



Monday, July 8, 2024 • Race Day 31

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

Full-Card Selections

1	2-4-3-7	6	6-4-9-10	11	1-5-3-2
2	5-3-2-10	7	4-3-6-7	12	8-7-4-1
3	2-3-5-4	8	8-2-4-5	13	-
4	7-6-9-2	9	3-7-5-1	14	-
5	3-2-4-1	10	7-9-2-3	15	-

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 2,3,4,7
 Race 2: 3,5
 Race 3: 2
 Race 4: 6,7,9
 Race 5: 2,3
 Total Stake: \$9.60 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 4,6,9,10
 Race 7: 3,4
 Race 8: 2,8
 Race 9: 3,7
 Race 10: 2,7,9
 Total Stake: \$19.20 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile/Pace • Fillies & Mares NW \$2,700 L4 CD
 (2) GRAND CIRCUIT moves up in class off a dominant and under wraps mile. She will need to show more gate speed here, but this is a logical class move off her win. (4) PD'S GEM kept gaining from her wide trip to finish fourth. She's a consistent closer who may find a better path into the race from this draw. (3) KIZZME-LIKEUMISSME is win shy but will be in the right spot to potentially make amends. (7) PAPERBACK THRILLER gets a tough draw but with the right cover she'll plug into action.

Race 2

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM Claiming
 (5) ROCKIN ROG went too fast when last over this track and enters this race off a solid tightener. If Bates rations speed, he can roll. (3) SAIL HO lifted off fast fractions to grab the win last out in a race where he figured to do well. Even if he doesn't get hot fractions to chase, he'll be stalking and charging. (2) APRIL'S BIG GUY should also go forward and is always productive off a helmet. Will not be the 27-1 he offered last out, unfortunately. (10) ROCKIN COSETTE is consistent in this class and may get a good path out of the second tier.

Race 3

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$4,000 L4 CD
 This looks like a now-or-never spot for (2) THIS KIT ROCKS. He has to go forward from this spot. So does (3) CAPTION THIS, but this one just has a draw disadvantage. (5) MONTANA CHIEF A should improve now that he's back on the starting gate. (4) LOUIE THE LOOPER also should improve back on the gate too.

Race 4

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT Claiming
 (7) IMPERIAL HANOVER made huge gains to take third in his most recent race. He's a solid horse just itching for his first win. (6) DP ROYAL TEA is an honest grinder who may get good speed to close into. (9) DYNAMIC DESIRE improved tremendously in his first start off a month, but he'll have to hope he has speed to follow into the race. (2) ZONDER does her best work launching and seeing what she can get.

Race 5

1 Mile/Pace • Fillies & Mares Open
 (3) HUNGRY FOR LOVE mounted serious challenges in the KYSS, but clearly was second best to a talented mare in Strong Poison. She fits this group and figures as the one to beat. (2) AINTHESAMEWITHOUTU got locked at the pylons and had energy once shaking free. She's always a factor here. (4) DOUGS BABE A is great at tripping out; she won last out doing that. But she does still seem like a mare that needs perfect circumstance while offering a short price. (1) ROCK IT OUT consistently outraces her odds when on the gate and now she gets the perfect draw for a good chunk of pie.

Race 6

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD
 (6) ROCK N REPUBLIC has the back class to do well here and can race from anywhere -- a benefit in a race that can either be torrentially fast or a crawl. (4) E MODE'S DESIRE is a consistent closer with a good post. (9) ORLANDO BLUE A will be vicious if he has a helmet to follow. (10) IDEAL FEELING similarly can crush if he has the right speed to follow out of the second tier.

Race 7

1 Mile/Trot • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT

(4) GED GED YEAH did well overcoming a tough second-tier spot to climb ranks and finish fourth behind a no-doubt winner. She should be in range. (3) BLINDING LIGHTS AS has to show a little more to win here, but she should be in the right spot to make something happen. (6) LEGACY'S CASANOVA will launch off the gate. If he lasts is down to a coin flip. (7) FIYA improved going back on Lasix and can float forward, but the post does hurt.

Race 8

1 Mile/Pace • USHDC NW \$3,000 L4 CD

(8) ALWAYS A WAY is two or three seconds faster than everyone in this race. Aldrich has to launch; this race has NO speed. (2) SETH HANOVER could benefit if no strong speed shows. He has been waiting all season to find the winner's circle. (4) ALLGONOWHOA showed improvement last out after being fairly flat all meet. Could offer a price. (5) FIRE LIGHT is a swooping type that may be able to hit the ticket.

Race 9

1 Mile/Pace • Claiming \$10,000

(3) LANESIDE LOGIC GB lands back on the gate and gets the hands of John MacDonald, so he will be going forward and he will try to bottom the barrel. (7) YANKEE ROLER A is probably the best horse in this race, but the post forces him to have to really work into the race early. (5) THREE CARD makes his first start off the claim and should also go forward. (1) TOPVILLE ON A VIRG is a reliable closing type who may have a lot of pace to leech into.

Race 10

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(7) ROGERS IMAGE can go fast, but needs cover to get into the race. He may get good speed to chase into. (9) SPEAK YOUR MIND thwarted every challenge under wraps when winning here three starts ago. She fits this class based off that effort and should land into a good spot with all the inside speed. (2) ALLABOUTTHEMATERIAL remains a threat if she can get a lone lead. She should at least hit the ticket. (3) FROZEN SHARK is another one who's sharp off a helmet and can climb ranks from this spot.

Race 11

1 Mile/Pace • Fillies & Mares NW 1 EXT PM LT

(1) DROPPIN BIKINIS went a markedly different race last out and mounted a decent challenge to take second. She gets a good draw, but last time she drew inside she got mired in traffic so she better show some speed. (5) CRYSTAL SANDS would've done better if she didn't park the first half mile last out. She should get a better trip here and have more to offer. (3) MRS MADISON COUNTY can get into the right spot to get a piece but she remains a type that struggles to pass horses. (2) RULED IMAGE has the speed to at least get into a position for a check.

Race 12

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,700 L4 CD

(8) TAKEITTOHEFACE is fast enough in an empty speed race that Bates can win this off the wings. He somehow overcame an impossible spot last out to get fifth, so he's in form. (7) FOX VALLEY DURHAM also is a solid closer, but he'll be at the speed's whim; which again, what speed is here? (4) IT'S A JK has been pushing into the mix late in his last few starts so he should again be a late factor. (1) CAVIART RICHMOND is the only other consistent speed, so Bobbitt should be able to get away in a good spot.

SHEET STATS

STATS (4/1/24- 7/2/24)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	359	130	83	45	38	296
WIN %		36.21%	23.12%	12.53%	10.58%	82.45%
RETURN	(\$718)	\$684.30	\$609.06	\$569.54	\$667.92	\$2,530
ROI %		-4.69%	-15.17%	-20.68%	-6.97%	-11.88%
AVG RETURN		\$4.96	\$6.69	\$9.99	\$14.21	\$8.96
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.67	\$5.34	\$6.52	\$8.00	\$4.64
AVG ODDS		3.03	5.79	8.87	14.01	7.92
MEDIAN ODDS		1.75	3.85	6.26	9.71	4.77
CORRECT PLACINGS	RACES	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	ALL
RACES	359	130	68	56	41	295
RATE		36.21%	18.94%	15.60%	11.42%	20.54%