

# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

***Brrrrrr.....cold weather has definitely hit part of the U.S. earlier than normal! Hopefully it's warm wherever you reside. That cold MIGHT come into play tonight at our feature track, Turfway Park, for their exciting Synthetic Championships! 4 stakes races out of the last 5 on the card are certainly worth betting / watching tonight.***

***If you want some turf racing and warmer climates, head down to Gulfstream, as we'll cover that as our secondary track in the late afternoon in the Eastern Time Zones. They have two big turf races for 3yo's, both boys and girls.***

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

**Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.04 (\$1,990.34 / 977)**

**YTD: \$1.75 (\$403.73 / 231)**

## Today's Picks

***\*\* For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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: Turfway Park\*

**\*Note late start time...Gulfstream Park (info. later in the Tip Sheet) races BEFORE Turfway today**

## **Howard Kravets' ABC Late P5 Grid – R6 starts at 8:25pm EDT**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	9	2,3,4	7,8	2,3,4,9	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	2,7	3	9	2,3,7		
8	3,5	2,7,(13)	9,12	3,5		
9	3,5	2,8	7,9,11,12	2,3,5,8		
10	4,5	1,7,10	3,12	4,5		

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## Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,3	5,8	9	2,3	\$.50 P5	\$90
7	3,7	2,9	4,12	2,3,4,7,9,12		
8	3,5	12	7,9	3,5,9		
9	3	5,11	2,8,9	3		
10	5,10	4,7	2,8	4,5,7,8,10		

## Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,7	3,9	4,5	2,3,7	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	2,3,9	4,7	12	2,3,4,9	-	-
8	5,7,12	3,4	2,6,9	3,5,7,12	-	-
9	3	7,8	2,5,6	3,7	-	-
10	4,5,7	2,10	6,9,11	4,5	-	-

## Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races #6 - 10

*Whoa....what a challenging sequence tonight! 4 stakes with big fields, then closes out with a tough 2yo two-turn maiden event. Keep an eye out for the track condition and how it plays. As mentioned on our shows earlier this week, sometimes the cold weather induces kickback on the Tapeta and favors horses that are more forward. We'll see if that comes to fruition tonight. I'm taking some stands in R9 and R10, while spreading more in the first three races. If I'm correct in the last two, I'll have plenty of coverage before then. It's really hard to find a single in my opinion, although my namesake Howard Walowitz could be tough, but he's not easy to trust.*

## 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)
6	9	She's Lookin Lucky	8-1	3	\$10 WP #9

### Notes:

The My Charmer S. kicks off the Late P5, tough field. It's pretty well-balanced and evenly matched. On paper, there's enough early speed to set it up for someone just off the pace. That's how I envision **#9 She's Lookin Lucky** to win. I'll take 8-1 all day. The negatives are she's only 3/22 lifetime and has never run on the Tapeta. But last time, she showed a bit of a new dimension, sitting further off the pace and coming with a good run. I'm hoping Machado does the same tonight: sit off the main speed and make a run from just off of it. She's as good as any in here and we get a price. It just depends on early position (not being too wide) on the first turn and if she handles the Tapeta. At 6-1 or higher come post time, I'll be willing to find out. I'll go \$1 WP due to the tough field.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	Cameo Performance	9-2	4	\$20 Win #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 2,5,7,13 Smaller Exactas: 2,5,7,13 / 3

## Notes:

I'm honestly ashamed of myself, not kidding. I've chased Cameo Performance so many times, not only on this Tip Sheet but also my own win bets. This horse is SO OVERDUE it's ridiculous. I made a BIG play on him on Derby Day in the TwinSpires contest and he was wide / just in too tough. I bet him last time too, and he brushed the rail (NOT in the comment lines) on the far turn as the jock tried to unsuccessfully squeeze inside. He's had other excuses too, but frankly, my patience on him is wearing thin. That being said, there's two things I like about him today: Irad and the pace map. Maybe the distance is a tad too short, but there's plenty of early speed, so I hope Irad takes further back and just makes one simple wide run away from traffic. He's talented, and one of these days he'll put it all together. One more time today, otherwise divorce papers will be filed.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Howard Wolowitz	5-2	5	\$25 Win #3 Trifectas: 3 / 2,5,8 / 2,5,6,7,8,9,11,12 2,5,8 / 3 / 2,5,6,7,8,9,11,12

## Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT TURFWAY PARK!!** I'm hoping my namesake makes a "big bang" vs. this field (if you know, you know)!! Howard is the class of the field (the horse, not the author, lol). I understand the temptation for the big bucks at Keeneland stretching out to a mile, but that's clearly NOT what he wants to do. If you toss out that one and the failed trip overseas, he's VERY tough tonight. He's very lightly campaigned in 2025, not sure I like that, but you'd think he's cranked up and ready go after preparing for this at his home base in Florida. It's quite the climate adjustment going from Florida to sub-freezing temps in KY, so I'd watch him carefully in the paddock and pre-race to make sure he's lively and ready to go. He skipped the BC...I assume because 5f might be too short for him. This distance, and post, is perfect. No excuses today other than the competitive field. I would not bet him post time on the win end at anything shorter than 8-5. He'll probably be lower than that, we'll see. **GOOD LUCK, HOWARD!!**

## Racetrack: Gulfstream Park

### Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – R7 starts at 3:17pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,2	4,5	6	1,2,4,5	\$0.50 P5	\$96
8	3,4,10	6	1	3,4,6,10		
9	2	1,5,7	3,6	1,2,5,7		
10	7	2,4	-	7		
11	6,12	10	3,4,7,11	6,10,12		



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

*The Gulfstream Park Late P5 today is highlighted by 2 turf stakes for 3yo's with big fields. Check out this week's "Bettin N Boozin" show as those guys went through the sequence in detail. My main spread races will occur in R9 and R11. I know many will single #2 Imperatrice in R9, but I don't trust her fully and think many can win in that smallish field. The last race, Tropical Park Derby for 3yo boys, is a tough race with many contenders. And it's counterpart stake, R8, looks wide open too, but I'll be taking more of a stand there. I thought it was pretty hard to find a legit single to lean on, but if I had to, it would be in the lowest-class race of the Pick 5, R10, with the 9-5 favorite #7 More Than Glory.*

### Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Shot at Perfection	8-1	2+	\$5 Win, \$10 Place, \$15 Show

#### Notes:

THIS IS PURELY AN UNDERNEATH play to generate some value. For our Tip Sheet ROI, we'll go \$1 PS. Bottom line....I don't trust anyone in this maiden race. I'm sure #2 Imperatrice will go off as the favorite, forget that 5-2 ML...she'll be more like 7-5. But there's other speed in here with the #1 and #5, and few horses in the race have proven they can pass anyone except my longshot, #7 Shot at Perfection. Trainer Ian Wilkes is patient with his younger horses, and this daughter of Gun Runner just might be coming into her own. Last time, she closed nicely after being patiently ridden in the back of the pack to pass horses late and gallop out well. I know these Gun Runners improve with age. If the pace heats up like I expect, Shot can come running at the end and pick up the pieces. Use in all exotics underneath, and I'll place a small "insanity" win bet just in case as well.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	7	More Than Glory	9-5	4	\$20 Win #7

#### Notes:

I know Tapeta \$10k claimers don't exactly get the blood flowing full of excitement, but #7 More Than Glory should be tough in this spot. If I get anything above 6-5, I'd consider it value. This is a weak field, and while she lost to rival #2 Compass Rises last time, I don't like the ride she received. She also had trouble late while full of run trying to split horses after looking like a loser at the top of the stretch. The key here could be the jock switch to Zayas, who I trust to time it right and be a bit more aggressive at the proper moment. There's a trainer switch too, although that may or may not make a difference. Unless #4 Trumpetta steps up, it's More Than Glory's race to lose....I don't like Compass Rises to WIN at all today. Possible single in your Pick 4 / Pick 5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	Layabout	10-1	5	\$20 WP #6 Trifectas: 6 / 7,10,12 / 3,4,7,10,12 7,10,12 / 6 / 3,4,7,10,12 7,10,12 / 3,4,7,10,12 / 6

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**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULFSTREAM!** Admittedly, I took a stab with a price in NY as of my one of my Spot Plays last week in a graded stake, and it completely flopped. That will happen sometimes. Today, I feel better about #6 Layabout for Junior and Biancone in the Tropical Park Derby for 3yo boys. He was marooned on the outside early and was 3-wide, uncovered, for a good portion of the race.....there is a Mott runner in the race, and Jr. opts for Layabout. There appears to be plenty of early speed, especially on the outside, so hopefully Layabout can tuck in easier and make a run, hopefully beating the two horses he lost to last time that are back in here. Not sure he'll win, but he'll make a good account for himself at around 6-1+. #7 Chapman's Peak, who will be favored BUT OVERBET, was a horse I LOVED last time and lost by a heartbreaking neck, denying me a chance to go to Vegas for the NHC. He obviously CAN win, but he's coming back quick, and I'm not sure the tight turns and short stretch will do him any favors....plus he received a great trip last time. He's a bet against today and very defensive use in the Pick 5. If the pace gets super-hot, #10 Candytown is the one you might want (another 8-1 ML). He was on the inside and got shuffled back pretty badly, only to make a furious run late in the stretch. Fun race, many options from which to choose!

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

***\*\*Special note: Starting at the beginning of the Santa Anita meeting on Dec. 26th, we'll have special coverage on these Saturday Standard Power Pick Tip Sheets of the \$1Min. Coast-to-Coast Pick 5, which combines races from Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita! Only 15% takeout and retail wagers only, (NO CAW's). Stay tuned for more details!***

