

KENTUCKY DOWNS



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Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$420	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$420	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$450	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$375	BEST BET 9 Gostam (6/1) Race 8
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Race 2 1,2,5,6,9,10,11	Race 5 1,3,6,7,9,14,15	Race 7 1,3,6,7,10	Race 9 1,2,6	MOST LIKELY 2 Classic Q (4/5) Race 2
Race 3 2,4,8,9	Race 6 6,7,8,9,10,11	Race 8 2,3,6,8,9	Race 10 1,3	
Race 4 3,4,6,8,9,10	Race 7 1,3,6,7,10	Race 9 1,2,6	Race 11 2,4,5,6,10	
Race 5 1,3,6,7,14	Race 8 9	Race 10 1,3	Race 12 4,5,6,10,11	

1 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (1:25 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 1M TURF 65 5-2 4 MONIQUE EN VOL 5-2 2 MIDDLEMIST 6-1 7 VIAGGIO 7-2 5 COMPASS SIXTY 20-1 PICK: 4 MONIQUE EN VOL Scratch of #9 Bear Paw moves this Brad Cox first timer to the head of this group. This is a daughter of the superior dirt runner Flightline (undefeated champion). Sib to G1 placed turf distance runner Spycatcher and a dirt sprint type Dawny (first or second in all 4 of her initial starts in '23 for Larry Jones). 2 nd dam a multiple dirt stakes winner. VALUE: 2 MIDDLEMIST Debut filly for Brendan Walsh who has won 21% of his debut runners on turf in Kentucky. He has 3 wins here at Kentucky Downs (2021, 2023, 2024) with Gaffalione riding a first timer in MSW. Dam won once from 6 starts but that win was in France at 1M 9/16 on the grass. Sib to the dam, Pixelate, won \$1M on the grass (G2 winner). A) 4 B) 1,2,5,7 C) 3,6 D) 8	2 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (1:55 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 7F TURF 47 11-1 1 RUPP 5-2 2 POP AND LOCKE 15-1 6 OVERTIME BONUS 6-1 11 YALTA 7-2 PICK: 1 RUPP This could easily be a Brad Cox daily double. This is a 2 nd time starter shipping in from Ellis Park where he was 3 rd beaten less than two at 8-1. That is a surprising price on a Cox / Life is Good offspring. Has a 423k turf earner as a sibling, Mackinnon. He was a very good juvenile on turf. He was third in the 2021 BC Juv Turf. Cox 32% in 2 nd start. VALUE: 2 POP AND LOCKE First time starter. This trainer, Brendan Walsh, has won 8 of 39 (21%) with 26 in the money (67%) and a decent \$3.63 ROI with a debut turf sprinter in Kentucky. That includes two such wins here at KD. Sire Vekoma looks to be a versatile type. He's had turfers like G1 placed Mi Bago, and recent G2 (SAR) Hall of Fame winner, Bottas. A) 1,2 B) 6,10,11 C) 9 D) 8	3 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (2:31 ET) OPTIONAL CLAIMING 185K, 1M 5/16 TURF 60 5-1 8 ANDTHEWINNERIS 2-1 2 IDRATHERBEBLESSED 8-1 4 RISK MANAGER 10-1 9 ESMARK 8-1 PICK: 8 ANDTHEWINNERIS Michael Maker is 47% win (or run second in a photo) with a first off the claim going longer than a mile on turf and coming into that race off a win in the race the horse was claimed out of. Maker does his best work with older high dollar claims like this one. This gelding has won 587k on the grass. Repeat of the last start at ELP might be enough. VALUE: 2 IDRATHERBEBLESSED This is another 6YO for Michael Maker who won over a half of a million dollars on the grass. He won a Grade 2 on the turf at FG at 86-1 in March 2025. Had trouble in the start two back. In with tougher at Penn National in the last start. Back on Lasix on the drop in class. Fresu moved out East and wants to make a name for himself. A) 2,8 B) 4,9 C) 3,7,10 D) 1,5
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4 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (3:09 ET) 43
ALLOWANCE 180K, 6.5F TURF 7-2

10 WINDY HOUSTON	12-1
4 EMBLAZE	6-1
6 R SLEW OF CASH	15-1
3 KILBY GIRL	9-2

PICK: 10 WINDY HOUSTON

She has just one subpar start which came here at KD in September. But there are a couple of reasons that one can be overlooked. It was at a mile in a race she went a blistering early pace of :45.1. In addition, she got Lasix in the next start so maybe that was a contributor. Ran very well up front in both TP races. Very sharp worktab.

VALUE: 4 EMBLAZE

Adds blinkers for the first time. It might be an attempt to get her involved a bit sooner. She picked up a third place check in a 150k stakes at Aqueduct in May. That winner has since come back to hit the board in back to back G3's at SAR and won the 200k Galway. 7th won an allowance at SAR and was second there in a 150k stakes.

A) 3,4,6,10 B) 8,9 C) 5,7,12 D) 1

7 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (4:56 ET) 72
TURF CUP (G2) \$2M, 1M 1/2 TURF 6-1

6 ETHICAL DIAMOND	3-1
7 BURNHAM SQUARE	2-1
1 TIFFANY	9-2
10 FORT GEORGE	9-2

PICK: 6 ETHICAL DIAMOND

Upset winner of the G1 BC Turf from the 14 post at Del Mar about 10 months ago. His form looks a bit off since but that is misleading. The G2 Hardwicke two back was a deep race that saw 3 next out winners including one who took the Group 1 Yorkshire (runner-up). Top jock Ryan Moore got up in last. He is 2 for 3 aboard this one.

VALUE: 1 TIFFANY

16 straight in the money and 15 of 16 in the top two in top level company overseas. Beat Group 1 company in the last start but that field was slightly softer than she is facing here. Good news is she has had little trouble beating males in the past. Regular rider Luke Morris is here with this 6YO mare so have to think they are serious.

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

5 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (3:40 ET) 40
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 6.5F TURF 3-2

3 BLAZING TIGER	7-2
1 RED SQUARE	4-1
6 JUBILEE PARADE	9-2
14 BOURBONKOMA	20-1

PICK: 3 BLAZING TIGER

He added blinkers in the last start and oddly got into a speed duel with a stablemate who faded to third as the favorite. The winner was a first timer who won at 13-1 for Linda Rice. The other time that Gaffalione rode this one was in the second start. He had a ton of trouble in that race from the rail. 200k purchase should be tough.

VALUE: 14 BOURBONKOMA

Form looks awful as he beat no one in two starts. But it could be that he needed Lasix or needed to be gelded. He has both in play here. In addition, he moves to a new trainer. New sire gets about 17% with turf runners. His top turf earner is the 948k winner, Mi Bago. He also has G3 Penn Mile turf winner Alpyland. Works are very good.

A) 1,3,6 B) 7,14,15 C) 9,10 D) 5,11,13

8 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (5:36 ET) 76
NASHVILLE DERBY (G2) \$3M, 1M 5/16 TURF 17-1

9 GOSTAM	6-1
6 CAUSEWAY	5-2
3 GLACIUS	4-1
2 ROYAL GUARD	8-1

PICK: 9 GOSTAM

Undefeated after four starts. Those wins included two group races in Germany. Off the board in two starts into this race. The 8th two back beaten just over 3 is actually a very good race. That field was deep. 1st and 3rd from that race ran in the money in G1's next. 4th and 9th both won next (G3, G2 races). Figures to rebound in this spot.

VALUE: 2 ROYAL GUARD

Brad Cox has won 11 Grade 1 races with Geroux in the irons. That includes the 2023 Arlington Million and five G1's with Idiomatic. This is the female line of \$1M turf winner Dumaani and other Group 1 winners overseas on the grass. This is an obvious step up in class but he does come in with good form. Should get a decent trip.

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

6 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (4:21 ET) 55
TURF SPRINT (G2) \$1.8M, 6F TURF 9-2

5 POSSIBLEMENTE	10-1
11 JOHN THE BEER MAN	4-1
10 MY BOY PRINCE	9-2
8 OKIRO	6-1

PICK: 6 POSSIBLEMENTE

He moved to Joe Sharp before the start 6 back. He has 3 wins and 5 in the money from the 6 starts. The one off the board was a fast closing 5th in the G2 Turf Sprint on Ky Derby Day at CD. He came up a dead rail but had a lot of run there. Jose Ortiz was up in the last start. That winner was favored and missed the track record by 3/5.

VALUE: 8 OKIRO

Rattled off three wins in a row prior to the last 2 starts. He drew a tough inside post two back and it forced him to wait and angle out 5-wide costing him some ground in there. He was absolutely flying in the last start on a good turf course at ELP. That turf course did favor the come-from-behinders. Bravo gave him two great rides.

A) 6,11 B) 8,9,10 C) 2,3,7,13 D) 4,5,12

9 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (6:11 ET) 86
LADIES TURF (G2) \$1.5M, 1M TURF 8-1

2 CLASSIC Q	4-5
1 BLESS THE BROKEN	8-1
6 PRINCESS MOCHE	15-1
5 FAST MARKET	12-1

PICK: 2 CLASSIC Q

She's a true miler. She's won 5 of 9 at this distance for nearly \$1.2M. Her only start here at KD came in the '25 Music City when she was a troubled 4th. Works are very strong in preparation for this. Mark Casse is one of the best in spots like this off a 60-90 day break. Don't think she'll get a lot of pressure on the front. Can finish, too.

VALUE: 1 BLESS THE BROKEN

Brad Cox filly was third in the 2025 G1 Kentucky Oaks when with William Walden. Bought at a sale in Nov for just short of \$1M. She's been G1 placed 3 times for Cox this year. Have to pay attention to the fact that Cox has put in 4 turf works at Saratoga. He must have liked how she handled the surface. Dangerous if she likes the sod.

A) 2 B) 1,5,6,7 C) 3 D) 1,8

**10 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (6:49 ET)
MUSIC CITY (G2) \$1.5M, 6.5F TURF**

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19-1

1 CY FAIR	6-5
3 GROUND SUPPORT	10-1
5 LIGHT WON UP	30-1
4 GREEN SENSE	20-1

PICK: 1 CY FAIR

She's a millionaire in just 7 career starts. She won last year's Juvenile Turf Sprint in the BC at 5-1. Her 2 losses were in close finishes. Velazquez is 2 for 3 aboard her after a win in a G3 at Saratoga in last. Going a furlong longer than she's been but the way she finished in the most recent start says it won't be a problem. Low price.

VALUE: 3 GROUND SUPPORT

Think there is real talent here with this 3YO. Shocked a stunned crowd here last year with a 100-1 upset in her debut. She showed it wasn't a fluke after taking the G2 Ms Grillo and a huge third in the BC Juvenile Fillies Turf after that. Stunted during a midstretch run last out in the G2 San Clemente. Had more run late than it shows.

A) 1 B) 3,4,5,10 C) 6,8,11,12 D) 2,9

**11 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (7:23 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 185K, 7F TURF**

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7-2

5 ABIENTOT	7-2
6 LUCY MCGEE	4-1
4 I'M NO JOKE	12-1
2 NOTABLE EXCHANGE	8-1

PICK: 5 ABIENTOT

She's been consistently good in her 15 starts. Despite 2 wins only, she's been third 7 times and earned 411k so far. She was third in a \$1M race here in 2024. She has a G3 win in the Matron. Looks as if the added distance is just what she needs. Only been beyond 6.5F once and it was from the 10 post in the 14 horse G1 BC Juv Filly Turf.

VALUE: 4 I'M NO JOKE

This is another one who has been finishing fairly well at shorter distances and now gets the longest distance she's had in her career. Winner two back was second in a 200k stakes at Saratoga next at 12-1. Third won an opt clm at Saratoga next over the top choice. Her best runs have been with this rider BJ Hernandez up (both wins).

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

**12 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (7:54 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 1M TURF**

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9-1

11 WONZEE WEATHER	20-1
10 AGEeba BEACH	9-2
6 CURLY Q GIRL	10-1
4 COWGIRL PARADISE	15-1

PICK: 11 WONZEE WEATHER

She was a fast closing third the last time she ran on this turf course. That was with a low percentage rider at off odds of nearly 30-1. She's been in 3 stakes and two off the turf to sloppy dirt races since. Second dam was G3 winner and G1 placed (2010 Humana Distaff at CD). She ran for this same owner. She appears to need the grass.

VALUE: 6 CURLY Q GIRL

Curlin filly makes her first start of the year. She nibbled in good company in New York as a 2YO. The third place finish at Saratoga a year ago might be enough to take this race. Added blinkers in the last start and now adds Lasix on the comeback. Notice Bill Mott has a 32% win rate with this apprentice rider. Is worth a look at a price.

A) 6,10,11 B) 4,5 C) 1,3,8,12,13 D) 2,9,16

