

JEREMY PLONK'S CHURCHILL DOWNS PICKS

Kentucky Oaks Friday – Stakes Races – May 1, 2026

7	5-6-9-3	Either-or situation: defending champ 5-Queen Maxima from CA vs. 6-Shisospicy who beat 3YOs last year in CD raid. 'Queen's last pre-race excuse, training big now. Rival inconsistent works.
8	7-2-9-8 KEY PLAY	Fillies cutting back in distance off disappointing races have won this stakes 3 straight (4 of the last 5). 7-Luv Your Neighbor, 2-French Friction, 9-On Time Girl came up short in Oaks preps.
9	6-7-2-4	6-Nu What's New awesome at OP.. takes them as far as he can. Peak form overlooked against big names. 2-Baeza probably needs race, while 7-Skippylongstocking in best form of career.
10	6-3-5-2	BC Filly & Mare Turf champ 6-Gezora towers over these in return – true G1 animal vs. lesser. Most likely fav of weekend. Brown barnmates could round out exacta, trifecta. Can't do much here.
11	1-9-7-5 KEY PLAY	Favs vulnerable coming off layoffs (9-Fully Subscribed) or awful efforts (5-Shred the Gnar), so 1-Bless the Broken's 2 nd to brilliant Splendor at SA stands out when she didn't cave-in late; rail +.
12	11-3-9-6	11-Time to Dream didn't get any pace help in Fla Oaks, but should be primed second off layoff to get back to promising 2YO form. 3-Imaginationthelady rock-solid. 6-Tam Tam speed threat.
13	9-1-2-10 KENTUCKY OAKS	Riding w/ lightly raced, but sharp 9-Always A Runner in deep Oaks, training big. 1-Explora probably can't take them all 9F, but exotics use. 2-Zany ran outta stretch @ Kee. Add 4,5,11 in Pk4/5.

SPECIAL WAGERS:

ALL-TURF PICK 4 – \$0.50 MINIMUM

FRIDAY RACE 5 MSW, RACE 7 UNBRIDLED SYDNEY, RACE 10 MODESTY, RACE 12 EDGEWOOD

OAKS/DERBY DOUBLE – \$1.00 MINIMUM

FRIDAY RACE 13 OAKS TO SATURDAY RACE 12 DERBY

TWO-DAY PICK 3 – \$0.50 MINIMUM

FRIDAY RACE 13 OAKS TO SATURDAY RACE 11 TURF CLASSIC & RACE 12 DERBY

TWO-DAY PICK 6 – \$1.00 MINIMUM

FRIDAY RACE 11 LA TROIENNE, RACE 13 OAKS TO SATURDAY RACE 9 AMERICAN TURF, RACE 10 CHURCHILL DOWNS, RACE 11 TURF CLASSIC, RACE 12 DERBY

ALL-TURF PICK 4 – \$0.50 MINIMUM

SATURDAY RACE 5 TURF SPRINT, RACE 7 DISTAFF TURF MILE, RACE 9 AMERICAN TURF, RACE 11 TURF CLASSIC

3-YEAR-OLD PICK 3 – \$3.00 MINIMUM

SATURDAY RACE 8 PAT DAY MILE, RACE 9 AMERICAN TURF, RACE 12 DERBY

KENTUCKY DERBY PICK 5 – \$0.50 MINIMUM

SATURDAY RACE 4 DERBY CITY DISTAFF, RACE 6 KNICKS GO, RACE 8 PAT DAY MILE, RACE 10 CHURCHILL DOWNS, RACE 12 DERBY