

OAK GROVE

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The Players' Guide

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

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Full-Card Selections

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



Pick 5 Ticket

Race 4: 1,4,6,8
 Race 5: 5,6,7
 Race 6: 5
 Race 7: 1,2,3
 Race 8: 1,3,4
 Total Stake: \$21.60 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings Consolation

(3) VUGOO got rough over the wet track last time, but he should stay smooth if he gets a fast track. This is a light bunch too, so his kick could get him a great piece. (4) GLOBAL SENSATION was one of a few who could close on the wet track last week. We'll see if going against the possible bias translates to a strong performance early, but he likely takes a lot of money here. (5) SKY LEGACY stayed flat last time and could mount a more menacing challenge against the consolation bunch. (1) ONEMORE VOLO gets a good draw and usually also works tactical trips. He'll get a check.

Race 2

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

(3) RAZOR'S EDGE appears to have a fairly strong motor. Most of the others in this field waver, so his potential to steamroll here holds great appeal. His last win confirmed it. (4) DRAGON PERFECT may also punch through as others tire. He has a solid move, but some others in here look like they can outkick him. He'll need to have some sort of jump to win. (2) NORMANDY BEACH likely goes forward off that confidence-boosting win. He either goes down with the speed or is left to work a comfortable trip. (6) KISSINBYTHEBEACHES may outfoot everyone or he may not. If he doesn't, then he'll only be fighting for a share.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Fillies Consolation

I'm not giving up on (4) NAUGHTY SEASTAR yet. She gets aggressive hands from Gingras now, so this should be a time where she rolls if she ever will. (2) HEARTOFTHE SUNRISE raced from a tough spot on debut but should take a step forward in start two. (1) NASH will take play because she finished best in the best division, but I'm not convinced she stands that much higher than the others yet. (5) RUBY VUITTON was Miller's choice, but she can improve in an easier spot.

Race 4

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings FINAL

After extensive calculations, diagramming and scheming, I have come to the conclusion that (1) MY DEGENERATE is the most likely to land in the prime spot of the speed. This will be a charge to the first turn, and the pylon post just gives him the best chance to work the most opportune trip. (4) HERECOMESDAJUDGE offers plenty of speed and may be able to last for a good chunk. (6) YANNICK G KEMP should find a live tow to take a stab at decent odds. Same for (8) YO SHELDON, who also likely will appreciate a faster surface.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings Consolation

(5) BOURBON COUNTY had energy to offer from a good trip last time, but also had too much traffic to navigate. He most likely lands in a good spot, but there also is a part of my gut that says he's first over in this race. I don't know which to believe. (6) MAKING HISTORY probably has the most ability, but the draw is tough and the sick scratch raises questions. That said, his talent probably still throws him in the mix. (7) BANDERAS got a great tightening effort over the goo last time. While the draw is bad here, he should be sitting on a good effort. (2) STRANGERINTHENIGHT will try for a ground-saving trip that should place him in the vertical gimmicks.

Race 6

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies FINAL

(5) JAILBIRD JOG just has raw ability. A. Mac has yet to truly unleash her, so we'll see how much of the reserve gets used here. (1) AVENZEE was the only one making any progress in her division last time. She gets a great post and should be better for that effort. (3) COUNTRY GLIDE went a huge mile while staying flat. She was never getting by JAILBIRD JOG last time, but she showed she can contend at a price. (4) SETYOUR-SIGHTSHIGH will likely be the second choice here and could do well, but other prospects offer more appealing odds.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 3YO Fillies Consolation

(3) ROSTADT had no chance to get into the race from a wide draw last time, but now she gets a post where she should use her speed to get into a striking spot. (2) HIP SHOT is likely the one to beat. She'll also appreciate the class relief, but this again is a race where there is no true standout. (1) DURATION is Zeron's choice despite back-to-back wacky races. She obviously went too fast last time, but I'm curious what rebound could be in store if she got through her jitters in the preliminaries. (5) WUNDERKINDBLUECHIP should factor more against this group, but she's likely an exotic player unless Atlee decides to blast.

Race 8

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies Final

Dex did pick off, but (3) KNGSTLKR PISTOL lands into a much better spot this time and also could have been impacted by the front-favoring wet track last time. As long as she can be close to the speed and have a shot at a target, she'll give an honest try. (1) CLARISSA W has plenty of fight and is also super handy. Inside draw gives her plenty of options, but she won't offer the same price appeal. (4) ADMIRING sped home under wraps to victory last time. There is a chance she could cross down and wire this bunch again, but I'm inclined to think the final should be more contentious than her prelim division. (5) SUPER FREAK should offer good odds for the underneath spots. She could work a great trip.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings FINAL

(4) FUNKY BUDDHA did have speed to close into last time, but he also validated his strong runner-up effort from two starts ago with his win last out. He seems like a legitimate contender who doesn't need a particular setup. (2) WHAT NOOO WAAAY maybe got fixated on his target Papi Rick last time, but off that trip he should've fired a little more. He has room to go a much improved mile, but don't settle on him if he again is an odds-on chalk. (6) CLOUSEAU has a good brush in his toolkit, but the outside draw likely has him closing late with ground still to recoup. (3) THIAGO HANOVER was much better last time. He'll be a price for the underneath spots unless this race really falls apart.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 3YO Fillies FINAL

Wearing my heart on my tip sheet. (5) UNREASONABLE should offer good odds while against a legit filly in (7) ODDS ON CHESAPEAKE. The latter could just speed away, but UNREASONABLE has an insane closing kick and should be worth the bet. (2) CAVIART DELIGHT was another who managed to close in the slop last week, so maybe she really progresses off that effort. (4) RECKLESS ABANDON has a tricky trip to work, but she at least should get a good check.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 2YO Fillies FINAL

(1) CAVIART DAISY has gears at this point in her career others do not seem to possess. She also gets a terrific draw to just bide her time and strike. (5) KISSIN IN THE DARK could work into a productive spot to get a great chunk of the purse. (8) BARBUDA BELLE likely is the second-best in this field, but the outside post requires her to either do tremendous work or hope that the race falls apart. I think she can do work, but she likely is racing for second then. (4) ETERNAL BLUSH had no response to CAVIART DAISY after setting fast fractions last time. She maybe performs better with a different trip, but she looked quite exposed when beaten. Definitely more of an underneath use at this point.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings FINAL

I don't necessarily want to settle on (7) HARRISBURG HEIST with this wide setup and all this speed inside, but he also may just be faster than everyone in this field. He can leave, take back and make a move in whatever way Yannick wants, and that flexibility probably is what makes him a respectable favorite. (3) SPECIAL SELECT had too much sloppy ground to cover last time and settled for a wrapped-up second. He's the most likely to capitalize if the race collapses. (2) CAPTAIN ARTUROVICO affirmed the restrained speed he showed in prelim one with an upset win last time. If he's given a chance to make a move, he should hold his own. (6) AYEAYE CAPTAIN DEO went a big mile last time, but possibly was a no-excuse second. He'll take play again and should go a solid mile, but he's probably an underneath key for me.

Race 13

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings FINAL

(7) ENDURANCE unleashed a track-record performance without being asked in just the second start of his career. He has a tremendous engine others will probably struggle to match. (3) SILVERSTEIN emerged from the pack to take second in that track-record mile last time, so he could offer good odds as someone who likely will have to fly from the tired fold again. (2) KOUNTRY TAB has been good in both of his starts, winning only by doing what was needed in the last preliminary. He possibly offers more. (8) SAN PATRICIO has been great to start his career, but the outside draw forces him to do a lot of work early that ENDURANCE can probably do better. Unless he's sitting on more in the well, he'll be short odds while trying to grab as good an underneath chunk as possible.

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