



Tuesday, April 23, 2024 • Race Day 8

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

Full-Card Selections

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

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 2,4,9
 Race 2: 3,4,5
 Race 3: 1,3,4
 Race 4: 5
 Race 5: 5
 Total Stake: \$5.40 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 1,3,4,5
 Race 7: 1,5
 Race 8: 3,6,7,9
 Race 9: 3,5
 Race 10: 8
 Total Stake: \$12.80 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM Claiming

(9) RULEDIMAGE finished a solid third against a good one at this class last out and has a strong kick that should help her overcome the second tier. (4) FROZEN SHARK is terrific when he lays close and has the race land into his lap. It happened last time and maybe could again. (2) CAN'T STAY TO LONG gets a better post off a strong effort against tougher last out. She should map a good trip. (6) POCKET JAX took loads of play on the trainer switch last out and could have found a new groove for the Oke barn.

Race 2

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,500 L4

(3) SCHWARTZ BROS PAT worked a great trip but didn't get room until too late last out in a race that fell apart. He's in solid form right now and just has to be given a chance to gather his speed. (4) WOLFTRAX made a premature blitz for the lead and folded through the final turn. He definitely seems a notch from his best but he's getting better with each start. (5) IDEAL ACE takes another drop in class and has been known to just roll for the lead on a speed mission. Live price? (1) ROCKIN ELLA MAE had no way to get into the race last out but is consistent at this class and gets a good draw.

Race 3

1 Mile/Trot • Maiden

Not much room here. Losing grammar. (3) READLY SUCCESS made big improvement last out. Good draw just has to stay flat. (1) DANCING DOVER just has to stay flat. He stay flat, he do well. (4) COLONEL REB adds hopples and that should help. (9) VOCALIZE has class. Okay good

Race 4

1 Mile/Trot • Open

(5) JUST FOR TRIX combines again with Andy Miller, who piloted the speedster to his lifetime best 1:49.4 effort last year in Lexington. He had no chance to race with his broken tire last out and appears overall more well mannered at 5. (6) OH LOOK MAGIC has gone big miles at The Meadowlands that fit this level. He's obvious for a top barn. (7) SWAN FLYER has just shown pure muscle in his last two outings at Oak Grove so no matter where he lands he's a factor. (3) USOSWEET BLUE CHIP keeps finding ways into a piece of the pie and so how could she not land on the ticket again?

Race 5

1 Mile/Trot • Maiden

(5) JEWELS FOR CHAMP got steppy in the straight and broke, but he finds a group where he might not have to go too hard to grab a win. (1) AUTUMN WINDS figures to sit close given the draw and can keep tabs for a slice. (6) CAVIART GRADY makes his sophomore debut for a hot Debeck barn off a solid qualifier. Sometimes these kind need a start but they do still find a way to get involved. (2) YOUAIN'TNOFOOL gets a good draw and possibly can finish best of the rest at an okay price.

Race 6

1 Mile/Pace • \$7,500 Claiming

(3) THREE CARD has raced well against slightly tougher at Miami Valley and appeals as a fresh face in a bunch that mostly trades blows. (1) WESTERN TYRANT almost snatched the win last out and should be live again. (5) FIRE LIGHT won off a trip he maybe works again. (4) ESAI HANOVER went a better mile and could be sneaky.

Race 7

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM Claiming

(1) ANNABARRY shipped to Oak Grove and went a big mile against a much-the-best favorite last out. She's the most logical. (5) ASHLEECOLDMUFFLER went a big first half after not finding a seat and still managed to hold fourth through it all. He's getting better. (2) APRIL'S BIG GUY can hit the ticket off a good trip joined with the good draw. (4) GIRL GIGGLES likes to grab shares and could certainly do so here.

Race 8

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(6) FEAR THE MADNESS went solid miles in the Golden Rod series as a freshman that could win him this race. He qualified alright against his classier stablemate and may be ready off the blocks. (9) BET ON BIG JOE similarly was a fast 2-year-old but showed much more vibrancy in his qualifier. He's stuck with a bad post but appears to have plenty of ability. (7) MIKI BELLE just took a bad step when seeming live on debut a few weeks ago. He stayed flat in the qualifier and deserves another chance. (3) FIGHTFORYOURRIGHT went a big mile on the lead but folded just in the closing stages. He can still hold his own in this group.

Race 9

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$4,000 L4

I didn't think (5) MONTANA CHIEF A could win from the spot he was last out, but he did. I respect that. Now he moves up and should be able to take a step forward off two strong efforts. (3) ROBERT AGAIN drops in class and gets back on the gate to be an obvious factor. (1) ROGERS IMAGE rolled into the mix as the pace collapsed last out but gets a good draw this week to show maybe he doesn't need the race to fall apart. (7) GALACTIC STORM similarly closed as the heat cooled on the front. He's coming into this race tight too off two improved starts.

Race 10

1 Mile/Trot • Open 3

If (8) MOCHA JAVA stays flat, he wins. I believe this with all of my heart. He just bobbled last out trying to navigate around traffic from the second tier. He's rolling today. (3) SWEET MR PINETUCKY drops in class and should be able to work a solid trip in this race. (9) EYE OFA TIGER AS just got clipped at the line last out and should be better this week from that start. (5) COUNTRY MAMMA has stakes experience and makes her 4-year-old debut off a good qualifier.

Race 11

1 Mile/Trot • NW 2 EXT PM LT CD

(5) APPLE FRITTER had the race fall into his lap, sure, but he had shown bits of improvement in each of his starts. He has the speed to get where he needs to go, but does find a tougher group here. (6) WHATTA YEAR similarly has taken steps forward with each start and may be able to steal another one on the lead. (2) LUPIN K got shuffled and locked but had some trot to offer on his seasonal bow. Should have more in the tank this time. (1) MISS KENTUCKY had too much ground to recoup and settled for second. While she does have a good late kick, her positioning will determine how well she can do here.

Race 12

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,500 L4

Given the best stock is encumbered in the second tier, this could be the time for (7) CRIUS N ROCK to show what he's got. His most recent effort was an improved sixth-place finish behind better horses and this race really lacks early speed. He can get a spot close and work some gold mayhaps. (10) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE just has to find a way out of traffic to succeed. The trip will be tough. Similar for the (9) HIS BEATS HANOVER who will likely have to close. (1) JOE MCDUDE at least gets a good draw and is another that will try to plug into the mix.

SHEET STATS

| STATS (4/1/24- 4/16/24) | WINS | TOP PICK | 2ND PICK | 3RD PICK | 4TH PICK | ALL PICKS |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| # OF RACES | 72 | 22 | 20 | 7 | 9 | 58 |
| WIN % | | 30.56% | 27.78% | 9.72% | 12.50% | 80.56% |
| RETURN | (\$144) | \$103.08 | \$196.18 | \$150.04 | \$148.76 | \$598.06 |
| ROI % | | -28.42% | 36.24% | 4.19% | 3.31% | 3.83% |
| AVG RETURN | | \$4.69 | \$9.81 | \$21.43 | \$16.53 | \$13.11 |
| MEDIAN RETURN | | \$3.93 | \$5.44 | \$16.94 | \$10.28 | \$5.51 |
| AVG ODDS | | 4.18 | 5.77 | 8.53 | 13.62 | 8.02 |
| MEDIAN ODDS | | 2.50 | 3.42 | 6.68 | 10.60 | 4.48 |
| CORRECT PLACINGS | RACES | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH | ALL |
| RACES | 72 | 22 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 52 |
| RATE | | 30.56% | 13.89% | 16.67% | 11.11% | 18.06% |