

KEENELAND



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KEENELAND	KEENELAND	KEENELAND	KEENELAND	TOP PLAYS
Pick 5 Ticket Cost \$350	Pick 5 Ticket Cost \$210	Pick 4 Ticket Cost \$126	Pick 4 Ticket Cost \$245	BEST BET
Race 1 2,4,5,7,8	Race 6 3,5,6,7,8,10	Race 7 4,6,7	Race 8 2,3,4,5,6,8,10	7 ECHO SOUND (5/2)
Race 2 1	Race 7 7	Race 8 2,3,4,5,6,8,10	Race 9 1,2	RACE 7
Race 3 1,4,5,8,9,10,11	Race 8 2,3,4,5,6,8,10	Race 9 1,2	Race 10 1,2,3,7,9	LIVE LONGSHOT
Race 4 1,2,3,6	Race 9 1,2	Race 10 1,2,3,5,7,9	Race 11 1,3,6,7,9,10,12	8 CLASSIC GLIDE (15/1)
Race 5 2,4,7,9,10	Race 10 1,2,3,7,9			RACE 3
				MOST LIKELY
				1 COACH POPE (4/5)
				RACE 9

1 – KEENELAND (1:00 ET) MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 110K, 7F DIRT

60
2-1

5 ALWORTH	9-2	DAVIS	SAEZ
4 DREAM MACHINE	9-5	BROWN	ORTIZ
2 COMMENTATE	3-1	DEVAUX	ORTIZ
7 MAYFIELD	6-1	WALSH	GAFFALIONE

PICK: 5 ALWORTH

His debut was a toss out. He broke awkwardly from the rail, ducked inside and then shuffled while rushing up. He did split the field at 22-1 in there so it wasn't a bad race. Second dam won the Landaluce in her second start as a two-year old at Hollywood Park. He sold for 6 times the sire fee of 20k. Luis Saez has a 36% win rate at KEE for this trainer. Draws better in the five hole. Expecting better.

VALUE: 2 COMMENTATE

Trainer Cherie DeVaux is 6 for 12 with a second time starter in MSW on the dirt with Jose Ortiz riding over the last two years. One of those wins was here at KEE at 7-2 with a filly who was 6th beaten 14 in the debut. She won the race here 2nd out by 10 lengths with a 32 point Beyer improvement. Winner of debut is now a multiple graded stakes winner. Last two works over this dirt track are very fast.

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

2 – KEENELAND (1:32 ET) ALLOWANCE 120K, 6F DIRT

73
1-2

1 CHANCERY	8-5	ARNOLD	CONCEPCION
5 DORMIE	4-1	BLOCK	SAEZ
6 MAKER OF MISCHIEF	3-1	WEST	ORTIZ
4 NEVER SLEEP	5-1	RIVELLI	LOVEBERRY

PICK: 1 CHANCERY

Trainer wins at just 9% with a debut runner so this one was probably less than 100% cranked up for the debut but he still won beating 10 foes. He overcame a steady and a wide trip to win comfortably in a good time. He worked well before and after that race. Trainer George Arnold is 4 for 10 in the second start with a maiden winner in the first start. The dam was 4x stakes winner sprinting on dirt.

VALUE: 5 DORMIE

Sharp debut win at Hawthorne on a muddy track. That was a legit time on a dirt track that was a bit slow. Tried the 132k Prairie Freshman and was second as a 2-1 favorite. The winner was second in an Iowa-bred stakes next at 3-1. 5th from that stakes went to Remington Park and crushed in a MSW at 5-2 odds. Bred to sprint on both sides of the family tree. Gets aggressive speed rider Saez for this.

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

3 – KEENELAND (2:04 ET)
ALLOWANCE 120K, 1M 3/16 TURF

33

6-1

8 CLASSIC GLIDE	15-1	MEDINA	TORRES
11 TULIP	3-1	WALDEN	ALVARADO
9 CHARM OF VENICE	5-1	WALSH	GAFFALIONE
10 SIOUXSE	9-2	MOTION	VELAZQUEZ

PICK: 8 CLASSIC GLIDE

He hit the board in four straight but actually has an excuse in each. Pace was on the slow side in the last start. The winner had taken early command as the fav and drew off. Yielding turf two back but he made a big late surge to get second money. The winner won the 152k Ellis Park Turf next at 6-1 (84 Beyer). Checked badly five back when behind a multiple graded stakes winner. Underlay in here.

VALUE: 9 CHARM OF VENICE

Unsure what this one has under the hood. She was beaten just 3 lengths in the second start at 50-1. The winner came back to win a small stakes in Ireland. She won at 16-1 going the classic distance two back. Came to the US and was under 15-1 in the G3 Dueling Grounds Oaks. She really never got into the race. But that was a \$2M race. Adds Lasix on the class drop in here. Could be too good for these.

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

5 – KEENELAND (3:08 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 130K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

57

8-5

2 RENDER JUDGMENT	7-2	MCPEEK	ORTIZ
4 STOWAWAY	6-1	BECKMAN	LOVERBERRY
10 WHO DEY	4-1	DRURY	HERNANDEZ
9 BULLARD	5-2	MCCARTHY	ORTIZ

PICK: 2 RENDER JUDGMENT

He nibbled on the Derby trail last year and actually ran in the Sovereignty 2025 Ky Derby. Seems that McPeek has him back on track now. Didn't run well in the G3 Cornhusker but improved with Lasix back when second in a better race last out at Saratoga. The winner was one of those Steven Schauer miracle jobs that went wire to wire. Sharp in the recent work. Needs the pace to fall apart in here.

VALUE: 4 STOWAWAY

7YO gelding still has run in him. His career best (at least as Beyer is concerned) came off a similar layoff at FG back in Dec. Ran on an off-track in 3 of the last 5 starts. The winner of the last start went wire to wire and set a slow pace which gave him an advantage. Seems to run better with Lasix which is back in the fold today. Loveberry was up for 2 of his best efforts. Will be running on late in here.

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

4 – KEENELAND (2:36 ET)
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 140K, 6.5F DIRT

64

2-1

6 LIPS SAY BLISS	7-2	MEDINA	GAFFALIONE
2 FLOODLITES	7-5	WARD	VELAZQUEZ
3 CK WONDER	5-2	ROMANS	ORTIZ
1 AUTDRIVE	9-2	CALHOUN	HERNANDEZ

PICK: 6 LIPS SAY BLISS

Not sure trainer Robert Medina has totally figured out what he wants to do with this one. He's had him routing, dirt, sprints, turf sprints and now back to the dirt sprint. He's a deep closer who will start running when they turn for home. That strategy worked three back when he won at 4-1. Outran the betting at KD most recently when 3rd at 23-1 with Gaffalione. Think the pace tires and he sweeps by.

VALUE: 1 AUTDRIVE

He sure liked like a serious runner after crushing foes in the first three starts. He was undefeated before he was third behind Built (G2 winning sprinter now) and Maximum Bourbon (nosed out in the G1 Bing Crosby). Might not have liked the grass or the off-track last out. The layoff from April to August is a concern. May have needed the start off the break. Trainer having a solid year. Works are quick.

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

6 – KEENELAND (3:40 ET)
WOODFORD (G2) 400K, 5.5F TURF

70

5-2

8 MY BOY PRINCE	5-1	CASSE	SAEZ
6 JOE SHIESTY	5-2	FOSTER	DE LA CRUZ
5 OKIRO	12-1	GAROFFALO	GAFFALIONE
10 DONCHO	7-2	LOVELL	ORTIZ

PICK: 8 MY BOY PRINCE

Going to excuse the last start. He was shuffled back early and then basically all horses ran in place throughout the lane without much movement. Prior to that race, his turf sprints were excellent. No business winning from way back 2 back at CNL. He won the G2 Shakertown last time on this turf course at this same 5.5F distance. Was rank three back when trying to save something going 1M at SAR.

VALUE: 5 OKIRO

Rattled off three straight (two on the turf) in sprints at GP. The last three came in tougher stakes company. He wasn't bet in any of them but finished 2nd, 4th and 5th beaten one, two and three lengths. Major rider move to Gaffalione. Post is perfect for his style. He'll be able to drop back and make one run. He comes in here in career best form. Likely to be overlooked. Tough with the right trip today.

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

7 – KEENELAND (4:12 ET)
TCA (G2) 400K, 6.5F DIRT

80

3-1

7 ECHO SOUND	5-2	ARNOLD	SAEZ
6 ECLATANT	6-5	COX	ORTIZ
4 EVANESCENCE	4-1	KENNEALLY	ORTIZ
5 ZEITLOS	6-1	ASMUSSEN	HERNANDEZ

PICK: 7 ECHO SOUND

There is no excuse for this filly to not run a huge race. There is very little speed in a race of this distance and caliber. This one has the best early foot and the top speed rider out there in Luis Saez. In addition, she draws widest which will give Saez options in case someone on the inside goes. 4-time stakes winner was the favorite in the G1 Test four back. Was only a bit over a length from 2nd last time.

VALUE: 4 EVANESCENCE

The only time Jose Ortiz rode this filly was five starts ago at FG. She absolutely blew the field away there with a 5 wide sweeping move. She is two for two over this track having won rich opt clm races twice. On the down side, 3 of her 4 wins came with Lasix. She's been third five straight times without Lasix. Clockers say she was fantastic in the works leading up to this. Might be a bit pace dependent.

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

9 – KEENELAND (5:16 ET)
BREEDERS' FUTURITY (G1) 650K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

86

5-1

1 COACH POPE	4-5	MCPEEK	ORTIZ
2 QB ROCKET	2-1	COX	ALVARADO
5 JADED	15-1	CASSE	ORTIZ
6 AMERICAN HISTORY	4-1	PLETCHER	VELAZQUEZ

PICK: 1 COACH POPE

Debut race included USS Valor (13 length winner next out) and Hemingway who returned to win a MSW at KD by 8. Dam won 800k routing on synthetic mostly at WO. Pedigree screams for more distance with Tapit and Ghostzapper blood. McPeek is so good with cheap purchases but this one cost 350k. The likelihood that this one will keep improving is high. Gets Jose Ortiz. Clearly the one to beat.

VALUE: 5 JADED

It's not easy winning in the debut at Kentucky Downs. Not every horse takes to that surface. This one closed from far back to win at 23-1. The winning time was just 2/5 from the winning time of the 375k Untapable the race prior. Sib to the G1 BC Juv Fillies winner Jaywalk (also won the G1 Frizette and split the field in the G1 Kentucky Oaks in 2018-19). Adds Irad Ortiz. Might end up preferring dirt.

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

8 – KEENELAND (4:44 ET)
FIRST LADY (G1) 800K, 1M TURF

78

9-1

3 MANDANABA	7-2	GRAFFARD	RISPOLI
4 EXPENSIVE QUEEN	9-2	WALSH	SAEZ
10 BLESS THE BROKEN	12-1	COX	HERNANDEZ
8 SEGESTA	3-1	BROWN	ORTIZ

PICK: 3 MANDANABA

Was beaten just a length in the G1 French Oaks at 7-1 and then beaten less than 3 lengths to Gezora in the G1 Prix de Diane. Gezora would go on to win the G1 BC F&M Turf. She ran a big race in the G1 Just a Game but just couldn't reel in a wire to wire, Classic Q, who is in this race. There will be much more early pressure for Classic Q which will change the pace dynamics. Rispoli up and he fits her perfectly.

VALUE: 10 BLESS THE BROKEN

Brad Cox filly, who had been third in the G1 Kentucky Oaks last year, moved to the grass for the first time and won with a strong surge last out at Ky Downs in the G2 Ladies Turf. Notice her previous best run was in the 280k Bourbonette at TP on synthetic. That means she is 2 for 2 on anything other than dirt. There is a lot of turf scattered throughout the female line. Will get pace to run into in here.

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

10 – KEENELAND (5:48 ET)
COOLMORE TURF MILE (G1) \$1.3M, 1M TURF

81

9-5

7 LAKE FOREST	4-1	HAGGAS	FALLON
3 RHETORICAL	2-1	WALDEN	ORTIZ
9 ZULU KINGDOM	3-1	BROWN	ORTIZ
1 TITLE ROLE	12-1	WALSH	VELAZQUEZ

PICK: 7 LAKE FOREST

This is a serious Euro shipper. This 5YO gelding has won nearly \$5M. Most of that came from his victory in the \$6.6M Golden Eagle in Australia in 2024. Last start came in a G1 at York when he was runner-up to Notable Speech. That Appleby horse won the G1 Woodbine Mile next and had won the BC Mile last year at Del Mar. 4th ran 2nd in the G1 Du Moulin next. 5th won the G2 Celebration next time.

VALUE: 1 TITLE ROLE

3YO shipped in from a Group 2 win in Germany and won the rich Grade 1 Belmont Derby at 7-1. Ran well enough when third in the Saratoga Derby. Both of those races were for 3YO's. He steps up into older company and moves to a new outfit for Brendan Walsh. Must respect a horse who has won 5 of 9 starts and is 3 for 3 at the distance. Velazquez stays aboard. Will save ground today from the inside.

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

11 – KEENELAND (6:20 ET)
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 110K, 6F DIRT

64

6-1

3 ROCK YOUR DREAMS	3-1	MCPEEK	ESQUIVEL
6 NEUROMAP	20-1	COLEBROOK	MACHADO
1 NIOSA	5-1	D'AMATO	GAFFALIONE
7 PASTYA	6-1	ARNOLD	SAEZ

PICK: 3 ROCK YOUR DREAMS

Since 2023, Kenneth McPeck is 8 for 24 (33%) with 17 in the money (71%) with a debut 2YO sprinting on the dirt in a MSW in Kentucky and off odds of less than 5-1. His horses often run to their works. This filly has blazing 4F moves here at Keeneland. Sire is a reasonable 12% with debut 2YO's. Nobody is better with a low budget purchase (under 100k) than McPeck. Check the toteboard for action.

VALUE: 6 NEUROMAP

In the last 5 years, Ben Colebrook had 8 first time 2YO's sprinting on the dirt in MSW at under 6-1 odds. He won 5 of them (63%) and all but one in the money. Not much in the way of pedigree which indicates confirmation (sold for 300k). Second dam was a multiple dirt stakes winner against lower level competition. Liam's Map is the sire of the G1 Champagne, G1 Preakness winner Napoleon Solo.

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

