

# KEENELAND

## Blue Grass



<b>KEENELAND Pick 5</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1,2,3,4,6 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1,4,6,7,8 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 <b>\$0</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> 2,4,5,6,7,9,10 5 <sup>th</sup> 5,9,10 Ticket Cost <b>\$240</b>	<b>KEENELAND Pick 6</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> 3 7 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,7 <b>\$0</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> 4,6,8,9,10 9 <sup>th</sup> 1,2,3,4,5,6 10 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,8,11 11 <sup>th</sup> 6 Ticket Cost <b>\$480</b>	<b>KEENELAND Pick 5</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,7 8 <sup>th</sup> 4,6,8,9,10 9 <sup>th</sup> 3,5 <b>\$0</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,8,10,11,12 11 <sup>th</sup> 1,3,4,6 Ticket Cost <b>\$360</b>	<b>KEENELAND Pick 4</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> 1,4,5,6,8,9,10 9 <sup>th</sup> 2,3,4,5,6 10 <sup>th</sup> 2,5,8,11 <b>\$0</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> 1,3,4,6 Ticket Cost <b>\$280</b>	<b>KEENELAND</b> <b>BEST BET</b> 6 SMELL THE LILIES RACE 3 <b>LONGSHOT</b> 3 CLIQUOT RACE 9 <b>LIKELY</b> 3 SHOOT IT TRUE RACE 6
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**1 - KEENELAND (1:00 ET) 60**  
 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 120K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

4 VERY CONNECTED	5-2	HERNANDEZ
<b>2 THAILAND</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>PRAT</b>
6 GETSEMANE	3-1	ORTIZ
3 TRIPP'S PROMISE	12-1	LANERIE

**VALUE: 4 VERY CONNECTED**  
 Took a shot in the Saudi Derby but did little in that very full field. Comes from behind and was passing runners in the late two-year old stakes (mostly at long odds) in the starts previously. It's always noteworthy when this trainer, McPeek, has a bullet work right before the race. Pace could be fast with the two on the inside. Late move.

**VALUE: 6 GETSEMANE**  
 He won the last start over a solid field at OP. He beat 10 foes in there. Irad Ortiz was aboard for that 4-1 win and he is back today. Brad Cox has an amazing record with last out maiden winners into allowance or opt clm dirt routes. Small field means tactics will be important. It's good to have Irad in your camp. Sold for 30x the sire fee.  
 A) 4 B) 2,6 C) 1,3 D)

**2 - KEENELAND (1:32 ET) 63**  
 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 110K, 6.5F DIRT

8 ACCOST	7-2	PRAT
4 DEEP FLAME	2-1	ORTIZ
6 GIVETHEDEVILHISDUE	5-2	ORTIZ
<b>7 GILDED BANDIT</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>ALVARADO</b>

**PICK: 8 ACCOST**  
 Female family produced Sharp Humor, the half-length runner-up to Barbaro in the 2006 Florida Derby. Caught a strong field in the last start. The winner was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the G1 Champagne. 3<sup>rd</sup> won a G2 next and is the favorite in the Blue Grass today. Brown 5 for 11 first off a layoff of this type in MSW at 5-2 or less sprinting on dirt with L1.

**VALUE: 7 GILDED BANDIT**  
 Drew the tough 10 post in the debut at GP. He made the job tougher with a slow start. He just started to run late after the race was decided and got into 4<sup>th</sup> beaten just over 3-lengths. Adds blinkers for this. Dam is a half sib to the \$17M earner Arrogate. Should see a much more serious effort today. Mott pretty reliable with this type.  
 A) 4,8 B) 1,6,7 C) 2,5 D) 3

**3 - KEENELAND (2:04 ET) 65**  
 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 120K, 6F DIRT

6 SMELL THE LILIES	6-1	ORTIZ
3 SWING VOTE	2-1	ALVARADO
<b>4 SIPPIN PRETTY</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>ORTIZ</b>
8 SOLEMN VOW	8-1	GAFFALIONE

**PICK: 6 SMELL THE LILIES**  
 The dam is a sib to the \$1.5M earner Mr. Freeze. Deeper in the female family is a 13-time graded stakes winner (dirt) Sabin. Nice win in the debut at CD. 5<sup>th</sup> won a 150k stakes at SAR next. Asmussen is 10 for 23 (43%) with a last out maiden winner into an opt clm on dirt sprinting at 5-1 or less. He's 4 for 5 with such w/ 200+ days layoff.

**VALUE: 8 SOLEMN VOW**  
 Career best effort came here at KEE three back and that came with Gaffalione riding. She sat calmly in the early stages and then was much the best when it counted late in the race. Troubled trip in last after a slow start. Sold for 350k. Sib Prince of Monaco won the 2023 G1 Del Mar Futurity and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the G1 Woody Stephens in 2024.  
 A) 3,4,6 B) 8 C) 2,5 D) 7

**4 – KEENELAND (2:36 ET) 68**  
**MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 110K, 1M 1/16 TURF**

10 DYNA	4-1	ORTIZ
7 ISLAND GIRL	10-1	MACHADO
2 HONFLEUR	3-1	PRAT
5 TIFFANY CROSS	12-1	ORTIZ

**PICK: 10 DYNA**

Beaten a nose in the debut which is the only time she's been in a maiden race. She ran in three straight stakes including back to back graded stakes. Got no help from the post draw two back and she ended up about 5 back at 18-1. The runner-up had been beaten less than two in a G1 previously and then won AQU stakes after that.

**VALUE: 7 ISLAND GIRL**

The only time she ran here was in the second start in a route going long. She split the field from a wide post at 22-1. Huge run in the next start at CD when she ran 2<sup>nd</sup> in a MSW at 24-1. The winner won a 100k stakes at FG next. Winner two back won a 200k stakes at TP next out. The TP races can be very strong and transfer elsewhere.

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

**5 – KEENELAND (3:08 ET) 80**  
**OPTIONAL CLAIMING 130K, 7F DIRT**

10 PRAETOR	8-5	PRAT
9 TOUCHY	8-1	ROSARIO
5 FLYING LIAM	8-1	ORTIZ
2 GATE TO WIRE	9-2	SAEZ

**PICK: 10 PRAETOR**

Hasn't run a bad race. Barely beaten (while 14 clear) last out to Grande. He is 4 for 5 (only loss in the Wood at AQU) and won the G3 Ghostzapper next. Winner two back was twice G1 placed after. Third won the Ok Derby and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Travers (in front of Magnitude, recent winner of the Dubai World Cup). Bullet work coming in.

**VALUE: 9 TOUCHY**

Added Lasix in the last start and won despite a stumble at the start. Wesley Ward removes the blinkers despite two good efforts in them. Was third at 10-1 in the 380k Lafayette here a year ago. Ward 7 of his last 9 in the top two (4 wins) when he switches to blinkers off. The break is the question but he sports some very nice workouts.

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

**6 – KEENELAND (3:40 ET) 77**  
**ALLOWANCE 130K, 5.5F TURF**

3 SHOOT IT TRUE	3-5	ROSARIO
5 BUTTERCREAM BABE	6-1	VELAZQUEZ
6 AMALFI DRIVE	12-1	SAEZ
1 ROSATO	20-1	ZAYAS

**PICK: 3 SHOOT IT TRUE**

Moved to the turf three back and she won twice at SAR for fun and then was a game runner-up in a stakes next at Del Mar. The winner took the G3 Las Cinegas on the turf (96 Beyer). 4<sup>th</sup> crushed at GP in a handicap next (92 Beyer). Ward is 4 for 8 with 6 in the money off layoffs of this type in an allw at KEE sprinting on turf at 3-1 or less.

**VALUE: 5 BUTTERCREAM BABE**

Earned 410k for Michael Maker. Now moves over to new connections. Late runner cuts back to 5.5F. This is the shortest distance she has run in her career. Notice that 46.4 move on the grass coming into this. That was with the dogs up and wide and she still fired off a big work. Has a chance to make an impact with the scratches here.

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

**7 – KEENELAND (4:12 ET) 79**  
**COMMONWEALTH (G3) 350K, 7F DIRT**

7 SAUDI CROWN	8-5	PRAT
5 NATIONAL IDENTITY	9-2	ROSARIO
2 CRAZY MASON	3-1	ORTIZ
6 MULTITASK	8-1	GAFFALIONE

**PICK: 7 SAUDI CROWN**

Was looking to beat him with the rail runner but it won't happen as that one is scratched. This might be the one who sets the pace. He's been routing but the fractions in those routes put him on or near the lead even on the cutback. Cox \$3.5M earner has a load of class. Gets one of the top riders in the world in Prat. Clearly one to beat.

**VALUE: 5 NATIONAL IDENTITY**

New Yorker has won 4 straight. 3 of those were Ny-bred races and the other was open class. He's 5 for 10 but is unlucky to have lost three straight head bobs and one by half a length. He could be 9 for 10. The only legit loss was on a muddy track so consider that if there is a wet track today. Will be forwardly placed. Gets a class test.

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

**8 – KEENELAND (4:44 ET) 65**  
**APPALACHIAN (G2) 500K, 1M TURF**

10 IMAGINATIONTHELADY	7-2	GAFFALIONE
9 SISTER TROIENNE	5-2	ORTIZ
4 TO A FLAME	12-1	CONCEPCION
8 LION LAKE	9-2	VELAZQUEZ

**PICK: 10 IMAGINATIONTHELADY**

Second dam is Sightseek. She won \$2.5M and was a 7x Grade 1 winner (on dirt) for Bobby Frankel in 2004. Ran well fresh when she broke her maiden at KD. That is not an easy thing to do at that track going long. Came with a late rush to win the G2 Jessamine here two back. Good 4<sup>th</sup> in the BC Juv Fillies Turf with a wide trip. Looks live.

**VALUE: 4 TO A FLAME**

She was a head away from winning a \$1M race as a 2YO at KD. She was getting to the top two in the late stages but was outnodded. Came off the long layoff and looked very good winning at GP. She easily ran down a slower type pace (for that turf) to get the win. Back to the rider who rode her in the first two starts. Slow 3F says ready.

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

**9 – KEENELAND (5:16 ET) 61**  
**MADISON (G1) 650K, 7F DIRT**

3 CLIQUOT	6-1	PRAT
5 GRAND JOB	2-1	ALVARADO
1 ECLATANT	4-1	ORTIZ
2 STERLING SILVER	10-1	ORTIZ

**PICK: 3 CLIQUOT**

You get a G1 winner who is 4 for 6 for nearly \$1M as a closer in a field loaded with speed and Prat riding all at a 6-1 morning line. Not bad. She does have to deal with the layoff and cutback. Brendan Walsh put in a strong set of drills prepping for this. No disgrace 4<sup>th</sup> in the BC Distaff in last. Couple of next out G2 winners from there.

**VALUE: 2 STERLING SILVER**

\$1.4M earner is one of the main come-from-behinders in this race. They add Jose Ortiz and blinkers today. Like the top choice she will get plenty of pace to let her sit off comfortably. She is 0 for 3 at KEE but all 3 of those were in G1 races. Was 4<sup>th</sup> beaten 6 at 8-1 in this race in '24. She does need the race to fall apart up front to win.

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



10 - KEENELAND (5:49 ET) 43  
SHAKERTOWN (G2) 400K, 5.5F TURF

2 MY BOY PRINCE	6-1	ORTIZ
5 BEAR RIVER	12-1	GRAHAM
11 JOE SHIESTY	8-1	DE LA CRUZ
8 LITIGATION	4-1	GUTIERREZ

**PICK: 2 MY BOY PRINCE**

Mark Casse 5YO gelding is 14 for 22 in the exacta so far in his career. Took a bad step and eased three back in a G1 at WO. Prior to that he was a superb runner-up in the G1 WO Mile. The winner of that race won the G1 BC Mile next time out for Charles Appleby. It feels that 5F may be a bit sharp for him. Gets another half furlong in here. Major rider change to Jose Ortiz. Trip will decide his fate.

**VALUE: 5 BEAR RIVER**

Think he was forced into going faster than he wanted in the last start as he drew the inside post in the small six horse field. He fought gamely to the end but the early pace took its toll. Upset winner (19-1) of the \$1M Grade 2 Turf Sprint at KD. Lower percentage connections will ensure a good price. Think he falls into a great trip here if the pace gets hot and he can stay out of traffic trouble.

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

11 - KEENELAND (6:22 ET) 75  
BLUE GRASS (G1) \$1.3M, 1M 1/8 DIRT

6 FURTHER ADO	8-5	ORTIZ
1 TALKIN	10-1	ROSARIO
4 REGAN'S HONOR	5-2	ORTIZ
3 GREAT WHITE	15-1	ACHARD

**PICK: 6 FURTHER ADO**

Lone start on this track was insane. He stretched out in his third start and beat 11 foes by twenty-lengths with a 98 Beyer. Nice win in the Ky Jockey Club at CD but that was a suspect group for a G2. Lost to The Puma last time in the TB Derby but The Puma came back to get beaten a dirty nose in the G1 FL Derby. So that race might be key. Brad Cox won and ran 2nd in this race twice since '21.

**SECOND: 1 TALKIN**

Rolling the dice a bit with the Florida series as this one and the top choice both exit the Tampa Bay Derby. This one was beaten 5 as he faded a bit in the lane but that was not a surprising race of the layoff. Got a wide trip 2 back in the G2 Remsen from the 11 post and never made an impact. He was G1 placed in his second start and he beat the top choice 1<sup>st</sup> out. 600k purchase. Another shot.

**THIRD: 4 REGAN'S HONOR**

Stretched out in the second start and he hasn't seen the rear of another horse since. Hard ride win wire to wire in a good time at Fair Grounds last out. He beat older in there and that is saying something this time of the year. The third place finisher (beaten 11) won an allowance at FG next (94 Beyer) at 15-1. Need to see him pressed a bit more up front to be a firm believer. Likely underlay.

**FOURTH: 3 GREAT WHITE**

Moves up with major scratch of the #2 Class President. We don't know how he'll handle the move to the dirt for this. He's been solely a polytrack runner in his 3 starts at Turfway Park. Strong win in the Battaglia last time out at 15-1. The runner-up came back to win the G3 Jeff Ruby at TP. 5<sup>th</sup> was barely beaten in a 250k stakes. Have to be encouraged by a swift work on this dirt 6 days ago.

**VALUE: 1 TALKIN**

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

