The Players' Guide

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

Rosecroft RACEWAY

Sunday, November 8, 2026 • Race Day 17

Today's selections and commentary by: **James Witherite**

Full-Card Selections

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

Ultimate Pick-4 Play

Rosecroft 7:	1, 4, 5
Mohawk 6:	4, 8
Mohawk 7:	3, 5, 8, 9, 10
Rosecroft 11:	4, 6
Total Stake:	**$30**

Wagering Highlights

Two 50¢ Pick-4s

races 5-8 and 11-14 • **15% takeout**

50¢ Jackpot Hi-5

last race • **$18,452 carryover**

Race 1

Pace • NW/WO $6,000 Last 4 Starts Handicap, Opt. Clm. $20k

7 - LAYTON HANOVER seeks back-to-back scores after brushing from the pocket and parrying a sustained challenge from J M Mandamin for a decisive twos-on win last week. The 30-time winner is back on the upswing. 4 - J M MANDAMIN stays at this proven level via the optional $20k tag, and he gave his all in defeat in his last two. Give credit to the amount of air he can take; solid mid-price option at his best. 6 - ON THE CARDS N drops from the Open to this top tier after chasing fast miles for minors in his last two and emerging belatedly at 21-1 four back. Staying power should count for more in this more manageable spot. 1 - BIPBOPNALLIE is another recent minor player in Opens, and he steps back down to his last winning level. Five back, he rallied off cover to score at eights. Pole keeps the proven stalker-closer handy enough early and sharp enough to lift late.

Race 3

Pace • Non-Winners $4,000 Last 4 Starts or TM Rating < 77

2 - FRANKIE FRANKIE steps down again after chasing well for third at healthy odds in tougher groups in his last two outings. Post relief should give him that last little bit of oomph he needs in his easiest local start to date. Give special attention to his early exertion to clear from post 8 last week before yielding and keeping even with the tougher Layton Hanover all the way to the finish. 7 - SHEER TERROR makes the same step down after being roughed up from the outset in his last appearance. I'm inclined to draw a line through that start after he was parked uncovered the whole way. Every chance to rebound, but be wary of underlay potential. 5 - LENDA HAND MAN invades from Virginia after stalking from midfield and lifting mildly to hit the board in his last two tries. Moves laterally on arrival; staying power makes him a logical price play. 3 - SUDDEN IMPACT chased OK at this level; drops after a tough first-over push into a :27.2 third quarter last out.

Race 11

Pace • Grade 3 Potomac Pace

4 - DANDY IDEAL sat off Women Layer's cover, tipped wide turning for home, and lifted to just nab him in the Breeders Crown after riding a similar path to elimination victory the week before. The "now" horse. 6 - PRINCE HAL HANOVER failed to fire in the Crown but was a solid two-move winner in the Allerage and a hard-trying second amid a torturous pace behind Best Chip in the Canadian Pacing Derby. Every chance to rebound; credit work done in his Crown elim before Dandy Ideal collared him. 1 - WOMEN LAYER did the most work in the Crown by way of his :26.1 uncovered grind to the lead up the backstretch, but he was able to perch close early thanks to the pole. He gets another favorable draw but he brings underlay potential with him getting the benefit of this spot. 5 - COACHES CORNER has been a consistent minor player on the sport's biggest stages, and he stole the spotlight in the '24 Gerrity and '25 Yonkers Grand Prix. Solid stayer figures well for another good share with clear sailing.

Race 14

Pace • Claiming $7,500

This is truly an interesting horse race. 2 - PINEBUSH LIFESAVER pushed off cover to briefly lead in a similar event in Virginia last week before being just nabbed. Consistently moves forward late in the mile; logical key to Hi-5 value. 4 - MOSCOW MITCH parried pressure to win two back and delivered it to reach again last week. Keeps Roberts amid excellent form cycle. 8 - SHANE ADAM brushed aggressively to the lead at the bell last week before giving way to pressure in upper stretch. Two and three back, he lifted out of traffic to hit the board. Outside post is his biggest obstacle in a tough group. 6 - TRU LOU rallied to win at 28-1 four back and since mounted late bids for minors. Can share again. 7 - UNDRTHSOUTHRNSUN N left for position three and for back and still had enough to win both times. Forgive two-move mile last out.

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