

Monday, April 27, 2026 • Race Day 11

Today's selections and commentary by: *Ray Cotolo*

Full-Card Selections			\$.20 EP5 Ticket	\$1 Pick 4 Ticket	\$.20 LP5 Ticket
1 9-2-5-1	6 5-2-1-4	11 6-3-5-2	Race 1: 2,9	Race 8: 5	Race 10: 2,3,4
2 1-4-2-8	7 1-3-4-2	12 3-7-5-1	Race 2: 1	Race 9: 2,3	Race 11: 6
3 2-6-7-5	8 5-1-2-3	13 7-1-5-2	Race 3: 2	Race 10: 2,3,4	Race 12: 3
4 3-5-8-2	9 2-3-1-6	14 4-8-3-5	Race 4: 3,5	Race 11: 6	Race 13: 7
5 5-2-8-1	10 3-4-2-9	15	Race 5: 2,5,8	Total Stake: \$6.00	Race 14: 4
			Total Stake: \$2.40		Total Stake: \$0.60

Race 1

1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT
 (9) TIMOTHY has a poor draw for the debut but finds a possibly weak field off a standout mile at Cooper Downs, going first up to romp in 1:58.4 - a notably fast time for that Mississippi track. Join that with a solid qualifier finishing behind KYSS type Funky Buddha and these seem like solid signals for a strong debut. (2) HURRIKANE STING qualified well at first asking and comes from connections that tend to do well with these young types in Bobbitt and Debeck. Obvious risk since this is her debut, but an unexposed type in a group like this holds appeal. (5) ARRIVAL STATION has fast times that could mean he's able to trounce a group like this, but the form he's shown makes me weary of locking into him at a likely short price. I could see him being involved, but I'm not convinced he's a great possible favorite. (1) ALLI WANTISYOU had nothing to offer off a perfect trip last time but also didn't seem like she got into any rhythm in the race. Now that she has that flat line, she has a chance to show something better.

Race 2

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 1 Div 1
 (1) UNREASONABLE has a vicious late kick; she probably packs the fastest eighth in the race. She debuts for new connections off good qualifiers and gets a draw that makes a bad trip seem unlikely. She should walk over these. (4) DURATION had a great winter at Miami Valley and has continued improving with every start. She showed decent promise as a younger horse and could be a promising aged prospect at an okay number in this race. (2) ROSE was a second-string stakes type as a sophomore but enters here building confidence up the class ladder at The Meadows. She lands a good draw to work an okay trip in this race. (8) ODDS ON CHESAPEAKE got a good tightener at Miami Valley last out and had pace to offer but Hanners kept trying to find an optimal path from the back of the field. She was a big one-way type on the lead last season, so she has appeals from this wide draw now that they are trying to get her to be more tactical.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. NW \$4,000 L4 CD
 (2) ALWAYSSTELLTHETRUTH drops in class and gets massive post improvement off a solid performance from off the speed last time. He's supposed to win here based on his backclass. (6) STANDING LEADER landed in a tough spot last time and just gave chase from a ground-saving trip, but this seems like a race where he can land into a snug stalking spot and do his usual late punch for a piece. (7) TICKLED TO TEARS could find the optimal path around again just hugging the cones and passing tired horses. This race is wide open for the remaining spots. (5) ISITLIKEITLOOKS is a one-way speed type at this point, but this draw may encourage Putnam to just put him into the mix and he can just chase for a share.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 1 Div 1
 (3) HARRISBURG HEIST qualified viciously at Harrah's Hoosier Park and lands a great draw for his return to Oak Grove, where he handily set a track record for 3yo pacing geldings last season. All systems go. (5) FUSION makes his pari-mutuel debut as a gelding - a big move considering the connections and the pedigree on this guy. He's got two qualifiers under his belt and good gate speed for McCarthy to use. If he works a comfortable trip, he'll have a shout late. (8) AMERICAN SON showed a lot of promise at 2 and has been carefully campaigned by Chris Ryder. The loss of Lasix is a concern considering how flat he was in his lone Oak Grove race last season, but presuming that was for other reasons since his sophomore season ended soon after that he could be coming into this race with decent energy. (2) BOURBON COUNTY showed a solid close against weaker last time but that effort should serve as a great prep coming into this class of competition. He'll try to sit a trip but should finish well if that goes to plan.

Race 5

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS Horses & Geldings Leg 1 Div 1

(5) VUGOO has crazy speed as long as he stays together. He lands a perfect draw against this group and just needs to keep one hoof in front of the other. (2) HERECOMESDAJUDGE made a fluke break behind the gate last time and still raced evenly behind the pack. He gets a good draw here and is in form; he should work a good trip. (8) MY DEGENERATE put in a bold blitz for the victory last time that should serve as a good tightener for this race, but I am concerned with what trip he possibly works from this wide draw. Intriguing prospect if at the right price, like 7-1 or so. (1) BIG SHOES couldn't get into the race last time and that's honestly okay. He fits this group and the pylon post should land him into a tactical spot. With a flat line too, I expect he'll show a bit more.

Race 6

1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Oaks Prep

(5) JAILBIRD JOG still showed a bit of bullheadedness being taken off the speed in her lone qualifier but cruised when quickening in a backside sprint for the win. She has the most ability in this field, so this should be a prime spot for her to get a sharp prep, for lack of a better term. (2) CHIQUITA BA-BEEMAN broke stride trying to leave the wide draw last time but shouldn't have any issues with the inside draw this time. She's probably better off of a helmet given her smaller stature but her strong backhalf two starts ago would make her competitive against this bunch. (1) R PERFECT GOO was okay at 2 but gets a great draw for her debut. She qualified behind a much better mare in R Dutchess last time, which could've made her a bit faster than usual, but her Lexington lines make her seem like a type that can get away close and keep tabs for a chunk - an appealing trait for a possible price in a short field. (4) JULIE PALEMA has speed to use off the gate, but she's otherwise pretty even through the mile. She should get away in the right spot to hit the ticket, but likely isn't a price that excites me on a win prospect.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 1 Div 2

(1) CAVIART DELIGHT drops Lasix but enters here on a solid progression with sharpening speed and a pylon draw to boot, so she should get a good trip at a good price. (3) THE LAST MARTINI has solid class and a good late kick but I cannot really figure out what type of trip they'll try for on the debut. My worry is she lands off the speed at a short number, but my instinct tells me McNair will send her. Either way, she's a good horse and obvious factor. Just a tricky one to trust as a favorite. (4) THREE TIMES BETTOR swept the Cumberland Run series with game first-over pushes in most of her races. She's coming into this race also in solid form. (2) FLOSSY HILL paced a strong backhalf in her debut to finish second behind Vel Cinderella, whom CAVIART DELIGHT beat handily on April 16 at Miami Valley. That class parallel signals that she could fit as an underneath type in this race while also likely being a great price despite the good draw.

Race 8

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 1 Div 2

(5) BANDERAS has found his stride over four starts at Oak Grove with his most recent win being his most impressive. I am slightly concerned he'll regress a tick or two dropping Lasix, but he seems like he should still be the one to beat if that's the case. (1) DELRAY BEACH has speed to use from the inside draw that likely works him a good trip. (2) SPECIAL SELECT should still have a good kick off of a helmet that doesn't really show in his lines during colder conditions at Miami Valley. This may be a bit of a class test but he's been good in his wins over that track, particularly his Feb. 1 win - that mile gives a better sense of what he's got. Live price. (3) HANDSOME STRANGER was an opportunistic type in the 3YO series last year, but speedwise he should be good enough to get a share with the weaker competition drawing wider.

Race 9

1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Oaks Prep

(2) DEMONIC NIKO had a solid freshman campaign including a runner-up finish to Setyoursightshigh, one of the Oaks's early favorites, in the Next Generation last year. She's just a filly with solid ability and a good post draw. Not too complicated. (3) R RO has a decent turn of foot when she stays flat. If she can land closer to the action given her draw and the smaller field, she will pack a nice punch late. (1) DEGAS won under wraps last time and definitely has more in the holster. This is tougher competition, but she should hold her own from this draw. (6) GINGER TREE LEX uncorked an impressive campaign in Pennsylvania admittedly against a softer bunch of fillies. Now is when we see what this filly's got, and I'm willing to think she'll take a good step forward. I just don't necessarily want to pay the tax on her win price given all the 1's on her page.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • USHDC NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(3) DOC'S STAR has been looking for class relief and a spot where he can just roll to the lead. This is the spot for him to do exactly that - he just has to hope wild speed doesn't come launching at him from the outside to heat the pace of the race. (4) BEACH VIBES is the class of the field and enters off a gritty first-over grind against a better horse in Betustay last time. He's obvious and should beat this group more often than not, but trip could be tricky. (2) REAL AMIE has sneaky good lines entering this race, finishing fourth behind three in-form horses two starts ago and punching first over in a third-quarter sprint before finishing evenly. She lands a good draw to work a more patient trip and could be a live price. (9) TALK RACY TO ME has improved over two starts this season and has some gate speed to use from the wide draw. If he lands towards the middle of the pack, expect him to have a good push late.

Race 11

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 1

This is (6) YO TILLIE's race to lose. She did miss a qualifier due to minor tying up coming into this race, but this is a caliber of horse where a hiccup like that is usually negligible. She's won over this track too as a 2-year-old so it's mostly a matter of picking up where she left off with her Breeders Crown win. (3) VOGUSH should try to push for position early and stands to hit the ticket if she can perch close enough to her stablemate. (5) R DUTCHESS has great speed to use first off the bench and probably is YO TILLIE's biggest threat in this race. All comes down to what type of trip Tetrack maps. (2) KEWPIE DOLL had a strong rally from three wide in her debut at Harrah's Philadelphia, though she reached for the line more evenly than wit the fervor she showed around the last turn. Nonetheless, it was a solid debut and she lands the right post to work into a strikeable spot for a chunk.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(3) NONE BETTOR A finds softer competition off a good debut hugging the pylons. He should get away in a good spot where his backclass could shine through. (7) STUN GUN showed good gate speed last time, something he has not usually done. He's a much more interesting contender as a grinding type if he can get away closer to the speed. (5) PEELER qualified well behind a pair who have raced well in Anns Marina Delray and Jim's Big Boy, who won over this track recently. This horse was good in his recent Oak Grove starts and could maybe work a trip. (1) I GOT SIX SHOTS has speed to use from the inside draw, but depending on how quick this race goes he may be stuck chasing for a share.

Race 13

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 1 Div 2

(7) GO DOG GO is the fastest horse in the race. Despite the wide draw, he's a type that could probably brush over this field uncovered if he needed. Not an exciting bet considering he's an obvious factor in this race, but what more do you want from me? We're all looking at the same races here. (1) MONSERRATE qualified well into this race and seems like a contender since Dunn probably tries to sit a covered trip and then sees what he can do from there. (5) TE QUIERO LINDY finished well through a minor shuffle for second last time. He should work into a forward position, and that could be enough for a check depending on how things align. (2) BOOTS N BEER has a good kick to use from a likely mid-pack spot. He's a solid second-string type against the much classier A-listers in this field, making him a good use underneath.

Race 14

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

(4) CHIEF MATE had no room from a pocket trip last time but clearly was loaded with pace. He finds a soft field once again here. His main concern is probably not getting bottled behind (8) IFUDNTNOMEBYNOW, who seems up to his usual speed games again. He may try to roll on the point like he did last out, but this seems like a group more conducive to his type of speed that usually comes to a crawl in the last quarter. (3) ARTIFACT HANOVER went a sneaky improved mile hugging the cones last time, but he also showed speed from a wide draw to work into position. He may be able to put himself into a spot to get a good check from this draw based on that last line. (5) LIFE TURNS finished best of the rest over a field tiring and stacked on top of itself chasing a better one in Beaumont Hanover last time. So while he likely closed well because of those circumstances, he may find similar circumstances against this group to get a slice.

SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (10 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	125	44	25	15	17	101
WIN %		35.20%	20.00%	12.00%	13.60%	80.80%
RETURN	(\$250)	\$211.14	\$141.02	\$183.46	\$335.82	\$871.44
ROI %		-15.54%	-43.59%	-26.62%	34.33%	-12.86%
AVG RETURN		\$4.49	\$4.41	\$9.17	\$15.26	\$8.33
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.80	\$3.82	\$7.34	\$6.49	\$4.52
AVG ODDS		2.86	6.92	9.59	13.97	8.33
MEDIAN ODDS		1.68	3.88	5.98	8.40	4.56
MULTI-RACE BETS	# OF HITS	TOTAL COST	TOTAL RETURN	ROI		
PICK 5 (\$.20 BASE)	2/19	(\$116.00)	\$357.96	208.59%		
PICK 4 (\$1 BASE)	1/10	(\$105.20)	\$70.02	-33.31%		