Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

The East Coast is in the spotlight this week, as the Road to the Ky. Derby travels to Tampa Bay Downs for the G3 Sam F. Davis plus three other stakes. In addition, a nice Late P5 sequence in NY with a graded stake for older fillies and mares will be our focus for the back half of these Picks this week. Last week, we scored with some shorter prices and my longshot pick of the year so far, 20-1 ML horse Condensation, finishing a good 3rd to spicen up your trifectas if you played / cashed. Good luck this week….check for scratches and changes as always!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): $2.20 ($1,149.58 / 522)

YTD: $1.54 ($53.95 / 35)

Racetrack: Tampa Bay Downs

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R7 - 11 , Post 3:45pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Late P5: 5A ($9) - 4A1B ($31.50) - 3A2B ($42.50) - 4A1C (67.50) - TOTAL ($150.5)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4,6	2,3	8	1,2,3,4,6	$0.50	$100
8	2	7	4,6	2		
9	3,5,9	1	6,8	1,3,5,9		
10	6,9	3	4,5,7	3,5,6,7,9		
11	3	9	6,8,12	3,9		

Pete Visco's Grid: 5A ($1 for 24) - 4A1B ($32) - 3A2B ($31) - 4A1C ($68) - TOTAL ($155)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,3	2,5	4,8	1,2,3,5,8	$0.50	$75
8	2,7	4	3,6	2,7	-	-

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9	5,9	1	3,8	1,5,9	-	-
10	6,7,9	2,12	3,5	2,6,7,9,12	-	-
11	3	-	1,12	3	-	-

Paul Halloran's Grid: All A - $1 - $16 4A/1B - $36 3A/2B - $60 4A/1C - $20 Total: $132

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,3	1,5	4,6	2,3,5	P5	$90
8	2,7	-	4	2,7	-	-
9	8,9	1,5	6	1,5,6,8,9	-	-
10	7,9	2,4,12	10	2,4,7,9,10,12	-	-
11	3	9	-	3	-	-

P5 Analysis – Races 7 – 11

Today's Late P5 at TB rates as a pretty challenging one. The key to this puzzle, as usual, is which races to spread and where to take your stand. Most people will single in R8 with Sibelius or Nakatomi, or possibly the last leg with the #3 Royalty Interest for Chad as my co-hosts Pete and Paul suggested. I would lean to the dirt sprint (R8) as opposed to a turf race with a big field, although you can't go wrong in either case. R7, R9, and definitely R10 (feature) feel like spreads to me, and you could get a price horse in any of those legs. If you don't single the #3 in the last, you could argue 3 or more other horses are capable of winning, so budget accordingly.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Bazinga C	15-1	3	$5 Win, $10 Place/Show BIG Exactas: 1,2,3,4 / 6 Smaller Exactas: 6 / 1,2,3,4

Notes

I want to make this very clear today….the Spot Plays I'm tipping out at Tampa Bay do NOT give me a ton of confidence. So I'm playing some of them a bit defensively. For Bazinga C, it'll $1 Win/Place for our ROI and I'll be playing her underneath in exactas and trifectas as well. IMO, there's plenty of early speed in the race. Bazinga C has some races on the go-back that absolutely fit in this spot, and my main angle here is Saffie will move this horse up on the trainer change. She's been trained by very capable people before, but this seems to be a pretty aggressive spot and a good field to take a bit of a swing. She's training well and figures to sit a nice trip. Will she be ready to step up her game again? We'll find

out today….in Saffie I Trust, especially when he's running in Florida….even if it's at Tampa Bay as opposed to Gulfstream.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Nakatomi	9-5	4	$20 Win #2

Notes

This year's Pelican S. is a pretty loaded field, with Nakatomi and Sibelius leading the way. They are both using this race as a prep for the Dubai Golden Shaheen next month, a race Sibelius won last year. Sibelius has a race under his belt at GP and won very well, plus the outside post. The concern for me is there's a TON of early speed on paper. Can he rate and go by? Does he have to rate to win? Probably not on both questions, but my gut here is Sibelius will be lower odds than Nakatomi when they reach the gate. I've never trusted Nakatomi and would need AT LEAST 2-1 to bet him on the win end, but he's showing a bit more tactical speed lately and the race flow could work in his favor. This is a soft pick for me, but I gotta choose one of them, so I'll go with Nakatomi. I hope he's not too far back, because he might be a bit better going 6.5 to 7f. Don't sleep on the speedy #4 Super Ocho or maybe even #6 Little Vic to upset the favorites. Fun race, should be a VERY fast finishing time.

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11	9	Classic Vinyl	6-1	4	Trifectas: 9 / 3 / All 3 / 9 / All 3 / All / 9

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT TAMPA BAY (although not the most confident one I've given)!! The closeout leg will have a heavy favorite in the #3 Royalty Interest for Chad Brown. Forget the 2-1, she'll be more like 7-5. There are some questions to answer for her, including a long layoff. But she's probably the most talented in a field of "meh" other than her. #9 Classic Vinyl is interesting. The Virginia-bred is 2nd off the layoff for Motion, and keeps the same rider as last time. She was wide every step and closed pretty well considering. I'm hoping the jock uses her a bit early and puts her in position to make a run at the top of the stretch. There are many others that don't do much for me, and this one still has upside. She might be running for 2nd or 3rd, so use her in all spots of the trifectas (see bets above). For our ROI, we'll go: $1 WP, and $2 Ex. 3 / 9.

Racetrack: Aqueduct

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R6 - 10 , Post 2:20pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Late P5: 5A ($3) - 4A1B ($28) - 3A2B ($90) - 4A1C ($12.50) - TOTAL $133.50

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

| 9 | 7 | 3 | 6,8 | 3,7 | - | - |
| 10 | 5 | 1,4,6,7 | - | 1,4,6,7 | - | - |

Late P5 Analysis – Races 8 – 12

It's been a while since we've covered NY on these Picks, mainly due to a lack of stake races and constant wet conditions. Today, there's a nice stake, plus the track should be okay with only a little rain in the forecast, we'll see. Plus, selfishly, I've got a runner in Race 8 today in which I have a small partial ownership, the #2 Certified Loverboy. If that name sounds familiar, he's the one that won for me at Saratoga while I was there watching live for Adelphi Racing Club, a proud sponsor of this podcast. I believe most bettors will hone in on the #7 Saddle up Jessie in R9, as will I. She should be tough if can handle the small cutback in distance. I also believe the #5 Tommy Gun will be tough in the opening leg if he breaks and controls up front. R7 and R8 would be the biggest spreads for me, and the last is not easy either. This sequence has a chance to pay, especially if Tommy Gun or Saddle Up loses.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Provision	8-1	4	$10 Win, $15 Place Big Exactas: 3 / 4,5 Smaller Exactas: 4,5 / 3

Notes
#3 Provision is underrated. I like two things about him the most. He'll show early speed (I hope) and sit right off of the leaders or could go to the lead. I don't think the 7f will be a problem, and I'm not sure I can say that about others in here. Although the Noda barn has been a bit cold, I like the jockey change. Some things to like in a field where the lower ML horses are nothing special. Trip will play a big factor in this affair.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Certified Loverboy	8-1	5	$20 Win, $10 Place

Notes
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT!! Let's say this first…I would never tout one of the horses in which I have an ownership piece if I didn't think he/she had a big chance. I'm realistic and don't want to deceive you loyal followers. But Certified Loverboy has a good shot in here today at around 6-1. He ran a big 3rd last time (not surprisingly to me) at 20-1+ odds after being gelded and getting a winter break. It seems he's come back a better horse than last year. Don't hate me for saying this Matt Cutair (Racing Mngr. for Adelphi Racing), but I would have preferred Dylan Davis on Loveboy than Katie. She knows the horse well, but he's just a better rider. Dylan rides one of the Chad Brown's… can't blame him I guess. Anyway, I hope Loverboy either has the lead if no one is aggressive or sits the "pocket" off the speed. I DON'T want him in a speed duel. He ran big last time and just tired late….he needed one off the break and it was a fast pace. I have zero concerns about possible moisture in the track and he'll save ground again. This field is a bit easier than the last one he faced, and many people I respect believe the Beyer fig last time was a big lower than it should have been, more like a mid 80's effort. Let's go LOVERBOY!!

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10	5	Elite Status	3-1	4	$20 Win #5 BIG Exactas: 5 / 1,4,6,7 Smaller Exactas: 1,4,6,7 / 5
Notes					
In a race with some question marks and possible live first-time starters, I'll go with the horse that was clearly in toughest last time, #5 Eilte Status. Trainer Terranova put this one in a stake first out, and he ran very credible. Now, with a race under his belt, he should be better and tougher to beat if he fires. He's not dominant by the speed figs, but I'm expecting a forward move for him today. One firster I do want to mention is the rail horse, #1 Inflammabelle for Trainer Nevin (10-1). She's not known to get firsters ready and the rail can be tricky, but the works are good and she's bred to be fast…the dam dropped horses that showed early speed, and I have a gut feeling she could be nice. Check the tote board for more clues. If she's under 5-1, look out.					

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