

# OAK GROVE



# The Players' Guide

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YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

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## Full-Card Selections

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

## Early Pick 5 Ticket

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

## Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 2,4,5  
 Race 7: 7  
 Race 8: 4,6  
 Race 9: 3  
 Race 10: 2,4,5,6  
 Total Stake: \$4.80 for \$.20

### Race 1

#### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 3YO Colts & Geldings

(1) INTERNATIONAL LAW came flying at the end of the mile to just miss. He's always had a good kick and the hobbles appear to help his breaking issues. (4) MISTER DAD has a single solid punch. He will be storming late with the right setup. (3) LINDY'S COYOTITO was in the right place at the right time to win last out. He'll be sitting close again and that's ultimately his edge. (5) MAGIC HILL was empty off cover last out but from this draw maybe Yannick tries sending him forward?

### Race 2

#### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 2YO Fillies

(4) VOGUISH has qualified twice, both losses. But her most recent mile she was runner-up to Deja Blu, the first foal from champion Atlanta. Add that this filly is a half sister to freshman champ Venerable and this gal 'oughta be good. (5) APERFECT ANNIE went a good qualifier over this track on June 25 and exudes confidence immediately going into this spot. (1) RARE EVENT was second best to an all-muscle Yo Tillie last out. She should offer more on second asking. (2) GYMBOREE should sit closer and that should help her.

### Race 3

#### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 3YO Fillies

(4) BLACK VELVET AS has not been asked in any of her five starts and just keeps getting better. Where's the bottom? (6) YOUHADMEATHALO equaled a track record last out and presumably should be sharp again. (3) LOCAL HONEY appears back on track after an NJSS hiccup and should sit close. (7) TOVE PALEMA will have to launch from out there to have any shot.

### Race 4

#### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 2YO Colts & Geldings

(5) WORLD BY STORM clearly is a smart one with speed not many can contend against currently. (1) ENERGETIC JULIO gets the right draw to sit close and do something. (4) FIFTYDALLAR TAB made a green break trying to leave the gate last out but showed interest all through the mile. He won't get away close but he appears to enjoy the grind. (7) KETEL ONE UP has gone two good baby races but has to deal with the outside draw.

### Race 5

#### 1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 3YO Fillies

(2) BATH BOMB has sharp speed and has been competitive with a Burke stakes type in Seaside Diva. She definitely fits here. (4) SHEZHUNGRYGI is explosive when tracking on a helmet and is a great price try. (6) ODDS ON LIVE BALL has the speed to get into position from the tough draw. (3) DEFINING MOMENT looks capable of picking up pieces if this race gets messy.

### Race 6

#### 1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 3YO Colts & Geldings

(2) SWAGGY CAL worked a great trip but had no room late and had to settle for third. He could again sit in a striking spot against a possibly vulnerable favorite. (4) TOTAL STRANGER delivered at 1-9 last out but had to be shown the whip and kept to task in a fairly basic mile. He can win here but will be a short price. (5) SIR JOHN B had a lot of late speed that could do him well as long as he doesn't break behind the gate. (3) STEELY KNIFE can keep chase in fast times and should be sitting a ground-saving trip.

## Race 7

### 1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 2YO Fillies

(7) SKYWALKER SEA came just 2/5ths of a second off the track record in just her first start. So, good luck dealing with her lol. (2) HIP SHOT did pass tired fillies but regardless showed fight to race in her first start. She should improve with the inside draw. (1) YOU FEAR ME should also benefit from the post switch after having to endlessly climb ranks out of post 6 last out. (3) HIGH PROOF can sit close and get a share.

## Race 8

### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 2YO Fillies

(4) STACKING GREEN just has to stay flat to really do well here. She still won when making an immature break in the stretch, so the ability is clearly present. (6) YO TILLIE is a headstrong type that could contend, but her speed threshold seems unclear. (3) DUVET has just the single qualifier coming in here and that's either a good thing or a bad thing. Tough to tell. (1) DEMYSTIFY is out of a good Nifty Norman mare in Evident Beauty, so she could have smarts. Not much to tell off her qualifiers, but she can get nursed onto the ticket.

## Race 9

### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 3YO Fillies

(3) WOMAN OF PASSION is all speed no brakes. Or I guess no brakes. Knock on wood. (2) HALOA took a lot of air in that Proud Series race and showed persistence for Badron to win. She may handle this move up in class well. (7) GREEN FEE clearly has ability but will need a covered trip from this spot likely. (5) MINNELLI will chase horses around and do her best to get a good third or fourth.

## Race 10

### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 2YO Colts & Geldings

(4) MEMENTO MORI had a solid debut, only just losing because he had to straighten in the stretch and lost just enough ground to miss. He's a natural. (2) LOUISE'S LEGACY went a good mile from a tough spot and should do better now that he draws inside. (5) GOO GOO GONE slowed on the end of his mile last out but looked like he could go a little faster if necessary. He just has to stay flat. (6) BANK ON ME qualified well behind her stable-mate Aperfect Annie on June 25. He's also bred to be alright; out of the stakes-winning mare Overdraft Volo.

## Race 11

### 1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 3YO Colts & Geldings

(1) DANCIN CHAMPION just missed going pillar to post last out, but now gets an inside draw in a short field. Ball's in his court. (4) ARSON is obviously talented but unless he launches for the lead his path into this race is tough to tell. (3) COURTSHIP went too hard but still held second in the opening KYSS prelim. He won't offer the same value this time around but remains a contender. (5) LILLBLISS is fast enough to pick up a piece.

## Race 12

### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 2YO Fillies

(4) SOUND JUDGEMENT was a surprise talent on her debut when finishing second to Stacking Green. She should build well off that effort. (1) GRAND SLAM DEO may be more involved now that she has that start under her belt. (5) DIVINE THING can reel rivals in but also shows the same quirks her daddy Greenshoe had in his career. Needs to stay flat. (2) MAIS OUI improved between her two qualifiers and should do alright from this draw.

## Race 13

### 1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 3YO Fillies

(3) SEEUONTHEOTHERSIDE got rolling too late and just missed in her Sire Stakes bow this season, but now she gets a ripe draw to make good. (4) NERIDAS WISH beat older handily and swiftly last out and could be developing well to take on gals like this. (7) VIKI HILL got a perfect trip and a perfect drive to win last out, but now she has much more to prove from a tougher draw. (1) GO NOW can hit the ticket if she saves ground and punches late.

## Race 14

### 1 Mile/Trot • KYSS / 3YO Fillies

(1) STELLA VOLO has the speed to get into position and gets a great spot to work into the race. (4) EMBRACE THE FUTURE kept fighting in the stretch to just miss in that Proud Series division. This obviously is a hike in class but she could have some gusto. (2) BLACK BUT-TON will be sitting and waiting to pounce, and may be able to get up in time. (5) JUSTASIAM AS adds hobbles for this start, and that seemingly has her ready off that single qualifier at Scioto. Her gait remains a concern.

## Race 15

### 1 Mile/Pace • KYSS / 2YO Colts & Geldings

(1) REALMENWEARBLU gets a great draw again after showing he's simply faster than most of his compatriots. Advantage: his. (5) LEW HAUBER won in 1:56.2 under a death grip from Ronnie Wrenn Jr. He may be the value play if off at like 4-1. (2) DOC'S BUDDY should be more contentious since he gets a draw where he can sit a good trip versus last out when he actively had to find a good spot through pretty much the whole mile. (8) THE REAL THING had a good first qualifier but then a whatever second qualifier. Reverse of what you want to see but this big yearling purchase may regardless be ready to do well at first asking.

## 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%