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The Players' Guide

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

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Full-Card Selections

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Early Multis

	A	B
Race 1	5,8	3,6
Race 2	1,2,5	
Race 3	1	
Race 4	1,7	
Race 5	3,5	

Middle Multis

	A	B
Race 6	6,7	
Race 7	6	1,2
Race 8	3,5	
Race 9	8	2,3,4
Race 10	4	5,8

Late Multis

	A	B
Race 11	1	4,7
Race 12	2,4	
Race 13	5	3,4
Race 14	3,5	6
Race 15	4	

Race 1

1 Mile / Trot • NW \$7,500 L4 CD

(8) VUGOO reunites with Gingras, who has managed to get speed out of this one from the gate. He finds much weaker competition that he could take pillar to post like that one KYSS group back on June 15. (5) HERECOMESDAJUDGE returns to a level where he did win before the race was declared a no contest, but this bunch does have a bit more depth than that group he faced. He still draws well to get into position and give an honest showing. (6) YO SHELTON finally gets on Lasix after struggling in the KYSS. He's been racing well enough but probably shows more now that he drops in class. (3) GENERALLY SPEAKING S reeled in a cheap field fairly smoothly last time but may not have the luxury of a :57.3 back half to close into. He's shown quicker late trot over the larger tracks so he may be able to handle the move up in class snugly.

Race 2

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings "B" Division 1 of 2

(1) ADIOS AMIGOS KEMP gutted a first-over trip while step-py at times and managed to stay flat while faltering, a big improvement from his first start where he just broke behind the gate. Obviously he's not winning this race first over, but he showed solid maturity in that last mile that could translate to a win with the right setup. (5) NIGHTS IN MIAMI scurried home on debut to nearly upset and figures to menace in this group if that late speed is an indicator of greater ability, which the pedigree could also signal. (2) LIFE BLUE BAYOU raced well on the lead out of a wide draw last time and should be a major player if he can show that same flourish off the car from an inside draw. (4) CRIMSON CROWN has gotten into position and raced evenly in both starts to get a check and can probably do that again here.

Race 3

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies "B" Division 1 of 3

(1) A MILLION REASONS made a nice mid-race move and kept chugging to get third on debut. Now she draws inside in this slim field, which should give her every chance to show whatever class implied from her debut performance. (3) ANNIE ADELE got step-py and broke at the end last time but could still be better in the second start. This is not that strong a field beyond the morning-line chalk, too. (5) SHES ACADEMIC was an even second at Highbramble Park last time after a flat effort on debut. But the gate speed she showed in her most recent may put her in a good spot to chase. (2) ERICA ROD had no chance to get into the race from a wide draw, but maybe now she has a chance from an inside draw.

Race 4

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings "B" Division 2 of 2

(7) DISTRICT TWELVE hit the track like a bull last time and maybe could've won if he wasn't held up in the middle of the pack, where he broke because he got too antsy. Obviously he might be better calmer but he also moved way better in that race than in any of his baby races, so we'll see if this truly is an indicator of anything. (1) FIFTY PROOF drops from the "A" division off an even effort. His pari-mutuel debut is the type of effort that could win here, but he's also incredibly obvious in this race. (2) FROZEN FORTUNE has stayed smooth with hoppers and probably works a good trip with this inside draw, but whether or not he can capitalize on that trip to win is another question. (4) WHATA QUEST couldn't leave with the field off the car last time but if he manages to get away better he's got good enough speed to go around. He still just gets sloppy in his gait, which is why he broke last time.

Race 5

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies "B" Division 1 of 2

(5) CALGARY SUN kept chugging off quick fractions but had too much ground to recoup to win so she settled for second. She draws slightly better here and may be able to mount a better charge on a more even-tempo race against a group that may just dawdle towards the finish. (3) LA MANCHA is the main candidate to take this group gate to finish, but I'm just unsure how much quicker she went because she had a target last time versus what she could do here if she has to be alone on the lead. For all I know she finds a pocket trip again and none of this concern even matters. (6) CHIQUITA BA-BEEMAN drops from tougher in the "A" division into a spot where she also should factor if Bender can find her a nice helmet into the race. (4) ART OF THE STATE showed nice late energy from a shuffle last time to get second, but that race may have been a sign of improvement or just a consequence of a slower back half. At the right price, like 4-1, she's worth taking a chance.

Race 6

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings "B" Division 1 of 2

(7) IMPOSSIBLE BI stayed way more fluid with his trot last time and finished his mile nicely with a :27.2 final quarter gaining. He was an impressive and in-hand winner on April 28 and now seems to be heading back in that direction after just struggling to trot smoothly - added intrigue that this one that's been tricky with his gait now gets a new pilot with Bender siding on CASTRO. (6) EXPRESS TRAIN trotted an even mile after not firing from the car last time. He seems to have speed to use to get into position, so I'd hope that he takes a shot against this group. (5) STORMY SEAS has been even in his last two miles but he can get into the right spot to keep tabs and get a check. (4) LETHAL LEGACY drops from the "A" division after making a bold uncovered blitz. He of course quit from that move, but he's now interesting on the drop because he'd take a shot like that against a strong temposetter, albeit the final quarter was slow enough that it could've justified the shot enough.

Race 7

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies "B" Division 2 of 3

(6) LA FORTUNA has the necessary speed to overcome this outside draw against this group off solid back-to-back races. She got beat by a better horse in her first and went an impossible trip in the second, so she should be fine here. (2) LONDON BI got away with easy fractions and still got caught last time, but she draws well again and can get into position to get a piece. (1) JULA SHINING QUEEN stayed flat last time but had no fire at the end of her mile, though she posted quicker internal splits than some other divisions so she may have reasonably been tired. She draws well again and has another chance to take a step forward. (4) LAGOON KRONOS had no pop from off the speed last time but the race went quick and she never seemed like much of a sprinting type anyway. She's shown herself to be an honest grinder so far, which could at least place her in the bottom part of the verticals.

Race 8

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies "B" Division 2 of 2

(3) CYNIC uncorked a strong back half in the "A" division to finish fifth and now drops in class with massive post improvement. Now's the time to see what she's got. (5) SPIRIT HILL was forced into a first-over trip last time that cost her the race though she fought well to hold second. She should be able to push forward from this spot and will have a chance to take them all the way around. (2) DEMONIC NIKO has been great at getting checks in these spots but will have to show a bit more at the end of her mile if she's going to be a win candidate. For now, she looks like a great key in the exotics. (1) VICENZA has finished best of the rest in deeper spots and gets a great draw to stalk for a piece.

Race 9

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies "A" Division

(8) REDICE kept closing from a traffic-burdened trip last time for second. Not sure what the bottom is to her but she's quite handy and quick early and hopefully can overcome the wide draw with the talent she's flashed so far. (3) HEART OF SECRET got an easy mile on the lead but still impressed going 1:56.2 at first asking. She'll have to show that sort of speed under tougher conditions here but maybe she can; Gingras's choice over the "A" division winner for Burke too if that means anything. (4) GREEN BALLET pushed first over so effortlessly last time you wouldn't think she was 9-1 inside of that race. This Greenshoe half-sister to Gimpanzee Dancer has strong upside and could be a major player depending on how she shows up for her second start. (2) MERRY ZEE did nothing wrong in winning last time but clearly built a tactical edge to win that race, meaning she's not the slam-dunk one to beat. She's still a nice filly who can maybe trip out and win here depending on how Dunn wants to approach this race.

Race 10

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Colts & Geldings "A" Division

(4) DELIVERY BOY went the toughest trip in the last "A" division and still fought well to hold second. I don't see him being parked the first three-eighths of a mile from a better post, but I do hope the price gets better on the loss. (5) CARBON FIBER didn't sparkle as much with a better trip to DELIVERY BOY last time, though he was used hard early to get forward. He seemed more stung than DELIVERY BOY though on a seemingly easier trip, so we'll see who emerges with the better performance. Both are nice horses. (8) SPECIAL DAY capitalized on the top pair being weary with a first-up sweep through the last turn to win in a 1:54.1 mile. He has a tough draw to overcome here while having only shown mild speed off the gate so this will be a real test for what he can do without ideal circumstances. (6) ODDSOLOGIST can push off the car and carry speed well, which puts him in a great position to get a check.

Race 11

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings "A" Division

(1) KAIZEN rolled first up in a :28.1 first quarter and :56 back half with the whip tucked away and blew by his competition seamlessly. Now he does face tougher company here, but this high-priced & well-bred yearling was so visually impressive that I will believe he has more to offer on the ascent. (4) ZEPHYR KEMP stands to work a good trip depending on how the other speed unfolds, like how last time he was able to easily brush to the lead past the quarter. He still has to show he can handle taking some hits, since he's shown himself to be vulnerable in spots where he has to go first up. The trip could easily work against him here, but so far he's been the top one of the bunch. (7) ONEMORENKICKMEOUT has gate speed on his side from the wide draw and finished well from a stalking trip last time for second. He may still look to trip out since his speed probably lands him more towards the middle of the pack here, but he also easily could be a surprise Bender gun from this spot. (3) ZIDANE KEMP has strong speed to offer in a race like this but he appears to get bumpy in the turns. He's great in the straightaways though, so all depending on where he lands he should be able to keep pace with this trotting bunch.

Race 12

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 2YO Fillies "B" Division 3 of 3

(2) TWINKLE TOES DOLAN had good momentum at the end of his mile on debut to finish fourth in one of the faster freshman trots on the day. She can take another step forward in this softer spot and with a good draw. (4) STRUDEL showed much more in her second start since she didn't have to make two moves inside of the race, but I don't know that she's worth taking as the favorite since this is a pretty level group. (3) A TALE OF KEMP sat inside and finished well for third and remains competitive on her current progression. (6) GREANET gets Dunn for the first time and maybe he can coax a bit more out of this otherwise level filly. She appears more of a candidate for underneath anyway.

Race 13

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Fillies "A" Division

(5) CROSSOVER is the one to beat after a pair of strong trip-out performances. She's handy off the car and at the end of the mile - a double threat. (4) DEGAS could possibly work a stalking trip this time with this draw since some speed should materialize outside of her. She's always been a better stalking type but showed more class last time in winning on the lead, albeit against a weak bunch. (3) AVENZEE can actually punch into the race now that she has the hobbles on, and with the big money on the line I wouldn't be surprised if Tetrick can land her in a second-over position from this draw. (8) CALYX stayed smooth and trounced weaker competition last time. The outside draw is a hinderance but she could probably still push into the race for a minor piece.

Race 14

1 Mile / Trot • KYSS 3YO Colts & Geldings "B" Division 2 of 2

(5) AUGUST SALAZAR nearly went pillar to post last time in a quick mile, only losing to a horse in Kaizen who is probably very, very good. He'll try to go all the way around again and maybe does carry that speed home. (3) ICE VENERE rushed home in a faster back half to finish second. He's yet to be class tested but he could maybe power home to win here as he continues to improve as a rare Pelling-trained trotter. (6) CLASSIFIED didn't use any of his gate speed last time but still ground well to finish second and got a flat mile in his belt. Maybe he's more aggressive here; he'll have to be to get into position from this wide draw. (2) KOUNTRY TAB rallied well off a ground-saving trip to take third by less than a length, finishing much better than he had in recent miles. He should be a good use for exotics.

Race 15

1 Mile / Trot • Ky. Pref. 4YO & Under Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT

(4) NUMANTHIA would have won last time with one more stride. Hell, maybe just half of a stride. Quarter of a stride? She's the one to beat. (8) ZILLIONAIRE KEMP gets a new pilot off a much better effort in that fourth-place finish at Highbramble Park. He has speed to use and just has to find more stamina to hit the ticket. (3) BARROOM BLITZ took a big chance in KYSS company but now drops to a more realistic level where he got a nice check chasing NUMANTHIA two starts ago. (6) SHADY MAPLE CREDIT could maybe be best of the rest if that closing speed she showed at Hoosier can translate well against an otherwise level field.

SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (33 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	447	167	78	56	55	356
WIN %		37.36%	17.45%	12.53%	12.30%	79.64%
RETURN	(\$894)	\$813.84	\$532.62	\$761.96	\$849.74	\$2,958
ROI %		-8.97%	-40.42%	-14.77%	-4.95%	-17.28%
AVG RETURN		\$4.60	\$5.79	\$8.86	\$12.50	\$7.94
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.42	\$4.21	\$5.88	\$6.92	\$4.40
AVG ODDS		2.76	6.54	9.25	16.50	8.76
MEDIAN ODDS		1.53	4.01	5.90	11.38	4.54
MULTI-RACE BETS	# OF HITS		TOTAL COST		TOTAL RETURN	ROI
PICK 5	4/56		(\$505.40)		\$448.73	-11.21%
PICK 4 (\$1 BASE)	7/49		(\$698.00)		\$565.28	-19.01%