

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 • Race Day 35 • CLOSING DAY

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Full-Card Selections

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

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 4
 Race 2: 3,4,5,7
 Race 3: 2,5
 Race 4: 3,4,6
 Race 5: 4,5,8
 Total Stake: \$14.40 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 4
 Race 7: 1,8,9
 Race 8: 2,4,6
 Race 9: 2,3,4
 Race 10: 4
 Total Stake: \$5.40 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(4) CANTBEATHEBEACH is so much the best in this field that the only way he loses is if he somehow gets in his own way. (7) SAILOR SAM has shown good kicks on bigger tracks and may be able to get into the race from this outside spot. (2) KING OF METAL AS kept chugging to get back into the race last out after a break to finish fourth. As long as he stays flat, he should be involved. (1) ROCKIN DAWG will try to outspeed his rivals, but that looks a tough task.

Race 4

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT Claiming

(6) MISTER KERRY does his best work when he can get away into a forward spot and he may be able to land into a good position. (4) BUCK ART got shuffled and couldn't get rolling until too late in the mile last out. He's worth a second chance from a better draw. (3) ARA DASH could work a good tow into the race and is capable of lunging to victory. (9) APRIL'S BIG GUY could have speed to track into the race but either way can kick off a helmet well.

Race 2

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$7,500 L4 CD

(4) BRODEUR just needs open track to do well here. He's got speed and loves to pass horses, plus he gets a great draw. (3) WICKENBURGH gets a better draw on the move up in class off back-to-back solid efforts. He won under wraps last out, too. (5) CESSNA PRIDE went a giant mile to take third last out and may do better if she doesn't go a parked mile again. (7) COUNTRY DAGGER has the speed to contend but he just has to get off the gate without breaking stride.

Race 5

1 Mile/Trot • Open

(5) AMIGO VOLO has posted solid efforts in back-to-back starts and likely is more aggressive today now that he's back on the starting gate. (8) DOVER IN MOTION crushed the track record last out, but showed in his previous start post 8 can be a tough push for him. He is the best horse in this race, though. (4) OH LOOK MAGIC gets a better draw and may be able to work an easier tempo in this race. (7) PIONEER AS has a tough draw here, but I think she'll try from off the speed in this spot, which should suit her well.

Race 3

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,700 L4 CD

(2) BIBLE THUMPER was best of the rest behind three much classier horses and now also drops in class. Great spot. (5) CRIUS N ROCK has to get to the lead. If he can from this draw, he should do well. (6) MESSI N keeps showing so much fight at large prices and should remain on the radar in the event this race goes crazy. (7) MOHAWK SEELSTER has a lot to prove from a tough draw, but he's good enough to at least hit the ticket.

Race 6

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT Claiming

(4) MONEY EXCHANGE is possibly leagues faster than the others here. One to beat. (10) SAIL HO will have speed to follow into the race and just has to avoid breaking. (2) ROCKIN COSETTE is in sharp form and gets a great draw to work a good trip. (5) PD'S GABRIEL has improved in his last two starts and may be able to work into a striking spot.

Race 7

1 Mile/Trot • NW 2 EXT PM LT CD

(8) WHEN I'M GONE AS was an easy winner when last here on May 21 and appears the one to beat just on his ability to reel in horses. (1) B MO may be able to capitalize on weakening speed. (9) FOX VALLEY TIEGEN struggled to pass horses in her first start over this track, but may end up finding herself in a good spot from the second tier. (7) CREEDMORE did way too much work last out but could also find himself in a good spot in this tricky race.

Race 8

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT Claiming

(6) DUNCANS RANGER has the gate speed to grab the point and appears well able to carry that speed. (2) DRINKING AND DREAM gets a great draw and could possibly vault home well from a stalking trip. (4) DANCIN EYES was a surprise runner-up two starts ago and then went a decent mile from a tough draw last out. Now that she gets a good post, she could be live at a price. (9) ROCKIN ROG will have to find an off-the-speed trip from this spot but he's shown at Hoosier that he can kick home well. Just has to stay flat.

Race 9

1 Mile/Pace • Ky. Pref. Claiming \$10,000 CD

(4) YANKEE ROLLER A has been dominant at this class in his last two starts and remains the one to beat. Plus he shouldn't have as tough a trip as he had from post 7 last week. (3) TOPVILLE ON A VIRG is on the verge of a win. He's a solid closer but will need luck then to lay the framework. (2) COOL YOUR HEELS has been solid week after week at this class and now gets a great post. (5) IT'S A JK takes a drop in class and should fit against this group well, but he's been a grinding type that does need a setup.

Race 10

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(4) THIS KIT ROCKS lost last out purely on tactical disadvantage. He is the best horse in this race, but will have to get driven as such. (9) NERIDAS WISH had a decent rally off a second-over trip in that KYSS race. She should be able to find a path into the race. (2) KATIES UP got locked at the cones last out, so if she can get clearance on this class drop she may be more involved. (6) MONTANA CHIEF A has been consistently sharp but has had no luck tripwise. If Marcus can find a clean trip, he'll be on the ticket.

Race 11

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT CD

(3) SPECIAL DRAGON couldn't get to a clear speedster last out but kept gaining through the first-over push. He's good. (2) STANDING LEADER has shown solid kicks and now gets an inside draw to maybe sit a closer stalking trip. (4) HYPEYOURBESTIEUP sat a ground-saving trip last out but didn't get room until late, finishing third. She's fast enough to be competitive but will need a chance to rally. (5) SIR JOHN B drops from the KYSS but has been a money-burning type. Same time, he's fast enough to do well here.

Race 12

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

The last race... (5) USOSWEET BLUE CHIP overcame post 10 to take fourth last out and now takes another class drop. She consistently was best-of-rest in the Open so this is a great spot for her. (3) EMPIRE BUILDER got locked at the cones because of a shuffle, but he remains a factor as he also drops in class here. (1) AHADI AS just has to mind his manners. He'll be looking to pick up the pieces though, so beware at a short price. (6) P P E has the speed to work into a good position but also is capable of following cover into the race. He fits this class well.

SHEET STATS

STATS (4/1/24- 7/9/24)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	398	144	92	51	39	326
WIN %		36.18%	23.12%	12.81%	9.80%	81.91%
RETURN	(\$796)	\$747.32	\$681.46	\$597.86	\$680.12	\$2,706
ROI %		-6.12%	-14.39%	-24.89%	-14.56%	-14.99%
AVG RETURN		\$4.92	\$6.75	\$9.34	\$14.17	\$8.79
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.74	\$5.52	\$6.03	\$8.26	\$4.64
AVG ODDS		3.01	5.77	8.82	14.21	7.95
MEDIAN ODDS		1.70	3.85	6.30	10.02	4.79
CORRECT PLACINGS	RACES	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	ALL
RACES	398	144	73	64	48	329
RATE		36.18%	18.34%	16.08%	12.06%	20.67%