



Tuesday, April 16, 2024 • Race Day 6

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Full-Card Selections

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

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 3,9
 Race 2: 1,3
 Race 3: 8
 Race 4: 4,6
 Race 5: 6
 Total Stake: \$1.60 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

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

Race 1

1 Mile/Trot • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT

(3) LEGACY'S JAILBREAK has shown wicked gate speed and also meets a bunch that could let her steal it on the lead. (4) JEWELS FOR CHAMP seems ready to go off the qualifiers, but he'll take money and sometimes this barn's debuters need a start. (9) BEAT BOBBY BAYOU went a big mile at first asking, though threw a couple bad steps and stayed together. If he has speed to follow into the race early, he'll be a player. (1) APPLE FRITTER abandoned a leave attempt from a bad draw so expect more from a better draw.

Race 2

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(1) WITHIN THE WILD came from an impossible spot to finish second on debut. Now seems the time for him. (3) PRETTY N SASSY finally lands on the gate after having to forge trips out of the second tier. She's the next most logical in a mixed field. (8) THATS CACHE just has to deal with the bad post. She has the speed and ability but the post hurts. (5) THE PHANTOM saved ground and grabbed a piece last week so why can't he do that again?

Race 3

1 Mile/Trot • Open 2

OK I don't have much space here. (8) SPARKS FLY is a beast and could even overcome the draw. (7) EMPIRE BUILDER is adaptable but may benefit from showing more speed. (6) YO BETH D drops in class and that looks enough to get her involved. (3) SWEET MR PINETUCKY won here before and gets a better post so he could wake up at a price okay I did it I didn't run out of space t

Race 4

1 Mile/Pace • Claiming \$7,500

(4) CUTTING CLASS figured to be a factor last out but then he broke stride and stuff. He qualified alright and could be in play on the driver switch. (6) AYR PIONEER GB still packs a strong punch but just the one, so he has to time his move just right. He fits though. (3) SECTION-LINERONNIE has continued to get into the action at large prices so he'll probably find a way onto the ticket. (1) WESTERN TYRANT gets a better post off an alright mile last out. Live one underneath.

Race 5

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,500 L4

(6) HIS BEATS HANOVER went favored from an impossible spot last out but enters here off an alright qualifier. Maybe this start he warrants play. (3) MERITO HANOVER appears to have the speed to contend with this bunch, but otherwise an even type. (4) BR EZLIKSNODYMORNIN has gone good miles to start the campaign and should continue to get involved. (2) SNEAK ON BYE still has room to rekindle form against a lackluster bunch and for the new barn.

Race 6

1 Mile/Trot • Open

(6) RAILEE SOMETHING was a nice filly last year and has shown she can win off layoffs like this one. (1) COLLEGE TUITION gets back on the gate, which is necessary for a speed type like him. (5) JUST FOR TRIX gets a better draw to hopefully not get him wobbly and let him trot a storm. (4) IT'S A HERBIE is a stout grinder whos muscle should get him somewhere onto the ticket.

Race 7

1 Mile/Trot • NW 1 EXT PM LT CD

(3) DANCING DOVER lost to a tougher foe last out. This should be his race to lose. (1) MISS KENTUCKY charged home to snag the victory off the bench last out and is the most likely spoiler. (7) LONELY LAKEWOOD qualified evenly, but he showed okay speed at 2 that could land him into the mix here. (4) YOU ME AND WHISKEY similarly showed contending speed last year and should land on the ticket with a conservative mile incoming.

Race 8

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT CD

(6) PAYCHECK PRINCESS went a huge mile last out to finish fifth; a much-improved effort from her debut. She could be ready for a picture. (3) FROZEN SHARK continues to grab pieces but his win shyness remains an obstacle. (2) DEPUTY DAWG lands on the gate off an even effort when getting shuffled from the second tier. He should work a better trip on the class drop. (8) APRIL'S BIG GUY showed his upset was no fluke, but now he'll have to navigate into action from a tough draw.

Race 9

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$2,700 L4 CD

(1) SWAN OF DREAMS just has to stay flat leaving the gate. He's one that can keep chugging through the line, so he needs to just avoid danger. (2) VALOTTALOVE took loads of early play last week and justified it despite going at 11-1 and finishing second. He clearly fits here. (5) SHIF TAN GEARS shows speed that can get him involved, but not much else based off these lines. (4) LOOK AT DAT KAT also just has to stay flat. He can close strongly but sometimes his legs get tangly.

Race 10

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT

(2) GHOST SHARK should be tough to beat if that qualifier form holds. He showed spunk in Illinois stakes as a 3-year-old so this might be a cakewalk. (5) GREAT SEATS had the race won until he got nailed last week, so perhaps without the seas of Moses opening he can grab a win. (6) MIKI LEAKS has won back to back here at Oak Grove and appears in a whole new zone as a 5-year-old. He can carry that momentum on the move up in class. (4) GUITARS CADILLAC is always sneaky at big prices, so he's a must use for the exotics.

Race 11

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,500 L4

(3) MY HOUSE tired reasonably from a quarter move to the lead that lasted through most of the front straight-away. Since he's out of the second tier, he should take a big step forward in his second start for the barn. (2) JIM STRIKESITRICH was ready to race but went too tough a trip on the rim. He remains live if near what he showed last week. (5) ROCKIN ELLA MAE closed from somewhere to take second last out and remains a persistent threat at this class level. (1) MESSI N may show more speed now that he has a start under his belt and a good post.

Race 12

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(4) NARANJO went a solid mile against much tougher to take fourth at big odds two weeks ago. He should be better for the race and should also be more competitive from this spot. (2) EYE OF A TIGER AS fits this class, though is making his seasonal debut. Take at the right price. (1) MCMATTERS went an alright mile when last here at Oak Grove and could improve from that on a fast track. (9) MOCHA JAVA would walk over this field if not in the second tier. From the second tier, he'll need some John MacDonald magic.

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%