



Monday, March 24, 2025 • Race Day 1

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

Full-Card Selections

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



Pick 5 Ticket

Race 3: 3,6,8,9
 Race 4: 1
 Race 5: 3
 Race 6: 3,6
 Race 7: 1,2,3,4
 Total Stake: \$6.40 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile / Pace • NW 1 EXT PM LT

(2) ROLLIN DICE began his sophomore season with a seemingly sharp win over the oval at Cooper Downs. Could have developed well over the winter for his pari-mutuel return. (5) SCRAPPY COMINGUP certainly seems competitive just on times, but tough to tell how that form will translate to the smaller oval here. (1) STANDING LEADER was often competitive through the season here last year and maybe benefits from eight months off. (8) GUITARS CADILLAC similarly kept improving through last meet and maybe gets a check despite the bad draw.

Race 2

1 Mile / Pace • Mini Series 1 - Claiming \$10,000

(4) BAY BRUTE appears ready for a competitive race with an interesting qualifier one month following a lame scratch at Northfield. If he can land forward, he may do well against this odd bunch. (1) NUI BA DEN N qualified well behind a tougher horse in Hypeyourbestieup. He lands the right post to find a path into the fray. (5) HURRIKANE CHUCK has thrown clunkers seemingly just because of bad draws. He enters here off a solid ground-saving rally and possibly gets involved from the center post. (7) JUST A ROCKET MAN has to find a forward seat to hit the ticket. He could send in a race which ultimately has questionable early speed.

Race 3

1 Mile / Trot • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT

Can anyone get the front here? Logic says someone has to, and the most likely is (3) LEGACY'S CASANOVA. But this guy notoriously does not last the mile, but has he found the right bunch of stragglers to take pillar to post? Really tough call. (6) TRU FORTUNE showed interest in his last start but has to pick up where he left off four months ago. (8) WANDA DANCE can maybe pick up some pieces despite the wide draw. (9) PRINCE OF ROYALS needs a path out of the second tier to thrive.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • Mini Series 1 - Claiming \$10,000

(1) SHARK SOLICITOR seemed full of himself in that qualifier and has recent-enough dates to signal he's fit. (3) L DEES JACK LOPEZ has some fight, but as a grinder he is disposed to the trip of the race. He could fight his way through, but we would want the right price for that obstacle. (7) HURRIKANEKING-CARLO could find a great spot into this race despite the draw. He raced well over the half mile at Shenandoah Downs and should appreciate the wider real estate here. (6) WOODY TWO could grab a share at a price with many of the others entered holding loads of question marks.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(3) NUCLEAR was a third-prong stakes type as a freshman and sophomore and appears like he's getting even stronger at 4. Good luck beating him. (5) NO LOU ZING was a stakes type in his heyday, and that backclass could show here as he makes his first start in six months off a solid qualifier. (9) FOX VALLEY LANGLEY has to hope for inside speed because he's capable of doing well here, but needs to find a trip into contention. (7) ISITLIKEITTELL may be on an upward swing off that most recent mile at The Meadows.

Race 6

1 Mile / Pace • Open

(6) LOW RIDER went a terrific mile on debut at Hoosier last out and appears well matched for this bunch, which last year may have been slightly deeper waters for him. (3) LATER DUDES likely goes forward and either lasts or not. Though if he gets a pocket trip, maybe he's more spry? (5) CONGRESSIONAL qualified well and showed plenty of speed in his 4-year-old campaign, but tough to gauge whether he'll need a start or not to truly match others with more recency. (1) YANKEE B SOMETHING loves this oval and lands a great post to secure some money.

Race 7

1 Mile / Pace • NW 1 EXT PM CD Claiming

(3) PAPA VERLIN had a nice punch at the end of the mile in his seasonal bow and draws the right post to carve a solid path into the race. (4) ILLOUMINOUS may land into a spot close to the pace and possibly do well. He only goes forward so much off of trips, so we'll hope for the best. (1) DYNAMIC DESIRE seemed on the cusp of a win here late last season and could be a sleeper off the bench and with an inside draw. (2) ROCKNROLL DAKOTA usually charges at the end of miles, but showing speed in the qualifier certainly intrigues coming into this race. Maybe she improves sitting closer?

Race 8

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$9,000 L4 CD

(2) TIP TOP CAT excelled over this track as a 3- and 4-year-old in sire stakes company. He appears still in sharp form and lands a great draw to strut his stuff. (4) STEELY KNIFE benefitted from faster paces when last here as a sophomore, but he since apperas more versatile. Tough to see how the trip maps for him, but his Hoosier line certainly readies him for this race. (5) SPEAKING VOLUMES enters off a solid qualifier and comes from a barn that has horses ready off the bench. (8) DALE YEAH has a tough draw to overcome, but showed plenty of talent late in the year to signal he can at least get a piece.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • Mini Series 1 - Claiming \$10,000

(1) AYR PIONEER GB had a rough meet last year, but before then was terrific over this oval. He seems to have found fresh legs for Besim Odza and might ship back ready to roll for Dinges. (7) IDEAL BIG GUY did well climbing into the ranks over the half-mile oval and could work a nice trip despite the draw. (3) LUCKS ON TIME has put together good miles when he gets a clean draw. Here, he gets a clean draw, so we should likely see him do well then, yeah? (2) WESTERN BOOTS could offer a price for the underneath spots if he can suck along saving ground.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$4,000 L4 CD

(2) SEVEN HUNDRED shipped here late last meet on a massive class drop and absolutely annihilated the competition. He ships here on a move up in class this time, but he seems still ready to the task. (4) COLIGNY HANOVER matches this class well and could work into a good, productive spot. (5) LETS FLIP ONIT will do her best work if she can clear a position early. A pocket trip would be ideal for her; she also raced well at these lower levels last season. (1) MIGHTY BREEZE may find a smooth trip by virtue of the inside draw. He'll look to make lemonade while the sun still shines.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$2,500 L4 CD

(4) PD THE BIG EASY doesn't have the same grease in the wheels as he gets older, but he enters the bottom level off a suitable qualifier for a good effort. (3) COPPER TEEN has oodles of backclass and enters off an okay effort at Hoosier, but tough to tell how to task he'll be in this race. (6) CLEAR-CHOICE DE VIE will have to hope he can land forward without much effort early just given the draw. He's raced best when close to the front, but the speed of this race is difficult to map. (2) DEPUTY DAWG has a sneaky good race from Dec. 28. That effort could get him a nice slice with this post.

Race 12

1 Mile / Pace • USHDC NW \$3,000 L4 CD

(9) HEAVY PRESSURE is another on this card with tons of backclass; he worked his way as a 4-year-old from the bottom level to the open for Roshun Trigg and managed to take a sub-1:50 mark over this track. His Cooper Downs efforts are solid, but he needs inside speed ahead of him to have any chance. (1) UNHYNGED SPEED could work a good trip by virtue of the draw if he's feeling up to the task. (2) JOYFUL LADY has plenty of speed and likely does well just by being close. (7) SHANE FALCO may be ready to get back to the winner's circle off that qualifier, but his efforts previous make a short price tough to swallow. Likely either his way or he's up the highway. Tricky spot.

SHEET STATS

2024 STATS (34 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	423	152	99	55	40	346
WIN %		35.93%	23.40%	13.00%	9.46%	81.80%
RETURN	(\$846)	\$786.00	\$737.28	\$638.56	\$689.88	\$2,852
ROI %		-7.09%	-12.85%	-24.52%	-18.45%	-15.73%
AVG RETURN		\$4.91	\$6.83	\$9.25	\$13.80	\$8.70
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.75	\$5.68	\$6.14	\$7.98	\$4.66
AVG ODDS		2.94	5.73	8.73	14.49	7.97
MEDIAN ODDS		1.59	3.85	6.27	10.31	4.77