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EARLY PICK 4 PLAY (RACES 1-4) - \$2 1&3 WITH 4&6 WITH 3&4 WITH 2&6= \$32

PICK 5 PLAY (RACES 5-9) - 50¢ 1&2 WITH 2&5 WITH 1&2&5 WITH 1&3&4 WITH 3&5 = \$36

LATE PICK 4 PLAY (RACES 7-10) - \$2 1&5 WITH 1&4 WITH 3&5 WITH 1&4 = \$32

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**Race 1: N/W \$10,000 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$7,500 L5 –
DOUBLE – EARLY PICK 4 (1-4)**

- 1 – IDEAL COWBOY – Needed last off hiatus; drops again & he won last 2 this level; likely pocketsitter should be tough from rail
- 3 – MASTERSON – Sharp at Monti for Milici/Merton; fits this level
- 5 – GOTTA GO B B – Big NJ win 2 back; last 4 here so-so; 2-41 2019

**Race 2: N/W \$30,000 L5/AE 4&5 YO N/W 12 PM LT – TROT –
FIRST PICK 3 (2-4) – SUPERFACTA**

- 6 – MELADY'S MONET – Tactical disadvantage in last chasing a good one; will be chasing again, but expect big effort from millionaire
- 4 – KENZIESKY HANOVER – Win, 4 2^{nds} and a 3rd in 6 tries for at Philly & Swamp for Toscano; only ½ was 2nd in Buckette (2018)
- 1 – TROTting GRACE – Rail 2nd last this level; 4th last week's Open
- 7 – HILL OF A HORSE – Nice effort for 3rd in Open; late factor

**Race 3: N/W \$10,000 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$7,500 L5 –
SECOND PICK 3 (3-5)**

- 3 – YS LOTUS – Easy winner last Monday on front end this level; bad posts prior 3, but did win from 7 hole 1 level down (off the pace)
- 4 – BLAISE MM HANOVER – Chased choice from pocket in last (2nd)
- 2 – ONE LUCKY DRAGON – Good in 4 tries for Harris; moves inside

**Race 4: N/W \$7,500 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$5,000 L5 –
THIRD PICK 3 (4-6) – SUPERFACTA**

- 2 – EGOMANIA – Just lasted on front end one level down in 3rd try for Di Domenico; should be able to handle minor class hike
- 6 – TALK SHOW – Strong win 1 level down in 3rd for Banca; danger
- 1 – MAURICE – 2nd one level up in last; barn sports 4% record and he was 2-31 last year; may get a good trip (behind choice?)
- 4 – SETTLEMOIR – Off board last 4 here (3 of them one level down)

**Race 5: N/W \$10,000 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$7,500 L5 –
PICK 5 (5-9)**

- 2 – LORD WILLOUGHBY A – Parked the mile in last when dropped to this low level; class of field gets better post after last four tries
- 1 – WHATS INTHE ESKY A – 6 length winner two back at N/W 4 PM level; has speed for JB² and expect he'll sit the pocket to choice
- 3 – ART HISTORY – Likely to sit 3rd behind top pair & is exotics factor

**Race 6: \$75,000 CLAIMERS – FOURTH PICK 3 (6-8) -
SUPERFACTA**

- 2 – KEYSTONE PHOENIX – King of class (4 of 7) easily dismissed abbreviated field in return; likely winner at a short mutual again
- 5 – TALBOTCREEKWHISKEY – Had everything his way in last on front end; all five tries for Burke have been good (there's a surprise)
- 1 – FIREBALL – 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th in 4 tries this level; might get trip
- 4 – TOPVILLE OLYMPIAN – Strong win vs. \$40k types; claimed

Race 7: PREFERRED HANDICAP– LATE PICK 4 (7-10)

- 5 – TOOKADIVEOFFDIPPER – Impressive since hitting Hilltop; faces similar this week & expect Stratton will put him in play
- 1 – BENSON BOYS N – Easy winner in 1st for JB²; 3rd in last at Freehold, but speed should set him up for a nice trip
- 2 – TWIN B TUFFENUFF – Broke 2 back & 1st up in last; factor

**Race 8: N/W \$15,500 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$10,000 L5 –
FIFTH PICK 3 (8-10) – SUPERFACTA**

- 1 – BLOOD LINE – Trapped behind tiring leader (#2) in last; drops & will likely try to control things on preferred front end
- 4 – ROCKATHON – Nice close for 2nd this level in last behind good winner; when he's right he's capable of big miles
- 3 – PRETTY BOY SWAG – Tired after 54.3 half; 15-30 in 2019
- 2 – BLATANTLY BEST – Tired on front end; sits in for share?

**Race 9: N/W \$15,000 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$10,000 L5 –
SIXTH PICK 3 (9-11)**

- 3 – MAGRITTE – 2 wins at Philly came vs, cheaper, but there are no world beaters in here and 9-1 ML looks attractive
- 5 – RANCOUSY – Winner one level down in last and was 2nd this level 6 back; 2-1 ML is not attractive after 3-32 season
- 1 – AWESOMENESS – 4th in last this level; saves ground for piece

**Race 10: N/W \$20,000 L5/AE WINNERS LAST N/W \$15,000 L5 –
SEVENTH PICK 3 (10-12) – SUPERFACTA**

- 1 – I'M SOME GRADUATE – Fits nicely this level with win 4 back; has speed to take advantage of rail; concern is 5 weeks off
- 4 – SOHO LENNON A – Gifted a win in last on the front end; class hike should not be problem & should be able to blast for trip
- 2 – ANTHEM N – 8-5 11/9 this level; last 3 better vs. lesser; 20-1 ML
- 8 – DENVER SEELSTER – Steps up off 2nd; can make late noise

Race 11: OPEN HDP – TROT – SIXTH PICK 3 (9-11) – DOUBLE

- 4 – YES – Has been visually impressive in all 4 tries for tough Miller/Holland combo (beat MELADY'S MONET) last; big test
- 5 – SWANSEA – Passed late last when seeking 3rd Open win; may have needed that off layoff & figures to provide big challenge
- 2 – NOWS THE MOMENT – Fresh face enters with two Swamp wins

**Race 12: N/W \$30,000 L5/AE 4&5 YO NW 10 PM LT –
SUPERFACTA**

- 4 – JOESSTAR OF MIA A – Impressive front end winner in 2019 debut at this level which suggests layoff should not be issue
- 2 – SOMEBADDUDE – Two solid Swamp wins and picks up Kakaley tonight; 3-14 at Hilltop which includes Levy leg 2nd
- 1 – MARTY MONKAUSER A – strong 2nd at \$40k level; been sharp
- 3 – TREMENDOUS PLAY – Sharp win 2 levels down; small share