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Race-Day Overview

Yet another big weekend of racing on the Derby Trail, as we have major preps at Gulfstream for the Florida Derby and Oaklawn for the Arkansas Derby. We'll cover the Late P5 sequence at Oaklawn, All-Stakes undercard races at Gulfstream, plus the usual Santa Anita Late P4 for Sunday. If you're interested in the Late P5 at Gulfstream, check our guys on the "Bettin N Boozin" show from this past Wednesday night with guest TVG analyst Caleb Keller. I'll give a brief opinion on the Fla. Derby in this Tip Sheet as well.

Look for scratches and changes, and be aware of a chance of thunderstorms in both S. Florida and Arkansas in the later part of the card, if at all. If they do get rain at GP, we can assume the turf races will mainly hold together and switched to the Tapeta. Let's hope Mother Nature cooperates!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.10** (\$1,705.76 / 813)

YTD: **\$1.89** (\$115.40 / 61)

Racetrack: Oaklawn

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 5

R9 starts at 4:53pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
9	4,8	3,7	2,9,10	3,4,7,8	\$0.50 P5	\$96
10	5	2,6,7	-	2,5,6,7		
11	1,3	4,7,9	6	1,3		
12	5	1,7	9	5		
13	3,9	6,8	5	3,6,8,9		



Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	3,4,8	-	7,9	3,4,8	\$0.50 P5	\$81
10	5,6	2,3,4	1	2,5,6	-	-
11	1,7	3,9	6	1,7	-	-
12	1,5,7	6	9	1,5,7	-	-
13	6,8,9	2,3	5	6,8,9	-	-

Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	4	3,8	7	3,4,8	\$1 P5	\$81
10	5	3,4	2,6	5		
11	1,3	7	6,9	1,3,7		
12	5	1,7	9	1,5,7		
13	8,9	3	5,6	3,8,9		

Late P5 Analysis (R8 - 12): **(Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)**

Today's Oaklawn Late P5 ends with the Arkansas Derby. If you think Cornucopian is the goods, you could simply single him and spread earlier. However, that will also be the lowest Pick 5 payout for sure. I'm going to spread early in the first two legs, go skinny in L3 and L4, then spread a bit in the big one. While Cornucopian may win, I'll use a few hoping that his lack of experience / seasoning may catch up with him in deep stretch...no doubt he's VERY talented and well-meant. I'm taking a stand with Quietside in the Fantasy Stakes. To me it's a 3-horse race, and there's no reason to use both her and Simply Joking. Use one and go for it, unless you're very skinny outside of that race or you think a price will come in. My 3rd horse in that race is a Spot/Price Play that I'll use somehow in the LP5. Good luck!

Power Picks

The following are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	8	Zardun	10-1	3	\$10 WP #8 BIG Exactas: 3,4,7 / 8 Smaller Exactas: 8 / 2,3,4,7,9,10
Notes: Interesting way to kick off the Late P5. This race is 9 furlongs (1 1/8th), and could play completely different than the 6f maiden races. While the #3 and #4 will be the post-time favorites and perhaps tough to beat, I'll go with a horse that I KNOW wants distance and will be a price, #8 Zardun (10-1). The \$350k City of Light colt is out of a stakes-winning mare, and the way he ran last time, it looks as though blinkers and stretching out might unlock the key to his success. Cox goes to Prat today, and I'm expecting a big run. Due to the tough nature of this race, I'll go \$1WP for our Tip Sheet ROI.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	1 / 5	Take Charge Milady (Might Scratch) / Quietside the alternate	6-1 / 2-1	5	\$15 Win, \$25 Place #1 OR \$30 Win #5 Trifectas (If #1 runs): 1 / 5,7 / All 5 / 1 / All 5 / All / 1
Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT OAKLAWN! In a strange way, today's G2 Fantasy S. for the girls, a major Oaks prep, feel less-deep with less talent than the prep for this race, the G3 Honeybee. Based on the odds, it's a 2-horse race. But I see no reason why #1 Take Charge Milady (6-1) can't be a factor here. The last race is a complete toss. She didn't break well, never got in rhythm, and basically pulled up late. The previous two starts before her Honeybee debacle were VERY good, including a pounding of Quietside by almost 6 lengths two-back. I find that some of these 3yo fillies are very "ying-yang" and inconsistent. After all, they're basically teenagers. And if you know that age, you know how crazy they can be! She's working VERY well for this, and McPeck switches to his main man in Brian Hernandez, hmm...If she runs her best, she could absolutely take this field down at a decent number.					
If #1 Scratches, I'll go with #5 Quietside...impressive effort last time and she's improving.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	3	Publisher	6-1	3	\$5 Win, \$20 Place BIG Exacta: 9 / 3 Trifecta: 6,9 / 5,6,8,9 / 3
Notes: I had a tough time tipping out a horse in the Arkansas Derby for this Tip Sheet. There's no reason to do so with Cornucopian at even-money. He might be a complete freak and win by 3-4 lengths, but it's hard to trust him to do that in this race. He is my top pick however for the record. The horse that could provide the best value is #3 Publisher, but <u>MOST LIKELY UNDERNEATH</u> . Last week in New Orleans, Asmussen pulled off a big win with Tiztastic, and my feeling today is he might do the same with Publisher. Two-back, he had a nightmare trip. Last time, he was in tight in the stretch and got					

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bumped / had to squeeze through a hole that barely was there. He only lost to Sandman by 1 ½ lengths, and I thought was moving almost as well late as the big, likeable gray. Perhaps the blinks on and a more aggressive ride from Prat will put Publisher in a better striking position early. I'll use him mainly in 2nd and 3rd in exactas/trifectas with an "insanity" win bet in case he runs the race of his life. For our ROI, we'll go \$1 WP and a \$2 straight exacta 9 - 3.

Racetrack: Gulfstream Park

Undercard Stake Races (outside of the Late P5); R3,4,6,7,9...R3 starts at 12:28pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

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

Undercard Stakes Analysis

All five races were discussed in detail on our bonus-edition Tuesday show of Picks & Ponies with yours truly, Kyle and Pat, so check out that show! The first race on the ABC Grid, R3, is really interesting...I'd take a strong look at some prices in that race. In general, I'm IN FAVOR of the big guns Far Bridge and Beach Bomb, but slightly against White Abarrio while recognizing he could win by 6-10 lengths. My biggest opinion of the five races is the Gulfstream Park Oaks, which I'll discuss below in the Price-Spot Plays. FYI, there is a MIDDLE PICK 5 from R3 - 7, although we will not discuss R5 here. I will discuss the Fla. Derby within one of my Price / Spot Plays below.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	2	Classic of Course	5-1	3	\$15 WP #2

Notes:

The Cutler Bay S. features favorites that prefer to have the lead. I'm going to go with a horse a little outside of the box, with #2 Classic of Course. There are two things that intrigue me with this one: 1) He took to the Tapeta very well, and many can translate that form to the turf. 2) He's faced the best horses in this field by far earlier in his career when running against Rated by Merit (now injured) and Vassimo. In addition, Trainer Biancone worked him on the turf for 7f last week. I didn't see the work, but like that at least he got a taste for the green. I'm just not enamored with many in here, so I'll take a stab. Save ground, then tip out late and see what the Fla-bred has got!

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	1	Silvology	10-1	4	\$10 WP #1 BIG Exactas: 5/1 Smaller Exacta: 1/5

Notes:

This is a case of speed-figure studying. While I like Beyers and use them, I've grown to love the Timeform U.S. numbers, especially on turf. They are very accurate in my opinion. If you look at the Beyers, #1 Silvology is too slow. If you look at Timeform, she ABSOLUTELY fits in here. In fact, her last race is only a point or two off of likely favorite Beach Bomb. Dylan Davis made an early middle at today's distance into a pretty hot pace, battled, and still won. Shug is a master at slowly improving his horses, and Silvology is a case-study in that fact. He could have run her in a high-class allowance somewhere like Keeneland, but instead throws her into the graded-stakes wolves today, hmm..... If she gets a good trip, she can give the top ones a serious run for the win money.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Paradise City	10-1	5	\$20 Win #1 Trifectas: 1 / 3,4 / 3,4,6,7 3,4 / 1 / 3,4,6,7

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULFSTREAM BEFORE THE LATE P5 RACES! Saffie Joseph Jr. has 3 horses in here, the 3 inside posts. I like the one that'll be the middle of the 3 prices, #1 Paradise City. Guns and Roses fans rejoice! I really liked her last race vs. easier...she rated in behind and blew by the field when asked. Tougher task today, but there are very few horses that can pass others in the race, she should sit a great trip, and has been working fantastically. The presence of Zayas gives me confidence too. I'm expecting a big effort...the more well-fancied runners may not want this distance, we'll see. Last year on this Tip Sheet, I gave everyone Power Squeeze at 11-1 in this race. I'm hoping history repeats itself.

BONUS SPOT PLAY - FLORIDA DERBY

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
14	9	Tappan Street	5-1	4	\$20 WP #9

Notes:

On Dec. 28th, I was on vacation covering races for the podcast at GP w/Bettin N Boozin co-host Charlie Freeman. For Race 5, I was in the paddock to see up-close \$1million baby Tappan Street, by Into Mischief, for Brad Cox. What a specimen he was!! You could tell he was going to be a good one, and more importantly, wants distance. After he won, I talked to a few of my podcast family and proclaimed this is a Derby horse. While that is yet to be determined, we're about to find out. I loved his last effort in the Holy Bull...he made a HUGE middle move on the turn, blowing by Ferocious, and just couldn't hold off the talented Burnham Square. But that was only his 2nd start. He got the seasoning/rest he needed to grow and develop for today, and has been working great at Payson Park, outworking talented older horse Saudi Crown (I've seen the video). This is a very good field, but if he can get a good stalking spot early behind the speed, make that same Holy Bull S. move but a little bit later, he can win. He'll have to hold off Sovereignty late...but that one doesn't need the points the way Tappan St. does, who has to finish in the Top 2 to get into the Derby field. Excited to see this one run!



SANTA ANITA - SUNDAY

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 4

R7 starts at 7pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
7	2	8	7	2	\$0.50 P4	\$40
8	5,7	4,6,8	1,2,3	4,5,6,7,8		
9	8,9	6,11	2,4,5	6,8,9,11		
10	7	1,6,10	5	1,6,7,10		

Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 4,5,6,7,8 / 6,8,9,11 / 6,7 (\$96)

Small Budget: 4,5,6,7,8 / 8,9 / 7 (\$30)

\$5 Late Double:

Big Budget: 6,8,9,11 / 6,7 (\$40)

Small Budget: 8,9 / 7 (\$10)

Key Horse of the Sequence: Last week, I tipped out Doncic. He "fouled out" and didn't "play well" at 8-1. I feel MUCH better about my Key Horse this week. The finale, on paper, looks completely wide open for allowance fillies and mares going 1 ¼ down the hill. But for me, a particular horse stands out.

#7 Public Assembly (5-1, Race 10), trained by D'Amato, is making her 2025 debut. Although she hasn't run since last October at Keeneland, she's been training very well for her run Sunday, and more importantly ran speed figs last year that fit in this spot. With logical improvement from 3 to 4 yrs. old, and high-quality rider Fresu in the saddle, I'm expecting a big effort. I'm hoping she's mid-pack at worse first time past the wire and makes a nice move in the stretch. In general, turf horses moving East to West to very well at Santa Anita. If we get 3-1, I'd be ecstatic.



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

