

Free expert race picks for harness racing at The Raceway at the Western Fair District on Monday, April 25, from Garnet Barnsdale.

Best Bet - (6) W C KENZIE COOKIE – Race 4

Spot Play – (1) RISING DRAGON – Race 7

20-Cent Early Pick 5 – Race 1: 3,5,7/4,6,7/1,5,6/5,6/2,3 = \$21.60

20-Cent Late Pick 5 – Race 6: 2,6,7/1,3/1,2/1,5,6/1,5 = \$14.40

20-Cent Early Pick 4 – Race 3: 1,5,6/5,6/2,3/2,6,7 = \$7.20

20-Cent Late Pick 4 – Race 7: 1,3/1,2/1,5,6/1,5 = \$4.80

Race 1 – (7) MAX SHADOW brought nearly \$114,000 at the 2020 London Selected Yearling Sale, and he is related to several good racehorses such as Lay Lady Lay (16 wins, \$467K, 1:51 S) and Sportsmanship (27 wins, \$381K, 1:49 3/5 S.) This isn't a tough maiden race, and I'm going to go bomb hunting with this colt to kick off the guaranteed \$10,000 Pick 5. (3) SILVERBACK JACK couldn't convert as the 1 to 5 chalk last week but the rival that won that race would beat these. He can rebound tonight; using. (5) SILVER SANDY is dangerous because of his good gate speed, and he is another in with a chance. (2) ART RUNNER is now 0 for 23 and likely best used underneath.

Race 2 – Tough race to figure here with a few returning to action. (7) IM A STABLE GENIUS should have enough speed to clear to the front if that is the intent here. I'll give him the call to upset. (4) SEEIN RED adds Lasix for this debut coming off a sick scratch that delayed the start of his career. He goes for new owners here, and this isn't a tough spot; using. (6) DOCSPHILLYCHEESE qualified well here on 4/7, and he has the speed to contend with these. He is another in with a shot. (3) BRYDOWN CHASE should be good for another small share; using underneath.

Race 3 – (6) CONFEDRATE CRUISER exits some fast Ohio races, and he showed last year that he has the speed to beat these. Expect a form reversal from him tonight in this easier spot. (5) WARRAWEE XCEED did all the work then got picked off late last week. His form is good but his record stands at 1 for 17. I wouldn't accept a short price here. (1) POPLAR LUKE was first up last week and that trip didn't pan out. He can have better racing luck from the rail; upset chance. (3) KEIRAN can pass a couple of these and land in the bottom of the Tri or Super.

Race 4 – (6) W C KENZIE COOKIE races off the Nostadt claim tonight, and she will be tough to beat in here if she stays flat. (5) DALI CAT should wake up on the class drop. She is the other one that I'll use on early multi-race tickets. (1) STREAKAZANA gets major post relief here. It's hard to imagine her not being

part of the Tri starting from the rail. (7) EVAS BEST GIRL likely closes late to take a slice starting from the widest post tonight.

Race 5 – There is no question that (3) YARM is fastest in here, but he has missed a month. The question becomes: how low of a price will you accept? (2) SUPER FM excelled with the drop into this easier company last week, and he should be the main threat tonight. (1) GAMBLERS TREASURE looked good beating easier last week, and Haughan should provide another aggressive steer here; using underneath. (7) CORONAONTHEBEACH loses post advantage tonight, but he should be good for a small share vs. these. (8) FINE CREDIT should get another good following trip, and he figures to be part of the High-5.

Race 6 – (6) SPORTS ICON drops, adds Lasix, gets in with her own gender and gets a driver change to Henry tonight. Sharp improvement is likely here; top call. (7) HAVA CONNECTION is also in easier, and she flashed speed vs. better at Mohawk Park last time. She could be a front-end threat here despite drawing widest; using. (2) ROSE RUN VIGILANT got a needed clean line last week and rallied late. She is another in with a shot here. (1) READEMANDWEEP should be good for another share starting from the inside tonight.

Race 7 – (1) RISING DRAGON draws well for the first time since he was claimed three starts ago. He gets Coulter back tonight, and this duo teamed up for a dominating score from this post four starts back; history can repeat here. (3) WILLIAM ROSS did most of the work and was game in defeat last week. He should be a threat right back. (6) E L WILD SPORT is at a tactical disadvantage drawing wide here. I'll play to beat him. (4) TUUKKA RASP will likely get a tougher trip this week, and he is another that I will use underneath.

Race 8 – (2) KEMPENFELT just jogged against similar here last week, and she should be tough to knock off as she seeks a repeat score. (1) MISS BRANDI K gets a driver switch to Kelly and draws best. She should be no worse than 2nd coming out of the first turn, and that makes her a threat. (3) SMILE IN STYLE, 2nd to the choice last week, should be good for another share racing close to the front throughout. (4) SHOW ME SOME MAGIC might end up racing first-over again here which would be a tall task. I'll use her underneath.

Race 9 – (1) SIBONEY will be the one to catch here getting both class and post relief, and she gets top billing. (5) CHASING SHADOWS has hit her best stride in her past two starts, and she should get another aggressive steer here; using. (6) KISS IT BETTER is the other class dropper in the field, and she can't be tossed against these despite drawing wide. (7) GODIVA MACKIAVELYC had four shots from the rail in her past five starts and couldn't convert once. She is likely best used underneath leaving from the 7-hole.

Race 10 – (5) A BETTER MAN has been facing a steady diet of tougher company. Dropping into a claimer should wake him up tonight; call to upset. (1) SHADOW WARRIOR is the obvious razor-sharp danger as he shoots for the threepart, and he is the one to beat. (2) TOWNSHIP WILLY figures to sit another good trip and land a decent share here. (3) PACIN PERFECT rarely misses a cheque. From his inside draw, he should be part of the High-5. (8) SPORTSLOVER should sit a covered trip and rally late for a slice.