

QUICKtips

A plethora of advice and selections from our expert handicappers.

BEST ADVICE

KEN MIDDLETON, JR.: "Bet against bridge jumpers who bet heavy money to show on a prohibitive favourite."

CHAD ROZEMA: "Start your night off right by playing the popular Pick 5 wager. Large pools coupled with a small takeout result in fantastic payouts."

GREG BLANCHARD: "With 15 races and lots of low priced horses expected, be patient and wait for the race and the horse that offers the price you're looking for."

DAWN LUPUL: "Demand value! Don't be afraid to shoot for the moon – these races are closely matched."

DAVE BROWER: "Don't be afraid to 'single' a horse in the multi-race wagers like a Pick 3 or Pick 4. Go with your guy and hope to hit a price in the other legs."

MARK MCKELVIE: "Big money is on the line tonight and that means each race will be loaded with action. Things are bound to get wild in these races, so consider all angles. Don't be afraid to go against the crowd, NA Cup night always has a big upset."

JASON PORTUONDO: "You don't have to be a pro to pick winners, chose a favourite name, number or just by the way the horse looks."

GREG GANGLE: "There are two horses that catch my eye and are worth paying attention to depending on price. RACE 7 – 6 ELLIS PARK and RACE 10 – 6 SEVEN AND SEVEN."

LOCK OF THE NIGHT

KEN MIDDLETON, JR.:
RACE 3 – 4 HANNELORE HANOVER

CHAD ROZEMA:
RACE 8 – 5 SANDBETWEENURTOES – "Returns to f&m preferred ranks where she's been the queen of the class in 2017."

GREG BLANCHARD:
RACE 3 – 4 HANNELORE HANOVER

DAWN LUPUL: RACE 4 – 6 REGAL SON "drops down to a level where he can dominate."

DAVE BROWER: RACE 11 – 4 LADY SHADOW "looks like the most reliable 'Lock of the Night' in the Roses Are Red final, since she's looked even better this year than last and she's crushed every horse in here already."

MARK MCKELVIE:
RACE 3 – 4 HANNELORE HANOVER

JASON PORTUONDO: RACE 2 – 3 KIWI FOCUS N "She could offer decent value and is facing easier competition."

GREG GANGLE: RACE 3 – 4 HANNELORE HANOVER "She has an impeccable resume and was hyped up by her connections coming into this event. It's her race to lose."

LONG BOMB PICK

KEN MIDDLETON, JR.:
RACE 5 – 3 MODERN LEGEND

CHAD ROZEMA: RACE 5 – 7 SHAMBALLA "is certainly better than his form suggests; wicked fractions up front will suit him."

GREG BLANCHARD:
RACE 11 – 6 CALL ME QUEEN BE

DAWN LUPUL: RACE 7 – 3 JINS SHARKS "has one bad line on his card and because of it should be a square price."

DAVE BROWER: "Taking a shot with the free-legged 2 PRESCOTTS HOPE in RACE 4 for Phil Hudon off a needed race and an excellent qualifier, plus a perfect inside post."

MARK MCKELVIE: RACE 9 – 1 BETTORS UP

JASON PORTUONDO: RACE 6 – 5 SOME ATTITUDE "is improving with each start and might be heard from late with the right setup."

GREG GANGLE: RACE 15 – 2 DARCEE N "was airborne in deep stretch last week, but ran out of real estate. Also, his 0-for-21 record suggests a price."

IF YOU ONLY HAVE \$20 TO WAGER...



KEN MIDDLETON, JR.: \$20 to win on 2 PRESCOTTS HOPE in RACE 4.

CHAD ROZEMA: "I will keep it simple with \$20 straight up to win on 3 SHES WATCHING who should offer 5-1 odds or higher in RACE 9."

GREG BLANCHARD: "RACE 10, \$1 Exactor Wheel 4 with All and All with 4.... plus a \$2 tractor 4-1-2."

DAWN LUPUL: "I would play a \$5 place parlay on everything David Miller drives – he always shows up in a big way on these nights!"

DAVE BROWER: "In the Roses Are Red (RACE 11) make \$10 exactors with 4 LADY SHADOW on top, 3 NIKE FRANCO N and 6 CALL ME QUEEN BE underneath for second."

MARK MCKELVIE: "Pick out four horses you like throughout the card and wager \$5 to win on each. Then kick back and enjoy the night."

JASON PORTUONDO: "Start slowly with simple bets of win, place or show. Once you've made a profit then you can get more aggressive."

GREG GANGLE: "The Mohawk Gold Cup is deep and wide-open. I'm a big fan of Christen Me and it might be a rare occasion where you get a price on him because of post 10. \$10 win and \$10 place."

PICK4

There are three Pick-4 wagers on tonight's card, an Early Pick-4 (races 4-7, guaranteed at \$50,000), an All-Stakes Pick-4 (races 9-12, guaranteed at \$100,000) and a Late Pick-4 (races 12-15, no guarantee).



KEN MIDDLETON JR.

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 6	Race 6	1
Race 5	ALL	Race 7	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

cost: \$140 (or \$28 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	1, 4, 5, 9	Race 11	4
Race 10	2, 4	Race 12	2, 3, 4

cost: \$24 (or \$4.80 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	2, 3, 4	Race 14	1
Race 13	2, 3, 4, 5, 7	Race 15	ALL

cost: \$150 (or \$30 for \$0.20 option)



DAVE BROWER

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 4, 6, 7, 8	Race 6	1, 4
Race 5	2, 5, 6, 8, 10	Race 7	3, 6

cost: \$100 (or \$20 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	1, 4, 5	Race 11	3, 4
Race 10	2, 3, 4, 10	Race 12	2, 4

cost: \$48 (or \$9.60 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	2, 4	Race 14	1, 2
Race 13	1, 2, 4, 5	Race 15	1, 4, 5

cost: \$48 (or \$9.60 for \$0.20 option)



CHAD ROZEMA

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 6	Race 6	1, 2
Race 5	2, 3, 7, 8, 10	Race 7	3, 6, 7

cost: \$60 (or \$12 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	3, 4, 5	Race 11	3, 4
Race 10	2, 4	Race 12	3

cost: \$12 (or \$2.40 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	3	Race 14	ALL
Race 13	2	Race 15	1, 5, 6, 7

cost: \$32 (or \$6.40 for \$0.20 option)



GREG GANGLE

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 6, 7, 10	Race 6	1, 3
Race 5	2, 5, 6, 10	Race 7	6, 7, 8

cost: \$96 (or \$19.20 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	4, 5	Race 11	3, 4
Race 10	2, 3, 4, 6	Race 12	3, 4

cost: \$32 (or \$6.40 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	3, 4	Race 14	1, 2, 4
Race 13	2, 4, 5, 6	Race 15	1, 2, 3, 4

cost: \$96 (or \$19.20 for \$0.20 option)



GREG BLANCHARD

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 5, 6	Race 6	1, 2, 3
Race 5	2, 3, 7, 8, 10	Race 7	4, 5, 8

cost: \$135 (or \$27 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	1, 4, 5	Race 11	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9
Race 10	4	Race 12	2, 3, 4

cost: \$63 (or \$12.60 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	2, 3, 4	Race 14	1, 2, 7, 8
Race 13	ALL	Race 15	1, 4

cost: \$192 (or \$38.40 for \$0.20 option)



DAWN LUPUL

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	6	Race 6	1, 3, 9
Race 5	2, 5	Race 7	1, 3, 6, 7

cost: \$24 (or \$4.80 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	1, 4, 5	Race 11	3, 4, 6
Race 10	4, 6, 8	Race 12	2, 3, 4

cost: \$81 (or \$16.20 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	2, 3, 4	Race 14	1, 5
Race 13	2, 3	Race 15	5, 6, 7

cost: \$36 (or \$7.20 for \$0.20 option)



JASON PORTUONDO

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 6, 8	Race 6	1, 3
Race 5	2, 5, 6, 10	Race 7	3, 6

cost: \$48 (or \$9.60 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	1, 3, 4, 5	Race 11	3, 4
Race 10	1, 2, 4	Race 12	3, 4

cost: \$48 (or \$9.60 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	3, 4	Race 14	1, 5, 6
Race 13	2, 3, 4	Race 15	2, 5, 6

cost: \$54 (or \$10.80 for \$0.20 option)



MARK MCKELVIE

EARLY PICK-4 TICKET

Race 4	2, 6, 8, 9	Race 6	1, 3
Race 5	2, 5, 8	Race 7	1, 3, 4, 8

cost: \$96 (or \$19.20 for \$0.20 option)

ALL STAKES PICK-4 TICKET

Race 9	1, 3, 4, 5	Race 11	3, 4
Race 10	4, 6	Race 12	2, 3, 4

cost: \$48 (or \$9.60 for \$0.20 option)

LATE PICK-4 TICKET

Race 12	2, 3, 4	Race 14	1, 2
Race 13	2, 5, 8	Race 15	6, 8

cost: \$36 (or \$7.20 for \$0.20 option)

**RACE
3**warm up pad:
WHITE**\$253,000
ARMBRO
FLIGHT****CHAD ROZEMA**

SELECTIONS: 4-3-7-6

- 4 HANNELORE HANOVER** - Was sensational once again in her elimination, setting her up for a repeat in the Armbr Flight. No strategy here, she is simply the BEST!
- 3 CHARMED LIFE** - Returned to her old stomping grounds last week and benefited from a patient Louis Roy steer to score. She did upset my top pick in Ohio recently but will likely have to settle for second tonight.
- 7 BROADWAY DONNA** - Was back facing her own kind but was out-kicked in the stretch by Charmed Life. She hasn't drawn too poorly and should be able to use her late kick to get on the scene late and challenge for the exacta.
- 6 RENEGADE MAGIC** - Competes in her first Grand Circuit final and will bring big thrills to the small local outfit in her corner. She's come on strong in recent weeks and another quick start can earn her a share of the top four.

**KEN MIDDLETON JR.**

SELECTIONS: 4-3-7-8

- 4 HANNELORE HANOVER** - Was the dominant performer in the division last year, and judging by what she's done so far this season it's going to be more of the same for the Ron Burke-trained miss. She's five lengths better than the rest if she's on her game.
- 3 CHARMED LIFE** - Went four-for-24 last season, and she's already matched last year's win total from just seven starts for trainer Rene Allard. She's got a lethal kick at the end of the mile. She's the biggest threat to Hannelore Hanover.
- 7 BROADWAY DONNA** - Has done good things since graduating from the sophomore ranks. She's been in the hunt in all four of her starts this season, and I think she can work her way onto the ticket tonight with a bit of racing luck.
- 8 EMOTICON HANOVER** - Could only watch Hannelore Hanover pull away in deep stretch last week, but to her credit she held on gamely for the runner-up award. She'll have to work a bit harder tonight because of the outside post.

**RACE
10**warm up pad:
BLUE/RED**\$251,000
GOODTIMES****GREG BLANCHARD**

SELECTIONS: 4-1-2-6

- 4 ENTERPRISE** - I have yet to see any weaknesses in this colt's game and thus he brings a flawless record into this final. The post 4 starting spot should ensure clear sailing in here and I expect the win streak to remain intact.
- 1 SHAKE IT OFF LINDY** - Was very good in his season's debut in last weekend's eliminations. He should be even tighter this week and I think he can work out a stalking trip from post 1 this time out.
- 2 INTERNATIONAL MONI** - Turned heads with his eye-catching rally in his elimination victory. He was camera shy last season but that impressive win may suggest he's ready to step his game. Big shot from a good post!
- 6 SEVEN AND SEVEN** - Had too much work to do in his elimination but should move forward off that effort. He had a brilliant rookie campaign and could finish higher than predicted with any racing luck this week.

**GREG GANGLE**

SELECTIONS: 4-6-1-3

- 4 ENTERPRISE** - Remains undefeated in his career in five starts with four different drivers. He lowered his career best in his elim and is poised for a big effort tonight. The former \$100K yearling looks like the horse to beat.
- 6 SEVEN AND SEVEN** - Needed last week to prepare for tonight as it was his first start of the season. I thought he raced good, but not great. I expect him to be better and feel we can find some value on him.
- 1 SHAKE IT OFF LINDY** - Is one of two starters in this final for trainer Frank Antonacci. The sophomore has made a nice transition early into this season and will start from the same post as his elim. He's one of many possibilities to complete the triactor.
- 3 JAKE** - Is a local horse that has yet to miss the top three this season. He's more seasoned than some of his rivals and will look to use home court advantage. He's versatile and likely will be sitting close to the lead.

**RACE
5**warm up pad:
BLACK**\$100,000
MOHAWK
GOLD CUP
INVITATIONAL****GREG BLANCHARD**

SELECTIONS: 2-3-10-1

- 2 MCWICKED** - This classy pacer has had his ups and downs over the last two seasons but enters this contest in sharp form, including a scintillating victory in his return to the Coleman barn last week. Miller should have plenty of options here from post two.
- 3 MODERN LEGEND** - This classy veteran was very good last week in his first start in well over a year. The connections have been patient bringing him back and he looks primed for a big effort in here from a good starting spot.
- 10 CHRISTEN ME N** - This Downunder wonder has quickly proven himself in North America and is much better than his seasonal record would indicate. The post gods weren't on his side this week, but if any horse can overcome it he might be the one with his lethal closing kick.
- 1 NIRVANA SEELSTER** - The son of Camluck was never better than last week and just continues to get better with age. He will have to be even better this week to upend this talented group but he's hard to discount in his current form.

**DAWN LUPUL**

SELECTIONS: 2-5-6-1

- 2 MCWICKED** - Figures to get a perfect trip tonight with a likely torrid early pace that will flatter him late. He is one of the strongest closers in the group, and has options early as to how far back he wants to be.
- 5 DEALT A WINNER** - Could be riding a win streak of three save for some unlucky photo-finish decisions. He is in great form right now, and will start from a perfect post for his late kick to be effective.
- 6 GREAT VINTAGE** - Has struggled to rack up the wins this year, but his last race was solid and he has versatility as his greatest strength. With a little racing luck, the millionaire should be close at the finish.
- 1 NIRVANA SEELSTER** - Will make the others work for it if they want to set the fractions of this race. With tons of gate speed and the inside draw, he will be a major factor in the outcome of this one.

**RACE
11**warm up pad:
LIGHT BLUE**\$365,000
ROSES
ARE RED****MARK MCKELVIE**

SELECTIONS: 3-4-9-2

- 3 NIKE FRANCO N** - The mare from Down Under looked tremendous in winning her elimination last week. She's won multiple Group One races in Australia and tonight I think she'll capture Canada's top race for pacing mares.
- 4 LADY SHADOW** - Is looking to capture this event for the third straight year, which would tie Anndrovette's record ('12,'13,'14). She's been the Queen of this division for quite some time, but that doesn't mean she can't be knocked from her throne.
- 9 PURE COUNTRY** - Loves racing at Mohawk and last year captured the Fan Hanover Stakes on this same night. There is always an adjustment period for 4-year-olds when joining the older ranks. She'll figure it out quick and has all the talent to succeed.
- 2 FROST DAMAGE BLUES** - Scored the win last week off a perfect trip from driver James MacDonald. Doesn't have a signature win on her record, but can never be counted on. Knows how to be in the mix (e.g. third in last year's Breeders Crown).

**JASON PORTUONDO**

SELECTIONS: 3-4-5-2

- 3 NIKE FRANCO N** - Is the only sub-1:50 elimination winner and wasn't fully extended. She's been solid since coming to this side of the world and with the right trip could surprise the favourite... value play.
- 4 LADY SHADOW** - Is the undisputed champion of this pacing mare division and has captured the last two editions. This amazing equine athlete is closing in on the \$2 million mark and will be very tough to deny the 3-peat.
- 5 WRANGLER MAGIC** - Got within sniffing distance of the title holder last week in what was her best showing in quite awhile. She actually paced her fastest mile since last year's final... gets the trifecta spot.
- 2 FROST DAMAGE BLUES** - Delivered the biggest win ticket of the three eliminations. It was her first victory in 12 starts and she'll look to build on the effort. This mare's inside draw could lead to a nice ground saving trip.

**RACE
9**warm up pad:
PURPLE**\$440,000
FAN
HANOVER****GREG GANGLE**

SELECTIONS: 4-5-1-3

- 4 IDYLLIC BEACH** - Is hard not to consider on top with her impressive career resume. She comes from the top connections of Takter and Gingras and will offer a short price. She's regally-bred and very difficult to dislike following her elim victory.
- 5 TEQUILA MONDAY** - Has never finished worse than second in 10 career appearances. She benefits from a favourable draw and driver Brian Sears has an appetite for big money races. She was the other elim winner and a likely candidate.
- 1 BETTORS UP** - Bettors Up benefited from a cheap half and was very well-driven by McNair. I can see her using her gate-speed from the rail and trying to be up near the lead. She could enjoy an inside trip and be a threat for the triactor.
- 3 SHES WATCHING** - Was a double digit price in her elim and that could be the case tonight. She's another one that draws inside and will be making just her sixth career start. I'm confident Alagna will have her ready.

**DAVE BROWER**

SELECTIONS: 5-1-4-7

- 5 TEQUILA MONDAY** - Has the look of a vicious pacing filly right now, and seems almost unstoppable for Oakes and Sears out of the perfect midpack post. Exploded past Agent Q in the Lismore and confidently measured off her elim rivals Saturday. Catches them again.
- 1 BETTORS UP** - Turned in an amazing elimination effort for McNair and McEneny. She didn't exactly wilt under the heavy pressure and was digging in all the way. Last two starts were as sharp as can be, and the inside post gives pilot a lot of options here.
- 4 IDYLLIC BEACH** - Turned in a good-looking and professional elim victory and we all know she loves Mohawk! Gingras might change up the strategy here to speed, and hope to get away from Tequila early. That might give her best chance to win.
- 7 AGENT Q** - Was conservatively handled in her elim and probably by design. She had plenty of pace finishing up her mile and that bodes well for her chances in the final. Nobody better at working out trips than Dave Miller. Expect a strong effort, and a square price, too!

**RACE
12**warm up pad:
RED/WHITE**\$1,000,000
PEPSI
NORTH
AMERICA
CUP****CHAD ROZEMA**

SELECTIONS: 3-4-2-6

- 3 HUNTSVILLE** - Crushed in his elim and appeared to have more power in reserve. Scary! He's a big colt that will thrive over this oval and prove tough to catch if he's on his game. A win moves Tim Tetrick into second with Mike Lachance with three NA Cup trophies.
- 4 FEAR THE DRAGON** - Dave Miller's ticket for consecutive NA Cup titles has been perfect in 2017. A head number caused a brief bobble in the stretch last week but fortunately it didn't prevent him from victory. He's deserving of being in the spotlight and poses the biggest threat to Huntsville.
- 2 DOWNBYTHESEASIDE** - Is another Brian Brown starter that has yet to lose in 2017. Despite his streak I think there's room for improvement and Dave Miller booking off echoes that. Brian Sears is a fine replacement and this colt remains a top threat.
- 6 CLASSIC PRO** - Has developed into a consistent contender for Doc Moore. He has plenty of speed and with a good beginning can trip out for a share of the Superfecta.

**DAVE BROWER**

SELECTIONS: 4-2-3-1

- 4 FEAR THE DRAGON** - Is the horse to beat tonight, folks, and he won't even be the favorite. Pull up the replay of his last encounter with Huntsville and you will clearly see who the better horse was that night! I know it's different venue, etc, but my money will be on the Dragon!
- 2 DOWNBYTHESEASIDE** - Gets the services of Brian Sears tonight, since Dave Miller opted for the Dragon. If there is ever a perfect driver for the situation, it's Sears. He will work out a trip from this inside post and might even threaten his stablemate, if the two faves "soften each other up." It can happen.
- 3 HUNTSVILLE** - Gets the acid test tonight! He was NO match for the Dragon at Pocono, and I fear the same will be the case tonight. If I'm wrong, then we have one great rivalry brewing for the rest of the season in the Glamour Boy division. Can't wait for the hookup!
- 1 OCEAN COLONY** - Has played second fiddle against the top colts so far, but if there was ever a key post draw, this is it. All he has to do is protect position and then try to keep up.