



Tuesday, July 9, 2024 • Race Day 32

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Full-Card Selections

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

Early Pick 5 Ticket

Race 1: 2,3,8
 Race 2: 1,3,4,6
 Race 3: 5,8
 Race 4: 1
 Race 5: 4,5
 Total Stake: \$9.60 for \$.20

Late Pick 5 Ticket

Race 6: 1,2,3,4
 Race 7: 1,5,6
 Race 8: 5
 Race 9: 7,9
 Race 10: 4,6,7
 Total Stake: \$14.40 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile/Trot • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT

***** EARLY PICK 5 CARRYOVER | \$830.47 *****

(2) FOREVER A LION AS looked ready for a good race before suffering a break behind the gate last time. This is not a tough field, so if Luna can keep him flat he should do well. (3) REMEMBERWHATUSAID tried going first over against a tough horse in 'mnotplayin' but kept good chase to hold fifth. That sort of effort can do well here. (8) FOX VALLEY TIEGEN really should've had more against that group she faced last out, and now she has to overcome the outside draw. She's fast enough to get a share. (1) LULING CITY gets a good post and has a development edge as a 4-year-old.

Race 2

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$7,500 L4 CD

(6) SHOW ME A MILLION deserves a second chance at a price off a race that just was not in his favor. Tough spot here but he's an alright horse. (4) ESPRESSO will succeed if Hendry sends. (3) EMPIRE BUILDER should also do better now that he's back on the gate. (1) VINTAGE may better fit this bunch. If Joey finds cover for her she'll have a say late.

Race 3

1 Mile/Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(5) ROCKIN DAWG got a perfect drive last out, sure, but he seems poised to get the same type of trip. (8) KING OF METAL AS should improve with that start under him after a month layoff. (9) CANTBEATHEBEACH is an obvious threat here if he can get a path out of the second tier. (4) HE'S LOST IN TIME is consistent at this class but appears one that's just a hit-the-board type.

Race 4

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$4,100 L4 CD

(1) SHAMWOW was going a nice mile on the class drop before that unfortunate accident in the final turn. He gets a better draw today so this is his race to lose. (9) GUITAR MAN is an Illinois speed freak who will follow speed into the race, but he'll have to show something as a 3-year-old against big and strong older horses. (3) SURE THING CAPTAIN gets a good draw and can climb into the mix with the right trip. (4) VESPA N was terrific when last here at Oak Grove and could offer a good price in spite of finding a tough bunch here.

Race 5

1 Mile/Trot • Open

(4) DOVER IN MOTION is the best horse in this race and should have no problem from this post. His only obstacle, then, is himself. (5) PIONEER AS just got caught when cutting the mile last out after getting parked through the first part of the race. She'll be a factor no matter. (8) OH LOOK MAGIC may offer a better price off his loss and because of the bad draw. He's good off the speed and should remain a contender. (9) AMIGO VOLO may have some inside speed to track into a stalking position, which ultimately will determine his fate.

Race 6

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT

(1) STRAIGHT AND SASSY went a huge mile under wraps last out and should again be a menace. (3) SPECIAL DRAGON has yet to be asked, but will need a trip against this type of speed. (2) ADALECIA will also have to hope for the right path. (4) HYPEYOURBESTIEUP is another fast one, too. This race is a chess match.

Race 7

1 Mile/Pace • NW \$2,700 L4 CD

(5) GAMBLIN MO faltered after going huge fractions against bottom-level stock at Hoosier. If he can reign that speed in, he should do okay against this group. (6) CRIUS N ROCK needs to stay flat and have enough muscle to go forward from this post. If he's not close, his job gets harder. (1) MOHAWK SEELSTER got buried against a big winner last out, but again gets a good draw and should be more involved. (4) SEASIDE HILL qualified well and could work an okay trip for a piece.

Race 8

1 Mile/Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT Claiming

(5) BAM BAM Z TAM has to outfoot her inside rivals to have this race in the bag. She can keep going forward judging off her last few races. (4) LUNAR BEACH had no answer after following Straight And Sassy's hot clip. This will be a slower race and that should help her. (7) SWEET FLOWERS ships west off miles that are tough to gauge against a spot like this. Lloyd's barn is in form, but she may take more play than deserved. (8) BUCK ART has the speed to get a piece. Just the draw is tough.

Race 9

1 Mile/Trot • NW 2 EXT PM LT CD

(9) I'MNOTPLAYIN' was so good last out that he may still be able to swoop this field. But from the second tier, he will have to be extra on his toes. (7) CREEDMORE may have the speed to take the lead and control things while the main factor works for a path into the race. (5) RAYLAN DREW will need to show more speed to be a factor. Or maybe not; he could be better than his most recent lines show. (3) WALLOFMUSCLES AS got an easy win two starts ago but has zero gate speed. He can at least get a share.

Race 10

1 Mile/Pace • Ky. Pref. Claiming \$10,000

(4) BARNEY HANOVER should be able to grab the point from this spot and, maybe, outlast a field that will be on the ropes from the start. (6) HIGHLANDBEACHYCOVE has flashy miles on the page but he's had a tendency to hang when making challenges. He could be in the right spot and, at like 9-1 odds, may be worth a try. (7) FOUND MY ROCK should be in the right spot at the right price to swoop the field if the speed turns out bad. (5) DOC'S PAPPARAZZI was so empty last time, but maybe this guy has those ailments remedied to do alright this week?

Race 11

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$2,700 L4 CD

(5) BROKNHEARTSVILLE makes her first start for Per Engblom and qualified well after having issues in her previous starts. Maybe she can surprise. (6) CRYSTAL ICE could lock this race down if he can get the lead. He's an even speed type so he'll have to control things. (7) CLEOPATRA AS has an explosive late kick, but keeps finding traffic trouble and refuses to leave the pylons. She'll again be a short price here, and sooner or later she'll have to be aggressive. (2) HIGHLY ACCLAIMED ships south off alright miles at Hoosier. She should fit this bunch.

Race 12

1 Mile/Trot • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(5) YO TATER is a nice-looking prospect for Verlin Yoder. He trounced easy competition last out, sure, but with the right trip he can do well against this group. (2) DELI TESSEL has really found a groove at the end of the meet. She'll be chugging forward late. (9) BRODEUR is obviously the best horse here, but the second tier spot puts him in an uphill climb from the start at a short price. He can prove himself. (3) LOUS ANDIAMO is great off stalking trips and gets the right draw for Bates to work a snug ride.

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%