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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 AS THESE PICKS ARE BEING SENT OUT THE DAY BEFORE THE RACES. Good luck with all of your wagers!!

Spot/Price Play ROI

Overall ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.58	\$772.59 / 302	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.
YTD ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.48	\$215.74 / 87	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.

Last Week's Scores - April 29, 2023

Racetrack: Santa Anita

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amt.
8	4 - Club Aspen	2nd	\$15 Win/Place (\$30) - 4	\$42.00



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Scores - April 22, 2023

Racetrack: Keeneland

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amt.
6	Howard's P5	Win (4/5)	\$0.50 ABC 4A's and 1B (\$35) - 6,7 / 7 / 4,7,9 / 1,4,5 / 5 \$0.50 Caveman (\$80) - 6,7 / 7 / 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9 / 1,4,5,6,7 / 3,5	\$435.35
9	5 - Rattle N Roll	1st	\$20 Win (\$20) - 5	\$79.80
10	5 - Front Run the Fed	1st	\$5 Win (\$5) - 5 \$15 Place (\$15) - 5	\$65.80 \$96.30

Racetrack: Oaklawn

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amt.
8	Howard's P5	Win	\$0.50 ABC 3A's & 2B's (\$74) - 1,7,10,12 / 2 / 4 / 4,6 / 1,7	\$248.15
8	7 - Wildwood Bye	2nd	\$15 Place/Show (\$30) - 7	\$192.00
11	9 - Tapit Shoes	2nd	\$5 Small Exacta (\$10 - Example Amount) - 4,6 / 9	\$81.50

***NOTE: This week's format is slightly 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!*

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Today's Picks

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Racetrack: Churchill Downs

ABC Grid – Full Card

Howard Kravets' Grid:

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

Pete Visco's All-Stakes Grid: Pick 5 is R7 – 11: 5A (\$27) - 4A1B (\$63) - 3A2B (\$51) - 4A1C (\$54) - TOTAL (\$195)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	1,3,4	2,5	-	-	-	-
6	2,7	1,6	4,5,8	-	-	-
7	9	-	-	9	\$0.50	\$90.00
8	9,11	1,8	-	1,9,11	-	-
9	1,4,10	2	6,7	1,2,4,6,10	-	-
10	5,9,11	3,6	7,10	5,9,11	-	-
11	4,7,11	6	13,14	4,6,7,11	-	-



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Paul Halloran's All-Stakes Grid: Pick 5 is R7 – 11: 5A (\$16 for \$1) - 4A1B (\$44) - 3A2B (\$92 - 4A1C (\$48) - TOTAL (\$200)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	1,4	2	3		-	-
6	2,6,7	-	8		-	-
7	9	6,8	5	5,6,9	P5	\$108
8	1,11	8	3,6	1,11	-	-
9	2,4	6,7	9,10	2,4,6	-	-
10	3,9	6,11	5,10	3,6,9	-	-
11	4,7	5,6	2,11,13,14	4,5,6,7	-	-

Howard's P5 Analysis – Races 7-11

The All-Stakes Pick 5 that ends in the Oaks is not as challenging, in theory, as many of these big days could be. The reason is the presence of two likely winners / big favorites in the first two legs. How you value their chances will go a long way in determining how much money you need to spend to hit this ticket. I'm going to try harder to beat one of them, Munny's Gold, in the first leg. I'll weigh more heavily on Caravel in the 2nd leg. R9 and R10 are wide-open, while I'm focusing on only three horses in the Oaks, with back-ups just in case at bigger prices. It should be a fun sequence with great horses in every leg!

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)
1	3	Two Minute Lick	20-1	3	\$10 Place and Show #3 Use underneath in exactas and trifectas

Notes

It's the first race of the day, so why not go with a bomb!?! I will readily admit, this horse needs to show a LOT more than she has so far, so tread lightly. BUT, there are a few things I like that might not be so obvious at first glance. Trainer Rusty Arnold is underrated and a patient guy who develops horses slowly, and this is an aggressive spot....he knows these races on Oaks Day will be loaded with talent. She cost \$200k at auction, so she was well-meant from the get-go. There are a ton of next-out winners in her running lines...she's faced VERY good fillies up until this point, and this race is very weak for the level in my opinion. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, she's been working much better than earlier in her career and has blinkers on. Maybe she just can't run, but at a monster price, I'm throwing her in underneath in my vertical bets and betting some place and show money, which I usually don't do. For purposes of our Spot/Price Play ROI, it's a #1 Place and Show on the #3. If this horse finishes in the Top 4, I'd consider it a good opinion.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	1	Smokin' T	6-1	4	\$15 WP #1 Big Ex. 1 / 6,12 Smaller Ex. 6,12 / 1

Notes

The first turf race of the day is a nice allowance affair, and I like the #1 Smokin' T. This War Front colt is starting to put it together and has a nice cozy inside post. Johnny V. takes the mount, and he figures to get a good trip. His main competition is #6 Point Me Bye, but he's no killer. If the #13 Price Talk gets into the race off the AE List, I'd downgrade Smokin' T's chances...Price Talk is the class of the field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	8	Accede	5-1	4	\$10 Win, \$25 Place BIG Exacta 9/8 Small Exacta 8/9

Notes

Munny's Gold, the #9 in this race, will be awfully tough if she runs near her best. But, there's other speed, and this is by far the toughest test she's faced. I'm very intrigued by the fact Chad Brown, who I've spoken to and is generally conservative, places this horse in such an aggressive spot on a big day instead of an N1X allowance. I don't have inside intel on this horse specifically, but I love her maiden-breaker, she's worked very well since, and Juddmonte doesn't mess around. She'll have to improve 10 points and Munny regress, but I think both are possible. I hope she breaks well, stalks on the outside, and makes a big move late. For the spot Play ROI, we'll go \$1 win on Accede and \$2 Ex. 9-8, \$1 Ex. 8-9.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Classy Edition	8-1	4	\$10 Win and Place \$1 Trifecta 6 / 2,4,10 / 1,2,4,7,9,10 2,10 / 6 / 1,2,4,7,9,10 2,10 / 1,2,4,7,9,10 / 6

Notes

This might be one of the best, most competitive races of the entire weekend. It could be a BC Distaff right now, it's that good. Classy Edition is aggressively placed here by Todd Pletcher, and the NY-bred has done nothing wrong in her first two starts of 2023, albeit much softer spots. Based on breeding, distance will be her friend, and I love her post. There's speed to her inside and outside, so I expect Irad (who will lower her price) to stalk midpack with a nice trip. She's gonna have to run the race of



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her life, but some of these girls are coming off of a layoff, and I'm against #4 Secret Oath here. As you can see in my plays, I'd use Classy Edition in all spots in the trifecta plus a win/place bet, hoping to get somewhere around 6-1. We're gonna find out just how good she is today!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	11	Revalita	5-1	5	\$25 Win #11

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!! Race 10 is a nice stake for 3yo girls on the turf. I'm looking for horses that have more upside / less starts than some of the ones that have been running throughout the winter/spring. With the presence of Irad on the #5, I'm hoping bettors will gravitate to that one more than my top choice, Revalita, the "other" Chad (have we heard that before??!!). Revalita made a huge move into a slow pace last time at speed-favoring Gulfstream on very firm and somewhat unkept turf. Today is totally different...Churchill's turf is lush and thick, and could have some moisture in it based on forecasts. She was making her stateside debut last time and broke typically slow. Jose Ortiz rode her and the filly / jock learned a lot about each other. My only concern is there does not appear to be a bunch of early speed and she has the far outside post. I'm hoping Jose tucks her in, makes a bit of an earlier move than last time, and mows them down late. I'm pretty confident she'll be the fastest in the stretch....will she get there? I hope so at around 4-1. I'll also be playing straight doubles into the Oaks: 11 / 7 BIG.... 11 / 4,6 smaller.

Kentucky Oaks quick thoughts (Howard): Please watch Ep. 254 for more details on my opinions of the Oaks, but in general, I believe this is a 3-horse race between #7 Wet Paint (top choice), #4 Southlawn (price horse), and #6 Botanical. I really don't think anyone else realistically should win. Underneath, I'm interested a bit in #13 Affirmative Lady, whom I strongly believe will love the extra distance and close hard in the stretch based on breeding. She's in great hands with Graham Motion and can run all day, plus there's plenty of early speed to set up a closing kick. I'm going 7-4-6-13 in the Oaks, good luck!!

Key Stats of the Day (Pete Visco) – Kentucky Oaks

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Race	PP	Horse	Stat Details	Wins / Starts	Stat Win %	Excl. Win %
				ITM / Starts	Stat ITM %	Excl. ITM %
11	1	Mimi Kakushi	City of Light – Sire-Side Dirt Routes	1/37	3%	14%
				15/37	41%	-
11	2	The Alys Look	Cox/Castellano - Graded Stakes	3/24	13%	25%
				14/24	58%	58%



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11	3	Gambling Girl	Pletcher – Graded Stakes Dirt Routes at CD	2/41 10/41	5% 24%	22% 52%
11	3	Gambling Girl	Pletcher/Ortiz - Grade 1 Dirt Routes	15/36 22/36	42% 61%	21% 51%
11	4	Southlawn	Casse – Grade 1 and 2	1/24 6/24	4% 25%	19% 45%
11	4	Southlawn	Casse/Gutierrez - Dirt Routes (SSS)	3/7 5/7	43% 71%	18% 44%
11	5	Wonder Wheel	Casse – Graded Stakes at CD	3/60 17/60	5% 28%	16% 43%
11	5	Wonder Wheel	Casse – 3yo Female Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	1/23 9/23	4% 39%	16% 43%
11	5	Wonder Wheel	Casse/Rosario - On Dirt	1/9 8/19	5% 42%	16% 43%
11	6	Botanical	Cox – Synthetic-to-Dirt in Stakes in Past 1 Year (SSS)	2/3 3/3	67% 100%	25% 57%
11	6	Botanical	Cox – Winner Last Out in Grade 1 Dirt Routes	24/59 43/59	41% 73%	25% 57%
11	7	Wet Paint	Cox/Prat - Graded Stakes	10/23 15/23	43% 65%	25% 58%
11	8	Promiseher America	Handal – Graded Stakes	1/29 2/29	3% 7%	16% 45%
11	8	Promiseher America	Handal/Vargas - Past 4 Months (SSS)	5/14 7/14	36% 50%	14% 44%
11	9	And Tell Me Nolies	Miller – 3yo Grade 1 (SSS)	1/14 2/14	7% 14%	20% 49%
11	9	And Tell Me Nolies	Miller – Graded Stakes Dirt Routes in KY (SSS)	0/8 0/8	0% 0%	20% 49%
11	10	Flying Connection	Fincher – Graded Stakes	3/31 11/31	10% 35%	23% 58%
11	11	Defining Purpose	McPeck – 3yo Grade 1 Dirt Routes in KY	1/20 6/20	5% 30%	15% 40%
11	12	Dorth Vader	Yates – Graded Stakes on Dirt (SSS)	1/13 5/13	8% 38%	15% 43%



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11	12	Dorth Vader	Yates/Saez - Overall (SSS)	2/9	22%	15%
				5/9	56%	43%
11	13	Affirmative Lady	Motion – Graded Stakes on Dirt	4/38	11%	16%
				13/38	34%	46%
11	13	Affirmative Lady	Motion – 3yo Graded Stakes on Dirt	1/18	6%	16%
				2/18	11%	46%
11	13	Affirmative Lady	Motion – On Dirt at CD	1/20	5%	16%
				7/20	35%	46%
11	14	Pretty Mischievous	Walsh – 3yo Female Dirt Routes in KY	11/50	22%	15%
				24/50	48%	43%
11	14	Pretty Mischievous	Walsh/Gaffalione - Stakes Dirt Routes (SSS)	1/12	8%	15%
				3/12	25%	43%

Horizontal Plays for Oaks Day / 2-Day Bets:

Patrick Kuenzel:

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

2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,13,14 / 4,5,10,15 (\$88 for \$2)

Charlie Freeman:

Early Pick 5 (R1 – 5):

1, 5, 6, 8 / 9, 11 / 1, 6, 12 / 7, 8, 12, 13 / 2, 4 (\$96)

Middle Pick 5 (R3 – 7):

1,6,12 / 7,8,12,13 / 2,4 / 6,7 / 6,9 (\$48)

*****Note: Kyle Roscoe will offer horizontal plays for Derby Day in tomorrow's Power Picks***



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

