

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

BIG WEEKEND for yours truly from a sports perspective, could be amazing or a disaster. My Chicago Bears take on our nemesis, Green Bay, at Lambeau Field, and the Indiana Hoosiers (alma mater) take on Ohio State in the Big Ten Championship. Talk about a tough parlay to win!

Anyway, back to horse racing...fantastic card in NY, and we'll cover the Late P5 with 3 stakes, including my 2026 Future Derby horse, #2 Paladin, who is the ML fave. Then, we'll travel to much warmer weather in S. Florida for an interesting Late Pick 5 at Gulfstream....haven't covered that track in a while on this Tip Sheet, but their Championship Meet has begun. Good luck....CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!

Spot / Price Plays (National Avg. ROI is \$1.60):

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.05 (\$1,990.34 / 971)

YTD: \$1.79 (\$403.73 / 225)

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.**

Racetrack: Aqueduct

Howard Kravets' ABC Late P5 Grid – R7 starts at 2:11pm EDT

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

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,6	4,5	7,10	1,4,5,6,7,10	\$.50 P5	\$108
8	1,10	11	8	1,10,11		
9	2,9	6,11	1,3	2,6,9		
10	6,7	3	1,4	6,7		
11	2,7	1	8	2,7		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Out of town, no grid this week

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races #7 - 11

Three stakes are the stars of the show in today's Late P5, with very early Derby implications in the Remsen, plus solid older horses in the Cigar Mile, and half a million for 2yo sons of NY stallions in the finale. My biggest spread is in R7, while I'll be taking stands in R9 and R10. You could easily spread in R8 and R11, but I think the Parx shipper in the last could be tough, but certainly beatable. While my single of the sequence is Derby Future bet #2 Paladin in the Remsen, there are many talented runners racing, and I'd totally understand if people went up to 5-deep in that Derby Prep. My alternate single would probably be #6 Phileas Fogg in the Cigar Mile, although I've got a longshot I like a bit in the race. Good luck!!

Price/Spot Play(s)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	5	Playa Del Mar	12-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show #5

Notes:

We'll start the Spot Plays with an UNDERNEATH PLAY, so \$1 WP and \$2 Show for our ROI. **#5 Playa Del Mar** is interesting...AND A BIT OF GUESS/STAB ADMITTEDLY. On paper, the newly-turned gelding is too slow. But he's been rested up by unreal connections of Mott/Alvarado/Godolphin (hello, Sovereignty!) and is a very well-bred homebred. He's been working well and has plenty of upside. Here's an angle worth mentioning that I didn't say on the Thursday show....Mott knows this is the last big day in NY of the year and this card would come up strong. But he races this gelding in a tough spot anyway when he could have waited until next week or run last week? I have a feeling he'll run big, and other than the heavy favorite for Pletcher, who else really blows you away? If Playa is taking money down to like 6-1 or less, look out!! If he's cold on the board, I won't play him. Use in exotics underneath too.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	10	Hot Currency	7-2	4	\$25 Win #10 BIG Exactas: 10 / 11,12

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					Smaller Exactas: 11,12 / 10
Notes:					
<p>The first of two NY Stallion Series races for \$500k. There are few things I dislike about #10 Hot Currency. Like the post, her ability to rate a bit off, her professionalism she showed last time, Flavian, Linda Rice, yada yada. The only negative might be her price, as she'll get bet down off that 7-2. It's a big field and she'll have to run well, but I think she will. Cost \$200k at April OBS (Florida), so Winning Move stables always expected big things. She can take care of that sales price today with a win.</p>					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Pentathalon	10-1	5	<p>\$15 Win, \$25 Place #3 Trifectas: 3 / 6,7 / 4,6,7 6 / 3 / 4,6,7 6 / 4,6,7 / 3</p>

Notes:
<p>THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT!! I know many of you probably expected to see Paladin as my Play of the Day in the Remsen, and maybe he should be. But I think he'll take WAY too much money and go off at like 9-5...no value there at all today. So, I'll detour to a horse that I think is flying under the radar in #3 Pentathalon. My main opinion is two-fold: 1) I like Pentathalon 2) I don't like Crazy Mason and to a lesser extent, Bishop's Bay. I've warmed up a little more to Bishop's Bay than I did on the Thursday show, as I heard the connections want to go to the Saudi Cup in February. I just think he's a notch below of what he was as a 3 and 4yr old, plus he's gotta deal with a serious speed horse in Phileas Fogg, and the #2 is not slow early either. Pentathlon should sit a great stalking/mid-pack trip. His best race by far was his last one, when Shug removed the blinkers and he ran through the wire with vigor. It should be noted he also gets 8 lbs. from the two well-meant horses....that could mean something in the stretch. I love Junior and trust Shug, plus I'm getting a price. And, he's well-rested and working fantastically. Time to take a big swing....use underneath in exotics too!!</p>

Racetrack: Gulfstream

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – R7 starts at 3:19pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	8,10	3,11	12, (13)	3,8,10,11	\$0.50 P5	\$100
8	3	6	4	3,6		
9	3,5,6	1,7	4	1,3,5,6,7		
10	4	5	2,8	4		
11	2,4	1,6,7		1,2,4,6,7		

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 7 - 11

Welcome back to Gulfstream Park! Their Championship Meet has begun, and the quality of horses and jockeys will gradually improve as the meet goes on. Today's Late P5 is playable, and my favorite horse and biggest win bet across the country might be coming in this sequence (see Spot Plays). The spread races for me are R7, 9, and 11, while I'll take some stands in R8 and R10. It's not easy to find

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a single, although there are a few options. While I don't think you have to go super-deep in these races, they're not easy, so the P5 should pay just fine. Tread lightly / spread in the 2 mile turf event...those types of races can produce some strange results.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	10	Tee At One	10-1	2	\$15 WP #10 Trifectas: 10 / 3,8,11 / 3,8,11,12,13 3,8 / 10 / 3,8,10,11,12,13

Notes:

Pretty confident of one thing in this race....most of the money will be bet on #3 and #8. I get it, the, #3 and #8 are fastest on paper, but they come with question marks for me. Don't sleep on **#10 Tee At One**. I'm going \$1 WP here, more an underneath type. Jockey Vasquez is very good on turf, and the horse is better than he looks on paper. He's faced some decent ones at Monmouth, and last time he tried to come up the inside while the race fell apart and the outside flow swallowed up everyone else. He wasn't winning, but also was stopped on the rail and the jock stopped trying midstretch. A deceiving running line for sure. He's been working well since and gets a good jock switch.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	Longbranch Lou	9-5	4	\$25 Win #3 Backup Exacta: 6/3

Notes:

Hard-knocking claimers on the Tapeta. Not getting creative...about as low a price I like to tip out on these Power Picks. There's plenty of speed to set up Lou's close, and last time he won anyway beating many of these (except the 6) when having to close into a pedestrian pace, although getting a great trip anyway. He should sit perfectly again and come with his run late. Perhaps the 6 could get loose and wire 'em, but Lou should be tough. Possible single in the P5 here.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	5	Coiled	8-1	5	\$30 WP #5 BIG Exactas: 5 / 1,3,6,7 Smaller Exactas: 1,3,6,7 / 5

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULFSTREAM! In fact, based on his potential off-odds price of around 5-1, this might be my BIGGEST WIN BET ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON THE DAY. I must say, I'm not a big fan of these elongated turf races...sometimes we see wacky results. But there's WAY too much I like about Coiled, an improving 3 yr. old for Delacour. The Hard Spun colt is a work in progress, but stepped up his game last time, with a VERY game effort up on the inside to beat older horses going 1 ½ miles. I don't see distance as a problem, and he was a bit rank last time also, so I hope Ruiz uses some early speed to get position...just sit a few lengths off would be ideal in my world. He's worked plenty of times, and doing it well, at Fair Hill Training Center. They have hills and undulating training tracks, and he should be plenty fit. There are some decent horses in this race, and he's about 2-3 lengths slower than the best ones, but he has EVERY RIGHT to improve today, and I like the spot he's in. Ruiz has to time it right and get a trip. All systems go for me here. BIG WIN BET incoming with the right price.

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

