



Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Weather is playing havoc on racing today with a bunch of tracks canceling. But that's okay....the racing stays hot in the warmer climates, so we'll go New Orleans for a HUGE day of racing at the Fair Grounds, and detour away from Laurel (who canceled today) and focus on Gulfstream's nice Late P5 and \$3 All-Turf P3, which is quickly becoming my favorite bet. As always, check for scratches and changes.

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

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

YTD: \$1.70 (\$16.95 / 10)

*** 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: Fair Grounds

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R9 - 13 , Post 5:00pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's - \$4 4A1B - \$30 3A2B - \$88 4A1C - \$14 Total - \$136

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	1,6	2,9	5	1,2,6,9	\$0.50	\$80
10	3,6	1,8	-	1,3,6,8		
11	1,9	2,6,8	5	1,2,6,8,9		
12	3	1,2	5,7	3		
13	2	5,7	4	2,7		



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Paul Halloran's Grid: All A - \$13.50 4A/1B - \$40.50 3A/2B - \$27 4A/1C - \$72 Total: \$153

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	9	4,5	1,6	9	P5	\$75
10	1,6,8		3,5	1,3,5,6,8	-	-
11	2,8,9		3,5,6	2,3,5,6,8,9	-	-
12	3	2	1	3	-	-
13	2,5,7		4,8	2,4,5,7,8	-	-

Pete Visco's Grid: 5A (\$6) - 4A1B (\$36) - 3A2B (\$84) - 4A1C (\$20) - TOTAL (\$146)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	5,9	1,6	2,4,7	1,5,6,9	\$0.50	\$96
10	6	1,3	8	6	-	-
11	1,6,9	2,5,8	3	1,2,5,6,8,9	-	-
12	2	3	-	2,3	-	-
13	2,7	4,5	6	2,4,5,7	-	-

P5 Analysis – Races 9 – 13

Today is an ALL-STAKES PICK 5, so you know the quality is there. And, I believe there's value abound, especially early on in the sequence. For me, the biggest spread race is R11, and I'll be price shopping in that race for sure. I'll be taking stands in the last two legs. While Saudi Crown (R12) and Nash (R13) are no sure things, I feel for many reasons they are likely winners. If I can get alive to those two, I'll be very happy, so spreading early for me is the way to go.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Fancy Martini	6-1	4	\$15 Win #6 Big Exactas: 6 / 1,9 Small Exactas: 1,9 / 6
Notes					
These girls just seem beat up on each other with no one really taking the reins of this female turf division. Perhaps #9 Tufani is that horse, but by the speed figs, she's really not that much faster than					



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many in here. The new, fresh face is #6 Fancy Martini, an expensive claim for Diodoro. She's been racing in high-class allowance races in Kentucky, and I don't think today's race is really that much tougher. Most importantly are two things: 1) She has tactical speed in a race without much early on 2) I LOVE James Graham on the turf in New Orleans...a veteran jockey who knows how to win on the lawn. She'll be a decent price in a wide-open race, so I'll peg her to get the job done and pull off an upset.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	1	Protonic Power	8-1	3	\$10 Place & Show #1 Trifectas: 2,8,9 / 1 / 2,4,5,6,8,9 2,8,9 / 2,4,5,6,8,9 / 1

Notes

Despite the derision I received from co-host Paul Halloran on the show, who is more right usually than wrong, I like #1 Protonic Power AT LEAST underneath. For our Spot/Price Plays, I'll go \$1 Place and Show. Similar to the first leg, R9, I simply don't believe anyone towers over this field. Protonic Power had trouble last time vs. Beatbox and others, and while he might be a tad too slow, he'll come with a run and be a factor in deep stretch with a clean trip. Jockey Pedroza knows this horse well and is back to ride today....let's see if he can overcome Paul's negative opinion of him!!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	2	Nash	5-2	5	\$30 Win #2

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT THE FAIR GROUNDS!! The last time Nash ran, he was touted as the bees kness and the next coming of Secretariat. I ran a 97 Beyer two back and people thought he was a Derby horse. He still might be....but he was humbled by the talented Track Phantom, whom he faces again today. Nash was not aggressively ridden and did not run particularly well racing mid-pack. I think today will be totally different. If Geroux doesn't send hard, I'll be shocked. Make Track Phantom chase you and run you down...maybe he will, but I have a feeling Nash is gonna run big today, and we might get 9-5 due to his flop last time. Should be 2-7 around the track, and we'll see who's best in the lane. I don't think he's necessarily a Derby horse, but he's VERY talented and will show it today.

Racetrack: Gulfstream

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R7 - 11 , Post 3:08pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's - \$8 4A1B - \$40 3A2B - \$58 4A1C - \$60 Total - \$166



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Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman an Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,4	-	1,5,9	3,4	\$0.50	\$72
8	2	1,5,6	4,7	1,2,4,5,6,7		
9	2,6	5	1	2,5,6		
10	7,8	2,4	1,5,9	2,4,7,8		
11	3,7	9	1,6,10,11	7		

Late P5 Analysis – Races 7 – 11

As previously stated, I was planning to cover Laurel and their multiple stakes. But due to weather, they canceled the card. Going to GP is always a good alternative. Statistically speaking, Gulfstream has been my most lucrative track from a betting standpoint so far in 2024. Let's keep that going today. My main opinion/strategy of this solid Late P5 is to use some chinks and fade others, while hoping to be alive to the #7 in the last race, who could be something special for Pletcher (cost \$1.1mil). My biggest fade, like it or not, is #1 Octane in R9 at 7-5 ML. I just think he's going to get pressured hard and will regress off of the big effort in graded stakes company last time. I'm also trying to beat #7 Cruzin' Man in R8, who was DQ'd last time and gave max. effort....think he'll regress too. Make sure you spread in that leg, a VERY difficult Tapeta sprint for Fla-breds. If I'm correct, the ABC Grid above could pay huge!!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	No Name Dude	6-1	3	\$15 WP #6

Notes

This Tapeta race is tough. Here's my main opinion...there's a TON of early speed and I want someone coming from just off the pace. That's one reason why I like No Name Dude. He's got back-class and has raced in open company many times. Today is Fla.-breds like his last race. Of the horses than ran on 12/21, he's the one I want. I'm hoping the claim to D'Angelo (great stats) and a little more patient ride by J. Ortiz can get No Name Dude home....he'll have to improve a few lengths today, but I think that's well within his scope...he just turned 4yo.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	The Skipper Too	6-1	4	\$20 Win, \$10 Place #6 Big Exactas: 6 / 2,5 Small Exactas: 2,5 / 6

Notes

The Sunshine Classic, restricted for Fla-breds, has some hard-knocking males going two turns on the dirt. As I said in the intro, I'm against #1 Octane. Although he's fast and the class, he'll take some heat in theory from a few and I believe will not run his best. The Skipper Too (Gilligan Island's fans pick!) wants two turns, is honest, fast enough, and should appreciate a fast pace in front of him. I like the switch to jockey Jaramillo, who has ridden him well in the past and is familiar with his quirks. Although



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only 4 for 26, most of those starts have been against tough open-company, not Fla.-breds. Upset time in this restricted stake!!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	Deer District	9-2	5	\$25 Win #8

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULSTREAM!! A nice allowance race going 7f, #8 Deer District is simply a class play. His last two Beyer figs of 97 and 95 are better than anyone else in the field. I'm slightly concerned about the long layoff, but it looks as though he's working well. I might change this opinion if I hear some negatives about the layoff, but if I don't, I'll be firing. He should sit off the speed to his inside and go by in the lane....7f will suit his style just fine. This is a horse where the workout report means a lot to me...anxious to see what the clockers have said. Sort of feels like he'll either fire big or be a complete dud...guess we'll find out today!

Racetrack: Gulfstream

\$3 Tropical Turf Pick 3 – R4, R7, and R11

This is quickly turning into my favorite horizontal bet, as I've had some success already this year. Today, it's tough, because all three races are maidens and there's a lot to research and digest and not a lot of form to go on. In general, I'll be trying to beat the big fave in the first leg and lead on the Pletcher potential monster in the last leg. Don't spread too much...the ticket can get expensive quickly....but if you beat favorites, you'll get paid very well, that's for sure!! These payouts are HUGE...just look them up for yourself.

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	3,6	5	7	3,5,6	\$3	\$54
7	3,4	-	1,5,9	3,4	-	-
11	7	3,9	1,6,10,11	3,7,9	-	-

Total ABC Cost: \$112



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



Kentucky Derby Update – Edition #2

The Fair Grounds is the place to watch this week, as the G2 Lecomte has 20 Derby points on the line, led by Track Phantom and Nash. Don't sleep on another Cox, the #5 Ethan Energy. I'm expecting, as discussed on the podcast last Thursday and in this write-up, that Nash is going to run huge and win today. I personally don't like him going 1 ¼ miles as of now, but that could change in the months ahead.

In addition, there are some VERY nice 3yo maiden races on the undercard in New Orleans today. Race 8, the start of the Pick 6, is a LOADED race with talented first-time starters who are working well. There are two for Cox, the \$900k buy #7 Exploration (a Curlin colt) and the #10 Cornishman (another Curlin), a homebred for Godolphin...tab the action there.

On the stakes front, the bigger Derby Preps for 20 points are coming up, so look out for last year's stars such as Fierceness, Locked, and others to start racing again. One horse that blew people away last week in an allowance was Conquest Warrior at Gulfstream for Shug, who received an 84 Beyer after getting into at least 4-5 lengths of trouble. Change of Command has also impressed in the allowance ranks there too...he's also the horse that finished 2nd in Sierra Leone's maiden score in NY last November. Speaking of "our podcast's boy", Sierra Leone has been working steadily down at Payson in Florida. He'll start his Derby march to glory in the Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds next month on Feb. 17th. As of this writing, he is a ridiculous 9-1 in the KDFW Pool 3, ongoing this weekend, sponsored by Twin Spires. He's getting a lot of love by the bettors!

Also, mark Feb. 2nd on your calendars, as there are 4 big Derby Preps all running in different parts of the country. Oaklawn Park has moved their Southwest S. to that day due to the weather lately. Also that weekend is the Holy Bull at GP featuring the return of BC Juvenile Champ Fierceness...let the fun begin!!



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