“Race Day “Top Contenders” for each race from former Vernon Downs On-Air Handicapper Tony Lasinski

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*I would like to thank Vernon Downs for inviting me back as guest handicapper for the 70th Anniversary Season. I also would like to thank John Horne, Leslie DeLorenzo and all the horsemen and horsewomen for their help and kindness throughout the season. Since it is closing weekend, I would like to acknowledge our leading driver The ‘Prime Minister’ John Macdonald and leading trainer, Michelle Warner. There will be a retirement ceremony tonight for pacer Tempster Hanover after the 5th race

* Selections made before final driver choices and late program scratches/changes. Because of changes, numbers may not correspond with horses name

**Friday November 17, 2023**

Race #1
#1 Regal Escape
#4 Little Sammy Chung
#2 PL Quesadilla

Race #2
#1 Lyons Ladyluck
#3 Pacin N Racin
#5 Mamasita Express

Race #3
#6 Arrhythmogenic
#8 Heston Honey
#1 Glory Ghost

Race #4
#5 My Rugala
#6 Samosa Hanover
#1 Lorrie Sue

Race #5
#2 Dream Bay Shark
#6 River Belle
#7 Always Ava

Race #6
#6 Southwind Falcon
#1 Luxury Brand
#2 Marvin B Swift

Race #7
#9 Art Scene
#1 Mr Wiggle Pants
#6 Rocknroll Captain

Race #8
#2 Valottalove
#1 Purpose Blue Chip
#4 Glide In The Wind

Race #9
#5 Party Queen (BB)
#2 Somebodys Me
#4 Rockford Peach

Race #10
#6 Unusual Clarity *(VP)
#7 So Amazing
#4 The Hunt Is On

Race #11
#8 Dream On A Roll
#6 Ideally Sweet
#3 Relentless Dancer

**BEST BET:** Race 9) #5 Party Queen – drops to the lowest condition level, raced conservatively last week in 2nd race in 2 days, expect more aggressive effort (and short price) in this spot

**VALUE PLAY:** Race 10) #6 Unusual Clarity – Vernon’s Pacer of the Year has been one of my favorite value plays all season, looks to close out a stellar season with a win