



Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

After a very successful Pegasus weekend here on the Power Picks, the Road to the Kentucky Derby rolls on with 2 preps this weekend. On that theme, we'll cover the two tracks that host those preps, Santa Anita (featured track) and Gulfstream. Do note....the weather today in S. Florida is shaky, so expect possible wet dirt track and turf races potentially moved to the Tapeta. Although most turf horses handle the Tapeta well, it does play differently than the turf, so pay attention to how the Tapeta or wet turf is playing. Weather in California is perfect today. CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AN CHANGES...good luck today, and cheer on your potential Derby horse in the Robert W. Lewis and/or Holy Bull S. !!

Spot/Price Play ROI

OVERALL ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.54	\$604.15 / 238	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.
YTD ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.06	\$47.30 / 23	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.

Last Week's Results

Racetrack: Gulfstream

Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
5	Double Clutch	7 th	Saved ground, shuffled back a little bit, but no real excuses in a tough field
6	Personal Best	WON	Paid \$4.60; GREAT ride and effort; Was 2-1 until bet down to 6-5 very late, ugh!
9	Value Engineering	2 nd	VERY good effort for 2 nd , paid \$9.80 / \$6.60 to PS at 10-1
10	Endorsed	WON	Paid \$11.80; Despite slower paced than expected, he ran them down late in typical grindy fashion, crazy-good price!
11	Lady Rockstar	3 rd	Very credible effort, just not good enough
12	Speaking Scout	3rd	Paid \$10.60 to show at 24-1! Great ride, flew late in tough field....maybe you had the trifecta??
13	O'Connor	11 th	Early pace never developed, may not have mattered anyway...needs class relief, probably more a G3 type

Very proud of the Spot/Price Plays overall on Pegasus Day.....hope you cashed on the win end or exactas / trifectas with underneath horses!! 3 wins (SS was P/S play), 1 2nd, 1 3rd in 7 plays overall.



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This Week's Picks

Racetrack: Santa Anita – ABC Grids (Max. ABC Late P5 Ticket = \$150)

Late P5 (R9) Post: 5:51pm ET

Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's: \$6 4A1B: \$35 3A2B: \$77 4A1C: \$35 **TOTAL: \$150**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,6,10	3	8	2,3,6,8,10	\$0.50	\$100
7	1	8	2,3,4	1,8	-	-
8	1,10	2,4,5,7,11	6,9	1,2,4,10,11	-	-
9	5	2	3	5	-	-
10	8,10	1,3	6,9	1,3,8,10	-	-

Pete Visco's Grid – 5A (\$12.00) - 4A1B (\$36.00) - 3A2B (\$39.00) - 4A1C (\$64.00) - TOTAL (\$151.00)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,8,10	-	3	2,8,10	\$0.50	\$90.00
7	1,8	3	2,5	1,2,3,8	-	-
8	1,11	10	2,4,6	1,10,11	-	-
9	2	6	5	2	-	-
10	8,12	7,10	1,3,9	1,7,8,10,12	-	-

Paul Halloran's Grid: All A = \$1 - \$16 4A/1B - \$1 = \$48 3A/2B = \$26 4A/1C = \$40 **Total: \$138**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	3,7	5,10	2	3,5,7,10	P5	\$81
7	8	1	3	1,3,8	-	-
8	1,4	7	2	1,2,4	-	-
9	2,5		3,6	2,5	-	-
10	3,8	12	1,7,9,10	3,8	-	-



Late P5 Analysis

Today's Late P5 at Santa Anita is a tricky one, with 2 legs (R7 and R9) where I thought you could go pretty skinny, and other 3 legs (R6, R8, and R10) where you had to spread deeply. It's challenging yet fun at the same time. If you can score today, you're going to get paid big-time. As you can see on my ABC grid on the previous page, I'm taking a stand with #1 Arrowthegreat in R7, just think he's the class. I have some clever (at least I hope) prices in the other legs, so I'm not convinced some of the ML's are very accurate. Good luck if you decide to play (FYI, the Derby Prep race is R3, out of the Late P5 sequence)!!

Price/Spot Play(s)....includes the ENTIRE CARD today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	10	Carmen Miranda	7-2	4	\$10 WP #10

Notes

This turf sprint has a shockingly low amount of early speed. Now that I said that, 4 horses will vie for the lead in :21 and change. Anyway, #10 Carmen Miranda, a Cal-bred, just keeps improving for the awesome combo of Prat and D'Amato, who likes his horse and said is stakes-bound if he wins today. I'm hoping Prat is aggressive from the outset and crosses over to a good position. The horse can stalk from just off and fits well with these. If he is not too wide on the bend, he has a big chance to win at somewhere around 3-1? Do not take too low a price on this one....it's a competitive field and many can win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	10	Genius Jimmy	12-1	4	\$5 Win, \$15 Place Trifectas: 10 / 1,2,4 / 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,11 1,2,4 / 10 / 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,11 1,2,4 / 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,11 / 10

Notes

What a difficult puzzle this maiden turf race is, and therefore I have no desire to take a short price. The "Euros" (horses bred in Europe) will most likely be favored, but I like one that is not regally bred. #10 Genius Jimmy is an improving horse who got a peculiar ride last time that must be watched. In the stretch, it looked like he was lugging in slightly and the jock took a look to his left to make sure he didn't bother anyone, which caused the horse to lose momentum. But once he re-gathered, the horse really leveled off nicely and only lost by a few lengths to a bunch in here today, closing best of all of them. The "blinkers on" is a major reason why I chose this one on top, plus there's not a lot of early speed signed on, and I think he can be close to a relatively slow pace. I'm not concerned about the extra distance, which frankly is a question mark for many. Finally, he almost HAS to be a good price. This is also my favorite "reverse key" or "back-wheel" horse I'll use in trifectas as well. For that reason, my play for the Spot/Price Play ROI will be \$2 to win, and \$1 to place and show. The "reverse key" play is stated above in the "bets" section....use the #10 in each spot in the trifecta, with the other likely winners IMO (1,2,4) on top and spread greatly in the 3rd spot. It won't cost me or you much, and we'll only need the #10 to finish top 3.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	5	Awake at Midnight	5-2	4	\$10 Win Big Ex. 5-2 Smaller Ex. 2-5

Notes

Co-host Pete Visco talked about an eye-opening stat on Thursday's show....trainer Doug O'Neill in graded stakes at Santa Anita is only 4 for his last 130 (3%)!! It's hard to believe, but most of his runners are dirt horses and we know Baffert reigns supreme out there. However, I believe he can break the mold today in the G3 Santa Monica, which IMO is a 2-horse race between my top choice and the favorite Fun to Dream for Baffert. They faced each other last time, and Fun to Dream beat Awake on the square. I have a feeling Awake can turn the tables today. They have similar posts as the last race, but Fun to Dream might have more early speed to deal with, while Awake can get that same stalking trip from the outside. She'll also be twice the price (4-5 vs. 5-2). Not much separates these, so I'll go with the bigger price in this affair.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	10	Dark Shift	8-1	4	\$20 Win, \$10 Place Small Ex. 3,8,9 / 10 Bigger Ex. 10 / 3,8,9

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SANTA ANITA!! The G3 Thunder Road is a very competitive, large field of older males going a mile on turf....this is a prep for the prestigious G1 Kilroe Mile later in the meet. There are many ways you can go, but one horse in particular really interests me....it's the #10 Dark Shift. At first glance, he looks too slow on figs and not good enough. But there are many things I like about him. First, this is the 2nd start in the U.S., and he has back-numbers/form from Europe that are absolutely good enough to win. He beat 27 horses in a race at Ascot last year (that's right, 27!!). In his U.S. debut at Keeneland, he broke typically slow for a Euro, and made a decent yet non-threatening run through the lane. That race came up tough and the pace held together. I didn't think he was really "shoved on" hard and I think there's much more in the tank. He didn't run into trouble, but with time to acclimate to the country, better/faster works, and the presence of one the world's greats, Frankie Dettori, I think we'll see a much improved effort. This is not the easiest field and he's got a tough post, so he'll need some luck for sure. But damn....if he can beat 27 horses in a race, surely 10 shouldn't be a problem!! Let the price be your guide on how you bet him....my guess is he drifts down to somewhere around 9-2. I would place a big win bet on him at that price or higher.

Key Stats of the Day – Santa Anita

Race	PP	Horse	Stat Details	Wins / Starts	Stat Win %	Excl. Win %
				ITM / Starts	Stat ITM %	Excl. ITM %
3	1	Arabian Lion	Justify – Sire-Side Over 8f (Based on Justify's Top 20 Progeny)	1/16 -	6% -	21% -
3	1	Arabian Lion	Baffert/Velazquez Combo in 3yo Dirt Routes	16/35 27/35	46% 77%	29% 63%
3	2	Newgate	Baffert/Dettori Combo (SSS)	2/3	67%	29%



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				3/3	100%	63%
3	3	Worcester	Baffert/Hernandez Combo in Dirt Routes at SA	8/20 16/20	40% 80%	29% 63%
3	4	Hard to Figure	Baffert/Vazquez Combo in Dirt Routes	4/11 6/11	36% 55%	29% 63%
6	1	Ready Jet Go	Cunningham – Turf Sprints (Win was this horse)	1/19 3/19	5% 16%	21% 57%
6	2	Tom’s Beauty	Mullins – Jockey Change to Berrios on Turf	7/26 16/26	27% 62%	15% 42%
6	3	Briefcase Girl	Gaines – 6f and Less Allowance on Turf at SA	1/26 15/26	4% 58%	13% 40%
6	4	Annie’s Song	Sadler – 1 st After 60-90 Day Layoff in Turf Sprint at SA	3/36 13/36	8% 36%	17% 48%
6	5	Rivendell	Drysdale – 1 st After Trainer Switch	1/23 3/23	4% 13%	13% 36%
6	6	Speed Lane	Cerin – Turf Sprints at SA	24/99 51/99	24% 52%	16% 45%
6	8	Pearl Glory	Powell/Rispoli Combo – Turf Sprints at SA (SSS)	2/8 5/8	25% 63%	16% 45%
6	8	Pearly Glory	Powell – Route-to-Sprint on Turf in Past 1yr (SSS)	3/8 5/8	38% 63%	15% 39%
6	9	She’s Got a Way	Eurton/Van Dyke Combo - On Turf	2/24 7/24	8% 29%	14% 43%
6	10	Carmen Miranda	D’Amato - Winner Last Out in Turf Sprints at SA	20/79 44/79	25% 56%	18% 48%
7	1	Arrowthegreat	Blacker – 2 nd Career Start in Dirt Sprints in 2022-2023 (SSS)	3/6 5/6	50% 83%	15% 44%
7	2	Henry Q	O’Neill - Maiden Claiming Dirt Sprints at SA	22/73 49/73	30% 67%	15% 45%
7	3	Bluegrass Go Go				
7	3	Big Hat Willie	Miller – 2 nd After Claim in Dirt Sprints at SA	1/15 5/15	7% 33%	20% 49%



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7	5	Look Sharp	Yakteen – 3yo 1 st Time Starters in Dirt Sprints at SA	4/17 8/17	24% 47%	14% 39%
7	7	Street Mogul	Glatt – Turf-to-Dirt Maidens at SA	12/37 21/37	32% 57%	17% 50%
7	8	Motorcade	Sadler – In-the-Money Last Out Maidens in 2 nd Career Start on Dirt	2/20 9/20	10% 45%	17% 48%
8	1	San Anton	D'Amato/Prat Combo – 8.5f and Up on Turf at SA	13/39 26/39	33% 67%	18% 48%
8	2 3 10	Escape Artist Fast Chad Genius Jimmy	McCarthy – 2 nd Career Starters in Turf Routes at SA	1/21 10/21	5% 48%	16% 46%
8	4	Maltese Falcon	Caravaggio – Sire-Side in Turf Routes	1/23 7/23	4% 30%	11% -
8	4	Maltese Falcon	Powell – Maiden Special Weight Turf Routes at SA	3/41 14/41	7% 34%	16% 46%
8	5	Excel Calculator	Papaprodromou – Dirt-to-Turf in 3 rd Career Start (SSS)	0/14 1/14	0% 7%	12% 37%
8	5 9	Excel Calculator Bolt Supremacy	Papaprodromou – Dirt-to-Turf in Maiden Special Weight	2/32 8/32	6% 25%	12% 37%
8	6	Single Track Mind	Glatt – 1 st Time Lasix on Dirt (excl. 1 st Time Starters)	6/17 12/17	35% 71%	17% 50%
8	7	Shadow Creek	Gallagher – 1 st Time Lasix on Turf (excl. 1 st Time Starters)	2/37 8/37	5% 22%	13% 35%
8	8	Keen to Go	O'Neill - 1 st Time Lasix in Turf Routes	1/18 8/18	6% 44%	16% 45%
8	10	Genius Jimmy	McCarthy – 1 st Time Blinkers in Maiden Special Weight	4/65 20/65	6% 31%	17% 47%
8	11	Eastbound	Shirreffs – 1 st Time Lasix (incl. 1 st Time Starters)	2/52 20/52	4% 38%	17% 49%
9	1	Anacapa	Gaines – Graded Stakes	1/31 13/31	3% 42%	13% 40%



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9	2	Fun to Dream	Baffert - In This Race	3/7 7/7	43% 100%	- -
9	3	Samurai Charm	Miller/Prat Combo – Graded Stakes on Dirt (SSS)	2/14 5/14	14% 36%	20% 49%
9	4	Angel Nadeshiko	Gallagher – Graded Stakes	3/66 13/66	5% 20%	13% 36%
9	5	Awake at Midnyte	O’Neill - Graded Stakes at SA	4/128 40/128	3% 31%	16% 46%
9	6	Lady T	Shirreffs/Espinoza Combo – Graded Stakes on Dirt at SA	5/18 13/18	28% 72%	15% 47%
10	1	Earls Rock	D’Amato - 8f Grade Stakes on Turf at SA in Past 3yrs	13/39 25/39	33% 64%	19% 51%
10	1	Earls Rock	D’Amato/Prat Combo - 8f Graded Stakes on Turf in Past 3yrs (SSS)	6/9 8/9	67% 89%	19% 51%
10	2	Du Jour	Baffert – Graded Stakes on Turf at SA (SSS)	0/13 0/13	0% 0%	30% 64%
10	3	Anaconda	Sharp – Sprint-to-Route in Graded Stakes (SSS)	0/7 0/7	0% 0%	17% 44%
10	4 12	Bob and Jackie Cabo Spirit	Papaprodromou – Graded Stakes on Turf	2/33 5/33	6% 15%	12% 38%
10	5	Kiss Today Goodbye	Kruljac – Graded Stakes on Turf (SSS)	1/11 2/11	9% 18%	14% 40%
10	6	Irideo	Polanco – Sprint-to-Route on Turf (SSS)	2/6 5/6	33% 83%	7% 27%
10	7	There Goes Harvard	McCarthy – Dirt-to-Turf in Graded Stakes (SSS)	2/5 3/5	40% 60%	16% 46%
10	8	Air Force Red	Powell – Sprint-to-Route on Turf (Win was this horse)	1/34 7/34	3% 21%	16% 47%
10	9	Hit the Road	Blacker – Graded Stakes on Turf	2/28 10/28	7% 36%	14% 43%
10	10	Dark Shift	Murphy – Stakes	1/39 8/39	3% 21%	11% 32%



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Racetrack: Gulfstream – ABC Grids (Max. ABC Late P5 Ticket = \$150)

Late P5 (R8) Post: 3:16pm ET

Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's: \$13.50 4A1B: \$45 3A2B: \$57 4A1C: \$27 TOTAL: \$142.50

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	1	7	-	1,7	\$0.50	\$96
9	2,4,5	1	7	1,2,4,5	-	-
10	3,7,9	8	6	3,7,8,9	-	-
11	1,3,8	2,7	5	1,3,8	-	-
12	8	4	1	4,8	-	-

Late P5 Analysis

There are a few question marks today as the weather may not cooperate. I doubt there will be many scratches if races are moved to the Tapeta from the turf, but check for scratches and changes. Also, upgrade horses that have raced well on wet dirt if it comes up sloppy, etc...There are some very plausible singles in this sequence, so perhaps you could spend less here than at Santa Anita. It's all 3yo's with 4 graded stakes....nice!!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Tapit's Trice	9-5	4	BIG exacta 7-1 Medium exacta 1-7

Notes

I have to mention Tapit's Trice. **THIS IS MY 2023 KENTUCKY DERBY SELECTION** (see picture at the end of the Picks)!! I not a huge fan of Futures Bets, but I really LOVE the way this one strides out, and is bred to run all day. Now, today will not be easy. The other Pletcher should be the favorite as lone speed and recency. Plus, TT has to break from the rail and track might come up wet, which will help speed and hurts closers. In addition, TT is prepping for next month's Fountain of Youth and then the Fla. Derby or Wood Memorial most likely. Selfishly, I hope he makes a big late run and finishes well....whether he wins or not is not a big deal to me today. He wants further distance and this is a means to an end. My Spot/Price play here is \$1 Ex. Box 1-7. This is one to watch out for this spring....I'm very excited to be alive to a 5-digit score if he wins the Derby based on the odds I got. Frankly, I just hope he's in the starting gate at the Derby....then he's got a chance!!



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	8	Rocket Can	7-2	5	\$25 Win #8

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULFSTREAM!! With the turf races perhaps switched to the Tapeta, I didn't want to tip out any of those races in the sequence. So I'll go with my top choice in the day's feature, the Holy Bull S. This is a prep towards the Ky. Derby with points given out, but the field did not come up particularly strong in my opinion. The overwhelming favorite will be Cyclone Mischief, who was very impressive in his GP debut when winning at a mile with a 90+ Beyer. Here's my thought....while he can and may win, I'm expecting a slight regression going two turns and coming back relatively quick off of a huge effort. Rocket Can has been rested and prepared for this spot by his wonderful trainer Bill Mott. This looks like a 2-turn Derby prospect and is improving in every start. He has to avoid being wide on the first turn, but I think he'll tuck in behind the abundance of early speed in this affair and go by in the lane. He's the value as the expected 2nd choice. I'd love to get the ML 7-2, but would bet him on the win end as low as 2-1. You won't get a big price on this one as my Play of the Day...but you will get a very likely winner if Cyclone Mischief falters even a little bit or Rocket Can steps forward. Both are very plausible outcomes.

C'mon, Tapit Trice!!



Good luck with all of your wagers....CRUSH THOSE BETS!!!



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