



Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

With two weeks left until Derby/Oaks Weekend, there's one more solid weekend of racing across the country. Today, we'll take a look at a very good Late P5 at Keeneland, turf racing coming back in NY with Chad Brown unleashing some of his real nice horses off the layoff, plus the Late Pick 4 at Hawthorne ON SUNDAY for the Illinois Derby. Rumor has it yours truly has some extra cash today from last weekend's contests in Lexington, so let's get to it. Good luck today, and CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.19** (\$1,282.12 / 586)

*YTD: **\$1.87** (\$185.49 / 99)

Racetrack: Keeneland

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R6 - 10 , Post 3:40pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Late P5: 5A (\$12) - 4A1B (\$29) - 3A2B (\$23) - 4A1C (83) - TOTAL (\$147)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	7,10,11	1,12	2,8	1,2,7,8,10,11,12	\$0.50	\$98
7	3,4,5,6	1,2,8	7	1,2,3,4,5,6,8		
8	4	-	7,10,11	4		
9	4,9	-	1,3	4,9		
10	2	1, (13)	7,11	1,2,(13)		



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Pete Visco's Grid: Pete Visco's Grid: 5A (\$6) - 4A1B (\$38) - 3A2B (\$90) - 4A1C (\$23) - TOTAL (\$157)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	10,12	7,11	2	2,7,10,11,12	\$0.50	\$100
7	1,4	3,8	2,7	1,3,4,8	-	-
8	4	3,11	10	4,11	-	-
9	4	1,9	3	4	-	-
10	1,2,5	4	(13)	1,2,4,5,13	-	-

Paul Halloran's Grid: All A - \$1.50 = \$12 4A/1B - \$1 = \$48 3A/2B - \$56 4A/1C - \$20 Total: \$136

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

P5 Analysis – Races 8 – 12 (Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)

The Late Pick 5 at Keeneland today is interesting. There is a mix of wide-open races and complete cluster...you know what's. The first two races are EXTREMELY difficult and I don't trust the lower-priced horses at all. I would spread as much as possible in those two. My strongest opinion is the ML-fave Bold Act in the Elkhorn. If he loses today I'll be shocked. I'm not going deep in the Ben Ali either...and the last race I'll take some stands and not use too many, but I'll be nervous as turf sprints can be tricky and really trip-dependent.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Flightning Bolt	15-1	3	\$10 WP #6
Notes					
This maiden special weight is impossible. There's two things I feel confident in saying: 1) I don't trust the two ML-faves #4 and #8 although they can win 2) There's plenty of early speed, at least on paper. If you combine those two items, I need to go with a longer price who is unexposed, and that is the #6 Flightning Bolt . She was well-meant going off at 4-1 in a big field but broke slow, was wide into the					



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stretch, and had no chance as the top 2 got away in a quick time. I don't know if she's talented enough to win this race, but for our ROI, I'll go \$2 Place and Show as I do feel she'll make a solid run late. I'd use her underneath especially in exactas and trifectas and an insanity win bet just in case she takes the whole field down.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	4	Bold Act	3-2	5	\$30 Win #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 7,10,11

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! In the history of these Power Picks, spanning close to 3 ½ years, I don't think I've tipped out a ML-fave this low. The idea of these Spot Plays/Price Plays, in general, is to tip out horses that don't seem as obvious to the bettors. But **#4 Bold Act** is such a standout to me today in this race, I'd be remiss if I didn't say something. Even-money or even 4-5 would be value to me. Value does not have to mean a big price. If he's 4-5, percentages say he'll have a 56% chance to win. I'd say it's more like 85% today. His 4yo old debut in Meydan going the same distance as today was a thing of beauty, and he was facing much more difficult horses. He won at Keeneland last year, although barely. But based on his last run, he seems much more professional now and Dettori takes over. His stablemate #11 Sliver Knott is decent and will ensure some pace, while other threat #10 Missed the Cut has been beating up on weak competition in California. If Dettori doesn't have Bold Act in last due to a poor break, or gets in serious trouble, he'll swoop by them in the stretch. For our ROI, I'll go \$2 Ex. 4 / 10 and \$1 Ex. 4 / 7,11.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	9	War Campaign	4-1	4	\$15 WP #9 Trifecta: 9 / 3,4 / 1,2,3,4,7,8 4 / 9 / 1,2,3,4,7,8

Notes

#9 War Campaign is quickly becoming a favorite of mine. I've bet him several times with much success. And for some reason, he's usually a price. Today, he'll likely be the 2nd choice to #4 Kingsbarns. Two back, he showed more tactical speed and won at a crazy 6-1 for our Power Picks Tip Sheet players like yourself. He loves distance and has more early speed now that he's fully matured. Last time he lost to very talented First Mission off the layoff, no shame there. I'm hoping the #5 goes out hard and makes Kingsbarns work, or maybe Smile Happy will get his act together with the gelding and show more speed. Either way, Tyler G. should have War Campaign mid-pack in a good spot and hopefully run by Kingsbarns late at somewhere around 3-1.



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Racetrack: Aqueduct

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R5 - 9 , Post 4:12pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Late P5: 5A (\$12 for \$2) - 4A1B (\$21.50) - 3A2B (\$59.50) - 4A1C (\$29.50) - TOTAL \$122.50

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	1	3	2,4	1,2,4,8,11,12	\$0.50	\$96
6	4,5	1,2,6	3,7,8	2,7	-	-
7	5	1,3	6	3,5,6,7	-	-
8	3,5,7	1,6	2	8	-	-
9	1	11,(16)	3,5,6,9,12	4,5,9,10	-	-

Late P5 Analysis – Races 5 - 9

TURF RACING IS BACK IN NEW YORK!! I'm so excited to see grass racing back, and Trainer Chad Brown is unleashing some his hounds from the layoffs. I expect him to have a big day today. I'm going pretty skinny today, as I believe many of the low-price horses are going to be tough in here if ready off the layoffs. The biggest spread race for me is Leg 2, Race 6. Even though the #4 is logical, I believe many can win. I'm taking stands on the bookend races and trying to hit this Pick 5 for more than one time.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	5	Upside Potential	4-1	4	\$15 Win #5 BIG Exactas: 5 / 1,2,4,6 Smaller Exactas: 1,2,4,6 / 5

Notes

When a horse is claimed off of Chad Brown, the public will automatically downgrade his/her chances next time out. That would work to my benefit, as #5 Upside Potential is now trained by Linda Rice. But, this horse is fast and has worked well since Linda took over, plus the field is nothing special. Franco stays on and is drawn outside his main competition. On paper, he's loose on the lead, so I'm hoping he continues to improve and wins at a bit of a price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Equitize	9-2	5	\$15 WP #5

Notes

Chad has three horses entered into this high-class allowance race in the #1, #3, and Equitize. There looks to be plenty of early gas in there race, so I expect top choice and PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT, #5 Equitize to sit just off it. This horse was entered in the G1 Maker's Mark Mile last week, but instead goes into this easier spot. He'll have to run, because the rail horse is quick and Spirit of St. Louis is a VERY talented NY-bred. Equitize's Timeform Rating is excellent but Beyer number is a bit low, so we'll see which speed figure is more accurate. I think this horse will have a big year...maybe this is a stepping stone a graded stake effort next time, most likely in New York in races like the Fourstardave and others.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Beach Cruiser	5-2	4	\$20 Win #1
Notes					
As most of you know by now, I'm not a huge fan of turf sprints. But if #1 Beach Cruiser is ready off the layoff, he should beat this field off the layoff. The NY-bred faced open stakes company last time at Gulfstream, and this is a much easier spot. You would think Clement has him ready to go, and just has to work out a trip from the rail. He's no cinch, but others, don't really entice and these connections are usually well-meant (Reeves Thoroughbred Racing).					

Racetrack: Hawthorne Racecourse – SUNDAY Illinois Derby Day / Contest

Welcome to Illinois Derby Day! Today's racing will be excellent, and the pool sizes should be enhanced as the Illinois Derby Contest (\$800 buy-in) will infuse money into the tote and create equity throughout the card. Good luck to those who are playing.

ABC Grids – Pick 4; R6 – 9 , Post 6pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	8	7,9	1	7,8	\$0.50	\$36
7	1,2,6	3	-	1,2,6	-	-
8	1	3,4	5	1,3,4	-	-
9	4,5	1,3	2	1,3,4,5	-	-

Howard Kravets' Selections:

Race 6: 8 - 7 - 9

Pick 4 Ticket: 7,8,9 / 1,2,3,6 / 1,3 / 1,3,4,5 (\$48)

The last time #8 **Time Heist (5-2)** hit the track, he was super-impressive in victory. The running line doesn't even tell the whole story. Giles rode with the utmost confidence, didn't even ask the horse until



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the far turn, and blew by the competition with ease despite being on the wrong lead most of the stretch. A repeat of that effort will make him tough here.

Race 7: 6 - 1 - 2

I believe this race has a chance to fall apart. If it does, there are two logical choices, the #2 and #6. I'll go with the horse that I believe will be the higher price of the two, **#6 Silent Sunday (9-2)**. He has races on the dirt back in California that would be competitive here, and his synthetic starts have been on par with most of this field. The heavy favorite, Richiesonaroll, will take a ton of money. But he's hard to trust if he doesn't have the lead, and there's no guarantee that will happen with the presence of the #3. This is a very important race for the Illinois Derby Contest...if the #1 loses, the leaderboard will change dramatically in my opinion.

Race 8 (Illinois Derby): 1 - 3 - 4

Welcome back, Illinois Derby!! The \$200k 9-furlong race for 3yo's brings together a small but competitive field. The winner will get an automatic bid to the Preakness Stakes, the 2nd leg of the Triple Crown. There is enough early speed in this race to set up for a mid-pack / closing-type runner, and therefore I'll go with the **#1 Real Men Violin (3-1)** for jockey Reylu Guterrez and trainer Ken McPeck. At his best, I feel he is the most talented horse, although he has not shown that speed in his last two races. It should be mentioned that the jock just wrapped up on him in mid-stretch in the Louisiana Derby, so the losing margin was exaggerated. That being said, it wasn't a good effort. However, since that race, he's recorded two solid works and Reylu was on him in that last work. If he runs back to any of his races at the end of 2023, I believe he'll beat this field. #3 Raguel for Brendan Walsh should improve with some time off and blinkers on, and #4 Woodcourt has run two competitive races back-to-back. This is a fun rendition of the Illinois Derby.

Race 9: 5 - 1 - 4

#5 Gimme the Candy (3-1) will try and wire the field again today to close out the card. He's very quick and will be gunning for the lead for sure. There is other speed in here, so Gimme will have to be at his best. In addition, he has to stretch out to 6f, so he's no sure thing. However, many horses in here do not like to pass others, so maybe the speed of the speed will prevail.

REMEMBER, HAWTHORNE HAS THE LOWEST WPS TAKEOUT IN THE COUNTRY AT 12%, and a low Pick 5 takeout as well, SO SUPPORT THIS TRACK!!

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



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