

KENTUCKY DOWNS



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KY DOWNS		KY DOWNS		KY DOWNS		KY DOWNS		TOP PLAYS
Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$392		Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$490		Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$588		Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$588		Best Bet 1 Namaron (12/1) Race 13
Race 1	1,3	Race 4	11,12	Race 7	9	Race 10	2,3,4,5,7,9,10	Live Longshot 9 Citrus Springs (6/1) Race 7
Race 2	1,3,6,7,10,11,12	Race 5	1,4,6,7,11,12,13	Race 8	2,3,4,7,8,9,11	Race 11	6,8,10,12	Most Likely 12 Democ Defender (2/1) Race 4
Race 3	2,3,4,6,7,8,10,11	Race 6	3,8,9,10,13	Race 9	2,6,8,9,10,14	Race 12	2,3,4,6,9,11	
Race 4	12	Race 7	1,9	Race 10	2,3,4,5,7,9,10	Race 13	1	
Race 5	1,4,6,7,11,12,13	Race 8	2,3,4,7,8,9,11	Race 11	6,8,10,12	Race 14	4,8,9,10,11,12,13	

1 - KENTUCKY DOWNS (12:30 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 1M 5/16 TURF		44 6-5	2 - KENTUCKY DOWNS (1:05 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 100K, 6.5F TURF		30 9-5	3 - KENTUCKY DOWNS (1:40 ET) ALLOWANCE 180K, 6.5F TURF		28 6-1
1 WEDELIA	9-5		7 MADISON MOON	15-1		3 LUCKY MISCHIEF	8-1	
3 EPIST	4-1		3 PRACTICAL PATSY	8-1		11 MIRACLE MARK	9-2	
5 DYNA	6-1		6 SEA ISLE CITY	7-2		10 LANDING CRAFT	6-1	
10 EENYMEANYMIGHTYMO	5-1		1 SHE KNOWS BETTER	9-2		7 GUY SMILEY	4-1	
PICK: 1 WEDELIA			PICK: 7 MADISON MOON			PICK: 3 LUCKY MISCHIEF		
VALUE: 5 DYNA			VALUE: 3 PRACTICAL PATSY			VALUE: 10 LANDING CRAFT		
A) 1,3 B) 5,7,10 C) 4,6,8,9 D) 2			A) 1,3,6,7 B) 10,11 C) 4,5,8,12 D) 2,9			A) 3,7,10,11 B) 2,4,6,8 C) 5,9 D) 1,12		
4 - KENTUCKY DOWNS (2:15 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 1M TURF		71 5-1	5 - KENTUCKY DOWNS (2:50 ET) ALLOWANCE 180K, 6.5F TURF		37 8-1	6 - KENTUCKY DOWNS (3:25 ET) ALLOWANCE 180K, 7F TURF		45 10-1
12 DEMOCRACY DEFENDER	2-1		12 POSEIDON'S LAW	9-2		9 STUNNING SAPPHIRE	10-1	
11 CLARK'S CORNER	6-1		7 MISSION IMPROBABLE	4-1		3 FIERY LUCY	5-2	
10 MAGINNESONTAP	7-2		6 BEAUTIFUL WAR	5-1		8 MY STUBBORN LASSIE	9-2	
14 GRAND PREMIERE	4-1		1 PASSWORD	30-1		13 SUNNY RAY	6-1	
PICK: 12 DEMOCRACY DEFENDER			PICK: 12 POSEIDON'S LAW			PICK: 9 STUNNING SAPPHIRE		
VALUE: 11 CLARK'S CORNER			VALUE: 1 PASSWORD			VALUE: 13 SUNNY RAY		
A) 12 B) 9,10,11,14 C) 2,4,6 D) 3,7,13			A) 6,7,12 B) 1,4,11,13 C) 2,3,5,8 D) 9			A) 3,8,9 B) 10,13 C) 6,7,11 D) 1,5,12,14		

7 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (4:00 ET) 66
JUVENILE FILLIES 750K, 1M TURF

4-1

9 CITRUS SPRINGS	6-1
1 CONFLICT	7-5
3 UP BEFORE THE DAWN	15-1
7 ELEGANTE MIZ	10-1

PICK: 9 CITRUS SPRINGS

This isn't the strongest field for a race of this purse. It is a good spot for this Euro shipper. The lone US win for this trainer in the last 5 years came in this race in 2022 with 9-2 shot Reckoning Force. Winner two back came back to win a Group 3. She's been carrying 10 or 11 lbs more than she is today. Ky-bred went for 300k in March.

VALUE: 3 UP BEFORE THE DAWN

Won the debut at ELP at about 7-2 odds with this rider aboard. She was traveling near last off of slow fractions in there. She came closing strongly to win despite her getting steadied and traveling a bit wide. Homebred is by Karakontie, the upset winner of the G1 BC Mile back in 2014. Trainer winless here but she is a top level type.

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

10 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (5:45 ET) 40
GUN RUNNER \$2M, 1M TURF

10-1

5 MI BAGO	15-1
9 FORMIDABLE MAN	5-2
7 CHASING THE CROWN	9-2
10 LAGYNOS	6-1

PICK: 5 MI BAGO

He's been unlucky in some of his races catching fields with a lot of speed. That isn't the case here. At most he will be out with one other runner (rail horse). When he is allowed to relax early, he's very good (see the second in the G1 4Stardave two back and the two wins prior to that). Reunites with Luis Saez who was up 2 starts back.

VALUE: 10 LAGYNOS

He was razor sharp prior to the 4Stardave. He had won 5 straight including two G2's during that span. He was flat to the boards at 4-5 in the last start. Gets Ortiz back and eh was up for all of those wins earlier this year. He won a 500k stakes here last year and was second in the \$2.5M Mint Millions after on this surface. He'll rebound.

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

8 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (4:36 ET) 37
LUCKY LANTERN 250K, 6.5F TURF

8-1

7 SCRATCH IT	8-1
8 JUST A MINUTE	10-1
4 LAIGINA	12-1
2 SNAPPY COMEBACK	15-1

PICK: 7 SCRATCH IT

She was G3 placed as a two-year old. After she won for fun at Indiana when in with overmatched foes, she was a well-beaten 5th at Saratoga from the rail. In that race (2 back) she had a miserable trip. Toss that race from her resume. Pressed fast fractions in the last start going 1M 1/16. Have to respect anything that Brad Cox starts.

VALUE: 8 JUST A MINUTE

After winning in her debut in November sprinting at CD at just under 5-1, the next few starts were terrible. But she didn't handle the dirt track in one of those and she wanted nothing to do with the route at KEE. Got Saez back in the saddle and cut back 3 starts ago and took that race at 7-1. Good finish in each of the last 2 starts.

A) 2,4,7,8 B) 3,9,11 C) 6,10,12,13 D) 1

11 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (6:17 ET) 56
FRANKLIN-SIMPSON (G2) \$1.5M, 6.5F TURF

5-2

10 TAKE CHARGE STAR	4-1
8 BLINGING IT BACK	5-1
6 ALPYLAND	3-1
12 OBLITERATION	8-1

PICK: 10 TAKE CHARGE STAR

Shipper from overseas makes his first US start in here. He faced older runners for the first time in a Group 1 in France last out and was beaten just over a length in a very good effort. The winner two back returned to win the prestigious G1 Jean Prat at 7-1 next. Trainer had a shipper run third in a \$1.5M race here a few years back.

VALUE: 8 BLINGING IT BACK

Think the Hall of Fame stakes will turn out to be a very key race. This one was a game second at 8-1 in that one with Jose Ortiz up. Almost pulled off a huge upset win in the Saranac two back. He moved too soon into a hot pace and was tagged on the wire at 26-1. His only win came at KD a year ago (6.5F). Respect the connections.

A) 6,8,10 B) 1,11,12 C) 2,3,4,5,7 D) 9

9 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (5:10 ET) 70
GUN RUNNER \$1.8M, 1M TURF

5-2

5 BOTTAS	4-1
2 TOUCH OF FIRE	3-1
14 BLACKMAIL	8-1
10 MR. A. P.	8-1

PICK: 6 BOTTAS

Was really up against it from a pace scenario 2, 3 back. He is a big closer and those fractions did not flatter his style. That changed in the Hall of Fame. He finally got a serious pace and proved best. While Touch of Fire got into some traffic midstretch, that runner wouldn't have got by this one. He gets all-world rider Jose Ortiz today.

VALUE: 14 BLACKMAIL

He will have to contend with the wide post here but if Castellano can navigate him in a way to save ground in here he can win this. Mark Casse gelding beat the top choice 3 back in the Pennine Ridge at Saratoga. He had some run in the G1 Belmont Derby. He was 8th there but beaten less than two. He didn't like the good turf in last.

A) 2,6,14 B) 8,9,10 C) 4,5,7,12,13 D) 1,3,11

12 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (6:49 ET) 30
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 1M TURF

9-5

3 V FORMATION	12-1
6 MARIGOLD RUN	8-1
11 SIMPLY ELEGANT	10-1
2 DELIGHTFUL DIVA	4-1

PICK: 3 V FORMATION

She cost a good sum back in an April sale. She went for \$400,000. Sire was a G1 dirt runner, mostly sprints, for Saffie Joseph. Female pedigree is very weak. The high cost must have been solely on confirmation. Trainer is very good with debut runners. He had one run second here two years ago with very slow works. Check betting.

VALUE: 6 MARIGOLD RUN

She is 1 of 3 to come out of the mile MSW at ELP back in mid July. She drew a tough rail in there and just ran evenly throughout. 7th from there came back to run 2nd by a nose in a MSW at ELP. The second dam was a three time G3 winner on the turf. Blinkers come on and draws a better post here. Trainer won 2 of last 3 with 2nd timers.

A) 2,3,6,11 B) 1,9 C) 5,12 D) 7,8,10

13 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (7:21 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 185K, 1M TURF

68

3-1

1 NAMARON	12-1
11 NEAT	3-1
3 FUNTASTIC AGAIN	4-1
5 THEISMANN	7-2

PICK: 1 NAMARON

Interesting placing for this one from So Cal. Notice he ran third in the \$1.9M Gun Runner here from the inside post last year. He nibbled in a couple of G2's after that at Santa Anita. Shuffled back in the last start or he may have won that. Was unlucky when fourth two back with a huge late surge to get within a neck. Does have class.

VALUE: 3 FUNTASTIC AGAIN

Winner of a G3 at Woodbine on the synthetic 5 back at 4-1 odds. Did not run well immediately following that and laid off until June this year. Might have been a bit too close to the fast early pace two back. Good run last time out at CNL pressing the pace on a yielding turf as the favorite. Gets Jose Ortiz. Probably rates just behind.

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

14 – KENTUCKY DOWNS (7:53 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 170K, 6.5F TURF

59

7-2

4 ROGUE METEOR	6-1
9 JUST JOE	7-2
11 ASCOT LAD	9-2
12 OSCAR CHEER	12-1

PICK: 4 ROGUE METEOR

First time starter with a very turf pedigree. Dam a sib to the \$1.6M turf earner Winchester (won three G1's in 2010-11 in New York on the grass). Sire won the G1 BC Juv Turf in 2016 and four G1's on the grass overall. His offspring are turfers (led by Triari, G1 Belmont Derby winner in '24). Beware Lynch when he works them fast.

VALUE: 12 OSCAR CHEER

Jose Ortiz is riding as good, if not better, than anyone in the country. You always have to account for where he lands. Another by turf sire Oscar Performance. 2nd dam Tannery won the '13 G1 EP Taylor and 860k on the grass in her career. Casse has 4 wins, 8 in the money from 15 debut starts on this grass (27% win, \$6.57 ROI).

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

9 – COLONIAL DOWNS (4:18 ET)
OLD DOMINION DERBY (G3) 500K, 1M 1/8 TURF

38

2 HEEERE'S JOHNNY	8-1
13 SIYOUINCANADA	15-1
11 THE BIG CON	8-1
14 SUPERCHARGER	5-2

PICK: 2 HEEERE'S JOHNNY

Career best two back at Saratoga when he won a 150k stakes. It was the only time that this rider was aboard (Rodriguez). Deep closer picked up checks in 3 graded stakes last year including a solid 5th in the BC Juv Turf. Winner of last was 2nd in the \$3M Nashville Derby on Sat. Will save ground from the two post. Solid works for this.

VALUE: 13 SIYOUINCANADA

He's only had three starts so it's too early to know what Joe Sharp has here. Went wire to wire in the debut as a 16-1 chance at CD. Those 22.4, 46.3, 1:10.3 fractions he set in the Saranac were just too fast and he right tired in the lane. Was slightly off the pace in last but he looks like the only speed in this one. Gets Paco Lopez in here.

A) 2,11,13,14 B) 5,8,12 C) 3,4,9,10 D) 1,6

