

MARK BELLING'S PICKS FOR ARLINGTON MILLION DAY
Arlington Park
August 10, 2019

There are only three Grade 1 races each year in the state of Illinois and they run back-to-back-to back on this card, along with two other smaller stakes. These are my selections, in order of preference for the five stakes races. The odds listed are those on the track's morning line (program odds).

Race 8 Bruce D. Memorial

#9 Manny Wah	10-1
#11 Dabo	5-1
#7 Big Drink of Water	5-2
#4 Can't Hide From Me	7-2
#8 Betwithbothhands	15-1

Race 9 Gr. 1 Beverly D

#7 Sistercharlie	8-5
#1 Fleeting	5-2
#2 Awesometank	8-1
#6 Magic Wand	3-1

Race 10 Gr. 1 Secretariat

#6 Fog of War	3-1
#3 Never No More	6-1
#5 Ry's the Guy	15-1
#7 Valid Point	5-1

Race 11 Gr. 1 Arlington Million

#3 Bricks and Mortar	8-5
#5 Hunting Horn	12-1
#1 Robert Bruce	7-2
#7 Pivoine	15-1
#2 Magic Wand	5-1

(note: Magic Wand is entered in both the Beverly D and the Million and will be scratched from one of the races)

Race 12 Gr. 3 Pucker Up

#10 Art of Almost	5-1
#11 Cafe Americano	3-1
#9 Winter Sunset	7-2
#4 Indigo Gin	6-1
#8 Princesa Carolina	8-1

Likeliest Winner and Best Bet:
#3 Bricks and Mortar in the Million

COMMENTS:

Bricks and Mortar is a rarity---an American-based horse that is one of the best turf horses in the world. The Million in recent years has attracted a less than world-class field as the European horses that ship over are usually the second-stringers and the top American grass horses are a cut below the best from Europe. But Bricks and Mortar can run with anybody and may put on a real show here.

Trainer Chad Brown won all three of the Arlington Grade 1 races last year and, yes, I'm picking his horses to win each of the Grade 1s again!
