

Monday, June 1, 2026 • Race Day 22

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

Full-Card Selections			\$.20 EP5 Ticket	\$1 LP5 Ticket	\$1 Pick 4 Ticket
1 1-2-3-4	6 2-4-3-5	11 2-1-5-3	Race 1: 1	Race 6: 2,4	Race 11: 1,2
2 1-4-6-8	7 1-6-2-4	12 2-6-4-1	Race 2: 1,4,6	Race 7: 1,2,6	Race 12: 2
3 5-4-1-6	8 1-2-3-5	13 2-5-8-1	Race 3: 5	Race 8: 1	Race 13: 2,5,8
4 5-3-6-9	9 1-5-6-4	14 1-9-4-5	Race 4: 3,5,6,9	Race 9: 1	Race 14: 1,4,9
5 8-5-4-3	10 5-2-9-3	15	Race 5: 4,5,8	Race 10: 2,5,9	
			Total Stake: \$7.20	Total Stake: \$18.00	Total Stake: \$18.00

Race 1

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 2 Div 1
Super simple. (1) GIMPANZEE DANCER is the best in this race, he probably wins. (2) MY DEGENERATE is second best and has no reason to not work a simple trip from this draw after a wild journey in a track-record mile last time. (3) BOOTS N BEER should be able to get away well and chase late for a share as should (4) ROYAL COMET. We'll ring around the rosie for some kickoff fun.

Race 2

1 Mile / Pace • 4YO & Under NW 1 EXT PM LT
(1) TELL SHOWS THE WAY has had careful miles back to back after breaking stride in his career debut but clearly has a sharp gear. Pylon draw should put him in a prime spot to attack. (4) ALVIN HANOVER has steadily improved through the meet and enters off his best race to date. Draw should give him options. (6) EL JUTE showed vigor from a helmet in his two Oak Grove starts but may have to kick from a second-over tow this time depending on how the trip shakes from this post. He certainly could and enters off a priming mile for his Kentucky comeback. (8) FOX VALLEY VITALI is on the verge of breaking through but we'll see if he has to work hard from the wide draw to get forward. Trip questions at a short number.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 2 Div 1
(5) HARRISBURG HEIST keeps chugging along. Draws perfectly to just roll again. (4) BANDERAS may be able to fight his stablemate since he likely tries to work into a pocket, but depending on the inside speed he may be able to just rip into the action for a share. (1) STRANGERINTHENIGHT got a confidence-boosting win last time and draws great, but he needs to follow a helmet to have a shot at menacing against this class. His post should at least give him that opportunity. (6) FALCON also races best off of a helmet and could work onto the number given his post likely places him off the speed.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • Open Handicap
Tough race. Speed could be solid enough for (5) TIP TOP CAT's closing kick to land him a win. He had plenty closing last time but gets an even better draw this time. Has to stay focused. (3) SWAGGY CAL made his move too soon last time and that definitely cost him a few places. He's a rocket off the car and has another chance to work his trip, but he's at the whim of whether he can escape the pocket in the stretch. (6) ADMIRAL HILL got a lucky seam up the inside too late last time but clearly remains in form. He'll need some fractions to close into since he likely can't reach the lead from this spot. (9) BURNOUT is another who will benefit from quick fractions. He'll be far out but with the right trip will be able to rush onto the ticket.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD
(8) SEEITSAYIT kicked home in a slower backhalf but did so pulling up and pulling away. This race could also have solid fractions for him to close into and clearly he should have more in the third start of his season. (5) MANKAT has hit the track to race his last two starts and should be competitive against this bunch if he again is on his toes, floating over the ground in his warmup. (4) ALWAYSSTELLTHETRUTH raced well last out and only lost because of a premature move that kept the pace too hot to the half. He could work an alright trip from this spot. (3) UNIVERSAL has steadily gotten sharper at holding his speed and finds another spot where he should try to roll. Maybe he can take this group the distance, but more likely he's able to again get a good check.

Race 6

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

If (2) VUGOO can work into a stalking spot in either second or third, he could be in position to launch home all depending on how the lead shakes up in this race. (4) TE QUIERO LINDY can certainly push out to try and lead. Since his victory on Trotting Derby Day, the connections seem to think his best efforts come when he's aggressively put to the lead like Tyler Miller tried to do last time against Gimpanzee Dancer. He may be able to land in the right part of the race and hold his own. (3) WHISKEY WOW is a major threat if he can do what he did last week again, but I have my reservations. The horse took several strides where he seemed on the cusp of slipping into a gallop because he's this low, long-striding mover. He'll face a lot more pressure off the gate with this draw, which could make him more vulnerable at a short number, but I do recognize he can go a wicked mile again if all stays smooth. (5) YO SHELDON should be able to get a good check here.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares 5YO & Under NW 2 EXT PM LT

(1) PAPI ROBIN kicked strongly to finish second best behind a no-doubt winner in C Millertimeagain last out. She draws even better and can easily improve from that last mile. (6) LADY PANERA had sneaky late pace in her last Oak Grove appearance over a month ago and enters from a pair of good efforts at Hoosier. Trip is a question for her from this spot but she may be able to find a smooth path at an alright price. (2) CARNATION ripped over the field while on the right line last time to win and now Dinges hands the lines over to Tim Tetrick. She's clearly poised to take another step forward, but I'm curious how much more focused she'll be in her second start at a likely short price. (4) VAINGLORIOUS gets a better post this time around and seems quick enough to chase for a share.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 2

(1) THREE TIMES BETTOR is too good. (2) ROSE probably works a trip and kicks home best. (3) AINTNOTHINGUCANDO speeds forward for a pocket trip and to hold onto what she can. (5) CAVIART DELIGHT maybe closes for fourth. Book it.

Race 9

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

Now is the time for (1) FUSION to push for position and kick off a solid trip at a hopefully good price. (5) CAPTAIN ARTUROVICO continued on a positive trajectory last time for a win and can definitely factor if he stays in that form. (6) DAMN THE TORPEDOES chased Harrisburg Heist home well for second last time and seems capable of working onto the ticket based on that race and despite this wide draw. (4) SOMELOUSOMEWHERE is pretty good off of a helmet and he possibly finds nice cover to kick from late in the race.

Race 10

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

There could be enough speed for (5) APRIL'S BIG GUY to get the setup he needs to charge into late. He's in career form and enters off a line that looks tepid, but in reality he didn't get room to race until well too late, so he's probably fine coming in here. (2) LOTTIE'S WEBB looked great on the track when finishing fourth against a salty bunch last time and gets a great draw to find a path into the race assuming the time off didn't loosen her spring. (9) REAL AMIE continues to show solid kicks against this group, which should make the outside draw a minimal concern presuming this race does have good enough speed with special thanks to (3) SERIOUSLY FEARED, who maybe could take this field all the way around. It's a loose maybe given his track record this season, but he has steadily gotten better over the weeks. Being forward should at least land him onto the ticket.

Race 11

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 2

(2) LASTING DREAM loomed into the action strongly last time before levelling off in her debut for fifth. She should be tighter from that effort and gets a more functional post for her style. Hopefully we can get a bit of a price on her since (1) WINNPANZEE is quite obvious. She had to work hard for the lead last time and that proved to be her achilles heel, but with the pylon post she should have no problem pushing into position and whatever energy she can save from the post improvement probably helps her late in the race. (5) R DUTCHESS had total control of the race last time with her early speed and by stringing out WINNPANZEE to work the pocket-popping win. Brilliant drive and an effort she'll likely need to replicate given her massive post disadvantage. (3) GRAND RESERVE puts hobbles back on after breaking stride last time which should give her another chance to show nice late speed like she did in the KYSS final on Trotting Derby Day.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(2) BOSTON ROCKS clearly worked too hard early last time and that caused him to tire on the class drop, but now he finds slightly softer competition and a much better post draw so all systems should be a go. (6) CAPT KARMA has been in wicked form of late and returns to the races off a monster mile on the Trotting Derby undercard. As long as these big races haven't taken anything out of him, he fits against this bunch. (4) WHELK BLUE CHIP clearly was outclassed last time but finished well to grab a piece. This draw should help him land closer to the action and he can at least work his way onto the ticket again. (1) DRAGONS LUCKY LADY faced way too tough in her last two starts and appears to fit this bunch based off her races at Miami Valley before shipping into Oak Grove. The post draw should definitely put her into the race.

Race 13

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

(2) DRAGON PERFECT has put in sneaky solid miles while facing much tougher company or racing from impossible spots. This looks like a spot where he should be able to get into the mix because of the inside draw. (5) LIL JOE IV went a long mile from off the speed last time to take fourth and is another in this group that has faced much tougher company of late, so the class relief should make him a major threat. (8) WHITE BELLY kept fighting from a tough spot in that amateur race last time and clawed into the mix as the speed slowed late to only lose by two lengths. He'll have to overcome the wide draw, but his class should be able to thrust him into the mix late. (1) IT'S A JK maybe fights to protect position from this draw and holds on for a share at a big price? Beyond the three class horses, it's a pretty open bunch.

Race 14

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

(1) ODDS ON ANUBIS crushed the bottom level last time because he's so much better than that class but has just had issues to overcome that clearly have been remedied. He gets a terrific draw for his next move up in class and stands to work an alright trip. (9) FABULOUS draws into a race which could only have mild early speed, which helps her chances since she needs to launch off the gate from this draw. (4) POWER CODE also figures to push forward and has shown much more of late since finishing third in early April at like 80-1 off cold form. He's improving and gets a good draw to continue. (5) KOUNTRY CARROTS has a class edge but struggles to get into the race early and is not the best closer in the race, but could work into a spot to at least grab a check.

SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (21 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	275	101	48	29	31	209
WIN %		36.73%	17.45%	10.55%	11.27%	76.00%
RETURN	(\$550)	\$487.86	\$344.62	\$540.68	\$497.86	\$1,871
ROI %		-11.30%	-37.34%	-1.69%	-9.48%	-14.95%
AVG RETURN		\$4.56	\$5.74	\$9.49	\$13.10	\$8.22
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.12	\$4.21	\$7.16	\$6.55	\$4.21
AVG ODDS		2.80	6.92	9.36	16.48	8.89
MEDIAN ODDS		1.54	4.66	6.03	11.53	4.82
MULTI-RACE BETS	# OF HITS	TOTAL COST	TOTAL RETURN	ROI		
PICK 5 (\$.20 BASE)	4/42	(\$372.40)	\$448.73	20.50%		
PICK 4 (\$1 BASE)	3/21	(\$326.00)	\$190.80	-41.47%		