



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	4-1-5-8	7	7-4-3-8	13	2-4-9-7
2	4-5-7-9	8	2-6-5-7	14	3-9-4-2
3	4-1-5	9	6-4-3-8	15	3-9-2-4
4	2-5-1	10	3-6-2-9	16	1-8-3-6-7
5	1-4-8-2	11	9-5-1-6		
6	5-3-7-1	12	5-7-3-1		

50¢ Late Pick-4 Play

Race 11: 1, 5, 6, 9

Race 12: 5

Race 13: 2, 4

Race 14: 2, 3, 4, 9

Total Stake: \$16

Wagering Highlights

Two 50¢ Pick-4s

races 5-8 and 11-14 • 15% takeout

50¢ Jackpot Hi-5

last race • \$2,713 carryover

Race 1

Pace • Winners 4-6 Ext. PM Races Lifetime

4 - WATCHMAKER has shown better stamina since adding Lasix two starts ago, when he sustained a long first-over press en route to a going-away 43-1 upset. Last week, he mounted similar overland gains into a much cheaper pace, but he still did the most work of any in the toughest part of the race. Trending upward, to be sure! 1 - HILARIOUS HANK lands the pole after staying on well from an earned pocket last week. Forgive two back; he was simply too far out of striking range from the 9-hole but didn't lack for pace at all. 5 - THE SECILIAN was a victim of severe traffic trouble last week but he again mounted good belated gains once free. If he can get racetrack just 100 yards sooner, watch out! Consistent good turn of foot noted. 8 - AGENT HARLEY gapped Watchmaker's cover off the turn for home two weeks ago, but he hit the board in three of four start prior. A little trip help and a return to earlier form can help him boost exotic value.

Race 11

Pace • Open Handicap

9 - LOU'S STARR returns to this side of the Potomac after a scintillating 1:51.1 score at Shenandoah two weeks ago. He's won three of his last four, including a 1:49 performance that erased Jenna's Beach Boy from the local record books the last time we saw him. As sharp as any right now. 5 - DON'TMESSWITHLES beat tougher conditioned company at Philly from both on and off the pace, but has either come up sort or been out-tripped in four tries here this meeting. Not lacking for ability whatsoever; midpack post should help to some degree. 1 - CONTROL ROCKS invades and debuts for Neilson off a solid Harrington qualifier. This guy owns the second-fastest career mark in the field by way of a Woodbine win last year. Pole keeps him handy with ease. Sneaky value proposition if he brings his A-game. 6 - ICACO HANOVER wired Open types two back and was engulfed at odds-on since after drilling a :25.2 first quarter. How much can he take early?

Race 7

Pace • Charles Keller Memorial • MDSS 3YO Fillies

7 - MORE THAN BETTER is one of two fillies looking to seal a sweep in the final, and she does so after prevailing at odds of 1-20 in both her preliminaries. What she gives up in overall raw speed she makes up for in ability to switch gears late in the mile. Slim call in a tough race. 4 - I SAY THAT TOO was eclipsed by That'sloveto in both their preliminary meetings, but she did far and away the toughest work of anyone in both races, grinding into the lead above the eighth pole. Kinder journey can go a long way toward carrying this mid-priced player home. 3 - THAT'SLOVETO is 8-for-12 and won the Ocean series championship, sure, but she's far from a lock in this group. Versatility and form are both noted, but new challenges await. Mind value. 8 - PAMFIN stalked and lifted into minors behind That'sloveto in both prelims, and she's stayed on to hit the ticket in five of her last six. Minor option again with similar.

Race 16

Pace • Claiming \$7,500

1 - MOSCOW MITCH rides a four-race win streak into the race, and he held sway for a share of victory against tougher \$10k types last week. Absolutely the target in this group amid form at the class. 8 - SHANE ADAM gets a pass from two back, and he almost converted from off the pace last week in his return effort. The 48-time winner's biggest obstacle here is the wide draw. Versatility and form are both there. 3 - UNISON pressed hard through the far turn last week as the pace quickened a second time, and he only missed by a length. His win at the level four back came via first-over gains. Sneaky value option. 6 - TWIN B LOUDACRIS takes a slight step down after staying on for third at 20-1 in a second-level race last out. Raw speed is ample; staying power suits this group. Gains Morgan. 7 - UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N narrowly held under pressure to win at the level last week. Form is improving, but he runs into a tough group with many contenders.