



# The Players' Guide

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

**Monday, October 19, 2026 • Race Day 11**

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## Full-Card Selections

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| <b>1</b> 5-9-7-3 | <b>6</b> 4-5-1-3  | <b>11</b> 9-2-5-8   |
| <b>2</b> 5-2-1-4 | <b>7</b> 8-4-7-6  | <b>12</b> 6-8-2-7   |
| <b>3</b> 5-2-1-4 | <b>8</b> 4-2-3-1  | <b>13</b> 1-9-2-7-4 |
| <b>4</b> 6-5-3-2 | <b>9</b> 5-7-4-3  |                     |
| <b>5</b> 1-8-9-7 | <b>10</b> 3-6-7-2 |                     |

## 50¢ Late Pick-4 Play

Race 10: 3, 6, 7  
Race 11: 2, 9  
Race 12: 2, 6, 8  
Race 13: 1, 2, 9  
**Total Stake: \$27**

## Wagering Highlights

**Two 50¢ Pick-4s**  
races 5-8 and 10-13 • 15% takeout

**50¢ Jackpot Hi-5**  
last race • \$6,964 carryover

## Race 7

### Pace • Claiming \$5,000

8 - SPECTRUM SEELSTER seeks a repeat win at this level amid a particularly strong stretch of form and versatility. He's won twice in his last three, both from on the lead and off a helmet. Foster opts to remain aboard the 43-time winner. 4 - KEYSTONE DORAL was a decisive winner in first-level company three back and since stalked to hit the board in two tries for this tag. Likewise trending upward, and William Carter's on a bit of a heater too — he won seven races in Virginia this past weekend alone. 7 - FRANCO TRISTAN N worked hard for a 53-1 upset on the drop to this level three back, and he's since shown promise in stalking and pressing trips. A little help can go a long way for him here. 6 - KAMARA did the heaviest lifting in both starts to date for Bounds, only to get nabbed in the final yards each time. While Foster opts away, he picks up Roberts. Expect him to be prominent off the rip.

## Race 10

### Pace • Claiming \$7,500

3 - MOSCOW MITCH came up a head short of a fresh Undrth-southernsun N last week, but he did far and away the most work in the final half mile. Not to mention, he reeled off four straight wins before that from on the lead and out of the pocket alike! Inside draw keeps him handy enough with ease; be wary of short price potential. 6 - SHANE ADAM has consistently done loads of work throughout his miles since arriving, and he's hit the ticket in three of five tries at the level. Last week, he pushed tree-wide around foes to a narrow lead before being outkicked late. Forgive three back owing to his role in a protracted duel for the first seven furlongs. If he can catch the slightest break, watch out! 7 - UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N parried pressure two back and lifted off a close stalking trip more recently to win at this level in back-to-back starts. How much starch did those recent miles take out of him? 2 - UNISON pressed and tired late two back, and then got caught in a blind switch on the far turn last week before flattening. The big change this time: Russell Foster takes over the lines.

## Race 11

### Pace • Winners Over \$6k Last 4 Starts or \$100k Lifetime Hdcp

9 - DON'TMESSWITHLES just missed divisional track record holder Lou's Starr last week after being relegated to a three-hole ride behind a hot pace. Still, he's hit the board in all five starts he's made this meet from a variety of trips. As strong as any here. 2 - LAYTON HANOVER was a pocket winner in Open company four back, tired in pursuit of Lou's Starr since, chased well from an earned pocket the week after, and mounted belated gains from astern while a non-threatening sixth last week. Post relief figures to do him a world of good, and this group's a little kinder, as well. 5 - BABES ALL IN stayed even out of traffic on arrival two back and then tired in pursuit of Lou's Starr's fast fractions more recently. He's been off close to a month, and he picks up Carter. 8 - SHAKAS PRIDE rallied for fourth from midpack or deeper in his last three outings, all at the Open level. Closer cover can tow him into a bigger share yet.

## Race 12

### Pace • NW \$4,100 Last 4 Starts or 8 PM Races, Opt. Clm. \$15k

6 - WATCHMAKER steps up mildly amid the best form in the field, having ground to victory over N7L groups twice in his last three starts. He fits here via the N8L provision, and his sub-1:53 wins fit fairly well in terms of raw speed. 8 - A MAJOR ATTITUDE likewise took a lot of air in a hot pace in his last outing, and he still held third after grinding into fast middle fractions. He held sway a level above this at Philly six back, too. 2 - COUNTRY COURTESY gets a tougher group this time round by virtue of five of his rivals dropping in class, but he's made good overland gains for second at 20-1 or longer twice in his last three. Gains Foster and draws handier; staying power is ample for a share. 7 - SKYWAY MASTER-PIECE did the heaviest lifting at this level last week, only to get nabbed by the streaking More Than Ya Know after throwing down a :27.2 third quarter. Carter's choice figures well as long as the pace isn't ungodly, like it was two back.