



Kentucky Downs Picks Jeremy Plonk

Race 2 Pick 4 Plays \$48 (if all also-eligibles start; \$27 without AEs):
12-3 / 14-6-4-2 / 14-12-10-3 / 3-2-8

Race 6 Pick 5 Plays \$108 (if also-eligible starts; \$72 without AE):
16-2-1 / 2-4-5 / 5-6-8-2 / 3-10-7 / 4-7

Race 7 Pick 4 Plays \$36: 2-4-5 / 5-6-8-2 / 3-10-7 / 4-7

Race 1

#7 Charcuterie: Speed on speed pedigree for rookie whose workouts appear trending up to a sharp debut. Good turf speed jockey is underrated and may fit this price play.

#11 Cash Out: Arnold trainees stellar at this meet a year ago and well-bred filly is out of a super Grade 1 female family. Okay Spa try in sprint debut from rail and gets KD ace Geroux.

#12 Starving Artist: No pace help in Ellis debut when modest close for fourth. That circuit highly underrated with 2YO turfers. Also consider AE-15 Grats Road if she draws in for the same reason.

#4 American Halo: Casse won a pair of 2YO races here two seasons ago, but tailed off to 16: 1-1-0 at this meet last year. Solid GP form, but deep closers often struggle at KD.

Race 2

#12 Sharm El Sheikh: Tough post in last when good fourth to Sakonnet, who returned to get beat 1 ½ lengths when third in a \$200k stakes next out. Has good second over this course in '16.

#3 Big Dollar Bill: Needs pace to come back to his late-running style. Appears best as a closing sprinter.

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#4 Shirf's Ready: Tough read because he fired well off similar layoff in past and has 9/4 workout indicating he's ready ... but ran poorly over this horse-for-course surface last year.

#13 Zorzor: Also-eligible goes second-off-the-layoff and exits turf dash too short for his game; will appreciate the 6 ½ furlongs more if he draws in.

Race 3

#14 War Bond: Mama Meridiana was a marathon specialist on grass and this is the kind of race where Maker makes his mark at KD. Must draw in off also-eligible list.

#6 Marksman: Can be solid early and late in his races, which will suit him well over this long journey. Court a master rider on the front end if he chooses to set tempo.

#4 Richmond Street: Run-all-day style will suit this 1 5/16 miles trip.

#2 Perfect Partner: Pedigree certainly for the distance, but not overwhelming for grass in turf debut. No doubt stacks up on class coming out of NYRA races for Casse.

Race 4

#14 Pocket of Aces: Another also-eligible in need of some help getting in, but adds blinkers in second start after a layoff and has 2 improved workouts since then. Arnold charges on point here in '16.

#12 Dreamadreamforme: Prefer the More Than Readys on turf and his best career effort came in his only grass try at Churchill in June. Wilkes solid at KD, usually in the mix.

#10 Cuddle Kitten: Route speed can be very good here on the cut-back, but at 0-11 she's no picnic putting on top. Still, simply may best these.

#3 Dakota Diva: No pace help when rallying in Laurel debut dash; no works since 8/11 unveiling and a barn change, but intriguing.



Race 5

#3 Flashy Chelsea: Won '15 turf mile allowance over this course and appears a very shrewd claim by Maker after decent pair of stakes tries. Lands red-hot Jose Ortiz.

#2 High Noon Rider: Solid finisher ran well in similar spot here last September, gets a ton of pace to run into Saturday, and is working strong since Cox claim.

#8 Mutazen: Classy sort should be part of the pace throughout this one after tough draw at the Spa.

#5 Adventist: Has found a new home on turf and in the Maker shedrow. Needs some early pace help, but there appears to be plenty of speed in this one.

Race 6

#16 Pagliacci: Yet another also-eligible in need of some luck getting in today. Horse to beat off his NYRA turf form if he stays in shouting distance early on turn-back.

#2 Takeoff: Promising winter 3YO prospect working since June for this comeback spot; pedigree okay for turf. Meets a very soft bunch here for the money given away. Tepid pick to be honest if #16 can't get in.

#1 Keep Talking: A true turf sprinter at least in a field of horses trying to find the right spot in a money grab. Must flash from the rail, tough draw at this trip.

#7 Faction Cat: Eight in a row in the superfecta and stacks up with these on numbers; limited turf experience but it was a decent third as favorite at Tampa.

Race 7

#2 Linda: Course and distance winner here a year ago and this filly just never misfires.

#4 Zipessa: Route speed shortens to a mile and it's probably her best distance anyway. Very dangerous.



#5 Miss Temple City: Her 2016 form is indisputable, but her '17 efforts leave a real sense of wonder where she's at right now. No doubt will be an underlay on the tote.

#7 Susie Bee: Decent fourth in this race last year and enters off a freshening.

Race 8

#5 Lull: Visually impressive over this course last year and really liked her effort last out at Del Mar. This race is in her strike zone.

#6 Morticia: Barn fared very well here a year ago and there's nothing to knock with a 6: 5-1-0 turf mark.

#8 Scatter Gun: Route speed on the cutback already a course and distance winner. Makes them work for it.

#2 Fair Point: Better than her last and should come with some run when it counts for respected connections.

Race 9

#3 Black Bear: No idea if he can turf, but this race lacks much early pace at all and he's an excellent regional sprinter with quickness. You must demand about 12 or 15-1 to take the leap, so eye the tote.

#10 Hoky: Late-running vet missed by a neck in this race last year and will be one to fear in final yards.

#7 Undrafted: Winless in 3 local tries but 2nd, 3rd, 4th in those.

#5 Bondurant: As classy as any of these, but can h get in gear fast enough at this distance?



Race 10

#4 Oscar Nominated: Derby winner over this course last year in dominant fashion; Maker aims the entire brigade at this race and there's no disputing this one's classy running lines.

#7 Enterprising: Very little separates him and stablemate Oscar Nominated, but that one has a victory over this course and perhaps a slight edge.

#1 Postulation: Coming to hand for a small outfit that's had success with the grass routers.

#8 Bullards Alley: Disappointed in his last at Arlington, but he's run well here before and always a threat for a share.