

OAK GROVE

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The Players' Guide

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RACES

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Full-Card Selections

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



Pick 5 Ticket

Race 3: 1,7,8,9
 Race 4: 1,4,9
 Race 5: 3,4,5
 Race 6: 8
 Race 7: 2
 Total Stake: \$7.20 for \$.20

Race 1

1 Mile / Pace • Fillies & Mares Open

(4) SOFT SPOT should appreciate the class drop off a fairly even mile last out. She's had success in the past here plus the smaller field should put her in play. (1) SCORECARD DANDY likely tries to protect position and will do well if she can sit a covered trip. (3) CELEBRATE ME HOME doesn't show the most speed early, so she'll likely have to come first up if she makes any kind of move. She can certainly push forward if the front cools late. (2) DRY CREEK PRINCESS should appreciate stretching out to three turns from four. The inside draw also should place her in a spot to get a good share.

Race 2

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

(1) AINTNOTHINGUCANDO made a bold move last time, though did so when the speed started to collapse. She nonetheless sustained her motion and grabbed a good share, so maybe with a better draw and that start in her belt she'll be competitive. (6) TAMEUDOWN struggled getting into the race from the second tier, so this feels like a testing ground for her fitness second off the bench. (4) PRINCESS STELLA should do well here on class merit alone. Although her qualifiers don't make me excited to swallow a short price. (2) PRINCESS ARCH struggled as a freshman but enters her sophomore year off two solid qualifiers. She likely still needs a start.

Race 3

1 Mile / Pace • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT CD Claiming

(7) TONTO RETURNS has gate speed to use with minimal to match inside. He'll do better as long as he doesn't get caught first up. (8) ZOOMA ROSE appears to have some late speed to offer, which will help against a slow field. (1) CAPTAIN CRUJIDO may protect position well from the pylons if he can stay flat. The Hawkinsville mile shows he maybe has grown from 2 to 3. (9) PRINCE PALONE also should offer late speed, but he'll need trip luck out of the second tier.

Race 4

1 Mile / Pace • Maiden / NW 1 EXT PM LT CD Claiming

Real difficult top pick here because he's 0 for 22, but (4) TOWNLINE IT IS may just land on the lead and roll. He did cave on the point last out, but this is a lukewarm bunch and he'll be in the optimal spot. (9) WITNESS MARK had great late energy, though the field crawled the last half home. If he can land closer from the second tier, maybe he's more involved. (1) INFINITE LEXY gets a post switch and exits a real deep race. We'll see how much the class relief helps. (8) CAVIART MARIA competed well against Virginia bred, but always tough to tell how ready they'll be for the first start while drawing wide.

Race 5

1 Mile / Pace • Claiming Handicap \$12,000-\$15,000

(3) ROGERS IMAGE had plenty of success over this track in years past and could maybe be dominating speed. If not, he could work a great trip. (4) PICKSIXKING has the muscle to succeed here, but tough to tell how he'll do if this race can go in the 1:54 range. (5) ARTIFACT HANOVER takes a big class drop, which probably puts him into a forward spot. (8) FEARTHELUE only knows how to leave, but from way out there he either will get used hard and maybe hold or park the trip. Tough call but he's certainly sharp off the wings.

Race 6

1 Mile / Pace • Open

(8) SAULSBROOK VICTOR has some stronger inside speed to deal with this time around, but he was so much the best last week that he could probably handle it. (4) THIS KIT ROCKS has just saved ground and grabbed what he could, but maybe this is a spot where he can get rolling earlier than the far turn. (2) TIP TOP CAT is a stout grinder but he has strong speed to his outside. If he can get away closer than third, he's golden. (6) LATER DUDES likely tries to fire with the post improvement, but he'll also have to hope for a pocket ride. He really doesn't close too much ground.

Race 7

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

(2) SHARK SOLICITOR has the speed to carry this field around the track as long as he doesn't take a bad step around that first turn like he did last week. (10) DRAGONS BETTER makes a decent drop in class, which makes forgiving the countless last-place finishes much easier. He'll also have good speed to follow out of the second tier. (7) SONIC STAR continues to just be a fit horse who can grab a piece if the trip works cleanly. (4) DRAGON PERFECT just missed reeling in a stubborn pacesetter last out, but he'll likely need slow fractions to bring him more into the mix.

Race 8

1 Mile / Pace • NW 2 EXT PM LT CD Claiming \$20,000

(1) ROCKNROLL DAKOTA appeared loaded with pace off the bottom corner last out but had no room to build momentum. She gets a great draw again while facing a suspect group so Bates will likely just roll her. (9) ALLINEEZAMIRACLE stands to get a decent chunk at an alright price if she can follow the speed out of the gate. (4) MAGICKINGDOM will close into the action, but the question for him will be what kind of fractions will he have to close into? (2) CAN'T STAY TO LONG maybe sits a good trip now that she's back on the gate. She's just a price to throw on underneath since the outside horses may struggle getting into the action.

Race 9

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$2,500 L4 CD

(3) JIMMY L did go a big mile as the favorite last time despite getting trounced by over 7 lengths. He kept fighting to hold second and now doesn't have a 1:50-caliber pacer off a trip to fend against in here, so we'll see how he fares as a chalk. (4) SIR LLOYD was great over this track last year. He managed to get in the swing of things right off the bench, so we'll see with him if he can come out swinging or if he'll need a start. (1) ROAN BY DESIGN can likely work a ground-saving trip up close, which will do her much better than trying first up. She's much better sucking along by the looks of it. (7) COPPER TEEN has back class and still has a bit of fight, but the draw just isn't ideal. He can get a chunk, though.

Race 10

1 Mile / Pace • Mini-Series 2 Final: NW 2 EXT PM CD Claim

(9) MY PLAYMATE GB showed a decent amount of power to win out of the second tier last out. He's been much better than expected and will likely have speed to follow early. (1) DOC'S STAR found a weak group but went a big mile to deliver as the chalk last out. Pair that with an inside draw and he likely can work a forward trip again. (4) FABULOUS tried cutting a rated mile last out, which likely cost her the race when the pocket popper accelerated off the bottom corner. She's capable, but also still learning. (2) ADALECIA can sit a close trip and get a piece of pie.

Race 11

1 Mile / Pace • NW \$6,500 L4 CD

(5) JILLIBY DYNAMITE A likely is a tough one to beat if he can maintain the same ability he had with "Nifty" Norman out east. The post draw works well for him, too. (2) ISITLIKEITTELL will benefit from an inside draw. He has loads of early speed and could maybe even take them all the way. (4) FOX VALLEY LANGLEY had great late energy springing off the pocket ride last week, but he'll need to find a different trip into the race unless he can show much sharper early speed. (1) NUCLEAR has not been the best off the gate, which is troubling here. If he gets into a first-over situation here, I don't know that he'll really do too well.

Race 12

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

Okay, I am kind of thinking this race could fall apart. (6) STUN GUN may be able to pick up the pieces if it does. Sure, he has a fairly flat line, but he had a decent kick to offer in the stretch and only lost ground fanning through the turn. But again, he needs speed to close into. (5) ISITLIKEITLOOKS will go forward here, but maybe he's able to rate an easy mile on the lead against this group? (1) TALK RACY TO ME emerged from a shuffle to win with an eye-catching rally against the level below this, so now that he gets an inside draw again he may handle the step up in class nicely. (4) COUNTRY SQUIRE sat a great trip last out, but missed to a horse who built momentum just a tad sooner. Tough to gauge what kind of trip he'll get, but he's in form to do well.

SHEET STATS

2025 STATS (6 DAYS)	WINS	TOP PICK	2ND PICK	3RD PICK	4TH PICK	ALL PICKS
# OF RACES	72	24	11	12	12	59
WIN %		33.33%	15.28%	16.67%	16.67%	81.94%
RETURN	(\$144)	\$107.18	\$98.14	\$110.46	\$127.20	\$442.98
ROI %		-25.57%	-31.85%	-23.29%	-11.67%	-23.09%
AVG RETURN		\$4.29	\$8.18	\$9.21	\$9.78	\$7.86
MEDIAN RETURN		\$3.74	\$6.21	\$6.87	\$5.98	\$5.19
AVG ODDS		2.77	7.05	11.23	15.83	9.22
MEDIAN ODDS		1.72	4.14	8.12	8.85	4.59