#7 HP NESS didn't hit the board in his first three starts, but he started to turn his form around in his fourth start where he sat a trip and closed for third. He got a key driver change to Pascal Berube in his fifth start, and he jogged while knocking more than three seconds off. He was bet down to 4 to 5 in his sixth start, and he got a good trip, but he failed to get the job done. He shipped west here for his seventh start and the first one racing out of trainer Ben Baillargeon's stable, and he did well to close for fourth considering that he had missed more than a month's action leading up to that race. He was bet down to 2 to 5 two weeks ago, and he raced well in defeat, but he perhaps waited too long to make his move, and he fell a nose short. Last week, he didn't get the trip he needed starting from the nine-hole. Moving to post seven gives him a better chance and he gets top billing to start up tonight's $75,000 guaranteed Pick 5.

#2 SEVERIAN is 0 for 18, but he hit the board for the first time two weeks ago, and he showed some grit in deep stretch responding to Pat Hudon urging to get up for the place spot. Last week, he got an aggressive steer after starting from the best post, and he raced well again in defeat. He is getting closer, and I won't be surprised if tonight is his night.

#1 BLAZIN AMAZIN showed big speed from post 10 three starts back, then he was given a more conservative steer, and he drove up the pylons in the stretch then he landed a close fourth. He was driven aggressively again last week and that didn't work out. Starting from the rail tonight he should be able to fond some cover, and he should rebound with a better effort.

#4 ILOVEMESOMETACOS was racing well prior to his last start where he broke stride as he had finished in the Super in his previous five starts. Assuming that he stays flat tonight, he will likely show early speed, find a spot racing near the front, and stick around for a share.

#3 FUNNY BUSINESS is a four time winner this year that shipped here last week and was sent off at 40 to 1 despite getting the leading driver in the bike. She put together a nice rally, closing from far back in 27 2/5 to get up for second. She keeps James Macdonald in the bike tonight and she will probably lay closer to the front and move earlier. I'll give her a slight nod in a race that lacks a standout.

#8 MY ONLY SUNSHINE was given a four-month rest after tiring badly here on July 2nd, and she was blown out by Chantilly in her qualifier here on October 23rd. She did show her typical early speed in her return race then she tired in the stretch. It was thought that she probably needed that race, and that she would be leaving hard last week, but that never happened. She draws wide now, and she can be better this time in her third start back. If she gets put into the race leaving the gate this time, she will have a chance.

#4 TOPVILLE CHECKMEIN has raced three times since she arrived here on October 25th, and she has landed in the Super in all of those miles. She is one of few in here that shows that she typically goes forward leaving the gate and she projects to get a good trip racing near the front in this spot. She is the third one in here that I would considering using in the early Pick 5.

#5 SHADOW PRINCESS has won two of her last four starts, and she comes in from London off a nice closing effort to take her seventh win of the season in her thirty third start. She's in tougher tonight, but she should be able to work her way into the Tri or Super.

#7 HASSELHOFF ships in from the B tracks and he couldn't be going any better right now. He hasn't missed the board in his last 12 starts dating back to August 11th. Of those 12 miles, he has taken eight wins. He has shown some grit in many of those miles, and now he lands in what looks like a good spot for him racing in this $20,000 to $25,000 claiming handicap. He gets top call to start up tonight's early Pick 4.

#4 VOLCANIC made his return here two weeks ago following a summer break, and he qualified okay here on October 23rd where he paced a 55-flat back half and fired home in 26 1/5. He is a $20,000 conditioned claimer specialist, if there is such a thing. He has seven wins this season and all of them came racing at this class level. He was expected to do well in his return race, but the best he could do was follow 1 to 2 favorite Moonlover Bovino around the track while finishing a clear second. He then got bet down to favorite last week, sat a perfect trip, and turned the tables on that same rival. He is the obvious horse to fear in here.

#5 CATITUDE was bet down to a lukewarm 3 to 1 favorite four starts back, and he was given a clever drive from Doug McNair to get the job done. He then was too far back in his next start, but he did fire home in 27-flat. He got better positioning in his next start, and he followed the top two picks in here around the track and landed in the bottom of the Tri. Last week, he raced evenly when he got claimed by Tony Beaton. I don't see him beating both of the top two picks in here, but I he has a good chance to land in the Tri.

#1 ARSON SEELSTER is having a great season so far having taken six wins and 11 slices from 24 starts while earning close to $55,000. Last week, he raced first-over against Moonlover Bovino and Volcanic, and that was a tough chore, but he hung in there for third. He might be able to get an easier trip on cover starting from the rail here, and he can get another slice.

SPOT PLAY: HASSELHOFF

#6 IDYLLIC STRANGER moved into Jared Mann's barn for his October 1st race after changing hands and shipping north and he was immediately dropped into a $20,000 conditioned claimer at Flamboro Downs. He was hammered down to 1 to 2 favorite, and he was sent straight to the front by part owner Brady Galliers. He led all the way and jogged. He then tried non-winners of three, and he raced first-over and that class and trip combined to be too tough. He made his Mohawk Park debut 18 days later and he got plenty of attention at the windows, closing as the 2 to 1 second choice. He made a middle move to the front, and he led all the way from there while the favorite encountered some issues due to broken equipment. He faced that same the next week, and he didn't fare as well as that one led all the way and won easily as the 4 to 5 favorite. Last week, he was a victim of bad racing luck as he was loaded in the pocket, but he was trapped in too long. He gets the nod here to kick off tonight's 20-cent Pick 6 starting from the best post.

#8 LUNAR SPORT got bet down to 3 to 5 with a claim entered last week, and he got an expert steer from Tyler Borth to get the job done as he kept Idyllic Stranger trapped in the pocket to deep stretch then hung on to get the job done. He gets sent out by Tony Beaton tonight and he picks up the leading driver. He is the obvious threat to the top pick again.

#1 LETR SINK SON was good here in the spring and he won the final of the Spring Series and in that mile, he beat a solid field. He only hit the board once in his next five starts before getting a rest then he was a vet scratch in September due to lameness. He didn't show anything in his next three starts, then he improved two weeks ago when he dropped down to this conditioned claiming level. He raced first-over against the top two picks in here and he stuck around for third. He should be in the exotics mix again tonight.

#2 SAULSBROOK RODEO raced well at this $20,000 conditioned claimer level before his last two starts where he was simply in too tough. Dropping back down tonight gives him a better chance, and I could see him riding an inside following trip to a share.

#8 JUST BUSINESS is one that caught the eye last week in Leg 2 of this Harvest Series. After dropping back early, she moved outside in the third quarter, and she latched onto some cover that was slow to advance. She peeled widest turning for home, and she found her best stride in the final eighth of the mile. She really motored in the closing strides, but she fell just short of catching favorite Silver Pride. Three strides past the wire, she was in front. She should offer some value in this $100,000 final, and I'll go price shopping with her.

#4 LOOKSTOBEMAGIC was a strong winner in Leg 1 of this Harvest Series, trotting her way to a 1:54 2/5 new lifetime mark that night. She skipped Leg 2, but that doesn't bother me much because she also missed a week between starts last time. She is the one to beat here, but she will likely face some heat on the engine with these 10 fillies shooting for $60K.

#5 SILVER PRIDE certainly knows how to find the winner's circle as she has taken 10 victories from 189starts so far this season while finishing second on six other occasions. She missed the board only once, and that came four starts back where she was in too tough in a mile that was trotted in 1:52. She missed a month prior to her penultimate start and she raced first-over, providing final turn cover to Miss Mass Appeal. She finished only a length behind that rival, then she retuned to her winning ways last week when she got back on a seven day cycle. She draws perfectly here, but her last two losses came to Lookstobemagic. Louis-Phillipe Roy has clicked at a 29% strike rate from 64 starts for trainer J F Maguire over the last calendar year.

#2 SOCIAL WIZARD broke her 0 for 21 streak last week in Leg 2 of this series when she landed in an easier division and trotted off the screen as the 2 to 5 favorite. She is in much tougher tonight in this final, and it's unlikely that she will see the front at any point of this mile. She is one that I prefer to use underneath this time.

#7 SECRET RESOLVE is a homebred filly that is the first foal from her dam, and she tried to qualify once last summer then again, this spring, and she had no luck in either because she couldn't stay trotting. She returned here on October 30th, and she was much better that morning. After starting out fifth, she made a big second quarter move to the front and from there she left no doubt on her way to a blowout win. She got an aggressive steer on debut, but she got hung out to dry, and she eventually backed up. She draws a slightly better post, and I'll stick with her to start up tonight's late Pick 5.

#8 WHT BLONDE HANOVER is 0 for 11, but she took her first Exacta finish last week in a solid effort where she closed for second behind a 1 to 9 favorite who was winning for the seventh time in eight starts. She faces no such rival in this mile tonight; this field has a total of three combined wins. She has a decent chance to break her maiden in this spot.

#1 MY CLASSY QUEEN brings a 0 for 31 record to the racetrack tonight, and she has taken only three slices, but one of those in the money finishes came last week when she closed for third. She draws the tricky rail post here, and while she is hard to love on top at this point, she has a good chance of taking another share here in this spot tonight.

#5 NORDIC DUTY sat and rallied last week, and the daughter of Bold Eagle was able to get up for second at a big price after flashing good final quarter speed for the second start in a row, She gets a better post now, and she could better this prediction with a good trip.

#4 JAYPORT DIAMOND is having a good season so far having taken four wins and six slices from 18 starts while earning more than $38,000. She gets a look here because she is one of very few in this field that shows she will be gunning for the front leaving the gate. That could lead to her getting a soft opening half and she might get brave and take that fifth win of the season. It is interesting that she picked up catch driver Travis Cullen at scratch time when her trainer Mike Horner was initially listed to drive.

#6 EMCEE was experiencing frequent gait issues up to her start two races back where she stayed flat and motored home in 26 3/5 to close for second. She then drew a wide post and she was farther back, but she did close well again to get up for fifth. The winner of that race came back to win easily as the 1 to 2 favorite here Friday night in the non-winners of three class. This filly has the look of one of the main contenders tonight. I just wonder if she will be too far back turning for home.

#3 WESLYN HANOVER qualified okay here on October 30th, then she was entered in the Harvest Series where she was simply in over her head. She now drops into a claimer for the first time in her career in this twenty eighth start and she gets off the rail post tonight. I could see her improving enough to take a share here.

#5 ACEFORTYFOUR COCO got beat by the same rival four times in a row racing at Flamboro Downs then she was a winner over non-winners of three in her last start when she avoided that rival. She gets into a claimer here, but this looks like a tougher spot for her. I see her closing for a small share tonight.

#4 BUBBLE UP raced okay from post 10 three starts back, making a late wide move and trotting home in 28-flat. He drew much better for his next start, and he got Louis-Phillipe Roy in the bike, and it seemed very likely that he would get a much more aggressive steer. Bettors that made him 8 to 5 late in the wagering were proven to be correct when he slipped up the inside in tight quarters late in the stretch, bouncing off a couple of pylons and finally reaching up for the win while taking a new lifetime mark. He was sent off at 5 to 1 coming off that win mostly because he drew post 10. But he got an aggressive steer from Roy, and he was able to double up. Moving to a much better post tonight and facing similar, he is the clear horse to beat.

#7 VISTA VERDE beat non-winners of two here five starts back, then he raced decently in two straight starts to finish third after moving up to the non-winners of three level. He was even better on October 26th when he led to the final strides only to be picked off by the pocket sitter and that rival that caught him that night was Bubble Up who came back a week later to hand this colt another loss. With Bubble Up skipping a week, this colt was a predictable winner last week. He figures to be the main threat to the choice tonight.

#9 HALLYSGURL has shown some good late speed on occasion since shipping west from the Maritimes in mid September including last week where she closed from the back to get up for third racing at this level as a 21 to 1 shot. She will no doubt be racing from the back again tonight, but she is worth a look for the bottom of Tri and Super bets.

#1 RESOLVED ISSUES raced okay last time while finishing fourth behind Vista Verda and three quarters of a length behind Hallysgurl. She followed cover that night then finished evenly. She has the look of another one that will be battling for a small share tonight.

BEST BET: BUBBLE UP

#4 DRAGON YOU ALONG won two straight in late October and early November at Flamboro Downs before being scratched by the judges on November 7th. He was good five nights later when he was a close second to a horse that was taking his thirtieth win in 2025-26. He draws well and he gets aggressive teamster Louis-Phillipe Roy in the bike tonight. He gets the nod here.

#8 MAJOR HILL is a reliable 13-year-old veteran that has taken nine wins so far this season, including his last start where he was an impressive driving away winner in a $7,500 optional claimer at Hippodrome 3R. He gets some changes here tonight as he shoots for his sixtieth win in this 403rd start. He moves into Brett Lester's barn and he adds Lasix. I don't mind the widest post for him in this eight horse field where he appears to be a good fit. He is the other one in here that I would consider using on late multi-race tickets.

#7 CRUNCH HANOVER was racing okay down south before he shipped north to Flamboro Downs for two starts, and he was decent in both of those miles, too, making late wide moves. He moved to Mohawk Park last on October 25th, drew the middle of the gate, then raced tough to get the job done. In that mile, he sat fourth early then pulled first up just before the half. He spun his wheels around the final turn to the point where a rival started to circle around him three wide. He found a second wind inside the eighth pole, and he paced a 28-flat kicker to rally past the leader to take his second win of the season in his 25th start. He was too far back in his next start, and I wonder if he will suffer the same fate here. I'll use him underneath tonight.

#3 CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE was a $230,000 yearling purchase that was given every opportunity to succeed, and he was finally dropped into a claimer on September 14th where he was haltered by trainer Paul Court. He made a nice charge from last to second in his debut for the new barn, then he was raced more aggressively in his next start. He opened up a big lead in the third quarter, and he couldn't seal the deal. Last week, he got a perfect trip, had dead aim at the head of the lane, and hung. At this point this is one that I will have to let beat me.

#9 M E LAUREL took a shot here in the $350,000 OSS Gold Superfinal three starts back, and while she didn't race terribly, she wasn't close to landing in the top four, either. She was a subsequent sick scratch, and she missed three weeks, but she found a field that she could wire, and she made no mistake. She then had the misfortune of coming up against Turbo Compresseur who crushed her and everyone else while taking his seventh win in eight starts. With that rival gone, this filly has a decent chance to wire this field from her wide post.

#7 SHERRYS FRIEND is a two-year-old filly broke in her first qualifier, then she was a dominant winner in the second one. She got a key driver change to Bob McClure for her debut, and after racing from the back to the stretch, she stayed inside and she made a nice late charge between rivals to get up for fourth. She was just starting to find her best stride when she hit the wire. Off that promising debut mile, she was bet down to 1 to 2 favorite for her second start, and she got a patient drive and got the job done. She closed a bit in the same race that M E Laurel exits, and she should improve tonight.

#5 CUPID HALL raced well to get third in the $100,000 Final of the Harvest Series two starts back, then she raced only evenly from post 10 when finishing behind winner M E Laurel. Moving to the middle of the gate should mean that she will get positioned closer to the front tonight, and she is another one that merits a look for use on late multi-race tickets.

#1 INTEL QUEEN has raced well at this non-winners of two level several times, and she has the speed to get away well from her rail post tonight. She is one that will likely land in the Tri or Super.

#2 D A MASSTERMIND finished a distant third behind M E Laurel two starts back, then he was only a length behind that rival last time as both chased Turbo Compresseur home. Starting from the inside here he will probably get another inside following trip and stay for a share.