

# TRACK PHANTOM'S PARX PA DERBY DAY GUIDE



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**Saturday, 9-22-18**  
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**RACE 5 .50 P4 \$150**

5<sup>th</sup> 1,5,6,7,9,12  
 6<sup>th</sup> 1,4,5,9,10  
 7<sup>th</sup> 6,9  
 8<sup>th</sup> 3,4,6,7,9

**RACE 9 .50 P4 \$147**

9<sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,4,7,8,10  
 10<sup>th</sup> 2  
 11<sup>th</sup> 2,3,4,5,7,8,10  
 12<sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,6,10,11

**RACE 9 .50 P4 \$315**

9<sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,4,7,8,10  
 10<sup>th</sup> 2,4,7  
 11<sup>th</sup> 2,3,5,7,8,10  
 12<sup>th</sup> 1,3,6,10,11

**BEST BET**  
 #10 SCHERZO (12<sup>TH</sup>)

**LIVE LONGSHOT**  
 #9 YEAH ROCKY (5<sup>th</sup>)

**MOST LIKELY**  
 #2 MONOMOY GIRL (10<sup>TH</sup>)

1 PARX RACE 1 (12:25 ET) 44  
 CLM 20K, 1M 70 DIRT

9 THOMAS KNIGHT 5-1 GARCIA  
 6 HODOR 3-1 HADDOCK  
 7 HARPOON 8-1 PENNINGTON  
 5 FARA'S KID 12-1 BOWMAN

1st: 9 THOMAS KNIGHT (5-1)  
VALUE: 5 FARA'S KID (12-1)  
 A) 5,6,7,9 B) 1,3,8 C) 2,10,11,12

2 PARX RACE 2 (12:52 ET) 56  
 ALLOWANCE 69K, 6F DIRT

8 GOTHAM GALA 3-1 ORTIZ  
 5 JEMROSE 12-1 RODRIGUEZ  
 4 ALTER RHYTHM 6-5 ORTIZ  
 3 AFLEET TIZZY 6-1 PENNINGTON

1st: 8 GOTHAM GALA (3-1)  
VALUE: 5 JEMROSE (12-1)  
 A) 5,8 B) 3,4,9 C) 1,2,5

3 PARX RACE 3 (1:19 ET) 51  
 ALLOWANCE 69K, 1M 70 DIRT

2 TATTERED 12-1 ORTIZ  
 1 AQWAAM 3-1 ORTIZ  
 10 ANALYZE THE ODDS 6-1 SAEZ  
 7 HARANGUE 8-1 ARROYO

1st: 2 TATTERED (12-1)  
 Union Rags colt is 8 for 8 in the money and is coming off a sharp hand-ride score at Delaware Park. The 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher three back at Monmouth returned win next in a MSW at Saratoga and then 2<sup>nd</sup> in an allw there. Has had excuses (sloppy, awk step). Has a bullet work since last.

VALUE: 10 ANALYZE THE ODDS (6-1)  
 Claimed by one of the real supertrainers in the game at the moment. Notice he won a NY-bred stakes in the first start off the claim at 20-1 and earned career high Beyer in that race. The NY-bred stakes are likely a bit stronger than what is in here but at the very least a lateral move.

A) 1,2,10 B) 4,6,7 C) 3,5,8,9,11

4 PARX RACE 4 (1:47 ET) 68  
 ALLOWANCE 69K, 6F DIRT

7 CATORIA 9-5 SAEZ  
 8 OLDFASHIONED STYLE 8-1 PENNINGTON  
 2 SINGING SARAH 4-1 CASTILLO  
 4 POWERGIRL 20-1 RIVERA

1st: 7 CATORIA (9-5)  
 Shipper from Saratoga where she really outran her odds there. She won at 24-1 two back in a wire to wire victory. The runner-up was nearly 4 clear of the rest of the field. Ran 2<sup>nd</sup> in last to a Robertino Diodoro runner (who won 3 of 4 after that win). Bred to sprint. The one to beat here.

VALUE: 8 OLD FASHIONED STYLE (8-1)  
 Hard to know what we'll get with this one. She had been toiling in the barn of 9% trainer Contessa but moves to a 28% outfit John Servis. She was G3 placed four back, 9-1, at AQU. Broke her maiden at Sar, a race that included 3 next out winners and some future graded stakes types.

A) 8,11,13 B) 1,2,7,9,10 C) 4,5,6

5 PARX RACE 5 (2:15 ET) 54  
 OPT CLM 25K, 6F DIRT

9 YEAH ROCKY 20-1 SANCHEZ  
 5 WINNING THE MEDAL 8-1 ROSADO  
 7 SMOKIN NITRO 5-2 PENNINGTON  
 12 GIANT TRICK 15-1 SILVERA

1st: 9 YEAH ROCKY (20-1)  
 This 5YO gelding is in career form right now. Other than a poor effort on the turf two back (which he has not run a step on that surface in two starts) he has 3 very sharp efforts coming into this. Love the running style given the amount of speed. Pa-bred can produce a big upset.

VALUE: 5 WINNING THE MEDAL (8-1)  
 Back to back runner-up finishes in similar spots at MTH and PRX. He didn't get out of the gate very well in either start and has some sort of trip problems in 4-in-a-row. Is going to get a strong pace to set up his late run. He'll be one of the main beneficiaries of a pace meltdown here.

A) 5,7,9 B) 1,6,12 C) 2,3,4,10,11

6 PARX RACE 6 (2:43 ET) 57  
 MSW 67K, 6F DIRT

5 DR. ALLDAY 6-1 PENNINGTON  
 1 ABSENTEE 8-1 ORTIZ  
 9 CAMGO 4-1 JARAMILLO  
 4 DESERT SPRING 10-1 JIMENEZ

1st: 5 DR. ALLDAY (6-1)  
 Trainer is 7 for 17 in the money with a debut 2YO in MSW on dirt sprinting with Pennington up (won 2 of 3 in such a scenario at Parx this meet). Those winners were off at 5-2 and 5-1 and had similar works. The female tree gave us Peace Rules, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2003 Ky Derby and \$3M winner.

VALUE: 1 ABSENTEE (8-1)  
 Trainer won 2 of 3 starts with a debut 2YO at Parx in MSW dirt going 6F. All 3 of the starters for this ownership. He normally works them very slowly and the two wins were runners working at CNS (Colts Necks training center). Is going to need Ortiz to clear him from the tough rail post.

A) 1,5,9 B) 4,10 C) 2,7,12

7 PARX RACE 7 (3:12 ET) 63  
 ALPHABET SOUP 100K, 1M 1/16 TURF

6 FAST AND ACCURATE 5-2 ORTIZ  
 9 THREEOHTWOCASSIE 8-1 ROSE  
 10 BERN' JAMES BERN 12-1 ORTIZ  
 12 FLASHY KYEM 15-1 SMITH

1st: 6 FAST AND ACCURATE (5-2)  
 This runner was 17<sup>th</sup> in the 2017 Kentucky Derby behind Always Dreaming. Clearly a better turf runner. Ran 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 back despite a bad trip in the lane. The winner has won 3 of 4 since. Has speed but doesn't need the lead to win this. Picks up big name rider. The one to beat with a trip.

VALUE: 9 THREEOHTWOCASSIE (8-1)  
 Won 3 of 6 starts before last at Monmouth. Was making a big move wide on the turn but a rider got tossed front of him and it stopped his momentum. Beat the top pick in the Crowd Pleaser here last July. There is a lot of early speed here and he could be sitting in the right spot late.

A) 6 B) 9,10,12 C) 1,3,5,7,11

<p>8 PARX RACE 8 (3:41 ET) 66 PA DERBY CHAMP 150K, 1M 1/16 DIRT</p> <p><b>6 AZTEC SENSE</b> 6-1 4 NAME CHANGER 9-2 7 COLLECTED 6-5 9 EXULTING 10-1</p> <p><u>1<sup>ST</sup>: 6 AZTEC SENSE (6-1)</u> Assume Sunny Ridge is running at BEL. If he runs in here, he's my top choice. Per usual, Navarro claims this one for a small sum (12k) and turns him into a machine vs top sprinters. 8 wins in last 9 races, he is not being challenged. Tested here for a bit of class as he faces better. Rider was up for 9-length win on him at GP last Dec.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 4 NAME CHANGER (9-2)</u> Hard to knock a winner. He's won 7 of 15 starts and is 3 for 5 over this track. Game win in the G3 at Monmouth last out. Note the runner-up was far clear of the rest of the field. Comes in with a sharp work set despite trainer not known for fast drills in the morning. Closer will need the pace to come back to him. Ortiz stays aboard.</p> <p>A) 4,6 B) 3,7,9 C) 5,8</p>	<p>9 PARX RACE 9 (4:14 ET) 62 GALLANT BOB-G3, 300K, 6F DIRT</p> <p><b>4 ENGAGE</b> 4-1 7 WAR GIANT 8-1 10 FIRENZE FIRE 2-1 3 SEVEN TRUMPETS 12-1</p> <p><u>1<sup>ST</sup>: 4 ENGAGE (4-1)</u> Ran a big race in the Woody Stephens. He was close to the suicidal pace but turned in a game effort late to be second. Might be that the 7F distance last out was a bit too far for him. Projects a golden trip just behind two dueling leaders. Can't look by anything Chad Brown sends out. Might be a bit of an overlay in this one. A must use.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 7 WAR GIANT (8-1)</u> We've seen this movie often with Navarro as he gets a good speedy horse and able to turn him into graded stakes winner in short order. Has one other runner to deal with early but not many others will match his speed. Working very fast at Mth for G3 try. Rider has been aboard in all 3 of his wins. Very tough to catch if he can clear.</p> <p>A) 4,7,10 B) 3,8 C) 1,2,6,9</p>	<p>10 PARX RACE 10 (4:55 ET) 86 COTILLION-G1, \$1M, 1M 1/16 DIRT</p> <p><b>2 MONOMOY GIRL</b> 3-5 4 WONDER GADOT 6-1 7 MIDNIGHT BISOU 5-1 5 SEPARATIONOFPOWERS 10-1</p> <p><u>1<sup>ST</sup>: 2 MONOMOY GIRL (3-5)</u> In retrospect, her win in the Oaks 3 starts back was even better than it looked as it happened. She was drawn in the 14 post, a nearly impossible task, and beat two of her main rivals in a game performance. Was much best in back to back Ny G1's in her last two. Working well for this. Drawn well. No excuses. They'll have her to beat.</p> <p><u>2nd: 4 WONDER GADOT (6-1)</u> Connections took a shot in the G1 Travers vs males last out but she was out of her element there. Gave the top choice a big challenge in the Ky Oaks at 17-1 with this rider aboard. Normally brings a big effort in every start. Could easily set up shop in the best spot off quick pace. Depends on what few others here decide to do today.</p> <p><u>3rd: 7 MIDNIGHT BISOU (5-1)</u> A bit of the shine came off the luster last few starts. She was favored to win the Ky Oaks but got a very wide trip. After a paid workout in the Mother Goose, she was no match for Monomoy Girl in the CCA Oaks 2 back. Very disappointing in the G1 last out at Saratoga. Don't think that is what we'll see in this spot. Smith back aboard.</p>	<p>11 PARX RACE 11 (5:45 ET) 70 PA DERBY-G1, \$1M, 1M 1/8 DIRT</p> <p><b>5 CORE BELIEFS</b> 10-1 8 MCKINZIE 5-2 3 INSTILLED REGARD 15-1 10 BRAVAZO 6-1</p> <p><u>1<sup>ST</sup>: 5 CORE BELIEFS (10-1)</u> G3 Ohio Derby winner was flat late in last start in the Haskell. This patient trainer backed off him and prepped for this race with a strong worktab in So. Cal. Was best over G3 Affirmed winner, Draft Pick, in a team drill on 9/14. Would have won three back in the Peter Pan if not for the awful start. Think we haven't seen his best yet.</p> <p><u>2nd: 8 MCKINZIE (5-2)</u> Baffert can do it all including taking a G1 off a long layoff. He is 4 for 12 in G1's off a long break. This one clearly is talented as he crossed the line first in 3 of 4 and was moved up via DQ in one race. Very highly touted and working strongly for this. May look at the BC Classic if he runs big here. Not easy to fade Baffert in spots like this.</p> <p><u>3rd: 3 INSTILLED REGARD (15-1)</u> Very odd career so far. Looked like a real deal after the Los Al Futurity and Lecomte win. Flat in the G2 Risen Star and did zero in the SA Derby. Absolutely huge 4<sup>th</sup> in the Kentucky Derby at 85-1. Moved to Brown, excellent with a new acquisition of this type. 2<sup>nd</sup> dam is superstar Heavenly Prize (9 for 18, 8 G1's). Could move up for Chad.</p>
<p>12 PARX RACE 12 (6:13 ET) 72 ALLOWANCE 69K, 1M 70 DIRT</p> <p><b>10 SCHERZO</b> 12-1 1 SAN ELIJO 2-1 6 THESE BLUES 20-1 11 LEGACY'S PRINCE 10-1</p> <p><u>1<sup>ST</sup>: 10 SCHERZO (12-1)</u> Can look past the turf race last out as he hasn't run in the money in 3 tries on turf so far. Back to back wins here previously. He beat a Navarro runner 2 back and won a key race three back (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> won in their next starts). Has run well here and 2 wins at the distance. Late runner will be driving when the serious running begins.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 6 THESE BLUES (20-1)</u> 5YO gelding has done his best running at Parx and is shipping back here after two runs at Penn National. Winner 5 back won a 60k stakes at Mth next out and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in a starter allw here after that. 4 horses from the stakes 3 back won next out and that includes 5<sup>th</sup> (16k clm at SAR) and 6<sup>th</sup> (87k allowance at SAR). Wakes up in here.</p> <p>A) 1,10 B) 2,3,6,11 C) 4,5,7,8</p>	<p>13 PARX RACE 13 (6:40 ET) 43 CLM 7K, 7F DIRT</p> <p><b>9 DISTINCTIVE RIDE</b> 4-1 3 D. S. BOYD 6-1 2 GRAN FORTRESS 7-5 1 COUZIER 8-1</p> <p><u>1<sup>ST</sup>: 9 DISTINCTIVE RIDE (4-1)</u> He's hit the board in 6 of his last 7 starts. Claimed three back out of a good 2<sup>nd</sup> vs a similar group. New connections felt good enough about the claim to move him up to 12k claiming. Drops back to the price he was claimed out of and gets a big jock change. Love routers with a bit of speed cutting back to 7F. A much better fit here.</p> <p><u>VALUE: 3 D. S. BOYD (6-1)</u> Form wasn't all that great going into last start. He did have some excuses in those prior efforts (muddy track, turf and route races). Last was legitimately good. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers won vs better next time out. 8<sup>th</sup> place finisher won vs similar next here at Parx. Certainly good enough to beat these with best. Repeat last wins.</p> <p>A) 2,3,9 B) 1 C) 4,5,6,7</p>	<p><u>4th: 5 SEPARATIONOFPOWERS (10-1)</u> Brown, Klaravich and Ortiz make a very dangerous team in this spot. Won the G1 Test at Saratoga last time out. Not sure it was all that strong of a race. Place filly in there came back to run 2<sup>nd</sup> as the fav in a G2. 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> flopped next out. If the top choice gets pressed early, this filly could be sittin' in wait. G1 winner has a chance.</p> <p><u>5th: 6 CHOCOLATE MARTINI (12-1)</u> Seems to be an honest type. She won the G2 Fairgrounds Oaks in an upset and she did beat Wonder Gadot in there. She also beat 9 runners in the Ky Oaks although wasn't a challenger to the main players. Decent run for 3<sup>rd</sup> in last but once again wasn't a threat to the main foes. Appears consideration for bottoms of the exotics.</p> <p>A) 2 B) 4,7 C) 5,8</p>	<p><u>4th: 10 BRAVAZO (6-1)</u> Not uncommon for a Lukas colt to dance every dance, which is what we have here. Ran in all 3 legs of the Triple Crown. Very good in both the G1 Haskell and Travers. The top two finishers in the Travers were in merry-go-round fashion up front so he may have run against the bias. Works are very strong since last. Wouldn't surprise.</p> <p><u>5th: 2 HOFBURG (3-1)</u> No question a case can be made for him to win this. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Florida Derby and a good 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Belmont. Troubled trip in the Derby but beat 13 runners. Bred to be a really good runner and in the hands of a legendary trainer. Beat nothing in most recent start but did it with ease. Think he will be overbet once again but must use.</p> <p>A) 3,5,8 B) 2,7,10 C) 4,6,9</p>