX KINGS broke his maiden in a two-turn route in Kentucky, and he has won again, over a mile, since arriving on this circuit; just missed when dropped to this condition three starts back, though he out-tripped the winner of that race and was outfinished without excuse; was put on the lead before fading going this distance last time; interesting off the claim. B D SAINTS has back races that will give him a real chance in here, though his good form has been eluding him lately; looking to rebound off the claim for a dangerous trainer.

Second Race 3. Johnny's Red Storm 7. Capanaparo 6. Two Ducks

JOHNNY'S RED STORM is by a win-early sire, and he is a half to a turf winner from a Juddmonte female family that includes Tates Creek (third dam), a multiple Grade 1 winner on the grass; Weaver excellent with juvenile first-time starters sprinting on turf - 10 for his last 27, 37%, \$5.40 ROI. CAPANAPARO is by young sire Caracaro, who is hitting with 27% of his juvenile first-time starters; this dam has dropped a debut winner on synthetic, and has another foal who won early on the grass; works look similar to Dutrow's recent turf sprint debut winner Hangover Heaven, who was also just clicking along every six days over the training track down at Belmont. TWO DUCKS has turf on both sides of his pedigree, and shows a couple of bullet breezes on the way into his debut for an underrated trainer; interesting that Irad lands here.

Third Race 1. Celestial Glaze 8. Hero's Medal 1a. Notah 6. Rithm Nic

CELESTIAL GLAZE is 0-9 since arriving on this circuit last summer, though he has been competitive consistently at around this level, while remaining popular at the claim box; form over the winter was dirtied up by circumstances - two wet tracks, which he does not care for, and a January start that was contested over a speed-favoring track; was given time off the claim five months ago by Dutrow, who moves him up in price for the return. HERO'S MEDAL dropped to win two back and was claimed; stretched out making his first start for the Kantarmaci's and rallied for second behind a clear-cut winner;

Fourth Race 1. Mythical 3. Angel Gift 5. Meringue

MYTHICAL was razor-sharp winning on debut at Gulfstream, leading her connections to enter her against colts in the Tremont last time, where she once again flashed big speed en route to leading that field from start to finish with a big 93 Beyer; looks hard to go against back in with fillies, though she will have to get an additional firlong this time. \$300k yearling ANGEL GIFT was eligible for that restricted MSW race on debut as a NY-bred, and she ran better than the bare figure might suggest that day while overcoming a bump at the start to win with a strong finish; steps right up for Pletcher, who has been on a roll with his juveniles so far at the meet. MERINGUE made her debut on turf, though it's not like she has some kind of huge pedigree for that surface; she was impressive winning that race after also getting bumped hard at the start to wind up outrun, before putting in a big finish to close that race down; wildcard switching surfaces.

Fifth Race 6. Cliffs 4. American Debutante 3. Bint Al Dandy

CLIFFS passed some horses late in a dirt sprint that has turned out to be a strong heat in her debut; she improved when stretched out on turf last time, as she was rated back early and was left to try to close into a race that was not coming back for her; well-bred filly can easily do better, and she might be a fair price in here. AMERICAN DEBUTANTE was the lone first-time starter in that field at Ellis Park last month; she showed speed from the gate but was forced to concede to an aggressively ridden rival early, then was no match for a favored winner after getting into contention in the stretch; can build on that experience with Irad taking over. BINT AL DANDY sat right up close from the start, then had to switch outside to get clear in the stretch and could not close down the leaders when finishing ahead of CLIFFS as the favorite last time; threat right back,

Sixth Race 8. Celtic Charm 3. Louise Procter 7. War Siren

CELTIC CHARM ran well to win her debut as a 2yo despite showing some greenness; only managed one additional start before missing a lot of time, and she endured a very tough trip in that race on a different surface; had a right to need that return from an extended layoff, where she broke from the outside post and looked a bit fresh early before weakening in the stretch; back quickly with forward to go, but has the outside draw to overcome once again. LOUISE PROCTER's two wins in France came over the all-weather surface, though she handled turf fine over there; she was first off the layoff last time when having to steady hard into the first turn to wind up at the back, and then finishing with some late interest; dangerous for top connections. WAR SIREN chased a strong pace and was outclosed by the winner in her career debut on turf; got back to this surface earlier this year, and she improved while once again sitting just off a strong pace, taking over in the stretch, and getting run down by the favorite late; better than she looks.

Seventh Race 1. Midland Money 5. Doroteo 8. Aggelos the Great

MIDLAND MONEY made the short price look like a bargain when gliding clear of maidens in his only start as a 2yo last summer; the layoff has to be a concern, but he appears to be training in typical Baffert fashion up to his return, which, interestingly, comes at Saratoga; Lasix on. DOROTEO debuted in a stakes race last December and finished a good second with an 80 Beyer; he only faced three others when turned back to sprint off the layoff last time, but he won that race impressively while improving from his two prior races going long; has upside for an underrated trainer. AGGELOS THE GREAT briefly tried stretching out as a 3yo and made his only start here in the Albany, but he is better sprinting and improved immediately when turned back; closing sprinter projects to have some pace to come after in this spot.

Eighth Race 3. Bring Theband Home 6. Senbei 4. Alogon

BRING THEBAND HOME is at his best when able to make the early lead, as was the case in the Harvey Pack last month when blitzing a good field with a 109 Beyer; he will be a much shorter price in this spot, but he looks tough on the lead once again as he looks to make it 4 for 4 in his career at Saratoga (including the maiden win on dirt as a 2yo). SENBEI got the right ride when taking advantage of a lack of pace to win a NY-bred stakes race as the favorite last time; he doesn't need the lead to be effective, and has more than held his own in open stakes races in the past. ALOGON traded decisions with SENBEI in a pair of stakes races at AQU late last year; had a bit of a trip when falling short in his first start back as a 6yo, then did well to finish third in a Grade 1 last time; logical contender if the favorite comes back to them.

Ninth Race 1A . Iron Max 6. Back in the Saddle 9. Desperate Proposal

IRON MAX improved more than it might appear when winning his first start for Cox in that last one going this distance, as he was knocked sideways at the start to wind up last, then carried a long run to contention after Prat put him into an early move up the backstretch; still managed to finish that race off, and he is logically spotted right back. BACK IN THE SADDLE has been steadily improving for a high-percentage trainer, and he gets the right step back in class for this after trying stakes company last time right off the maiden win; owns fine tactical speed with Irad taking over. DESPERATE PROPOSAL saved ground at the back before putting in a good finish to get up for second over this course and distance last time; adding blinkers for this, likely in an effort to keep a bit closer early.

Tenth Race 10. Camp David 7. Gatsby 9. Takeschargesmiling

6yo CAMP DAVID has sprinted infrequently in his career, though he turned back to score a win over seven furlongs at the end of his 3yo campaign, and he was also competitive going this distance off the layoff at the end of 2023 while showing speed; turns back again while taking a needed drop in class for Maker. GATSBY last won a race over two years ago in April of 2023, after which he missed a year, and he hasn't been able to get back into that form since returning; has been dropping steadily recently looking for the right level, when he nearly found two back when just missing for \$40k at Gulfstream; cuts in half for his NY debut. TAKESCHARGESMILING scored an easy win for this tag last September at Delaware, before moving up in class; he won again three starts later at Tampa, then dropped down around this level and wired a field with a new Beyer top in March; got shuffled back in traffic and could not make a late impact at this level last time; can do better with a clean trip in his first start off the claim.



MONMOUTH (12:50)

By Brad Thomas

Race	1st Pick	2nd Pick	3rd Pick
1	#6 Mildred Pierce	#1 Queens Fable	#7 Restless Dreamer
2	#8 Country Embrace	#3 Gwen To Win	#5 Critical Magic
3	#2 Captured Darling	#5 Union Belle	#7 Last Glory
4	#6 Mystical Merlin	#8 Rum's Pride	#5 Canuto
5	#3 Sadie Baby	#2 Bolt Of Paradise	#9 Lil Sally
6	#3 Lonely Ride	#4 Midnight Onyx	#9 Gun Right
7	#3 Quiet Confidence	#5 Great Venezuela	#4 Love Appeals
8	#4 Divine Exchange	#1 Meagan's Noel	#7 Summary Judgment
9	#5 Fair Haired Boy	#3 Late Call	#2 Yes This Time

Race 1 6 Mildred Pierce

Exits a key race defeated by Oppose but beating the 6th and 7th-place finishers next-out 69-64 Beyer DEL-CNL-MSW graduates; also entered at 10-1 morning line odds today in SAR Race 13 in this same spot where also eligible post position 15.

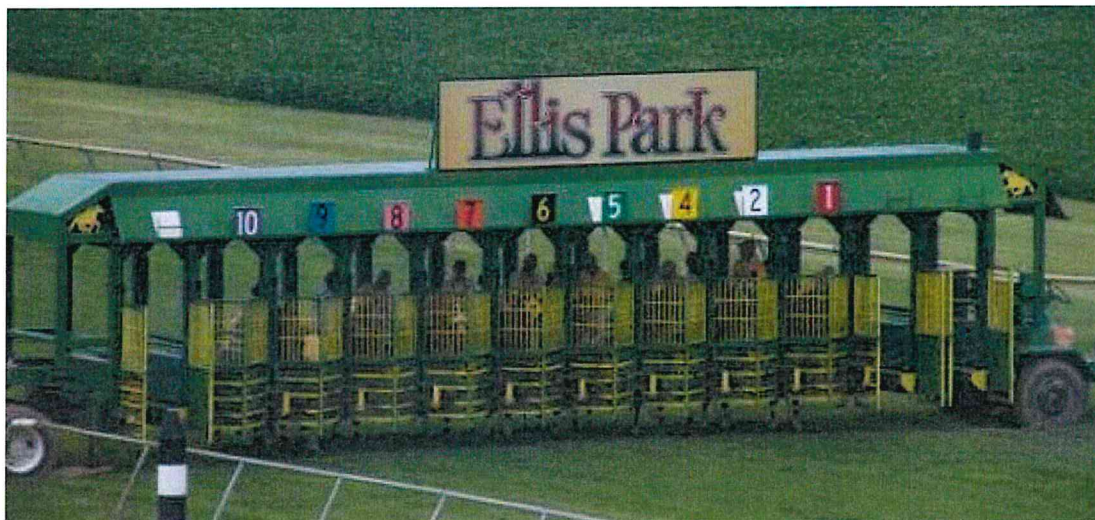
Race 2 8 Country Embrace

First-timer for high-percentage trainer O'Connell who excels with debut runners at 18% strike rate. By Country House (15% dirt sire) with dam winning four of 12 dirt starts for 104K and one of two siblings winning on dirt. Solid breeding credentials combined with trainer who knows how to get them ready first time out makes her dangerous.

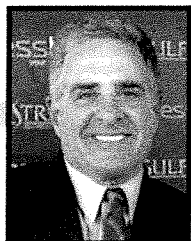
Race 7 3 Quiet Confidence

Owns the field's second-highest recent Beyer of 88 when winning at Saratoga last time. By Nyquist, gets jockey change to Cancel and trainer Ryerson hits at a strong 22% in turf sprints. Likely favorite with tactical speed.

ELLIS PARK (POST 12:50)



1st RACE	6	De' Ans Eighty	6-5-2-3
SECOND RACE	7	Don'tmindifido	7-3-1-8
THIRD RACE	9	Lambo	9-2-5-10
FOURTH RACE	10	Infinite Sky	10-1-6-11
FIFTH RACE	4	Queen Juno	4-5-3-10
SIXTH RACE	1	Tripolina	1-11-2-10
SEVENTH RACE	1	Highway Robber	1-2-7-9
EIGHTH RACE	KY Downs Preview Ladies Turf Mile Stakes. Purse: \$250,000		
	6	Pharoah's Wine	6-1-9-7
NINTH RACE	Pucker Up Stakes (Grade 3). Purse: \$400,000		
	3	Destino d'Oro	3-8-10-4
TENTH RACE	KY Downs Preview Turf Sprint Stakes. Purse: \$250,000		
	7	Nobals	7-10-1-3



RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

by Ron Nicoletti

Sunday August 3, 2025

RACE 1:

3 ROXY drops and turns back to a sprint after dueling for the lead and fading to finish fourth vs similar going a mile and seventy yards. Carlos David is 15% with the turnback move. **4 SOUND IT OUT** is stretching out slightly and wearing blinkers after finishing fourth vs this level going five furlongs on the Tapeta. Mike Yates has Marcos Meneses in the saddle.

5 STARSHIP MAXIMUS should appreciate the slightly longer distance after tracking the action and finishing third in front of Sound It Out at 30-1 last out.

SELECTIONS: 3-4-5

RACE 2:

10 BERNARDO'S LEGACY is stretching out to 5 ½ furlongs after finishing second best going five panels vs similar last out. His recent body of work at this level points out as the one to fear in this wide-open affair.

9 DEVILMENT may have finally found the spot where he can notch the elusive maiden victory after finishing an improved second – as the favorite – at this level and distance. The 17th time can be the charm.

6 MAX N FIFO is cutting back after following a third-place finish behind Devilment two starts back with a chase and fade outing at a mile and a sixteenth.

SELECTIONS: 10-9-6

RACE 3:

6 COLDSTREAM has his claiming tag cut in half after posting by far the best last-race figure (81) when finishing second – beaten a length at seven furlongs. Saffie Joseph Jr has Miguel Vazquez managing this hard to believe dropdown. **1 MOHAWK RIVER** is stepping up to face winners in the first start since he walloped a field of \$12,500 maidens at the distance by 11-plus lengths. Trainer Jose Pinchin has Jose Morelos going for two in a row. **4 CAJUN'S COOKIN**, who does his best running from a stalk/close position, returns to the dirt hoping to sit the trip behind the strong pace expected.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4

RACE 4:

7 GIRL DYNAMITE is moving to the Tapeta after debuting locally on the main track and finishing a set the pace third – beaten three-quarters of a length – going 6 ½ furlongs. Trainer Ronald Coy has Jose Morelos named to ride. **3 BELLA MENDY** is stepping up to face winners after returning from the layoff to defeat \$12,500 maidens going five furlongs on the Tapeta. Rohan Crichton is 20% winning consecutive races. **4 SWEET SASH**, another from the Rohan Crichton barn, is eligible to show more after returning from the two-month freshening to finish third going 5 ½ furlongs at this level.

SELECTIONS: 7-3-4

RACE 5:

2 NESHUME moves to the Laura Cazares barn via the claim and turns back to three-quarters of a mile after making a middle move to get the lead before fading to finish fifth at seven furlongs. The barn, 18% with new claims, has leading jock Edgard Zayas named to ride. **3 ENDRICK** is stepping up the competition after splashing through the mud to defeat \$12,500 two lifetime claimers going seven furlongs. Note that the barn is 3 for 7 (43%) winning consecutive races. **6 AEGON TARGARYEN** will drop into the maiden claiming ranks after with Lasix added after the interesting two-race campaign as a two-year-old in which he was second in his maiden special weight debut on Tapeta and then sent into the state-bred Juvenile Sprint where he came up empty. Gerald Bennett has go-to jock Jose Ferrer atop this intriguing possibility.

SELECTIONS: 2-3-6

RACE 6:

12 RISK is a newly gelded son of Twirling Candy debuting for trainer Nolan Ramsey with the breeding needed to negotiate the mile distance and beyond. Miguel Vazquez rides the longshot special.

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Pick 6 PLAY: RACE 5 : 2.3.6/4.12/4.6.8/5.6/2.7/6

4 COACH KAIN is stretching out to a mile after the promising turf debut in which he finished second going 7 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mark Casse, 20% with maidens making their second start, has Luca Panici in the saddle. **7 ESCAPE FROM HOME**, a half-brother to stakes winner Ceci Valentina, is another trying a mile after closing to finish third behind Coach Kain last out. Jose Lopez rides for Angel Rodriguez.

SELECTIONS: 12-4-7

RACE 7:

8 GIMMIE SOME LUCK is stepping up to the next level after the three-year-old beat older horses when both breaking her maiden two starts back and following that with an \$8,000 two lifetime score going 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta last out. Gerald Bennett has Edwin Conzalez going for the hat trick.

4 DEMAR'S LEGACY is dropping and turning back after returning from the layoff to finish third vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers going 5 ½ furlongs on the all-weather surface. Jose Morelos rides for Jose Castro.

6 CAP FERRAT is turning back to a sprint distance after following her \$8,000 two lifetime victory at 5 ½ furlongs with a set the pace second – as the odds-on choice – going around two turns on the Tapeta. Saffie 22% with the turnback move, has Edgard Zayas atop the probable off time favorite.

SELECTIONS: 8-4-6

RACE 8:

6 LOVE ACTUALLY, an ultra-fast daughter of Caravaggio, is stepping up to face winners after totally dominating a field of special weight maidens going five furlongs on the turf. Joe Orseno has Edwin Gonzalez going for two in a row.

5 SUPER FREAKY GIRL is going back to the turf with the ideal stalking style needed to reel in what looks like a swift pace scenario that's going to materialize, especially with Love Actually in the race. Carlos David has Reyly Gutierrez atop the daughter of Bucchero. **8 TRAVEL HAPPY** is a consistent daughter of Gone Astray who loves the Tapeta but has run well in her two previous grass races. Her ability to stalk the sizzling pace expected can be her biggest asset.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-8

RACE 9:

2 BATTLE OF DOVER moves to the Mark Passley barn via the claim and steps up after finishing third vs \$8,000 conditioned claimers going this distance on the Tapeta. The barn, having a productive summer (14-3-2-2 – 21%), is one for four with recent claims.

7 DIXIE PREACH is turning back slightly after following the \$12,500 two lifetime score at the distance with a third place finish vs this level of competition going a mile and a sixteenth on the Tapeta. Trainer Kathryn Davey has Jesus Rios returning on the consistent son of Mohaymen.

6 DREAMS OF MYFATHER moves to the Rachel Olmeda Lopez barn via the claim after drawing clear to wallop a field of \$12,500 conditioned claimers going a mile on the dirt. The colt debuts on Tapeta with Jose Leon in the saddle.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-6

RACE 10: THE WARRIOR'S PRIDE

6 REEF RUNNER was freshened after posting a string of frustrating defeats vs stakes caliber competition, including the third-place finish behind *Extendo* and next-out Harvey Pack Stakes winner Bring the Band Home on May 1st. Trainer David Fawkes readied him for the return with a bullet half-mile drill on Tapeta. Aforementioned **8 EXTENDO** is an interesting proposition because his only previous turf victory in 11 races was the score over Reef Runner during May. Joe Orseno has Edwin Conzalez quarterbacking the long awaited rematch.

4 ABIR CAMINOS (CHI), who was a sharp second on the turf to swift XySpeed two races back, returns to the grass after failing to fire on the Tapeta. He's worth a flyer at a price.

SELECTIONS: 6-8-4

BEST BET: RACE 10 – 6 REEF RUNNER

LONGSHOT: RACE 6 – 12 RISK



WOODBINE (TB) - 1:05

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson
Sunday, August 3rd 2025

Race 1

#6 Catch a Tiger

#3 Ethnic Soul

#5 Compton

#1 Out N Out Disgrace

#6 CATCH A TIGER was a disappointing fifth when making his local debut in an N2L allowance won by a stablemate. He takes a sharp drop in for \$25,000 and had good form around two turns in Florida. #3 ETHNIC SOUL grinded from last to be a solid fourth at this level on the main track on July 11. He posted his best lifetime Beyer figure in his first start over the year against very solid starter/optional \$15,000 foes on this course; in the hunt again. #5 COMPTON was 1 ½ lengths ahead of Ethnic Soul when finishing second last time. His only previous turf try was his career debut which came sprinting; worth another try on the surface. #1 OUT N OUT DISGRACE ran an even fifth in his first start in 62 days, the same race that Compton and Ethnic Soul exit. He is drawn well for his turf debut.

Race 2

#2 Wilberforce

#1 Hey Cue

#7 Mannix (IRE)

#4 Classic Dancer

#2 WILBERFORCE was a very game third after a poor break when facing starter/optional \$10,000 foes on the turf on June 29. He raced well over the Tapeta last fall and looks like an obvious player at this level. #1 HEY CUE was well handled towards the front end when winning at this level and distance in his first start for these connections but ran a bit one paced at Fort Erie on July 13. He figures to be a pacesetter getting back out to seven furlongs. #7 MANNIX (IRE) was a head behind Wilberforce when finishing fourth two-back, then chased the pace and weakened on July 25. He does his best running on the Tapeta and should appreciate the drop in for \$7,500. #4 CLASSIC DANCER attracted a \$10,000 claim when finishing a distant fourth, stopping after setting the pace on June 14. The new connections have taken their time and drop him in; we'll see how far he lasts on the lead.

Race 3

#5 Posturing

#4 Dreams and Schemes

#3 Adapted

#2 Bravo Kate

#5 POSTURING ran on from last to be second behind the pacesetter Your Valentino on July 6. He stretches out to a route for his third start off of the bench; he raced well at this distance last fall. #4 DREAMS AND SCHEMES broke slowly but recovered and ran a decent fourth against the boys on turf on July 17. She takes on the boys again; doesn't run too many bad ones and looks like a contender. #3 ADAPTED went gate to wire against non-

twos for this price on July 11. The two to his inside both have potential to show speed but do not need to; we'll see if he can secure the lead again. #2 BRAVO KATE made the lead but gave way to be third on the turf on July 18. Her speed figures are better on grass but she did have some good synthetic results last year.

Race 4

#6 Interim Analysis - Best Bet

#4 Thor's Cause

#3 Yorkton's Honour

#7 Tony From Angus

#6 INTERIM ANALYSIS dueled on the lead and came up empty against maiden allowance company at Colonial on July 10. He ran well when tagged at Gulfstream in April; should be a big threat if he takes to the Tapeta. #4 THOR'S CAUSE rallied from last to be second behind the impressive Private Label when dropping in for this tag on July 13. His speed figures are very solid for this group and he drawn well; 16th time could be the charm. #3 YORKTON'S HONOUR has picked up checks without being a threat in both of his starts at the maiden allowance level this year and now drops in for a tag for the first time. He had a wide trip last time; could improve with some more ground saved. #7 TONY FROM ANGUS debuted at this distance for \$25,000 on July 11 and rallied to be beaten a neck. He takes on tougher but has reason to improve with experience.

Race 5

#6 Poetic Amy

#1 Nikita's Gem

#3 English Jubilee

#7 Design Diva

#6 POETIC AMY was claimed for this price on June 19 from an effort where she ran on well to be fourth behind repeat-winner Logistics. Although her maiden win came on grass I do think turf is her best surface; looks live off of the claim. #1 NIKITA'S GEM has been on the edges for \$40,000 in her last two starts and now takes the drop in for \$25,000. Win-shy type has very good speed figures for this field; would not want to trust her at too short a price. #3 ENGLISH JUBILEE got back to turf on July 6 and ran on to be a decent fourth against the boys. She makes her first start off of a claim here and does not look out of place. #7 DESIGN DIVA was well-ridden to get back from the 11 hole and rallied to break her maiden over this course on July 3. She looks like a threat but may not have a ton of pace to rally into.

Race 6

#6 Skydigger

#5 Mister Blue

#2 Marcus J

#8 Kentucky Bill

#6 SKYDIGGER is the only runner in this field with a race under her belt, dueling on the lead and keeping on to be third by a neck on July 6. She takes on the boys again; could take advantage of her experience edge. #5 MISTER BLUE is by 14% juvenile debut sire Maclean's Music, out of a Stakes-placed mare who has produced

Pick 3 PLAY
1.2.7/4.5/6

some solid runners including the Grade 3-placed Ready for Candy and debut-winner Bolt Enoree. He outworked a stablemate from the gate on July 18. #2 MARCUS J is by 8% juvenile debut sire Hard Spun, out of a mare whose only other foal to race is a minor winner. He has a very strong looking worktab, including a rapid gate work where he outperformed a stablemate on July 18. #8 KENTUCKY BILL is by 14% juvenile debut sire Frosted, and is the first foal to race out of an unraced mare. His gate works look solid; the Tharrenos barn has been having a strong season with two-year-olds.

Race 7

#3 Hammerhead

#2 English Actor

#4 Westside Tide

#7 Captain Junuh

#3 HAMMERHEAD made his return to Woodbine on June 21, rallying to hit the front in midstretch before getting run down late to be a close third over the inner turf. The winner of that race came back to race very well in an N2X/\$50,000 on Thursday; I think this is a very nice young colt. #2 ENGLISH ACTOR has yet to miss the board in four starts to date. He ran a solid third from a wide post in his first start at this level on July 13; should take to the turf and draws a good post here. #4 WESTSIDE TIDE nearly pulled off an upset in an off-turf N1X/\$32,000 on July 13, stalking the pace and kicking on to be beaten ¾ lengths. His turf form in Florida was solid; we'll see if he can run back to that effort here. #7 CAPTAIN JUNUH rallied from well-back to be fourth, two-lengths behind Hammerhead on June 21. Blinkers are added for the first time.

Race 8

#4 Private Label

#6 Humber River

#7 Times a Breeze

#5 Westminster

#4 PRIVATE LABEL showed ability in his first two starts then put it all together with an impressive score in an off-turf race on July 13. If he can run back to that effort he will have a very good shot to double up. #6 HUMBER RIVER was a game third but was disqualified for interference in the stretch when getting out to this distance for the first time on June 21. I'm surprised he wasn't more of a speed factor that day; we'll see what running style they use this time. #7 TIMES A BREEZE routed in his first start off of the layoff on May 31, racing evenly against N2L allowance company. He takes a drop and should step forward with a start under his belt. #5 WESTMINSTER tried N2L allowance company on turf on on July 6, failing to threaten. He has had good efforts routing in British Columbia; drops in class and could be a speed threat.

Race 9

#4 American Woman

#7 Beach Ready

#3 War Painter

#6 Bolt Enoree

#4 AMERICAN WOMAN was prominent early before emptying out when making her local debut in the Alywow. This race does not have anything stellar looking; she has breezed sharply and may like the added distance and switch to Tapeta. #7 BEACH READY has hit the board in 11 of 17 starts on the synthetic south of the border. She has been breezing quickly since arriving at Woodbine; looks like a live new face. #3 WAR PAINTER was a somewhat disappointing fourth when favoured at this level on June 22. Multiple restricted Stakes-winner definitely has the talent to win this and is probably the horse to beat, though likely a short price again. #6 BOLT ENOREE was suspiciously dropped in for \$32,000 off of a win against N2X/\$50,000 types and ran a disappointing fifth as the favourite while attracting a claim on June 14. She goes for a solid barn who have waited the 30 days and run her back for \$32,000 again; we'll see what she shows.

Race 10

#4 Borealis Trail

#2 Kamasi

#5 Trip Aces

#1 Perfectworks

#10 Proudly Hailed (GB)

#4 BOREALIS TRAIL ran a very solid third in his local debut but had a wide trip and failed to fire on July 13. He draws well and should like the turf. #2 KAMASI was second-best behind a runaway winner when debuting in a route on July 13. He gets the turf this time and clearly has potential to be a decent horse. #5 TRIP ACES chased quick fractions and flattened out to be third, four lengths behind Kamasi on July 13. He had a bit of a wide trip when debuting over the turf; could be the main speed in this field. #1 PERFECTWORKS made his turf debut on July 6, rallying to be second behind the impressive Monterey Bay. He will likely appreciate the extra furlong he gets this time. #10 PROUDLY HAILED (GB) ran a very game race to be beaten a half-length in a six furlong sprint for his local debut on June 8. His speed figures make him an obvious contender.



Handicapping Analysis Sun August 3rd, 2025

HAWTHORNE (3:40)

Jim's Picks

Hawthorne Race 1

Post Time 2:43 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

2 Big D - 5/2 **6** Biagoddess - 3/1 **4** Thief - 6/1

Kick off a big turf day with babies on the grass. 2-BIG D looked incredible on track in preparation for his dirt debut before scratching after some gate trouble. He comes in off a sharp work and should be very tough in here. 6-BIAGODDESS ran well first out as she overcame a stumble at the start to contend much of the way. She faces the boys but can't be overlooked in here. 4-THIEF debuts for Hernandez as he has a nice pattern of drills leading into this race. He faces some tough company here but should provide some value.

Hawthorne Race 2

Post Time 3:20 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

4 Mary Moonglow - 7/5 **2** Lil Carrie D - 7/2 **6** Savvy Smila - 5/2

It's a big class drop but 4-MARY MOONGLOW looks for a win as she should be very tough in here. She should show speed early and may never look back. 2-LIL CARRIE D is overdue for her maiden score but ran well in her first start back of the year. She will hope for some pace to chase as she figures to run on in the lane. 6-SAVVY SMILA potentially can press the pace as she also takes the class drop today. She comes in off a brief break but the presence of Mary Moonglow in here makes her a possible value.

Hawthorne Race 3

Post Time 3:52 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Zoombie - 9/5 **2** Grand Hideaway - 3/1 **7** Gabagool - 12/1

Lots of pace in this race should help those who run on late. 3-ZOOMBIE has been good in a pair of turf sprints, rallying for a win in his last. This is an easier field compared to what he faced last out. 2-GRAND HIDEAWAY has had a lot of turf success. He closed well in his last and figures to once again. 7-GABAGOOOL was a massive price last out and was able to split the field in a tough race. He'll still provide some value as he makes his second straight turf start.

Hawthorne Race 4

Post Time 4:27 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Safecracker Sue - 5/2 **6** Sharp Attack - 7/2 **2** Rumbrandt - 2/1

A great spot for 3-SAFECRACKER SUE as she scratched from an off-turf race on Thursday for this spot. She has tactical speed and could get a perfect stalking trip. 6-SHARP ATTACK was an easy winner in her maiden score last out. She should be forwardly placed once again but doesn't need the lead to win. 2-RUMBRANDT has taken a ton of action in her last three. She had no excuse two back and a poor start hurt her in her last. Let's see if she can get a clean trip today.

Hawthorne Race 5

Post Time 4:54 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

1 Gunny Sack - 3/1 **6** Jakes Channel - 9/2 **7** Frontier Marshal - 9/5

Off his last on the dirt, 1-GUNNY SACK should be forwardly placed early and contend the entire way. He returns to face state-breds and should benefit from the turf. 6-JAKES CHANNEL ran a much improved race in his last. There wasn't much early pace in there but he showed speed and hung around into the lane. Let's see if he improves in his second start of the year. 7-FRONTIER MARSHAL has some tactical speed as he will take a good amount of action. He's been on the dirt in recent starts but should have no issue shifting to the turf.

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 5:28 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Larry the Poet - 3/1 **5** Secession - 7/2 **7** Red Moscato - 5/1

An evenly matched bunch here. Off his last, 3-LARRY THE POET should be right there once again. There's not a ton of pace in this spot but if he can rate within a couple lengths of the early lead, he should be able to battle late. 5-SECESSION is the pace of the race. He cleared in his last and maybe went a bit too fast early. If he can clear and back things down in here, he could potentially hang around to the wire. 7-RED MOSCATO needs pace to chase as he figures to sit back early and run on in the lane. He had a poor start in his last as a better break should put him closer early.

Hawthorne Race 7

Post Time 5:56 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

3 Bakeneko - 5/1 **9** Humble Warrior - 3/1 **5** Temper Tantrum - 9/2

3-BAKENEKO is just an honest racehorse. He has tactical speed and always seems to be in contention at the top of the lane. This is the lowest level he has raced at in some time as he could still provide some value. 9-HUMBLE WARRIOR comes in from Indiana as he also gets some class relief. He has tactical speed also and should be right with Bakeneko much of the way. 5-TEMPER TANTRUM should be running on late but will need some pace to close into. He has had his share of turf success and won the last time Rodriguez was aboard.

Hawthorne Race 8

Post Time 6:23 PM CST

Analysis by Jim Miller

6 Buttons and Lace - 5/1 **7** Rietta - 5/2 **5** Knightofcaravaggio - 6/1

Boyce runners could go 1-2 in here. 6-BUTTONS AND LACE is lightly raced and could provide more value. She closed with a rush in her last and finds a spot where the pace should be honest ahead of her. 7-RIETTA has enough speed to contend early. She battled the entire way in her last and just missed. I expect she takes a good amount of action here as well. 5-KNIGHTOFCARAVAGGIO comes in from Kentucky for this spot. Her best races have been on the grass and she posted a big figure in her last. Look for her to sit mid-pack early and run on in the lane.

Mountaineer -Post 5:00

* WEST VIRGINIA DERBY DAY



FIRST RACE	4	Too Fracing Lucky	4-7-2-6
SECOND	2	Couth	2-6-5-1
THIRD RACE	4	Little Bit of That	4-1-6-2
FOURTH RACE	6	Sweeping Giant	6-5-2-7
FIFTH RACE	4	Crowned Jewel	4-1-8-7
SIXTH RACE	8	Afandi	8-7-5-11
SEVENTH RACE	8	Hit Show	8-1-6-9
EIGHTH RACE	2	East Avenue	2-4-5-6
NINTH RACE	6	Atkins	6-9-1-4

West Virginia Derby Day Spot Plays at Mountaineer

by Dustin Fabian

Sunday is West Virginia Day at Mountaineer, and the day is loaded with two major stakes races, four turf events and healthy field sizes across the board. Weather conditions point to fast and firm conditions on Sunday, and first post time is 5:00PM. Here are four horses that caught my eye on the card – they're horses that I'll target in my multi-race wagers.

Race 2 (5:25PM ET) My Pick: #1 Tarhe (9/2)

There is plenty of speed signed on for this one-mile turf event, with favorites Couth, Moreau and Great Escape all employing forward styles. Assuming those three stay in the race, I think this is ripe to be won by someone coming from just off, and who better to do it than 3-time turf winner #1 TARHE? Mountaineer's leading turf rider, Charlie Oliveros (9 wins in 28 starts) is aboard, and they just teamed to win Tarhe's first local race by nearly six-lengths on July 6.

Race 6 (7:05PM ET) My Pick: #2 New Age Bad Girl (12/1)

This six-year-old mare is just 5-for-29 lifetime, but take note that she is a perfect 2-for-2 on the Mountaineer sod. She won allowance races over this course last summer – both in blowout fashion – and subsequent tries to get back on the turf on June 8 and June 29 of this year were washed off. Trainer Shane Meyers and jockey Ricardo Feliciano have won at a 40% clip at Mountaineer the last two years (8-for-20).

Race 7 (7:40PM ET) – West Virginia Governor's Stakes

My Pick: #1 Not This Boy (3/1)

The assumption is that #8 Hit Show, the defending champ of this race and the reigning Dubai World Cup winner, will be extremely well backed in this softer spot. That might leave us a price on #1 NOT THIS BOY for William Cowans and Luis Saez. He's advantageously drawn on the rail and his early pace should allow him to get a jump on closers like Hit Show. Plus, all the key rivals – Hit Show (#8), Cornishman (#6) and Heroic Move (#9) – are stuck in outside posts, which should afford Saez some early options. The 1 1/16-mile distance should suit him better than his top rivals, as well.

Race 8 (8:15PM ET) – Grade 3 West Virginia Derby

My Pick: #2 East Avenue (8/5)

While I'll try to beat the favorite in the Governor's, I'll side with the favorite in the West Virginia Derby. #2 EAST AVENUE flashed early brilliance as a 2yo, and has rediscovered his top form after forgettable races in the Breeders' Cup and Risen Star. Beaten just a nose in the Blue Grass in April, he ran a better-than-it-seems 8th in the KY Derby and found his friends while winning the G3 Matt Winn at Churchill in mid-June. I think this was the next spot they picked coming out of the Matt Winn, and they get a little lucky as Chunk of Gold and McAfee, 2nd and 3rd in the Ohio Derby, appear his biggest threats. He is simply a better horse than those two, and should have no problem dispatching them on Sunday.

Good luck on West Virginia Derby Day at 'The Mountain'!

Del Mar (Post 5:00)



Analysis & Selections By Brad Free

First Race 2. Buetane 3. Medici 1. Falcon Jet

BUETANE, a 2yo colt trained by Bob Baffert, has worked well for his debut and figures to come out firing like most first-timers from this stable. BUETANE is by Tiz the Law (16 percent winners debut 2yos); his dam produced two debut winners. MEDICI is a well-regarded Richard Mandella-trained firster by Into Mischief (15 percent winners debut 2yos). The colt's G1-winning turf dam has produced two debut winners. FALCON JET is the "other Baffert," a son of Justify (18 percent winners debut 2yos) who worked in company with BUETANE on July 20. BUETANE was slightly best in the work.

Second Race 3. Formula Rossa 6. Wishtheyallcouldbe 5. Jensco

An outstanding debut by FORMULA ROSSA stamps her the likely winner of this entry-level allowance sprint. 'ROSSA dazzled first out. She pressed a fast pace and ran away by four lengths, earning a big figure that was subsequently validated. Two behind 'ROSSA won next out; two others finished second next out. 'ROSSA has been off more than five months but runs well fresh and is simply the fastest in the field. WISHTHEYALLCOULDBE is a nine-time winner including four over the Del Mar track. She has won this N1X condition; she is eligible again because she entered for the optional \$40k claim tag. .

Third Race 3. Subic Boy 6. Keithing Thunder 4. Fix It Quick

SUBIC BOY is ready to stretch out and win this Cal-bred maiden dirt mile after two midpack finishes in sprints. He has been begging for two turns, and ran better than looked last out. He broke slow, got keen and went one-paced to finish an okay fourth. 'BOY figures to be forwardly placed pressing the slower route pace. KEITHING THUNDER will vie for favoritism off a pair of runner-up sprints at Santa Anita. He adds blinkers and certainly will contest the pace. Not sure how far he wants to run, however.

Fourth Race 3. White Mountain 4. Silver N Black 1. Fast Service

WHITE MOUNTAIN is the tepid choice in this weak \$10k claiming N2L dirt mile, based on his last-out fourth vs. similar and runner-up three starts back also vs. similar. He chased the pace last time, took off after the leader on the far turn, then flattened out. Not a bad effort, actually. 'MOUNTAIN can be forwardly placed, he also can rally, and looks best of a soft lot

Fifth Race 12. Godavri 10. Penny Worth 5. Naturally Blonde

Also-eligible GODAVRI will be tough if she draws in, based on back-to-back runner-up finishes in similar Cal-bred maiden turf sprints this spring at SA. GODAVRI finished clear of third both races, her up-front running style suits the speed-friendly DMR course profile for five furlongs on turf. If the favorite does not draw in, this is anyone's race.

Sixth Race 6. Going Viral 11. Fine Tuned 10. Rocksalt

This maiden starter allowance (maidens who raced for a \$12.5k claim tag or less) is a new class level at DMR. The race drew a slow cast. GOING VIRAL finished a creditable second last out in his first try at the \$12.5k level. He was claimed off the effort, and then gelded. If he runs two alike, he can win.

Seventh Race 3. Freedom's Not Free 6. The Padre 2. Maaz

Consistent FREEDOM'S NOT FREE enters this non-graded turf stakes for 3yos as the class of the field, with a pace advantage in a field short on speed. 'FREE can set the pace or press likely slow fractions. A two-time stakes winner at SA, 'FREE drops from a \$250k stakes at Churchill Downs in which he led to deep stretch and finished third by a length. Easier foes here, soft trip expected setting/pressing tepid fractions. Two lightly raced European imports who lost their U.S. debut in allowance races are upset candidates. THE PADRE uncorked a 22.95-second final quarter to finish second in his first local start; he rallied from last of 10 to miss by only a half-length. He will be flying late. MAAZ finished fifth in the same allowance race; that was his first start in four months. Expect an improved effort second out. GAME WARRIOR was an opportunistic winner of the Oceanside Stakes on opening day. He got a ground-saving trip, split foes in the lane, and upset the unlucky two-three finishers who both had significant trouble.

Eighth Race 7. Night Time 6. Halo Rando 10. Carol's Comic

Based on his 86-Beyer claiming win last out for a \$16k tag, NIGHT TIME is the choice in this \$10k claiming sprint. The veteran is an eight-time winner and simply the fastest in the field. HALO RANDO disappointed last out in a weird LRC race that was dominated by the fast-pace front-runner. 'RANDO merely chased and faded. He might not have cared for the racetrack; he ran races this winter and spring at SA that would be competitive here. 'RANDO and top choice NIGHT TIME are expected to rally from behind, along with class dropper CAROL'S COMIC. Front-runners include GOLDEN SUNRISE, DEVIL BE ME and IN SUSPENSE. The pace should be contested; the race could fall apart for a late-runner.

Ninth Race 13. Calm Down Kimmie 5. Sexy Blue 8. Sei Bella

Also-eligible CALM DOWN KIMMIE, in the money twice vs. Cal-bred MSW rivals, drops a notch to Cal-bred maiden-50 and adds blinkers. If she draws in, she can be gone. SEXY BLUE also has speed, perhaps enough to make the lead if the top choice does not run. This is the eighth career start for 'BLUE, runner-up twice from four tries at this class level.

Tenth Race 6. Liberation 3. Tapatia Mia 7. Jasmina

LIBERATION, a Cal-bred 2yo filly with a Kentucky pedigree, should be heavily favored in this state-bred stakes based on her sharp debut at SA. Sired by Omaha Beach and a sibling to a G3 route winner, LIBERATION finished well to win going away by almost two lengths. That race was four and one-half furlongs, she benefits by the added distance of this five-furlong race. With two solid works over the DMR track, a pressing style, and comfortably drawn near the outside (post 6 of 8), John Sadler-trained LIBERATION enters as the most probable winner on the card.

Eleventh Race 4. Mo Holland Drive 5. Sagunto 8. Love the Pressure

With two sprints under his belt, MO HOLLAND DRIVE is ready to stretch out and win this turf mile for Cal-bred maiden 2yos. 'DRIVE finished an okay fourth both sprints; he is bred to run long on turf. His sire Mo Forza was a top turf miler; his dam Awesome Drive won a pair of high-level claiming turf routes. SAGUNTO chased and faded in his debut, but he also is likely to improve at this longer trip. He is by Nyquist; his dam broke her maiden on turf and is a sibling to turf-route stakes winners Slow Down Andy and Team Merchants.



Race Selections



Sunday August 3, 2025

	Bobby Neuman Track Announcer	Trackside Tina The Unbridled Spirit	TV Drew "Iowa Energy???"	Tipster The Wizard Of Calle Ocho
1	1 Fly Over Eagle 7 Gf Lady Gisele 5 Baja Lights	5 Baja Lights 1 Fly Over Eagle 10 Midnight Express	1 Fly Over Eagle 7 Gf Lady Gisele 5 Baja Lights	10 Midnight Express 1 Fly Over Eagle 5 Baja Lights
2	9 Jana Jean 5 Dash Up Dynasty 6 Jtc Jess Bayou	9 Jana Jean 2 Chico Fabuloso 3 One Sweet Fighter	9 Jana Jean 2 Chico Fabuloso 3 One Sweet Fighter	9 Jana Jean 1 Six Royal Debits 7 One New Year Fly Boy
3	9 Shesafavoritecowgirl 5 Apollitical Rush 8 Th Hello Marla	9 Shesafavoritecowgirl 5 Apollitical Rush 6 Ms Hawk 22	9 Shesafavoritecowgirl 5 Apollitical Rush 6 Ms Hawk 22	9 Shesafavoritecowgirl 5 Apollitical Rush 7 Lil Cool Chuparrosa
4	10 Jjs Sweet And Sassy 9 Partylikearocstar 6 Runnin Mann	2 Namor 7 Captain Blood 5 Shesa Kats Meow	9 Partylikearocstar 10 Jjs Sweet And Sassy 2 Namor	9 Partylikearocstar 10 Jjs Sweet And Sassy 2 Namor
5	3 Timeforwhat 5 Creek Front 4 Hurrikane Warning	4 Hurrikane Warning 6 Post Haste 1 Allen's Agenda	4 Hurrikane Warning 3 Timeforwhat 5 Creek Front	4 Hurrikane Warning 3 Timeforwhat 5 Creek Front
6	4 Addasquecktoit 5 Inca Stroll 2 Beautifly Troubl'd	5 Inca Stroll 4 Addasquecktoit 2 Beautifly Troubl'd	5 Inca Stroll 4 Addasquecktoit 2 Beautifly Troubl'd	5 Inca Stroll 2 Beautifly Troubl'd 4 Addasquecktoit
7	6 Determined Lover 2 Golden Greek 4 Hayahlookatme	4 Hayahlookatme 2 Golden Greek 6 Determined Lover	4 Hayahlookatme 2 Golden Greek 6 Determined Lover	4 Hayahlookatme 6 Determined Lover 2 Golden Greek
8	4 Mr. Matic 6 Wilburton 5 Vandor	4 Mr. Matic 5 Vandor 6 Wilburton	4 Mr. Matic 6 Wilburton 5 Vandor	6 Wilburton 4 Mr. Matic 5 Vandor
9	5 Om Sassy 2 Heavenly Dancer 6 Pop's Reward	5 Om Sassy 2 Heavenly Dancer 6 Pop's Reward	5 Om Sassy 2 Heavenly Dancer 6 Pop's Reward	5 Om Sassy 6 Pop's Reward 2 Heavenly Dancer
10	3 Wearacap 5 Our Last Chance 2 Wildatlanticstorm	5 Our Last Chance 2 Wildatlanticstorm 1 Palace Guard	3 Wearacap 5 Our Last Chance 2 Wildatlanticstorm	3 Wearacap 5 Our Last Chance 2 Wildatlanticstorm
11	3 Ride 1 Annie One Sock 6 Now We Go	1 Annie One Sock 3 Ride 6 Now We Go	1 Annie One Sock 3 Ride 6 Now We Go	1 Annie One Sock 6 Now We Go 3 Ride

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