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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Kentucky Oaks Day!! Today's card at Churchill Downs is outstanding as usual for this big day, with many stake races and excellent betting opportunities. Races start bright and early, 1st post is 10:30am EST on this 13-race card. AS ALWAYS, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!! The weather today could be a huge factor. There are thunderstorms scheduled (but not an all-day affair), so be aware of track conditions. I doubt the turf stakes will be taken off the grass, but possibly Race 4 could. Unless there's a deluge, the turf fields should hold together. Good luck with all of your wagers!!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.17** (\$1,296.02 / 596)

*YTD: \$1.83 (\$199.39 / 109)

**NOTE: This week's format is different than our usual Power Picks editions. Each of my co-hosts will be contributing in different ways. We've all worked very hard to give you the best information possible. Pick and choose your bets wisely, as there are 27 races this weekend at Churchill...budget accordingly, and as always, go with your best opinions!



Today's Picks

** For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and click on the "Power Picks" tab on the top of the page for more information on how to read an "ABC" Grid and place bets using the "ABC" Method. Churchill Downs does NOT allow bets through DRF Bets ADW's, so you'd have to manually punch in horizontal tickets if using this method.

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

ABC Grid – Full Card

Howard Kravets' Grid (all picks assume turf races stay on grass)

Race	Α	В	С
1	4,6	3	1,7,9
2	9,11	1	7
3	3,8	2,5,10	ı
4	3,11	4,5,10	1,6,8,12
5	4,6	5	ı
6	2,8	3,6	5,9
7	3	1,4,7,10	6
8	6	2,5,12	1,4,10,11
9	1,7	2	11
10	4,6,10	9	2
11	5,13	8,14	3,11
12	7,8	1,6,11	3
13	2,7,8	3	1

All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 Ticket (R7 - 11)...Total is \$106:

#1: 3 / 5,6,12 / 1,2,7 / 4,6,9,10 / 5,8,11,13,14 (\$90) Main Ticket

#2: 1,4,7,10 / 6 / 1,7 / 4,6,9,10 / 5 (\$16) This ticket "backs-up" the single in R7 on main ticket

Pete Visco's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	4,6	5	-	-	-	-
6	2,10	3,5,8	1,6,9	-	-	-
7	3,10	1,7	6	3,10	\$0.50	\$108
8	4,6	5,9,12	2,10	4,6	-	-
9	1,2,7	9,11	6,12	1,2,7	-	-
10	4,9	10	1,5,6	4,9,10	-	-
11	5,8,13	11,12,14	3,9	5,8,11,12,13,14	-	-



Paul Halloran's All-Stakes Grid:

Race	Α	В	С	C Caveman Picks		Caveman Cost
5	4,5,6	-	-	-	-	-
6	5,9	3,8	2,10	-	-	-
7	3,10	1,6	5,7	3,10	\$0.50	\$100
8	2,6	4,5,10	7,11	2,4,5,6,10	-	-
9	1,7	-	-	1,7	-	-
10	4,9	5,6	10,11	4,9	-	-
11	8,13	5,11	12,14	5,8,11,13,14	-	-

Top 3 Picks for each FRIDAY STAKES Race

Name	Race 5:	Race 6:	Race 7:	Race 8:
	La Troienne	Unbridled Sidney	Alysheba	Modesty
Howard	Idiomatic	Ag Bullet	First Mission	Surprisingly
	Xigera	Ova Charged	Call Me Fast	Mouffy
	Pretty Mischievous	Miss Speedy	Tapit Trice	Aspen Grove
Paul	Pretty Mischievous	Secret Money	First Mission	Aspen Grove
	Xigera	Elm Drive	Tumbarumba	Mouffy
	Idiomatic	Tony Ann	Trademark	Surprisingly
Pete	Idiomatic	Ova Charged	First Mission	Surprisingly
	Xigera	Tony Ann	Trademark	Heavenly Sunday
	Pretty Mischievous	Ag Bullet	Tapit Trice	Mouffy
Kyle	Pretty Mischievous	Ova Charged	First Mission	Surprisingly
	Idiomatic	Ag Bullet	Tumbarumba	Heavenly Sunday
	Xigera	Secret Money	Tapit Trice	Mouffy
Patrick	Idiomatic	Ag Bullet	Trademark	Surprisingly
	Dorth Vader	Ova Charged	First Mission	Aspen Grove
	Xigera	Tony Ann	Tapit Trice	Heavenly Sunday



Charlie	Idiomatic	Ova Charged	First Mission	Surprisingly
	Pretty Mischievous	Tony Ann	Money Supply	Heavenly Sunday
	Xigera	Stone Silent	Steal Sunshine	Mouffy
Noah	Idiomatic	Ova Charged	First Mission	Heavenly Sunday
	Xigera	Stone Silent	Steal Sunshine	Surprisingly
	Pretty Mischievous	Ag Bullet	Call Me Fast	Sparkle Blue

Name	Race 9:	Race 10:	Race 11:
	Eight Belles	Edgewood	Kentucky Oaks
Howard	Impel	Pounce	Thorpedo Anna
	Denim and Pearls	Buchu	Just F Y I
	All Things Go	Dynamic Pricing	Leslie's Rose
Paul	Impel	Buchu	Just F Y I
	Denim and Pearls	Pounce	Tarifa
	Accommodate Eva	Hard to Justify	Ways and Means
Pete	Denim and Pearls	Buchu	Just F Y I
	Impel	Hard to Justify	Thorpedo Anna
	All Things Go	Dynamic Pricing	Tarifa
Kyle	Denim and Pearls	Dynamic Pricing	Tarifa
	Impel	Buchu	Ways and Means
	All Things Go	Pounce	Leslie's Rose
Patrick	Denim and Pearls	Hard to Justify	Thorpedo Anna
	Tanya Showers	Pounce	Just F Y I
	Impel	Buchu	Where's My Ring
Charlie	Denim and Pearls	Hard to Justify	Tarifa
	Impel	Buchu	Ways and Means
	All Things Go	Pounce	Thorpedo Anna
Noah	Impel	Buchu	Tarifa
	Denim and Pearls	Dynamic Pricing	Ways and Means
	Halina's Forte	Scalable	Leslie's Rose

Best Bets - STAKES RACES ONLY

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	11th - Kentucky Oaks	#5 - Thorpedo Anna
Paul	11th - Kentucky Oaks	#13 - Just F Y I
Pete	9th - Eight Belles	#7 - Denim and Pearls



Kyle	9th - Eight Belles	#7 - Denim and Pearls
Patrick	6th - Unbridled Sidney	#8 - Ag Bullet
Charlie	7th - Alysheba	#3 - First Mission
Noah	9th - Eight Belles	#1 - Impel

Top Longshot - STAKE RACES ONLY

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	10th - Edgewood	#6 - Pounce
Paul	8th - Modesty	#5 - Mouffy
Pete	10th - Edgewood	#10 - Dynamic Pricing
Kyle	10th - Edgewood	#10 - Dynamic Pricing
Patrick	11th - Kentucky Oaks	#3 - Where's My Ring
Charlie	6th - Unbridled Sidney	#10 - Tony Ann
Noah	#10 - Edgewood	#3 - Scalable

Howard's P5 Analysis – Races 7-11

The All-Graded Stakes Late Pick 5 that ends in the Oaks is always a great sequence with a big opportunity for massive scores, especially if you can beat the favorites. There are a few possible "singles" to choose from if you go that route. On days like this, it's best to have a bigger bankroll if playing horizontally. If your pocketbook / budget is a bit limited, I'd stay away from Pick 4's and Pick 5's, etc....and focus on win bets and exactas. There's plenty of value to be found this weekend!

I'll be leaning on a few horses in the P5 sequence. #3 First Mission in the first leg will be tough if he runs back to many of his starts. You could single there, and if you lose, just play the Pick 4 then! I like #6 Surprisingly in the next, but probably wouldn't single on a bigger ticket. The next two (R9 and 10) seem a bit formfull, but I'm interested in #6 Pounce in the Edgewood (R10) at a price. I would definitely save some "powder" for the Oaks. This year's rendition came up tough with several contenders...a certain spread race for me in horizontals. Good luck!!



Price/Spot Play(s) — Howard Kravets (Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
					\$25 Win #9
2	9	Sidamara	4-1	5	BIG Exactas: 9 / 1,11
					Smaller Exactas: 1,11 / 9

Notes

This competitive 2-turn allowance race for the girls has two horses in the field that REALLY impressed me the last time they ran. One of them is the #11 Sedona for West Point Thoroughbreds, who will relish going longer and is impeccably bred. But my top choice is #9 Sidamara. She was excellent in her debut, just losing by over a length. Last time, she had every excuse to lose...was in between horses early, had to steady back a few times, then came with a big, wide late run and won easier than it looked. She's super-talented and should be stalking with the right trip to mow them down late. Possible single in the early part of the card for yours truly.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Prove Worthy	6-1	4	\$10 WP #3

Notes

In a race full of early speed and a ML-fave that could be tough, don't sleep on one of the few closers in the race, #3 Prove Worthy. The Norm Casse trainee is making his 2nd start off the layoff and could be an improving, unexposed 4yo by Curlin. He's worked great at CD and might be ready to fire another big effort at an OK price. Use everywhere vertically, including your exactas and trifectas. Very interesting horse in this spot today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	Ag Bullet	5-1	3	\$10 Win, \$20 Place #8 Trifectas: 8 / 2,3,5,6,9 / 2,3,5,6,9 2,3,6 / 8 / 2,3,5,6,9

Notes

As many of you know from watching/listening to our podcast, I'm not a big fan of turf sprints in general. But I do like the looks of #8 Ag Bullet in this spot. She figures to get a nice trip just outside the speed, and should have the stamina based on her last two, which were at 6 1/2f down the hill out West. This is an aggressive spot for trainer Baltas to put the Twirling Candy filly into, and if she's ready to fire and handles a possible wetter turf course, she could be very dangerous here. Having Rispoli in the irons doesn't hurt either.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
<mark>10</mark>	<mark>6</mark>	<mark>Pounce</mark>	<mark>10-1</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	\$20 WP #6

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS!! On days like this, it's either "go big or go home." And that's the case with my biggest play today...taking a stab with #6 Pounce in a competitive rendition of the Edgewood S. I talked about her at length on our Oaks Preview Pick 5 Show, Ep. 355. I loved her two efforts previous to the last at Keeneland. She won on the lead and coming from behind vs. nice ones. But last time, she was cooked 3-wide into a fast pace where the race completely collapsed up front. Now, maybe she's just a GP-lover and wants it firm, which she might not get Friday. But, if she can run back to either of those winning efforts, she's got a huge shot at a price. And, there's not as much early speed today as last time. Hoping Castellano puts her in a comfortable spot



	talking the speed and she runs them down late. She'll need her best…there are some nice fillies in
ì	<mark>ere.</mark>

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	5	Thorpedo Anna	5-1	4	\$20 Win #5 BIG Exactas: 5 / 8,11,13,14 Smaller Exactas: 13,14 / 5

Notes

This year's Kentucky Oaks is a great betting race full of talented horses, especially on the top end. The bulky field has plenty of early speed, which is partially why I'm going with Thorpedo Anna. She doesn't need the lead like many others, and I loved her comeback win at Oaklawn. Although the field wasn't anything special, she won like the real deal and blew them out of the water. Last year, she won well at Churchill and looked like something special. I think she'll get a nice trip stalking the speed, and then make her move on the far turn and grind them down late. She'll have to be at her best, as she faces serious fillies such as Tarifa, Just F Y I, Leslie's Rose, and others. If we get anywhere near her morning line, I might be making an unhealthy (but hopefully profitable) win bet. I think she'll go off at more like 4-1, but I'd still love her at that price. Good luck in the Oaks!

Horizontal Plays for Oaks Day / 2-Day Bets:

Kyle Roscoe

Oaks / Turf Classic / Derby Pick3 - (\$0.50 base bet)

8,11,13,14 / 1,4,5,6,9,11 / 2,8 (\$48 for \$1)

Patrick Kuenzel

Early Pick 4 (R2 - 5) (\$0.50 base bet):

1,7,9,11 / 3,5,8 / 3,4,10,11 / 4,7 (\$96 for \$1)

Charlie Freeman

Middle Pick 5 (R5 – 9) (\$0.50 base bet):

4,5,6 / 2,3,5,10 / 3 / 1,4,5,6 / 1,7 (\$96 for \$1)

Kentucky Oaks Late Pick 5 (R7 – 11) (\$0.50 base bet):

3 / 1,4,5,6 / 1,7 / 4,6,9 / 3,5,8,11,12,13,14 (\$84 for \$0.50)



Noah Meagher

Oaks / Derby Double (\$1 base bet, \$90 total):

8,11,14/2 (\$20 x 3 - \$60)

8/2,8,17 (\$10 x 3 - \$30)

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

