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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 – FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.

Best Bets: GRAHMALAMADINGDONG (8th) – KAREN'S HONOR (10th)

Race 1

- 8** VICKI VALE – Overmatched in last but takes significant drop; enough left to handle this kind.
- 7** ROYAL PRADO – Drew away in stretch again and remains eligible as 3-year-old; retains Rangel.
- 2** MIKEY'S SONG – Set pace before weakening for higher tag; shorter time between races a plus.
- 6** CRUISING GAL – Switches turf to dirt and most recent score at Penn; deserves second look.

Race 2

- 2** LUCKY DUDE – Fired last pair and returns to level of August claim; rooting for fast surface.
- 3** LORD WINSALOT – Determined score last month and Pino barn 32% off claim; dangerous.
- 1** SPEIGHTSTER RED – Plunges after poor showing following hiatus; boasts 15 wins, 12 locally.
- 7** SOPHIA'S PRINCE – Less than five lengths behind stablemate in fair effort; upset possibility.

Race 3

- 4** BALA DE PLATA – Sharp twice on Colonial turf; stretches out on dirt first time with blinkers.
- 5** VINO GRAY – Son of excellent sire Vino Rosso broke slowly in large debut field; tests stamina.
- 2** FILLED WITH DESIRE – Eliminated at start in latest and signs of ability only prior attempt.
- 6** KING OF FOG – Led early after awkward break on Spa turf with N.Y.-breds; likely pacesetter.

Race 4

- 7** OLD HEAD – Hard used forcing pace when heavily-backed this spot; chance to shake loose.
- 1** SO SWELL – Appeared likely winner but hung final furlong; often forms bottom of exacta.
- 4** BURNING EMBERS – Sufficient ability but shelved four months since voided claim this level.
- 2** WHO NOT BABE – Raced sparingly but defeated similar in past; can make presence felt early.

Race 5

- 8** UNCAPTURED STAR – Used up forcing pace in much tougher field; good form this yardage.
- 6** NO NO JOE – Sluggish early when lacking usual speed but drops notch; Padilla barn firing.
- 7** LASSO – Came again in blanket finish when Diaz took from this spot; earlier success Gulfstream
- 1** RUSSIAN HAMMER – Slow fuse but frequently close elsewhere; chased streaking winner Aug.

Race 6

- 3** OMEY ISLAND – Edged away after long duel when Pino claimed and takes logical next step.
- 9** NOSTALGIA'S SMILE – Narrowly missed as odds-on chalk and re-claimed; also from Pino barn.
- 6** CRACK THE CODE – Sidelined year and eligible for single-winners but upset chance if ready.
- 5** BAD ADVICE – Lacked response on turf but beat second pick previously with closing kick.

Race 7

3	MIDLANER – Solid effort this spot in just second outing since January; progress anticipated.
6	GET SET – Gained late as 1-2 favorite after eventful trip; ample early targets should help.
4	FINAL SHOT – Ten-year-old battled to final stages with similar; nearing half million earnings.
8	YO YO CANDY – Failed to give true measure at Delaware after local score; merits attention.

Race 8

2	GRAHMALAMADINGDONG – Gained strongly behind heavily-favored Spa invader; up in time.
6	WAX BOX – Overmatched in graded stake after defeating next-out winner prior try; fits well.
4	BOOK RUNNER – Pressed winner throughout in route in possible best effort yet; must adjust.
5	FACE THE FACTS – Determined score in just second outing since April; back vs. state-breds.

Race 9

9	MISSY SIXTYSIX – Humbled by smashing winner this spot and numerous big tries this season.
5	I AM RUE – Ran into tigress when closer than odds suggest; threat with similar effort.
2	CENTRAL TO SUCCESS – Sidelined since summer of last year but won debut here impressively.
4	VOODOO YOU DO – Usually close and possibility if disregard last; edged top pick prior pair.

Race 10

3	KAREN'S HONOR – Narrowly missed in better field for top stable; often close earlier in New York
1	GOLDINESS – Game mare survived early pressure in decisive score when Danny Velazquez took
2	MISS EASY – Wide trip behind top choice and won previous start in second outing after layoff.
8	SHEZA BERNARDINI – Yet another Pino claim with bulk of success this year against routers.



Thistledown (12:50)

FIRST RACE

1	Panamaniac	Gonzalez L A
7	Spooky Little Girl	Ramgeet A R
4	Diamonds N Dew	Rivera L R
5	Danza Magic	Haldar D J

SECOND RACE

3	Rivers Angel	Houghton T D
5	Jac's Cocoabella	Keiser C
2	Truest Air	Rivera L R

THIRD RACE

5	Siofra	Cedillo M
1	Smartasset	Rivera L R
4	Kingdom Trails	Keiser C

FOURTH RACE

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| 1 | Renewed | Diaz A I |
| 3 | Devoutly | Rivera L R |
| 5 | Lady Loves Money | Barbaran E |

FIFTH RACE

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| 3 | Gray Lightning | Salazar Becerra F |
| 5 | Key to Success | Gonzalez L A |
| 4 | Overly Dramatic | Ramgeet A R |

SIXTH RACE

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| 6 | Panthera's Fate | Houghton T D |
| 5 | K P Silver Bullet | Salazar Becerra F |
| 2 | Practical Man | Gonzalez L A |

SEVENTH RACE

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| 2 | Devil's Tower | Salazar Becerra F |
| 5 | Charleston | Aviles Y |
| 4 | Sweet as Sin | Gonzalez L A |

EIGHTH RACE

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| 3 | Into Gold | Batista L A |
| 2 | Serendipitous | Barbaran E |
| 4 | Powerful Phil | Parker D L |

LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

(1:00)

Lake's Lucky Picks uses years in the business and a horse sense to regularly track runners, see trends, and watch each race — providing you with greater insight!

RACE	#	HORSE	COMMENT
1	5	OLAZABAL	HAS BEEN A WIN MACHINE THIS YEAR
	1	MAD MAGIC	RAN WELL AT THE LONG DISTANCE
	2	RETAIL MAN	HAS FACED RICHER IN THE PAST
2	3	MA MI JO DREAMS	SLIGHT EDGE IN GOOD ALLOWANCE DASH
	6	MISS STONES	TOUGH CUSTOMER IF BRINGS "A GAME"
	8	THIN LEGS	BEEN NO WORSE THAN 2ND IN LAST 5 STARTS
3	2	NILRUC	AGGRESSIVE MOVE DROPPING OFF WIN
	4	DRACULA	HELD WELL AFTER SETTING DECENT PACE
	8	SKELLIG ISLAND	NEEDS RACING LUCK TO GET IN MONEY
4	9	TIZ DONEGAL	OFF LAYOFF BUT AT REDUCED LEVEL
	7	NEPTUNE BEACH	RAN BETTER WITH JOCKEY CHANGE IN LAST
	3	BREAK THE FALL	HARD TO LEAVE OUT THESE CONNECTIONS
5	5	SEATTLE CAUSEWAY	CUTS BACK AFTER BEING CLOSE IN ROUTES
	6	GRINGOTTS	RUNNING STYLE MAKES HER AT MERCY OF PACE
	8	WINE TRAIL	CAN LAND A SHARE AT BIG PRICE
6	7	SKY TRAVEL	DROP TO BOTTOM MIGHT BE GOOD ENOUGH
	8	ACE UP HER SLEEVE	COULD COMPLETE AN ENGLEHART EXACTA
	6	LET'S MAGA	CAN BE CLOSER AGAINST THESE RIVALS
7	6	BILLY AT THE GATE	SEEMS TO GET BETTER WITH EVERY RACE
	7	CLANCY FANCY	GOES TURF-TO-DIRT IN SOFTER FIELD
	1	MY COOL HAND LUKE	CAN PASS TIRING HORSES TO GET IN NUMBER
8	4	SORORITY PRANK	GETS FRESHENED AND COMES BACK IN SPRINT
	1	APOLLO CODE	CAN'T DISMISS AFTER BEING 2ND IN CONDITION
	10	FREEDSDALE	MUST OVERCOME EXTREME OUTSIDE POST
9	7	FAST AMENDMENT	RESPONDED WITH BETTER FINISH WITH BUG RIDER
	2	BELMONT UNION	WILL BE A FACTOR WITH LATE RALLY
	10	HIGH WATER MARK	DROP IN CLASS WILL HELP CHANCES

RACE	#	PLAY OF THE DAY	RACE	#	BIG SPLASH – NICE PRICE!
3	2	NILRUC	5	8	WINE TRAIL

The selections are purely recommendations and success is not a guarantee.

Track conditions, scratches, and other factors can affect the way the selections would be made.

Bet with your head, not over it.

Presque Isle Downs (3:30)

FIRST RACE

2 Royal Luck 2-4--5

SECOND RACE

2 Vanilla Cream 2-5-6

THIRD RACE

4 Mitole Magic 4-2-5

FOURTH RACE

6 Colonel Poppy 6-4-1-3

FIFTH RACE

5 Queen Atlas 5-6-3-4

SIXTH RACE

4 Shez Untappable 4-3-5-7

SEVENTH RACE

8 A Case of You 8-3-6-4

EIGHTH RACE 5-1-4-3

5 Mary's Reward



INDIANA GRAND (2:10)

TUESDAY

FIRST RACE

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| 4 | Ryan's Wish | De La Cruz F |
| 1 | Lambay | |
| 5 | Illegal Contact | |
| 3 | Save My Town | |

SECOND RACE

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| 4 | Chocolate Moose | Bermudez S E |
| 6 | Little Jake | |
| 2 | Doubledogjustice | |

THIRD RACE

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| 2 | Silver Sterling | Bermudez S E |
| 9 | Concho's Prayer | |
| 3 | Imminent Forecast | |

FOURTH RACE

7	Unbridled Sabbath	Gutierrez J R
3	Goody Two Socks	
1	Prettyontheprarie	
2	Flowered	

FIFTH RACE

4	Gun Factor	De La Cruz F
2	High Probability	
7	Decatur Street	
9	Mr Oklahoma	

SIXTH RACE

10	Donita	Morales E
8	Bella Bluegrass	
4	Bridgeport	
13	Mischief Lily	

SEVENTH RACE

4	Gimmeethreesteps	Burgos A
10	Golden Hornet	
1	Zappinit	
5	J J's Ranger	

EIGHTH RACE

4	Midnight Mary	4-3-9-2
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NINTH RACE

1	Delightful D	1-4-11-8-5
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Western Fair Raceway Post – 5:50

Race 1

1 POWER WASH to start up the PICK 5

8 D A LAUGHOUTLOUD Exactor factor

3 DIRT ROAD GIRL could grab a share

Race 2

3 LOOKMOMICANFLY a 4-time winner

7 MO WICKED an outside chance here

6 CENTURY LEXUS is one to consider

Race 3

5 STREET ART getting the top call here

3 WINWITHAWHISPER use for second

7 SCOTTISH BRUISER outside chance

Race 4

8 STATE OF PLAY is always in the hunt

5 GLORYVIEW IMAGE strong play here

1 PEY BUG the rail may help chances

Race 5

6 CENTURY LUNAR could top this HI5

5 MVP KAMALA was better in her latest

4 FULLOF PERSONALITY speed threat

Race 6

7 LADYTERRA very sharp win last time

1 IMA DOLL was needing that last start

5 LAND OF PARADISE is a top 3 player

Race 7

6 MOONLOVER BOVINO to double up

3 WHISKEY FRIDAY one to think about

8 KOUNTRY GRACE worth a look here

Race 8

1 OLAF DU LAC just missed last time

3 JIMSUN off a big mile for the upset

6 ST LADS MISCHIEF top 3 potential

Race 9

2 PINK QUARTZ place her on top here

1 SAKE BOMB rail may help chances

8 BARGAIN BID to be best of the rest

Race 10

7 MARVIN HAGLER likely factors here

2 RIVERSDREAM is one to think about

5 FOR ALL YOU KNOW a top 3 player

Best Bet

2 PINK QUARTZ (RACE 9)

Tri State Greyhounds (6:00)



1. 5-8-3-6
2. 1-4-3-8
3. 7-5-3-1
4. 1-6-8-7
5. 2-5-7-1
6. 3-4-6-5
7. 1-6-4-7
8. 7-8-2-3
9. 8-2-3-1
10. 2-1-4-3
11. 8-4-7-2
12. 4-1-7-6
13. 3-7-6-5
14. 3-6-4-5

Best Bet

Race 14 # 3 G1 Whats Upmo