

Monday, June 15, 2026 • Race Day 26

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

Full-Card Selections			\$1 Pick 5 Ticket	\$1 EP4 Ticket	\$1 LP4 Ticket
1 3-7-6-2	6 4-2-1-6	11 6-7-8-3	Race 1: 3,6,7	Race 6: 4	Race 10: 2,6
2 1-2-3-5	7 3-4-1-5	12 2-3-4-7	Race 2: 1	Race 7: 3,4	Race 11: 6,7
3 3-6-1-5	8 4-1-5-3	13 2-1-6-4	Race 3: 1,3,6	Race 8: 1,4	Race 12: 2,3,4
4 5-1-2-6	9 3-2-9-4	14 1-4-5-6	Race 4: 5	Race 9: 2,3,9	Race 13: 2
5 6-1-5-9	10 2-6-5-4	15	Race 5: 6	Total Stake: \$12.00	Total Stake: \$12.00
			Total Stake: \$9.00		

Race 1

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares 5YO & Under NW 2 EXT PM LT
 (3) CARNATION again had issues hanging on the right line in her most recent start but still rallied from a disadvantageous spot well to grab a check. She should smooth out at some point and clearly possesses solid ability. (7) LADY PANERA sat a perfect trip last time and held well for second, but she's probably forced to fire forward again for a good shot to win. She's got the speed to land close, but there's enough speed inside of her that could make that attempt sting. (2) FOX VALLEY MYGIRL tried making a move into a third-quarter sprint that likely burned her out last time. She should add value to the verticals if she can get away well again. (6) VAINGLORIOUS figures to show speed off the wings and has steadily improved over recent weeks. She still seems pretty even in her races but if she lands in a great spot she should get a good piece.

Race 2

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 3 Div 1
 (1) FUSION handled an awful trip last time and still only lost by about two lengths. The inside draw should put him in play again and he likely benefits from the two-week break. (2) CAPTAIN ARTUROVICO remains a major threat in this series now that he's found his groove again. He got an easy trip last time and may work another one, but needs the same luck of clearance if that's the route he takes. (3) BANDERAS should be prominent and can carry his speed well enough. This draw especially puts him in the mix no matter what. (5) FALCON will have to find a path from off the speed but has been finding minor checks of late.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • Claiming \$10,000
 Open race. (3) PICKSIXKING finds major class relief and a great draw where he may be able to work his trip against a group where his dulled kick could prove potent. (6) SEARCH THE SEA was weary leading every step last time but has still been racing well enough to make him a major threat against this group. (1) CARANA N makes his first start since dealing with issues in that May 22nd race and enters off an alright qualifier. The 10-year-old may need a start but also has backclass compared to this group that could put him in the mix. (5) HAPPIERDAYSRCOMIN led every step last time and may try to pull that off again, but this race could go a bit faster and feature more challengers than he had to face last time.

Race 4

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 3 Div 1
 I don't see how (5) GIMPANZEE DANCER loses. The only concern would be if he's washed out again like he was in winning a delicate mile last time, but even in that race he still trotted a back half in :55. The bet basically is on whether the figurative wheels will come off or not in his form. (1) ROYAL COMET continues to improve through this series and finds a great draw to work a snug trip. (2) WHISKEY WOW reunites with Dexter Dunn, who kept him smooth for that track-record performance two starts ago. I still worry that an inside draw puts too much pressure on him but we'll see; he'll at least not be odds-on in this race. (6) MY DEGENERATE should be able to float out and maybe find a good spot. The draw more likely puts him on the ticket than the winner's circle though beyond any class questions relative to the favorite.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(6) DEAL THE ODDS won under a stranglehold on the class drop last time and moves up into a fairly even bunch. He should handle this race with little problem. (1) E MODE'S DESIRE should benefit from the class drop but is clearly at his ceiling inside of these races that go 1:51. The inside draw should at least perch him into a striking spot where he either has an opportunity to pounce or chase for a piece like he did three starts ago. (5) UNIVERSAL will try to do his usual speed thing and the draw suits him well enough to at least hold for a share. (9) STUN GUN has to find a trip from a difficult draw but he's in form and may benefit from not having to push first over again like he's done in three of his last four races.

Race 6

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 3 Div 2

How do you beat (4) HARRISBURG HEIST? He'll take the lead, cruise and kick away like usual. Unless (2) DAMN THE TORPE-DOES can put up a strong enough fight from this inside draw to string out the favorite? Even then, is this one good enough to manifest any sort of vulnerability in HARRISBURG HEIST? (1) LAFITTE should also add to the early firing line with the inside draw. He'll want to take a seat though to save ground and collect the best check he can. (6) SPECIAL SELECT may find a helmet to follow from this draw and can rally well to get a share.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$9,000 L4 CD

(3) STRANGERINTHENIGHT gets another solid draw where he should be able to fire to the lead. As long as he plants on the top, he can grab a breather and then put together a sharp mile like he did to win last out. (4) IAM THE CAPTAIN A made a fierce blitz to the last turn to overhaul GREAT SEATS for the win and figures to be a solid competitor against this group if that performance wasn't a fluke. (1) SHAMWOW should be able to land into a good spot from this inside draw even though he's not the quickest off the gate. He's at least strong enough to carry speed and be in contention with the top flight of the field. (5) SERIOUS MIKI went a ridiculous mile last time at full throttle and now has to move up in class in a spot where he's likely forced to find a trip. Tricky to rank because that win was super impressive but he's not outsprinting any of the inside four to the lead.

Race 8

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 3

(4) R DUTCHESS finds a draw where she may want to fire to the lead again like she did to win two starts ago. She enters from a fine race where the draw just didn't favor an attempt to fire, but this could be the spot. (1) LASTING DREAM was solid second start off the bench and figures to be good again now that she makes her third start of the season. (5) WINN-PANZEE had to grind first over last time and kept reaching for the leader late but ran out of racetrack, settling for second. She's still in form but the trip from this spot could work against her. (3) BEST FRIENDS GIRL has found good luck sitting and pouncing for checks and she gets another great post to work that sort of trip.

Race 9

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

(3) DAY OF LEGENDS ships in from Hoosier for Matt Rodriguez and Adarryl Gates, who have found solid success both on their own and together in spots like this. The horse has speed and could take them around. (2) WHITE BELLY is the class of the race and finally gets a good draw, but Whitton has to put him close. He should be able to leave given the scope of this group but he also has some vulnerabilities at a short price looking back to how he idled when fourth at odds-on three starts ago. (9) ISITLIKEITTELL may blast off here if OD Johnson does his usual thing, and that could be a great move for this horse that finds a weaker version of this class in this race. (4) ITS GONNA FEELGOOD gets the right draw to carve some kind of trip into the number, but he likely needs a total pace collapse to win.

Race 10

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 4YO Horses & Geldings Leg 3 Div 2

(2) MANOAH ships south from Mohawk off improving efforts. His most recent signals that he could have solid gate speed to use inside of this race, where class isn't too much of a question to me. To bring him all the way here for the last leg of the series, they likely want to fire. (6) VUGOO had solid trot to offer last time but couldn't shake free from the pocket until too late. He's forced to find a helmet to pounce from in this race, but given how frail the speed could be that may plant him in a solid spot. (5) TE QUIERO LINDY does his best work when he can grab the lead, but he did exactly that last time and floundered in the lane to finish a well-beaten third. He picks up Wrenn again which probably hurts his price but he's capable of a good mile when on his game. (4) YO SHELDON has shown better gate speed of late and could work into a nice spot to get a good piece.

Race 11

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

(6) STANDING LEADER gets Ronnie Wrenn again, who drove him to an aggressive win at this class back on April 27. This is finally his spot to roll. (7) SNAP COUNT may also fire out now that he appears to be getting into rhythm. The closer he can get away, the better he'll finish. (8) MY HOUSE also finds solid class relief and lands against a group that he likely could brush over to get a good share despite the poor draw. (3) ANNS MARINA DELRAY gets the right post to find a nice position and work whatever trip she can, but she may be a few notches below the best here.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • KYSS 4YO Mares Leg 3

(2) ODDS ON CHESAPEAKE finally got a win last time in that Northfield stake and also finds a perfect draw to assert and roll. (3) AINTNOTHINGUCANDO should also fire once more and try her hardest to carry that speed, which got stifled when locked in the pocket last time behind a fading leader. (4) ROSE remains super lively off a helmet and should have a solid punch to offer in the last quarter. (7) THREE TIMES BETTOR has to prove herself again following an uncharacteristic defeat, and from this draw she seems likely to just ease into the race and get tight for the final as opposed to going all-out for a win. Solid play against if favored.

Race 13

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

(2) MANAGAINSTCRIME is the class of the race and remains in solid form off a third-place finish where he held his ground after hooking wheels in the stretch. He can take flight here. (1) CRIUS N ROCK could be finding his legs again and should appreciate this drop in class where his one-big punch proved successful for his lone win on the season. Inside draw should give him a chance at a good trip, too. (6) ROCK OF ANGELS went too hard on the lead last time and maybe has more to offer with a target. (4) IFUDNTNOMEBYNOW similarly rolled too hard from a spot he's never thrived, so maybe with this improved draw he can float out and find a nice helmet to track into the mix.

Race 14

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS Eligibles 3YO Fillies

(1) CHE BELLA finds a great draw off solid efforts from wide posts in her last few starts. If she can get away close, her kick could be the best in the field. (4) AVENZEE has to show a bit more early foot from this spot but she's steadily improving coming into this race. (5) CHIQUITA BA-BEEMAN showed she can't handle going first up last time, but this draw could lend her to find good cover to follow into the action. She's a rocket when she can follow a target. (6) ISOTTA BI went a tough trip last time to still grind out a third-place finish and could show that same tenacity for a piece here.

SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (25 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	327	124	52	36	41	253
WIN %		37.92%	15.90%	11.01%	12.54%	77.37%
RETURN	(\$654)	\$603.92	\$362.54	\$583.26	\$651.74	\$2,201
ROI %		-7.66%	-44.57%	-10.82%	-0.35%	-15.85%
AVG RETURN		\$4.61	\$5.58	\$8.97	\$13.03	\$8.05
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.14	\$3.98	\$5.90	\$6.92	\$4.22
AVG ODDS		2.76	6.93	9.46	16.69	8.96
MEDIAN ODDS		1.58	4.67	6.01	11.68	4.83
MULTI-RACE BETS	# OF HITS	TOTAL COST	TOTAL RETURN	ROI		
PICK 5 (\$.20 BASE)	4/48	(\$414.40)	\$448.73	8.28%		
PICK 4 (\$1 BASE)	5/27	(\$426.00)	\$471.07	10.58%		