

OAK GROVE

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The Players' Guide

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

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Full-Card Selections

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



Pick 5 Ticket

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

Race 1

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

(3) FOX VALLEY JASMINE worked a perfect trip to win last time and now gets a great draw again. Tough to see how she doesn't have an easy path to victory. (6) BINGBINGBING put in a lifetime-best performance in defeat last time and is a logical counterpunch, but she'll have to prove she can outkick FOX VALLEY JASMINE after succumbing to defeat at her hands last out. (4) ANIMATION should also work into a tactical spot to get a good share. (5) MRS MADISON COUNTY usually can sneak onto the ticket and should offer some higher odds.

Race 2

1 Mile / Pace • Open

(3) WESTERN ERA seems like he'll offer an okay price on the upswing. Obviously if he's like 3-1 here others could be more viable, but he's showing with each start that he's up to tougher tasks. (4) LATER DUDES could very well take them all the way around again. (5) SAULSBROOK VICTOR has no excuse to not fire forward from this draw. A grind probably doesn't work for him; he needs to try and work the pocket trip. (6) DALE YEAH probably finds a way into the numbers even though the draw makes his journey difficult.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT CD Claiming

(2) BLOSSOM packs a serious whallop that Crisler may be able to utilize at a better point in the mile now that she gets a good draw. (1) GIGI'S DREAM totally cratered last time, but now he drops into the claiming ranks where he can easily rebound. (5) CHECKONWILLIAM GB raced locked with no chance to shake free. He doesn't accelerate, but if MacDonald can get him in gear then he'll at least fight to the end. (3) SOMESTARSANDI likely won't be as tight because of the sick scratch, but she gets a good draw and has early speed to get her into the fold. A ground-saving ride could place her onto the ticket.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • USHDC NW \$3,000 L4 CD

(1) HOLD MY DRINK finally got that win I knew was coming, but everyone else knew it was coming and he only paid 2-1. Nonetheless, he's a horse in form against many questionable ones, but who knows what price we get. (4) WESTERN ROSIE stands a chance to capitalize with another Whitton power-swoop if the speeds of this race do tire. (5) SERIOUSLY FEARED will be forward and is also the class of the field. He'll be a short price, but he does deserve respect. (2) DONTINVITEMEIN hits the ticket from these inside draws often.

Race 5

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

(5) KOUNTRY CARROTS closed well for third last time and now finds an even weaker bunch. Though he may be at the tactical disadvantage, his kick does beat most here. (3) LIVE A GOOD LIFE is progressing well, and now with four starts in her holster she may be ready to take some air. (7) LIL JOE V usually closes into the action, and the outside draw forces him to do so again. (1) NINJA should get an alright check by virtue of the inside draw.

Race 6

1 Mile / Pace • NW 4 EXT PM LT CD Claiming

(4) DYNAMIC DESIRE returns to the conditioned claimers and lands in a spot where he may work his prime pocket trip. (5) FACING THE GIANTS reasonably faded from his first-over push last time and also figures here, but I can't really tell what trip he works from this spot. At a short price, I lean against but know he still can win. (1) KING OF METAL AS raced superbly first start for the new barn. He gets a great draw again, but he finds some tougher competition that maybe requires him to work that perfect setup again. (3) HE'S LOST IN TIME has returned to his check-getting self. He's likely the best price to place onto the vertical gimmicks.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies and Mares Open

(8) ANGEL HILL has a tough draw to overcome, but she seems like a type who can handle the wide draw well. Last shot at big money, too, and she's making the effort to ship. (5) PEACE TALKS had a lot more energy in the KYSS Final when finishing second. With a trip, she could take a step forward. (6) BATH BOMB is obvious, but I don't know that she'll be worth the likely 4/5 odds she goes here. She can win, but other directions do also seem possible. (4) YANKEE B SOMETHING is so hearty and consistent that she's got to be used in exotics.

Race 8

1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. NW \$2,500 L4 CD

(4) DOC'S STAR makes his third start on Lasix off an effort that probably still wins against this group. All things considered, he's taking a drop in class today and Shetler will have him on the lead against a group that struggles to close. (2) ULTIMATE TWIX got a conservative steer while well beaten, but made a good showing in the pre-race warm up at least. I'll leave room for him to show he's more than a 1:58 pacer. (3) MYSTICAL CHARGER has one move to use and he uses it best when others are tired. His price will take a hit off that third-place finish, but he at least shows some form on the page. (7) POWERBET has been alright at Hoosier, but I fear he's going to take much more play than the 4-1 morning line. He does fit this group, though.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • Claiming \$10,000

(1) MEDOLAND BOSA looked imposing in the warm up and then crushed last time under wraps. If that same horse steps on track, I don't think this group beats him. (8) ROGERTHAT BLUECHIP gets a bad draw, but against a group that goes backwards he is intriguing as a closing type at a price. (5) OKIE FROM MUSKOGEE should land in a striking spot, but he's likely second best if the trip works out. (2) THE LEGEND HANOVER can take plenty of air and also comes into this race on the improve.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$9,000 L4 CD

(4) NUMBER CRUNCHER went 1:50.2 without seeing the whip last time. This group at their best are not his caliber. (9) SERIOUS MIKI should have plenty of late life all depending on what kind of mile the big chalk goes. (3) GREAT SEATS gets a good post to go forward and work whatever he can get. (5) STUN GUN is another who could claw into the action if the others flounder. He's all muscle but does need time to build his momentum.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT CD Claiming

Your guess could be as good as mine here. (4) DAMN STRAIT should at least offer an interesting price. He comes out of two impossible to analyze races, but he performed well in both. This is a level group, so maybe Putnam puts him in play in start No. 5. (1) THISPRINCESSROCKS is logical as a favorite given her draw and also her performance at this level two starts back. But she needs a lot to go her way to win. (2) ZOOMA ROSE usually offered speed off the gate, but then she always got rough at the end of the mile for whatever reason. We'll see if those antics are behind her, because she does fit this class well. (6) CAVIART MARIA is not the quickest in the stretch, but she can land in the right spot and find a good piece of the pie.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(2) DROPPIN BIKINIS had zero chance in her last two starts, but her races before that put her in the mix here. Plus she has a great draw while others are fairly exposed. (9) COUNTRY SQUIRE probably works a trip out of the second tier and maybe even has some good speed to close into. (7) TAPPED TEEN probably doesn't last on the lead in this situation, but if he does win, it'll be because he did find a little more late in the race. (6) SHAKEANERA is in form on the move up in class. With a covered trip on the outside, she can at least close to hit the ticket.

Race 13

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

(4) CAPYTREACH should handle this group fine on the drop from the Sire Stakes. She's been racing better than when she dropped in that overnight back on May 5th, so I think that snafu won't happen again. But who knows! (1) I GOT SIX SHOTS will be forward and can honestly match CAPYTREACH's speed. He's a viable win candidate here from this draw while escaping tougher competition. (3) WHITE BELLY tried to close on a front-favoring track, so we'll likely see just how good he is here since he did sweep an amateur field from like the six path to win. (6) CAVIART STONEY makes his first start in a month, but he seems like he can work a trip to hit the ticket.

SHEET STATS

2025 STATS (34 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	443	164	88	67	41	360
WIN %		37.02%	19.86%	15.12%	9.26%	81.26%
RETURN	(\$886)	\$805.12	\$752.94	\$763.84	\$595.18	\$2,917
ROI %		-9.13%	-15.02%	-13.79%	-32.82%	-17.69%
AVG RETURN		\$4.79	\$8.10	\$10.05	\$12.66	\$8.90
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.66	\$5.66	\$7.52	\$7.16	\$4.96
AVG ODDS		2.71	6.01	9.49	14.00	8.05
MEDIAN ODDS		1.54	4.03	6.50	9.23	4.50