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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 - FIRST POST 12:40 P.M.

Best Bets: AULA (6th) - BAILOUT BILLY (7th)

Race 1

- 2 KATE'S GOLDEN DUDE Terrific 10-year-old with 20 victories; lightly raced but formidable.
- WE READY Fired at loftier levels last pair and formed bottom of exacta on 14 occasions.
- POGI Narrowly missed taking plunge and claimed by 32% Padilla-Preciado barn as threat.
- COBBLE ROAD Used up dueling as heavy favorite but prior two outings encouraging.

Race 2

- 2 SIMPLY DISREGARDED Easily second best to heavy favorite when claimed; strong mdn score.
- ONE IMPROBABLE Hard used forcing pace in classier company; speedy threat this level.
- UNION PURRFECTION Re-claimed by Catalano barn from good effort; back with sprinters.
- WE MISS NEIL Trailed last pair but takes significant drop and Linder barn has them firing.

Race 3

- DATE NIGHT KISSES Cruised past easier taking plunge and taken back by Ferris Allen stable.
- SUMMARY JUDGMENT Veteran mare led throughout again for 15th career score; claimed again
- THEGODDESSOFSNAKES Narrowed gap sprinting when Wyner re-claimed; idle three months.
- EXPECT TO BE READY Faltered after forcing pace but 10-time winner dangerous on best.

Race 4

- 2 COURAGE ON TAP Competed well elsewhere and finished ahead of favorite at Colonial.
- HALO HOTTIE Drops from top maiden ranks and showed speed twice before; fits nicely.
- TUSH PUSH Flashed speed then faded in both starts and probable pacesetter from inside.
- PURIST Sire won two Grade I stakes and \$4 million; ample works offering few clues.

Race 5

- 2 I'M A LUCKY GIRL Nearly ran down loose pacesetter in route; ample early targets sprinting.
- DISCO FLASH Faded under pressure but solid race at times; extra yardage possible obstacle.
- 9 SHOOPTHEREITIS Switches from turf route to dirt sprint and last local try encouraging.
- LUCKY OPPORTUNITY Retreated after flashing speed in route and 51-1 shocker in April.

Race 6

- AULA Crushed lesser in confidence booster when Pino took; handles raise with similar effort.
- FIRST MONEY Broke slowly then finished strongly in return; progress anticipated same level.
- 2 SAL N LOUIE Very game try when edged after Wyner bought back again; speed nearest rail.
- ASSEMBLY POINT Middle move then weakened with similar two weeks ago; upset chance.

Race 7 BAILOUT BILLY - Extremely quick filly trounced rivals last pair and difficult to catch again. LEFTOVER SUSHI - Repelled challenger then caught late in game effort; avoids tag this spot. VIXENZHYPNOTKHONEY – Upset winner after owners claimed back; taking logical next step. MILDOON – Ended losing skid with easier when claimed; rapid fractions could help chances. Race 8 WHAT A BLAST – Exits possibly best race of career trouncing cheaper; might continue progress AMEDEUS MUSIC – Solid effort this spot in local bow and shorter break between races a plus. AZTEC – Absent couple months since moving to hot Padilla barn; ages since last victory. McCRAKENS GHOST - Failed last three tries with state-breds at Penn; moderate local success. Race 9 THE \$75,000 M.P. BALLEZZI APPRECIATION MILE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER – Exits good effort in rich stake; romped in 3 of 4 previous outings. ADERO – Nearly always gives his best and returns home after pair of sharp Delaware outings. BERNIE'S MITTS - Rapid gelding in peak form and testing stamina again; faces early pressure. FILM STAR – Captured pair of Saratoga races and claimed for \$100,000; sufficient ability. Race 10 KHOZANALL – Removes blinkers after poor showing; tries dirt again for high percentage barn.

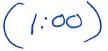
BROWNEYEDVALENTINE – Sidelined since January but showed promise in top level debut.

RAMA BAMA LANA – Weakened late as odds-on chalk when claimed on plunge at Delaware.

CAROLYN DORIS – Absent since May and competing cheapest ever for new management.

LAKE'S LUCKY PICKS

FINGER LAKES RACETRACK SELECTIONS (1:00) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025



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RACE 1	# 8 3 1	HORSE KHALI'S DREAM HAIR ON FIRE NORGAY	COMMENT IS CLEARLY KNOCKING AT THE DOOR WOULD BE NO SURPRISE OFF RECENT WIN CAN WAKE UP AT A PRICE FROM RAIL POST
2	1	SALTY RYAN	STRETCHOUT AND DROP COULD BE KEY TO WIN
	2	HAL AWAY	ALSO DROPS A NOTCH, HAS TO BE CONSIDERED
	5	WISECRACKER	HAS HAD CHANCES BUT HITS BOARD OFTEN
3	7	AWAITING TRIAL	MAKES PLUNGE TO BOTTOM TO GET VICTORY
	1	REAL ELEVE	HAS DEVELOPED A CASE OF SECONDITIS
	2	A KNIGHT'S COURAGE	ANOTHER WHO HAS THREE STRAIGHT SECONDS
4	3	BETA	RETURNS AFTER GOOD EFFORT OUT OF TOWN
	4	AMERICA'S JUSTICE	AT A BETTER DISTANCE AND SHOULD BE SHARPER
	7	OUR MAN MIKE	LATE CLOSER IS AT THE MERCY OF THE PACE
5	1	DOROTHYS HAPPINESS	NOW OR NEVER, RACES AT ALL-TIME LOW PRICE
	11	FORTY TWO ACE	APPEARS THE MAIN THREAT TO TOP CHOICE
	6	SMOOTH TALES	HAVE TO FORGIVE MOST RECENT EFFORT
6	6	OPEN SOUL AUTISM	IS HARD TO GO PAST IN THIS SPOT
	8	PRINCESS CAIRO	SEEMS THAT ENGLEHART HOLDS ALL THE CARDS
	7	LAUGHTER	WILL GO BETTER AT THIS SHORTER DISTANCE
7	4	TAMBAM	SCARY DROP BUT IS THE HORSE TO BEAT HERE
	9	CASTLEDELL	CAN TAKE NEXT STEP AFTER MAIDEN SCORE
	6	LUCKY AND GORGEOUS	HAS POOR FORM BUT MUST BE CONSIDERED
8	1	ROCKINMONEY	CAN TRIP OUT TO WIN FROM INSIDE POST
	2	CADILLACJOE	WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CATCH IF GETS CLEAR
	5	MONTAUK MEMOIRS	MUST BE INCLUDED IF PLAYING TRI'S AND SUPER'S
9	3	HYPNOTIC FLAIR	TAKES FINALE WITH DROP TO BOTTOM
	4	PESADILLA CHANEL	BEATEN FAVORITE GETS ANOTHER CHANCE
	7	CUE THE MUSIC	SPEED OF RACE COULD HOLD ON BETTER HERE
RACE 9	# 3	PLAY OF THE DAY HYPNOTIC FLAIR	RACE # BIG SPLASH - NICE PRICE! 1 1 NORGAY

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.

MAHONING VALLEY (Post 12:15)

FIRST RACE	7	Henry the Cat	7-4-3-1
SECOND RACE	4	Mandated Event	4-1-5-2
THIRD RACE	5	Coastland	5-7-3-1
FOURTH RACE	5	Need to Know Basis	5-4-7-6
FIFTH RACE	6	Atlas Falls	6-7-9-3
SIXTH RACE	5	Biondettisnitemare	5-3-4-2
SEVENTH RACE	3	Faster Gator	3-6-7-5
EIGHTH RACE	7	Full Spectrum	7-8-3-1
NINTH RACE	4	Illuminate	4-6-7-8



INDIANA GRAND (2:10)

FIRST RACE

Goingscents Murrill M
 Amazing Mike Roman E A
 Cool Hunting Sanjur S
 C U Whenugetthere Hisby R

SECOND RACE

Shiesty to Chase Gutierrez J R
 Dreaming Bro De La Cruz F
 Nine Questions Ramos J D
 Justiceonemoretime Diego J

THIRD RACE

4	L. A. Woman	Pedroza M Jr
5	Don't Look Back	Esquivel E
7	Dawn After Dawn	Gutierrez J R
1	Creator of Magic	Sanjur S

FOURTH RACE

6	Royal Justice	De La Cruz F
5	Timeless Rose	Pedroza M Jr
9	Watcher	De La Cruz F
1	Tiz Bayou	Murrill M

FIFTH RACE

9	Brazilian Conexao	Machado L
10	Pro Fever	Ramos J D
4	Basil	Doyle S
3	Rosso Fuoco	Cedillo A

SIXTH RACE

2	Lower Broadway	Cheminaud V
4	Soco and Lime	Pedroza M Jr
9	Livehappy	De La Cruz F
5	All the Luck	Murrill M

SEVENTH RACE

	3	Sittin On Go	Ramos J D	122
	9	My Calante	Cedillo A	122
	1	Mansfield Tiger	Mojica O	119
	2	Face Value	Gutierrez J R	
EIGHTH RACE				

4	Starlit Sky	Ramos J D	120
1	American Tapit	Cannon D	120
9	It's Fine	Sheehy D	120
8	Bounce	Sanjur S	120

NINTH RACE

4	Hes Cross Firing	Hunt A
3	Kool Candy Wagon	Pina R D
13	Lb Royal Wagon	Morin F
7	Apollitical Essence	Luna Diaz L E