



The Players' Guide

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

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Today's selections and commentary by: **James Witherite**

Full-Card Selections

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

50¢ Late Pick-4 Play

Race 11: 4, 7, 9
Race 12: 2, 3
Race 13: 5, 7
Race 14: 4, 7, 8
Total Stake: \$18

Wagering Highlights

Two 50¢ Pick-4s
now races 5-8 and 11-14, 15% takeout

50¢ Jackpot Hi-5
final race • \$5,439 carryover

Race 1

Pace • Claiming \$5,000

3 - BORN TO DANCE mounted a three-wide push around a stalled Do Ya Think on entry to the far turn, only to be reeled in off cover in the final yards. His :28.3 final quarter was the second fastest in the race, but he did the most work of any during the toughest parts of the mile. Retains Roberts. 7 - SPECTRUM SEELSTER got the late jump on Born To Dance after riding his coattails through the final lap. Consistent presser-stalker has hit the board in eight consecutive races, all at this level. Be wary of underlay potential. 6 - K J MICHAEL drops from \$7.5k company in his first local start this meet. He rode cover into second-place finishes twice in his last five tries. Potential for pace pressure plays into his strengths. 4 - DRUNKONAPLANE was compromised in traffic turning for home last week but fared better from pocket trips that held up two and three back. Can share with clearer sailing.

Race 7

Pace • Winners 2-3 Ext. PM Races or NW \$20,000 Lifetime

1 - FREDERICKTOWN LAD ground out a long first-over bid last week only to land a neck short. Improved staying power over previous lines noted; the pole should keep him fresher longer, too. 9 - MCROCKIN SENSATION debuts for Gara on arrival from Indiana, where he held his own in conditioned claimers after leaving from outside posts. Raw speed and closing ability both track, and Foster picks up the drive. 6 - ENA HAPPYMAN fared much better off the shelf in Virginia last week, where he closed in :28.3 to finish third in a N5L event. This is a lateral move for the Michigan-bred in his second start off the shelf, and Buford ships up for just this one drive. 5 - WHOGOTMYTHUMB steps up amid strong current form, and he's demonstrated solid ability to stay on for narrow misses from pocket and close tracking trips. Midpack draw should help him stay handy from the start.

Race 9

Pace • Winners 4-6 Ext. PM Races Lifetime

7 - DONTENVYME HANOVER seeks a third straight win over this course, having handled the jump to N7L company last week with aplomb. After sprinting clear from post 7, he repelled a stern challenge through a :28 third split and edged away steadily for a clear win. He's right back with similar. 6 - JUST CHASING TAILS brushed and drew clear in similar fashion two back before circling off stalled third-over cover to save a no-match second last week as the even-money favourite behind Dontenvyme Hanover. He's hit the exacta in five of his last six from all sorts of trip scenarios. Versatility is a big plus; Roberts is, too. 5 - ANGLER HANOVER repelled a stern threat last week after just missing from the pocket the start before. His grit in victory over N4L types is a definite strong suit, but he'll have to step up the raw speed on this jump. 8 - AGENT HARLEY gave a good first-over try a fortnight ago before levelling off. Credit the work he did on the rise to this level.

Race 11

Pace • Open Handicap

7 - LAYTON HANOVER gave it a go first-up last week but tired late after pacing his own middle half in :53.3. That could well be a key race as the winner, Lou's Starr, just turned in a track record performance in Virginia mere days after his 1:49 romp here. 9 - DON'TMESSWITHLES circled Layton Hanover's cover for third last week after doing the bulk of the work on arrival from Philly two back. Outside draw is his biggest obstacle, but proven versatility is his biggest asset. 4 - ICACO HANOVER kept up pretty well with Lou's Starr's insane fractions last week and held a no-match second with a good 1-3/4 lengths of clearance. Ability to handle overland grinds is a bit of an unknown, at least locally. 8 - ON THE CARDS N passed tired foes for fifth in the Lou's Starr race, and he only missed third by 2 lengths. Before that, he was consistently a factor in top-tier paces at Ocean. Minor player with closer cover.