

Kentucky DOWNS

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Daily selections provided by Kentucky Downs morning-line odds maker Joe Kristufek, who has an extensive background in the horse racing industry as an analyst, on-air talent and producer and fan development specialist. He is well recognized for his diverse handicapping skills and suggested wagering tactics and loves interacting with racing fans - from beginner to expert. His first inclination is to beat the favorite but he is also a big believer in "taking what the race gives you". **Follow Joe on Twitter @JoeyDaKRacing**

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Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017

Race 1

#11 Aircraft Carrier – Just missed behind sharp winner at Ellis; the one to beat on paper here.
#8 Ettalusive – Proven on the grass and finishes with energy; rates a chance in average race for the level.
#14 Front Row Debbie – What you see is what you get; solid turf resume, but needs two scratches.
#3 One Dollar – Has shown signs of ability; price shot swings back fresh off a forward string of workouts.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 11/8-14-3-9-10

Race 2

#8 Hollywood Talent – Even better than he looks on paper; gets the edge in extremely wide open race.
#3 Fourth of July – Holding his own with tough company; dirt form must convert to the turf.
#12 Curlino – Claim dropped to score in last; rates on the rise for formidable team...utmost respect.
#5 Ship Disturber – Hot streak ended last out; gets rare turf try, but he's certainly bred to like it.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-3-12-5-13-7

Race 3

#4 Tmeisnotourfriend – His dam was a graded stakes winning sprinter is a solid producer; edge.
#9 Hallie's Hero – ½ to \$100K sprinters Willow Hills & Hickory Hills; his dam was a G3 winner at a mile.
#10 Dreaming of J C – Calabrese & Catalano have won Breeders' Cup races together; well-intended.
#6 Souper Smart – His dam was 2nd in the G1 Alcibiades and had a promising career cut short.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-9-10-6-7-13

Race 4

#11 Coco Channel – Came to life in last and finished 2nd behind odds-on favorite at Ellis; enough respect?
#4 Wicked Lick – Held her own in graded dirt stakes, but I always thought she might be better on turf.
#3 Ring Me Up – Improved since adding blinkers two starts back; likely flies under the radar today.
#5 Dreamcall – Ran deceptively well in lone turf try; must consider on consistency and connections.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 11-4/3-5-9-7

Race 5

#14 Royal Creed – Bv hot shot 1st crop sire & out of a dam who earned \$200K as a sprinter; firing bullets.

#1 Strong Current – Acted like a sprinter in route debut; experienced and should relish the cut back.

#9 Navy Armed Guard – Dam earned \$115K as a turf router; barn good with first timers & price is right.

#5 Storm Runner – Purchased privately by powerhouse owners after debut 2nd at 159-1.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-1-9-5-2-16

Race 6

#7 Res Ipsa – Finished a good 3rd here last year; drops in out of stakes & gets edge in open race.

#12 Frozen Hannah -- \$50K claim could be a money Maker; speed must work a trip from outside post.

#2 Factory of Faith – Touch of class on dirt, but solid on turf too; might trip out from cozy, inside post.

#15 Now Power – Rounding into form for tough team; needs three scratches to draw in.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 7-12-2-15-8-10

Race 7

#15 Passion Plus – Sire was a Group 1 winner in France & dam earned \$200K on turf; sneaky good?

#16 Lake Geneva – Just missed in turf debut and fired a bullet in preparation for this; needs scratches.

#2 Go Google Yourself – Her dam had a promising career cut short and she's been a solid producer.

#8 Heavenly Love – Her dam G2 placed on dirt, but never ran on dirt; ½ to G2 winner Forever Darling.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 15-16-2-8-4-3

Race 8

#11 Triple Chelsea – Grassy dash specialist beat similar over the trip here last year; on edge for this.

#8 Princess Princess – Forces the issue in routes, so she might relish the cut back in distance; Mr. Brad.

#4 Excessivespending – Fired a fresh shot in turf debut to score a visually impressive win at Ellis.

#2 Sameeha – Holding her own with classy route company; finishes with punch at a price today.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 11/8-4-2-12-1

Race 9 – The Old Friends (R)

#9 Oscar Nominated – Won the Dueling Grounds Derby here last year for fun; keeping good company.

#11 Chocolate Ride – Classy lawnmower has banked nearly \$660K; must respect go to whoa threat.

#4 Gio's Calling – Tossing hints at taking his game to the next level; he'll need to against this tough bunch.

#5 Sir Dudley Diggs – Queen's Plate winner has carved out a nice career on turf; can bounce back.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 9/11-4-5-1-12

Race 10

#2 Freedom – Solid return run at Saratoga; arrow pointing up and well-drawn on the inside today.

#10 Magical Sky – Finished in front of top choice in their New York encounter; good as any in here.

#11 Meister Legend – 3rd to sharpie last out at Ellis; still has some upside for tough team & price is right.

#6 Bodie's Valentine – 2nd on Churchill turf in career debut; hung wide in follow-up run at Saratoga.

Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-10-11-6-15-3