

OAK GROVE

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The Players' Guide

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

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Full-Card Selections

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



Pick 5 Ticket

Race 4: 4,8
 Race 5: 1,6,9
 Race 6: 5
 Race 7: 3,8
 Race 8: 1,2
 Total Stake: \$4.80 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4-Year-Old Mares FINAL

(4) PEACE TALKS had late energy to offer, but she appeared distracted while rallying at the center of the track. If she can stay focused, she's competitive. (1) BATH BOMB is obvious, especially with the pylon draw. She can shape any trip she needs. (6) ASWEETBEACHHERE has a tricky path ahead of her, but she's good enough to still do well no matter the trip. (3) DEFINING MOMENT should be best of the rest from this draw.

Race 2

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares Open Handicap

(7) SCORECARD DANDY may want to fire here. She had decent late speed when taking back last time, but this is a group she may have an easy time commandeering. All depending on how hot (6) KOBE'S GIGI comes into the mix. She went an even mile on debut and should improve, but what increment she will improve is tough to gauge. (5) PRESSURE COOKER appears to fit this group speed wise. Have to wonder if she'll just try to roll, too. (2) HUNTING HULA did not fire on the return, but maybe with a post switch and that mile in her belt she can grab a chunk.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • Claiming Handicap \$12,000-\$15,000

(4) D A WICKED SHINE lands back on the gate off an even effort in the mini-series final. He could get first run on (8) PICKSIXKING, who is the main horse to beat. But if Dunn gets the Laffoon trainee rolling soon enough, he will blow by everyone. (9) SONIC STAR is gritty and has plenty of stamina, which is necessary for a second-tier draw. He likely has to climb into the action. (2) FROZEN SHARK takes a notable class drop off an alright effort. With the inside draw, Bender may be able to find a snug spot at the cones and work a trip into the race at a price.

Race 4

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4-Year-Old Mares FINAL

(4) WOMAN OF PASSION is the best in this field until proven otherwise. Sure, she had a lot of chaos unfold behind her last time, but even if that didn't occur she's likely still the winner. Go time. (8) BLACK VELVET AS just keeps getting better and better. The outside draw stinks, but she's a really nice mare who should offer a strong finish. (7) PIZZELLE looked great on the return last out too, but she's an obvious counter-punch. (5) PISCO SOUR could be the longshot use for underneath, since she can take air and keep fighting.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(9) JILLIBY DYNAMITE A is hitting a groove over this surface and, despite landing the second tier draw, might have found a great spot. (1) BIG GULP was well held and just caught at the line last time. All considered, it was a good effort; the pylon post with the breaking issues at the gate is the only concern. (6) I GOT SIX SHOTS is just in form. If Dunn can put him in a striking spot, he'll do well. (3) CAPTAIN MCKEE should revert to a more conservative trip against this group, which honestly better suits him.

Race 6

1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. NW 1 EXT PM LT

(5) BEYOND COOL was locked and loaded as the chalk last time. He's likely unleashed here. (8) KING CRUNCH has good speed to use from the outermost post. He'll be good if he can get a forward spot. (2) BETTING ON CAESAR finished with a flourish on debut, but he's found a deep group for his second start. He can at least get a piece. (1) WHELK BLUE CHIP is fast, but doesn't really have too strong of a punch to show in the stretch. The draw puts him into the race.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4-Year-Old Horses & Geldings FINAL

Even though there's ample speed inside, (8) WOMEN LAYER seems capable of surviving a strung early push. This is a spot where we get to see the bottom of the well, perhaps. (3) COPPERFIELD should get his setup for either a small piece or a big chunk. Depending on his price, he may be worth a stab. (7) STEELY KNIFE also shows a sharp closing kick that got revitalized in his win last out. He's another who could capitalize if this does go too fast. (2) BETTER IS NICE has an odd path forward from this spot, but he's improved in each start this year. He should race well.

Race 8

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4-Year-Old Horses & Geldings FINAL

(2) WAYS N MEANS went a massive race in defeat last time and now finds a post that better caters to where he wants to land. (1) HUNG OVER also went a huge mile last time, making two moves and still surging in the stretch. He's also legit. (7) CONVOY HALL made his move at the right time to crush in the second prelim, but he nonetheless should be rolling into the action late. (3) BARGAIN has gone first over in both starts, but they've been easier uncovered moves based on the race setups. We'll see how he fares when tested, but maybe he can still get a check?

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • Open Handicap

(6) DALE YEAH raced from an impossible spot in the Mindlin Memorial and still finished well. He's still developing, but this race could set up well for him. (5) TIP TOP CAT should appreciate the time off entering this race. He's just been stellar all season and should be a factor, assuming he picks up where he left off. (8) SAULSBROOK VICTOR got foiled last time he had this outside draw, so we'll see how he works into the race. He's good enough to win, but the trip will be tricky. (3) THIS KIT ROCKS moves back to this class off a win. This post could put him in a snug forward position.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares NW 1 EXT PM LT CD

(2) PRINCESS STELLA made a big recovery to almost win as the chalk last time. Hers to lose. (4) LOOK AT ME took advantage of the chalk breaking at the start last time to score a 24-1 upset. She clearly has ability, but we'll see how she does when a perfect setup doesn't occur. (3) AINTNOTHINGUCANDO was even from an outside post last time, so maybe she does better with this draw; maybe she sits closer to the action with less ground to recoup. (1) VEL CINDERELLA fits based off the freshman form, but this is a deep group for a return. The draw at least gives her options.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(3) A COOL MOMENT makes his Oak Grove return off a massive rally at Hoosier Park. The smaller track is less conducive to his burst, but he's the best in this race if he minds himself. (9) GREAT SEATS will again have to punch through the second-tier, which either will be easy or cause him to do too much work and settle for a share. (4) TRENTE DEO can reel in tired rivals late as can (5) HEAVY PRESSURE, the latter of which appears to be rounding back into shape.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • Claiming \$10,000

(3) HURRIKANE CHUCK reunites with Pat Curtin off a solid try from the second tier. He should have an easy time making his brush. (5) FRED AND ROZ drops in class against a weak bunch. He's logical. (9) FEARLESS SHELIA may be better than these, but will take way too much money off those Meadowlands lines while still having something to prove. (2) COLD DECKED can grind into the mix from this spot.

Race 13

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$9,000 L4 CD

(2) RUSH IN strolls from this spot based off those Pocono lines. Possible freak. (6) MISTERTENAHKEY maybe rolls into action if others are tired. Same for (7) WESTERN ERA, which is how he won last time. Though his rally was impressive visually. (4) FOX VALLEY LANGLEY is another who can chase and kick late, and that likely will be the strategy from here.

SHEET STATS

2025 STATS (14 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	173	54	31	31	21	137
WIN %		31.21%	17.92%	17.92%	12.14%	79.19%
RETURN	(\$346)	\$304.42	\$282.26	\$327.26	\$252.50	\$1,166
ROI %		-12.02%	-18.36%	-5.42%	-27.02%	-15.71%
AVG RETURN		\$5.44	\$8.56	\$10.56	\$11.48	\$9.01
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.48	\$6.60	\$8.10	\$6.94	\$5.50
AVG ODDS		3.38	6.69	8.66	15.97	8.67
MEDIAN ODDS		1.90	4.14	6.10	9.23	4.67