

Vernon Downs Race Day Selections

Welcome back race fans to Vernon Downs 72nd Anniversary Racing Season!

Race Day “Top Contenders” for each race every Saturday Night and Friday Stakes/Holidays when time permits from Vernon Downs co-track handicapper, Tony Lasinski. They will be available this season on the vernondowns.com website

Tune into Ryan Harrington’s live handicapping segment every Saturday before and during the races.

If you are a fan of Vernon Downs, please check out the ‘Vernon Downs Racing’ Page on Facebook.



****Horses listed in order of preference. The top selection may not always be a good value play (short price). Don't be afraid to take a chance on horses at longer odds.*

** Selections made before final driver choices and late program scratches/changes*

Friday June 13, 2025

EMPIRE BREEDERS CLASSIC and NYSS

Race #1 Excelsior

#5 Digging For Gold
#3 Invictus
#1 Gregory

Race #2 Excelsior

#3 EZ Spree
#1 Hunt Me Up
#2 Watch My Warrior

Race #3 Excelsior

#2 Mr. Huggins
#3 Xpert
#1 Peppermint Pete

Race #4 Excelsior

#1 Ima Perfect Choice
#4 Courageous Warrior
#3 Night Hunter

Race #5 NYSS

#1 American Son (BB)
#4 Oogleville
#6 Top Note

Race #6 NYSS

#6 Courts On Fire *(VP)
#1 Thirsty Thursday
#4 Dune Buggy

Race #7 EBC 3YO Filly Trot

#5 My Debt Collector
#1 Pink Bomb
#3 Sonmar Pond

Race #8 EBC 3YO C&G Trot

#3 Super Chapter
#5 Maryland
#2 Hard Seven

Race #9 EBC 3YO Filly Trot

#6 Royal Mission
#4 Pink Chou Chou
#3 EL Nightwish

Race #10 EBC 3YO C&G Trot

#3 Variegated
#2 Monserrate
#4 Chat Room

Race #11

#5 Matthews Rita
#2 Wayward Blue Chip
#1 Drama Club

BEST BET: Race 5) #1 American Son – chased #1 rated 3 YO pacer Louprint last season, comes off an even 4th against some of the top 3 year old pacers in the Somebeachsomewhere, reunites with DD and should be well placed early from the pylons and a short price

***VALUE PLAY:** Race 6) #6 Courts On Fire (5-1 ml) – NYSS champion 2 year old comes off a tough trip in a North American Cup elim, Brett Beckwith’s choice of 3 will probably be forwardly placed in this short field