

Vernon Downs Race Day Selections

Welcome back 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 first few weeks are always a puzzle determining the racing shape of horses. 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 that are stabled here.*

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

Saturday May 3, 2025 Kentucky Derby Day

Race #1

#2 Kevlar CCL
#3 Always A Story
#1 Modelo

Race #5

#3 Ponderance *(VP)
#4 Northern Virgin
#3 Mississippi Rabbit

Race #9

#4 Mister Miami **raced big 1st start**
#5 Swagasaurusrex
#2 Marshall Zhukov

Race #2

#4 Isaac (BB)
#2 Keg Party
#5 Le Massif

Race #6 *tough race...any can win*

#3 War Of Will
#2 Aces Or Bettor
#5 Mask On Mask Off

Race #10 *some nice trotters*

#4 Joxter
#1 Woodside Gabe
#5 Dewey Arnold

Race #3

#4 Not Worth It **Loves Vernon**
#1 Onspeed N
#5 Arion Magic

Race #7

#6 Century Invader
#1 Emotions Riches
#8 Communion Money

Race #11

#4 Two Star Magic
#5 Ideal Entry
#6 Dizzy Lizzy

Race #4 *top horses drew outside*

#8 Heaven's Count
#6 Secret Bro
#1 Night Star

Race #8

#1 I'm A Big Shot
#5 Excursion
#6 Heisonthehunt

BEST BET: Race 2) #4 Isaac – Leon Bailey’s choice over the #2, significant class drop and big post position relief from last 2 races

***VALUE PLAY:** Race 5) #3 Ponderance – qualified sharply on 4-18 with a 27.1 final quarter, paced evenly in the off going last week, should offer more in his 2nd start of the year

The best of luck to all this afternoon!