

**Monday, May 4, 2026 • Race Day 13**

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Full-Card Selections			\$.20 EP5 Ticket	\$1 Pick 4 Ticket	\$.20 LP5 Ticket
<b>1</b> 1-3-5-2	<b>6</b> 3-4-5-2	<b>11</b> 5-1-2-3	Race 1: 1	Race 11: 5	Race 6: 3,4
<b>2</b> 1-5-3-4	<b>7</b> 1-6-7-9	<b>12</b> 8-9-2-6	Race 2: 1,3,5	Race 12: 2,8,9	Race 7: 1,6,7
<b>3</b> 4-6-3-7	<b>8</b> 5-4-1-8	<b>13</b> 2-4-7-6	Race 3: 4,6	Race 13: 2,4,7	Race 8: 5
<b>4</b> 2-1-3-6	<b>9</b> 2-1-3-4	<b>14</b> 2-3-6-7	Race 4: 2	Race 14: 2	Race 9: 2
<b>5</b> 5-1-2-3	<b>10</b> 7-8-2-1	<b>15</b> 3-4-2-5	Race 5: 5	Total Stake: \$9.00	Race 10: 1,2,7,8
			Total Stake: \$1.20		Total Stake: \$4.80

**Race 1**

**1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 2 Div 1**  
 (1) CRACK SHOT is a freaky fast horse when he's on his game. He enters off solid enough qualifiers that the only question left to answer is whether his speed can adapt to a smaller track, but this feels like a field he can still trounce if he truly is just a big-track horse. (3) DELRAY BEACH got position last time and chased a better one around for second, and that seems like the type of trip he'll work again. (5) SPECIAL SELECT had some late pace once emerging from a shuffle, but he's likely a long price for a reason here. Same time, he can definitely find his way onto the ticket at a good number.  
 (2) SOMELOUSOMEWHERE had some late life off a perfect trip last time, so he probably can fit into the frame again. The price likely isn't as appetizing this time, though.

**Race 2**

**1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 2 Div 1**  
 (1) CHAMPAGNE ROOM has strong early speed to use from a great draw. She could work the tactical edge in this race given this is such a short field and (5) UNREASONABLE is likely forced back with all the inside speed. Yet, UNREASONABLE is still a mare with wicked speed. She likely came home more level because of the first-over grind last time, but she has to focus on not landing in a deep hole off the car from this wide draw. The closer she can sit to the speed, the better her chances. (3) ODDS ON CHESAPEAKE had some late pace off a helmet last time from a rough draw, but now she may have a shot to gun to the lead and cut a mile how she likes.  
 (4) DURATION also seems poised to fire forward again. The race can ultimately tip over into a pace collapse given how swift the inside four are off the wings, but more likely than not the first quarter is steep and whoever wins the early battle could win the marbles.

**Race 3**

**1 Mile / Pace • USHDC NW \$4,000 L4 CD**  
 (4) APRIL'S BIG GUY exits a race against tougher where he never had an opportunity to leave the pylons and get into the race. Dortch should be able to work a good trip against this class that has catered to more methodical styles and types.  
 (6) MANKAT went a good mile on his return but had to chase a faster than usual race for this class. He's likely coming into this race in winning form, but figures to take money. (3) ANNS MARINA DELRAY made an eye-catching brush first up and almost had enough for the victory. She likely can factor into the race, but she's facing some much tougher horses in this race than she did in her last two starts. (7) PICKSIXKING probably is a skosh off of his old self because he still is kicking alright off stalking spots, but he has this oddly delayed turn of foot that does not help him when he has to make bold gains of ground wide around the last turn. He still tries hard though, so he can probably find his way onto the ticket.

**Race 4**

**1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 2 Div 2**  
 (2) THREE TIMES BETTOR jogged around this track last time under no threat. I have no reason to think it won't be that easy again. (1) CAVIART DELIGHT asserted herself into the race early, but she seems likely to oblige for a seat behind the favorite as anyone else in this race would. The closer she can be to the leader, the better her chances. Same goes for (3) ROSE, though she was charging with sharp late speed against Unreasonable last time once breaking free from a locked pocket. She also needs a trip inside of this race, but tough to tell how aggressively Wrenn will push early to either land the pocket after a quarter move from the favorite or to just sit in third, the latter of which is likely not ideal. (6) THE LAST MARTINI got a conservative steer on debut and lost ground following slower horses. The draw isn't great here, but she's definitely capable of a better effort than she showed at first asking.

## Race 5

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

(5) GIMPANZEE DANCER uncorked a wind-aided :26.1 three-wide brush up the backstretch last time, which is still impressive speed for a trotter. He finished second best to Go Dog Go, who arguably is one of the top trotters for this year's aged contingent. Miller should also get away closer since he doesn't have to leave from the second tier. (1) MY DEGENERATE likely tries to apply his speed as he did for a slight upset last time. He was visually impressive on his debut with his first-over blitz, so I won't discount that this gelding will continue on an upswing, but he's likely second best. (2) WHISKEY WOW went a big mile from a tough draw last time and held well for a minor piece. I'm curious how he'll stack against this group with a better trip, though he's likely competing for a share. (4) BOOTS N BEER tries hard and maybe grabs a little piece finishing best of the rest.

## Race 6

### 1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Derby Elim 1

**\*\*\*LATE PICK 5 CARRYOVER: \$2,762.96\*\*\***

**—\$12,500 GUARANTEED POOL—**

(3) SPENCER HANOVER looked much better when adding hobbles back in his second qualifier. He has the best turn of foot inside this race and gets a good draw, so it seems like a matter of when Bartlett pushes the button. (4) IMPOSSIBLE BI also has a good turn of foot and scored a super-measured win over this track last time. He definitely has more in the tank and is intriguing if he can follow SPENCER HANOVER into the race. (5) GEOLOGIC gets a stakes test after a solid campaign as a freshman in Massachussets. He seems like the most probably pacesetter inside of this race, but tough to tell what price we'll get on someone like him who still has something to prove. (2) CEO JOE lost to a next-out winner in Degas last time when forging uncovered with decent energy. He has a chance to hit the lower part of the ticket but at least should be one of the longer prices in the race.

## Race 7

### 1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Oaks Elim 1

(1) CARVE enters off good qualifiers following a nice freshman season at Lexington. She'll have to show that she's that speedy over tracks that aren't Lexington, but she gets a great draw and has a chance to work a trip. (6) JAILBIRD JOG has terrific speed and a solid turn of foot. She's probably the most obvious one to win this race but does have to rely on the trip unfolding accordingly. Post 6 at least seems like a good spot for her to work a second-over trip. (7) NAKED AND FAMOUS has speed to use off of the car and enters off an alright qualifier even though she didn't gain ground in that final-quarter sprint; she ducked behind the leader in the stretch and just followed her draft at the inside. That to me reads like a solid tightener. (9) ATLANTIC SUMMER has speed to overcome the wide draw, but she seems much more like a grinding type than a bolt-of-speed type like JAILBIRD JOG in this race. Position will be everything for her, and she can at least work into a tactical spot from this draw.

## Race 8

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

(5) GO DOG GO is just so good. He had a few rough steps around the track on debut but powered through them with solid composure AND without hobbles. Tough to see him losing. (4) VUGOO can mount a solid challenge if Miller can get off the car at all. He's not going to sweep Go Dog Go from last, but he'll chug past most who stand in his way. (1) BIG SHOES had a locked trip at the pylons last time and tried his best to push into the action. He's a grinding type who probably tries to go a more aggressive trip in this leg. (8) WORLD BY STORM has always had gait issues but is a solid horse when he gets out of his own way. He enters off a fairly strong qualifier with the hobbles off, so we'll see if he can maybe snag a prize at a price on debut.

## Race 9

### 1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Derby Elim 2

(2) SILVERSTEIN was a sharp 2-year-old and seems poised to continue into a strong 3-year-old season. Qualified well coming in; he's the one to beat. (1) CHAPEL likely gets an aggressive steer from Guelpa off a solid rally against older competition last time for a runner-up finish. He's definitely a longshot, but he may land into a great spot to menace at a price. (3) KINGMEN got a workmanlike win last time at Pocono. Tough to tell what the ceiling is for this guy because his autumn efforts signalled that he should've been able to capitalize off those trips in the Breeders Crown, so something probably was off. He's coming into this race in good form and gets a good draw. (4) REQUIEM was also a good freshman but has a tough trip to work in this race unless Wrenn can leave quickest off the car, which only seems so likely. He's still a good horse who should give a good effort.

## Race 10

### 1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Oaks Elim 2

(7) VICTORIANAS SECRET wanted to roll for the entire mile last time. Irvine fought to wrangle her back and eventually let her roll as the pace collapsed, which made her big brush look stronger than it maybe was I'll admit, but she nonetheless did everything you'd want of a filly coming into a race like this and powered home under wraps. Any progression from that effort makes her mighty tough. (8) DEGAS beat an alright one in Ginger Tree Lex off a perfect trip last time. With the right cover, she probably finishes strongly again. (2) ADIOS MY LINDY has a great late kick in her tank. Her main battle appears to be with staying flat, but if Gingras stays smooth from this draw and has clearance she likely will have a sharp late push. (1) FABULOUS SERENITY tried firing once from a pylon draw and, despite it proving futile, seems unlikely to take back here. All considered, she posted solid fractions for a sophomore filly on debut and tired reasonably, but she should be a bit tighter at second asking and can probably still hit the ticket if she tires from a speed try again.

## Race 11

### 1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 2

\*\*\*PICK 4 CARRYOVER: \$1,563.18\*\*\*

—\$10,000 GUARANTEED POOL—

(5) YO TILLIE probably wins. (1) WINNPANZEE likely is second best; her first-up challenge against YO TILLIE last time was noteworthy, though she was never getting by the winner. Inside draw just puts her in a better spot. (2) VOGUISH probably is third best again unless she can work the pocket spot to her stablemate YO TILLIE, then she maybe hits the exacta. (3) R DUTCHESS is better than her debut effort, but she will have to show that better form still.

## Race 12

### 1 Mile / Pace • Open

(8) ADMIRAL HILL struggled going first over last time but finds himself in a position where he could work a trip despite the wide draw. He's dangerous if Bartlett can perch him second over against this group. (9) TIP TOP CAT probably doesn't clear this field from this draw, but who knows. He's still likely to be involved no matter what because he's super gritty, but I do have many questions of what exactly Wrenn does here. (2) MUSKATEER HANOVER returns to a track where he's thrived and to a class where he's thrived. I don't like that he lost in his qualifier to a much weaker horse in Night Hawk, so that makes me wonder how exactly he's coming into this race. (6) FOX VALLEY LANGLEY gets a draw that should force him into a trip again. He's usually plugging late, so he's a likely one to complete the number in a super tough race.

## Race 13

### 1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Oaks Elim 3

(2) CUSTOM has found her stride with trainer Per Engblom. She has a sharp turn of foot and a terrific draw for Bartlett to plant into a stalking spot and take a late shot. (4) SETYOURSIGHTSHIGH was terrific over this track last season and in her whole freshman campaign. She's just clearly a good horse who figures in this race, but you won't get a price on her and she is making her debut. (7) LITTLE ROAD is an interesting one from Roger Hammer from a pedigree I have absolutely no clue about. The sire only raced twice, winning in both, and the dam's sire has a pacing maternal line from Direct Scooter, so super unorthodox. That said, this filly has a great turn of foot off a helmet and won her most recent at The Meadows with the whip tucked away and in a :55-and-change back half. She may fit here; leave it to Hammer to surprise in a spot like this. (6) FOX VALLEY GIMLET was acting up before the start of her qualifier but showed solid speed once settling into a trot, never looking rough in the process. She may not be fast enough to win against a group like this, but she has a good turn of foot that makes me wonder how she'll fit against a group like this.

## Race 14

### 1 Mile / Trot • Oak Grove Trotting Derby Elim 3

(2) ENDURANCE seems to have recovered from a coffin bone bruise that caused him to scratch lame from the Breeders Crown elims last fall. He was sensational in his sweep of the 2-year-old series here last year and groke his own track record through it. He's the one to beat. (3) NIX NACKEN gets a good draw to land into a tactical spot to set up his late charge. (6) AI will fire from this spot and possibly work an okay trip. He seems likely to hit the ticket, but taking them all the way around seems like a tall task. (7) BIG RANGER will also be aggressive here but has to show that he can take on the big boys and also handle a race that doesn't have some easy fractions on the inside given his competition, unless he somehow takes the lead and shuts the pace down.

## Race 15

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

(3) BANDERAS sputtered away with ease when asked around the final turn last time. He's just so sharp right now and is the one to beat. (4) FUSION had some solid speed late off a helmet last time and can take another step forward; the most likely one to surprise. (2) HIGHER GROUND put together a strong blitz for an upset last time, but we'll see how well he can do without the wind aiding him like it did up the back last time. (5) HARRISBURG HEIST probably went too hard on the lead last time and tuckered out in the end, but he does land a tougher draw wide of his main competition so that will make his job hard. He has room to improve, though.

## SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (12 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	153	53	28	25	19	125
WIN %		34.64%	18.30%	16.34%	12.42%	81.70%
RETURN	(\$306)	\$274.40	\$167.98	\$327.88	\$348.10	\$1,118
ROI %		-10.33%	-45.10%	7.15%	13.76%	-8.63%
AVG RETURN		\$4.81	\$4.42	\$10.93	\$13.92	\$8.52
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.46	\$3.65	\$8.20	\$6.38	\$4.21
AVG ODDS		2.94	6.59	9.95	14.44	8.48
MEDIAN ODDS		1.65	3.86	6.32	8.55	4.66
MULTI-RACE BETS	# OF HITS	TOTAL COST	TOTAL RETURN	ROI		
PICK 5 (\$20 BASE)	2/23	(\$135.20)	\$357.96	164.76%		
PICK 4 (\$1 BASE)	1/12	(\$138.00)	\$70.02	-49.26%		