



Power Picks

KENTUCKY DERBY.



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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Kentucky Derby Day!! Today's card at Churchill Downs is filled with stakes, big fields, and tremendous betting opportunities. Budget accordingly, and make sure you bet your strongest opinions! The card starts at 10:30am EST and will end around 8:35pm. Today is a marathon, not a sprint. Based on the weather yesterday and potential this morning, expect the main track to start as wet/sloppy. However, it is supposed to clear up in the afternoon, and CD is known for drying up quickly. I'm expecting a fast track for the Derby (6:57pm EST), or at least listed good.

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES....these might alter throughout the day, so pay attention to the tote board. In general, I'm playing a little lighter in the early part of the card and spending more money on the Pick 5 that ends in the Derby. Unless of course Friday was good to me, then I'll be firing all day! I wish you much success today...based on the big, competitive fields, you can score big if you're lucky....CRUSH YOUR BETS!!

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)



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	A	B	C
1	2	1,6,7	3
2	8	2,6	-
3	11	2,9	1
4	2,6,11	1,3	7
5	8,10	4,14	7
6	10	7,8	2,4
7	3,6,11,12	7	2,8
8	12	7,8,10,11	2,5
9	5	6,10,11,13,14	3
10	4,10	6,7,9,11	2,13
11	5,6	1,4,11	-
12	2,4,17	7,11,15	8
13	2,7,9	4,13	1,11
14	1,3,8,12	6	-

All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 Ticket (R8 - 12):

#1: 7,8,10,11,12 / 5,6,10,11,13,14 / 4,10 / 5,6 / 2,4,7,17 (\$240) BIG BUDGET

#2: 7,8,12 / 5,13 / 4,10 / 5,6 / 2,4,7,17 (\$48) SMALL BUDGET



Pete Visco's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	6	1,7,9,10	2	-	-	-
5	4,8,14	10,13	2,3	-	-	-
6	7,10	1,3	-	-	-	-
7	3,11	2,6	1,7	-	-	-
8	7,8,12	5,11	6	7,8,12	\$0.50	\$108
9	5,6	7,10,13,14	3,11	5,6	-	-
10	4,6,11	3,10	2	4,6,11	-	-
11	6,11	5,7	1,2	5,6,11	-	-
12	2,4,7,17	8,11,15	6,18	2,4,7,17	-	-

Paul Halloran's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

4	6	1,11	10	-	-	-
5	3,8	4,10,12	1,2,14	-	-	-
6	7,10	1,9	3	-	-	-
7	7,11	1,12	3,8	-	-	-
8	8,12	7	5	8,12	\$0.50	\$100
9	5	6,11	3,10,13,14	5,6,10,11,14	-	-
10	2,6	4,11	1,9	2,6	-	-
11	5,6,11	1	4,7	1,5,6,7,11	-	-
12	2,17	4,7,19	8,,15	2,17	-	-



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Top 3 Picks for Each GRADED STAKES Race

Name	Race 5: Twin Spires Turf Sprint	Race 6: Derby City Distaff	Race 7: Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	Race 8: Pat Day Mile
Howard	Big Invasion Mischief Magic Motorious	Vahva Alva Starr Sterling Silver	Delahaye Chili Flag Coppice	Nash Who Dey Top Conor
Paul	Coppola Mischief Magic Big Invasion	Alva Starr Vahva Red Carpet Ready	Evvie Jets Coppice Ag Bullet	Nash Top Conor Who Dey
Pete	Mischief Magic Motorious Cogburn	Vahva Alva Starr Three Witches	Coppice Chili Flag Delahaye	Who Dey Nash Top Conor
Kyle	Big Invasion Mischief Magic Motorius	Vahva Alva Starr Red Carpet Ready	Coppice Chili Flag Evvie Jets	Nash Top Conor Who Dey
Patrick	Motorious Mischief Magic Mo Stash	Vahva Alva Starr Three Witches	Coppice Evvie Jets Chili Flag	Nash Carbone Top Conor
Charlie	Big Invasion Motorius Mischief Magic	Vahva Alva Starr Three Witches	Chili Flag Delahaye Coppice	Top Conor Nash Seize the Grey
Noah	Motorious Mo Stash Cogburn	Alva Starr Vahva Sterling Silver	Coppice Evvie Jets Chili Flag	Nash Top Conor Otto the Conqueror

Name	Race 9: American Turf	Race 10: Churchill Downs	Race 11: Turf Classic
Howard	Legend of Time Can Group Cugino	Mr. Wireless Gun Pilot Zozos	I'm Very Busy Program Trading Integration
Paul	Legend of Time Cugino Agate Road	Zozos Tejano Twist Mr. Wireless	Naval Power Integration I'm Very Busy



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Pete	Neat Legend of Time Can Group	Hoist the Gold Mr. Wireless Zozos	Naval Power I'm Very Busy Program Trading
Kyle	Legend of Time Cugino Stay Hot	Zozos Mr. Wireless Tejano Twist	Integration I'm Very Busy Naval Power
Patrick	Legend of Time Set Agate Road	Gun Pilot Zozos Mr. Wireless	Program Trading I'm Very Busy Naval Power
Charlie	Legend of Time Cugino Lagynos	Tejano Twist Mr. Wireless Zozos	I'm Very Busy Naval Power Program Trading
Noah	Legend of Time Can Group Cugino	Gun Pilot Mr. Wireless Hoist the Gold	Program Trading I'm Very Busy Naval Power

Name	Race 12: KENTUCKY DERBY
Howard	Sierra Leone Catching Freedom Fierceness Honor Marie
Paul	Sierra Leone Resilience Just a Touch Catching Freedom
Pete	Catching Freedom Fierceness Sierra Leone Honor Marie
Kyle	Sierra Leone Just a Touch Resilience Catching Freedom
Patrick	Sierra Leone Just a Touch Forever Young Domestic Product



Charlie	Sierra Leone Catching Freedom Just a Touch Just Steel
Noah	Sierra Leone Just a Touch Fierceness Catching Freedom

Best Bets - STAKES RACES ONLY

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	6th - Derby City Distaff	#10 - Vahva
Paul	11th - Turf Classic	#11 - Naval Power
Pete	6th - Derby City Distaff	#10 - Vahva
Kyle	8th - Pat Day Mile	#12 - Nash
Patrick	11th - Turf Classic	#5 - Program Trading
Charlie	7th - Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	#3 - Chili Flag
Noah	#9 - American Turf	#5 - Legend of Time

Top Longshot - STAKE RACES ONLY

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	9th - American Turf	#13 - Can Group
Paul	5th - Turf Sprint	#3 - Coppola
Pete	8th - Pat Day Mile	#7 - Who Dey
Kyle	4th - Knicks Go	#8 - Strava
Patrick	9th - American Turf	#10 - Set
Charlie	9th - American Turf	#3 - Lagynos
Noah	#10th - Churchill Downs	#10 - Gun Pilot



Howard's P5 Analysis – Races 8-12

The All-Graded Stakes Late Pick 5 that ends in the Derby is always one of the best plays of the year due to the massive pool size / equity it generates (\$5mil +?). Depending on your opinion of the Derby, you don't necessarily have to play a big ticket, but it sure does help. To complicate matters, the turf course might have some "give" in it based on the weather forecast this weekend, so I would upgrade horses that have proven form on softer turf. I believe there are some possible standouts early in the Pick 5 with Nash and Legend of Time. While they're not cinches, they are likely winners if they run their best in my opinion. I would definitely use others in the first two legs however. You could go plenty deep in R10, where I don't like the lower-priced morning line horses at all. I'll be trying to find value there. If I'm Very Busy runs to his last two, he'll be tough in the big turf race before the Derby. And in the Derby, well....you all know who I'm rooting for, but of course will use a bunch of other horses in the Run for the Roses.

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)
2	2	Zawish	12-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place, \$25 Show
Notes					
I'll start my Spot Plays today with a horse that is unlikely to win, but I believe could make some noise underneath at a big price. #2 Zawish really improved towards the end of last year, albeit on turf. Trainer Helen Pitts has excellent numbers off the layoff and Hernandez knows this gal well. She's been working smartly for her return. My main theme of this race is that I don't trust the ML-faves, so I'm hoping Zawish can at least finish in the money. I like her tactical style...save ground and grab a piece in the lane. For our ROI, I'll go \$1 Place and Show.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	2	Denington	6-1	4	\$15 WP #2
Notes					
Knicks Go, who this race is named after, was a stone-cold speed horse, and a darn good one. It's ironic then, that I love a closer in #2 Denington. I know this horse well. He's honest and wins once in a while when getting a setup, and today I think he will. I despised him last time and was fortunately correct...that was a means to an end and a total prep for this. He's 2-for-5 at Churchill and should get a wicked pace in front of him. I expect him to save ground, tip out in the lane, and have a great chance to run them down with the right trip.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	10	Vahva	3-1	5	\$40 Win #10



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THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!! Welcome to Round 3 of the Alva Starr v. Vahva battle. They've split the first two meetings, with Alva Starr winning last time. But I believe Irad made a crucial yet minor mistake on the turn and let Alva Starr get away a bit. That won't happen this time, and there's plenty of early speed for Vahva to track and pounce. I'm hoping to get 5-2...I'll be making a big win bet on her if she's that price. She's also been working well and is undefeated at Churchill.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	Who Dey	10-1	4	\$15 WP #7 BIG Exactas: 7 / 8,10,11,12 Smaller Exactas: 8,10,11,12 / 7

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The Pat Day Mile is always a fun race. And unless you believe Nash is a sure thing, this race is wide open. #7 Who Dey improved his Beyer greatly in his last effort at Keeneland, and while he was a non-threatening 2nd, he galloped out way past the winner a before they hit the first turn after the wire....he wants to go longer. Plus, there's a ton of early speed on paper, and the pace could get hot. There are no superstars in this rendition (unless Vlahos freaks again) and is ripe for a fresh face and price shots to flourish.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	13	Can Group	15-1	4	\$15 WP #13

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The American Turf is another wide-open affair unless you believe Legend of Time is a star...I'm not sure he is. Can Group got the worst of it when facing many of these at Keeneland last time. He was 4-wide first turn and 3-4 wide on the far turn. But, he kept trying and only finished 2 ½ lengths behind the winner, who returns here. There's more early pace in the race today, and his closing kick is one of the best in the field. He was excellent last year and only lost by 2 lengths in the BC Juvenile Turf. If Flavian can figure out a trip from the outside slot, which is no easy feat, he could blow up the tote board at double-digit odds. For our ROI, we'll go \$1 Win and \$3 to Place.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	2	Sierra Leone	3-1	5	\$25 Win #2

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You knew this was coming. Our Derby Future hopeful Sierra Leone is an awesome specimen who cost \$2.3mil at the sales and has lived up to his billing. He's 3-for-4 lifetime and has been about as visually impressive as possible in the stretch. The pace in this year's Derby figures to be honest at the minimum, and he'll be flying in the lane. There are really only two questions: 1) Will Fierceness be too good and get the trip he desires? 2) Will Sierra Leone be able to weave through the field? I hope the



answers are “no” and “yes”. If Sierra Leone wins, yours truly will be very happy, along with 9 other people who joined me in our podcast’s Future Bet at 150-1 way back in November.

Horizontal Plays for Derby Day:

Kyle Roscoe

\$3 3YO Pick3 (\$3 Base Bet):

12 / 5,6,7,10,11,14 / 2,4,8,17,19 (\$90)

12 / 5 / 2,4,7,8,17,19 (\$18)

Patrick Kuenzel

Early Pick 4 (R2 – 5):

4,6,8,11 / 11 / 1,2,6,7,11 / 4,5,8,10 (\$40 for \$0.50)

Charlie Freeman

Middle Pick 5 (R5 – R9) (\$0.50 Base Bet):

4,8,10 / 7,10 / 3,6,7,11 / 8,12 / 3,5,6,11 (\$96 for \$0.50)

Kentucky Derby Late Pick 5 (R8 – R12) (\$0.50 Base Bet):

8,12 / 3,5,11 / 2,4,6,11 / 5,6,11 / 2,4,8 (\$108 for \$0.50)



Noah Meagher

Kentucky Derby Late Pick 5 (R8 – R12) (\$0.50 Base Bet):

4,8,12/5/2,4,6,10,11/5,6,11/2,8,17 (\$67.50 for \$0.50)

\$3 3YO Pick 3 (\$3 Base Bet)

4,8,12/5/2,8,17 (\$27 for \$3)

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

