



Power Picks



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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Kentucky Derby Day!! Today's card at Churchill Downs is fantastic, with many stake races and excellent betting opportunities. Races start bright and early, 1st post is 10:30am EST on this 14-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!!

** Any horses trained by Saffie Joseph Jr. will be scratched today

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, budget accordingly, and as always go with your best opinions!*

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Today's Picks

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Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Full Card

Race	A	B	C
1	3	1	-
2	3,6	5,8	-
3	5	1	14
4	2	-	3
5	2,4,5	3,7	-
6	6	2,3,7,8	9,12
7	2,4,7,10	3,9,11,13	6
8	5,7	8,10,12	9,11
9	2,11	1,4	3
10	7	6,10	8
11	7,8,9	3,5	10
12	3,5,14,15	9,17,22	2,8
13	2,3,10	6,8	9
14	2,9,14	5	10,11

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Pete Visco's Grid (R4-8): 5A (\$16) - 4A1B (\$52) - 3A2B (\$62) - 4A1C (\$52) - TOTAL (\$182)

Pete Visco's Grid (R8-12): 5A (\$18) - 4A1B (\$45) - 3A2B (\$36) - 4A1C (\$102) - TOTAL (\$201)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	2	-	-	2	\$0.50 P5	\$96
5	2,5	4	3,7	2,4,5	-	-
6	2,6	3,12	7,11	2,3,6,12	-	-
7	4,7,10,14	3,9,11	6	4,7,10,14	-	-
8	7,9	5,12	1,6	5,7,9,12	\$0.50 P5	\$90
9	2,4,11	-	1,5	1,2,4,8	-	-



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10	7	-	4,10	7	-	-
11	4,5	7	8,9	4,5,7	-	-
12	14,15,17	3,5,8	2,9,22	5,14,15,17	-	-

Paul Halloran's All-Stakes Grid: Pick 5 is R8 – 12: All A = \$12 4A/1B = \$50 3A/2B = \$82 4A/1C = \$56

TOTAL = \$200

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	2	1,3	5			
5	3,5	2	4		-	-
6	2,3	6	11,12		-	-
7	4	8,10	2,6		-	-
8	5,10	9,12	3,7	5,9,10,12	P5	\$96
9	2,11	4	8	2,4,8,11	-	-
10	7	10	6	7	-	-
11	5,7	8,10	3	5,7,9,10	-	-
12	5,14,15	2,11	3,6,8,10,17	5,14,15	-	-

Howard's P5 Analysis – Races 8 – 12

The All-Stakes Pick 5 that ends in the Derby is always one of my favorite sequences of the year. The pool sizes are huge, and the payouts are MUCH higher than the parlays due to the large fields and frankly bad public money with casual / less-knowledgeable players taking swings. With a huge favorite / probable single in R10 with Cody's Wish, this is basically a glorified Pick 4 unless you think Cody can lose. I believe R8 and R11 are completely wide-open, while the Derby is...well, the Derby. My head tells me only a few can realistically win, but strange things happen in this race and I see spreading to about 6-8 possible win candidates.

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

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	3	Harbour Bridge	10-1	4	\$10 Win and Place #3

Notes

Trainer Dallas Stewart does not win first out, period. This horse got the PERFECT 1st out prep for going long. He was a bit even through the lane but showed some ability, puts blinks on, and stretches out to a distance he'll love based on breeding. The ML-fave #1 is OUT of the race, so that opens up the race even more. Harbour Bridge cost \$675k and is cut out to be a good one...I think he'll run big today...I need him to break a little better and be up closer the pace than last time. With a race under his belt and drawing towards the inside, I expect that to happen. The longshot play in this race would be the



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#5, Sir Rock (15-1) who showed early speed in his two races as a 2yo and faded. With the rail horse out, there's not of early speed signed on anymore. He cost \$775k at auction and was cut out to be a good one. Maybe he's grown up now...love the connections and he's been working lights out. Harbour Bridge probably go off at somewhere around 5-1 with the scratch of the #1, but I'll take a \$12 horse any day!!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	5	King Ottoman	3-1	5	\$30 Win #5

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!! Ok, so this is not a long shot, but who cares! On days like this, with huge fields, if you can find a single that wins at even smaller odds, it's a huge bonus and allows you to spread elsewhere. **I LOVE THIS HORSE TODAY!** There's plenty of early speed to setup his closing kick, and his main competition #1 Bright Future (who might live up to his name) is buried down on the rail and will have to battle a few others who are quick. I want to see him do it outside of speed-favoring Gulfstream. The King is becoming a serious horse at 4yo and is 2nd off the layoff. I think this horse has come of age and will be a stake horse this summer....he'll blow by the field in the lane, I hope!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	2	Speak of the Devil	7-2	4	\$10 Win Exacta 2 / 4,5 Exacta 4,5 / 2

Notes

It's now or never for me and Speak of the Devil. The divorce papers are ready to be signed....if she can't win today, I'm done with her. When she won on Derby Day last year, it was one of the "wow" moments of the day. She absolutely exploded and looked like the next big thing. She might have bounced in her next, then there was a long layoff. Chad said they were considering of retiring her, but she was training so well over the winter they decided to bring her back. Her comeback race was decent....wide into a slow pace, no chance. Today, there's other early speed and she'll get every opportunity. It's a nice field and Spendarella is really good, but she's coming off a layoff and maybe not fully cranked.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	Promise Keeper	15-1	3	\$15 Place and Show Use underneath in exactas and trifectas

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This is a really interesting horse today. Former Pletcher trainee now in the capable hands of Stewart. Has a ton of back class...was very competitive in graded stakes last year vs. some toughies including Olympiad. Now he's been gelded, and is working well for a guy that doesn't work his horses quickly. And he picks this tough spot for his first out? Hmmmm, I'm very intrigued. For the ROI Spot Plays, we'll go \$1 Place and Show, but I would not be shocked if he upsets the field either.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Far Bridge	7-2	5	\$20 Win 2 BIG exacta 2/11 Smaller exacta 11/2

Notes

I almost made Far Bridge my Play of the Day. I really like this horse and think he's going to be a superstar. His first two races were eye-catching, and beat Carl Spackler in his debut, one of the best maiden turf races I've ever seen. Pletcher takes over the training, which is fine with me, although I would have loved to see Clement keep this one in his barn. Rosario needs to find room with him in the stretch, but if he does, look out with this one's turn of foot. Super-talented colt is exciting to watch.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	8	Santin	9-2	4	\$15 Win and Place Trifectas: 8 / 3,5,7,9 / 3,5,7,9,10 7,9 / 8 / 3,5,7,9,10 7,9 / 3,5,7,9 / 8

Notes

This horse will be very polarizing for bettors today. Obviously, I'm taking a more positive view. The race is between younger horses that are unproven at the distance vs. older ones that like the 1 1/8 but perhaps have less upside. Usually I would lean to the younger ones, but I have a feeling this distance will not suit the younger types. Santin was bad in his 2023 debut. But go watch the replay...he stumbled badly at the start and had no chance. In his last two races in 2022, the distances were too short and it was the end of a very long campaign. I think Walsh will have him ready 2nd off the bench, and he figures to sit a cozy trip behind the #1 and or #3. He loves this turf course and Gaffalione knows him very well. And, you actually might get an ok price on him too. This race will tell me a lot about what kind of horse he'll be this year...I think he'll fire big!



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

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Race	PP	Horse	Stat Details	Wins / Starts	Stat Win %	Excl. Win %
				ITM / Starts	Stat ITM %	Excl. ITM %
12	1	Hit Show	Cox – 3yo Male Dirt Routes at CD in Past 1 Year	9/20	45%	25%
	2	Verifying		13/20	65%	57%
	12	Jace’s Road				
	14	Angel of Empire				
12	1	Hit Show	Cox/Franco - Stakes on Dirt (SSS)	2/13	15%	25%
				8/13	62%	58%
12	2	Verifying	Justify – Sire-Side Dirt Routes	4/65	6%	14%
				22/65	34%	-
12	2	Verifying	Justify – Sire-Side Dirt Routes Over 8f	1/24	4%	-
				7/24	29%	-
12	3	Two Phil’s	Rivelli – Graded Stakes on Dirt (SSS)	1/9	11%	30%
				3/9	33%	62%
12	3	Two Phil’s	Rivelli – On Dirt at CD	4/35	11%	30%
				5/35	43%	62%
12	3	Two Phil’s	Rivelli/Loveberry - Dirt Routes	7/46	15%	30%
				23/46	50%	62%
12	3	Two Phil’s	Rivelli – Winner Last Out w/ Synthetic-to-Dirt (SSS)	4/7	57%	26%
				6/7	86%	59%
12	4	Confidence Game	Desormeaux – Graded Stakes	4/92	4%	13%
				23/92	25%	42%
12	5	Tapit Trice	Pletcher – Graded Stakes Dirt Routes at CD	2/40	5%	22%
	6	Kingsbarns		10/40	25%	52%
	15	Forte				
12	6	Kingsbarns	Pletcher/Ortiz - Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	0/22	0%	21%
				7/22	32%	52%



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12	7	Reincarnate	Yakteen – Domestic Shippers Outside of CA	0/15	0%	16%
				2/15	13%	41%
12	7	Reincarnate	Yakteen/Velazquez - Graded Stakes in Past 2 Years (SSS)	0/10	0%	17%
				5/10	50%	40%
12	8	Mage	Delgado – Graded Stakes	1/28	4%	17%
				11/28	39%	42%
12	9	Skinner	Shirreffs – Outside of CA (SSS)	0/4	0%	16%
				1/4	25%	48%
12	9	Skinner	Shirreffs – 9f and Up on Dirt	7/28	25%	15%
				18/28	64%	47%
12	11	Disarm	Asmussen/Rosario - Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	14/47	30%	19%
				30/47	64%	48%
12	11	Disarm	Asmussen – 3yo Male Grade 1 Dirt Routes	2/40	5%	19%
				10/40	25%	49%
12	12	Jace's Road	Cox/Geroux - Grade 1 Dirt Routes	13/46	28%	25%
				34/46	74%	57%
12	13	Sun Thunder	McPeek – 9f and Up Grade 1 on Dirt	3/33	9%	15%
				6/33	18%	41%
12	14	Angel of Empire	Cox/Prat - Graded Stakes	10/23	43%	25%
				15/23	65%	58%
12	15	Forte	Pletcher/Ortiz - 9f and Up Graded Stakes on Dirt	14/40	35%	21%
				26/40	65%	51%
12	16	Raise Cain	Colebrook/Corrales - On Dirt	2/30	7%	12%
				10/30	33%	38%
12	18	Rocket Can	Mott – 3yo Grade 1 Dirt Routes	2/28	7%	17%
				13/28	46%	45%
12	18	Rocket Can	Mott – Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	18/61	30%	16%
				32/61	52%	45%
12	20	Continuar	Yahagi – In U.S. (SSS)	2/3	67%	67%
				3/3	100%	100%
12	21	Cyclone Mischief	Romans – Grade 1	1/48	2%	12%
				10/48	21%	34%
12	23	King Russell	Moquett – 9f and Up on Dirt	3/34	9%	14%



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				12/34	35%	42%
12	23	King Russell	Moquett – Graded Stakes on Dirt	3/41	7%	14%
				18/41	44%	42%

Horizontal Plays for Derby Day:

Kyle Roscoe:

Early Pick 5, R1 – 5:

1,3,5 / 1,3,6,7,8 / 1,5,6,14 / 2 / 2,4,5 (\$90)

Middle Pick 5, R4 – 8:

2 / 2,4,5, / 2,6,7 / 2,4,10,11 / 5,7,11,12 (\$72)

Patrick Kuenzel:

All 3yo Pick 3 (50c base bet, R8,9,12)

5, 6, 7, 9, 12 / 1, 4, 8, 11 / 4, 5, 10, 14, 15 (\$50)

All-Stakes, All-Dirt Pick 5 (50c base bet, R4,6,8,10,12)

2 / 2, 3, 6, 12 / 5, 6, 7, 9, 12 / 1, 7 / 4, 5, 10, 14, 15 (\$100)

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





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