The Players' Guide

Rosecroft Raceway

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

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Full-Card Selections

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

50¢ Late Pick-4 Play

Race 10: 2, 5, 8
Race 11: 2, 4, 5
Race 12: 6
Race 13: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8
Total Stake: $22.50

Wagering Highlights

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

50¢ Jackpot Hi-5
last race • **$11,382 carryover**

Race 1

Pace • Fillies and Mares, Claiming $5,000

4 - MORE THAN BETTER swept the Maryland Sire Stakes series and now drops into a much easier group after her dominant 7-length win on Showcase night. Every chance to steal this race on the point. 1 - MAZAL cleared, yielded, and fought back late after gapping on the far turn to protect second at 16-1 last week. Pole keeps her sharper longer coming back. 2 - ROSARITO BEACH N mounted a massive four-wide push off the home turn last week and likely would have got second had she not drifted deeper in the final yards. Bar that break up the back two starts ago, she's been solid at the level since arriving. 8 - CARIBBEAN SAM-NIN was even but no threat against tougher last week and drops to her last winning level.

Race 9

Trot • Winners 2-5 Ext. PM Races or NW $51,000 Lifetime

5 - ZUZU ZOOM has hit the exacta in all four starts since Crescenze acquired her from the Noel Daley stable, and she's risen steadily in that span. Three starts back, she made two moves en route to a going-away first-level score, and last week circled four-wide in the final furlong and a half for a going-away score at this level. Class and form unite; as sharp as any in the group.
1 - ESPECIAL was a stout front-end winner over N3L types two back, and he did the bulk of the early lifting on the rise to this level last week before Zuzu Zoom circled over the top to beat him in the final 70 yards. Credit the grit he showed in protecting second over Hats And Horns up the pegs. 7 - HATS AND HORNS, speaking of, didn't lack staying power at 24-1 from an earned pocket, pushing forward, yielding, and lifting up the pegs to just miss Especial for second. I really like the improved staying power after even showings for minors with similar at Harrington. 2 - KINNDER KAHINA kicked into gear belatedly after threading through traffic in mid-stretch. Clearer sailing gets her in the hunt for a share.

Race 12

Trot • NW $2,550 Last 4 Starts or TM < 73, Opt. Clm. $10,000

6 - TIMESTORM drops back to his most recent winning level after chasing evenly for minors behind markedly tougher in his last two. Expect him to be sharper coming right back, too. My Pick-4 single. 2 - ZAPPA was forced three-wide around a failing foe into the far turn last week yet still rallied to beat a similar group. Great comeback mile for the 25-time winner, and he's back at the level via the optional tag. Post relief makes for an easier task, as well.
9 - BUCKETLIST HANOVER latched onto Zappa's three-wide cover through the far turn last week and rode his coattails into second after good closing bids against just easier in Virginia. Boasts proven staying power. 4 - K J DASH didn't tire that much last week in relation to the second flight; in fact, when he angled wide at the sixteenth pole, he made mild gains to only miss the early leader for fourth by a half length. Clear sailing should aid considerably.

Race 13

Pace • F&M, NW $2,500 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. $10,000

1 - TATER TOT HANOVER wired a similar group out of post 9 three starts back, got hemmed in from the pocket the week after, and tired late last week after a long uncovered grind into a fairly stout pace. Pole gets her handier; this group's a fair bit kinder, too. 3 - FANCY LIKE THAT seems to have found her spot after dropping to this level two back, charging late to just miss from an earned pocket and deeper back alike. There's not much pace on paper here, but that should also help her land close early.
2 - POST JOLENE steps down after an even stalking journey in third-level company. Givens opts aboard over three others.
8 - KELSEYS FOR REAL made stout inroads form astern last out and pressed hard to just miss three back. This gal can take a lot of air and boost exotic value. 4 - LITTLE JUDITH hit the exacta in five straight against easier — from all sorts of trips, too — and rises amid the best form in the field.

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