



Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

After a whirlwind of stake races, things slow down a bit this week with only 3 graded stake races during the entire weekend, all at Monmouth for their Haskell Preview Day. We'll cover that sequence here on the Picks, along with a solid group of races at Ellis Park including 2 overnight stakes. As always, check for scratches and changes.

Spot/Price Play ROI

Overall ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.35	\$823.75 / 350	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.
YTD ROI	Calculation	Note
**\$1.98	\$266.90 / 135	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.

Last Week's Results

Racetrack: Belmont Park (Friday)

Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
5	Ice Road	2 nd	Excellent effort, could not hold off favorite; Paid \$6.40 to Place
6	Dot's Dollar	3 rd	Just nosed out for 2 nd vs. runaway winner
9	Accede	5 th	Nothing went right for this gal. Can't wait to bet her back in the right spot

Racetrack: Belmont Park (Saturday)

Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
4	Bouncer	2 nd	Huge effort, could not hold off favorite (a familiar theme); Paid \$7.50 to Place
5	Filo Di Arianna	2 nd	Ditto....ran huge to just get run down in very deep stretch; Paid \$5.70 to Place



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Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
6	Red Run	3 rd	Ran okay...didn't get pace to run into and didn't quicken with others on the final turn
7	Search Results	2 nd	Heartbreaking loss....run down late by a great mare in Clairiere
8	Gilmore	3 rd	When 3 speed horses scratched out of the race, I knew I was in trouble getting this one on top. That being said, still thought he ran a credible race vs. monster effort by Arabian Lion
9	Big Invasion	2 nd	Caravel got away with a soft trip to win....Big Invasion ran his race and closed VERY well

*****For the first time since the beginning of the Power Picks in April of 2021, I have an ROI stat of under \$2.00. This stat represents only flat win bets for 2023. However, these plays in no way reflect a negative profit if you bet these horses in exactas and trifectas as I suggest, as you can see below. It's worth noting that my Spot/Price Plays from last weekend were 8 out of 9 in the money, including five 2nd place finishes, so I feel good about what was tipped out at Belmont for sure!***

This Week's Scores - June 9-10, 2023

Racetrack: Belmont Park (Saturday)

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amount(s)
4	6 - Bouncer	2nd	\$10 Win / \$20 Place (\$30) - 6	\$75.00
7	2 - Search Results	2nd	\$0.50 Trifecta Key (\$2) - 4,6 / 2 / 4,5,6	\$18.25
8	12 - Gilmore	3rd	\$0.50 Trifecta Key (\$8) - 3,4,7,8 / 3,4,7,8,13 / 12	\$47.62
8	Howard's P5	Win	\$0.50 ABC 4A's and 1C (\$96) - 3,4,12 / 10,12 / 1 / 3,4,8 / 3,6,7	\$444.75
8	Paul's P5	Win	\$0.50 ABC All A's (\$12) - 3,4,8 / 10,12 / 1 / 4,8 / 2,3 \$0.50 Caveman (\$144) - 3,4,8,13 / 5,10,11,12 / 1 / 3,4,8 / 2,3,4,6,7,8	\$444.75
9	10 - Big Invasion	2nd	\$15 Win/Place (\$30) - 10	\$41.25

Racetrack: Belmont Park (Friday)

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amount(s)
5	5 - Ice Road	2nd	\$10 Win/Place (\$20) - 5	\$32.00
6	8 - Dot's Dollar	3rd	\$0.50 Trifecta Key (\$12) - 1,2,7,10 / 1,2,3,5,6,7,10 / 8	\$41.37



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Racetrack: Monmouth Park

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R10 – 14, Post 4:44pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

5A (\$9), 4A1B (\$36), 3A2B (\$47), 4A1C (\$58.50) Total: \$150.50

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
10	4	1,8	6,7	1,4,8	\$0.50	\$96
11	3,5,6	8	1,2,4,7	3,5,6,8	-	-
12	5,8,9	1,2	3,10	1,5,8,9	-	-
13	2,5	-	1,3,4	2,5	-	-
14	7	2,3	5	2,7	-	-

Pete Visco's Grid: 5A (\$8) - 4A1B (\$40) - 3A2B (\$72) - 4A1C (\$32) - TOTAL (\$152)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
10	8	1,4	6,7	8	\$0.50	\$90
11	1,8	3,6,7	-	1,3,6,7,8	-	-
12	8,9	2	1,3	2,3,8,9	-	-
13	2,5	1	6	1,2,5	-	-
14	2,5	4	7	2,4,5	-	-

Paul Halloran's Grid: All A - = \$8 ; 4A/1B - = \$28 ; 3A/2B - = \$38 ; 4A/1C - = \$72 ; Total: \$146

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
10	8	1	2,4,6,7	7,8	P5	\$72
11	1,3	6,8	2,4,7	1,3,6,8	-	-
12	1,8	9	2,5,7	1,8,9	-	-
13	2,3	1	5,6	1,2,3	-	-
14	2,7	3	1,5	2,7	-	-



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P5 Analysis – Races 8 – 12

The Late P5 Haskell Preview Day sequence is a VERY tough one....it's a great one to play, and if you can hit it, you WILL get paid for sure. I'm taking stands in R10 and R14, although not with a lot of confidence. The biggest spread races to me are R11 and R12. Many can win in there, and those races are very trip-dependent. Look for prices in R11 and R12. Good luck...we'll all need it to hit this Pick 5, but those are the ones I love....a challenge for sure!

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	4	Salute the Stars	6-1	4	\$10 Win #4 Exacta Box 1,4,8

Notes

This is my Play of the Day at Monmouth!! The Pletcher-trained runners, especially Kingsbarns, will be the favorites in this race I believe. But you know what....I don't trust either of them. Salute the Stars is one of those improving 3yo's that always interest me. Maybe he just wanted dirt and they didn't know it until his last. He rated kindly and split rivals in the lane to win. Visually, it didn't blow me away, but he's working great since and I think he'll sit off the speed here like last time and go by. The breeding suggests he'll be better as he gets older, and that's what I think will happen today. If Kingsbarns gets loose, it might be over, but I'm not convinced he'll be loose on the lead based on others with early speed. I think we'll get somewhere around 9-2 on Salute the Stars....I'll take it. Oh, and I NEVER Ex. BOX, but I don't feel strong enough on either Pletcher to do something otherwise.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	9	Artorius	4-1	4	\$15 WP #9 BIG exacta 9 / 1,2,5,8 Small Exacta 1,2,5,8 / 9

Notes

I'm confident about one thing in this race: Artorius is one of, if not THE, most talented horse in the race. I really liked his progression last year as he bumped heads with some of the best 3yo's in the division. He tailed off a bit in his last effort, but clearly needed a break. He comes back as an older, more mature (you'd have to assume) horse and faces a good, deep bunch, but no one overwhelming. Chad can get a horse ready off a layoff and clearly pointed for this spot. With all the early speed, I assume Artorius will take back a bit and come with a big run late. If he's ready and gets the trip, look out!



Key Stats of the Day

Racetrack: Monmouth Park

Race	PP	Horse	Stat Details	Wins / Starts	Stat Win %	Excl. Win %
				ITM / Starts	Stat ITM %	Excl. ITM %
10	1	Classic Catch	Pletcher – Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt at MTH	7/16	44%	21%
	8	Kingsbarns		14/16	88%	52%
10	1	Classic Catch	Pletcher/Lopez - Dirt at MTH	16/34 25/34	47% 74%	21% 52%
10	2	Moreau	McKeever – Maiden Winner Last Out	2/25 6/25	8% 24%	10% 33%
10	3	No Confession	Mc Allen – Non-Graded Stakes (SSS)	0/11 0/11	0% 0%	4% 26%
10	4	Salute the Stars	Cox – Dirt at MTH (SSS)	5/14 9/14	36% 64%	25% 58%
10	5	Alternate Reality	Englehart – At MTH (SSS)	2/11 8/11	18% 73%	22% 50%
10	6	Subrogate	Duarte – Maiden Winner Last Out on Dirt	6/23 16/23	26% 70%	17% 49%
10	7	Howgreatisnate	Dobles – Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt	4/16 10/16	25% 63%	15% 40%
10	8	Kingsbarns	Pletcher/Saez - Non-Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	6/21 13/21	29% 62%	21% 52%
11	1	Surprisingly	McGaughey – Turf Routes at MTH	6/29 21/29	21% 72%	17% 48%
11	2	Vergara	Motion – Turf Routes at MTH	5/53 29/53	9% 55%	16% 46%
11	3 8	Consumer Spending Gina Romantica	Brown – Grade 3 on Turf at MTH	10/26 20/26	38% 77%	25% 59%
11	3	Consumer Spending	Brown/Camacho - Stakes on Turf (SSS)	0/7 4/7	0% 57%	25% 59%



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11	3	Consumer Spending	Brown/Camacho - On Turf	17/54 34/54	31% 63%	25% 59%
11	4	Scottish Star	Pletcher/Saez - Grade 3 on Turf	1/30 11/30	3% 37%	22% 52%
11	5	Spirit and Glory	Falcone – Graded Stakes	0/20 2/20	0% 10%	18% 46%
11	6	Malvath	Clement – Graded Stakes on Turf at MTH (SSS)	0/5 1/5	0% 20%	20% 51%
11	7	Katies A Lady	Rodriguez – Winner Last Out in Turf Routes	17/44 28/44	39% 64%	24% 55%
12	1	Petulante	Post Position - #1 at 8f on Dirt at MTH (SSS)	0/9 -	0% -	- -
12	1	Petulante	Barboza – Graded Stakes (SSS)	0/9 3/9	0% 33%	20% 53%
12	2	Ridin With Biden	Reid/Lopez - On Dirt	19/51 34/51	37% 67%	19% 53%
12	3	Empty Tomb	Falcone – Graded Stakes	0/20 2/20	0% 10%	18% 46%
12	4	Far Mo Power	Linder – Stakes	2/43 12/43	5% 28%	17% 48%
12	5	Bourbon Calling	Arriaga – Without Lasix	1/16 4/16	6% 25%	13% 43%
12	6	Octane	David – Dirt at MTH	6/30 19/30	20% 63%	19% 48%
12	7	Trademark	Oliver – Graded Stakes	1/84 12/84	1% 14%	11% 37%
12	8	Nimitz Class	Kravets – Winner Last Out in Past 5 Months	10/24 15/24	42% 63%	17% 40%
12	9	Artorius	Brown/Geroux - Graded Stakes (SSS)	0/5 2/5	0% 40%	25% 59%
12	9	Artorius	Brown – Graded Stakes on Dirt at MTH (SSS)	3/9 7/9	33% 78%	25% 59%



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12	10	Bourbonic	Pletcher – Graded Stakes on Dirt at MTH in Past 2 Years (SSS)	4/7 6/7	57% 86%	21% 53%
13	1	Tribhuvan	Brown – Grade 3 on Turf at MTH	10/26 20/26	38% 77%	25% 59%
13	1	Tribhuvan	Brown – 1 st After 280-370 Day Layoff on Turf	23/67 42/67	34% 63%	25% 59%
13	2	Never Explain	McGaughey – Turf Routes at MTH	6/29 21/29	21% 72%	17% 48%
13	3	Speaking Scout	Motion – Turf Routes at MTH	5/53 29/53	9% 55%	16% 46%
13	4	Dynadrive	Morley – Graded Stakes	2/33 8/33	6% 24%	14% 40%
13	4	Dynadrive	Morley – At MTH (Won Last Race)	1/23 7/23	4% 30%	14% 40%
13	5	Commandeer	Toner – Graded Stakes	1/21 4/21	5% 19%	13% 36%
13	6	Catnip	Stidham – Winner Last Out in Grade 3 on Turf	5/15 10/15	33% 67%	18% 48%
14	1	Super Rocker	Lucas – Allowance Dirt Sprints at MTH (SSS)	0/4 3/4	0% 75%	10% 46%
14	2	Smooth Flyin Mike	Cibelli – Dirt Sprints at MTH	12/40 23/40	30% 58%	16% 43%
14	3	Torrone	David – Allowance Dirt Sprints	18/86 52/86	21% 60%	19% 48%
14	4	Depoli	Cole-Davis – 1 st After Claim (SSS)	0/4 0/4	0% 0%	13% 35%
14	5	Notah	Terranova – Dirt at MTH (SSS)	2/7 5/7	29% 71%	17% 45%
14	5	Notah	Terranova – Allowance Dirt Sprints in Past 6 Months (SSS)	5/12 9/12	42% 75%	14% 35%



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14	6	Sir Robert Hall	O'Connell - Allowance Dirt Sprints	18/76 40/76	24% 53%	16% 43%
14	7	Heldish	Maker – At MTH	2/19 7/19	11% 37%	17% 45%

Racetrack: Ellis Park

Race 6, Start of the P5, 4:14pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

P5: 5A (\$6), 4A1B (\$38), 3A2B (\$90), 4A1C (\$19) Total: \$153

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	5,8	9,11	4,10	4,5,8,9,10,11	\$0.50	\$84
7	1	5	11	1	-	-
8	4	1,5	-	4	-	-
9	1,6	2,7,8,9	4	1,2,4,6,7,8,9	-	-
10	4,6,7	2	1,9	2,4,6,7	-	-

P5 Analysis – Races 6 – 10

Excellent sequence with two stake races and large fields finishes the card at Ellis Park (Churchill meet shifted there) today. The obvious single appears to be in R7 with the rail horse, who should be tough to beat. I'm interested to see if the #5 Petticoat takes money for WinStar farm and Brisset training in that race. R8 looks like a 2-horse race on paper, but don't use them equally as your diluting your value tremendously. Pick one of them and go for it. R6, R9, and R10 seem wide open to me, so that's where I'd spread the most.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	More Than Looks	4-1	5	\$25 Win #8
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This is my Play of the Day at Ellis Park!! In a race that appears to be wide open on paper, I really like More Than Looks in this spot. Although he seems a big slower than some others, he has more upside making only his 4th lifetime start. He ran HUGE last time breaking slow (which he has a propensity to do), then making a big, wide sweeping move from the “parking lot” to almost get up over a nice horse in Turf King, who came back with a solid 3rd in a stake with an 87 Beyer. That race flatters More Than Looks form big time!! Due to his style, he needs a little pace and racing luck, but with any decent trip, I love his chances at post-time odds around 5-2 or 3-1. He'll be FLYING late.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Champagne Calling	8-1	4	BIG exacta 1,4 / 5 Small exacta 5 / 1,4

Notes

The Monomoy Girl (what a mare she was!) Overnight Stakes pits Hoosier Philly vs. Wet Paint. But you know what, I think my gal Champagne Calling can split this pair. Therefore, my purely UNDERNEATH PLAY for the ROI Picks is a \$1 Ex. 1,4 / 5. If her last race is an indication of an improving filly, then CC is not far off of the top 2 with gradual improvement. That was a game effort last time and she's working great for the race today. She's bred to be a good one, so maybe last time was the start of something big....do either one of the top 2 really scare you? These 3yo fillies have been meh / inconsistent all year long so far, so why not try to split the chinks with Champagne Calling? Insanity backup win bet on the side too.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Hidden Stash	15-1	3	\$5 Win #1 Trifectas: 6,7,8 / 1 / 2,4,6,7,8,9 6,7,8 / 2,4,6,7,8,9 / 1

Notes

Another interesting big price I like underneath, so ROI Plays will be \$1 Place and Show. Hidden Stash has a few things I like....an underrated jock in Graham who can win on the lead on turf in big races (regular rider of Two Emmys), speed figures that fit, and a positive pace scenario. The blinkers on indicates to me a horse that is a bit unfocused at times, and this move should sharpen him up. Sure, he has to step up his game and stretch out, but his apt to do both based on the equipment change and pedigree. Don't sell this one short, and hope Graham is aggressive early and puts him on top and takes him a very long way to at least hold on for a slice.



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

