Express *Players'* Guide

your comprehensive guide to tonight's races

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 • Race Day 12

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Full-Card Selections

1	8-1-4	**6**	6-5-3	**11**	7-3-5
2	1-7-5	**7**	7-1-2	**12**	5-7-8
3	1-7-4	**8**	9-1-8		
4	6-5-1	**9**	6-2-7		
5	6-1-3	**10**	7-3-6		

50¢ Pick-4 Play

Race 9: 2,6
Race 10: 3,4,6,7,8
Race 11: 3,7
Race 12: 5,7
Total Stake: $20

TPG Meet Statistics
through Feb. 17, 2025

Top Selection Strike Rate: 38.9% (35/90)
Top Selection ITM Rate: 68.9% (62/90)
Top Selection ROI: $2.41 ($217/$180)
Featured Selection Strike Rate: 40% (14/35)
Pick-4 Play YTD: -$116

Race 1

Pace • F&M NW $4,000 Last 4 Starts or TM Rating < 76.75
8 - SHEISHUNGRY returns to this level after an even but traffic-troubled effort in last week's feature. She fared more than OK against N7L types earlier in the meet and was a good third via a two-move effort at this level two starts back. Amply capable.
1 - DAKOTA SHADOW blasted clear from post 7 last time and was just nabbed by Throw The Play, who moved up to the winners-over class this week. Pole should help sharpen her up late.
4 - BLUEBIRD INA, a lot like Sheishungry, was caught in traffic on the far turn last week but has been on a bit of a form slide of late. Class relief should aid. Mind value.

Race 4

Pace • F&M Winners 1-3 Ext. PM Races Lifetime
6 - TATER TOT HANOVER rises after breaking maiden in impressive fashion last week. Since kicking off her 3-year-old season, she's shown lots of upside and clear improvement in her second start back. Trending upward, for sure. 5 - BETTY'S ROCKIN chased to hit the board from pocket trips in two of three tries at this level this season before rearward trips and traffic trouble got the best of her twice against older. She's hit the board in two-thirds of her career tries to date. 1 - ALWAYS B DIVINE makes her first start since September, so it's tough to gauge how fit she'll be, but there are a couple considerations: First, she's debuting for Plante. Second, she stalked and closed into the board twice against comparable company last fall. There's upside.

Race 7

Pace • F&M NW $1,000 Last 4 Starts or TM Rating < 70
7 - SUMMER SQUALL bottoms out after an even effort in traffic last week and mild closing bids from astern against tougher yet before that. Class relief makes raw speed and staying power count for lots more; clear sailing is a must. 1 - SWEET ECSTASY made steadily gains into a :28.4 third quarter before tiring off the home turn last week; before that, she chased for tip-four finishes in four straight tries. Pole keeps her close with ease; good value option. 2 - BABY DOLL JEN likewise drops in class after being overmatched by N7L fields all last month. In her lone first-level try, she failed to sustain a three-wide push into the far turn, but this field shapes up as more manageable.

Race 9

Pace • F&M NW $2,500 Last 4 Starts or TM Rating < 73.50
6 - GREYSTONE NATALIO worked clear, yielded for a pocket ride, and chased for second last week. She's now hit the board in her last five outings at this level. Consistent and versatile!
2 - BAMA BREEZE floated closer to the pace early and then ground first-over on her way to a 13-1 upset last week! She's right back in at this proven level but she loses Plante. Still a credible roughie option given current form upturn. 7 - LOVE TO PARTY drops from N7L company after post 9 and a couple weeks off stymied her. Expect sharper coming right back; class relief should aid.

Race 10

Pace • F&M Winners Over $6,000 Last 4 Starts or $50,000
7 - PHOENIX RISING tired in the stretch last week behind Talk Show Chica's 15-1 upset, but that was after making two strong uncovered pushes forward in the first six furlongs. A kinder trip goes a long way for the 18-time winner, who has established herself as the toughest mare on the grounds. 3 - THROW THE PLAY seeks a fourth straight win after stalking and closing to N7L and third-level scores all last month. Ability to take considerable air a plus on this step up. 6 - HUNGRY LADY likewise steps up, doing so after a 1:53.1 front-end score. She does her best work when on or near the lead; boasts strong form.