



## Power Picks

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### Race-Day Overview

*We're back at it with another exciting weekend of racing. Today, we'll focus on Thistledowns and the Ohio Derby Late P5 with several stakes, plus the Late P4 at Ellis (CD Meet) with big fields and a graded stake. And, it's only 3 weeks away from the opening of Saratoga....wait until you find out what we have in store for you on the podcast!*

### Spot/Price Play ROI

Overall ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.37	\$841.27 / 355	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.
YTD ROI	Calculation	Note
\$2.03	\$284.42 / 140	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.

### Last Week's Results

#### Racetrack: Monmouth Park

Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
10	Salute the Stars	WON	Paid \$7.80; PLAY OF THE DAY at Monmouth upset Kingsbarns!
12	Artorius	4 <sup>th</sup>	Was up close in a surprisingly paceless race...not sure that's what he wants and maybe needed the start

#### Racetrack: Ellis Park

Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
6	More Than Looks	WON	Paid \$6.76; PLAY OF THE DAY at Ellis was VERY impressive again in the stretch, huge upside and stakes-bound next probably
8	Champagne Calling	4 <sup>th</sup>	Little disappointing vs. good ones, no pace early at all



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Race	Horse	Finish	Notes
9	Hidden Stash	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paid \$5.88 to show; A score on the Picks w/Place and Show bet; as predicted, led a LONG way only to be caught in deep stretch

### This Week's Scores - June 17, 2023

#### Racetrack: Monmouth Park

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amount(s)
10	4 - Salute the Stars	1st	\$10 Win (\$10) - 4	\$39.00
			\$2 Exacta Box (\$12) - 1,4,8	\$18.80

#### Racetrack: Ellis Park

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning Amount(s)
6	8 - More Thank Looks	1st	\$25 Win (\$25) - 8	\$84.50
9	1- Hidden Stash	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$10 PS - 1	\$29.40

*I was pleased with the results last week, especially being correct on the vulnerable Kingsbarns at a very low price and some good opinions at Ellis Park...hope you cashed!*

### Racetrack: Thistledowns

ABC Grids – Pick 5; R10 – 14, Post 3:18pm EST

#### Howard Kravets' Grid:

All A's: (\$12), 4A1B (\$42), 3A2B (\$54), 4A1C (\$34) Total: \$142

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	2,8	3,5	1,7,9	1,2,3,5,7,8,9	\$0.50	\$84
9	2,6	3,5	4	2,3,5,6	-	-
10	8,9	6	3	8,9	-	-
11	4,6,8	-	5	4,6,8	-	-
12	4	3	-	4	-	-



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Pete Visco's Grid: 5A (\$18) - 4A1B (\$48) - 3A2B (\$48.50) - 4A1C (\$39) - TOTAL (\$153.50)

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

Paul is off this week, no grid today.

## P5 Analysis – Races 8 – 12

Today's Late P5 feature is basically a Pick 4 IF you think Two Phils is a stone-cold single. While I'm leaning on him heavily (as are many), I don't believe he's a cinch. The first two legs are VERY difficult in my opinion and you should spread the most in those races. Race 10 and 11 are not easy either, but I'm choosing to take more of a stand. And for the Ohio Derby, it's basically a two-horse race in my opinion with Two Phils vs. Bishops Bay...I'd be very surprised if anyone else wins.

## Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Hoppy Gilmore	9-2	4	\$20 Win 2
<b>Notes</b>					
How can you not go with a horse whose name is "Hoppy Gilmore"? In all seriousness though, this trainer is amazing off long layoffs in the last 5 years, hitting at almost 30% and 44% in the money. They've pointed here, has been working well, and should get some pace to close into. If he's ready off the layoff, he's got as good a chance as any....a come-from-behind victory is very possible.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Fair and Square	3-1	4	\$10 Win 2 BIG exactas 2 / 3,5,6 Smaller exactas: 3,5,6 / 2
<b>Notes</b>					



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Ohio-breds going 1 1/8 miles for a big purse. Pedigree plays a big part in these races due to the distance IMO. Therefore, I'm going with a horse partially-owned by WinStar Farm that appears will love the distance, #2 Fair and Square. This colt by Super Saver has a dam in Marathon (gotta like distance with that name, right?) whose the daughter of Drosselmeyer, who could run all day and won the BC Classic. But it's not just pedigree alone....He's never been out of the money, gets a ground-saving post from the 2-hole, and can close (I think) if necessary while being tactical early. His last race was a bit disappointing, but was on turf, and also gave him 2-turn experience which is very important. Would like to see a stalk and pounce winning effort today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	4	Le Da Vida	9-2	5	\$25 Win 4 Trifectas: 4 / 6,8 / 5,6,8 6,8 / 4 / 5,6,8

### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT THISTLEDOWNS!!** This race for the girls going two turns has a lot of speed lined up, especially on the outside. It sure looks like the pace has to be honest. Le Da Vida is not exactly a win machine, having lost her last 5 starts. But when you look closely, many of those have been with slow paces, and this gal comes from behind. If she gets the anticipated pace set up, I think she's the best closer. The jock knows her best, and I'm expecting her to be FLYING in the lane. She does need to be on the correct lead, as last time she was hanging on her left lead. Look for her to at least be in the money, I'm hoping 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at worst.

## Key Stats of the Day

For more info. on how to read the "Stats of the Day" or ABC Grids, go to our website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://hhhracingpodcast.com), and go to the "Power Picks" tab on the top of the page.

## Racetrack: Thistledown

Race	PP	Horse	Stat Details	Wins / Starts	Stat Win %	Excl. Win %
				ITM / Starts	Stat ITM %	Excl. ITM %
8	1	Zakaria	Yoder – At TDN	7/26	27%	10%
				13/26	50%	41%
8	2	Hoppy Gilmore	Rone – 1 <sup>st</sup> After 240-330 Day Layoff	8/22	36%	20%
				10/22	45%	50%
8	3	Cowtown Boss	Ibarra – Allowance on Dirt at TDN	2/15	13%	52%
	8	Elliot the Dragon		9/15	60%	79%



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8	4	Hite	Vazquez/Paucar - Dirt Sprints	2/32 13/32	6% 41%	6% 26%
8	5	Susie's Kid	Reetele/Houghton - Dirt Sprints at TDN in Past 2 Years	1/21 6/21	5% 29%	11% 38%
8	6	Victory Division	Schuster – Route-to-Sprint on Dirt at TDN	7/56 25/56	13% 45%	6% 27%
8	7	Blazing Burroughs	Dillion – Winner Last Out on Dirt (SSS)	3/12 7/12	25% 58%	14% 47%
8	8	Elliot the Dragon	Ibarra/Batista - Overall	7/15 13/15	47% 87%	36% 67%
8	9	Team Leyendecker	Ramgeet – 1 <sup>st</sup> After 120-180 Day Layoff	0/17 7/17	0% 41%	15% 49%
8	10	Stunt Man	Gorham/Diaz - Dirt Sprints at TDN	14/62 35/62	23% 56%	16% 47%
9	1	K Kid	Zielinski – Non-Graded Stakes Dirt Routes (SSS)	0/14 3/14	0% 21%	14% 43%
9	2	Fair and Square	Hamm – 9f and Up on Dirt at TDN (SSS)	2/11 8/11	18% 73%	18% 47%
9	3	Paint the Town	Gorham - 9f and Up on Dirt at TDN	1/17 2/17	6% 12%	17% 48%
9	4	Returnnoninvestment	Karakontie – Sire-Side Dirt Routes	61/265 131/265	23% 49%	14% -
9	4	Returnnoninvestment	Almost an Angel – Dam-Side Dirt Routes	4/17 7/17	24% 41%	- -
9	4	Returnnoninvestment	Greenhill – Turf-to-Dirt Routes	12/42 22/42	29% 52%	13% 40%
9	5	Hey Eugene	Maker – 9f and Up Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt	4/21 15/21	19% 71%	17% 45%
9	6	Trojan Tale	Maker – Non-Graded Stakes Sprint-to-Route on Dirt	6/18 8/18	33% 44%	17% 45%
9	5	Hey Eugene	Maker – Non-Graded Stakes Sprint-to-Route on Dirt	6/18 8/18	33% 44%	17% 45%
9	6	Trojan Tale	Maker – Winner Last Out in Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt	17/54 32/54	31% 59%	17% 45%



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9	7	Red Comet	Bailey – Non-Graded Stakes	0/25	0%	11%
				6/25	24%	38%
10	1	Firsthand Justice	Bailey – Non-Graded Stakes	0/25	0%	11%
				6/25	24%	38%
10	2	Dr. Zarnett	Meyers – Non-Graded Stakes	1/18	6%	16%
				8/18	44%	51%
10	3	Mobil Solution	Skerrett – Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt	2/30	7%	14%
				9/30	30%	43%
10	4	Shanghai Prince	Cline – Non-Graded Stakes Sprint-to-Route on Dirt (SSS)	0/8	0%	13%
				0/8	0%	40%
10	5	Venture On	Gorham – Non-Graded Stakes Dirt Routes at TDN	3/27	11%	17%
				6/27	22%	48%
10	5	Venture On	Gorham – Switch Off Lasix (SSS)	0/6	0%	17%
				3/6	50%	48%
10	6	Relish the Ride	Radosevich – Winner Last Out in Non-Graded Stakes Dirt Routes	2/29	7%	23%
				12/29	41%	55%
10	6	Relish the Ride	Radosevich – Non-Graded Stakes Sprint-to-Route	2/41	5%	23%
				15/41	37%	55%
10	7	Moester	Brown – 8.5f and Up	0/13	0%	10%
				2/13	15%	37%
10	8	Big Truck	Smith – Non-Graded Stakes Sprint-to-Route	1/12	8%	22%
				4/12	33%	53%
10	9	Romantic Cowboy	McDonald – Non-Graded Stakes	2/20	10%	16%
				13/20	65%	50%
10	10	Danefield	Bourke/Stanley - Overall	19/71	27%	17%
				46/71	65%	46%
11	2	Maliced	Urieta – Non-Graded Stakes	0/21	0%	17%
	7	Gray Royalty		1/21	5%	48%
11	3	Red Hot Lass	Skerrett – Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt	2/30	7%	14%
				9/30	30%	43%



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11	4	Le Da Vida	Correas – Non-Graded Stakes Dirt Routes (SSS)	1/12	8%	12%
				5/12	42%	40%
11	5	Misty Veil	Maker – 9f and Up Non-Graded Stakes on Dirt	4/21	19%	17%
				15/24	71%	45%
11	6	Sixtythreecaliber	Amoss – 9f and Up on Dirt	7/75	9%	21%
				36/75	48%	51%
11	8	Interstatedaydream	Cox – At TDN (SSS)	3/4	75%	25%
				3/4	75%	58%
11	8	Interstatedaydream	Cox/Geroux - Non-Graded Stakes Dirt Routes in Past 6 Months (SSS)	5/9	56%	28%
				9/9	100%	60%
11	9	Secret Fix	Puhl – Past 1 Month Overall	9/20	45%	16%
				16/20	80%	45%
11	9	Secret Fix	Puhl/Gonzalez - Dirt Routes at TDN	22/64	34%	15%
				46/64	72%	43%
11	11	Market Success	Jackson – Non-Graded Stakes in Past 13 Months (SSS)	5/8	63%	18%
	12	Candlelight Hours		7/8	88%	53%
12	1	Henry Q	O’Neill - Graded Stakes Dirt Routes in Non-CA Circuits	3/42	7%	16%
				15/42	36%	45%
12	2	Timesatappin	Loudin-Smith – At TDN	0/15	0%	7%
				2/15	13%	17%
12	3	Bishops Bay	Cox – At TDN (SSS)	3/4	75%	25%
				3/4	75%	58%
12	3	Bishops Bay	Cox – 3yo 9f and Up Grade 3 on Dirt	8/19	42%	25%
				16/19	84%	57%
12	4	Two Phil’s	Rivelli – 9f and Up on Dirt (SSS)	0/5	0%	30%
				4/5	80%	62%
12	5	Agnello’s Dream	Skerrett – Stakes on Dirt	2/31	6%	14%
				9/31	29%	43%
12	6	Last Cookie	Urieta – Stakes	0/21	0%	17%
				1/21	5%	48%
12	7	Lord Miles	Joseph – 3yo Graded Stakes Dirt Routes in Non-FL Circuits	1/23	4%	23%
				10/23	43%	52%



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			(Win Was This Horse)			
12	8	Hayes Strike	McPeek – 3yo Male Grade 3 Dirt Routes	2/20 8/20	10% 40%	15% 40%

### Racetrack: Ellis Park

#### Race 7, Start of the P4, 3:50pm EST

#### Howard Kravets' Grid:

**P4: 5A (\$8), 4A1B (\$52), 3A2B (\$66), 4A1C (\$24) Total: \$150**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,4	5	1,2,6	3,4,5	\$0.50	\$31.50
8	1,2,4,5	6,7	10 (11,12)	1,2,4,5,6,7,10	-	-
9	2,5	1	-	1,2,5	-	-
10	7	3,4,5,8,10	1	7	-	-

#### P5 Analysis – Races 6 – 10

*The Pick 4 at Ellis is interesting, with some potential prices spread throughout the races. Race 9, the Chicago S., seems to be a 2 or at most 3-horse affair, so that will allow you to spread elsewhere. I'm taking a stand with the 7 in the last, despite the fact MANY can win in there....it's a tough way to close the Late P4 for sure! The biggest spread for me comes in R8, an impossible allowance on the turf. Unless the #4 handles the turf, almost anyone in there can win.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Gamer	6-1	5	\$15 WP #1 Trifecta: 1 / 2,4,5 / 2,4,5,6,7,10, (11,12) 2,4,5 / 1 / 2,4,5,6,7,10, (11,12) 2,4,5 / 2,4,5,6,7,10,11,12 / 1

#### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT ELLIS PARK!!** Wide-open affair here, hard to trust anyone. #1 Gamer has had MASSIVE excuses in his last two starts. Just go watch 2-back....the comment line says "blocked stretched", and he absolutely was for sure, completely ridiculous. Last time, he was super-wide and horses in front of him steadied and forced him out, no chance. If he's ready to fire today, he'll save ground and make a run in the stretch. Use him in all spots in your trifecta...I'm hoping he at least is the money.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	7	Brazilian Fury	4-1	4	\$20 Win 7
<b>Notes</b>					
<p>It sure seems like I've been tipping out several horses in turf sprints in these Picks, and we've been VERY successful! Brazilian Fury might drift down to 5-2 or so, but his first start was very impressive. He was professional on the inside, tipped out, and made a big run, just losing to the very well-meant Zartownis for Cherie DeVaux at 30c to the dollar at Horseshoe. He has a bullet work since at the Churchill Downs Training Track, and Emigh retains the ride. Contention runs deep, so he'll have to improve, but he has a big shot where many are going to spread in their horizontals.</p>					

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

