



Monday, April 15, 2024 • Race Day 4

Today's selections and commentary by: *Ray Cotolo*

Full-Card Selections

1	7-3-2-6	6	6-1-8-5	11	5-6-4-3
2	3-6-2-1	7	5-3-6-2	12	2-3-5-1
3	3-1-6-4	8	6-9-1-4	13	-
4	6-7-5-3	9	6-1-9-4	14	-
5	1-6-3-4	10	2-4-6-1	15	-

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 7
 Race 2: 6
 Race 3: 1,3,6,4
 Race 4: 6,7
 Race 5: 1,6
 Total Stake: \$3.20 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 6,8
 Race 7: 3,5,6
 Race 8: 1,6,9
 Race 9: 1,6,9
 Race 10: 2
 Total Stake: \$7.20 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile/Pace • USHDC NW \$4,200 L4 Opt. Claim \$12,000
 (7) TOPVILLE ROCKNLUCK rallied with a menacing charge around the final turn but settled for fifth. He's shown life of late and should be sharp on the class drop. (3) BUSINESS CHECK reaffirmed his win with a strong off-the-pace bid to take third. He's in solid form. (2) SHES A FIREBALL raced alright from a tough post but this barn really popped last week, so maybe this gal can improve. (6) TAPPED TEEN will show speed but may or may not last the distance.

Race 2

1 Mile/Trot • NW 1 EXT PM LT
 (3) ESCAPER scored down strongly in the warm up and followed that with a good effort in his second start off the bench. He gets a good draw and could be a live price. (6) HAUTEUR has gone some tough trips this year, but gets a post draw where she could be vulnerable tripwise. (2) BOYD'S COVE debuts for Tony Dinges off a pair of qualifiers. His pedigree catches the eye in this field so he could be a sneaky factor. (1) CALL OF THE WILD went miles at 2 that could compete here, but his lone qualifier is lackluster. He has a good draw.

Race 3

1 Mile/Pace • Fillies & Mares NW 1 EXT PM
 (3) ROCKINWITHDAVE gets a better post to utilize her speed to potential. (1) ALWAYS B A LADY just has to stay flat and she'll get involved late. (6) MSGRANT TWENTYFOUR worked a good trip and rallied to outrace her odds on seasonal debut. If she steps forward she'll get a piece. (4) SPARKLING DIVA appears a winshy type who could maybe somehow fight the uphill battle to win.

Race 4

1 Mile/Pace • Fillies & Mares Open
 (6) SOFT SPOT had loads of late energy and could work the right trip with this draw. (7) SOUTHWIND BELLA rebounded astutely from getting locked in, but her having the outermost post could work against her. (5) KEEP MY SECRET had tons of ability at 3, but may try for a simple mile on her 4-year-old debut. (3) TO ALL A GOODNIGHT similarly makes her 4-year-old debut but showed promise at 3.

Race 5

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$4,000 L4 CD
 (1) RACIN FOR ROYALTY ships in for a good barn and showed speed over east coast tracks that could win her this race. She just has to be ready off a month. (6) ROGERS IMAGE raced well here last season and could rekindle that form off a decent race at Hoosier. (3) AMERICAN DREAMER drops in class and gets a good draw to work his trip. (4) TAKEITTO THEFACE got claimed off a big mile. His speed could be a good match for John MacDonald.

Race 6

1 Mile/Pace • Open
 (6) THIS KIT ROCKS advanced uncovered on a death grip and only got the whip when he had to sprint. This horse fits this class and just has to sit close to the speed. (1) ROCK N REPUBLIC is fast and can carry his speed. Watch out. (8) ROCKS SHINING STAR will have to blast and last from this outside post. He could go the distance, or find trouble. (5) MUSKATEER HANOVER raced well at Dover and will just have to translate that form to Oak Grove.

Race 7

1 Mile/Pace • USHDC NW \$3,000 L4 Opt. Claim \$8,000

(5) DOWAHS BOY raced well from a trip he tends not to perform well from last out. If he can leave the gate here, he'll be live. (3) SOUTHWIND MOLLY should improve now that she's not encumbered with the second tier. In spite, she showed life to grab fourth last out. (6) ROCKIN M had tons of momentum and then folded in his last start for Brinson. Off the claim, he maybe takes a step forward. (2) INDIANA CAM has raced okay at similar classes but looks like one to just get a check.

Race 8

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(6) FIGHTFORYOURRIGHT showed he has the speed to be a contender. Now in his third start off the layoff, he may have the confidence to conquer. (9) DESIGNATED FREAK will have to hope he's following speed off the gate. He has to sit closer. (1) TELLITLIKESONNY gets a huge post switch off a solid seasonal debut. (4) EXTORTION went nice miles at 2 and enters off an odd but eye-catching qualifier.

Race 9

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$9,000 L4

(6) PD THE BIG EASY appears in form to play a major role. Expect him to leave and try to keep rolling. (1) CAPTION THIS was a clear best of the rest when losing to a now Open pacer last out. He's supposed to win in this spot. (9) SADDLE UP should have speed to follow and comes from good races for a top barn. (4) TIP TOP CAT has the class, but is making his first start of the year. He could win off the bench, but would have to be the right price to try and bet.

Race 10

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(2) CRUNCH THE NUMBERS clearly topped his bunch last out and finds a group where he seems clearly better than, but only maybe. (4) RULEDIMAGE could be a threat off back-to-back good miles. She has improved in each start this season and should continue that trend. (6) TOQUE makes a big move from the fairs to a pari-mutuel circuit off small-track success, so he could be worth a gamble given he's unexposed. (1) ANNABARRY has an inside post and has chased fast miles so she should get a good share.

Race 11

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,700 L4 CD

(5) MAJOR LEAGUER should show speed with the improved post and that's all he needs to get involved. (6) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE dips to a level where he should succeed, but speed may not get him to the winner's circle. (4) SCHWARTZ BROS PAT finished evenly but could improve on the better draw. (3) WOLFTRAX had some pace late but may need one more start to get fully torqued.

Race 12

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(2) VESPA N drops in class and moves to a post from which he can better work into the race. He's obvious. (3) YANKEE B SOMETHING makes another drop in class and just got shuffled out of the mix last out. She'll win one of these days. (5) DAKOTA JACK went a solid mile last out and could honestly do that again. (1) PALOMAR proved much the best last out but now moves into deeper waters, but could be capable with a softer trip.

SHEET STATS

STATS (4/1/24- 4/9/24)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	48	15	14	5	7	41
WIN %		31.25%	29.17%	10.42%	14.58%	85.42%
RETURN	(\$96)	\$75.92	\$127.66	\$127.42	\$92.40	\$423.40
ROI %		-20.92%	32.98%	32.73%	-3.75%	10.26%
AVG RETURN		\$5.06	\$9.12	\$25.48	\$13.20	\$13.22
MEDIAN RETURN		\$4.16	\$5.46	\$23.50	\$8.52	\$5.92
AVG ODDS		3.95	5.87	7.92	13.72	7.87
MEDIAN ODDS		2.49	3.10	6.61	9.21	4.19
CORRECT PLACINGS	RACES	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	ALL
RACES	48	15	8	10	5	38
RATE		31.25%	16.67%	20.83%	10.42%	19.79%