

NOEL MICHAELS PRESQUE ISLE / PARX 2 DAY WAGERS

FRIDAY

[Presque Isle Downs](#), Race 8, \$150,000 Presque Isle Mile Stakes, 8:09 p.m. ET

Two-day, 50-cent Pennsylvania Pick 4 Play : 7,10 / 3,6,9 / 1,2,3 ,4,7 / 8

The Presque Isle Mile has drawn a competitive full 12-horse field (with one also-eligible entrant) ready to race on the all-weather main track. The name of the race is a bit of a misnomer since this race is actually run at the distance of 1 1/16 miles. The horses to beat will be the ones most adept at both this race's distance and the surface, and there seem to be two standouts in the field. #10 [Encino](#) is a deserving favorite on the morning-line odds because of success so far in his career on [Turfway Park's](#) all-weather surface, including a win in the \$142,000 John Battaglia Memorial Stakes last year and a close second in this year's Grade 3 [TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic](#). Most of his recent races were on turf or dirt, but he seems best on all-weather surfaces and that's why he shows up in this spot looking like one tough customer. The main threat will be #7 **Grounded**, the Presque Isle Downs local hero in the field with 14 career wins and 18 career exacta finishes on this track. He's won all three races in his current form cycle including the \$98,000 Avery Whisman Memorial Stakes last time out. He has wire-to-wire ability but is versatile and doesn't need a clear lead in order to win.

The Play: Bet on #10 [Encino](#) (5-2) to win and play him in an exacta box with #7 **Grounded** (6-1). Both Encino and Grounded should be on your tickets in the first leg of the Pennsylvania Pick 4.

[Presque Isle Downs](#), Race 9, \$300,000 Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes, 8:36 p.m. ET

Note: start of two-day, \$1 Keystone Double

15% TAKE OUT RATE

KEYSTONE DAILY DOUBLE
MINIMUM \$1 BET

Presque Isle Downs - Friday, September 19, 2025
Leg A: \$300,000, G2 Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes

PARX Racing - Saturday, September 20, 2025
Leg B: \$1,000,000, G1 Bet PARX Pennsylvania Derby

PENNSYLVANIA PICK 4
MINIMUM .50 CENT BET

Presque Isle Downs - Friday, September 19, 2025
Leg A: \$150,000 The Presque Isle Mile
Leg B: \$300,000, G2 The Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes

PARX Racing - Saturday, September 20, 2025
Leg C: \$1,000,000 G1 Cotillion Stakes
Leg D: \$1,000,000, G1 Bet PARX Pennsylvania Derby

KEYSTONE DAILY DOUBLE
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PENNSYLVANIA PICK 4
SEPT. 19TH
SEPT. 20TH

The Grade 2 Presque Isle Downs Masters is the track's premier race. It has drawn a full field of 12 all-weather surface filly and mare sprinters, plus one also-eligible entrant, ready to go 6 ½ furlongs for a purse of \$300,000. The Masters will be the second leg of the Pennsylvania Pick 4

and the first leg of the two-day Keystone Double as well as being a good betting race in its own right. **#6 [Pandora's Gift](#)** just missed winning this race last year when second by a neck and is back again in search of revenge. She has not had any other chances since on an all-weather surface after being imported to the U. S. from Europe, but she clearly seems to prefer all-weather tracks based on her career record of four wins and two seconds in six all-weather starts to date. More recently, Pandora's Gift has held her own in three graded stakes sprinting on turf, but the grass is only her second-favorite surface. **#3 [Elysian Field](#)** exits a Grade 3 victory in [Woodbine's](#) all-weather [Seaway Stakes](#) in which she beat some of this race's other top contenders. After specializing in longer races, the Seaway win was a significant show of sprint success for Elysian Field, who was able to cut back and win at seven furlongs. **#9 [Stormcast](#)** was one of the horses beaten by Elysian Field last time out, but that race was her first start back from a nine-month layoff and she probably needed the race. Before that, she was already a seven-furlong Grade 3 stakes winner in Woodbine's 2024 Bessarabian Stakes, which makes her as a major contender here in her second start off the layoff.

The Play: Bet on **#6 [Pandora's Gift](#) (5-1)** to win and play her in exacta and trifecta boxes with **#3 [Elysian Field](#) (6-1)** and **#9 [Stormcast](#) (7-2)**. Pandora's Gift, Elysian Field, and Stormcast also all belong in your Pennsylvania Pick 4 and Keystone Daily Doubles.

SATURDAY

[Parx Racing](#), Race 13, \$1 million [Cotillion Stakes](#), 5:15 p.m. ET

The Grade 1 Cotillion Stakes has drawn a stand-out eight-horse field of 3-year-old fillies set to run 1 1/16 miles on the dirt main track at Parx, and many of the principals in the division will be competing Saturday afternoon. There are multiple fillies in this race with tactical speed but they'll all be chasing speedster **#2 [La Cara](#)**, who should have the lead and will be a threat to go all the way at this distance based on wire-to-wire wins already this year including the Grade 1 [Central Bank Ashland Stakes](#) at [Keeneland](#) and the Grade 1 [DK Horse Acorn Stakes](#) at Saratoga. When **#1 [Scottish Lassie](#)** is at her best, she's as good or better than anyone and that was on display last time when she crushed the field by 15 ½ lengths in Saratoga's Grade 1 [Coaching Club American Oaks Invitational Stakes](#). She won't be beat if she duplicates that effort but that's no sure thing because her career record has plenty misses to go along with a couple notable hits. **#7 [Good Cheer](#)** was a perfect 7-for-7 until two races ago but then lost back-to-back outings at [Saratoga](#) and didn't look good in either race. Instead of betting her at low odds, why not take a chance on a potential up-and-comer in this field such as **#3 [Clicquot](#)** or **#4 [Indy Bay](#)**? Both of those fillies are exiting graded stakes wins with jockey [Irad Ortiz Jr.](#) aboard and could take the next step forward. The slight preference goes to Clicquot, who keeps Ortiz, and unlike Indy Bay already owns a win at this distance.

The Play: Bet on **#2 [La Cara](#) (7-2)** to win and play her in exacta and trifecta boxes with **#1 [Scottish Lassie](#) (9-5)** and **#3 [Clicquot](#) (8-1)**. At very least, La Cara and Scottish Lassie should be used in Leg 3 of the Pennsylvania Pick 4, but players with a bigger budget can also put Clicquot, **#4 [Indy Bay](#) (8-1)** and **#7 [Good Cheer](#) (5-2)** on your tickets.

Parx Racing, Race 14, \$1 million [Pennsylvania Derby](#), 6 p.m. ET

The Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby has drawn a 10-horse field of 3-year-olds ready to go 1 1/8 miles on the Parx main track for a purse of \$1 million. The race features an evenly matched field with several major contenders but really the race has the look of the long overdue Grade 1 coming out party for **#8 [Baeza](#)**, who distinguished himself in third-place finishes in both the [Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve](#) and the [Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets](#). In six races so far this year, only [Sovereignty](#), [Journalism](#), and [Rodriguez](#) were able to beat him; there's no shame in that. None of those rivals showed up for this race and Saturday finally looks like Baeza's day. Another horse that has been knocking on the door is **#9 [Gosger](#)**, who finished second behind Journalism in both the [Preakness Stakes](#) and the Grade 1 [NYRA Bets Haskell Stakes](#). A fast pace seems very likely in this race and Gosger will be finishing fast after getting a cozy stalking trip. Which version of **#3 [Magnitude](#)** will we see on Saturday? He earned big speed figures in wire-to-wire wins in the Grade 2 [Fasig-Tipton Risen Star Stakes](#) and the \$250,000 Iowa Derby but then was nowhere to be found at the finish last time in [Saratoga](#)'s Grade 1 [DraftKings Travers Stakes](#). If we see good Magnitude instead of bad Magnitude, we could be looking at an upset.

The Play: Bet on **#8 [Baeza](#) (2-1)** to win and play him in exacta and trifecta boxes with **#3 [Magnitude](#) (6-1)** and **#9 [Gosger](#) (4-1)**. The Pennsylvania Derby will be the final leg of both the Pennsylvania Pick 4 and Keystone Daily Double, Baeza stands as a possible single if you went deep on your tickets in the other races and you don't have a big bankroll. Otherwise, you can also include Magnitude and Gosger.