

IN FOCUS: WAGERING PENN MILE DAY AT PENN NATIONAL

RACE 9 – PENN MILE

Grade 2, Purse \$500,000, post time 7:45 p.m.

6th running, 3-year-olds, One mile on the turf

THE FIELD

1. **Coltandmississippi (8-1):** *First time turf for Pioneer of the Nile colt whose dam was a turf stakes winner; Pletcher doesn't ship without having designs on winning, though this one will need to improve to compete with top runners in here*
2. **Encumbered (6-1):** *First time out this year for this Simon Callaghan trainee, who won his first two starts on the lawn, including the Del Mar Juvenile Turf, before getting throttled in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, finishing 13th after early trip troubles*
3. **Maraud (5-2):** *Class of the field owns two graded wins, including last-out score in the G2 American Turf over yielding ground; Johnny V in the irons for a runner who figures mid-pack early, rolling late*
4. **Therapist (3-1):** *Lone blemish in five starts on Christophe Clement trainee's ledger is third-place finish, behind #3 here, in G3 Palm Beach; returned to take the Cutler Bay; first start since March 31*
5. **Way Early (10-1):** *Decent return to action in April when second as the chalk in Big A allowance; lightly raced sort won at first asking, was fourth, behind #4 here, in the Awad last fall with some trip trouble*
6. **Hawkish (5-1):** *Has won two of three in his career, was fourth, though behind both #3 and #4 here, in the G3 Palm Beach; returned to win an allowance and notably, runner-up from that day cleared first allowance*

condition next out when beating #5 here; note pilot Irad Ortiz picks #4 here, leaving this runner with Manny Franco up

7. **Smart Remark (12-1):** *Messy try last out on the main track in the sloppy Pat Day; has been first and third in two turf tries; will need to move forward here*
8. **He's Bankable (6-1):** *Switch to the lawn has been productive for Mark Casse trainee, who's won three of four, including a pair of stakes; speedster helpfully drawn outside, figures to gun for the lead and take 'em as far as he can, and improving form says that could be a long way*

THE PICKS

1. **#4 Therapist (3-1):** *Improved effort allows him to turn tables on favorite*
2. **#8 He's Bankable (6-1):** *Speed of the speed moving in the right direction*
3. **#3 Maraud (5-2):** *Class of the field would be no surprise here*
4. **#6 Hawkish (5-1):** *Most lightly raced contender here still has plenty of upside*

ALL-STAKES PICK 4

- Race 6: 6, 8, 12
- Race 7: 1, 2, 5
- Race 8: 4, 10, 12
- Race 9: 3, 4, 6, 8
- TOTAL COST (\$0.50 base wager): \$54.00

RACE 6 – PENN LADIES DASH



RACE PARTICULARS: Race 6 (6:10pm EDT), \$100,000 guaranteed purse for fillies and mares 3yo and up, 5 furlongs (turf)

1. **#8 Just Talkin (7-2):** *Was just a half-length behind the favorite in here two back at GP and followed that up with six-length allowance score; one of six to run back from that score has won; can lead or stalk as rider Ortiz prefers*
2. **#12 Boos (10-1):** *Makes first start of '18 for trainer Goldberg; G2-placed runner in France might benefit from softer turf; last-out seventh might be better than it looks, as four of six to finish in front of her returned winners, and she had a rough break; clean getaway helps cause*
3. **Morticia (5-2):** *G3 winner rates a long look here; couldn't quite hold on in last after setting sharp fractions; projects to be part of the early pace under Jose Lezcano, who's ridden her in eight of 12 starts*
4. **Assail (8-1):** *Has finished in the exacta 14 straight times and enters off back-to-back allowance scores; turf tries weren't bad, though against much lesser, and she's a different horse now than she was then; may offer betting value*

RACE 7 – PENN OAKS

RACE PARTICULARS: Race 7 (6:40pm EDT), \$200,000 guaranteed purse for 3yo fillies, 1 mile (turf)

1. **# 2 Got Stormy (6-1):** *Solid try last out in G3 Edgewood when beaten less than two; runner-up that day was BC Juvenile Filly Turf winner Rushing Fall; figures mid-pack or farther back, motoring late under regular pilot Gaffalione*
2. **# 5 Treasuring (5-2):** *Busy sophomore — 12 starts in her career — showed a new dimension last out when leading through fast fractions and then holding on for G3 win; outer draw and compact field might presage similar try here, though #1 presents speed as well*

3. **# 1a Thewayiam (2-1 (poe)):** *Multiple graded winner rounds out the entry, has big closing kick*
4. **# 4 Raucous (5-1):** *First Lasix last out, and perhaps a useful season bow when outfooted going six furlongs; added ground a plus here and can improve; note that rider Carmouche goes to #1 here*

RACE 8 – PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S CUP



RACE PARTICULARS: Race 8 (7:10pm EDT), \$100,000 guaranteed purse for 3yo and up, 5 furlongs (turf)

1. **Pure Sensation (2-1):** *Useful season debut last out when second in GP allowance; Clement trainee has multiple graded wins and has been beaten less than two lengths in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint twice; major contender here*
2. **Ray'swarrior (10-1):** *Big effort last out in first in 10 months when posting front-running score; figures to be on the engine again here*
3. **Dubini (10-1):** *Intriguing Kate DeMasi trainee has lost four straight after opening career with four wins in a row, but two back ran a huge one to be a close-up second at 59-1; makes '18 debut here and likely to offer some value*
4. **Oak Bluffs (5-1):** *Late-running veteran will hope for a zippy pace to set up his closing kick; didn't run badly last out but would have liked to see him get by the stopping leader in the lane; firmer turf might aid his cause*