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Race-Day Overview

This week is the calm before the storm for sure, with major Derby Preps and huge cards for 3 consecutive weeks after this one. So, should we take a break from the Power Picks? Absolutely not!! Today, we'll cover Oaklawn with three Gr. 3 Stakes and the Aqueduct Late P5 with a stake for 3yo fillies. Let's build that Derby fever bankroll!

Spot/Price Play ROI

Overall ROI	Calculation	Note
$2.65	$701.85 / 265	*The average horseplayer's ROI is $1.60; anything above $2 is a net profit.*
YTD ROI	**Calculation**	**Note**
$2.90	$145 / 50	*The average horseplayer's ROI is $1.60; anything above $2 is a net profit.*

***As we've done in the past, the stats above only reflect my Picks and not the ones of my co-hosts. My top play, as given out on the special video, was "Little Jewel" at Gulfstream Park, who won at 8-1 in Race 11 and paid $18!!*

Last Week's Results

Racetrack: Tampa Bay

Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
7	Worthington	SCR.	
9	Temple City Terror	4th	
10	Alpha Bella	2nd	

Racetrack: Gulfstream Park

7	Typey	3rd	
10	**Starship Renegade**	**WON**	**Paid $7.20**
12	Celebratory	2nd	

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Racetrack: Hawthorne

7	Move on Over	5th	
9	Dominique	8th	

This Week's Picks

Racetrack: Oaklawn

ABC Grids - Late Pick 5, R6 – 10; Pick 5 Post Time 4:18pm ET

Howard Kravets' Grid: 5A ($4) - 4A1B ($32) - 3A2B ($85) - 4A1C ($32) - TOTAL ($153)

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

Pete Visco's Grid: 5A ($12) - 4A1B ($38) - 3A2B ($47) - 4A1C ($52) - TOTAL ($149)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	8,9	5	6,7	5,6,8,9	$0.50	$108
7	1	4	6	1	-	-
8	1,2	7	4,9,10	1,2,7	-	-
9	7,8,10	1,2	5	1,2,5,7,8,10	-	-
10	4,8	11	3	4,8,11	-	-

Paul Halloran's Grid: All A = $12 4A/1B = $30 3A/2B = $27 4A/1C = $80 Total: $149

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	7,8	5	9	1,7,8,9	P5	$96
7	1,4	2	6	1,4	-	-
8	2	10	1,4,7,9	2,4,7,9	-	-
9	10	2,8	1,7	2,10	-	-
10	4,8,11		7,9	4,8,11	-	-

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P5 Analysis – Races 6–10

Today's Late P5 seems pretty straightforward to me from a construction standpoint. The first and last legs are VERY difficult, so you should spread there and look at the board in R6 to determine the live first-time starters. I'm spreading as much as possible in those two legs. The middle three legs, including G3 Stakes, seem fairly chalky, although I do have some price shots that interest me. You also could just skip the first and last and play a middle Pick 3….would not be the worst idea in the world. There are possible singles, IMO, in R7, and possibly R9 and R10 depending upon your opinion.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	4	Plus Power	15-1	3	$5 Win ; $15 PS

Notes

For purposes of the Power Picks ROI, this is only a $1 Place and Show tout. I would mainly use Plus Power underneath, but I think he's very interesting. This race does not have a lot of proven quality form, so I'm looking for a fresh face. He broke VERY slow in a much tougher open Mdn. 50k and did very little running, but sort of like the way he ran on late and think there's something here. I don't want any part of the "established" horses that have run before, especially at the class level. He's probably an "all or nothing" type, so I hope he's something!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	10	Morello	15-1	5	$10 Win 10 Trifecta: 10 / 2,4,9 / 1,2,4,7,9 2,9 / 10 / 1,2,4,7,9 2,9 / 1,2,4,7,9 / 10

Notes

This is my PLAY OF THE DAY AT OAKLAWN! This sprint stake has a ton of early speed on paper, and I'm expecting it to develop, but you never know. So, when you look at the field, I'm most interested in closers. While I think the best closer is the #2 Tejano Twist, I'm fascinated with Morello on the outside for Asmussen. He ran some big races as 3yo old but was inconsistent. The barn keeps this horse sprinting, which tells me they must see something in the morning. He's never had a fast pace to run into until today, and with his outside draw, he can just break (sometimes slowly), take back, and make one huge run. If he doesn't win, he's a great candidate to "clunk" up for at least 2nd and 3rd. Use him in all spots in your trifecta, many favorite "reverse-key" or "back-wheel" play. I'll take 10-1 on this runner all day with Prat taking the mount.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Vittorio	3-1	4	$20 Win

Notes

The Essex S. is a nice G3 for older males going two turns. We see a lot of familiar faces in here, including Last Samurai, Tawny Port, Rated R Superstar, and the return of Classic Causeway. But I'm going with a fresh face to the graded stakes scene, the talented Vittorio for Bill Mott. He was a decent allowance horse last year in California, but really improved first time on East for Mott in his last, with a big effort to the uber-talented Charge It. There wasn't much in behind him talent-wise, but he received a 100 Beyer and has worked well since. He receives a cozy inside post and figures to trip out. Was the last just an aberration? I don't think….I expect further improvement and another big effort, although I do admit this is a tougher spot in theory. In Mott I trust today, hoping to get 5-2.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	4	Heythere Joggegirl	3-1	4	$15 Win 4 BIG Exacta 4 / 2,3,7,9 Smaller Ex. 2,3,7,9 / 4

Notes

The closeout leg of the Pick 5 is an inscrutable Arky-Bred Maiden Special Weight. It's a full field with a lot of question marks and horses that don't necessarily like to win. So I'll go with a horse that has not "learned to lose", the 2nd -time starter #4 Heythere Joggegirl. Her first start was something to behold. We showed the replay on the podcast Thursday….broke VERY slow, rushed up, checked on the inside and steadied back, made a nice run in the stretch while veering inside and steadily closing while on the wrong lead. Phhheeewwww….that's all (LOL)??!! There's talent here….she has to mind her manners and run just a bit faster today, all systems go in a weak field.

Key Stats of the Day – Oaklawn

Race	PP	Horse	Stat Details	Wins / Starts ITM / Starts	Stat Win % Stat ITM %	Excl. Win % Excl. ITM %
6	1	Tapicita	Mucho Macho Man – Sire-Side 3yo and Up 1st Time Starters	4/80 16/80	5% 20%	9% -
6	1	Tapicita	Purrfect Tapit – Dam-Side Dirt Sprints	2/21 7/21	9% 33%	- -

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6	1	Tapicita	Asmussen/Castillo - 1st Time Starters (SSS)	0/7 0/7	0% 0%	19% 49%
6	2	Greek Heiress	Milligan – Turf-to-Dirt at OP	1/15 3/15	7% 20%	10% 32%
6	2	Greek Heiress	Milligan – 1st After Trainer Switch at OP (SSS)	0/5 1/5	0% 20%	10% 32%
6	3	Mischievous Me	Milligan/Medellin - Dirt Sprints at OP	2/34 8/34	6% 24%	10% 32%
6	3	Mischievous Me	Milligan – 1st Time Starters in Maiden Claiming on Dirt at OP	2/26 6/26	8% 23%	10% 32%
6	4	Plus Power	Casse – 2nd Time Starters on Dirt in Maiden Claiming	1/26 7/26	4% 27%	16% 43%
6	5	Pink Ace	Aikenite – Sire-Side 3yo and Up 1st Time Starters	0/16 6/16	0% 38%	- -
6	5	Pink Ace	McPeek – 1st Time Starters in Maiden Claiming	2/39 9/39	5% 23%	15% 41%
6	5	Pink Ace	McPeek – Maiden Claiming at OP (SSS)	3/15 10/15	20% 67%	15% 41%
6	6	Jumpin Judy	Broberg – Maiden Claiming Dirt Sprints at OP (ex. 1st Time Starters)	4/50 18/50	8% 36%	23% 54%
6	7	Danke Fuer Alles	Casse – 1st Time Starters in Maiden Claiming Dirt Sprints	3/28 9/28	11% 32%	19% 44%
6	8	Collected Glory	Contreras/Arrieta - Dirt Sprints at OP	21/78 49/78	27% 63%	18% 50%
6	9	True Emotion	Anderson – 2nd After Claim	1/16 5/16	6% 31%	16% 45%
7	2	Thomas Shelby	Jacobson – At OP	1/12 4/12	8% 33%	16% 44%
7	3	Mystic Night	Mott – Dirt Routes at OP	2/23 6/23	9% 26%	20% 47%
7	4	Frosted Grace	Diodoro/Torres - At OP in Past 1mth	12/33 24/33	36% 73%	13% 44%

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7	6	Ain't Life Grand	Von Hemel – Domestic Shippers to OP	1/30 2/30	3% 7%	19% 51%
7	7	Spa City	Kenneally/Garcia - Overall	2/25 7/25	8% 28%	17% 45%
8	2 4	Tejano Twist Edge to Edge	Hartman – Graded Stakes	0/22 5/22	0% 23%	20% 49%
8	4	Edge to Edge	Hartman – Winner Last Out at OP in Past 5mths	10/24 18/24	42% 75%	25% 58%
8	5	Empire of Gold	Eoff – Stakes	2/56 14/56	4% 25%	9% 34%
8	7	Flash of Mischief	Broberg – Graded Stakes	0/15 2/15	0% 13%	23% 54%
8	8	Pirate Rick	Cash – Graded Stakes	2/25 5/25	8% 20%	15% 43%
8	8	Pirate Rick	Cash – 10-14 Day Layoff in Stakes Dirt Sprints (SSS)	3/39 14/39	8% 36%	15% 43%
8	9	Cogburn	Asmussen/Santana - Stakes Dirt Sprints at OP	9/30 19/30	30% 63%	19% 49%
8	10	Morello	Asmussen/Prat - Overall (SSS)	0/7 2/7	0% 29%	19% 49%
9	1	Silver Prospector	Asmussen – 4yo and Up Males at 8.5f and Up in Graded Stakes on Dirt	4/67 22/67	6% 33%	19% 49%
9	2	Vittorio	Mott – Stakes Routes at OP (SSS)	0/8 5/8	0% 63%	17% 45%
9	3	Rated R Superstar	Villafranco – On Dirt at OP	7/104 20/104	7% 19%	11% 37%
9	4	Call Me Fast	Puhich/Arrieta - Overall	4/20 14/20	20% 70%	12% 37%
9	5	Classic Causeway	McPeek - 4yo and Up Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	3/34 10/34	9% 29%	15% 41%

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9	5	Classic Causeway	McPeek – Graded Stakes Dirt Routes at OP	1/16 4/16	6% 25%	15% 41%
9	6	Necker Island	Hartman – Graded Stakes	0/22 5/22	0% 23%	20% 49%
9	7	Forza Di Oro	Cox/Geroux - 4yo and Up in Graded Stakes at OP (SSS)	5/13 9/13	38% 69%	25% 57%
9	9	Keystone Field	Maker – Graded Stakes at OP (SSS)	0/8 0/8	0% 0%	17% 46%
10	1	Music Mistress	Laurie's Rocket – Sire-Side 3yo and Up 1st Time Starters	3/36 8/36	8% 22%	9% -
10	1	Music Mistress	McKellar – 1st Time Starters	1/17 2/17	6% 12%	9% 26%
10	1	Music Mistress	McKellar – At OP	2/46 8/46	4% 17%	11% 28%
10	2	Runninthestreets	Anderson/Jordan - MSW	0/16 4/16	0% 25%	16% 45%
10	3	Kokomo Starlet	Jackson – MSW	1/33 4/33	3% 12%	6% 25%
10	4	Haythere Jogeegirl	Prather – 3rd Career Starters	3/33 12/33	9% 36%	13% 35%
10	5	Melania T	Jonesboro – Sire-Side 3yo and Up 1st Time Starters	1/53 8/53	1% 15%	9% -
10	5	Melania T	Meghan W – Dam-Side 3yo	2/25 10/25	8% 40%	- -
10	6	Wild Rosey	Calhoun – Dirt Sprints at OP	1/45 18/45	2% 40%	20% 51%
10	8	Gold Strategy	Hornsby – MSW Dirt Sprints at OP	0/25 6/25	0% 24%	8% 32%
10	9	Ngala	Moquett – 1st Time Starters in Dirt Sprints at OP	4/81 26/81	5% 32%	15% 42%
10	9	Ngala	Moquett/Owner - Dirt Sprints at OP	2/26 10/26	8% 38%	14% 42%

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10	10	Delta Moon	Chleborad – 1st After Trainer Switch in Dirt Sprint	1/27 10/27	4% 37%	14% 42%
10	11	Magnolia Mae	Vance – MSW at OP	5/21 8/21	24% 38%	8% 32%
10	12	Count It All Joy	Altamirano – Dirt Sprints at OP	6/43 4/43	14% 33%	0% 31%

Racetrack: Aqueduct

ABC Grid - Late Pick 5, Races 6-10; Pick 5 Post Time 3:55pm ET

Howard Kravets' Grid: 5A ($4) - 4A1B ($33) - 3A2B ($96.50) - 4A1C ($18) - TOTAL ($151.50)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,8	6	5	1,6,8	$0.50	$84
7	4,7,8,10	1,2,6		1,2,4,6,7,8,10	-	-
8	1a	2,4,5		1	-	-
9	3	2	1,4,6	2,3	-	-
10	5	4,9,10	7	4,5,9,10	-	-

P5 Analysis – Races 6-10

Today's Late P5 at Aqueduct has some big morning line favorites that frankly I'm not trying to beat. I rather try to find some prices in the other races, namely R7 and especially R10. While I don't think this is going to pay a ton, you can play a very slim ticket depending on your opinions of the sequence. Perhaps you want to "press-up" today and try to hit this P5 more than once.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Ichiban	7-2	4	$15 Win
Notes					
This maiden race for NY-breds is crying out for a new shooter, so I'll go with the interloper from the FG, #1 Ichiban. Linda Rice is an absolute tear….she's won 7 straight races as of this writing (Friday night) and has another big show here. Although Ichiban ran a slower Beyer than most of the others in					

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here, that was much tougher open company at the FG. She has some decent breeding in her pedigree, has been working locally, and should sit a good trip….plus, the extra distance might help as well.					
Race #	**Horse #**	**Horse Name**	**Odds**	**Stars**	**Bet(s)**
5	3	Mudville Nine	9-2	4	$15 WP #5
Notes					
For all you baseball fans, #5 Mudville Nine seems to be one that will appreciate the longer distance of today's race. He had no chance, although racing pretty well, vs. runaway winner Nineteen Oysters in his last start. He took dirt and received a very good education……..therefore should be better 2nd out. The horses that have run several times don't do much for me, and I like the combination of Trombetta and McCarthy. I'm not sure we'll get that ML of 9-2, probably more like 7-2, but that would do just fine with me.					

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