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Express **Players' Guide**

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Selections			
1	4-1-7-3	6	5-2-6-1
2	3-6-7-2	7	1-3-6-7
3	7-1-3-4-5	8	2-1-5-6
4	3-4-1-2	9	5-2-1-8-3
5	4-3-5-6	10	4-2-1-7
11	1-2-5-7	12	3-1-5-7
13	5-1-3-2	14	7-4-6-5
15	2-8-1-5-4		



Pick-5 Ticket
Race 5: 3, 4, 5
Race 6: 2, 5
Race 7: 1, 3
Race 8: 2
Race 9: 1, 2, 5, 8
Total Stake: \$24

A Closer Look

This section features more in-depth analysis on selected events from each card of racing at Harrah's Philadelphia, with something for the novice player and seasoned handicapper alike.

Race 2

3 – WINDSONG JACK carried over his good Yonkers form to us last week and won attractively off a steady pocket trip. Continues at the level, plenty to like, and a great key to exotics, especially the Pick 4. 6 – SCHWARTZ BROS PAT won a valuable mile for the younger ones at Yonkers and steps over to get in one more for 2021. Price hard to predict, but will need some speed to chase for best results. That's quite possible. Several inside do not always go for the lead, but demonstrably can. 7 – BROTHER JAMES has class experience and while It's been hit or miss and this post is tough, the experience quotient is present and his last mile was sizeably better than several recent. A few extra days of rest is a plus, too. 2 – RISKY MILLION makes a second start locally at level. Could be positioned for more easily prominent activity this time.

Race 4

3 – BOTTOM BLUES won with strength last time and continues eligible in the class by purse totals. Career start seven, just gets better every week since the qualifier. Keep tabs on her for 2022. Emphatic choice. 4 – JAGGED LITTLE PILL has recent miles creating a sharper overall debuting year after good experiences in the fair circuit. Beginning to fit the level. Speed is there, trip vital. 1 – HOT STUFF can threaten with her best yet seems most prime to share the minor rewards with level pressing style. Post helps here. 2 – YOUNONOTHINJON is very new but beginning to show faster finishes. All experience local, that's a plus.

Race 7

1 – LA SAVANE won well against rivals last week and begins the important move up the ladder. Favourably slotted, significantly turning it around this month. Slender nod on the trends. Should take play. 3 – ARTS ATTITUDE loomed bold and took it all on the same day as our top choice. Plenty fast to contend in NW3, good post and choices abound at the start. Mind value. 6 – ESAI HANOVER rushes over from the other side of the state to get in one more mile for 2021. Heavy travel this autumn and got significantly better after time in Ohio, also much better speed last pair. Post a slight issue, yet he can leave. 7 – CHAMP CHARBEL might have suffered from the tough draw and is outside again today. However, he moved and briefly bid. Fits in for every exotic.

Race 11

1 – THAT'SMYTYPE turned in her most powerful mile to date most recently and comes down the Turnpike to race one with us as we wrap. Career start seven today and showing promise for involvement in stakes action next year. Our top call of the card. Another one to tab for the future. 2 – TSM WESTERN SOUL reclaimed second in the lane and turned in her best local mile thus far. Versatile sort, fits right in. 5 – IDEAL CHIP has early speed and only gave up those leads late in all recent local miles. Should take significant play again. 7 – BYTHEWAY HANOVER closed in on Christmas Eve to win at boxcar numbers. Post challenge today, but proved ability to close into speed and we've got some here.

Race 14

7 – DRINKIN AGAIN bid widely last time and battled in the lane, ultimately holding fourth. Has shown some early push. Versatile player moving to a softer lineup. One of several with highly prominent chances. 4 – LORD OF MISRULE fought gamely in the lane in a hot duel to just miss. Last two races display a real upgrade of late firepower. Very attractive spot, 6 – ATTA BOY SAM led well upon leaving and was only caught in late stages among a day therein that featured an uncommon level of closing victors. Likes the course. 5 – TOLLY-HO dips a second straight time, gained some late last time and landed a better-than-it-might-seem sixth. Quick final quarter last time offers a signal?