



IN FOCUS - PENN MILE PICK FOUR

RACE 9 – PENN MILE

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

5th running, 3-year-olds, One mile on the turf

THE FIELD

1. **#2 Bronson (4-1)** – Pricey Pletcher trainee couldn't have asked for better trip last out in stake win, and same trip not out of the question here today. Pletcher's 11-for-30 at the track, with 80 percent of runners in the money, in the last five years
2. **#1 Shiraz (8-1)** – Most experienced runner here has done some credible work but minor share seems most likely. Trainer Maker has three wins from 11 starters racing on 1-7 days off.
3. **Time to Travel (8-1)** – Solid effort last out in a good edition of the restricted Sir Barton in first try with Lasix. Matz trainee makes first try on the green stuff but is a full to multiple Grade 1-winning turf millionaire Hard Not to Like. Could make major impact at a price.
4. **Cistron (6-1)** – Versatile son of The Factor has a stakes win on the dirt and three stakes placings on the lawn. Love the confidence trainer John Sadler shows by shipping here from Santa Anita base. Speedy sort could grab the lead but doesn't need it.
5. **Mo Maverick (8-1)** – George Weaver trainee figures to be part of the early pace, based on recent tries, including tiring third last out in the Murphy. Feargal Lynch takes the mount for the first time on a runner who'll need his very best in this spot.
6. **Holiday Stone (12-1)** – Harlan's Holiday colt's best efforts – including second #7 Big Score in the G3 Transylvania – put him in the mix. May not have liked slick going or buried-down-
inside trip last out, and is drawn more favorably in mid-pack here. Can outrun these odds.
7. **#1a Bonus Points (8-1)** – Pletcher trainee found the drop to ungraded company more to his liking last out at Parx, but his two turf tries aren't overly promising and he and his sibs are 0-for-24 going a route of ground on the lawn.
8. **#7 Big Score (5-2)** – Tim Yakteen trainee is another West Coast shipper, and there's nothing wrong with his career efforts to date, including a win in the G3 Transylvania and a good third in the G2 American Turf. Figures to get a pace to run at, and is reunited with recent regular pilot Javier Castellano.
9. **#1x Prize Fight (8-1)** – Heavy lift for a runner three starts removed from beating maiden claimers. Blinkers go on for this Maker trainee, the third in the Three Diamonds contingent. Decent effort in the Sophomore last out; runner-up General McGooby returned to be second to #2 Bronson in GP stake next out. Tiznow colt is cross-entered in stake at BEL.
10. **#8 Frostmourne (3-1)** – Christophe Clement trainee had a useful season debut when runner-up in the Woodhaven in first try in six months while getting Lasix for the first time; owns right to move forward off that one. Stakes winner projects a mid-pack trip here with Irad Ortiz up and could be a handful late

RACE 6 – PENN OAKS

3-year old fillies, 1 mile turf

\$200,000 purse, post time 6:10 P.M.

THE PICKS

1. **#7 Adorable Miss (2-1)**: rallied nicely to win the Honey Ryder and remain undefeated last out, picks up Javier Castellano in the irons
2. **#2 Dynatail (8-1)** ran a good one last out in the Hilltop, pressing a fast pace and staying on to the wire, wheels back on just two weeks' rest
3. **#1 Noble Ready (5-2)** gave a solid accounting of herself in season debut when second in the Honey Ryder, will need to step forward here to defeat that race's winner, #7; second Lasix for Clement trainee
4. **#4 Party Boat (3-1)** parlayed a good trip into second career stakes win last out, has tactical speed to work out a good trip here

RACE 7 – PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S CUP

3-year olds and up, 5f on the turf

\$200,000 purse, post time 6:40 p.m.

THE PICKS

1. **#1 Ready for Rye (5-1)** is a stakes winner at the trip, makes season debut; has fired fresh before
2. **#2 Richard's Boy (2-1)** prevailed in the rain at Pimlico last out, never worse than second in five tries at the distance
3. **#4 Take Cover (8-1)** is the defending champ, may be rounding back into form after good season debut try in Jim McKay Turf Sprint
4. **#7 Rainbow Heir (5-2)** owns a 5-furlong stake win, will be running late

RACE 8 – MOUNTAINVIEW S.

3-year olds and up, 1 1/8 miles

\$200,000 purse, post time 7:10 p.m.

THE PICKS

1. **#4 Matt King Coal (7-2)** ran a superb race when surviving the early pace last out to be a near-miss second in the G2 CT Classic, rates a huge shot here
2. **#1 Madfromlucky (2-1)** has kept the right sort of company but has not won a race since 2015, a span of 10 starts
3. **#5 Page McKenney (9-5)** is getting same results as prior years even while speed figs say he's not the same horse, and morning line odds feel too short
4. **#2 Virtual Machine (6-1)** gave an awfully good accounting of himself last out to be a clear second to the very good Connect, could be controlling speed here

Playing the Pick 4

- 50-cent wager starting with Race 6

Long Ticket (cost: \$72)

RACE 6 – 2, 4, 7

RACE 7 – 1, 2, 4, 7

RACE 8 – 1, 2, 4

RACE 9 – 3, 6, 7, 8

Short Ticket (cost: \$18)

RACE 6 – 4, 7

RACE 7 – 1, 2, 7

RACE 8 – 1, 2, 4

RACE 9 – 3, 7