



The Players' Guide

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

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Full-Card Selections

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

50¢ Late Pick-4 Play

Race 10: 4, 7, 8, 9
Race 11: 1, 2, 4
Race 12: 6, 7
Race 13: 5, 9
Total Stake: \$24

Wagering Highlights

Two 50¢ Pick-4s
races 5-8 and 10-13 • 15% takeout
50¢ Jackpot Hi-5
last race • \$5,042 carryover

Race 1

Trot • NW 3 Ext. PM Races or \$30,000 Lifetime

7 - BOURBON ROAD won first out for Moyer after scoring a pair of pocket wins for Melander in Kentucky during late summer. Loved the power he showed in clearing early for the lead and then repelling pressure on the last turn. Every chance to repeat against a nearly identical group. 5 - PINK VISOR looks to rebound from a break a fortnight ago. The start before, he was an easy gate-to-wire winner at this level. Midpack draw yields tactical flexibility. 6 - ESPECIAL only missed second by three-quarters of a length last week in pursuit to Bourbon Road. He did win decisively in a similar field three starts back, and this time around he picks up Foster. Can he lift further? 3 - SKY LOW LOW has seemingly got the hang of things since switching to the trot — he's earned minor placings in all four of his starts at this meet. Even stayer figures well in deeper exotics; a little trip help can push him forward late.

Race 8

Pace • F&M NW \$1,000 Last 4 Starts or TM Rating < 70.01

1 - HALF A VIRGIN saw her step up in class last week amplified by an outside draw, and while she only managed to finish seventh, she was far from out of place. After overcoming stalled cover at the back, she made up 5 lengths in the final quarter. Now, she drops back to a winning level and gets the plum draw. 9 - BETHEL comes out of the same race and made up 6-1/2 lengths in the final quarter — marked improvement over previous outings. She benefits now from a second straight drop in class to a largely mid-dling first-level field. 4 - KILLER WAVES brushed and held sway against just tougher six back, and she's since chased for minors in four straight, both at this level and one above. OK stayer figures well with a more insulated trip. 2 - MALEFICENT K blasted clear last week before yielding and stalking for a one-paced third on the drop to this level. Post relief makes for an easier task this time, but three rivals dropping in class present new challenges.

Race 6

Pace • F&M Winners 1-4 Ext. PM Races Lifetime

4 - VOO DOO VIXEN sustained overland attacks to post back-to-back wins at the level — first-over at 9-1 two back and from around cover at odds-on since. Form and class unite; the only downside for this presser/stalker type is a lack of pace on paper. 5 - PELICAN BAY is Morgan's choice following three respectable but short efforts at this class while favored or close to it. The upside: She can take a lot of air and she's proven her ability to make multiple moves in the mile. 2 - FEAR OF GOLD seems to do her best work in one fell swoop from off the pace, and it's served her well since arriving from The Meadows: In three tries for Moyer, she's managed to hit the ticket twice. Credible mid-price player in all exotics; a live flow puts her in striking range. 7 - STANDEROSA proved herself capable at the level last week with a two-move pocket win, but she did have the absolute run of the race. This will likely end up a tougher task just on account of the shape of the race.

Race 10

Pace • F&M NW \$6,000 L4 or 10 Ext. PM Races, Opt. Clm. \$20k

9 - SQUARE DEAL left for a three-hole tuck then ground first-over up the backstretch en route to a going-away win on arrival two weeks ago. The 26-time winner is back with a similar group; that last showing proved she has ample early foot to get involved from the outside. 7 - FEAR THE BRITCHES pressed stoutly two back only to be nabbed off cover, and she chased Square Deal's cover into second more recently. Give her credit for her ability to do sustained work throughout the mile. Foster opts on, too. 8 - GO NOW was too far out of range to threaten when we saw her two back, but she passed horses steadily to crack the super at 32-1. She comes back following a dominant win in Virginia on Saturday. Ramping up? 4 - ZEBS BREAKING DAWN won three of her last five, including two of three at this level. Capable presser-stalker carries solid form into tonight's race, but have recent grinds taken too much starch out of her? That's my only real concern.