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Monday, May 6, 2024 • Race Day 11

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Full-Card Selections

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

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 4,7 Race 2: 6 Race 3: 7 Race 4: 3,5,6,8 Race 5: 1,3,6 Total Stake: \$5.40 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 4 Race 7: 6 Race 8: 1,6 Race 9: 5 Race 10: 1,2,5,7 Total Stake: \$1.60 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 4YO Horses & Geldings

(7) ADMIRAL HILL has the most talent of this group but the post brings his trip to victory into question. Closing may be hard from this spot, but launching may be equally as tough. (4) TIP TOP CAT went a strong mile at second asking and should be sharp again third out. (1) EL REY gets a great draw but is at risk of either having too much to do or having to go first up. (2) A COOL MOMENT had a bad post on debut so with that mile under his belt he should have more to offer.

Race 2

1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 4YO Mares

(6) MAMBACITA again draws into a spot where she should just be able to leave and lead. Her closest competitors have landed in tough spots. (4) PICABOO LADY could work a good trip from this draw off an even finish in leg one. (8) CANTERBURY HANOVER was superb on debut and just has to overcome the draw. Same thing for (9) RAILEE SOMETHING, though she seems more dull without Lasix. Room for her to show otherwise.

Race 3

1 Mile/Pace • Fillies & Mares Open

(7) ALEXA SKYE clearly needed the start two lines ago and followed it with a strong speed job in 1:50.4. She'll likely try to roll again. (6) AINTHESAMEWITHOUTU can work from either way, but her best chance will be to try and sit pocket to ALEXA SKYE. Otherwise, price shop for second. (4) ILLUSION SEELSTER went a big mile to reel in the pacesetter and upset last out. She's in good form. (1) YANKEE B SOMETHING threw in a clunker last out but is better usually than what she showed in that mile.

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1 Mile/Pace • Open

(3) ROCKS SHINING STAR finally lands a good draw. This guy has not been able to get into the race his last two starts but here is a no-excuse spot. (6) THIS KIT ROCKS hasn't been able to work the right trip but he's a gutsy enough horse that he should still be a factor. (5) ROBERT AGAIN is going well at the moment and could do well with the right trip. (8) HE'ZZZ A WISE SKY is fast and can carry his speed a ways, so post 8 may not be a super encumberance for him.

Race 4

Race 5

1 *Mile/Pace* • *Fillies & Mares NW \$2,700 L4 CD* (1) ALLABOUTTHEMATERIAL is one good trip away from the winner's circle. This gal has had zero luck. (6) SHAKEANERA does her best work when she can get to the point and cruise, and her draw may allow her to work that trip. (3) RACIN FOR ROYALTY needs a trip but with a helmet to follow she usually is charging. (5) KIZZMELIKEUMISSME can sit forward and then grab a piece.

Race 6

1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 4YO Horses & Geldings

(4) ARI FERRARI J went a big mile on debut but post 8 likely did him no favors. Now that he has a solid draw, all go and no whoa. (2) COUNTRY DAGGER can likely sit a good trip from this spot. (6) DJIMON has the toughest path to navigate but he had enough fervor late last out that he could come chugging. (1) SHOW ME A MILLION gets a good draw and could get a share.

Race 7

1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 4YO Horses & Geldings

(6) IT'S MY SHOW needs points to make the final, so this could be a speed mission at first asking. (4) BAMBOOZLER should blast too and maybe have a bit more with that mile under his belt. (5) BLUE LOU can get involved given the right trip, though the post is tricky. (3) COMBUSTION will need a helmet to track in order to get involved.

Race 8

1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 4YO Horses & Geldings

(6) AHADI AS had loads of late trot on his debut despite the slow back half but also showed decent ability as a sophomore. Possible live price. (1) ONCE IN A LIFETIME ships in with his fancy and fast metropolitan miles that he may convert to a win here, but he's obvious. (5) BUDDY EARL got second off a good trip last out so maybe he does well again, I dunno'. (4) MORNING EDITION can close in for a piece given the right setup.

Race 9

1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 4YO Horses & Geldings

(5) BESTFRIEND VOLO appears the one to beat just on speed. (3) FRENCH WINE can go a long ways and maybe works a good trip from this draw but only would be value if not favored. (4) SPARKS FLY is a tremendous horse but tough to see how he gets his trip from this spot. (2) THE HAZELTON should have more late in the mile since he gets a good draw this week.

Race 10

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(5) GO NOW had a solid freshman campaign and enters here just off an okay qualifier, but the ability is there. Dexter Dunn getting the drive may bring the price down but she should be sharp if she's close to where she was last year. (7) PD'S GABRIEL went a good mile after also showing good speed two year's ago. He could do a bit more here now that he lands on the wings. (1) CAN'TDOWITHOUTME had zero chance of getting into the race from post 8 but showed enough as a freshman that she could be sneaky live at a price. Same thing for (2) IFUDNTKNOWNOWUKNO, who went a good mile to pick up pieces for fourth last out. He gets a good draw and appears faster in his sophomore year.

Race 11

1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 4YO Mares

(5) KEEP MY SECRET had much more at second asking last out and should have even more now that she doesn't have to navigate the second tier. (7) STRONG POISON is the fastest in this field but she may need a start, she may not. (4) QUEEN'S REIGN can pick up pieces if the speed causes the race to collapse. (6) ALWAYS B NAUGHTY went too fast to three-quarters and faded, but she's a good one that can improve from that mile.

Race 12

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(1) E MODE'S DESIRE drops in class and gets a better draw for his stalking trip preference. (2) LOUIE THE LOOPER is sharp and just needs to not get strung to intensely. (5) MAC'S MARVEL has a class edge but has to show more ability than just chasing. (8) CALIBER is dangerous with the right trip, which he's yet to get.

Race 13

1 Mile/Pace • USHDC NW \$3,000 L4 Opt. Claim \$8,000 (2) MACH DIESEL gets the right draw and right group to launch for the front and maybe do well as a bomb. (1) SHES A LIVE WIRE could excel if she can beckon that Dec. 22 form from The Meadowlands. (4) M G KID returns to grounds where he's excelled but this bunch may be tougher than the \$7,500 claimers. (5) WESTERN BOOTS had good late speed last out and could again be a factor underneath.

SHEET STATS

STATS (4/1/24- 4/30/24)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	120	39	33	14	12	98
WIN %		32.50%	27.50%	11.67%	10.00%	81.67%
RETURN	(\$240)	\$212.02	\$273.42	\$214.60	\$185.78	\$885.82
ROI %		-11.66%	13.93%	-10.58%	-22.59%	-7.73%
AVG RETURN		\$5.44	\$8.29	\$15.33	\$15.48	\$11.13
MEDIAN RETURN		\$4.16	\$5.50	\$11.98	\$9.40	\$5.51
AVG ODDS		3.67	5.42	9.14	14.25	8.12
MEDIAN ODDS		2.35	3.58	6.30	10.00	4.66