

1

MOHATU AS

2

HALEKAI III

08May

10 OakGr

duel ins, pkt off duel, 3d 5/8, 2w 3/8, bid 2d, fade off trn

24Apr

10 OakGr

close pkt, yld 3d 5/8, 1° 5/16, into 2d 3/16, hung, btn 2d off covr

17Apr

4 OakGr

clr pkt, 2w ¼, bid off trn, parried, empty 1/8

3

BRAXTON

4

RARE LANDING

5

SPARKS FLY

6

MA CHERE AMI

09May

2 OakGr

outsprint, 4th, brk ¾, lost touch w/field

24Apr

1 OakGr

left btwn, protct ld, rate, pkt foe ¼, btn 150y, no response

17Apr

4 OakGr

brk, missed start 5L, ext gallop, lost touch

7

TOP RANK

08May

10 OakGr

2° 9/16, dull covr, force 3w 3/8, sust mild rally, no match

01May

2 OakGr

lock 9/16, fail close gap bkst, never a factor

23Apr

1 OakGr

yld 3d, gap a bit 7/16, detach more str, no match top pair

8

TEN COUNT

08May

10 OakGr

left 3w, loop, rein 4th, lock 7/16, rm ins 3/8, fail clos gap, fade ins

Race 1 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

Not a fairly speedy bunch of youngsters. (1) MOHATU AS appears to have early foot to protect inside position as does (2) HALEKAI III, but honestly the main issue is how does (5) SPARKS FLY race? He has plenty of speed and the fastest miles on paper, but has been unhurried off the wings in every start. He may need to be more aggressive.

Race 1 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(1) MOHATU AS could be ready to go off the bench. He went some okay miles in the Kentucky Golden Rod Series last year and could put himself forward enough to hold on, because (5) SPARKS FLY will likely come charging. And he certainly could come charging by, but his slow starts make swallowing a likely short price difficult even if he vaults over the field. (2) HALEKAI III picks up the driving services of his trainer, who navigated the filly to a third-place finish on seasonal debut. She could just be quirky. (6) MA CHERE AMI is certainly quirky, but gosh dang it he’s alright when he’s flat.

1-5-2-6

Early Pick-5: 1 / 1,5,8 / 4 / 2,6,8 / 2,4,5,10 = \$18.00

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #5 over #8

1	CLEARCHOICE DE VIE		
08May	7 OakGr	left 3w, loop, rate uncv, push fwd, ext duel from ½ to ld 70y	
30Apr	9 OakGr	left 3w, drift 5p 7-1/2, ext duel 2w, parried 3/8, toil, one-paced str	
24Apr	6 OakGr	left 3w, duel clr, rate, urg accel 3/8, drew off, kept task	
16Apr	3 OakGr	duel 2w, ease pkt, gap duel 3/8, lock trn, aim 3w 1/16, urg mild	

2	MISTERTENAHKEY		
08May	7 OakGr	easy pkt, ang 6-1/2, use cl 5/8, immd prss, duel from ½ to btn 70y	
01May	10 OakGr	prss pkt, off duel ¼, hook 3w 1/8, urg, vault clr 1/16	
24Apr	12 OakGr	duel 2w, force pkt, box 3/8, wedge ins 1/16, miss 2d 1/2L	
16Apr	8 OakGr	left 4w, prk 2nd, ease 5th ¾, 2° ½, gap off turn, labor even	

3	BILLY V		
01May	10 OakGr	use 2w, clr, rate, prss ¼, duel trn, dug in, btn 3w by pkt foe	
24Apr	12 OakGr	duel ins, ld, rate, prss 5/16, duel trn, all-out, reel in 70y, gamely	
17Apr	7 OakGr	prss ins, 3d, inh pkt 9/16, ang 1/8, to lead 1/16, handily	

4	MIXED EMOTION		
08May	7 OakGr	left 2w, ease, 2° ½ off duel, aim 3w ¼, all-out, no match top pair	
01May	10 OakGr	left 3w, adv 3d 6-1/2, 1° 7/16, prss ¼, duel trn, flat 1/8	
24Apr	12 OakGr	save grd, no rm 3/8, aim 3p 1/8 out from traffic, urg, no kick	

5	WESTERN ERA		
09May	3 OakGr	last, 2w ¼, adv, close 5L to 2d flight, aim 4p str, 2L from 3d	
30Apr	9 OakGr	2d flight, 2w 3/8, close 6L gap ¼, sust 2w bid trn, 2d 1/8, drvn, reach	

6	UNDER YOUR SCARS		
23Apr	9 OakGr	2w 9/16, 2° ½, lost cvr 3/8, adv chase duel, 3w 1/8, one-paced	

7	SKYWAY GOLIATH		
09May	7 OakGr	duel ins, pkt, in clr, seam ins 150y, urg thru, up 40y	
30Apr	11 OakGr	left 3w, cl, yld ¾, retk 9/16, opn bkst, reel in 1/8, chase, no match	
24Apr	12 OakGr	float 4w, retrt, gapped badly 5-1/2, failed to take part	
16Apr	3 OakGr	yld 3d, squeeze 1° 5/8, mild prss 7/16, duck 3/16, toil	

8	CAVIART DONOVAN		
30Apr	9 OakGr	left btwn, ext duel ins, assert 3/8, drvn out 3/16, btn fresh rival, gm	
23Apr	9 OakGr	left 3w, wrk cl 5/8, pkt foe 3/8, protct, repel foe, edge clr, handily	
16Apr	3 OakGr	off 2-1/2, 4° 7/16, circ 3w 5/16, push ld 1/16, open at will	

Race 2 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Longtime no see, (8) CAVIART DONOVAN. At the start of the meet, this guy looked a real tour of force who eventually got upended by (5) WESTERN ERA in a 1:52.1 mile. He appears to finally have met his match, especially since (1) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE and (2) MISTERTENAHKEY are both coming in off monster miles. Plus, (3) BILLY V figures to show tactical speed, so this is an interesting grouping for this NW1/2 bunch.

Race 2 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

If (1) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE couldn't falter off back-to-back parked speed miles, I don't know how he loses here. His only vulnerability is if those two weeks stung him, but often these horses get better through the adversity so he currently stands the one to beat. (8) CAVIART DONOVAN has speed but got bit into a little hard in his most recent start. He can push for a forward spot and maybe pick up the pieces all depending. (5) WESTERN ERA returns to the company where he performed well given a perfect set up on April 30, though he likely reverts to similar tactics here given the inside speed. (2) MISTERTENAHKEY showed another dimension with his on-the-front fight against CLEARCHOICE DE VIE, which came after a pocket-popping victory the week prior. He should again be a factor.

1-8-5-2

Driver Selections

Randy Crisler: #7 over #4
John MacDonald: #1 over #3

1

CESSNA PRIDE

2

MOCHA JAVA

01May	1 OakGr	dq, pl.6: sprnt clr, rate 2d qtr, prss 3/8, dug in, brk 1/8, ins pegs
24Apr	10 OakGr	3° 7/16, circ 3w to 5th, close 5L trn, carr 4w str, strng rall, miss 2d
17Apr	4 OakGr	easy ld, pkt foe ¼, duel, kick clr 1/8, whip taps, measured 70y

3

WHERE'S JESSE

09May	2 OakGr	left 3w, push clr 7/8, yld 5-1/2, 2w 1/8, push ld, just btn off covr
30Apr	3 OakGr	live 2° ½, off duel, uncv ¼, press trn, bore 3p off trn, labor str

4

BRODEUR

5

CUPID EXPRESS

30Apr	3 OakGr	float, inh 3-hole, 4th 5/8, 1° ½, adv duel, wrk cl ¼, immd prss, btn pkt
24Apr	1 OakGr	left 3w, prss ,ease pkt, 2w ¼, duel off trn, ld 150y, opn in hand
16Apr	6 OakGr	prss pkt, 3d 7/8, 1° 7/16 to 2d, ovtkn 3/16, toil, inh 2d, jst btn

6

PARTNER DOLAN

7

NURSE MOE

01May	1 OakGr	bhnd #2, yld 6th 6-1/2, chase live 2° 7/16, gap duel, brk trn
24Apr	1 OakGr	float, loop, adv 3d, off duel, aim 3w 1/8, grad, just up 2d

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STEVIE RAY

09May	2 OakGr	scratched
24Apr	10 OakGr	duel ins, protct ld, force 2w foe to pkt 5/8, opn 5/16, hand-drivn

Race 3 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

We got a big class dropper in (4) BRODEUR who likely – and deservedly – will take the focus on the tote board. He has speed, but also has no wins to his name, whether that comes from racing against too tough or how the dynamics of the race express his abilities. The inside three of (1) CESSNA PRIDE, (2) MOCHA JAVA and (3) WHERE’S JESSE also figure to show some speed, but all are not the strongest of finishers. Another race where speed from the outside will have to be real strong to be forward.

Race 3 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(4) BRODEUR should be ready to go at first asking. His stakes efforts are good enough to beat a group like this, though his finishes leave room to believe he’s possibly vulnerable. He nonetheless should leave from the gate and stands a chance of outfooting this field. (3) WHERE’S JESSE races well with a target but just got outkicked by Maiden Voyage at this class last week. He should again be in a striking spot but how strongly he fires late is tough to gauge. (5) CUPID EXPRESS can float and grind into the mix for a minor share while (1) CESSNA PRIDE can also leave, but may not be as fast as others here. She can get a check, though.

4-3-5-1

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #6 over #3
 Rodney DeBeck: #7 over #8

4

OAK GROVE

RACING • GAMING • HOTEL

Monday, May 15, 2023

1 Mile Pace • Mini-Series 5 (N1.5kL4)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1 SKYLINE HANOVER

08May	5 OakGr	pkt, 3d 5-1/2, lock 9/16, shuf bhnd gap foe, aim 3p 1/8, pass tird
01May	12 OakGr	3° 9/16, duck bkst, 2w 3/16, pass tired foe, urg even
24Apr	9 OakGr	duck 3d, pkt 2d flt, gap duel 2d 3/8, toil ins, btn 5L for 2d
17Apr	10 OakGr	bhnd #1, close 4th, flush cvr 5/8, uncv 5/16, adv 3d, flat 1/8

2 MISSION COMMAND

01May	5 OakGr	bhnd #2, midpack, lock ¾, gap ins 3/8, detached trn
24Apr	2 OakGr	gapped main group 5/8, failed to take part
17Apr	10 OakGr	flush 1° 5/8, adv prss ½, within 3/4L, rebuff, all-out ¼, save 2d

3 BIG BOY FRAZIER

08May	5 OakGr	left btwn, loop, work cl 5-1/2, yld, gap duel 7/16, plummet ins
24Apr	9 OakGr	loose 3° 7/16, detach from 2d flt ¼, never a factor
17Apr	10 OakGr	left for pkt, box 9/16, gap duel 3/8, drop sharply 1/4

4 ROCKNROLL HIGH

08May	5 OakGr	bhnd #1, stalk top trio, 1° 9/16, duel 3d qtr, ovrtn 3w ¼, plummet
01May	12 OakGr	2w ¼, grad gain, aim 3w off trn, pass tired rivals, closed mildly
24Apr	8 OakGr	lag st, drop last, 3° ½, gap cvr, into 6th 150y, ovrtn 3w

5 SWISS BANK HANOVER

08May	5 OakGr	use 3w, clr 7/8, yld 5-1/2, retk 5/8, duel 3d qtr, btn 3w 1/8+, tired
30Apr	1 OakGr	back main group, fail close gap ins ¼, no factor
24Apr	9 OakGr	2° 9/16, gap covr 3/8, faded badly trn
17Apr	3 OakGr	ovrtkn 5/16, empty off trn, no factor

6 PACIFIC STRIDE

08May	5 OakGr	4° 9/16, bld sw 3/8, chase 3w covr ¼, urg follow runner-up
01May	5 OakGr	4° 7/16, bld sw ¼, fan 4w off trn, urg even at best
24Apr	8 OakGr	gap top 4, closer, lock 3/8, shuff, swung 3w 1/16, adv belated
17Apr	8 OakGr	lock 5/8, shuff, 3° ½, uncv bkst, grad, duck ¼, blkd str w/pace

7 YUNGFRAU

01May	12 OakGr	rearward, ovrtn ¼, ang 150y, urg even, no threat
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8 PIKE ROCK

08May	3 OakGr	inherit 5th ins ¼, ang 150y, all-out even str
24Apr	9 OakGr	lock 9/16, mild shuff, ang 3° 3/8, 3w ¼, toil off trn
17Apr	10 OakGr	lock 5/8, wedge 2p in traff ¼, split 1/8, mild pace 3p

Race 4 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Zoinks, this is a group of horses. When it comes to bottom level pace events like this, almost anything can happen. Don't super read into each line as gospel for how these horses will race because a horse like (5) SWISS BANK HANOVER went from showing no speed as of late to blasting and clearing the lead. This is a driver's race, and the best we can do is follow some form within these horses on the sheets and not super dwell on race setup.

Race 4 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(2) MISSION COMMAND has some fast miles sitting on his card, but has been racing from tough spots in his last few starts. His seasonable bow wasn't bad either despite losing by 10 lengths to Shakeanara at this class. Maybe he surprises with some speed? (6) PACIFIC STRIDE has been showing interest with each mile, but for the most part has been put in tough spots to contend. Nonetheless, he can leave if Tyler Shehan wants and at least has been going forward at the end of his miles. (8) PIKE ROCK looked great in the scoredown last week and put forth as good of an effort to grab fourth given where he landed. He could be sneaky here at a price. (4) ROCKNROLL HIGH tried to make a move but immediately folded last week in an uncharacteristic showing. Now that he landed on the gate, he may be able to outkick some of these for a minor share.

2-6-8-4

Driver Selections

Jeremy Bobbitt: #2 over #1
Randy Crisler: #8 over #5, #7

1	YO LUCKY MONI		
	09May	9 OakGr	left 4w, adv prss, sett pkt 5-1/2, gap 7/16, shuf, rm 3w 1/8, bettr
	30Apr	10 OakGr	2°3/8, dull trn, aim 3w 1/8, urg mild bid, just miss 4th
	23Apr	8 OakGr	back main grp, 3° 3/8, chase wnmr's 3w cvr, into 2d 3/16, urg sust
	16Apr	10 OakGr	back main grp, 3° ¼, circ 3w off trn, strg rally, just up 2d
2	JACKED		
	08May	4 OakGr	batt btwn, assert to ld 6-1/2, fast pace, prss ¼, btn 3w 150, worn dn
	01May	3 OakGr	pl. 5: inh 5th 5/8, seam ins str, even w/2d flight
	24Apr	5 OakGr	pl.5: 2° 9/16, bld sw ¼, check 150y, shove 3p, brief brk, mild bid
	16Apr	5 OakGr	save grd, blkd 1/8, aim ins 1/16, sust mild, miss 2d
3	PILGRIMS IMAGE		
	08May	4 OakGr	batt ins, yld 3d 7/8, flush 1° 3/8, prss ¼, btn 3w 150y, urg, save 2d
	01May	7 OakGr	loose 2° 7/16, gap even, inh 2d 3/16, all-out str, btn 2d 1/16
4	STRIDE THE HILL		
	09May	9 OakGr	sprint 3w, 4L clr 7/8, refuse yld 5-1/2, opn at will 7/16, dominant
	30Apr	10 OakGr	batt 3w, ld 7/8, rein pkt, in clr, aim 2p 1/16, drivn, lunge, just miss
	16Apr	5 OakGr	ins ld, yld 6-1/2, box 9/16 off duel, brk top str
5	IT'S A HERBIE		
	01May	3 OakGr	pl. 3: inh 7th, lock 3/8, wedge 2p 1/8, sust grad belated gain
	24Apr	5 OakGr	3° 9/16, launch 3w ¼, carr 4w off trn, swept ld 1/16, opn at will
	16Apr	5 OakGr	float 4w, cvr trn, uncv ¾, adv prss 9/16, engulf 2d 1/16
6	LUCKY STORMIN		
	01May	3 OakGr	inh 6th, 2w 3/8, fail adv, weakened trn
	24Apr	5 OakGr	duel ins, pkt, retk 9/16, prss 7/16, ext duel, drivn, btn 4w 1/16, sv 2d
	16Apr	5 OakGr	bhnd #2, retrt, 2w 7/16, caught cv ¼, circ 4w off trn, miss 2d
7	PERLUCKY		
	01May	3 OakGr	prss ins, 3d ¾, in clr, ang 1/8, ldr brk 1/16, urg chase, made 1L
	24Apr	5 OakGr	DQ, p.6: 1° 9/16, adv prss 7/16, duel, stall 1/8, drift 3p into #6, flat
8	SWEET MR PINETUCKY		
	01May	3 OakGr	push clr, yld ¾, inh ld 1/16 when ldr brk, drivn, hld 2w foe
	24Apr	5 OakGr	float, 3d, abort ¼ mv, lock 9/16, blkd str, urg, spl 2p 70y, mild
9	SWAN OF DREAMS		
	08May	4 OakGr	off 2L, gap ½, 2w 1/8, passed empty foe, no factor
	01May	7 OakGr	gallop start, lost touch w/field
	23Apr	8 OakGr	3° ½, circ 3w 3/8, surge to ld ¼, opn at will, kept task 1/16
	16Apr	10 OakGr	gap badly 5/8, ovrtnkn 1/8, failed to take part
10	GOLDEN WALL AS		
	01May	2 OakGr	left 3w, wrk clr 5-1/2, immd yld, box off duel 3/8, wedge ins, miss 2d
	16Apr	5 OakGr	scratched

Race 5 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Stacked field; nice horses across the board. We can safely assume (4) STRIDE THE HILL should be forward and maybe even (7) PERLUCKY despite the post, otherwise the only other pace factor appears to be (2) JACKED from the inside. Which if JACKED leaves, that puts (10) GOLDEN WALL AS into the mix, and is GOLDEN WALL AS's only hope of getting into the race.

Race 5 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(10) GOLDEN WALL AS may be able to squeak this out from post 10. He went a big mile at first asking in that Kentucky Sires Stakes division despite the slow times and then got put into a tight spot that contributed to his fourth-place finish. He just has to be forward enough to get a stalking position. (4) STRIDE THE HILL could avoid trouble from this post by going for the front and trying not to look back. He's been bound for this class again the last few weeks and belongs. (2) JACKED went a big mile against the level below this to finish third and ultimately would do better if he sits a stalking trip. (5) IT'S A HERBIE has been dynamite at this level but just been the victim of sitting too far off the speed. This draw is tough given the two trailers but he always finds a way. And for the High 5 (7) PERLUCKY should again be good no matter the trip. He's versatile.

10-4-2-5-7

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #8 over #3

John MacDonald: #2 over #7

Verlin Yoder: #5 over #1

1	SURE THING CAPTAIN	
01May	10 OakGr	3d away, brk 7/8, drop last, pass tired rivals, no threat
23Apr	9 OakGr	duel 2w, clr, yld 5/8, 2w 3/8, duel to trn, all-out, protct 2d
16Apr	3 OakGr	float, adv 5th, chase 3° 9/16, bld sw 5/16, rm 1/8, mild 3w rall

2	GOOSEBUMPSTHEFROG	
30Apr	9 OakGr	mild shuf to last 3/8, 2w ¼, passed tired rivals, no threat
24Apr	9 OakGr	bhnd #1, 1° 9/16, adv 3L, duel 2d ¼, took 2d 1/8, no match

3	MR ROCK MY NIGHT	
08May	7 OakGr	brk start, drop last, badly detached, empty 2w bid 1/4
30Apr	9 OakGr	rate 4th off ext duel, ovrtnkn 3/8, fail close gap, no menace
23Apr	9 OakGr	3° 9/16, gap front flight, duel 5th off trn, no menace
16Apr	8 OakGr	left ins, protct ld, accl clr 7/16, open 5L, evade 1° foe, kept task

4	DEPUTY DAWG	
08May	7 OakGr	2w 3/16, close 5L gap to 1/16, aim 4w, rally, up 4th, just miss 3d
30Apr	9 OakGr	gap fast pace badly, ovrtnkn 3/8, never a factor
16Apr	8 OakGr	float, 6th 7/8, retrt, ovrtnkn ½, detached bkst

5	SWING DANCING	
17Apr	7 OakGr	refuse pkt, adv ld 5-1/2, brk, reset, adv prss, brk, 3w bid 3d, tired

6	GET CACHE READY	
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7	IAMAMANATHEART	
08May	7 OakGr	left 4w, push clr 7/8, yld 5/8, off duel, gap pkt 5/16, weakened ins

8	ARA DASH	
08May	7 OakGr	gap ½, urg closer ins str, ang 3p bhnd wall 70, mild, 1-1/2L frm 3d
01May	10 OakGr	4° 3/8, aim 3w ¼, sust grad rally around tired rivals
24Apr	12 OakGr	2° 7/16, push 3w 3/16 off duel, drivn sust rall, outkick 4w
16Apr	8 OakGr	close 4-hole, 1° ½, into 2d 3/8, sust chase, no match

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1 Mile Pace • Mini-Series 4 (N2L)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick-5

Race 6 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

(1) SURE THING CAPTAIN should leave to protect position despite breaking stride in his last start, since the bobble in stride just came from being in a tight spot from the pocket. Other speed possibly comes from (3) MR ROCK MY NIGHT and (7) IAMAMANATHEART in a race that doesn't seem to have too many late pace factors.

Race 6 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(1) SURE THING CAPTAIN gets a second chance off the break. He was second to one of the better horses at this class in Caviart Donovan and again draws well to make amends for that wobble. (7) IAMAMANATHEART may be the fastest horse off the gate. He doesn't have to contend with 1:52 speed from Clearchoice De Vie or Mistertenahkey, so this could be a much easier proposition for him. (4) DEPUTY DAWG gained position when others tired last week so he may be able to push for some minor positions as can (2) GOOSEBUMPSTHEFROG, whose last mile can be pitched completely. He finished a decent second two starts back and can add zest to the trifecta or superfecta.

1-7-4-2

Late Pick-5: 1,7 / 7 / 4 / 1,4 / 1,6,7 = \$6.00

Driver Selections

None

1 MULTINATIONAL

08May 10 OakGr bobbled st, off 3L, 3° 9/16, carr 4w off turn, belated, gd trot 1/16

2 THEWALLOFLOVE AS

3 YOUAIN'TNOFOOL

4 KANNECTS BENEDICT

5 CAPTJACK OR VELVET

6 SPELL GOODLOOKIN

7 LANDING STRIP

08May 10 OakGr left 4w, circ to ld 5/8, rate mid half, pkt foe 3/16, reel in 150y
01May 1 OakGr float, adv 2d 7/8, pkt off ext duel, ang 1/8, drivn up 1/16, str duel

8 MJR JESSIE'S JET

Race 7 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

(7) LANDING STRIP showed fleet feet from an outside post last week and has to again exhibit some similar early speed from this spot. And unless someone flashes fresh speed off these lines, this race risks being a merry-go-round for TheStable horse.

Race 7 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

A good horse was the only thing that beat (7) LANDING STRIP in that mile last week. He can leave and he can carry his speed, and this time around doesn't appear to have any horses like Yo Cheyenne to contend. (2) THEWALLOFLOVE AS was not great over a half mile but appeared to put pieces together in his most recent miles at Miami Valley. The time off is a slight concern for this filly, but she has speed and just has to overcome greenness. If (1) MULTINATIONAL can stay flat he should give chase for a minor share as well as (3) YOUAIN'TNOFOOL, who could be ready on seasonal debut and has some okay miles in Illinois as a 2-year-old.

7-2-1-3

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #6 over #5



Monday, May 15, 2023

1 Mile Pace • Maiden

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1 ALICE HILL

08May 6 OakGr faltered ¾, pass breakr 9/16, never a factor
01May 10 OakGr rearward, ovrtn 3/8, tailed off badly

2 NICENHIGH

08May 1 OakGr gap 9/16, ovrtn 7/16, lock bhnd gapped foe ¼, shuff, lack

3 TELL ME HONEY

4 BEAUTY OF THE SEA

09May 11 OakGr 2w 9/16, slow to gain, 2° 3/8, force 3w 3/16, fail adv
24Apr 11 OakGr left btwn, yld pkt, gap a bit 3/8, ang 1/8, drivn chase
17Apr 1 OakGr left 3w, bid 2d, ease, 1° 9/16, grad, prss ¼, duel, rebuffed 70y

5 GUITARS CADILLAC

08May 7 OakGr bhnd #1, badly detached, no factor
01May 10 OakGr gap off 2d flight, closer trn, ang 2w 1/8, pass tired
17Apr 7 OakGr last, 2w 5/16, grad gain, circ 3w top str, just up 3d

6 CHECK THE DEBT

08May 1 OakGr dull 2° 9/16, force 3w off trn, pass tired foes, outkick 4th 4w
30Apr 11 OakGr outsprnt, rein 4th, gap 5/8, tailed off badly

7 GOLDEN FORT

8 ALWAYS BAREFOOT

Race 8 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

(3) TELL ME HONEY has strong speed but tends to race for three-quarters of a mile instead of one mile. Meanwhile, (4) BEAUTY OF THE SEA and (8) ALWAYS BAREFOOT have tactical speed that could place them in the right spots. Everyone else will have to show speed for the first time, and then they will have to prove how well they can hold it.

Race 8 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

I'm giving one last chance to (4) BEAUTY OF THE SEA. She should've showed more in that last mile than she did, but maybe that effort can be chalked to missing a week. She has that mile under her belt, she's in against a weaker bunch. Now's the time. (8) ALWAYS BAREFOOT can zip quickly but also risks giving himself too much to do depending on where he lands from post 8. He can win, though. (3) TELL ME HONEY may be able to hold for a minor share despite her short-lived speed and (5) GUITARS CADILLAC has room to show more as he now makes his fourth start.

4-8-3-5

Driver Selections

Atlee Bender: #8 over #3

1	FALL CLASSIC BB		
08May	8 OakGr	batt ins, closed pkt, box ¼, push btwn 3/16, spl to ld, drivn clr 1/16	
30Apr	7 OakGr	2° 5/8, dull 3/8, circ 3w at once, surge ld, engulf off cvr 150y	
23Apr	9 OakGr	4° 9/16, duck last ½, never a factor	
16Apr	8 OakGr	close 3-hole, lock ½, gap ¼, empty off turn	

2	WEWILLROCKYOU AS		
23Apr	5 OakGr	use 3w, clr, prss-yld 5-1/2, off duel, all-out, one-paced ins, btn 2d 70y	

3	SPENT BIG		
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4	MR NUTTIN NICE		
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5	SCARLETT GREY		
08May	8 OakGr	batt btwn, loop, rein 3d ¾, gap 7/16, weakened ins off trn	
30Apr	7 OakGr	batt btwn, bid 2d, loop, prk uncv, ext bid 2d, loop 5/16, tired trn	
23Apr	5 OakGr	prk 2°, sett midfield, lock 9/16, gap badly 3/8, plummet ins	
16Apr	2 OakGr	float 4w, prk, bid 3d, duck 5th 5-1/2, shuff, last 3/8, tail off	

6	SPRINGHOUSE MS MAC		
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7	SAGE ON STAGE		
01May	11 OakGr	pl.2: 1° 9/16, grad, duel 2d 5/16, urg sust rall, outkick 3w 2d	
24Apr	3 OakGr	outsprint, batt 4th 3/8, gap top trio, labor off turn	
17Apr	1 OakGr	loop, park, uncv 6-1/2, sett 4th 5-1/2, empty 1/4	

8	KB'SSWEETCAROLINE		
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Race 9 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

Speed looks to come from the inside three here and then maybe from (5) SCARLETT GREY and (6) SPRINGHOUSE MS MAC. Point being, many here can show speed. This is a grouping of NW1 that have plenty of ability and that form could carry them home more than landing in the right spot.

Race 9 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(1) FALL CLASSIC BB looked really good last week. He wanted to burst from the pocket from the three-quarter spot onward and gobbled racetrack once fed. Any replication of that effort makes him tough to beat. (4) MR NUTTIN NICE ships from Shenandoah Downs for a seemingly in-form stable off decent miles against similar competition. He could pop a strong mile. (2) WEWILLROCKYOU AS raced evenly in his last Oak Grove outing but also has not raced in three weeks. He may be better for the time off but more likely one that can land on the ticket. (8) KB'SSWEETCAROLINE can also land on the ticket given her strong late pace, but she usually sits so far off the lead that she has too much to do to win.

1-4-2-8

Driver Selections

Jamaal Denson: #4 over #7

1	ROGERS IMAGE	
08May	11 OakGr	bat btwn, wrk clr 5-1/2, yld 5/8, gap ¼, all-out, no match
24Apr	8 OakGr	left 3w, wrk clr ¾, prss ¼, duel trn, drivn, dug in, hld pkt foe

2	RACING PARTY	
09May	11 OakGr	dq, pl.4: left 4w, clr ¾, yld 5-1/2, ang 1/8 w/o rm, hit 2w foe, flat

3	JOE MCDUDE	
08May	2 OakGr	left 2w, prk, adv to clr 5/8, mild prss ¼, drivn clr, evade 3w foe
01May	5 OakGr	float, 2° ¾, 3° 9/16, bld sw ¼, blkd 3p str, even bhnd wall
24Apr	8 OakGr	2° ½, mild tow, lost cvr trn, bid 4th, urg even str
17Apr	2 OakGr	prk, adv clr 5-1/2, yld 9/16, box 3/8, rm 150y, urg ins, btn 4w 2d

4	BAY CITY	
08May	11 OakGr	left 4w, retrt 3w 7/8, sett 9th 5-1/2, circ 3w 3/16, sust mild belated
30Apr	2 OakGr	left 3w, loop, adv pkt 6-1/2, brsh 5/8, pkt foe 5/16, kick clr 1/8, dirvn

5	ROCK JAGGER	
08May	11 OakGr	bhnd sluggish #2, check, drop 8th, traffic ins, ang 3/16, lacked
30Apr	5 OakGr	spl to ld, chk 5/8 when 2w foe crossd ld, box, wedg 2w 1/8, up 70y
24Apr	7 OakGr	dove 4th, save grd, no rm 3/8, wedge 2w 3/16, fail sustain bid
17Apr	5 OakGr	duel 2w, ld, yld ¾, gap some ½, protct pkt, one-paced ins

6	DOWAHS BOY	
08May	9 OakGr	left 4w, circ 3w to clr 5/8, prss 7/16, duel, btn 3w, btn 1/2L for 2d
30Apr	2 OakGr	back, save grd, fail fully close gap, urg pass tired foes ins
24Apr	9 OakGr	easy ins ld, set fast pace, drew clear steadily, in hand
16Apr	9 OakGr	lag, duck last, ang 3w 3/8, urg mild bid, aim 3w str, urg, lack

7	NIGHT OUT	
09May	10 OakGr	2w 9/16, 3° 7/16, gap 3/8, all-out str, even at best
30Apr	8 OakGr	bhnd #1, gap 3L at st, 5° 3/8, bld sw trn, blkd 3p 1/8, lack
23Apr	10 OakGr	chase 2° 9/16, 3° 3/8, fan 4w off trn, drivn, strg belated rally
17Apr	5 OakGr	left 3w, push clr ¾, prss ½, dug in, reel in 1/16, gamely

8	WHAMMER JAMMER	
08May	11 OakGr	back, cvr 7/16, around empty foe, carr 4w off trn, gd belated
30Apr	2 OakGr	park, bid 5th ¾, retrt last, ang 5/16, fail catch covr, pass tired
16Apr	7 OakGr	lag, shuff last, cvr ¼, uncv 3/16, passed one, no menace

9	ROCK STEADY RON	
09May	10 OakGr	pkt, 3d ¾, lock 3/8, mild shuff, hook 3w 150y, urg, just miss 3d
30Apr	8 OakGr	stalk ins, 2° 3/8, bld sw ¼, duck ins trn, labor off trn
23Apr	10 OakGr	adv 3d, flush 1° 3/8, narrow 3d, flat 3/16, labor off trn,
16Apr	4 OakGr	2w ½, mild adv, 3° 3/8, fan 4w off trn, gd bid, 3/4L frm 2d

10	KENTUKYLADY	
01May	5 OakGr	btwn to ld, yld ¾, retk 5/8, rate, prss 5/16, kick clr 1/8, handily
24Apr	8 OakGr	easy ins ld, yld ¾, off duel trn, rm ang 1/16, gd late chase
16Apr	1 OakGr	bat btwn, prk, push cl 6-1/2, rate, prss ¼, engulf 1/16, tired

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Race 10 Outlook *by Ray Cotolo*

Again, the speed inside is strong. (1) ROGERS IMAGE, (2) RACING PARTY, (3) JOE MCDUDE, (6) DOWAHS BOY... they can stack three wide to the quarter here real easily. This can be a wild race where we may be able to milk some better prices from some of these horses given how wide open this race is on paper.

Race 10 Contenders *by Ray Cotolo*

(7) NIGHT OUT didn't look stellar racing last week, but he still finished well given the company he was against. Now he gets a drop in class and competes against a group where he better fits so maybe he improves. And since MacDonald drives first call for Jack Rice, Jamaal Denson picks up an okay one in (6) DOWAHS BOY. DOWAHS BOY went a big mile to finish third last week and shouldn't have to go as tough a mile or be against as fast of competition as he was when losing by 10 lengths to Heavy Pressure. He's alright and fits this class. (1) ROGERS IMAGE figures to push forward and isn't against horses like Surfer Beach and Rock It Out, so his speed could be more contentious from this inside draw. (9) ROCK STEADY RON should land a forward spot given ROGERS IMAGE should go, and ROCK STEADY RON has proven he can give chase at any speed of mile.

7-6-1-9

Driver Selections

John MacDonald: #7 over #6

1 IDEAL ACE

08May	2 OakGr	bhnd #1, close 3-hole, 1° 9/16, grad to pkt ¼, brief bid, level off
01May	5 OakGr	pkt off duel, 3d ¾, lock 7/16, blkd ins, rm 70y, urg even
17Apr	5 OakGr	back, detached ½, never a factor, 2w str, passed one

2 MIC PATRIOT

08May	3 OakGr	bhnd #1, gap top flight 3/8, drift 2p ¼, weakened gradually
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3 BRYSEN

08May	3 OakGr	left 3w, duck pkt, 2w 3/8, bid turn, btn 3w 150y, level off
01May	5 OakGr	bhnd #1, close 4-hole ins, lock ½, shuff badly, blkd ins, lack 70y
24Apr	7 OakGr	bhnd #2, back, fail close gap trn, not a factor

4 SCRAPPY SAM

08May	3 OakGr	dull 2° 5/8, force 3w 5/16, close 5L gap, pass tired rivals, 4w 1/16
01May	12 OakGr	bhnd #1, lock 1st trn, rm ¾, 1° 9/16, bid 3d, ovrtn 3w, urg even
24Apr	9 OakGr	lock 9/16, mild shuf, ang 3/16, bid 4th, flat, btn 4L for 2d
17Apr	10 OakGr	back, no room 5/8, aim 3w covr 3/16, fail sustain bid

5 YANKEE CAPTAIN

08May	3 OakGr	never involved
01May	12 OakGr	outsprnt, gap top pair ½, ovrtn 3/8, weakened ins
24Apr	13 OakGr	yld 4th ¾, lock ½, gap off trn, no resp to urging
17Apr	3 OakGr	off batt, ins, fail close gap 5/16, empty ins

6 SHE'SAHOTMUFLER

08May	2 OakGr	3° 5/16, aided by cover, passed tired and shuffled foes, no threat
17Apr	9 OakGr	ins 1d, yld 7/8, 3d 5/8, lock 9/16, ang ¼, mild bid 3d, lack str

7 ROCKIN ELLA MAE

8 SETTLEMOIR

08May	3 OakGr	yld 3d 6-1/2, stalk top flight, all-out 1/8, empty ins
24Apr	13 OakGr	2° 5/8, dull 3° ½, 3w ¼, urg mild rall off trn
17Apr	10 OakGr	lock 5/8, behind gappd foe ¼, split 1/8+, traff, lack str w/rm

Race 11 Outlook *by Ray Coto*

(1) IDEAL ACE, (3) BRYSEN and (6) SHE'SAHOTMUFLER are the obvious early speed factors, with (7) ROCKIN ELLA MAE also possibly kicking off the gate early. One piece worth noting in a race like this: the rains last Sunday really quickened the track. Classes that were going :57 to the half were going :54 and many races went two or three seconds faster. Take that for whatever it's worth.

Race 11 Contenders *by Ray Coto*

(7) ROCKIN ELLA MAE looks to have the strongest speed and could be ready off a two-month layoff. She qualified sharply with a :56.3 back half and can just go forward. She's fast. (1) IDEAL ACE is also fast, but he's not as fast off the gate lately as he's usually been. Though last week he raced with plenty of zeal from the second tier so he could be racing back into form. (4) SCRAPPY SAM raced from an impossible spot last out and has been good getting checks despite it. He can go forward in a race where others don't go forward. (3) BRYSEN can land a forward spot early and chase, too. But that's about the most likely thing he'll do here.

7-1-4-3

Driver Selections

Tyler Shehan: #6 over #2

1	NO STONE UNTURNED
09May	12 OakGr left 3w, adv pkt ¾, gap 9/16, ovrtnkn for pkt, lock bkst, empty
24Apr	2 OakGr batt ins, pkt, 3d 5-1/2, labor ¼, all-out, protct 3d, no match
17Apr	8 OakGr 2° 5/8, live bkst, aim 3w off turn, drivn sust rally, closed best

2	SPOXYS GIRL
01May	12 OakGr duel 2w 1st trn, sett pkt ¾, rate, closer ¼, 2w 1/8, drivn ld 1/16
24Apr	9 OakGr rate 2d off fast pace, led 2d flt, prss ¼, btn 2d 1/8, worn dn
17Apr	3 OakGr ang 5/16, circ 3w turn, fan 5w str, pass tired rivals

3	ROLLNROZ
08May	2 OakGr off 2L, close 3L gap to 4° 3/8, circ 3w 3/16, sust strng rally, 2d 70y

4	CAVIART RICHMOND
08May	9 OakGr left 3w, prss fwd, loop 3w, prss pkt 5/8, box 3/8 off duel, labor
01May	5 OakGr left 3w, push clr ¾, yld 5/8, box 3/8, gap duel 3/16, no match
24Apr	7 OakGr batt btw, ease 3d, slid 2° 3/8, gap even, stall ¼, toil off turn

5	GUSSY'S TRUMP CARD
01May	9 OakGr pkt, 3d ¾, 1° 5/16, gd gain trn, bid 1/8, kept at bay, gd 2d
24Apr	4 OakGr outsprnt, lock 9/16, rm 1/8, ang 2p 150y, evenly

6	CLASSY HILL
08May	2 OakGr 3° 9/16, uncov ¼, bid 3d, outkick 3w 150y, even at best
30Apr	5 OakGr pl.7: 2w 5-1/2, adv 5L to 2°, 3w push 3/16, mild bid, flat off trn
24Apr	13 OakGr batt ins, open some ¼, pkt foe 1/8, drivn duel, just btn

7	LUCKYCHRIS
08May	9 OakGr prk back w/covr, 4° 7/16, gap bkst, carr 5w off turn, no kick
30Apr	5 OakGr pl.2: tow 3° 5-1/2, fan 4w off trn, flew home, just miss 2d

8	BURNIN RUBBER
01May	9 OakGr midpack, in clr, ang 1/8, fil adv, even at best
24Apr	4 OakGr duel 2w, clr, yld ¾, box 5/8, off ext duel, one-paced ins

9	ROCK THIS TOWN
08May	9 OakGr pkt off 3-way batt, 4th 5-1/2, lock 7/16, gap ins ¼, toil
01May	9 OakGr ins ld, yld ¾, gap top pair 3/16, LH urg top str, no resp
24Apr	4 OakGr 3° 5/8, bld sw 5/16, fan 5w off trn, urg sust mild gain

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Race 12 Outlook

by Ray Cotolo

Yet another race where the bulk of the speed draws inside. The outer three horses can leave, but they’ll be in tough spots if (1) NO STONE UNTURNED, (2) SPOXYS GIRL and (4) CAVIART RICHMOND fire off early. A horse like (6) CLASSY HILL can leave too, but could get into a tough spot parking around the first turn.

Race 12 Contenders

by Ray Cotolo

(3) ROLLNROZ was massive last week. She took back given the quick early fractions but should sit much closer this week. And if she’s closer, she could reel the speed in here. (5) GUSSY’S TRUMP CARD drops in class after a week off and as long as he’s still race ready he can go a strong effort. (2) SPOXYS GIRL was good off a perfect trip and upon straightening in the lane but otherwise was not much to write home about. She was enough to write on a tip sheet as a contender about, though. (4) CAVIART RICHMOND should be able to work a trip and stay involved for the underneath spots since no one in this field likely goes a 1:52.1 mile.

3-5-2-4

Driver Selections

Kyle Husted: #5 over #4

John MacDonald: #1 over #6