



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 24, 2025
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Race-Day Overview

It's the closeout day of one of the best racing weekends of the year at any track... Travers Day weekend!! Hopefully everyone's accounts are full from Travers Day so we can parlay that cash into this Sunday card. The feature on the day is the West Point Stakes going 8.5f on the Mellon Turf. The entries are a weird one in that race with there being more Main Track Only entries (7) as Main Body entries (6). Hopefully, the weather cooperates, though, and we can keep this one, and the other five grass races on the card, on the Turf. If the weather does hold up, we will have some big, competitive fields that are tough to handicap and could lead to some nice prices.

Good luck and let's cash some tickets!!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and go to the "Power Picks" section...you have to scroll down a bit on the "Standard" Power Picks page...a video explanation is also available on the page.*

**Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.
Good luck to everyone today!**



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ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks*	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,5	1,7	2,6,9	3,5,7	\$0.50 P5	\$81
2	1,7	2,5,12	8,10	1,2,7	-	-
3	3,6	5,7	4	3,6	\$0.50 P5	\$81
4	1,5,10	2,4,8	6	1,5,10	-	-
5	4,6,12	1	8,10	4,6,12	-	-
6	1,6	2,7	5	1,6,7	\$0.50 P5	\$90
7	4,9	5,6,8	12	4,5,9	-	-
8	6	2,3	4	3,6	-	-
9	8	1,4	6,9	4,8	-	-
10	3,5,7,10	1	6	1,3,5,7,10	-	-

*Use in horizontal bets

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	3 - Off Script	5 - Hello Beauty	7 - Amazing Gracer
2	1 - Hue	7 - Speed of Sound	2 - Leslie's Star
3	6 - Man in Finance	3 - Leo's Reward	7 - Crescendo's Rain
4	10 - Speed Shopper	1 - Alimara	5 - Fleetingly
5	4 - Gattatiz	6 - Skylarky	12 - Fifi La Fume
6	1 - Fort Nelson	6 - Gardiner	7 - Singleminded
7	4 - New Issue	9 - Unlimited Spending	5 - Breathless Wonder
8	6 - Rhetorical	3 - Betterluckythangood	2 - Clear Conscience
9	8 - Senza Parole	4 - Justthefactsjack	1 - Paula's Star
10	5 - Beachwalker	3 - Takechargesmiling	7 - Macaw



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Late P5 Analysis: R6 - 10

We talk about this a lot, but a big part of this late Pick-5 sequence in terms of ticket construction is going to depend on whether you want to single one or both of the big favorites in the 8th (#6-Rhetorical) and the 9th (#8-Senza Parole). On paper, they both look really strong, so I think it is more than logical to single them both if that's the way you are leaning. As you can see above on my caveman ticket, though, I am willing to take a shot against both with at least one other horse just to see if we can't blow this thing up a little. If you are set on singling both, though, it's the kind of scenario where you can play a press ticket with the two singles and then play a smaller ticket trying to beat one or both.

The following are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses I like that will provide some value (hopefully 5-2 or higher in general). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	3	Off Script	7-2	4	\$25 Win - 3 \$10 Daily Double - 3 / 1,7
Notes					
<p>It's tough to pick a horse as a spot play who has come down with a bad case of 'seconditis' (4-of-5 in 2nd so far), but I am going to do it anyway. #3-Off Script has been a money burner losing her 1st 4 career starts as solid favorites. However, her last race after moving to the turf has given me confidence that this is her time to actually get the job done. In that race she broke way in the back, spent most of the race out of touch with the field, made a strong middle move to get into contention, got shut off multiple times in the lane, and still closed well losing a close one to a horse who came back next out to run 2nd in a NY Stallion Series Stakes with a 70 Beyer. She beat 4 others from today's field in that race as well. Now, she is 2nd on the Turf, 2nd with I. Ortiz, and is coming off a solid work so I think she is primed to run her best race.</p>					
<u>Key Stat:</u>					
- #3-Off Script - W. Walden/I. Ortiz Combo - 7/18 W (39%), 15/18 ITM (83%), \$2.51 ROI					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	10	Speed Shopper	7-2	3	\$15 Win - 10 \$10 Exacta Box - 1,10



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Notes					
<p>Might be a bit of a pattern here with my spot plays as I am going with another horse trained by W. Walden. Hopefully, he is in for a big day. This horse, #10-Speed Shopper, came back in 2025 as a 4yo, a completely different horse especially since moving back to the Turf and stretching out to a marathon-type distance in her last. She stretched out to the same 11f distance we are at today at Saratoga and ran a Lifetime Beyer and Timeform top while rolling the field as an 8-1 shot with D. Davis aboard, who is back up for today's race. I am looking for another move forward here which would put her in the mix with the other top choices in the field. A few obstacles she will need to overcome are the move from MSW to Allowance, the outside draw, and potentially trying to close into a projected moderate pace, but I am hoping she has the talent to overcome them all.</p>					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Fort Nelson	2-1	5	\$40 Win - 1 \$20 Daily Double - 1 / 4 \$5 Trifecta - 1 / 2,6,7 / 26,7
Notes					
<p>This Is My Play of the Day at SAR - I hate using a short-priced horse as the play of the day, but, if we get 2-1 on #1-Fort Nelson, I see it as value. I am going with another horse moving from MSW to Allowance, but I think this one has even more talent. He had one race only as a 2yo and then was off for over 9 months before coming back in his last with a win. In that race, he was able to press the pace and wore down another W. Mott horse for Juddmonte while beating a C. Brown favorite who came back next to break his maiden with a 96 Beyer. That same type of improvement from #1-Fort Nelson here would put him head and shoulders above this field. The fact that this is only his 3rd career start means that there is definitely still a ton of upside that I am expecting him to flash here.</p>					
<p><u>Key Stats:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- #1-Fort Nelson - W. Mott - Maiden Winner Last Out in Allowance on Dirt - 20/66 W (30%), 41/66 ITM (62%), \$1.88 ROI- #1-Fort Nelson - W. Mott/J. Alvarado/Godolphin Combo - Allowance Dirt Sprints - 4/9 W (44%), 7/9 ITM (78%), \$2.59 ROI					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	4	New Issue	9-2	3	\$15 Win/Place - 4 \$10 Exacta Key Box - 4 w/ 5,9
Notes					
<p>#4-New Issue is the spot play where I think I am taking the biggest leap of faith. It's not that she is some big long shot or anything, it's more about her circumstances. She is a lightly raced 3yo with only 2 career starts who has been claimed out of each. Her trainer, A. Green is still early in her career and has</p>					



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only had one horse she has claimed, but that horse was a winner back in March. She is now stretching out to 8f after sprinting in her 1st 2 starts which I think will give F. Prat, who has stuck with her through each claim, to stalk and pounce while hopefully getting a little more pace to chase than she got in her 1st 2 starts. It doesn't hurt, too, that this isn't the strongest field on paper and none of the other horses are true standouts.

Key Stat:

- #4-New Issue - A. Green - Turf Routes - 1/17 W (6%), 7/17 ITM (41%), \$1.14 ROI

Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays in addition to the Price/Spot Plays Bets

Race	Selections	Cost
3	\$10 Daily Double - 3,6 / 10	\$20
5	\$10 Daily Double - 4,6,12 / 1	\$30
10	\$0.50 Trifecta Key Box - 5 w/ 1,3,6,7,10	\$30

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

