



# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

*And, we're off....we had a solid start to 2024 on our Power Picks Tip Sheet last week, and we plan to keep the momentum going throughout the year! Today, we'll take a look at Cal Cup Day at Santa Anita with their Late P5, plus the Tampa Bay Late Pick 5 with 3 stakes....it's a stepping stone to Sam F. Davis Day in one month at Tampa, which then leads into the TB Derby Day. As always, check for scratches and changes!*

## Spot / Price Plays (National Avg. is \$1.60):

**Overall ROI: \$2.24 (\$1,112.58 / 497)**

**YTD: \$2.83 (\$16.95 / 6)**

*\*\* For any new subscribers to the Power Picks Tip Sheet, the "ABC" Method of betting is explained on our website, hhracingpodcast.com, under the "Power Picks" section. In addition, there is a video on our YT Channel under the "Betting Strategies" section describing to use the "ABC" to place a bet.*

## Racetrack: Santa Anita

**ABC Grids – Pick 5; R5 - 9 , Post 5:30pm EST**

**Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's - \$8 4A1B - \$40 3A2B - \$74 4A1C - \$24 Total - \$146**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	4,5	1,2,3,9	-	1,2,3,4,5,9	\$0.50	\$90
6	3,7	5,8	1,4	1,3,4,5,7,8		
7	2,6	8	1,7	1,2,6,7,8		
8	2	5	-	2		
9	3,7	1	2,5	7		



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**Paul Halloran's Grid: All A (\$3) - \$24 4A/1B (\$1) - \$48 3A/2B - \$40 4A/1C - \$10 Total: \$114**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	2,5	4,9		2,4,5,7	P5 (\$2)	\$96
6	3,4	1,7		1,3,4	-	-
7	2	6	3	2	-	-
8	2	5	4	2	-	-
9	3,7	2,5	1	2,3,5,7	-	-

**Pete Visco's Grid: 5A (\$18) - 4A1B (\$45) - 3A2B (\$40) - 4A1C (\$54) - TOTAL (\$157)**

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

### P5 Analysis – Races 5 – 9

*The Late P5 today at Santa Anita features 4 Cal-bred stakes that are pretty wide open, except for Race 8, which appears to be a 2-horse race on paper. I'll single there. For me, the biggest spread would be Race 5, where I really don't trust many and would spread hoping to get a price home. If you think it's going to be chalky, play a smaller ticket and "press up" your opinions.*

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	4	Asada Fries	4-1	4	\$15 WP #4

#### Notes

This race has horses with names including filet, candy, fries, sushi, and dough....any getting hungry? Anyway, #4 Asada Fries seems to be learning how to rate and finish, a very important trait for a turf horse. She has been in the money in every race other than her debut, when she only lost by 1 ½ lengths. I project her sitting off the speed and making it count in the stretch when it matters most. JJ Hernandez rode her to victory two back when she broke her maiden...maybe he has the magic touch.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Stay and Scam	5-2	3	\$20 Win #6 Big Exactas: 6 / 2,8 Small Exactas: 2,8 / 6

### Notes

This down the hill stake race features plenty of early speed coming from the #4 and 8. While I don't think they'll hook up necessarily, they should insure a fast pace. I believe #6 Stay and Scam will get a dream trip right off the pace of these two and fire a big shot in the lane. She seems to be improving, especially in her last two races for Trainer O'Neill. Her 95 Beyer last time towers over this field. However, that race was going 5f, and this one is 6 ½. If she can continue her improvement at today's longer distance, she'll be tough to handle late. My top choice in a tough race....trip will have a huge impact in this affair.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Aligato	6-1	5	\$20 Win #7 Trifectas: 7 / 1,3 / 1,2,3,5 3 / 7 / 1,2,3,5 3 / 1,2,3,5 / 7

### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SANTA ANITA!** The last race of the day features nice older males going 9 furlongs on the turf. My main take here is I am thoroughly AGAINST the morning line favorite, #5 Kings River Knight, at 6-5. He's 12 for 13 in the money and on paper looks very tough. But if you examine closely, his best races are at shorter distances, and I don't see him getting the lead in this race unless JJ Hernandez really guns him out of the gate. #3 Bally's Charm is the speed of the speed and is very sharp...that's the main threat to me. #7 Aligato has a bunch of things going for him...the main one being that 1 1/8<sup>th</sup> miles is right up his alley and the extra distance does not suit many others today. Prat should be able to time it out perfectly if he gets the trip. My only concern is that he sometimes hangs and doesn't finish the deal...but he's been in open company facing tougher than this much of 2023, so don't be too discouraged by his lack of wins. Today is his day, at somewhere around 9-2 I imagine.

**See next page for Tampa Bay info!!**



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## Racetrack: Tampa Bay

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R6 - 10 , Post 3:04pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's - \$24 for \$6 4A1B - \$64 for \$4 3A2B - \$42 for \$2

4A1C - \$11 Total - \$141

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,6	4	1	2,4,6	\$0.50	\$63
7	1	6	5	1,6		
8	3	2,4	-	2,3,4		
9	3	-	1,4	3		
10	5,9	1	2,7,8,12	1,2,5,7,8,9,12		

### Late P5 Analysis – Races 6 – 10

*The Late P5 at Tampa Bay today is a great example of taking a stand. Since some of the races do not seem very deep to me, I'll try to hit this multiple times (see \$ amounts above the grid). Just because you think the sequence might be chalky, does not mean you shouldn't play it. However, the last race especially is a very tough one, so be prepared to spread there big time. My strongest opinion, and I hope I'm right, is I'm against the heavy favorite #1 in R6. If you can beat that one, you've off to a great start and can get paid for sure.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	6	Magical Lute	9-2	5	\$25 Win #6

#### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT TAMPA BAY!!** The first leg of the sequence is where I have the most "clever" opinion. #1 Opus Forty Two has no business being 7-5 ML....although she has the rail and is fast, there are others that want the lead to and she is not reliable at all. Unless they leave her alone on the lead, she is very beatable. Therefore, I'll go with in theory the best closer in the race....also a horse that has gone two turns before. That would be the #6 Magical Lute. She just missed last time, but she's been competing in very high level optional allowance claiming races in Kentucky. I could make a strong argument that this stake race today is actually easier than what she's been facing. Jockey Camacho is excellent over this track, and Trainer Wilkes spots his horses well. She's been working down in Florida and is a newly turned 4yo....so there is still plenty of time to improve and develop. Will she need a trip? Yes! Is one likely if the speed horses engage each other? Yes, absolutely. Hope to start the Pick 5 off with a bang!



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	9	Myspecialvalentine	10-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place #9

### Notes

The closeout leg of the Pick 5 at Tampa is a doozy....Maiden \$10k claimers. It's impossible...unless you think the #5 lays over the field. I certainly don't while recognizing he's probably the horse to beat, but that's not saying much in this race. In these types of races, I'm always looking for "fresh faces", horses that have not raced too often at this low level and have at least some upside or improvement in their form. The horse that fits that bill for me is the #9 Myspecialvalentine at 10-1. He didn't do much running at a slightly higher class earlier last year, but in his first start in 9 months last time, he showed at least some life early getting pressed from the rail in a fast-paced race and ran a figure that actually is not far off most of these today. With an outside post today where the rider can be more patient, and a race under his belt plus a maintenance work since, maybe this one can improve and surprise by stalking and pouncing. The trainer has good stats recently, and this NY-bred might have found a field he can compete in...for purposes of our ROI stats, I'll go \$1 win and \$1 place....use the #9 also underneath in any exactas and dare I say, trifectas, if you decide to go that route. I'll admit, this horse is a bit of a flyer / guess, but there are so many I don't like, Myspecialvalentine might be special enough today to be a factor.

**Good luck with all of your wagers....CRUSH YOUR BETS!!!**

