

Monday, July 6, 2026 • Race Day 33

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

Full-Card Selections			\$1 EP4 Ticket	\$1 MP4 Ticket	\$1 LP4 Ticket	\$1 P5 Ticket
1 8-3-4-5	6 7-4-1-2	11 3-4-5-2	Race 1: 3,4,8	Race 5: 1,3	Race 12: 3,4	Race 9: 1
2 7-1-3-5	7 9-5-8-3	12 3-4-7-2	Race 2: 7	Race 6: 7	Race 13: 2,5,7	Race 10: 3,7
3 1-8-7-4	8 2-4-5-7	13 2-5-7-4	Race 3: 1,4,7,8	Race 7: 3,5,6,8,9	Race 14: 5,6	Race 11: 3,4
4 3-6-1-4	9 1-2-5-3	14 5-6-9-4	Race 4: 3	Race 8: 2	Race 15: 2,5	Race 12: 3,4
5 3-1-2-4	10 7-3-2-4	15 2-5-1-8	Total: \$12.00	Total: \$10.00	Total: \$24.00	Race 13: 2,5,7
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Race 1

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

(8) AEROWULF puts her unbeaten streak on the line from a tough draw, but her efforts in the Proud series signal that she may have the necessary speed to prevail from this draw. (3) SWEET AS SILK has been okay in her baby races, closing nicely with a :56 back half in her first one and then strolling to a win at a slower time in her second. She appears to have ability and probably benefits from landing in the second flight of this series. (4) SWEET DEB had some late pace to offer in her debut and can definitely step forward from that effort against this potentially softer group and with a good draw. (5) BYE BYE BEACHES raced evenly on debut but appears a possible best-of-rest type from that performance if she doesn't take a big step forward in her next start.

Race 2

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

(7) BANANA BEACH is a freak. Watch the clock. (1) LINDY BELIEVER went a big mile to give chase on debut, and the fact she stayed within five lengths says she's second best here potentially. Inside draw should allow her to work a good trip. (3) BABY PUPPY pushed first up in a quick back half to finish a level third, but she did strong work inside of that race to get involved late. She'll have to take a big step forward but seems capable. (5) SANGIOVESE HANOVER is still super green, nearly breaking stride around the last turn but doing well to stay flat and then finish level late. She should smoothen with experience but I'm really curious how she performs when all the cylinders align.

Race 3

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

I'm sticking with what I saw from those baby races and hoping that (1) DECLAMATION steps up from this improved draw off an awful trip on his debut. He took back to last and was bottled in traffic until the final eighth of a mile, where all he could do was collar a tiring rival for third. He flashed sharp speed off a helmet in his baby races, so maybe with that start under his belt and post improvement here he can actually be involved. (8) MIDNIGHT DRIVE showed solid speed on his debut without being asked so he clearly has more to offer, which will be necessary from this outside draw with a lot more speed to his inside. (7) MIKI'S BIG BANG kept grinding into the race last out when landing off the speed and just missed to I'M TOO HOT FOR YOU, who got first jump on a tiring longshot leader pushing uncovered up the rim. The fight he showed in that race holds great appeal in this spot, where he's likely going to land behind the ball again and have to climb out of a hole. (4) TRICKY HILL was bested by a horse in Atlantic Ivey that opted out of the KYSS to compete in the \$150k Next Generation at Scioto, finishing second in a 1:52.2 mile as the 6-5 favorite. He had some class validated in that loss, where he was game off the car and to the finish. Post draw should let him work a snug trip potentially.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • W/o 5 - NW 10 EXT PM LT

(3) FALCON drops into a spot where he could work a covered trip and power home. He's been sneaky good against tougher in the KYSS. (6) NOSMALLTALK IR suffered his first stateside defeat last out when cutting the mile, but he remains a freakishly talented horse. I just wonder how the trip will work from this spot in a much tougher class than that NW\$6,500 he faced two starts ago. (1) SOMELOUSOMEWHERE has also been solid off a covered trip, which he probably can work from this pylon draw. (4) SEEITSAYIT has not thrown a bad race since returning as a 4-year-old but faces his toughest class to date from an odd draw. We'll likely see where his ceiling is in this spot, but he's deserving of a look given his form of late.

Race 5

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

(3) PEBBLE BEACH STAR shook free from the pocket when the longshot leader tired and stayed on to finish third in his debut. He fits well here if he can get a smoother trip. (1) BLUEBIRD BEACH closed well into the mix to take third in his first start and can easily build off that effort from the inside draw. (2) WARCRY ECHO showed little in his two baby races, but the :57.3 back half in his most recent is fine and he's been gelded with a nice pedigree, in which his dam is a full sister to blacktype mares Hula's Z Tam and Southwind Tempo. Seems like he could have some ability but just some temperamental things to iron through racing. (4) CAPTAIN OMEN launched forward in his debut but tired after cutting a soft mile, but he could get a different trip at second asking that's possibly more conducive to his attitude; he was good closing in his lone baby race.

Race 6

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

(7) DAME FRANCIS missed the first KYSS event so she lands in this softer division off a robust pair of baby races. She seems primed for a strong effort. (4) ALL SPARKS has raced well in the Proud series and her lone defeat was to an undefeated horse on that circuit in Watermelon Sizzle, so she probably has solid ability to offer in this spot. (1) INGOT kicked well off a pocket trip to win in her most recent baby race. Draws well and well bred, out of Breeders Crown winner Rocknificent. (2) UNBERDNBYWHATHSBEN was well beaten in Banana Beach's romp last out, so she had no real chance to show anything off of okay baby races. She gets another good draw to maybe offer something for the verticals.

Race 7

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

Tough race seemingly loaded with speed. Could be a spot where (9) JILLIBY DYNAMITE A is able to loop the field, but since he's probably coming from last that doesn't feel like a guarantee in this race. (5) I UNDERSTAND could perch into a solid striking spot in the middle of the pack and make his big brush move to the last turn, as long as Johnson doesn't try to send him of course. (8) RODMAN has speed to use from this wide draw but was a winner here last time off a perfect trip against \$10,000 claiming company. He maybe has gotten tighter since that win, but this could be a spot where he either proves himself the best or overexerts. (3) SEARCH THE SEA should be among those firing forward and can at least carry his speed long enough to get a check.

Race 8

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$9,000 L4 CD

(2) WESTERN ERA finally draws into a spot where he can be aggressive after racing super sharp of late. He should be sitting on a good one. (4) TOOKADIVEOFFDIPPER tends to be aggressive early in spots like this even though he's probably in too deep, but his early speed has proven to be an asset that can land him on the ticket at a price. (5) SERIOUS MIKI probably has to claw into the race from this draw but he's persistent enough that he can still get involved late. (7) E MODE'S DESIRE picks up Dexter Dunn, who maybe can get this horse into a good rhythm to race well at this class that's maybe a notch higher than where he performs his best. Hopefully the price doesn't take too steep a hit.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • Open

(1) CAPTAIN ARTUROVICO should be able to work a trip from the pylon draw in this short field. Tough to see how he lands in a bad spot since there doesn't seem like much speed off the car that can counteract him. (2) A COOL MOMENT may have a chance to sit closer to the pace with this inside draw and with the short field. He's been in form but just racing from bad spots against this group. (5) MUSKATEER HANOVER figures to blast but could be doomed if he pockets CAPTAIN ARTUROVICO or even finds the pocket from someone's quarter move. He's in form but will need some luck to work his way again. (3) ADMIRAL HILL makes his first start off of a sick scratch but can probably still sneak onto the ticket with this inside draw.

Race 10

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

(7) TOTALLY TYLER has a tough post to overcome but raced well in his debut. He appeared poised to rally from his pocket trip but seemingly got spooked when in tight quarters midway around the last turn, steadying before gathering his speed back for the stretch. Looked like a green effort but showed good ability nonetheless. (3) A BETTOR DREAM has good gate speed to use from this spot and enters from a good enough baby race with a :56 back half. His ability to leave should put him in a good spot against this group. (2) BIMINI BEACH didn't show much in his baby races even in winning his most recent, but he moved comfortably enough winning his most recent that maybe he can factor for a piece on debut. (4) FINE LINE didn't get away well on debut but stayed on nicely for a check when finally getting clearance in the stretch. He'll need to take another step forward to win here but he has room to improve from that debut.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares Open Handicap

(3) AINTNOTHINGUCANDO draws a prime post to blast and roll. If she gets an easy lead (and she might), it's her race to lose. (4) FLO JO had loads of pace to offer but couldn't shake free from the pylons until too late and settled for third in her most recent. She's on an upward swing and faces a class test in this spot, but she's been racing sharp enough to be worth a look at a price. (5) BONITAS BEST BET draws a disadvantageous spot as the widest speed, but she's been in her best form of the season lately so maybe she can still work a good trip. (2) YANKEE B SOMETHING is always dangerous as a speed against this group, but given her last race being weeks ago and it being a fledgling effort from a wide draw off the speed I'm not sure she's as tight as some of her peers here. She should still be able to get a good piece on her return.

Race 12

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

(3) LONE CYPRESS enters this race in solid form despite a loss in his most recent baby race, where he sprinted for the finish well and just got collared in the last strides. He finds a good spot to debut, plus he is a half brother to KYSS champ Three Times Bettor. Solid foundation. (4) FAIRWAY TO HEAVEN won his lone baby race in hand and probably has more to offer inside of a race. (7) WICKED FOR FUN fired off the gate well but was even at the finish. The early speed should put him in a good spot from the wide draw, but we'll see how much more competitive he can be inside of this second-rung division. (2) ELOUN MUSK was fine grabbing a minor piece on debut and draws better in his second start to maybe take another step forward.

Race 13

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(2) DEAL THE ODDS threw in a clunker last time after an effort that could've won him the race in his most recent. I'm going to believe he can be better than his most recent race as evident by his first two efforts of the season, plus we should get an alright price from this positive draw. (5) STUN GUN finds some of the softest company he's faced of late, but he also lands a functional draw after having to climb into the race from post 9 last out. He's a strong one that can grind, which could be the right makeup to win in a spot like this. (7) MOSES was itching to pace late in his Oak Grove debut but was stuck behind a wall all the way to the finish. He drops in class here and maybe finds a helmet to follow now that he got an acclimating mile. (4) HANDSOME STRANGER goes back on Lasix and dips out of tougher competition, which proved to be a winning combo over a wet-fast track on June 9. He has some class but is not a lock at a short number. With this post he figures to fire off the car and maybe has the speed to go all the way around.

Race 14

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

Tricky race. (5) WHELK BLUE CHIP may be in a spot and against a group where he can just fire off the car and roll. He had a chance to win like that last out but was an even third, but maybe he wasn't a hundred percent in that spot? Who knows. (6) THE LEGEND HANOVER sometimes breaks through in spots like this. He's great at picking up pieces when everyone else is tiring and this could be a race with that kind of shape. (9) FIGHTFORYOURRIGHT may leave from this spot given the weird kind of speed off the car. He can maybe get a check. (4) COALFORD HITMAN GB tired terribly in his last start and maybe is better second out, but as a possibly short price I have a hard time being confident in him despite this group being pretty soft.

Race 15

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

(2) DANCIN IN D STREET faces his weakest competition of late and gets a great post to finally reach the winner's circle. (5) LYLE had pace to offer last time but was shut off in traffic from a pylon trip. He's been in sneaky form of late that should be able to menace at a live price. (1) SENIOR PARTNER returns to Oak Grove off okay miles at Hoosier, but his efforts over this track would make him somewhat competitive with the inside draw. (8) WISE THINKING may be trending in a good direction since switching barns. He'll probably be left with way too much work to do, but against a group like this he can maybe hit the verticals.

SHEET STATS

2026 STATS (30 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	399	148	68	51	48	315
WIN %		37.09%	17.04%	12.78%	12.03%	78.95%
RETURN	(\$798)	\$733.86	\$459.62	\$717.30	\$762.34	\$2,763
ROI %		-8.04%	-42.40%	-10.11%	-4.47%	-16.26%
AVG RETURN		\$4.64	\$5.61	\$8.86	\$12.92	\$8.01
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.34	\$4.04	\$5.86	\$6.94	\$4.45
AVG ODDS		2.79	6.62	9.13	16.67	8.80
MEDIAN ODDS		1.57	4.20	5.82	11.46	4.62
MULTI-RACE BETS	# OF HITS	TOTAL COST	TOTAL RETURN	ROI		
PICK 5 (\$20 BASE)	4/53	(\$429.40)	\$448.73	4.50%		
PICK 4 (\$1 BASE)	6/40	(\$580.00)	\$541.48	-6.64%		