

## INSIDER PICKS &amp; POWER PLAYS™

Thistledown - 05/17/2025

**Top 3** Selections ranks horses by the level of their overall past performance and by the estimated probability of repeating their most recent race. An asterisk (\*) next to the program number identifies the top pick. The **Speed** picks are based solely on recent Speed Ratings of each horse. The **Class** picks are the horses that have run the best against the highest quality of competition. The **Pace** rankings predict today's likely front runners based on first call Pace Ratings of each horse. **3 STAR BEST BETS** offer the highest percentage plays available. A **3 STAR BEST BET** may not be found on every day.

## 3 STAR BEST BETS

Race 5) #4 Libertango

Race 1	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 1m. 3&up. F & M. Clm \$5,000 (12:20)/11:20/10:20/ 9:20				
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.50 Pick 3 (Races 1-2-3) / \$.50 Pick 5 (Races 1-2-3-4-5)				
	Top 3: 3-6-4	Speed: 3-6-7	Class: 3-6-7	Pace: 4-3-2	
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
1	20/1	Mangorita	Nunez A Y	Vlaun M	
2	15/1	Jack's Yacht Queen	Vigil N	Faulkner R C	
*3	9/5	Dropping Lemons	Diaz A I	Vlaun M	
4	12/1	Islandinthestream	Bowen R	Pappada J A	4: HotJockey
5	4/1	Garden Secrets	Tavares J	Faulkner R C	
6	2/1	Beautiful Mandate	Chavez A	Erdel J	
7	6/1	Elko	Fernandez V R	Vecchio C	
8	15/1	Lady Giuliana	Bracho J A	Skerrett J	8: HotJockey

Race 2	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 5½f. 3&up. Clm \$5,000 (12:55)/11:55/10:55/ 9:55				
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.50 Pick 3 (Races 2-3-4) / \$.50 Pick 4 (Races 2-3-4-5)				
	Top 3: 2-1-7		Speed: 2-7-1	Class: 2-7-3	Pace: 1-3-4
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
1	8/5	The Ridge	Rodriguez W A	Rivelli L	1: DistanceSpecialist
*2	6/1	Sage Runner	Fernandez V R	Vecchio C	
3	10/1	Aura of Gold	Tavares J	Madrigal, Sr. R	
4	4/1	Bang a Rang	Bowen R	Hamm T E	4: BlueChipTrainerPlay HotJockey HotTnr/JkyCombo
5	20/1	El Bandido	Smith D	Genovese R L	
6	8/1	Cloak and Dagger	Barbaran E	Skerrett J	6: BlueChipTrainerPlay
7	5/2	Capture Mi	Chavez A	Vlaun M	
Blinkers On: Pg#4					

Race 3	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 6f. 3&up. Clm \$7,500 (1:35)/12:35/11:35/10:35				
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.50 Pick 3 (Races 3-4-5) / \$.20 Pick 6 (Races 3-8) - 70% Carryover				
	Top 3: 2-5-3		Speed: 2-1-3	Class: 3-2-1	
			Pace: 3-4-5		
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
1	5/1	Stone Cold Cat	Chavez A	Calderon I	1: BlueChipTrainerPlay
*2	6/1	Watchoutforweaver	Rivera L R	Juarez L	2: SharpAndReady
3	2/1	Hartstein	Batista L A	Juarez-Mendoza R	
4	3/1	Weekend Buzz	Diaz A I	Calderon I	
5	9/5	Nambiti	Aviles Y	Juarez L	5: HorseForCourse

Race 4	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 1m. 3&up. Clm \$5,000 (2:15)/ 1:15/12:15/11:15				
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.50 Pick 3 (Races 4-5-6) / \$.50 Pick 5 (Races 4-8)				
	Top 3: 6-4-2		Speed: 2-6-4	Class: 6-4-5	Pace: 6-1-3
	Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer
1	15/1	Boss Bear	Bracho J A	Skerrett J	1: <i>HotJockey</i>
2	5/1	Food Foodie	Chavez A	Sondej A	2: <i>SharpAndReady</i>
3	2/1	Candy Crushem	Gonzalez L A	Sweazey S	
4	3/1	See Spot Run	Aviles Y	Radosevich J	4: <i>DistanceSpecialist</i>
5	10/1	Had Right	Nunez A Y	Huffman C M	
*6	9/5	Deep Faith	Batista L A	Morales S M	

Race 5	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 5½f. 3&up. Clm \$12,500 (2:57)/1:57/12:57/11:57				
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.50 Pick 3 (Races 5-6-7) / \$.50 Pick 4 (Races 5-6-7-8)				
	Top 3: 4-6-1	Speed: 4-1-5	Class: 4-1-6	Pace: 6-2-1	
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
1	2/1	Heart of an Angel	Stokes J	Rettele R J	
2	15/1	Willie Wando	Hernandez L	Pizzurro J	
3	8/1	A Bit of Captain	Salazar Becerra F	Skerrett J	3: BlueChipTrainerPlay ExitKeyRace
***4	9/5	Libertango	Barbaran E	Skerrett J	4: SharpAndReady
5	6/1	Reason to Believe	Bowen R	Urieta J	5: ExitPossibleKeyRace HotJockey
6	3/1	Thanks Frank	Rivera L R	Rone M L	
First Time Lasix: Pg#5					

Race 6	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 6f. 3&up. Alw \$29,700				( 3:37/ 2:37/ 1:37/12:37
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.50 Pick 3 (Races 6-7-8)				
	Top 3: 1-6-5		Speed: 1-6-2	Class: 1-6-2	Pace: 1-3-5
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
*1	2/1	Without Objection	Gonzalez L A	Puhl K A	1: <i>Clocker Special-5f</i> <i>HotTnr/JkyCombo</i> <i>HotTrainer</i>
2	7/2	Geaux Yoshka	Nunez A Y	Rivera N R	2: <i>DistanceSpecialist</i>
3	6/1	Sweet as Sin	Bowen R	Puhl K A	3: <i>DistanceSpecialist</i> <i>HotJockey</i> <i>HotTnr/JkyCombo</i> <i>HotTrainer</i>
4	10/1	Sammy and Shorty	Chavez A	Winters M	4: <i>DistanceSpecialist</i> <i>HorseForCourse</i>
5	9/2	Specialized	Barbaran E	Gorham R M	5: <i>DistanceSpecialist</i> <i>HorseForCourse</i> <i>ExitKeyRace</i>
6	5/2	Ekati's Way	Bracho J A	Cline R C	6: <i>Clocker's-4f (BTP)</i> <i>DistanceSpecialist</i> <i>HorseForCourse</i> <i>ExitKeyRace</i> <i>HotJockey</i>

Race 7	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 1m. 3&up. Alw \$28,000				(4:17)/3:17/2:17/1:17
	\$1 Daily Double / \$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta				
	Top 3: 2-1-4		Speed: 2-1-3	Class: 3-1-2	Pace: 2-5-1
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
1	5/2	Tier One	Gonzalez K	Fletcher J	
*2	2/1	Magical Monarch	Diaz A I	Rivera N R	2: HotTnr/JkyCombo
3	7/2	Big Popper	Batista L A	Romero J A	
4	8/1	Thunderian	Chavez A	Meyers S	4: HotTrainer
5	15/1	Swing State	Tavares J	Gonzalez R	5: DistanceSpecialist
6	9/2	K Kid	Bracho J A	Zielinski R	6: HotJockey
7	12/1	Counteveryblessing	Stokes J	Vazquez I	
First Time Lasix: Pg#6					

Race 8	TDN - 05/17 - Dirt 6f. 3&up. Mdn \$33,900 (4:57)/3:57/2:57/1:57				
	\$1 Exacta / \$.50 Trifecta / \$.20 Superfecta / \$.20 Buckeye 5				
	Top 3: 8-2-4	Speed: 4-8-7	Class: 4-8-7	Pace: 4-8-6	
Pg#	ML	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Power Play Angles
1	8/1	Balki Bartokomous	Rivera L R	Meyers S	1: HotTrainer
2	7/2	Finally Friday	Chavez A	Crumley J D	
3	15/1	He's My Boy	Tavares J	Faulkner R C	
4	4/1	Runaway Power	Salazar Becerra F	Cline R C	
5	10/1	Dynamic Victory	Martinez G A	Gonzalez, Jr. A	
6	15/1	Affair to Remember	Vigil N	Genovese R L	
7	6/1	Fast and Friendly	Bracho J A	Radosevich J	7: HotJockey
*8	5/2	Mor Stormy	Fernandez V R	Cline R C	
9	8/1	Ohio Storm	Diaz A I	Szczepanski E	

Track Bias									
MEET(04/21-05/08)					WEEK(05/02-05/08)				
Distance	Races	% Wire	Preferred RunSty	Posts	Distance	Races	% Wire	Preferred RunSty	Posts
5½f Dirt	22	36%	S	Middle	5½f Dirt	9	44%	E	Middle
6f Dirt	48	29%	E/P	Middle	6f Dirt	17	29%	E	Middle
1m Dirt	25	28%	E	Rail/Ins	1m Dirt	13	23%	E/P	Inside

Blue Chip Trainer Plays						
Identifies profitable, high win% trainer angles which are applicable to horses running today.						
RaceHorse	Trainer	Angle	Sts	Win%	ltm%	\$2ROI
#2 Bang A Rang	Hamm Timothy E	1stTimeBlinkers	41	29%	49%	0.83
#2 Cloak And Dagger	Skerrett Jeffrey	2nd off layoff	82	24%	51%	1.18
#3 Stone Cold Cat	Calderon Ivan	Down 2+ classes	19	26%	47%	0.23
#5 A Bit Of Captain	Skerrett Jeffrey	1st at clm	12	42%	75%	0.52

Clocker Specials Running Today							
Lists the fastest workouts during the past 7 days based on age and distance.							
RaceHorse	Age	Trk	Dis	Date	Time	Day	Age/Dis
#6 Without Objection	4&up	TDN	5f	5/7	1:01 <sup>3</sup> B	1/13	1/30
#6 Ekati's Way	4&up	BTP	4f	5/10	0:47 <sup>2</sup> Bg	1/33	2/55

Distance Specialists Running Today							
Runners who have performed exceptionally well over the same distance as today's race.							
RaceHorse	Win%	Sts	Wn	Pl	Sh	DistSwitch	ClassRank
#2 The Ridge	50%	4	-	2	-	0	5/7
#4 See Spot Run	44%	16	-	7	-	2	2/6
#6 Geaux Yoshka	44%	9	-	4	-	3	3/6
#6 Sweet as Sin	33%	9	-	3	-	2	5/6
#6 Sammy and Shorty	40%	15	-	6	-	5	6/6
#6 Specialized	44%	9	-	4	-	1	4/6
#6 Ekati's Way	50%	6	-	3	-	1	2/6
#7 Swing State	40%	5	-	2	-	0	5/7

Horses Exiting Key Races Today						
Lists 'Key Races' - races that have produced multiple horses that won their next start and 'Possible Key Races' - one horse won its next start.						
RaceHorse	Key Race	Class Level	WnNxtOut/Strs	Finish	Odds	
#5 A Bit of Captain	23Apr258TDN <sup>3</sup>	Clm7500n2lc	2/4	3	3.6	
#5 Reason to Believe	24Mar258MVR <sup>5</sup>	Alw25900n2l	1/2	5	20.2	
#6 Specialized	31Mar255MVR <sup>2</sup>	sClm25000b	2/3	2	2.8	
#6 Ekati's Way	26Oct2411MVR <sup>5</sup>	sOHEndrnaceB100k	3/9	5	37.2	

Horses for Courses Running Today							
Runners who have performed exceptionally well over this track and surface.							
Race	Horse	Win%	Sts	Wn	Pl	Sh	TrkSwitch ClassRank
#3	Nambiti	40%	20	-	8	-	1 - 5 NO 5/5
#6	Sammy and Shorty	33%	15	-	5	-	2 - 5 NO 6/6
#6	Specialized	57%	7	-	4	-	0 - 0 YES 4/6
#6	Ekati's Way	71%	7	-	5	-	1 - 0 YES 2/6

Hot Jockeys with Mounts Today							
Jockeys with mounts today which have been hot in the past 7 days.							
Jockey	Race(Prg#)				Record Last 7 Days		
Bowen Rocco	1(#4),2(#4),5(#5),6(#3)				15	6	2 1
Bracho Jose A	1(#8),4(#1),6(#6),7(#6),8(#7)				10	4	2 0

Hot Trainers with Starters Today							
Trainers with starters today which have been hot in the past 14 days.							
Race	Horse	Trainer		Record Last 14 Days			
#6	Without Objection	Puhl Kim A		9	4	4	0
#6	Sweet as Sin	Puhl Kim A		9	4	4	0
#7	Thunderian	Meyers Shane		4	2	0	1
#8	Balki Bartokomous	Meyers Shane		4	2	0	1

Hot Trainer/Jockey Combos Today							
T/J combos running today which have been hot in the past 14 days.							
Race	Horse	Combo		Record Last 14 Days			
#2	Bang a Rang	Hamm Timothy E/Bowen Rocco		14	4	2	1
#6	Sweet as Sin	Puhl Kim A/Bowen Rocco		4	2	1	0
#6	Without Objection	Puhl Kim A/Gonzalez Luis A		4	2	2	0
#7	Magical Monarch	Rivera Nestor R/Diaz Angel I		11	3	2	2

Sharp and Ready in Today							
Runners that hold a significant Speed and Class advantage in the race.							
Race	Horse	Lastout		Date-trk-#		FP	
#3	Watchoutforweaver	sCIm50000NW4L		03May25TDN4		4	
#4	Food Foodie	CIm50000NW3L		24Apr25TDN1		1	
#5	Libertango	Alw259000NW2L		05Mar25MVR8		6	