

Race Day Date	October 24
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Race-Day Overview

Closing weekend at one of the world's greatest racetracks is upon us. This is a very solid Friday card with a dirt stakes, turf stakes, and two optional claimers that features horses who have run in all three legs of the Triple Crown. Looks like another sunny, dry, chilly day in Lexington, so get those Turf Pick 3 plays ready. Today is as good a day as any to build your Breeders' Cup bankroll.

Today's Picks

**For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and go to the "Power Picks" section.....a video explanation is also available on the page.

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!

ABC Grid - Post Time 1 p.m. EST

The "Stars" rating (last column) is #1-5 and represents the level of confidence we have in our "A" column for each race, with 5 being our highest confidence.

Race #	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars
1	7	4	1	4,7	\$.50 P5	\$60	4
2	1	4	11,12	1			4
3	6,7		1,4	6,7			4
4	1,3	8	5,12	1,3,5,8,12			3.5
5	3,11	4,8	6,7	3,4,6,7,8,11			3
6	4,6	1,2		2,4,6	\$.50 P5	\$81	4
7	5,10,14 (AE)	2,3	1	5, 14 (AE) or 5,10			4
8	8	3,4	6,7,9	3,4,8			3.5
9	9,12	2,6	4	2,9,12			3.5
10	1,3	5	4,6	1,3,5			4

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7 – On the Level	4 – Gettinby	1 - Shan
2	1 – No Mor Stones	4 – The Chalk	12 - Harbe
3	6 – Chunk of Gold	7 – So Sandy	4 - Classicist
4	1 – Emancipation	3 – The Town	8 - Chicanery
5	11 – Counterintuitive	3 – Kentucky Belle	4 – Improbable U
6	6 – A Fine Chardonnay	4 – Counting Stars	2 – On Time Girl
7	14 – Cliffs (AE)	5 Correto	10 – Love You Anyway
8	8 – Capital Idea	4 – Hold My Bourbon	3 – Brotha Keny
9	12 – May Day Ready	9 – Tabiti	2 – Play With Fire
10	1 – Misinformation	3 – Capanaparo	5 – J J Grey

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

Not an easy sequence. My strongest lead is #8 Capital Idea in the middle leg. The Valley View Stakes is a head scratcher, unless you think #2 Play With Fire will run to her 2-1 ML. She has taken serious money and run second in her last two starts, so I'll try to beat her in this spot. If I could get alive to the finale, I'd like to be at least 3 deep.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	3,11	4,8	6,7	3,4,6,7,8,11	\$3 P3	\$72
7	5,10, 14 (AE)	2,3	1	5, 14 (AE) or 5,10		
9	9,12	2,6	4	9,12		

\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

The first leg looks wide open and I would spread in a caveman format. In the middle leg, I will lean pretty heavily on the #14 Cliffs for future Hall of Fame trainer Cherie DeVaux if she draws in. If not, I can live with the 5 and 10 in that race (the Woolworth's combo, for Bostonians of a certain age). I'm going price shopping in the last leg using a 10-1 Spot Play as one of my pair.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
2	1	No Mor Stones	7-2

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
5	7	Temeraire	15-1

Price/Spot Play(s)

* Price / Spot Plays are not usually the favorites, but horses we like that will provide some value (hopefully 5-2 or higher in general). The "Stars" rating is 1-5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
<mark>2</mark>	<mark>1</mark>	No Mor Stones	<mark>7-2</mark>	<mark>4</mark>	\$25 Win/Place

Notes: PLAY OF THE DAY - My Chicago brethren will be pleased with seeing their guy Larry Rivelli in the Spot Plays. The shrewd trainer has an insane winning percentage – 28 – off the claim over the last 5 years, and when you add "Domestic Shipper" to the filter, it holds at 24%. The only drawback is that this horse is breaking from the rail in a 7-furlong race, but it looks like he has more than enough speed to get away from there in good order. After getting caught in a 1-turn mile at CD last time, this gelding should welcome the cutback. Rivelli's main man Jareth Loveberry comes in to ride. "Everybody, let's get 'Stones."

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	6	A Fine Chardonnay	9-2	3.5	\$20 Win/Place

Notes: When an Ian Wilkes-trained horse wins first time out, take notice. Wilkes wins at only 4% with FTS over the last 5 years, yet this daughter of rocket ship Maclean's Music looked like a real pro at CD in September, despite the 45-1 odds. Tyler Gaffalione should get an ideal trip from the far outside in the 6-horse field, which looks to be very competitive. Main competition might come from a literal 1-2 punch on the inside, but I think there is enough speed for A Fine Chardonnay to sit off and come running. Let's raise a glass for this one!

Rac	e #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	8	Capital Idea	7-2	3.5	\$20 Win/Place

Notes: I felt obligated to make a Spot Play in this race because I am against the 5-2 ML favorite #6 Generous Tipper, who has been off for almost 8 months after running up the track twice in Dubai last winter. Ken McPeek is 7% off 200-360-day layoffs over the last 5 years and there are other horses with comparable speed figures, including my pick. For some reason, this \$260K yearling purchase became a different horse when moving next door at the Oklahoma, from the Clement barn to Bill Mott. He won two races out of the Wilson chute at Saratoga, and while this field is appreciably tougher, when Mott gets them good they typically stay good. I'll go with the Sovereignty trainer-jockey combo a week before their big day at Del Mar.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	12	My Day Ready	10-1	3.5	\$20 Win/Place \$5 exacta key box 12 / 2,9

Notes: Start with the obvious: The #12 post is no bargain going a mile on turf at KEE. I'm going to rely on underrated jockey Ben Curtis to work out a trip for underrated trainer Joe Lee. Daughter of Tapit looked good in winning the Lake Placid at Saratoga. Last time, in the Winter Memories at AQU, she was a rank runoff and understandably was out of gas by the time they turned for home. That was from the rail, so maybe the far outside isn't that bad after all. Horse's running style has transitioned from deep closer to forwardly placed and you would think Curtis will hustle her out of there from the far outside. It's somewhat of a tall order, but that's where 10-1 comes in.

Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays Not Included in Price/Spot Play Bets

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$40 DD	7/1	\$40
5	\$1 Tri	3,8,11 / 7 / all 3,8,11 / all / 7	\$60
10	\$10 Ex	1 / 3,5 3,5 / 1	\$40

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

