

# Del Mar - Breeders Cup Day 2

( Post 1:05 )

By Brad Free

**First Race**      12      **Twirling Point**   2   **Time Song**   3   **Suchet**   8   **Moonlit Sonata**

TWIRLING POINT gets enough class relief in this N1X to compensate for a challenging outside post. He drew post 12 for the mile and a sixteenth turf race. 'POINT has been running well against tougher company including a solid third in a N2X over the Del Mar turf in summer, and an okay fifth last out in a stakes at Colonial Downs. 'POINT is reequipped with blinkers, which he wore all three wins. He can adapt to any pace scenario. TIME SONG has been setting the pace in longer races than this; he should be forwardly placed in a race likely to unfold at a tepid pace. Program favorite SUCHET would have been the selection if this race had more pace to run at. He was rank and unsettled behind a slow pace last time; he finished fifth. Problem is, this race could unfold at a similar tempo. SUCHET runs best with pace to flatter his kick, like his runner-up U.S. debut at DMR in summer. Good horse, but compromised by the pace .

**Second Race**   8   **Modus Bestia**   10   **Comedy Town**   12   **Red Flag**   1   **Ghost of Midnight**

A dominating maiden win by MODUS BESTIA stamps him the one to beat in this N1X dirt sprint. 'BESTIA set a fast pace in the MSW, and won with a sky-high 99 Beyer. That race, on DMR dirt, was nearly two months ago. He posted fast recent works that suggest he will reproduce his maiden win. If so, this race is history. Veteran stakes winner COMEDY TOWN drops from a "muddy" stakes debacle to race for the optional \$50k claim tag. The 7-for-35 veteran figures for a pressing trip right behind the speed. RED FLAG has won 4 of 6 at DMR; he drops a notch after an okay fourth in a N2X, and will be rolling in the lane. GHOST OF MIDNIGHT has won 6 of 9 including a N1X/optional claiming race last out from which he was claimed for \$50k. He did not get any help at the draw, however. He is stuck on the rail.

**Third Race**      3      **Special Wan**   2   **Deep Satin**      5      **Medoro**

SPECIAL WAN figures to win this G3 turf mile at a short price, based on her spring-summer wins at this level sandwiched around a good third in a G1 turf mile at Saratoga. Beyond her class attributes, 'WAN is the only entrant who consistently earns Beyer Figures in the mid- to upper 90s. She is simply the best horse in the field, with tactical speed to make her own trip. DEEP SATIN drops after a better-than-looked fourth in a G1 turf mile. 'SATIN broke from post 11 and raced four-wide from start to finish. Despite losing ground every turn, she missed by only a half-length. She might have been best, and therefore fits perfect in this G3.

**Fourth Race**      6      **Sweet Azteca**   4   **Tamara**   8   **Hope Road**

SWEET AZTECA returned to form this year for her new trainer Richard Baltas; she would be a deserving winner of the BC Filly and Mare Sprint. 'AZTECA set a track record for six and one-half furlongs (1:14.32), winning her comeback at Los Alamitos in a G2, followed by an easy win in a G3. She is fast from the gate, copes with pressure, and worked well recently. The 7-for-9 filly can win with a front-running/pace-pressing trip. TAMARA got an ideal comeback prep, winning a five-runner G3. The lightly raced daughter of Beholder won the G1 Del Mar Debutante as a 2yo in 2023, so she likes the track. And, she worked exceptionally well following her comeback win. On Oct. 19 at SA, TAMARA smoked the final quarter-mile of a workout in :22.80 according to her trainer. TAMARA has speed, she is versatile, and will rally from slightly off the pace. HOPE ROAD won a seven-furlong G1 at SAR with a pressing trip similar to what she is likely get in this race. She worked super recently at SA

### **Fifth Race**    5 . Bring Theband Home    3 . Arizona Blaze    8 . Ag Bullet

The fastest turf sprinter in North America is BRING THEBAND HOME, who can score a front-running upset in the BC Turf Sprint if he reproduces his summer form and if his last-out misfire is forgiven. 'HOME is fast; he smoked 21 and change, 43 and change this summer wiring a pair of SAR turf sprints with the year's highest turf-sprint figures: 109 and 105 Beyer. His misfire last out at WO was an aberration; he worked well since and gets the call to upset this field at generous odds. His program price is 12-1. One caveat: DMR turf sprints last fall were more favorable to closers than speed horses with the rails down. ARIZONA BLAZE rebounded to top form last out by defeating 14 rivals in a G1 in Ireland. The 3-year-old reportedly likes "give" in the ground, but he ran well over a fast DMR course last fall when second in the BC Juvenile Turf Sprint. 'BLAZE has speed to gain a forward position. AG BULLET and MOTORIOUS, three-two in this race last year, are in peak form. California-based AG BULLET won back-to-back turf sprint stakes in Kentucky and New York; her figures this year are as high or higher as last year. Fillies and mares won the BC Turf Sprint five times. Horse-for-course late-runner MOTORIOUS, the program favorite, won four of five at DMR (including a win via disqualification). He will be rolling late. REEF RUNNER crossed the wire first all three starts since he was gelded; he was disqualified from a win over MOTORIOUS when they met at DMR in summer.

### **Sixth Race**    10 . Bentornato    7 . Imagination    9    American Stage

BENTORNATO is a worthy favorite in the BC Sprint based on his runner-up finish in the 2024 Sprint at DMR and an impressive recent comeback in Kentucky. BENTORNATO crushed a modest field by more than five lengths, earned a big figure (108 Beyer), and trained like a beast since. He has speed for position, he does not require the lead, and enters as the currently fastest in the field. He can win with a pressing trip at low odds. IMAGINATION found his niche this fall when he shortened to six furlongs and scored an impressive comeback victory in a Grade 2. His win was more impressive considering ground loss. He raced four- and five-wide through the turn, and came away. It was a big win at SA, he has run well at DMR. Japan-based AMERICAN STAGE looms the upsetter. His sixth in the G1 Golden Shaheen this spring in Dubai was very good; he pressed the pace set by the winner and only tired in deep stretch. Off five months afterward, he ran super in his comeback in Japan. He set the pace and only got worn down late. His trainer Yoshito Yahagi started three runners in BC races at DMR: Forever Young finished third in the Classic last year; Loves Only You and Marche Lorraine scored upsets in the FMT and Distaff in 2021. BIG CITY LIGHTS is training super for his first start since January. He runs well fresh; his best figures rank among the highest in the field. A graded winner and multiple Cal-bred stakes winner, he finished one-two in 11 of 13 starts. LOVESICK BLUES won the G1 Bing Crosby over the DMR track in summer; he was only prepping in his runner-up comeback three weeks ago on turf. 'BLUES will rally late.

### **Seventh Race**    12 Dorth Vader    1 Nitrogen    8 Seismic Beauty    4 Scylla

DORTH VADER emerged this season as a top-class older mare, and is qualified to win the BC Distaff. She crushed a G1 on "sloppy" in June, and last out gave in-form Thorpedo Anna a battle. 'VADER missed by a nose and finished more than nine lengths clear of third. The effort proved 'VADER is more than a wet-track specialist. She skipped a final prep to go fresh into the Distaff, she is a proven G1-caliber mare, her speed figures fit the race, and she has enough speed to keep the pacesetters in her sights. DORTH VADER can spring an upset, listed 5-1 in the program. NITROGEN, the country's top 3yo filly, also is qualified. She continued her season-long improvement with a runner-up finish last out in a G1 that was her first against older. She raced wide throughout, and missed by a head while making her first start in seven weeks.

### **Eighth Race 8 Minnie Hauk | Rebel's Romance 3 Amiloc 9 Gold Phoenix**

The outstanding 3yo filly MINNIE HAUK nearly beat the boys last out in the G1 Arc de Triomphe; she missed by a head while finishing more than five lengths clear of third. Super effort by a filly who ran a winning race in her first try against males. 'HAUK exits a historically productive race: 8 of the last 25 BC Turf winners were coming out of the Arc; MINNIE HAUK is trained by seven-time Turf winner Aidan O'Brien.

REBEL'S ROMANCE will try to become the first horse to win the Turf times, and third to win three Breeders' Cup races (Beholder and Goldikova each won three). REBEL'S ROMANCE rarely runs a bad race, he has won at DMR, captured 20 of 29 starts overall, and enters off an easy-trip G1 win at Aqueduct. No knocks on the pace-pressing gelding. AMILOC looms a potential upsetter. The Europe-based 3yo won his first five starts before he jumped into a G1 in Ireland. AMILOC proved he belongs, finishing second behind the streaking Al Riffa and more than four lengths clear of the third-place finisher who won a group stakes next out. As an improving 3yo late in the season, AMILOC can continue his upward pattern, and he could start at a hint of a price. He is 10-1 in the program. California-based veteran GOLD PHOENIX will rally late over a DMR course on which he has won five graded stakes.

### **Ninth Race 1 Fierceness 2 Baeza 5 Forever Young 3 Nevada Beach**

The scratch of early favorite Sovereignty makes FIERCENESS the one to beat in the BC Classic. A multiple G1 winner proven at a mile and one-quarter, his forwardly placed style suits the pace and surface. Except for the "rabbit" in post 4, this field does not have much true speed, which benefits front-runner/presser FIERCENESS. His style suits the track, DMR is kind to speed at a mile and a quarter, notwithstanding the BC Classic last year that was won by a closer. FIERCENESS finished second. He confirmed his affinity for DMR this summer by overcoming an imperfect start and getting keen to win the Pacific Classic by open lengths. With a front-running or pace-pressing trip, FIERCENESS is the one to beat. But wagering value is minimal due to the scratch of Sovereignty. BAEZA looms the upsetter. A late foal (May 13), the colt has been trying to catch up to his 3yo mates all season in terms of development. He is getting closer. After finishing in the money in the Santa Anita Derby, Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, he scored a breakout win in the Pennsylvania Derby and trained well since. FOREVER YOUNG, third in the 2024 Classic while compromised by up-front strategy, drew a better post this time and will take back off the pace. He had an ideal comeback prep win last month in Japan. NEVADA BEACH looked good running past G1 winner Full Serrano to win his comeback in a G1. 'BEACH is a lightly raced 3yo who should relish the mile and one-quarter. But he has started only four times.

### **Tenth Race** 3 Sahlan 2 Notable Speech 11 Rhetorical 4 The Lion In Winter

France-based SAHLAN, a rapidly improving 3yo who defeated older last out in a G1, can upset the BC Mile. After forgivable misfires in May (trouble) and June (sick), he returned to form winning a G3 in August followed by a better win over a deep field in the G1 Prix du Moulin. That race produced BC Mile winners Expert Eye, 2018; Goldikova, 2008; and Spinning World, 1997. SAHLAN has a strong turn of foot, relishes fast ground, and he can blast past for a minor upset. NOTABLE SPEECH, third as the Mile favorite here last year, scored a convincing win last out in the G1 Woodbine Mile to reemerge as BC Mile favorite again. His trainer Charlie Appleby and jockey William Buick won the Mile three of the past four years. RHETORICAL continued his march up the ladder by scoring a sharp win last out in the G1 Turf Mile at KEE. RHETORICAL has speed for a forwardly placed trip in a race that could unfold at a tepid pace.

### **Eleventh Race** 3 Nysos 6 Full Serrano 4 Mystik Dan 7 Citizen Bull

NYSOS does not run often, but he always fires. A 5-for-6 graded winner with multiple triple-digit Beyers, NYSOS adapts to any pace scenario and enters as one of the fastest in the BC Dirt Mile field. However, it is never a guarantee he will start. In early 2024, he scratched from a graded stakes and disappeared until spring 2025. This summer at DMR, he scratched from the Pacific Classic with a foot bruise and therefore has not raced since July. But he runs well fresh, is two-for-two at DMR, and plenty fast enough to win the BC Dirt Mile from off the pace. FULL SERRANO won the Dirt Mile last year, and seeks a repeat while in peak form. He scored an easy win in an allowance, then improved next out finishing second in a G1 at a mile and one-eighth. He shortens to a mile for his third start back, and could get a good trip pressing the pace or going right on with it. MYSTIK DAN, the 2024 Kentucky Derby winner, is a notch below the country's top handicap runners, but fits with this group. Last-out winner of a G2 in Kentucky, 'DAN will rally from slightly off the pace. CITIZEN BULL might be the one to catch. BC Juvenile winner last year, 3-for-4 over the DMR surface, he worked well since an easy win in a three-runner field and is probably the speed of the field.

### **Twelfth Race** 13 She Feels Pretty 14 See The Fire 5 Gezora 9 Ciderellas Dream

Posts 13 and 14 are challenging for the top choices in the BC Filly and Mare Turf. They are SHE FEELS PRETTY, the top female turf runner in the U.S, and SEE THE FIRE, Group 1 runner-up last month in a prestigious race in France. Despite the draw, SHE FEELS PRETTY gets the call. She comes off a win in the same G1 in which 2024 FMT winner Moira finished second in her prep. The win by 'PRETTY was her eighth from 12 starts. The question is distance; this mile and three-eighths is the longest race of her career. SEE THE FIRE finished second last out in the Prix de l'Opera, a race that produced 3 of the last 8 winners of the FMT. 'FIRE will stay the distance. GEZORA made no impact in the Arc de Triomphe, but two previous starts in France stamp her a legit contender. She won a Group 1 in June, and finished second in a G1 in September. CIDERELLA'S DREAM reportedly struggled with the ground last out when she finished a distant third as the favorite in a G1 in England. She prefers fast ground, and will get it at DMR.

## **BREEDERS CUP - PICK 5 PLAY : ( RACES 5-9 )**

Breeders' Cup Saturday is not only a time for connections to celebrate their top horse's achievements, but also for horseplayers to have a plethora of wagering options at their disposal with full sized fields throughout. You can bet on 2-1 shots 365 days a year, but playing into massive horizontal pools with so many ways to leverage your top opinions comes far less often. Included in the mix of possible wagers on Saturday at the Breeders' Cup are a trio of Pick 5 opportunities, including a sequence that gets started in Race 5 with the Turf Sprint and concludes with the big one, the \$7M Breeders' Cup Classic.

### **Race 5: Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)**

Main Ticket: 3 Arizona Blaze; 1 Motorious; 8 Ag Bullet

Backups: 5 Bring Theband Home; 11 Bucanero Fuerte

The Turf Sprint is one of the Breeders' Cup races I have the lowest confidence in, so I will use several including lukewarm favorite #1 Motorious. The 7YO does not race often, but when he does, he means business. Especially at Del Mar where he is a nose away from a perfect 5 for 5-record over the turf course. The rail draw could lead to traffic issues for jockey Antonio Fresu, but saving ground also could be the difference between winning and losing. He will be tough to hold off with a clean trip, but I slightly prefer #3 Arizona Blaze. The 3YO colt ships back to the States after running second at 27-1 in last year's Juvenile Turf Sprint. The fact he proved he could handle the configuration is a huge feather in his cap.

### **Race 6: Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)**

**Main Ticket: 7 Imagination**

**Backups: 10 Bentornato**

I plan to go far thinner in this year's Sprint where I am very high on the chances of #7 Imagination. The \$1.05M purchase was underwhelming as a 3YO on the Kentucky Derby trail, but was a new horse in late September off an eight-month layoff for trainer Bob Baffert. His upset victory in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G2) was even better than it looks when he finished absolutely full of run. A step forward in his second start off the bench will make him very tough to beat, but #10 Bentornato is a legitimate ML favorite. Like my top choice, he was on the sidelines most of 2025, but came back with a stylish win against lesser at Churchill Downs in mid-September. Last year's runner-up in this race certainly merits serious respect.

### **Race 7: Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)**

**Main Ticket: 1 Nitrogen; 3 Clicquot; 12 Dorth Vader Backup: 13 Regaled**

There is little doubt that #8 Seismic Beauty is the one to catch and beat in this year's Distaff, but she has had things her way since stretching out to two turns this spring. Especially last out at even money in the Clement L. Hirsch when she sped to the lead and rode a good rail throughout to victory. She win can, but will be far too short of a price for me to use.

I give a few a real chance at besting Seismic Beauty at better prices, including top choice **#1 Nitrogen**. The D J Stable homebred has been even faster on dirt than she was over the grass earlier this year and was caught three-wide most of the way when losing by a head to #7 Gin Gin last out in the Spinster (G1). The inside draw and her tactical speed should prove valuable in her first start out west. #3 Clicquot will also be on all of my tickets. The Brendan Walsh trainee has to take a big step forward to get to the wire first against this group, but is still getting better and should get a favorable voyage along the inside under jockey Flavien Prat.

### **Race 8: Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)**

**Main Ticket: 8 Minnie Hauk; 2 Goliath Backups: None**

Internationally based runners have won the Breeders' Cup Turf every year dating back to 2015 other than when Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar held off long shot United in 2019. This year appears no different. Most horseplayers will flock to either **#8 Minnie Hauk** or #1 Rebel's Romance, while some will take the less favorable approach of using both. I will side with the Frankel filly who just missed in the Arc de Triomphe, but will also include German-bred #2 Goliath. The 5YO gelding enters his first start in the States in the best form of his career. He should be rolling late under jockey Mickael Barzalona.

### **Race 9: Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)**

**Main Ticket: 10 Antiquarian; 5 Forever Young Backups: 1 Fierceness; 2 Baeza**

Things obviously changed massively with the scratch of #6 Sovereignty due to a fever, but the silver lining is it opens the race up far more. I thought the Derby, Belmont, and Travers winner was a tier above the rest, so I went from being all-in on the chalk to endorsing **#10 Antiquarian**. The son of Preservationist has not wowed his competition at times like stablemates #1 Fierceness and #8 Mindframe, but has continued to get better with each start and as the distances get longer. He comes in off a win in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) when he proved he could relax enough early in a race with a rabbit involved. I like the fact he should be one of those to get first run on #4 Contrary Thinking, as well as the leg up going to jockey Luis Saez. I expect him to outrun his odds and hopefully much more.

If my top choice fails to fire big, #1 Fierceness and #5 Forever Young are the likeliest winners, but I am not convinced either of them are set for a career best performance on Saturday. On the other hand, #2 Baeza has continued to improve with each start, but one must wonder how good he really is at this point. He simply has not finished ahead of many great horses thus far, but at his price I will use him as a backup given the separation he will create closing things out.

# **How to bet the LATE PICK 5- Breeders Cup Day 2**

By Jeremy Plonk:

I'll stand against a few favorites, hang my hat on a few longshots, and entrust a couple of legitimate logical players in what should be a fascinating late pick 5 Saturday at Del Mar. Good luck on your Breeders' Cup plays.

**Race 8: Turf** The obvious players here are favorites #8 Minnie Hauk and two-time Turf winner #1 Rebel's Romance. Can't punch a lot of holes in either, but often the European who finds success in the Turf isn't the one everyone's talking about. It's the end of their season and the improving sort can find the timing to their advantage. Enter #3 Amiloc, who continues to progress. Three-deep from overseas.

**Race 9: Classic** The 2025 sophomore class was exceptional, and I'm impressed how both #9 Journalism and #2 Baeza have trained for this. Neither would shock me. #5 Forever Young comes in freshened and if he can get back to his Saudi Cup form earlier this year, he's the elder from last year's Classic to fear. #8 Mindframe hasn't had the cleanest schedule obviously, but his talent on display at Churchill in May won the strongest race of the year to my eye. He's fresh now.

**Race 10: Mile** My longshot plays Saturday come in the Mile and we'll need to be right on either #13 Qirat as the potential controlling speed from the UK or the Japanese mare #9 Argine. I'm not sold on the finishing kick of the favorite Notable Speech, who was outfooted late in last year's race as the chalk. The can of worms feels open in this race. Might as well be our worms.

**Race 11: Dirt Mile** Likely favorite #3 Nysos and defending Dirt Mile champion #6 Full Serrano make for a powerful 1-2 punch. You can make cases for others, but to beat both of those horses will take a lot of doing. Both have been exceptional over the Del Mar surface.

**Race 12: Filly & Mare Turf** The logical players are standouts in a deep field by numbers, but it's hard to look past #13 She Feels Pretty as the top American threat against Europeans #14 See the Fire and #9 Cinderella's Dream. She Feels Pretty might get a dream trip sitting third behind two dueling speedsters, while the company lines See the Fire has been keeping are absolutely world-class against males. Cinderella's Dream should have won this race last year if not for the trip and trainer Charlie Appleby has sounded rather confident about her as much or more than any of his BC entrants this year.

## **The Ticket:**

**3,8,1 with 9,8,2,5 with 13,9 with 3,6 with 13,14,9 = \$72 for \$.50**

**Single 3-NYSOS in the Dirt Mile to make a \$36 play for budget purposes.**

# How to bet the 2025 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile

(RACE 11)

By John Mucciolo

An excellent field of 10 will jaunt eight panels on the Del Mar main strip in Saturday's \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1).

I've long thought that #3 Nysos (8-5) was the ideal one-mile, two-turn horse that could be in training, so I have to give him top billing at short odds despite the abundance of quality in this contest.

## **Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Wagers**

**\$1 Superfecta: 3 with 2, 10 with 2, 4, 6, 10 with ALL (\$42)**

**50-cent Superfecta: key 3 with 2, 4, 6, 10 (\$12)**

Trained by Bob Baffert, Nysos is a head shy of being unbeaten from six career runs to date. The four-year-old colt was last seen dominating the San Diego H. (G2) on the Del Mar surface at 1 1/16 miles while registering a 104 Brisnet Speed rating and 100 Late Pace rating.

His five wins are by a combined 34 1/2 lengths, and the \$550,000 purchase is also two-for-two on the local surface in advance of Saturday. Nysos has been training in rapid fashion leading up to the race and was a daylight winner in his lone attempt at eight furlongs in advance of this stiff test. Flavien Prat will ride the uber-talented bay.

Baffert's #2 Goal Oriented (6-1) is another that seems perfectly suited to the one-mile distance, in my opinion. The three-year-old son of Not This Time has come up short in the Grade 1 ranks in his last trio of runs, but he is full of class and ability and might shine on the cut back in trip on this occasion. The dark bay Kentucky-bred shows a pair of swift morning moves leading up to the race and will have Luis Saez in the stirrups.

2023 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner #10 White Abarrio (8-1) might not be the most dependable horse in training, but the multiple Grade 1 star and \$7 million earner can't be dismissed with Irad in the silks. The Kentucky-bred son of Race Day has been running with some fantastic horses this campaign and can deliver some huge results on his best day. The gray has posted a bevy of rapid morning works as of late, and he figures to sit a really good trip on the outside while stalking a contested early tempo.

Defending champ #6 Full Serrano (7-2) faces a more difficult assignment this campaign, but he wouldn't be a major surprise for John Sadler. The Argentine loves Del Mar and will relish the cut back in distance after finishing a clear second in the Goodwood S. (G1) at Santa Anita at 1 1/8 miles last time out. If he can avoid a pace duel, then his chances improve with Rosario taking the reins.

2024 Kentucky Derby (G1) star #4 Mystik Dan (6-1) seems to be well placed at one mile in this spot after bagging the Lukas Classic S. (G2) at Churchill Downs in his latest showing. The Goldencents colt would likely be in deep in the Breeders' Cup Classic, but he is a fine fit against this group at the trip for Kenny McPeck. Francisco Arrieta retains the mount.

## BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT ( 12:05)



By Kevin Cox

Race 1 **7 SPIRIT DRAGON** recovered from a slow start to chase the pace before finishing a good second in his career debut; moved forward from that experience to win his second start easily while showing speed; logically spotted right back. 1 **SHADOW SURGE** was spotted to win in his return from a long layoff last month, and he did not disappoint while earning a field-best 80 Beyer; placed logically with two-life claimers in his first start for new connections. 5 **DEREK'S LAW** posted his maiden win over a wet track going 6.5 furlongs, but that is a two-turn race on the bullring at Delta Downs; earned a breakthrough figure on another wet track two starts back when claimed away from Amoss, and he engaged in a long battle before succumbing late in his first start for Linda Rice; cuts back.

Race 2 #6 **BURNINHUNKOFLOVE** has always been a consistent sort, as this chestnut has partaken in the superfecta in more than half of his career outings. 6YO has also done extremely well in second off the bench scenarios, and would be no shock dropping down in class today. #7 **AMUNDSON** is still cashing checks at the ripe old age of nine, but unfortunately he'll have to cash him somewhere else at the end of the year, because of a silly rule in place prohibiting 10 year olds. That being said, the sensational career mark of 27:10-6-4 positively leaps off the page, and this one must be left in the mix once again. 6-7-3

Race 3 #8 **FIRST BLESSING** gets his working papers this afternoon, and does such with a decent worktab in tow. The 398 Tomlinson figure is by far the highest in the field, and obviously, we dig the draw. #7 **LIFE IS GRAVY** is showing a little bit of a "Z" pattern from the 10/9 debut, as he lost two and a half lengths from the quarter to the half before gaining nearly triple that amount from that point to the finish line. There's an upgrade in the irons today, and as one of only three with racing experience, we have no qualms with including. #6 is the appropriately monikered **SIXER**, and comes into the debut with a 3rd best of 78 gate move back on the 16th of October.

Race 4 #3 **MY WORLD** got up in time to reward his chalk eating backers two fortnight's back, and as this one went for 7x the stud fee at Keeneland last year, we'd say there's some room for improvement. #5 **DAY ONE STARTER** improved by leaps and bounds when procuring the sheepskin back in September, and we like that it came without any type of equipment or medication change. Usually when Shug runners start going good, they keep good for a while. 3-5-2

Race 5 #7 BLACK ROSE has blinkers added while dropping in class today, & factor that in with three decent efforts to date, you'd have to say his chances are looking good. Mild choice. #10 BASHFUL BABY has been a bit tardy to the party in both starts to date, but rallied nicely to pick up 20% of the pot last out, and we see no reason to leave out of the mix. #5 SOUTH PHILLY SLIDE was a dead game runnerup finisher when switching over to the weeds.

**Main Track : 8-2-10**

Race 6 #1 RADAUTI hasn't been in action in more than half a calendar, when under the tutelage of C-Squared, but was doing some fine work back then, & could cause a ruckus if sound and fully cranked up. #7 LOVE'M OR LIAM is another one who has been in absentia for a while, but you could feel free to draw an upwards arrow alongside the BSF's, as this one has gotten better w/each passing start. Another one that you should observe during the warmups. #8 COPIOUS (barnmate w/our secondary selection) returned off a freshening to pick up 12% of the purse a month back, & late foal can land a share once again.

Race 7 #4 ANNEXPERIENCE can goall the way on the grass. . #1 AMPLITUDE has the best shot of upsetting the above sliding in seven slots while having eye cups affixed for the first time. #8 EL DE LARRY is a fairly consistent sort who has partaken in the superfecta and 10 of his last 11 afternoon treks to the front side, and can be a part of the minor spoils. **Main Track :11-4-2-12**

Race 8 #4 WISTUCKY came back after a four month layoff to close out the exacta down in Wilmington on the 1st of October, and did such despite getting smacked around a bit of the onset. Brown boy also picked up second place money the only time he was in a second off the bench spot, and note that the jockey/trainer combination do much better together than apart. #6 RANGER BATTALION is a steady Eddie who can improve off the most recent if not being taken as wide by Lezcano as he did last time. #3 SHATTUCK scored in his only start at today's trip, and may plod along for a piece.

Race 9 #7 DANCING BUCK had a right to need that first start back from the long layoff at Saratoga; improved in the Belmont Turf Sprint when forced on the pace throughout, and he was also involved on a competitive pace last time when unable to hold on late; back quickly. 8 NIAGARA SKYLINE made it two in a row sprinting when sitting a nice trip before rallying to the lead late in an easier spot last time; must prove his stakes credentials, but he is in good form, and owns plenty of figures that give him a chance here. 3 OUTLAW KID still tries hard, but he has been a bit of a disappointment so far this year while going 0-4, all in stakes company; dangerous with his good race as Santana takes over. **Main Track : 13-11-9**

Race 10 #10 CAPITOL HILL ran an underrated race through a tough trip when last in this condition back in the spring, and he has run well in stakes company since then; stepping back in class after finishing well too late in the Gio Ponti last month. 1 FAVORABLE SCENARIO was ready off the long layoff when closing strongly to get up over a next-out winner at Saratoga; had a tough post at Keeneland last time, and he gained late ground once again in a race that was holding together in front of him; upside for top connections, and has his main rival out-posted. 10-1-5 **Main Track : 9-1-2**



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

by *Ron Nicoletti*

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

## RACE 1:

**9 CATALYZED (FR)**, who returned from a similar layoff when shipping in for trainer Kelsey Danner last December and finished second vs \$25,000 optional claimers, will try to repeat that performance in an easier spot. Blinkers off today. **1 LA CANTERA (IRE)** will depart from the rail with the speed needed to set or track the pace when dropping from allowance company at Colonial Downs. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr spots her perfectly vs \$25,000 conditioned claimers. **8 MOM'S MARTINI** moves to the Luis Ramirez barn via the claim looking to grab a share of the exotic wages. Note that she has always faced better here on the turf.

**SELECTIONS: 9-1-8**

## RACE 2:

**12 VELVET RAGE** is dropping to the \$17,500 level after facing \$35,000 maidens with inconsistent results. Trainer Jose D'Angelo has Edgard Zayas managing the outside post. **7 BELLA JAK** is turning back to 5 ½ furlongs on the Tapeta after showing speed and tiring vs \$25,000 maidens going around two turns on the turf. Her performance on the all-weather surface two starts back puts her right in the hunt in this spot. **1 TALE OF LEMONBELLE**, claimed for \$35,000 two starts back, drops and turns back after setting the pace and fading vs \$50,000 maidens going a mile and seventy yards on the Tapeta. Leading jockey Miguel Vazquez will handle this shaky proposition.

**SELECTIONS: 12-7-1**

## RACE 3:

**4 SONG SO SWEET** is hoping to finally notch the elusive second career victory after just getting caught late – as the favorite – last out. The gelding is worth one more chance. **5 MR BRIZEL** is making his return to the main track after threatening to notch this condition in a series of route races going long on the Tapeta. Trainer Ronald Coy has Leonel Reyes managing the surface switch.

**2 ACCELERATE ME**, another from trainer Ron Coy, is stepping up to face winners after drawing clear on a good track to defeat \$12,500 maidens at this one-mile distance. Jose Morelos rides.

**SELECTIONS: 4-5-2**

## RACE 4:

**9 GAME ENERGY** is cutting back to five furlongs after returning from the extended layoff to set the pace and finish second going 5 ½ furlongs. Trainer Mary Lightner has Rajiv Maragh in the saddle. **3 MITHRIL** is hoping to find more after finishing an okay third behind the top choice last out. Jose D'Angelo has Leonel Reyes overseeing the rematch at five panels. **4 GAME CHANGER JOLIE** is wheeling back for trainer Happy Alter after finishing second – beaten a neck – in a slow timed race at this level and distance. Apprentice Luis Fuenmayor is at the controls again.

**SELECTIONS: 9-3-4**

## RACE 5:

**3 PAX MUNDI** is stretching out to a mile after finishing a promising second in his seven-furlong debut. The son of Gun Runner shows a couple of stamina enhancing five-furlong workouts in preparation for the added distance. **7 ABOVE THE NORM** is a \$400,000 son of McKinzie debuting for Todd Pletcher with six local workouts showing in preparation for the debut. Some serious tote watching is advised before heading to the window. **2 BULL BY THE HORNS**, bred to love the distance and beyond, the son of Essential Quality stretches out after rallying four-wide to finish third behind the top choice last out. Saffie is 21% with the stretchout move.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-2**

**RACE 6: THE ARMED FORCES**

**7 TELEPORT (IRE)** is debuting locally at a mile and wearing blinkers after making a middle move and weakening behind classy Bottas in the mile and a sixteenth Grade 2 Pilgrim at Aqueduct. Todd Pletcher has Emisael Jaramillo atop the son of Lope de Vega.

**1 BEHOLD THE KING** is stepping up to face winners after rebounding from the disqualification at Colonial Downs with a maiden special weight score at Aqueduct. The son of Not This Time has speed, which will be key with the rail set at 66 feet.

**8 SUNRISE** is another from Todd Pletcher that will wear blinkers after following a maiden victory at Saratoga with a clunker in the Laurel Futurity. Edgard Zayas rides the son of Karakontie.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-8****RACE 7:**

**9 SIMO AT THE BIG A** is stretching out an additional furlong after shaking off early trouble (checked) when finishing fourth in his 5 ½-furlong debut. Carlos David is 22% with maidens in making their second start.

**6 ZUCCHERO** is debuting locally for trainer Brian Lynch after responding to the surface switch from turf to dirt with a second-place finish vs \$50,000 maidens going 6 ½ furlongs at Keeneland. Nik Juarez rides.

**4 CRUISIN CROSSBAY** is a son of Catalina Cruiser debuting for Saffie Joseph Jr with a series of sharp workouts showing over the Palm Meadows main track. Edgard Zayas rides.

**SELECTIONS: 9-6-4****RACE 8:**

**2 SALS DREAM GIRL** may have found the spot where she can improve on the recent pair of second-place finishes going around two turns on the Tapeta.

**1 PLAY FREE BIRD**, a winner when breaking from the rail two starts back, will try to repeat that after finishing third behind the top choice last out. Jose Morelos rides. **4 ONE OF ONE**, is one of two in the field for trainer Jennifer Young (Sals Dream Girl), is going back to her preferred surface (26-5-5-4) after failing to produce a rally behind better going a mile on the turf. Rajiv Maragh rides the daughter of Classic Empire.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-4****RACE 9:**

**9 PHOENIX OF WIT (IRE)** is back locally after following her maiden win here going 7 ½ furlongs with a second-place finish vs entry level allowance runners going a mile and a sixteenth on the Aqueduct turf. Trainer Joe Orseno has Samy Camacho atop the versatile daughter of Lope de Vega, who can win from on or off the pace. **6 DRUM ROLL** moves to the Bobby Dibona barn via the claim after setting the pace and holding on to defeat \$20,000 claimers going a mile. The barn, 26% with new claims, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **2 GOODBETTERBEST**, 6 for 7 in the money on the GP turf, is hoping to stretch her speed to the wire after getting nailed late going eight furlongs on a good turf last out. She is a major player for trainer Steve Klesaris.

**SELECTIONS: 9-6-2****RACE 10:**

**3 VENEZUELAN HOPE** moves to the Jose D'Angelo barn via the claim after rallying to finish second behind hard-knocking Vino Santo going a mile and seventy yards last out. The new connections keep the status quo with Emisael Jaramillo in the saddle.

**7 LOOKIN FOR ROSES** is looking to remedy the chalk burning status after coming up empty - as the favorite - in consecutive races at the level. Saffie has Micha Husbands in the saddle.

**11 TRIUMPHANT ROAD** should be primed and ready to offer more after returning from the layoff to finish third behind this familiar competition.

**SELECTIONS: 3-7-11****RACE 11: THE SHOWING UP**

**2 DAY AND AGE** is debuting locally for Mark Casse after a sharp allowance score at Churchill in which he dueled from start to finish and held sway to win by three-quarters of a length. Emisael Jaramillo is sure to get him interested early. **12 LAYABOUT**, a stakes winner locally, returns after his three-race win streak ended when he changed running tactics and came from off the pace to finish fourth in the Gun Runner at Kentucky Downs. Trainer Patrick Biancone has go-to-jock Jose Morelos atop the one to beat.

**7 JIMMY'S DAILYS** is debuting on the turf after finishing second on the dirt in the seven-furlong Harrods Creek and the one-mile Eliss Park Derby. Trainer Brian Lynch is 13% with the surface switch.

**SELECTIONS: 2-12-7****BEST BET: RACE 11 – 2 DAY AND AGE****LONGSHOT: RACE 1 – 9 CATALYZED (FR)**

# WOODBINE (12:50)

Handicapper's Journal – Doug McPherson  
Saturday, November 1st, 2025

## Race 1

**#5 Iknowyoucanwait**

**#6 Deputy Ghost**

**#3 Dri Saddle**

**#1 Key Cornerstone**

#1 IKNOWYOUCANWAIT ran on well to be second when debuting for this price on October 11 and seems very logical in his second attempt. #6 DEPUTY GHOST raced wide against an inside bias when favoured on October 5, coming up empty in the stretch. He raced well in his first three starts and will add blinkers while dropping in class. #3 DRI SADDLE was a willing third when dropping in for this tag on September 28. His Beyers are on the lower end. #1 KEY CORNERSTONE is by 1-for-22 juvenile debut sire Yorkton out of a mare who has had three winners in seven foals to race including the multiple Stakes-placed Western Curl. He had a decent gate work on the training track on October 17.

## Race 2

**#4 She Takes Cash**

**#6 Peace Posey**

**#5 Anita Margarita**

**#2 Magical Trick**

#4 SHE TAKES CASH has had a couple of okay races but has not excelled on the dirt at Finger Lakes recent. Claimed from Gulfstream early in the year where she did very well on their Tapeta, she could be a live invader getting back to the synthetic. #6 PEACE POSEY closed like a freight train to win her non-two for this tag on October 16 when plunging down from the \$40,000 level. A repeat of that effort will put her squarely in the hunt. #5 ANITA MARGARITA was nabbed at the wire after setting the pace for \$25,000 on the inner turf on October 17. She gets back in for the price she last won for and could be the pacesetter again. #2 MAGICAL TRICK stalked Anita Margarita before flattening out last time. She had been in good for for \$25,000 and \$40,000 prior to that; we'll see if she can rebound.

## Race 3

**#5 Moonlight Promises - Best Bet**

**#3 Tiz Ready**

**#2 Silent Strike**

**#1 Alpha Gamma Girl**

#5 MOONLIGHT PROMISES set the pace but could not hold off Xarabella when travelling seven furlongs last week. Despite cutting back to five furlongs this field does not have much speed to go with her. #3 TIZ READY failed to respond on the far turn when last racing on October 18. She had good results in five furlong dashes at Gulfstream over the winter; blinkers are going on for the first time. #2 SILENT STRIKE was one paced late when finishing third around two turns on October 16. She rises in class but looks like she wants the cutback to a sprint that she gets here. #1 ALPHA GAMMA GIRL

showed some life when finishing third in her debut in July of 2024; we'll see what she shows after the long layoff.

## Race 4

**#2 Sans Dancer**

**#7 Duckduckduck**

**#1 Call Me Bond**

**#8 Mr. Perfect**

#2 SANS DANCER is a filly taking on the boys here. She has not run a bad race in five starts to date, the most of anyone in this field, and should have some pace to run at. #7 DUCKDUCKDUCK dueled while racing wide and kept on to be second when debuting in a CTHS Auction maiden, then returned with a respectable fifth in the Simcoe. He returns after two months off; contender. #1 CALL ME BOND debuted at this level on October 13 and rallied well to be second behind the heavily favoured Time Zapper. He looks very live in his second attempt. #8 MR. PERFECT pressed the leader but came up empty when finishing fifth of six in the same race that Call Me Bond exits. His first two starts were both solid; blinkers are being added.

## Race 5

**#8 Mamba On Three**

**#7 Military Force**

**#4 Silent Miracle**

**#3 Wet and Wild**

#8 MAMBA ON THREE shipped down to Fort Erie for a pair of starts in which he finished behind Woodbine-caliber company. He has been putting in respectable efforts all season and looks solid with the drop back in for \$7,500. #7 MILITARY FORCE looked very good when rallying to win against conditioned foes for this tag on October 3, then came back two weeks later, finding traffic before running on to be fourth behind the runaway El Alacran. With a clean trip he should be in the hunt. #4 SILENT MIRACLE was a non-threatening third on a rail speed favouring track when dropping in for \$10,000 on October 12. He has not been the same horse as he was late last year and should appreciate getting back in for \$7,500. #3 WET AND WILD raced against tough company all summer in Fort Erie after being claimed for this price in June. He has done his best running on the synthetic.

## Race 6

**#6 Mystical Magic**

**#1 Bells of Paradise**

**#7 Twist of Sugar**

**#3 Vanish**

#6 MYSTICAL MAGIC is by 14% juvenile debut sire Kantharos, and is a half to juvenile debut winner and Stakes-winner Professors' Pride. Her gate works have been solid. #1 BELLS OF PARADISE is by 20% juvenile debut sire Yaupon, and is a half to last year's Coronation Futurity winner Notorious Gangster. She worked evenly with a stablemate from the gate on October 18. #7 TWIST OF SUGAR chased the leader and emptied out when favoured in a five furlong turf dash on October 18. She tries the Tapeta for the first time and figures to be the

pacesetter. #3 VANISH is by 25% juvenile debut sire Vekoma, and is the first foal to start out of a maiden Honor Code mare. She trained in Kentucky before shipping up for one gate work on Sunday.

#### Race 7

##### #4 Let's Go Souper

##### #8 Monty's Inn

##### #5 Cupid's Best Arrow

##### #6 Florida Vacation

#4 LET'S GO SOUPER has hit the board in three consecutive tries for \$40,000 and now takes the drop in for \$25,000. She has speed but can race well stalking and may finish best if she lets the speed types to her outside go. #8 MONTY'S INN ran a big second at this level on August 29 but has not been a factor in two tries at the OS/\$40,000 level since and will drop back down; we'll see if she can rebound. #5 CUPID'S BEST ARROW set the pace but gave way late to be third when racing for this tag on October 10. She could continue to improve as she gains experience. #6 FLORIDA VACATION pressed Cupid's Best Arrow before faltering to be sixth on October 10; outsider.

#### Race 8

##### #6 La Belleza Negra

##### #5 Sunday's Well

##### #4 Fifty B M G

##### #1 Frac Right

#6 LA BELLEZA NEGRA makes her first start since an even effort at Gulfstream in February. His turf races have been better than the 3-0-0-0 record suggests, and if Sunday's Well quits he could pick up the pieces. #5 SUNDAY'S WELL got back to form when dropping in for \$25,000 and going gate to wire while attracting a claim on October 13. If he gets loose on the lead he will probably be tough to catch, but he doesn't seem to respond to pressure well. #4 FIFTY B M G was claimed for this tag on September 21 and now gets back to the races. Speedy gelding rarely misses a check; could be the one to go with Sunday's Well. #1 FRAC RIGHT missed place by two heads when racing for \$25,000 on October 13. If there is a pace meltdown between the three favourites this could be the closer to benefit.

#### Race 9

##### #3 Juliet On Approach

##### #5 Pretty Liza

##### #1 Hint

##### #2 Little Lola

#3 JULIET ON APPROACH showed nothing in her debut at Finger Lakes in August but took to the Tapeta nicely when running second to the quick Tequilasupernova on October 11. She should be close to the pace. #5 PRETTY LIZA was wide around the first turn en route to a midpack finish when making her local debut on the inner turf on October 16. She ran a couple of okay races on the Gulfstream Tapeta early in the year. #1 HINT debuted on October 11, running on to be third, 4 ¾ lengths behind Juliet On Approach. She could improve with a start under her belt. #2 LITTLE LOLA was a game second when

debuting for \$25,000 on October 10 and isn't hooking the toughest looking field for the rise in class.

#### Race 10

##### #1 Maximum Fifty

##### #6 Luz de La Luna

##### #5 Going Lucky

##### #3 Biles

#1 MAXIMUM FIFTY was claimed back by these connections for \$32,000 while earning her fifth win of the year in gate to wire fashion on October 11. She hooks a very manageable field for this level and should be the controlling speed again. #6 LUZ DE LA LUNA angled wide and finished strongly to win at this level on October 18. Hard-knocking mare has not missed a check this season and is always very hard to ignore. #5 GOING LUCKY looks to remain undefeated after going gate to wire at Presque Isle on October 8. Flashy grey does not look outclassed moving to a condition that is often an acid test. #3 BILES dueled on the lead before tiring when trying the Ontario Fashion on October 11. She races out of condition here.

#### Race 11

##### #4 Spellcheck

##### #5 Mobula

##### #1 Go Gemma

##### #3 Ruthless Action

##### #8 Dancetotherhythm

#4 SPELLCHECK exits a third place finish around two turns on the inner turf for \$40,000 on October 16. She adds blinkers; we'll see if she goes to the lead. #5 MOBULA takes the drop down from the \$40,000 level after finishing an even fourth on October 12. If she can run back to her maiden win from two back she will be a serious factor here. #1 GO GEMMA rallied to the front in midstretch but hung a bit to be beaten a half-length on October 12. She is capable of winning but likely needs a very well-timed ride. #3 RUTHLESS ACTION exits the same race as Mobula, pressing the pace before fading to fifth, finishing 1 ½ lengths behind that foe. She has been on and up-and-down pattern all year; she should come with a better effort this time. #8 DANCETOTHERHYTHM was an even fifth on October 18 but had row good efforts before that and could be running on for a minor share.

## Wheeling ( 1:00)



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**Best Bets : 15-8 DD'S SEEYA SOON**

**17-7 XMC HALUMO**



### **CHURCHILL DOWNS - POST 1:00**

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| FIRST RACE    | 7 | Dark Fury       | 7-4-3-2    |
| SECOND RACE   | 6 | Streaking       | 6-1-3-4    |
| THIRD RACE    | 2 | Can't Hush This | 2-4-1      |
| FOURTH RACE   | 7 | Debbie Doll     | 7-5-8-3    |
| FIFTH RACE    | 4 | Long Neck Paula | 4-2-7-9    |
| SIXTH RACE    | 4 | Commandment     | 4-9-1-3    |
| SEVENTH RACE  | 5 | Roll On Big Joe | 5-3-6-2    |
| EIGHTH RACE   | 1 | Hear the Queen  | 1-4-9-5    |
| NINTH RACE    | 9 | Silvertown      | 9-2-11-16  |
| TENTH RACE    | 7 | Oscar's Hope    | 7-6-3-4    |
| ELEVENTH RACE | 2 | Rapoport        | 2-9-6-7-13 |



**( Post 6:20) - Derick Giwner**

**BEST BET: SIGNAL CALLER (9TH)**

**SPOT PLAY: JK BLACK GOLD (13TH)**

Race 1: (9) LYONS LIBERTY is back at The Big M again and he's seen plenty of success here, including multiple victories at claiming levels a couple of notches higher than this one. You have to think he'll come to play tonight. 9-3-8

Race 2: (6) MEDLEY SEELSTER has swept through a series at Mohawk without much trouble and the times certainly stack up nicely. She should be sent to the top again and have a big chance unless the real (2) FOR JULY decides to show up. 6-2-4

Race 3: (5) LAZARUS STAR hasn't been seen in over eight months but did qualify nicely as he chased a stablemate with plenty of class and speed. Four-year-old faces exclusively younger tonight for a sharp barn that should see the opportunity and have him ready; Miller drives! 5-1-7

Race 4: (10) NATIONAL SPORT came up flat from fifth over in his first start in two months. He draws poorly again but doesn't exactly face a group of killers while racing in a class where he's had success. 10-1-5-2

Race 5: (5) COURTS ON FIRE is the only horse in the field with consistent stakes experience and he also has the early speed to make his own trip. Gingras figures to put him in play despite having another speedster to his inside. 5-4-1-2

Race 6: \$125K Kindergarten 2YO Filly Trot Final - (1) BUSY MISS LISSY S was impressive first over in the final leg of this series and that's not her only successful try this year and she's won five of seven starts. Inside post gives Ahle options to sprint away or try an early brush. (4) CAVIART QUEEN EMMA saved ground and had plenty left in the lane in her first start in more than six weeks. Trainer Nancy Takter has taken her time with this gal and perhaps the patience will pay off here 1-4-6-5

Race 7: (3) IT'S IN THE STARS raced parked with cover the entire mile last week and still almost pulled it off versus a classy foe in Southwind Gendry. He stacks up nicely in here and should have options with two sharp foes to his inside 3-5-2-4

Race 8: \$125K Kindergarten 2YO C&G Trot Final (6) MAGIC PUNK has been worse than second once all year and that came when he raced first-over into a slow pace. He finds no clear early speed to his outside tonight and should be the last of the leavers to the top. Note he missed six weeks prior to his last start and still raced very well. (2) PRACTICAL MAN made two moves to get a pocket trip and was second best last weekend behind a horse that made one late move. This guy has proven that he can sit and pounce. ( 6-2-5-9 )

Race 9: \$125K Kindergarten 2YO C&G Pace (2) SIGNAL CALLER may not be the smartest horse in the race but he's certainly the fastest. McCarthy hops back in the bike and he only needs a reasonable pace to gun these down. (5) TOAST OF THE TOWN has a bit more versatility than some of the others and that could serve him well. It'll be interesting to see if Todd McCarthy elects to show early speed and pace around (4) BOOKIE J, who races on the lead most of the time but doesn't have a super-fast burst off the gate. The latter will be the favorite and I'm not sure he's worth a short price.

Race 10: (3) EL REY was ambitiously placed in the Breeders Crown with just two starts under his belt this year and the results were perhaps as expected. Classy 5-year-old is in a much better spot now and he can fire out while sitting no worse than second. (7) MAD MAX HANOVER does his best work when he can make the top because he simply battles hard through the wire. This may be a good opportunity for him to try those tactics in a short field. (2) SOUTHWIND GENDRY got brave on the lead himself last time and flaunted his class. I wouldn't be shocked if he won again.

Race 11: \$125K Kindergarten 2YO Filly Pace Final (6) PRTYNPROUD HANOVER has a pretty nice record for a horse that will be a longshot here. She won her first start with Lasix and really wasn't short last time (came home in 26 3/5) despite missing six weeks. She seems like a legitimate closing threat and I don't mind at all that Bartlett chose elsewhere. (5) DARLIN'S ANGEL has been on fire lately with four straight wins including an impressive wire to wire score last time. I admit she's impressive but hasn't been tested yet and will be the favorite. (4) ON HEIR exits stakes action and did win her last Kindergarten try; player. (1) CAR KEYS hasn't figured out how to win yet but is around at the end most weeks.

Race 12: (1) OLLIE'S ZTAM made two moves to get command and proved very sharp in victory last Saturday. This race sets up nicely for him to show similar tactics and perhaps extend his win streak to three. (7) MARCUS SEELSTER is no stranger to this track or class. Recent efforts out of town were good and he's certainly a contender. (5) LYONS PEGASUS was certainly overdriven making a second move to the front around the favorite last time. (4) PYRENESS HANOVER doesn't look very good on paper but is getting clear class relief.

Race 13: (8) JK BLACK GOLD returns to The Meadowlands at a reduced level and while the form isn't apparent, there is a huge chance he'll awaken. (2) ALTA BLUES A makes his fourth start back from a break in action and second back after missing a month. Finally on a regular schedule again, he should be put in play. (4) HAGGARD isn't flashy but tends to find his way into the number in the lower classes like this one. (6) TRUMPSTER BLUES finished mildly from a tough spot as cover didn't advance last week.

Race 14: (8) SONO CONFUSO drops on the Trackmaster scale and has the early speed – even if you can't see it lately – to fire off the gate to the front. (9) SPIRIT OF TRUTH gets the same class relief as the top one and he has a pretty good overall record in this class. (4) SELECT FRIDAY hasn't done much since joining this barn but did suffer a tough trip in latest.

# Rick's Picks

Selections by veteran southwest handicapper, Rick Lee



Saturday, November 1, 2025

(POST 6:45)

## Lee's Lock

Race 6

**(#4) Boondock Blues** has finished a clear second in consecutive races, and he switches to a high percentage rider and is a deserving favorite.

## Best Bet

Race 4

**(#1) Mitoles Princess** has finished with energy in both of her races, and she's improving and benefits from added ground.

## Best Longshot

Race 10

**(#7) Thisdudecan Dance** returns fresh following a runner-up finish in Oklahoma, and he was a two-time winner last season at LS.

## 10-Cent Superfecta of the Day

The key to hitting a big superfecta is to find a strong contender who is in a large and contentious field, such as **My Eagle Maria** in the third.

**10 cent Superfecta numbers:**  
4/2,3,5,7,10/2,3,5,7,10/2,3,5,7,10=\$6

## Race Selections

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race: (#3) Cr Cheetah Fein  
(#4) Zoomin Game  
(#9) Valiant Tyme  
(#6) Memes Eye Opener Yg
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race: (#6) The Second Touch  
(#5) Filly Gaga  
(#4) Jody Jones  
(#8) In High Cotton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race: **(#4) My Eagle Maria\***  
(#7) Wf B N Abeast  
(#3) Tres Fess  
(#2) The Milys Marfa
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race: **(#1) Mitoles Princess\***  
(#5) Honey Creek  
(#9) Rose Cha Ching  
(#8) Miss Tarzanita Dash
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race: (#7) Freighttrain Jess  
(#2) Catty Six B  
(#3) Too Jealous  
(#8) Famous Corona Winner
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race: **(#4) Boondock Blues\***  
(#5) Shes Team Wild  
(#8) Th Rum Runner  
(#7) Eleckrik
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race: (#10) Amazone  
(#3) Cc Last Rose  
(#1) Temible R3  
(#9) Mighty Bug Lluvia
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race: (#9) Favorite Rockett  
(#8) Ec Don Kike  
(#3) Kingdom Come  
(#7) One Sweet Mamasita
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race: (#3) Gjr Rooster  
(#7) Eye Will Decide  
(#5) Master Reigns  
(#2) Superfragilistic
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race: **(#7) Thisdudecan Dance\***  
(#3) Fortyacres and Amule  
(#1) Makin Traxx  
(#8) Kvn Is Coming
- 11<sup>th</sup> Race: (#6) Jess Louisiana Girl  
(#5) Embers Time  
(#2) Ladys Gotta Jet  
(#8) Fabulous Casina
- 12<sup>th</sup> Race: (#10) What the Fog  
(#8) Eyeza Candy Cartel  
(#3) Hesa Comet  
(#7) Dljfamousfreigntrain

# TOP SHOT

Remington Park Selections

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Saturday, November 1

(7:20)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Race

3 JACKMAN'S RIDE  
5 BAD BEAT BRIAN  
6 STAYED IN FOR HALF  
1 HOFF

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Race

2 BUSINESS AS USUAL  
12 PRAIRIE BRAT  
3 PONDICHERRY  
6 HAPPY N SMILING

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Race

5 LARIDAE  
3 WAR HAWK  
4 R D C POSSE  
9 AMMENTHEDESTROYER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Race

7 WEST CODE MISCHIEF  
4 TIZABELLARINA  
9 JERRY'S LADY  
3 ONE QUEEN

## 5<sup>th</sup> Race

3 GOOD SWIMMER  
6 ILLUSTRATOR  
12 CODE OF THE SOUTH  
1 DON'TASK DON'TTELL

## 6<sup>th</sup> Race

9 COASTAL BRINK  
3 ETHICAL JUDGEMENT  
12 MO SATURDAYS  
6 SEND OFF

## 7<sup>th</sup> Race

6 CAJUN STOOPS  
7 GOSPEL MARK  
3 WASHITA VALLEY  
2 BOOZEINTHEBLENDER

## 8<sup>th</sup> Race

2 PEAK EARNINGS  
1 CAFEZINHO  
6 DOUDODOUWANADANCE  
5 OUR DAVINA

## 9<sup>th</sup> Race

7 PRIME NUMBER  
11 KIAMICHI  
10 WARM DAYS  
4 MAGNOLIA PRINCESS

## TODAY'S BEST BET

CAJUN STOOPS (7<sup>th</sup>)

## PICK FIVE

(Races 1-5)  
3-5-6 with 2-12 with 5-3 with 7-4-9-3 with 3-6 (\$48)

## PREMIER PICK FOUR

(Races 2-5)  
2-12-3-6 with 5-3 with 7-4-9-3 with 3-6 (\$32)

## PINNACLE PICK FOUR

(Races 4-7)  
7-4-9-3 with 3-6-12-1 with 9-3-12-6 with 6 (\$32)

## PICK FIVE

(Races 5-9)  
3-6-12 with 9-3-12 with 6-7 with 2-1 with 7-11-10 (\$54)

## PRIMETIME PICK FOUR

(Races 6-9)  
9-3-12-6 with 6 with 2-1-6-5 with 7-11-10-4 (\$32)

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