

Monday, March 30, 2026 • Race Day 3

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Full-Card Selections

\$.20 EP5 Ticket

\$1 Pick 4 Ticket

\$.20 LP5 Ticket

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

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

Race 6: 3,6
Race 7: 2,7
Race 8: 4
Race 9: 1,2,5,6
Total Stake: \$8.00

Race 8: 4
Race 9: 1,2,5,6
Race 10: 1
Race 11: 2,3,6,9
Race 12: 5
Total Stake: \$2.40

Race 1

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

(3) FUN IN THE SUN showed solid interest late in the race last out to finish runner-up to a no-doubt chalk. She should again sit close to the speed and should build well off that effort. (4) FOX VALLEY MAI TAI folded hard as the odds-on choice last time, but makes an odd move to drop the claiming tag off a poor effort. Last start may have been an anomaly. (5) KEEP ON STEPPING emerged best of the rest off a trip she'll likely get again from this spot, so I'll look to use her underneath. (1) CINNAMUNCH went a big effort in her second start off the bench but may still be a slight notch below the best here. Solid longshot, though, and she has a good draw.

Race 4

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

(3) I GOT SIX SHOTS returns to where he flexed plenty of speed and strength specifically at this class. He likely hasn't lost a step based on his last win. (1) STANDING LEADER overcame a wide draw for a good runner-up finish behind fractions that favored the leader. He'll be in a good spot from this draw and finish well again. (2) CLEARCHOICE DE VIE should benefit from the drop in class. Curious how he'll fare being reunited with his usual speed pilot from seasons past in John MacDonald. (6) VINTAGE SAUVIGNON showed a great late kick on the bigger track, but we'll see what kind of shout he'll get on a smaller oval.

Race 2

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

(4) FOX VALLEY STOLI had to work from an impossible spot against no-doubt winner Whelk Blue Chip and raced alright in that poor setup. He finds more level competition here and maybe works a trip with cover of some kind. (1) CRIUS N ROCK drops to a level where he thrives and showed plenty of interest in his debut. He was simply outspurred in a sharp final quarter. (2) ESTEEM picked up pieces behind Great Seat's romp last week. He probably can do the same for a minor share. (5) RAINBOW DESIGN has speed for Vandervort to use early and thus appears a live price for exotics.

Race 5

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

(8) ALLI WANTISYOU got wiped out by a breaker last time and tried to get back involved from a no-hope spot. The draw is not good but the price hopefully is okay. (1) THAT'S FUNNY emerged from interference for a solid second on debut. He draws well and likely performs better without being stymied by a breaker. (3) ALVIN HANOVER chased faster miles but did cut a 1:55 qualifier on his own. He still has some questions to answer entering from a sick scratch. (6) B B GUN was good at the fairs but was just okay in his lone race of the year. Need to see a start, but speed is there.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • USHDC Fillies & Mares NW \$2,500 L4 CD

(1) LITTLE BIT TUFF raced well to finish second behind a much classier mare. She gets a good draw and prime opportunity to overtake the tired. (2) LOTTIE'S WEBB should work an alright trip from this draw. Her best shot likely is a pocket ride so she can possibly strike first. (8) THOSESUMMERNIGHTS will blast from the wide draw but she tends to crawl late in the race. She may last or she may cling for a minor piece. (3) ROCKIN ELLA MAE chased better and finished well. Price exotic use.

Race 6

1 Mile / Pace • Open Handicap

(6) TIP TOP CAT is the most ridiculous horse I've seen in awhile (in a good way). He performs well exclusively in impossible spots. Last start confirmed he's back. (3) BURNOUT could surprise if he manages to cut the mile. (4) CAPTAIN ARTUROVICO raced fine from a pocket ride, but he really needs to cut the mile to win. (5) ADMIRAL HILL has always done well here. Even though he scratched sick last time, Engblom usually has them ready to go.

Race 7

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

(2) ODDS ON PYTHON grittily attacked the old Brit Coalford Hitman from first up last time and kept plugging to the finish. That's a tough mile for a 3-year-old to go and I'd imagine he's better from that effort. (7) CAVIART HARTLEY got a conservative steer in that race and appeared a closing winner if the pace dropped just the slightest bit late. Hard to not see this horse in the winner's circle at some point off that mile. (1) BENEDITION gets a great draw off an even finish behind the main contenders at this class. He should be a good price use underneath. (8) THREE WAY ACTION has speed to use off the gate but seems to get a little short where it matters most. He should get into position, but tough to see him holding.

Race 8

1 Mile / Pace • Open 2

(4) TARSHISH raced terrifically in defeat; no way she could outsprint the winner since they had gotten the jump. This draw suits her perfectly for a similar stalking trip from which she should fire home well. (8) SHAMWOW has speed to get him involved early and he'll need to use it. Same time, I'm only interested because of the morning line; if he's anything below 6-1, even if it indicates steam, I'm not that excited. (5) YANKEE B SOMETHING was probably the best she's ever been last time; a perfect drive by Bobbitt. She gets a great draw here and should give another solid effort, but the price will not be as extravagant. (2) AINTNOTHINGUCANDO clearly threw a clunker last time and is a use on any improvement.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • Claiming \$10,000

(1) FROZEN SHARK picked up where he left off with that runner-up finish last out. He could get a workable setup from the pylon draw. (5) OTHER PEOPLES BEER drops in class off a ridiculous mile where he genuinely was three wide for the first half and reasonably tired. He draws a better post that should suit whatever speed he may use early. (2) ROGERS IMAGE should have an easier time landing close. He's just an obvious contender in a class that tends to not play super obviously. (6) I UNDERSTAND looks a winner based off of those final quarters at Hoosier, but he will have to translate that speed over the much shorter straights at Oak Grove. He could, but he will take money.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(1) OHOH OH IM ON FIRE ships in great form from Miami Valley off a race where he wanted to pounce but had no room. He stands out. (2) SPEAKING VOLUMES delivered off a perfect trip last time and shows no reason not to factor again. (7) GUITARS CADILLAC loves to fire late in the mile and will likely do just that in start one of the season. (6) ODDS ON ANUBIS had great late pace last time and should improve.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$2,500 L4 CD

(2) D A WICKED SHINE has a perfect draw to go out and command things against a group that mostly just gives chase. (6) WISE THINKING maybe has a late say if Johnson can get him latched to a live helmet? (3) SIDE BAR possibly offers a surprise if Gray keeps him flat off the gate? His races where he stays flat are alright and fit against most in this group. (9) JK'S SHINING STAR is the best in the race on class, but the draw puts her in a tough spot. But if she isn't the favorite here for whatever reason, she could be value by virtue of her ability alone.

Race 12

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

(5) RIP WHEELER annihilated bottom-level company at Hoosier last time after landing in that spot from solid efforts against much, much better. This is a good field he's in against but any replication of that Hoosier line crushes these. (7) E MODE'S DESIRE almost won off a rough trip last time but gets a tough draw again. As long as he has some kind of cover to follow, he'll offer something late at an okay price. (3) GREAT SEATS is capable of solid speed and likely launches from this spot, but he needs to control things to win here. The moment someone pockets him I have a tough time seeing him outsprint anyone (especially since RIP WHEELER is the most likely one to move on him). (1) DROPPIN BIKINIS draws better off a good mile last time where she showed late interest splitting horses for third. She'll likely work a ground-saving trip again and put in a similar finish, which mostly makes her an exotic contender.

SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (2 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	25	10	5	4	2	21
WIN %		40.00%	20.00%	16.00%	8.00%	84.00%
RETURN	(\$50)	\$47.42	\$28.88	\$50.06	\$14.10	\$140.46
ROI %		-5.16%	-42.24%	0.12%	-71.80%	-29.77%
AVG RETURN		\$3.95	\$4.13	\$12.52	\$4.70	\$6.32
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.27	\$3.34	\$12.15	\$5.72	\$3.75
AVG ODDS		2.63	5.79	9.47	14.25	8.04
MEDIAN ODDS		1.75	1.88	6.82	7.15	4.08