

1	CAN'T STAY TO LONG
30Apr	6 OakGr bhnd #1, thru ins to 4th, ang 2° 7/16, gap at once, fade
24Apr	11 OakGr float fwd, gap top trio ¼, ovrtnkn 1/8, empty ins

2	BRAKE AHEAD
08May	12 OakGr float, 1° 9/16, grad gain to press ¼, level off 150y, one-paced

3	MCCASH
08May	5 OakGr bhnd #2, 2° 9/16, dove into pkt 3/8, gap off turn, labor ins str
30Apr	7 OakGr left 4w, circ 3w to clr 5/8, ovrtnkn 3w ¼, weakened ins
23Apr	5 OakGr bhnd #1, 4th, 1° 5/8, adv prss 7/16, sust, flat off trn
16Apr	2 OakGr duel 2w, clr 6-1/2, yld 5/8, all-out ins, btn 2d 1/16, toil

4	SWIFT OPERATOR
08May	8 OakGr ovrtnkn 3/8, ang 3/16, around tired foe, urg close grnd bhnd wall
30Apr	9 OakGr 2w 7/16, passed two, fail close gap, tired off trn

5	WAIMEA BAY
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6	ZIG ZAG ZOOM
09May	11 OakGr outsprint, flush 1° 3/8, minimal gain, fade 3/16
23Apr	5 OakGr left btwn, loop, park, push clr 5-1/2, prss 7/16, drvn clr 1/8

7	ERA OF LOVE
08May	12 OakGr duel 2w, clr 6-1/2, rate, prss ¼, drivn, repel 1° foe 1/16, held pkt foe
24Apr	11 OakGr circ 3w to ld, rate, edge clr 3/8, drivn, evade pkt foe

8	BLOCKADE JACK
08May	12 OakGr off 3L, dull cvr ½, force 3w 3/16, carr 4w top str, urg mild belated
30Apr	6 OakGr float 4w, sett, fail close gap bkst, chase main grp, labor ins
24Apr	3 OakGr left 2w, clr 7/8, rate, prss 3/8, duel, btn ¼, worn dn, btn 2d 40
17Apr	1 OakGr easy ld, rate, prss ¼, duel turn, mild urg, assert ins 70y

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1 Mile Pace • Mini-Series 1 (Clm20k/N2)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double, Pick-5

Race 1 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

(7) ERA OF LOVE appears to be the dominating speed of this race, but also appeared desperate for the finish in cutting the mile last week. Now she draws a tougher post in a race that also features speed potentially from (8) BLOCKADE JACK, (2) BRAKE AHEAD and (3) MCCASH. The question of this race is how will she be able to carry that speed, and at what price are we willing to accept that gamble?

Race 1 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(2) BRAKE AHEAD outraced his odds last week with a first-over push to finish third behind (7) ERA OF LOVE last week. Now he gets a better draw and may be able to land the finishing blow on ERA OF LOVE if she has to work for the lead. Same time, ERA OF LOVE showed she can keep rolling until the finish line, so she also possibly could sustain her speed despite getting strung out. (4) SWIFT OPERATOR had no early speed last out and was put into an impossible spot from which he weaved through traffic to still grab third. He will have to be more prominent to be a win factor but the ambiguity around where he'll land is a cause for concern. (8) BLOCKADE JACK has speed if she wants to use it but draws a spot where using it could be tough. If not many leave from the inside, she can find position. If many leave, she has shown she can pick up some pieces, too.

2-7-4-8

Early Pick-5: 2,7 / 4 / 2,5,7 / 1,9 / 5 = \$6.00

Driver Selections

Carson Conrad: #5 over #6

1

RAVENOUS

2

SANTA FE KAT

3

ASHLEE'S LIL ANGEL

09May

11 OakGr

lock 7/16, close gap bkst, adv ins trn, rm 2w 150y, urg, just 2d

4

STAY SPECIAL

09May

11 OakGr

left 3w, clr, yld ¾, retk 5-1/2, control, drivn out, edge clr 1/16

5

DANCIN EYES

08May

12 OakGr

lock 3/8, fail close gap ins trn, labor even at best ins str

01May

11 OakGr

pl.3: ins, chk 7/8, yld, gap 3/8, duel 2d 5/16, all-out, btn 2d 3/4L

24Apr

11 OakGr

dull 2º 7/16, force 3w off trn, passed tired foes

17Apr

6 OakGr

3º 5/16, fan 3w off trn, urg mild rally, up 3d 20y

6

PD'S SHOWTIME

09May

7 OakGr

last, 2w 3/16, passed one, never a factor

7

MILLINDASFEAR

08May

6 OakGr

outsprint, 2w 3/8, duel 2d, put away ins foe ¼, btn 3w off trn

8

GIRL GIGGLES

08May

6 OakGr

left 2w, rated 2d, prss 3/8, worn dn 3/16, faded badly ins

Sunday, May 14, 2023
 1 Mile Pace • Mini-Series 2 (F&M N2L)
 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-3

Race 2 Outlook
 by Ray Cotolo

What do you do with (2) SANTA FE KAT? She has backclass, has gone back-to-back tough trips but also has one win from 16 starts and it was a 20-1 upset from off the speed at Northfield. She appears to have ability, but has also folded much quicker in attacks than anticipated. All of this to say, she'll take a ton of play from her class but may not look as strong a cinch because of it.

Race 2 Contenders
 by Ray Cotolo

(4) STAY SPECIAL looked strong in winning on the lead last week. She took the front into a fast second quarter and coasted in hand to one of the faster miles of the week – especially for this class. She flew under our radar going in but this fresh Eric Patalan acquisition appears the real deal. (2) SANTA FE KAT is obvious given her bad trips and class. She has room to make amends for those excuses, but will likely do so at a short price. (3) ASHLEE’S LIL ANGEL was revved all through the post parade last week and then raced with similar interest to get second at 16-1. If she’s chomping at the bit again, she can be aggressive from this better draw. (1) RAVENOUS makes her seasonal bow off an okay qualifier and decent miles to cap her 2-year-old season. She also just draws well.

4-2-3-1

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #1 over #8
 Kevin Wallis: #6 over #4

1	PARTY BOY HANOVER		
09May	9 OakGr	bhnd #1, gap 4L, mild shuf, 4 ^o ½, gap covr, weaken off trn	
30Apr	10 OakGr	lag st, fail close gap ins 3/8, fade steadily trn	
23Apr	8 OakGr	brk, off gate 10L, last, inh 7th from brkr ½, ins, pass tired foe	
16Apr	10 OakGr	1 ^o 9/16, min gain, duel 3d ¼, looped 1/16, toil str	

2	SOUTHERN SWAN MAN		
08May	4 OakGr	gap top quartet, a bit closer ½, gap again 3/8, weakened	
01May	7 OakGr	left 3w, adv pkt 7/8, shuf 3/8 bhnd gappd foe, rm ins 3/16, empty	
23Apr	8 OakGr	2 ^o 9/16, lost cvr ½, loop 3w 3/8, 2 ^o , bld sw 3/16, evn, outkick 3d	
16Apr	10 OakGr	rm ins 9/16, slowly closed gap, blkd 150, spl 3p 70y, mild	

3	JUST FOR US		
16Apr	5 OakGr	float 3w, ease 3d ¾, aim 2 ^o ½, gap duel, weaken str	

4	JUSTA NOTHER BAG		
09May	9 OakGr	scratched	
30Apr	10 OakGr	batt ins, yld 3d 7/8, gap top pair, duel 3d trn, no match	
23Apr	8 OakGr	ins ld, yld ¾, 3d 5-1/2, lock 9/16, shuf, rm 3/16, carr 4w, pass tird	
16Apr	10 OakGr	prss ins, yld 3d, gap ¼, duel 3d trn, worn dn, fade ins	

5	TAILGATE BUZZ		
09May	9 OakGr	bhnd #2, gap 3L, 3 ^o 9/16, tow to 3-hole, 2w 1/8, empty str	
23Apr	8 OakGr	left 2w, clr, yld 5-1/2, gap 9/16, brk ½, lost touch w/field	

6	SAINT ANTOINE		
09May	1 OakGr	retrt, live 2 ^o 7/16, gap ¼, weakened off trn	
01May	4 OakGr	bhnd #2, 2w ½, 3 ^o 3/8, gap ¼, duck, 3w 1/8, pass tired	
23Apr	7 OakGr	2 ^o 3/8, gap duel ¼, batt 3d turn, urg sust chase, outkick 2d 4w	

7	HEATH BAR		
09May	9 OakGr	loose pkt, yld 3d 5-1/2, lock 9/16, shuf, rm ¼, lane ins, 1L frm 2d	
30Apr	10 OakGr	float fwd, 1 ^o 3/8, brief bid 3d, fade off trn, btn 3d 2L	
24Apr	5 OakGr	bhnd #1, lock 9/16, shuff last, 4 ^o ½, lost covr ¼, no meance	
16Apr	10 OakGr	bhnd #1, 5th away, flush 2 ^o 9/16, bld sw 1/8, mild 3w str	

8	YO CHEYENNE		
08May	10 OakGr	duel 2w, clr, immd prss, yld 5/8, wedge 2w 3/16, vault clr 150y	
30Apr	3 OakGr	duel 2w, inh pkt 6-1/2, brsh 5/8, yld, bx 7/16, shf, lane 2p 150y, mild	
24Apr	10 OakGr	stalk, in clr, 2 ^o ¼, 3w off trn, drift 4p, swept to 2d, hld off 4w foe	
17Apr	4 OakGr	inh 4th 5-1/2, close 5L gap, 2 ^o 3/8, veer 4p 1/8, charge home	

9	LA LOLITA		
30Apr	10 OakGr	scratched	

Race 3 Outlook
by Ray Cotolo

This race doesn’t look to have strong speed. (8) YO CHEYENNE showed more early foot last week than she had in previous starts, but will she be that forceful from the outermost post? Tough to say. (5) TAILGATE BUZZ also figures to take play here and has been fast off the wings before, but he broke stride and failed as the favorite when leaving two starts ago. This race could get stolen on the front.

Race 3 Contenders
by Ray Cotolo

This is a now or never spot for (2) SOUTHERN SWAN MAN. He’s mostly raced average, but has shown strong early speed and decent hustle chasing faster and better horses. He gets a good draw, he has a driver in Kevin Wallis who knows to fire at the right time. Now or never. (7) HEATH BAR got shuffled and pushed well out of the mix and still got rolling and snagged third. If he gets moving sooner, he can grind into the mix. (5) TAILGATE BUZZ showed strong initiative to get into the race from the second tier last week and could build off that effort with a post on the gate. But he still is a sophomore against older. (8) YO CHEYENNE is also a sophomore against older but her win against NW1 was much stronger than it might look, so maybe she’ll be able to grab a share on this move up in class.

2-7-5-8

Driver Selections

None

4

OAK GROVE

RACING • GAMING • HOTEL

Sunday, May 14, 2023

1 Mile Pace • Maiden

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1

SUNMASTER

08May 1 OakGr batt btwn, prss pkt, yld ¾, in clr, 2w 3/16, str duel, hung 70y
 01May 10 OakGr bhnd #2, loose, inh 5th, 1° 9/16, mild, 2° 7/16, gap 3/8, weaken
 23Apr 9 OakGr rm save grd 9/16, fail close gap, no factor

2

CODIGO LEE

09May 7 OakGr back, 2w 5/8, mild covr 3/8, gap ¼, chase, toil off trn

3

PET THE DRAGON

4

JINGLE'S LITTLE LADY

08May 1 OakGr batt ins, yld 3d, stalk in clr, aim 3w upper str, one-paced
 30Apr 11 OakGr scratched
 23Apr 5 OakGr ang 3° 7/16, chase cvr, mild adv, check ¼, duck, evn at best ins
 16Apr 8 OakGr left 3w, retrt, never a factor, 2w str, no resp

5

SMILEFOR THE CAMERA

08May 3 OakGr scratched
 01May 10 OakGr bhnd #1, loose, chk 7/8, inh 4th, lock 3/8, empty off trn
 24Apr 11 OakGr steps st, retrt 7th ¾, 1° 9/16, adv joint 4th 3/8, stall ¼, weakened

6

ATAWAY BOMBAY

08May 1 OakGr 2w 9/16, mild bid to 5th, even at best, btn 4w 4th
 30Apr 11 OakGr prss ins, yld 3d, 2w 3/8 to 2d, ovrtnk off covr ¼, toil str
 24Apr 6 OakGr left btwn, rein 4th, 2° ½, gap duel for 2d, all-out, up 4th 70y
 17Apr 7 OakGr 2w 3/8, split ¼ into 3d, urg chase, no match, btn 3d neck

7

SIGMA MAN

08May 1 OakGr stalk top trio, gap badly 3/8, weakened badly turn

8

SWEET JEWEL

09May 7 OakGr adv 3d off duel, 2w ¼, adv prss 1/8, 1L away, level off
 24Apr 11 OakGr lock ½, rm 3/16, ang 1/8, carr 3p, evenly btn ins 4th

9

JOHN SPARTAN

24Apr 12 OakGr flush 1° ½, adv duel 5/16, engulf 150y, level off, gamely

10

SWEET LINDY

08May 1 OakGr back, circ 4w off trn, good belated rally, up 4th 1/16

Race 4 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Tough race to make money. The obvious horses are obvious and the not obvious horses are tough to justify. The best thing with races like this if you just watch is to get a feel for each of these horses' abilities and notice who leaves, who was taken back, whose moving in a nice rhythm, etc. Otherwise, these classes tend to lean logical.

Race 4 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(9) JOHN SPARTAN went a good mile here back on April 24 with a first-over bid that flattened, though he finished fifth behind a good one in Altar Boy. He then went an okay mile in the Buckeye Stallion Series and should be put into the race because (1) SUNMASTER should leave. And SUNMASTER could certainly perform well if forward. He was beat by a good pacesetter in RK's Peaches so this time around if he's towards the front he could hold. (2) CODIGO LEE was in a tough spot last week and maybe improves with the more inside draw and also now having a start over the track. (10) SWEET LINDY was reined back and showed late interest, but is in a difficult spot from the second-tier. She could be okay, though.

9-1-2-10

Driver Selections

Adarryl Gates: #8 over #7

1

PERFECT TIMING TB

2

TUAPEKA JESSIE N

30Apr	2 OakGr	save grd, close 3L gap 7/16, blkd ins trn, rm 1/16, 1-paced once free
24Apr	7 OakGr	batt 3w, clr ¾, yld 3d, ang ¼, into 3d, engulf 150y, fade at once
17Apr	9 OakGr	4th, 2° ¾, uncv 5/8, adv prs ½, loopd 5/16, urg, 1-1/2L frm 2d

3

YANKEE B SOMETHING

08May	6 OakGr	sprint 3w, clr 7/8, rate 2d qtr, opn at will 7/16, dominant
30Apr	6 OakGr	batt 3w, clr 7/8, rate, 3w foe 1/8, drivn out, evade late threat
24Apr	3 OakGr	float, adv 3d, 1° 9/16, adv duel 3/8, ld ¼, bore 4p str, drvn clr
16Apr	3 OakGr	duel ins, clr ld, mild prss 7/16, rebuff foe, all-out 1/8, engulf 3w

4

RACEMUP

08May	9 OakGr	ins ld, 3-way batt, yld 3d 5/8, 1° 7/16, duel, btn off cvr, save 2d
17Apr	2 OakGr	3d, check 6-1/2, 1° 7/16, duel bkst, flat 3/16, mild fade str

5

HEAVY PRESSURE

08May	9 OakGr	2° 7/16, off duel, vault 3w ¼, drew off 1/8, explosive
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SPIRIT SHADOW

7

HOOSIER SHOOTER

08May	3 OakGr	2° 3/8 off duel, carr 3w 3/16, urg ld 150y, drivn clr
30Apr	5 OakGr	pl.5: 4° 5-1/2, carr 5w off turn, urg mild belated, too far rally
24Apr	8 OakGr	1° 7/16, fail catch covr, sust mild gain, chase top trio, even
16Apr	9 OakGr	save grd, fail close 6L gap bkst, no menace, urg even

8

SHAKEANERA

30Apr	2 OakGr	outsprnt ins, yld 3d 6-1/2, gap top pair, inh pkt ¼, chase ins, 2d
24Apr	4 OakGr	duel ins, pkt, retk ¾, prss 9/16, duel, headed 3w ¼, batt ins, game
17Apr	10 OakGr	sprnt clr, rate 2d qtr, prss ½, sprnt clr 3/8, much best

9

LOVE THE ACTION

08May	5 OakGr	3° 9/16, lost cvr, close gap, follow 3w winnr ¼, drivn sust chase
23Apr	2 OakGr	always last, gap 9/16, never a factor

10

DC BATGIRL

08May	11 OakGr	close 4-hole, stalk, ang 3/16, fail adv, labor off trn
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1 Mile Pace • NW \$4,000 Last 4, Opt. Clm. \$10k

Exacta, Trifecta, Super Hi-5

Race 5 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

This may be one of the best races to date at Oak Grove. Possible nuclear speed, a full field of in-form horses. Several angles to try in a group like this along with some tough-to-evaluate horses within this class. (1) PERFECT TIMING TB, (2) TUAPEKA JESSIE N, (3) YANKEE B SOMETHING and (4) RACEMUP should also be firing early while a horse like (5) HEAVY PRESSURE will be dangerous if the pace is fast. That’s how he won last week, after all. And everyone else could find a way into this race, too.

Race 5 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(5) HEAVY PRESSURE was vicious off cover against the class below this last week. And if the pace materializes in front of him as it did last week (which it could!), he could again be strong. (4) RACEMUP made a strong move off the fast fractions but was left in the wake of HEAVY PRESSURE. Nonetheless, he can work his stalking trip and also be a strong factor. (3) YANKEE B SOMETHING is fast and can launch off the car, but this is a steep move in class that could show her weakness. She also could show even more, though, despite being a 3-year-old against older. (2) TUAPEKA JESSIE N gets an improved draw that should let her decide how to get into the race, because she’s been involved in the minor shares off the worst trips. (1) PERFECT TIMING TB also appears fast but makes a move up in class while shipping from Harrah’s Hoosier Park. He’s fast but could bear the worst of it from the inside post unless she outfoots everyone.

5-4-3-2-1

Driver Selections

Jamaal Denson: #6 over #5
 John MacDonald: #2 over #7, #9
 Joey Putnam: #10 over #8

1	LYONS MIKI
08May	5 OakGr lock 9/16, closed ins gap, shuff, spl 5/16, adv, toil off trn, even
01May	11 OakGr bhnd #2, split to close 5-hole, ang 2° 3/8, gap duel 2d, even
17Apr	6 OakGr float, prk, bid 4th 6-1/2, retrt 7th 7/16, 4° 5/16, pass tired

2	LILMSLANDSHARK
08May	6 OakGr lock off duel 2d 3/8, wedge btwn 1/8, urg chase, just miss 2d
30Apr	6 OakGr poor start, drop last, 2w 1/8, passed one, no factor

3	CAPTAIN CARMELLA
08May	6 OakGr bhnd #3, retreat, aim 3w off trn, pass tired, dove ins 1/16, mild
30Apr	6 OakGr dull 3° 5-1/2, circ 3w 5/16, sust mild gain around tired foes
24Apr	11 OakGr left ins, yld 3d, in clr, ang 1/8, one-paced
17Apr	6 OakGr duel 2w, clr ¾, opn 5/8, 2w foe 3/16, collared top str

4	KANDI'S FORTUNE
08May	6 OakGr 4° 3/8, circ 3w ¼, sust rally, held ins foe for 2d, no match
30Apr	6 OakGr batt ins, pkt, gap 7/16, ovrtn, urg even final 3f, aim 2p str
24Apr	3 OakGr prss pkt, gap duel ¼, ang 2w 150y, rall, save 2d 40y

5	MS GOOD GOOBLY GOO
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6	COLD ROAD SODA
08May	6 OakGr midpack, no room bkst, hook 3w 1/8 bhnd wall, mild, 2L frm 2d
01May	11 OakGr pl.1: bhnd #1, sv grd, rm 1/8, hook 3w off trn, made 3L, up 2d
24Apr	3 OakGr save grd back, no rm, wedge ins 1/16, pass tired rivals
17Apr	6 OakGr duel ins, yld ¾, rate off clr ldr, closer ¼, ang, took ovr, kpt task

7	ASHLEE'S AMANDA
01May	11 OakGr pl.4: btwn, hit by 3w foe 7/8, chk, off duel 2d, bid ins, btn 2d 1L
24Apr	6 OakGr float 3w, sett, dull 3° ½, urg 3/16, gap duel 4th, weakened
17Apr	1 OakGr always last, failed to take part, empty 1/4

8	MYSTIC MELISSA
08May	6 OakGr bhnd #2, retreat, brk 5/8, close 8L gap ¼, aim 4w, fade, 6L frm 2d
30Apr	6 OakGr dull 2° 5-1/2, force 3w 7/16, strng rall, urg sust chase str

Sunday, May 14, 2023

1 Mile Pace • Mini-Series 2 (F&M N2L)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-5

Race 6 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Another race with not a decent amount of speed on paper, which could also make someone show sudden speed like (5) MS GOOD GOOBLY GOO. Otherwise, (3) CAPTAIN CARMELLA and (4) KANDI'S FORTUNE are the speed on paper and could be left alone.

Race 6 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(4) KANDI'S FORTUNE appears due. She's been finishing second best behind Yankee B Something, who was the top of the class for the last few weeks. Plus she's a 5-year-old mare against younger... Now's the time. (3) CAPTAIN CARMELLA should push but she levels off in the final quarter typically. She should be in the right place for a check, but maybe also steps up to the plate. (5) MS GOOD GOOBLY GOO stretches from the half-mile track off good miles at Shenandoah Downs and could be sneaky. (2) LILMSLANDSHARK burst through horses to grab third in Yankee B Something's blowout mile last week. She could be able to grab a minor share.

4-3-5-2

Late Pick-5: 4 / 1,2,9 / 2,3,4 / 2 / 1,4,7 = \$13.50

Driver Selections

1	ROCKIN BAMBI	
08May	11 OakGr	prk btwn midpack, lost cvr 5-1/2, min gain 3/8, chase, empty 3/16
24Apr	7 OakGr	back, 3 ^o 5/16, 4w covr 3/16, urg mild belated gain
17Apr	2 OakGr	save grd, hook to 3w cvr ¼, carr 4w str, urg belatd 1/16, up 2d

2	PRESCOTTS HOPE	
08May	2 OakGr	brk start, lost touch w/field
01May	5 OakGr	prk by #9, ease 5th, 1 ^o 9/16, adv prss 5/16, rebuff, isolated 2d
23Apr	2 OakGr	ovrtakn ½, loose 2 ^o 3/8, carr 4w 1/8, urg sust mild rally
16Apr	9 OakGr	prss ins, yld 3d, 2 ^o ½, chase duel 3/8, carr 3w, urg even

3	ALLEGHENY HANOVER	
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4	BORDER CONTROL A	
09May	12 OakGr	ang 5/8, close 3L to 2 ^o , uncv ½, duel 2d bkst, urg chase, no match

5	WINYARD HANOVER	
08May	3 OakGr	ins ld, rate 2d qtr, pkt foe 3/8, dug in, btn 3w 150y, measured 2d
01May	12 OakGr	bhnd #2, rein 6th, mild 2 ^o 9/16, aim 3w 3/8, up 3d 3/16, bid, hung

6	CANTHELPBUTWIN	
24Apr	2 OakGr	off batt, 1 ^o 3/8, brief bid 3d, flat turn, labor even ins
17Apr	8 OakGr	off 2L, 1 ^o 5/8, adv 10L to catch cvr 5/16, force 3w ¼, lunge, miss

7	MSDINOSIS BLUGRASS	
09May	6 OakGr	lag, retrt, 5 ^o 5/8, carr 4w off turn, urg mild belated
01May	6 OakGr	left 4w, rein 4th, lock 5/8, mild shuf, rm 1/8, urg even ins str
23Apr	4 OakGr	bat btwn, clr, yld 6-1/2, box ½, drivn 1/16, no kick ins
16Apr	1 OakGr	use 3w cl, yld 6-1/2, box ½, blkd, ang 1/16, adv, save 3d

8	TRES CHIC N	
30Apr	5 OakGr	dq, pl.9: lft 3w, push clr 5-1/2 w/o ample rm, ext duel, btn pkt foe 70

9	ACOUSTIC	
01May	8 OakGr	2w 5/8, around gapd foe, adv, brk 7/16, lost 6L, reset, bd, brk str
23Apr	3 OakGr	batt ins, pkt, 3d ¾, 1 ^o 3/8, bid 3d, hung ¼, weakened
16Apr	7 OakGr	last, ang 9/16, slow gain, loose 2 ^o 3/8, uncv ¼+, pass tired, even

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1 Mile Pace • NW \$2,000 Last 4, Opt. Clm. \$6.5k

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

Race 7 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Some class horses are likely to take most of the money. Kentucky Sires Stakes droppers (7) MSDINOSIS BLUGRASS and (9) ACOUSTIC should take play off their efforts against better, but whether they will stand tall over this group isn't necessarily clear. Some possible inside speed could come from (1) ROCKIN BAMBI and (5) WINYARD HANOVER, and that early speed is a vital piece to how the class horses get involved.

Race 7 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(1) ROCKIN BAMBI has been racing well every week and now lands a draw where Terry Skinner could be much more aggressive. (9) ACOUSTIC has speed and has been okay in the Kentucky Sires Stakes, but if ROCKIN BAMBI shows speed that puts ACOUSTIC into the race. If she doesn't leave, ACOUSTIC is in trouble. (2) PRESCOTTS HOPE broke last week and should be forgiven. That was out of character for a horse that is usually good at pushing into the mix. (3) ALLEGHENY HANOVER is a 3-year-old against older but as a 2-year-old showed speed and decent late pace. Maybe he gets involved from this inside post on debut.

1-9-2-3

Driver Selections

John MacDonald: #2 over #5
 Joey Putnam: #7 over #6
 Devon Tharps: #8 over #3

1	SMILING TERROR
08May	2 OakGr bhnd #2, lock 9/16, shuff badly, back ¼,3w off trn, pass one

2	UNCLE SI
09May	9 OakGr park midpack, sett 6th, lock, slid 4° 3/8, aim 4w off trn, empty
01May	12 OakGr duel ins, assert ld ¾, opn 5/8, pkt foe 1/8, all-out, btn 1/16
24Apr	13 OakGr dull 4° ½, fan 4w off trn, even, no menace

3	TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME
09May	12 OakGr pkt, yld 3d ¾, lock, shuf last 7/16, hook 3w 3/16, pass tired
01May	5 OakGr prk 3w 7/8, tow 2° 9/16, gap duel off trn, labored str
24Apr	2 OakGr 2w 7/16, 3° 3/8, carr 3w off turn, passed tired rivals
17Apr	3 OakGr bat btwn, ease pkt, shf 4th, 2° and 3w 3/8, circ to ld, drivn clr 150y

4	BR EZLIKSNDYMORNIN
08May	9 OakGr prk w/covr, uncv 5-1/2, 3° 7/16, uncv ¼, toil evn, 3-1/2L from 2d
30Apr	5 OakGr pl.8: batt ins, yld 3d, check 5/8, shovd 1°, ext duel, tired 1/8
24Apr	2 OakGr bat btw, 3w rvl brk, duel cl, yld 5/8, gap 3/8, isolatd 2d, no match
17Apr	5 OakGr chase 2° 5/8, gap cvr, carr 3w 3/8, fail adv, weaken trn

5	AYR PIONEER GB
09May	5 OakGr 1° 7/16, fail adv, better trn, carr 4w 1/8, lacked str
30Apr	1 OakGr 3° 3/8, fan 4w off trn, urg accel off trn, up 2d 70y, chase pkt winnr
23Apr	2 OakGr adv 3d, 2° 5/16, bld sw trn, aim 3w 1/8, no resp to urging
16Apr	9 OakGr batt ins, ld, rate 2d qtr, pkt foe 1/2, dug in, line-drivn, in hand 70y

6	SMOOTH N CREAMY
09May	12 OakGr 2° 7/16, off duel for 2d, urg 3w off trn, one-paced

7	TOBINS NATIVE
09May	12 OakGr prk 2°, lost cvr ¾, adv prss 5/8, wedge pkt ½, headed 2d, toil
01May	9 OakGr gap top flight 7/16, ovrtn kn bkst, struggled ins
24Apr	2 OakGr gapped 2d flight 3/8, never a factor
17Apr	3 OakGr left 3w, use cl 5-1/2, immd prss, btn 3w 5/16, all-out, protct 2d

8	WESTERN MEMORY
08May	2 OakGr pkt, 3d 5/8, lock ½, shuff badly bhnd tired foe, 2w 1/8, pass tired
30Apr	5 OakGr pl.3: bhnd #1, lock 5/8, blkd 1/8, spl 2p 150y, accl btwn once free
24Apr	13 OakGr dull 5° ½, carr 5w off trn, pass tired rivals, no menace
17Apr	10 OakGr left 3w, prk, 3° 5/8, 3w ¼, into 3d, grad, duel 2d str, just miss

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 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-4

Race 8 Outlook
by Ray Cotolo

Speed should come from inside here. (2) UNCLE SI typically shows speed, (3) TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME got stuck behind horses and likely tries to be more aggressive to make amends and (4) BR EZLIKSNDYMORNIN can leave too. And then the closers in this race don't appear to gain too much ground, so this could be a safe venture for those leaving.

Race 8 Contenders
by Ray Cotolo

(2) UNCLE SI got parked early and then took back into an impossible spot. He gets a better draw where he should be able to grab the lead or at the very least a prominent spot at the pylons. (3) TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME had decent late pace but got shuffled to last and had to overcome too much ground. Maybe this time around he's more aggressive given that mile. (4) BR EZLIKSNDYMORNIN has been racing better than the lines look and could fit better against this grouping of NW\$2,000. (6) SMOOTH N CREAMY went off Lasix but finished well to take third against this group last week. He can get into the mix.

2-3-4-6

Driver Selections

Adarryl Gates: #4 over #8

1	SANDCASTLE	
30Apr	7 OakGr	protct pkt, 3d 5-1/2, lock, gap a bit ins, shuf, ang 1/8, pass tired
16Apr	2 OakGr	last, pass brkr ¾, 2° 5/8, circ 3w 3/8, batt 2d, sust chase

2	RK'S PEACHES	
08May	1 OakGr	batt 3w, use clr ¾, rate, pkt foe 3/16, str duel, assert 1/16
01May	11 OakGr	float 4w, prk midpack, mild, 2° 9/16, gap badly, weakened
24Apr	6 OakGr	duel ins, pkt, gap 3/8, duel 2d, ovtakn 1/8, wrn dn, btn for 2nd 2L
17Apr	1 OakGr	slow st ins, 2° 9/16, gap 3/8, awkward, aim 3p ¼, flat, no match

3	ROCKET PARTY	
08May	8 OakGr	4th off battle, ovtakn 5/8, slid 2° 3/8, carr 4w off turn, drivn even
24Apr	6 OakGr	float 4w, prk, retrt 7th, fail close gap bkst, weakened

4	TELSTAR	
08May	7 OakGr	bhnd #2, badly detached, no factor
01May	10 OakGr	2° 9/16, 3° 7/16, bld sw ¼, rm btwn trn, labor even

5	KINGOFMYHEART	
08May	12 OakGr	float, adv 3d, mild shf, slid 2° 5/16, 3w off turn, urg, mild accl 70y
30Apr	5 OakGr	pl.6: lock 5-1/2, shf last ½, 5° bkst, swung 5w str, urg sust, too far rall

6	PICK A ROCK	
24Apr	6 OakGr	2w 9/16, 4° ½, dull covr, never a factor
16Apr	2 OakGr	6th, 1° 5/8, adv narrow 3d 3/8, stall, looped ¼, fade badly

7	MAJOR MEGAN	
16Apr	2 OakGr	duel ins, yld 6-1/2, retk 5/8, drivn off trn, evaded three

8	DELIGHTFUL DONNA	
30Apr	7 OakGr	lock 5/8, no room back, 2w in traffic 5/16, empty trn
23Apr	5 OakGr	prk back, flush cvr 5/8, gap even, chase, weakened, brk 3/16

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 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-3

Race 9 Outlook
by Ray Cotolo

Given how much better she’s looked week to week, (2) RK’S PEACHES will be tough to beat. She gets a better draw and successfully went coast to coast to break her o-for-22 goose egg. And not many others in this field tend to show speed and they will have to in order to challenge.

Race 9 Contenders
by Ray Cotolo

(2) RK’S PEACHES could take them coast to coast here. This bunch is a bit better than the group she rung around the rosie last week, but when John MacDonald can let her roll she’s been getting better. We don’t really know how good (7) MAJOR MEGAN is, though. She won in hand here on opening weekend and hasn’t gone flashy miles, but has been much the best in each of her wins that she maybe has some more speed in her arsenal. (5) KINGOFMYHEART rides the pylons into checks and draws the right post to do that here. (3) ROCKET PARTY also sneaks into the mix and improved greatly between his last two starts to possibly be live for a spot underneath.

2-7-5-3

Driver Selections

None

1	ROCK IT OUT	
08May	11 OakGr	bhnd #1, off 3-way batt, 1° 3/8, grad, urg sustain, reach 40y
30Apr	8 OakGr	float 4w, sett 5th, loose 3° 3/8, 3w push ¼, bid 3d, fade off trn
23Apr	10 OakGr	yld 4th, lock ½, some rm ins 3/8, inh pkt 3/16, urg evn, traff

2	GET E UP	
09May	10 OakGr	off 2L, always last, never a factor
23Apr	10 OakGr	last, in touch back, no factor, even ins amid traffic

3	DALBY HANOVER	
09May	4 OakGr	live 2° 5/8, 3w off duel 1/8, urg chase, no resp, empty 1/16
16Apr	4 OakGr	left 2w, bypass pkt, clr 5/8, opn ¼, much best

4	PALOMAR	
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5	L DEES JACK LOPEZ	
30Apr	8 OakGr	retrt, rm ins 3/8, mild adv trn, blkd 3/16, thread ins, up 3d 70y

6	DRUNKONAPLANE	
09May	10 OakGr	rm ins 7/16, fail close 5L gap, toil ins, no menace
23Apr	10 OakGr	scratched
16Apr	4 OakGr	circ fwd 3w, adv 3-hole, 1° 3/8, bid 2d, ovtkn 150, tired

7	PD THE BIG EASY	
09May	10 OakGr	circ 3w, vault clr ¾, fast pace, prss 3/16, btn 3w 150, btn ins for 2d
30Apr	8 OakGr	pkt off ext duel, rm 3/16, ang 1/8, drivn chase, one-paced
23Apr	10 OakGr	duel ins, yld, retk ¾, pkt foe 3/16, duel, btn 1/16, gamely
17Apr	5 OakGr	6th, ang 1° ¾, adv immed, prss ½, found more 1/8, up 1/16

8	SURFER BEACH	
08May	11 OakGr	batt ins, ld, yld 5-1/2, retk 5/8, fast pace, prss 1/8, urg, reel in 40y
30Apr	8 OakGr	4° 3/8, carr 4w off trn, sust mild bid, up 4th, btn 1L for 3d
24Apr	2 OakGr	left 4w, prk, adv clr 5/8, accel away 3/8, much best, handily
17Apr	2 OakGr	brk start, lost touch w/field

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Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Double

Race 10 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Speed is tricky here. (7) PD THE BIG EASY should blast. But (8) SURFER BEACH has tremendous speed to his outside. Does he leave off that hard mile last week? What about the inside horses like (1) ROCK IT OUT, who can leave and capitalized off too hot a pace, or (2) GET E UP who gets a post switch? This is a tricky race to map and most here stand a chance.

Race 10 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(7) PD THE BIG EASY went real fast and still held to finish third last week. He’s getting good and is fast and hey, maybe this is a race that looks to have a lot of speed and only has one strong speed horse show? (4) PALOMAR has class, but ultimately just has one strong move that he has to time right. But when he does, he’s good. (1) ROCK IT OUT lands on the gate off a perfect trip and perfect drive from Devon Tharps last week. He likely goes down in price off the win but he’s as viable a contender. (8) SURFER BEACH is fast, and even if he takes back from this spot he can still grab a share.

7-4-1-8

Driver Selections

John MacDonald: #8 over #6

1	CHINA DREAM
09May	5 OakGr off duel, chase duel ¼, close pkt, hook 3w 1/8, urg, no resp

2	LUVNMYSHARKAWAY
09May	5 OakGr float, bid 4th, sett, 2° 7/16, dull bkst, gap ¼, duck 1/8, lack ins
30Apr	1 OakGr left 2w, clr 7/8, rate 2d qtr, prss ½, drivn out, btn pkt foe, btn 2d 70y
23Apr	2 OakGr protct ld ins, pkt foe 5/16, drivn, engulf 3w foe 1/16, all-out hold 2d
17Apr	2 OakGr easy ld, yld 5-1/2, retk 9/16, duel bkst, assert trn, urg, held 4w foe

3	FEELIN LIKA WINNER
09May	12 OakGr left btwn, sprnt clr, control, opn ¼, drivn off trn, in hand 1/16
30Apr	1 OakGr close 3-hole, slid 2° 7/16, gap even, force 3w ¼, nk from 2d, tired str
23Apr	2 OakGr adv pkt, 2w 5/16, urg mild bid trn, lacked off turn
16Apr	9 OakGr bat btwn, ease pkt 6-1/2, 2w ½, duel bkst, tired 3/16

4	GAME OF CHANGE
16Apr	4 OakGr float, urg close 6L gap to ½, rm ins 3/8, no adv, empty trn

5	SPORTS TELLER
09May	5 OakGr lag, drop last, lots rm adv ins 3/16, close grd, urg chase ins

6	SKYWAY THREE BALL
09May	5 OakGr prss pkt, in clr, 2w 3/8, duel trn, put away 150y
24Apr	2 OakGr bhnd #2, 2° 3/8, force 3w 3/16, fail bid, even w/2d flight
17Apr	9 OakGr mild shuff 9/16, 3° ½, 3w ¼, fail adv, labor str

7	MEANT TOBE SHOOTER
09May	5 OakGr use 2w, clr, rate, pkt foe 3/8, duel trn, drivn out, evade ins foe
30Apr	1 OakGr float, prk, bid 2d 6-1/2, rate 2p, adv again ½, prss bkst, flat off trn
24Apr	13 OakGr batt btwn, close pkt, 2w 3/16, drivn str duel, just up
17Apr	3 OakGr prk 2°, uncv 5-1/2, adv 2d, prss, loop 3w by winnr 5/16, jst btn 2d

8	GUNRNEEDABGRBOAT A
08May	11 OakGr poor start, gap badly 5/8, ovrtn ½, plummet ins
17Apr	5 OakGr mild cvr ½, force 4w off trn, grad gain around tired foes

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Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

Race 11 Outlook *by Ray Coto*

(3) FEELIN LIKA WINNER and (7) MEANT TOBE SHOOTER figure to be the sharpest speed with (2) LUVNMYSHARKAWAY being a probable leaver too. These amateur driver races can go many ways, so just ultimately try for a good price.

Race 11 Contenders *by Ray Coto*

(1) CHINA DREAM makes his second start off the bench following an okay race in his return. He could be more aggressive this time around. (3) FEELIN LIKA WINNER went coast to coast against this group last week and could go that mile again possibly. (5) SPORTS TELLER skidded through the inside lane to snag second and could maybe have as strong of late initiative even if a seam at the pylons doesn't open. (6) SKYWAY THREE BALL can grab a check at a good price like he did last week.

1-3-5-6

Driver Selections

Tony Dinges: #5 over #3, #4