



The Players' Guide

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

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Full-Card Selections

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

50¢ Late Pick-4 Play

Race 11: 2, 4, 5, 7, 9

Race 12: 2, 7

Race 13: 1, 3, 4

Race 14: 7, 9

Total Stake: \$30

Wagering Highlights

Two 50¢ Pick-4s

now races 5-8 and 11-14, 15% takeout

50¢ Jackpot Hi-5

final race

Race 1

Pace • F&M, Winners 1-3 Ext. PM Races Lifetime

1 - PELICAN BAY made two moves last week: one to secure the pocket from post 7 and another to lunge forward from the pocket to just miss first-over winner Voo Doo Vixen. They meet again; expect this gal to be sharper from a kinder draw and second off the shelf. 5 - VOO DOO VIXEN earned every bit of her 9-1 win last week by way of her sustained uncovered grind out of fourth through the final 3f. She's trending upward, and she's proven she can take a fair bit of air. 7 - FEAR OF GOLD was out of action last week following a respectable debut for Moyer in a similar class. After latching onto second-over cover behind winner Beehive Queen, she stayed on OK for third at 11-1. I'd like to see a little better late foot, but she stands a good shot at a minor with a similar outing. 8 - RED ROCK RUBY rose to this level last week and was compromised in traffic up the backstretch. Clear sailing can aid.

Race 5

Pace • 2YO Fillies, Maryland Sire Stakes Preliminary

7 - R U KIDDING ground forward to force a quickening pace up the backstretch last week, took a brief lead before the eighth pole, but was outfought by 4-5 chalk If I Win Uwin in a stretch-long battle. Big effort from this gal, who was on the winning end of a similar duel at Ocean four back. Credit her proven ability to do work. 1 - MISS ANNIE OAKLY exits the other first-round prelim, in which she got away poorly from the outside but made steady late ground to pass tired foes. Pole should land her closer to the action with ease. 6 - ALL THAT RUSTY had a pocket seat behind R U Kidding and If I Win Uwin's duel last week and lunged up the pegs to just miss. Ocean prelim wins came from pacesetting trips, so she's not dependent on the plum trip. Morgan's choice. 8 - DAPPER DUDETTE hasn't missed the board yet in her career, and she's shown pressing and closing ability, but she'll need some help to overcome the outside draw in a field that has more than a few fillies capable of doing significant work throughout the mile.

Race 6

Pace • F&M, NW \$1,000 Last 4 Starts or TM Rating < 70

3 - KILELR WAVES was a one-paced third from the pocket a level above this last week, and the start before she stayed better than even for fifth after floating into midfield from deep out. She's one of five in this field to drop in class, but she shows the best staying efforts on the whole among that group. 7 - IDEAL OUT makes a similar step down after rallying to just miss Killer Waves by a half length, and she nearly converted from a cozy pocket ride at Ocean three back. Staying power isn't as consistent, but when it's there, it's there. Definite overlay potential. 1 - HALF A VIRGIN chased to hit the board in all three starts since dropping to this level. Pole should keep her sharper late in what will be her 300th career start! 6 - WOODY'S GIRL was never in contention on arrival two weeks ago, but she didn't lack for late pace. Two back, she chased OK belatedly. Can boost value in deeper exotics with trip help.

Race 10

Pace • F&M, NW \$4,000 L4 or TM Rating < 77, Opt. Clm. \$15k

1 - NITE TIME DEAL was stymied by the drawmaster last week, but let's look a little deeper: She made up roughly 9 lengths in the breeze from astern to fish out cover just before the half, pacing her second quarter in :27.1, chased that cover in an individually timed :26.2 third quarter, and then tired after what for her was a :53.3 middle half. Now she drops in class and draws inside. Watch out! 4 - BADDITUDE is right back in for the optional \$15k tag after a convincing score at 2-5 last week. Other competition for control of the pace is either stepping up considerably in class or extremely wide on the gate. Carbon copy mile, perhaps? Beware underlay potential. 7 - BEEHIVE QUEEN pressed into victory two and four back, and she sustained good uncovered gains for a no-match second last week as the second flight collapsed on the far turn. Gains Foster amid extremely strong form. 8 - TATER TOT HANOVER was no doubt capable at this level at Ocean late in the summer, but tired in pursuit of a quickening pace on arrival. Minor player with just a bit better staying power.