



# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

*Exciting day of racing across the country for Labor Day Weekend!! We'll start our Tip Sheet with 6 graded stake races at two different tracks, Saratoga and Kentucky Downs. Due to the nature of the sequence, there will NOT be a Pick 5 ticket given obviously since we're at two different locations. However, please notice the Pick 3 betting suggestions below our ABC grids.*

*Then, we'll travel out West for the biggest day of the Del Mar meeting, Pacific Classic Day! I'll take a deep-dive look into the Late P5, an excellent sequence with 3 graded stakes to end the card, including the Pacific Classic. With Adare Manor scratching, the door is open for a fresh face to take down the prize! Should be a fun day....as always, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES...possible rain in the forecast in NY later this afternoon. Of course, we'll end with Hawthorne's Late P4 on Sunday, where value is a strong possibility.*

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.16** (\$1,449.04 / 670)

YTD: **\$1.94** (\$352.21 / 182)

### Racetrack: Saratoga / Kentucky Downs

ABC Grids – Saratoga R10 starts at 5:04pm EST, Kentucky Downs R8 starts at 5:16pm EST

### Howard Kravets' Full-Card Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
SAR 10	7,9	2	1,3,6,8	7,9	See under grid	
SAR 11	7,11	4,6,9	8,10	4,6,7,9,11		
SAR 12	4,7	1,6	9	1,4,7		



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KD 8	6,9	4,12	2,8	4,6,9,12	See under grid	
KD 9	1,5,11	4,8,(13)	2,10	1,4,5,8,11,(13)		
KD 10	4,10	3,11	1,5,6,8,9	4,10		

### Pick 3 Tickets (Big Budget sub-\$100, Small Budget sub-\$50):

Saratoga Big Budget: 2,7,9 / 4,6,7,9,11 / 1,4,7 (\$90 for \$2)

Saratoga Small Budget: 7,9 / 7,11 / 1,4,7 (\$48 for \$4)

Kentucky Downs Big Budget: 4,6,9,12 / 1,4,5,8,11 / 3,4,10,11 (\$80 for \$1)

Kentucky Downs Small Budget: 4,6,9,12 / 1,4,5,8,11 / 4,10 (\$40 for \$1)

### Pete Visco's Grid: 5A (\$16) - 4A1B (\$56) - 3A2B (\$68) - 4A1C (\$16) - TOTAL (\$156)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
SAR10	7,9	2,3	-	3,7,9	\$1	\$84
SAR11	6,7,11	2,8,10	1,9	1,2,6,7,8,10,11	-	-
SAR12	1,4,7	3,6	2	1,4,6,7	-	-
KD8	5,6,8,9	12	2,11	5,6,8,9,12	\$0.50	\$70
KD9	4,8,11	2,3	1,10	1,2,3,4,8,10,11	-	-
KD10	3,4,10,11	-	1,5	3,4,10,11	-	-

### Pick-3 Plays

#### Saratoga

- Small Budget (\$45 for \$2.50): 7,9 / 6,7,11 / 1,4,7
- Big Budget (\$84 for \$1): 3,7,9 / 1,2,6,7,8,10,11 / 1,4,6,7

#### Kentucky Downs

- Small Budget (\$48 for \$1): 5,6,8,9 / 4,8,11 / 3,4,10,11
- Big Budget (\$70 for \$0.50): 5,6,8,9,12 / 1,2,3,4,8,10,11 / 3,4,10,11



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Paul Halloran's Grid: All A = \$12 4A/1B = \$52 3A/2B = \$55 4A/1C = \$32 TOTAL - \$151

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
SAR 10	7,9	3	5	7,9		
SAR 11	7,11	1,6	2,9	6,7,11		
SAR 12	1,7	4,6	8	1,4,6,7		
KD 8	6,12	4,8	3,7	6,12		
KD 9	1,11	4,8	5,10	1,8,11		
KD 10	10,11	2,4	6,8	2,10,11		

### Pick 3 – SAR

< \$50

7,9 - 1,6,7,11 - 1,4,6,7 - \$1.50 = \$48

< \$100

7,9 – 1,2,6,7,9,11 – 1,4,6,7,8 - \$1.50 = \$90

### Pick 3 – KD

<\$50

6 – 1,8,11 – 2,4,10,11 - \$4 = \$48

<\$100

4,6,7,8,9,12 – 1,8,11 – 2,4,6,10,11 - \$1 = \$90

## P3 Analysis - Saratoga and Kentucky Downs: **Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!**

### Saratoga:

The sequence at Saratoga could be chalky. If the two likely winners in each race run to their abilities, I'm not sure we'll find a price. The most likely upset in my opinion is the G1 Spinaway (R11), just for the simple fact they're 2yo's and can change on a dime. It's also a large field, so we'll see. R10 has two horses that should be favored, but the ML-favorite is a "one-number" horse and 2nd choice coming off a long layoff. The pace in R12 is tricky, so while this sequence could yield low payoffs, it's Saratoga after all!



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### Kentucky Downs:

Huge, competitive fields. Hills and valleys. Very trip-dependent races. Kentucky Downs is also a puzzle, so tread carefully. I always spend less money there due to the uncertainty, but that's just me. If you're a "big-game hunter", you love this track because even three chinks will yield a decent Pick 3 payout due to the field sizes.

**The following are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses I like that will provide some value (hopefully 5-2 or higher in general). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS. THIS IS A NO-CHALK ZONE....THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, FROM THE BEGINNING, WAS TO TIP OUT HORSES THAT ARE UNDER THE RADAR AND COULD PRODUCE VALUE!**

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
SAR 10	2	Autumn Evening	10-1	3	\$5 Win, \$10 Place, \$20 Show Trifectas: 7,9 / 2 / 1,3,6,7,8,9 7,9 / 1,3,6,7,8,9 / 2

#### Notes

MAINLY A PLAY UNDERNEATH (\$1 PS for our ROI), Autumn Evening is a new horse in the Pletcher barn. She's faced some toughies lately, including the talented Emery. The last race was a small field, but has come back VERY live. She has tactical speed and should be able to work out a trip from the inside, plus the distance should be just fine for her. I'd use her underneath in exactas and trifectas. Please do not think you can't make money with horses underneath. In fact, I've probably had as much success with price horses in 2nd and 3rd in trifectas (back-wheel or reverse-key) as I have with win bets. Of course, I'll play a small "insanity-insurance" win bet in case she upsets the field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
SAR 11	11	Quiteside	3-1	5	\$30 Win #11

#### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** The buzz on #11 Quieside is very strong, and rightly so. I doubt we'll get that morning line 3-1, more like 2-1. She was super-impressive first out as we discussed on the show Wednesday, gets a very cozy outside draw (although Pete mentioned that might



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not be a good thing based on stats), and does not need the lead. The extra distance suits and she's worked well since the debut. There's little not to like today, except the probable low price. This COULD be a Breeders Cup threat come November if she runs well.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
KD 8	9	Cameo Performance	12-1	5	\$15 WP #9 BIG Exactas: 4,6,12 / 9 Small Exactas: 9 / 4,6,12

Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KENTUCKY DOWNS!!** This is a VERY big purse, and therefore a strong field, including two Euros that could play a big factor. Here's what I've noticed....for a long-distance race, I do see a bunch of horses that prefer to be forwardly-placed, including the likely favorite from Europe. If the name "Cameo Performance" sounds familiar, it should...he's been on this Tip Sheet before. Trainer Walsh has done a masterful job with this very long-striding son of Oscar Performance. He's a great mover with a big late kick. The extra distance should only help him, as will the expected pace scenario. I realize he looks a little slow on the speed scales right now, but not by much, and Kentucky Downs lends itself to unusual results and explosive efforts. Tyler G. is in fine form, and I expect him to take back and make a big late run. I'd prefer he not be coming from last and more mid-pack. I also MUCH prefer he's on the outside in the stretch and not trying to weave between horses due to his larger frame / stride. If he finished in the top 3, I'll most likely have a trifecta score, but hoping he can place in the Top 2 and maybe upset the field.

## Racetrack: Del Mar

Pick 5; R7 - 11 , Post 7:30pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid: All A's: \$6, 4A1B \$44, 3A2B \$114.50, 4A1C \$22

Total: \$186.50

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	5,6,9	11	2,12	5,6,9,11	\$0.50 P5	\$120
8	8,10	1,7,9	6,11	1,7,8,9,10		
9	8,10	7	-	7,8,10		
10	5	3,4,6	1	3,4,5,6		
11	9	2,3	8	9		



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## Late P5 Analysis

*This is a terrific Late P5 sequence on Pacific Classic Day, with 3 graded stakes to end the sequence. In general, I will be spreading quite a bit in the first two legs and going thinner as the races continue. I'm taking stands with two main opinions: 1) #8 or #10 will be tough in R9 if they run to their potential, and 2) First Peace in the last will be tough if he gets the right trip...I'm a little against DuJour. This sequence can absolutely pay a hefty price, especially if DuJour loses the last race. Can't wait to bet these races, very exciting end to the day!*

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8	8	Better Than Gold	12-1	4	\$15 WP #8
<b>Notes</b>					
Better Than Gold has a few things going for him today. He ran very well last time against Pacific Classic entrant Full Serrano and was gaining on him late. He's second off the layoff for an excellent trainer and has the style that could be effective based on the rapid early pace scenario. It's not easy to close going 1 mile on the dirt at Del Mar, but I think this guy is talented enough to be a MAJOR factor given the proper setup and improvement.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	8	No Nay Hudson	6-1	4	\$10 WP #8 BIG Exactas: 8 / 7,10 Small Exactas: 7,10 / 8
<b>Notes</b>					
The G3 Green Flash is aptly-named, as the 5f turf sprint will be run at a VERY fast clip. No Nay Hudson ships West, and the East Coast turf horses are simply a better group. Ward must be here for one main reason: get the horse a race over the trip/surface to prepare for the BC Turf Sprint. He's faced very tough competition and done it well, should sit a nice trip just off the speed, and pounce when it's needed most. This is a competitive, big field going a short distance, so things need to break right for him....but you could say the same for many today. I'm expecting a big effort.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	2	Halfway Line	15-1	5	\$10 Win, \$30 Place Trifectas: 2 / 3,9 / 1,2,3,8,9 3,9 / 2 / 1,2,3,8,9



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<b>Notes</b>					
<p><b>THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!!</b> And, unlike most of my top plays, I'm simply hoping he finishes in the money...the higher finish the better. For our ROI, I'll go \$1 win, \$2 Place, and \$1 Show. He ran well in Europe last year over soft courses, and it's taken a bit for him to get acclimated to US Racing. He's been a bit rank / headstrong in his races, but last time, he was able to settle much better, and closed well in the stretch. It was visually impressive. The pace should be honest, and he projects to get a great trip. I'm a little concerned Berrios goes elsewhere, but Frey is talented and if he can get him to relax early just off the lead, I think he'll explode late. Will it be good enough? Maybe not to win, but at double-digits he can absolutely hit the board and spicen up a trifecta or exacta. He's been working well with other stake runners from the D'Amato barn in #4 Almdares and the talented Bahnikov.</p>					

**\*\* Special Note:**

*I like #5 Katohna (8-1) in the Pacific Classic. He's sitting on a big effort and just lost to likely fave Dr. Venkman. Katohna was late to switch leads late and might have needed the start. Don't sleep on #6 Full Serrano if he can get loose up front. I'm going 5-3-6-4 in the Pacific Classic.*

## Racetrack: Hawthorne Racecourse – Sunday Late P4

R6 – 9 , Post 5:30pm EST

### Howard Kravets' Selections:

**Race 6: 6 - 7 - 2**

Pick 4 Ticket: 2,6,7 / 2,3,5,7 / 2,3,7 / 3,5 (\$36)

*Lower-level maidens are not easy to predict, but #6 Malibu Brad (2-1) seems too logical. He's got enough early speed to put into the game early and is the fastest on paper. Tread lightly on the win end...these are not the most reliable horses running around the oval.*

**Race 7: 7 - 3 - 5**

*There's plenty of early gas in this 5 1/2f turf sprint, so I'll choose #7 American Mayhem (2-1) to run down the speed. Last time, they tried to stretch him out to 8 1/2f and it just didn't work out. His two previous turf sprints at this distance vs. tougher in Kentucky were very good.*



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### Race 8: 7 - 2 - 3

*Tricky race going the unusual distance of 1 3/16th. Many can win, with not much separating them. I usually wouldn't go with a horse that beat these last time, but **#7 Global Empire (9-2)** broke a bit slow and still ran them down. Perhaps the extra distance was the key and will only help the son of American Pharoah out of an A.P. Indy...bred to run all day long.*

### Race 9: 3 - 5 - 8

***#3 Ww Best of Times (9-2)** ran credibly last time into to a VERY hot pace that collapsed late. Although she lost the battle, she might have won the war in the sense than she's much tighter now and has experience going two turns on the grass. I'm wondering if she'll be ridden a bit more patiently by Travis Wales. There's not much to go on in this field....I'm expecting big improvement today.*

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

