

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 • Race Day 12

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

| Full-Card Selections | | | \$.20 EP5 Ticket | \$1 Pick 4 Ticket | \$.20 LP5 Ticket |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 5-7-4-2 | 6 5-8-2-9 | 11 6-3-2-1 | Race 1: 5 | Race 8: 7 | Race 10: 2,4,7 |
| 2 5-6-2-1 | 7 3-1-2-8 | 12 1-5-6-9 | Race 2: 2,5,6 | Race 9: 2,3,4 | Race 11: 2,3,6 |
| 3 4-1-5-8 | 8 7-6-8-4 | 13 3-6-2-5 | Race 3: 1,4,5 | Race 10: 2,4,7 | Race 12: 1,5,6 |
| 4 1-5-4-3 | 9 4-2-3-1 | 14 7-2-1-6 | Race 4: 1,4,5 | Race 11: 2,3,6 | Race 13: 3 |
| 5 2-4-1-5 | 10 4-2-7-3 | 15 | Race 5: 2 | Total Stake: \$27.00 | Race 14: 2,7 |
| | | | Total Stake: \$5.40 | | Total Stake: \$10.80 |

Race 1

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

(5) FOX VALLEY VITALI stayed smooth last time when vaulting down the center of the track from last for a good piece of the purse. He'll need to show more early speed from this spot, but all systems appear a go after that most recent effort. (7) SUMMA LUCK took boggling amounts of money from an impossible spot but did fire a strong effort with decent late pace. At the same time, he closed into a soft back half of :59, but that punch could still prove effective against a majority in this group. (4) CARRONSIDELEGACY GB got beat by a better horse in El Jute last time but again finds himself in a spot where he can probably work a trip for a check. (2) ALVIN HANOVER tired from a big brush last time but still held okay for a share. He gets a better draw here that should allow him to work a more snug trip.

Race 3

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

(4) SOMEBEACHSOMEDAY has plenty of gate speed to use. He's a quirky type who managed a huge upset when shipping from Western Fair last year into an amateur race, so don't necessarily be dissuaded by some sour lines he's entering from into here. He fits when on his game. (1) ROKNATNINETYTHREE seems like a one-paced speed type who could set up her ideal scenario with the pylon draw. This is probably the softest group she's faced of late. (5) JUST A ROCKET MAN made a big move first up last time after struggling to chase speed in the start prior, so he's showing some decent signs of life in an overall weak race. (8) TRUE BLUE LINDY had loads of late pace in a race that utterly fell apart, but he seems dependent on that situation again with the wide draw. That late flourish could at least get him a share.

Race 2

1 Mile / Trot • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(5) MISTER DAD finds a much weaker group than he faced last time when he had an impossible draw. He should land into a striking spot here and fire an honest shout late. (6) PONDA ADVENTURE should appreciate the class drop, though he was relatively even in his last few starts. He seems great at getting checks but super winshy; perhaps too risky at a short number. (2) SPANISH ROOM has raced well in both of his starts and now gets a draw where he should go forward. If he can get a soft lead, he may be able to carry them around the track. (1) SCRAPPYS LOVE raced well on the debut but does need to find more following that third-place finish. Pylon draw should put him in a good spot.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • NW 3 EXT PM LT CD Claiming

(1) THAT'S THE STAR should have an easier time getting into the race from this draw after struggling from a wide post against solid early speed from horses like Capt Karma. He remains in good form and just needs the right trip. (5) JUST CHASING TAILS enters from an even third-place finish. Tough to tell if he's lost a step or has finally found equal competition, but he remains a solid speed who can work himself into a great spot. (4) IMAPRICELESSPRINCE got shuffled out of contention last time and had no chance to race bottled at the pylons. He returns to the conditioned claimers, too, which should help him be more competitive. (3) BEYOND DAZZLING packs a stronger late punch than he showed on his debut, so we'll see if he can muster a stronger bid in his second start of the year.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT

(2) BEYOND COOL got jammed when leaving last time and jumped off stride, but was interestingly bet to be the favorite in that race against the in-form (4) CAVIART HARTLEY. But, presuming he avoids a mishap like that, he seems poised to work a good trip and fire a strong shot. CAVIART HARTLEY similarly shows no reason to not put in a good race, but I think we're hopeful to get anything like the 5/2 we got on him last time. (1) COALFORD HITMAN GB gets a good draw for the first time this meet and has also put together solid efforts. He just doesn't seem to have as strong of a kick as the aforementioned two. (5) LADY PANERA has some good miles as a freshman over in Lexington but is making her debut here. She seems like one who can spurt onto the scene late for a piece.

Race 6

1 Mile / Trot • Open Handicap

(5) TOM'S MUSCLE continues to show glimmers of the ability he showed over this track as a 4-year-old. His most recent runner-up finish is a signal that things could be back on track for this cool homebred. (8) CECIL HANOVER endured a first-over grind last time and still hit the ticket, so he probably can find a path into the race again despite the wide draw. (2) JIGGER DK has a decent amount of speed to use off the gate based on his races over in Vincennes, but whether he can go the speeds of American miles is definitely a question. I wonder how he'll fare if he gets the chance to cut the mile, though. (9) LITTLE EXPENSIVE probably has to work a trip from off the speed with this post, but he's good enough off a helmet that he can hit the number.

Race 7

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

(3) UNLIMITED FUNDS was a heavy favorite in his lone race but broke stride when in a striking spot. He makes his sophomore debut here off a pair of good qualifiers and appears well meant against this group. (1) AMELIA HILL closed nicely in her debut and was bet to odds-on in her class drop last time, but she broke stride and never got into the race. Maybe she took so much money because of the connections, but the first race seems alright enough that it could contend here. (2) MAGIC VOLO is a sibling to multi-millionaire Amigo Volo but currently seems focused on staying flat. If he does, he should finish well. (8) CAUGHT INA SCANDAL usually gets a check in spots like this.

Race 8

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

(7) FRONTIER FANTASY nearly took her competition pillar to post last time. She just got past by Mystery Lady, who does have an alright late kick to her with the right trip. This is a softer field, so she should try to go down the road. (6) LADY VINTAGE has speed to work into a striking spot, but tough to tell how strongly she'll strike after hanging in her pocket pop two starts back and just following the top two around for third last time. (8) KOUNTRY JOY makes her seasonal debut off a decent freshman season where she constantly came close to finding the winner's circle in the end. She likely will at one point, but Putnam also likely gives her a conservative steer from the wide draw, which makes her a better exotic use. (4) WHATSUPUTELLME raced alright in her return last time, staying flat and gaining position for a minor share. The center-gate draw should give her a shot to get a check.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • Ky. Pref. Claiming \$10,000

The way this race drew, (4) KISSINBYTHEBEACHES should try to go to the front and take them down the road. He tired in his attempt two starts ago, but he had no chance of getting into the race last time and just followed horses around. At a price, he may be a good bet just on the hope Curtin sends and rolls. (2) JUST PLAIN LOCO looked a winner when popping pocket in the last turn but plateaued in the lane. He's good off of a trip, but Denson needs to time his move perfectly for this guy to win. He'll still likely hit the number. (3) OTHER PEOPLES BEER has been on a roll of late and lands a good draw again to try and find a forward spot. (1) LITTLE BIT TUFF gets an improved draw and escapes tougher. She can sit and pounce in a spot like this where most of the outside horses may struggle to get into the race.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$2,500 L4 CD

(4) FROZEN SHARK is supposed to win in spots like this when he's on his game. He's found himself in tough spots when chasing sharp third-quarter sprints and busting off stride, but this is probably the softest field he's faced of late. Prime spot for Bender to find a helmet and make a methodical push late. (2) SUPER SHARK also should work a trip close to the speed. His qualifier at Springfield is alright, but I do worry how the larger track speed transposes here since he finished evenly so often last winter at Hawthorne. (7) TOOKADIVEOFFDIPPER figures to take money with his back class, but the fact her lost on the drop last time makes me weary about him as a strong favorite. Same time, he could just walk over these. But what's the fun in that? (3) APERTIF knows one way and probably tries it here, but he probably tires and at least holds for a check.

Race 11

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

(6) AIN'T IT A BEACH tried to get a forward seat last time out of post 8 but parked at long odds and tired. If Shetler isn't discouraged from that effort, she could easily fire forward and get a good spot; she chased sharp speed from Prolific Blend well two starts ago, so he could prove solid on the point. (3) FRATERNITY MAN finished best of the rest behind three much better horses last time and now drops in the conditioned claiming ranks. He probably shows more against this stock. (2) ROCK OF ALL TIME showed solid late speed in his miles at Hoosier Park. He could work a nice stalking trip on his debut to get a share. (1) FOLLOWTHESTARS GB may work into a good spot from the pylon post and just hold for a chunk barring any large shuffle in this race, which doesn't seem likely.

Race 12

1 Mile / Trot • Ky. Pref. NW 2 EXT PM LT

(1) KENTUCKY LEGEND adds Lasix off an effort where he showed sneaky late trot when emerging from a ground-saving trip. He gets a great draw again and could take a solid step forward. (5) ZINA KEMP also showed decent late foot from last in her most recent start, but she's going to need more early speed for that late punch to have any effect. This could be a spot for her to be more tactical. (6) PANZEE PARTY continues to put in improved efforts and should factor if she continues on that trajectory. (9) IMPOSSIBLE BI has standout backclass in this field and solid efforts on the Grand Circuit at The Red Mile, but debuting from the 9 hole is a tough task. He's qualified well coming into this race, so they could prove needless worries. He just figures to take play as an obvious talent.

Race 13

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

(3) WILDCAT CABBY went an even race last time but showed solid lines in her two starts prior. Trigg made a similar move into the amateur races with another of his horses, April's Big Guy, and that one found the winner's circle right after. Likely a coincidence, but an interesting note since her efforts two and three starts back likely are competitive here. (6) STAMPHILLSHADOW GB chased faster horses well last time but now drops in class. I am concerned the better speed flattered her effort last time, but she gained position in that race so I'm willing to give her a shot with the class relief. (2) CLAIREDELOU closed ground in a slowing race from an impossible draw, but I feel like she can work into a more productive spot from somewhere that isn't the 9 hole. (5) ROLL WITH MARIE gets the best draw she's had over this track this meet and maybe that's enough to get her more involved. Her recent races haven't been great, but they haven't been bad either. She's tried making moves on the outside and just found herself too far off the speed on most occasions, so now's a time for her to try and get into the race.

Race 14

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(7) BET MINE never looked like a loser in his most recent race when he pushed a neck up on a decent favorite in Sure Thing Herman. The draw isn't ideal but any effort similar to his last beats this field. (2) DAVID ALLEN WHOA finished well chasing fast fractions last time. He gets a good draw again to work a positive trip and figures to be involved late. (1) BEAUMOND HANOVER makes his first start for new connections off a solid win at odds on last time. The pylon post should be a good spot for him to apply his speed, but we'll see if he can take a group like this around as easily as he could a group of 10 claimers. (6) GORGEOUS PACKAGE raced well at 9/5 last time but did tire massively in the end. I don't know that she fires forward in a spot like this, but I'm curious what kind of effort she pieces together off a helmet. There's speed and ability there, but likely to just hit the ticket with what she's shown.

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% | | |