

Race Day Date	10/13/23
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Racetrack: Keeneland

Post Time 1 p.m. EST

Race-Day Overview

Not the best Keeneland card, but the typical series of tough, competitive, challenging races. The featured ninth race, the Sycamore, features horses ranging in age from 3 to 9, with the tepid favorite 3-year-old Godolphin/Appleby Euro Bold Act. Understand anyone trying to fade the gelded grandson of both Galileo and Dubawi, but if Nick Tammaro's ML is accurate — which it usually is — 7-2 is more than a fair price. That race anchors the Turf Pick 3, always a bet worth exploring. The fourth race is a 5-horse allowance and they all have a shot, but it's the type of race you should form an opinion and go skinny, in my opinion. Keep an eye on the scratches in Race 5. I need two defections to have the #14 draw in and if so, he is on my A team. If he doesn't, I'll promote the #10 from the B to the A line. You will note that in Race 7 I have both a Spot Play — the #1 — and a vertical play, using the #9 as a reverse trifecta key horse. Racing at Keeneland on Friday the 13th. Let's make it a lucky day!

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...you have to scroll down a bit under the SPP promotion...a video explanation is also available on the page.

Full Card ABC Grid

Early P5: 5A (\$8) - 4A1B (\$24) - 3A2B (\$26) - 4A1C (\$20) - TOTAL (\$78)

Late P5: 5A - \$1 bet (\$8) - 4A1B - \$1 bet (\$44) - 3A2B (\$46) - 4A1C (\$22) - TOTAL (\$120)

Race	Α	В	C Caveman Picks		Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1.8	7	6	1,7,8	.50	\$72
2	3,9	2	1	2,3,9		
3	7,8		3	7,8		
4	3	2	1	2,3		
5	3, 14 (AE)	7,10		3,7,10,14		
6	2	3	6,11	2,3	.50	\$72
7	1,8	5	7	1,5,8		



8	2,9	7,11	6	2,7,9,11	
9	3	2,4	1,5	2,3,4	
10	4,11	6,10	3	4,11	

P5 Strategy/Analysis

I am relatively thin in both sequences, so I'm playing \$1 tickets on my 5A and 4A/1B combos in the late P5. My leans are the #3 in the fourth in the early P5 and the #2 in the sixth and #3 in the ninth in the late P5. I actually like the Turf P3 opportunity slightly better than both Pick 5s.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

P3: 3A (\$12) - 2A1B (\$42) - 1A2B (\$42) - 2A1C (\$30) - TOTAL (\$126)

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	3,14 (AE)	7,10		3,7,10,14	\$3	\$72
7	1,8	5	7	1,5,8		
9	3	2,4	1,5	2,3		

Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

Unlike the P5, I'm more inclined to play a caveman ticket in this sequence. If the #14 doesn't draw in the fifth, I would add the #4 to the last leg, making it an \$81 caveman. With these races and the \$3 base, it is highly likely that a good payday is there for the taking.

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). These horses will be included into our "ROI" Stats at the beginning of the SPP's. The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	2	Huge Bigly	4-1	3	\$25 WP 2

Notes: Robbie Falcone is a NY guy who has only started five horses at KEE the last five years, with one win. This is a good angle for him: off the claim, dirt route = 27% wins. Throw out the last race, a turf route at Saratoga in which he was 32-1. This son of 2008 BC Juvenile champ and Godolphin sire Midshipman has won on all three surfaces but his best speed figure – 94 Beyer – came on dirt, albeit almost two years ago. Love that Luis Saez gets aboard as he and Falcone win at 21% over the last five years. The ML favorite #3 Telephone Talker is 0-5 on dirt, so I have no problem trying to beat him. Speed horse, inside post, short stretch (first finish line) add up to a Huge Bigly win.



Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	1	Accredit	4-1	4	\$30 WP 1

Notes: To quote Uncle Howard, this is my Play of the Day. This horse has come back strong from a 6½-month layoff with a decent fourth at Kentucky Downs and a convincing win in a \$100K CD allowance in which he put up a career-best Beyer (95). I think Luan Machado is an underrated jockey and if you want some proof, check out the job he has done with Next, currently the top dirt marathoner in the U.S. I know the rail on the turf at KEE can be tricky, but this horse has the speed to be forwardly placed and avoid traffic on the turn. He also has a win at KEE under his hooves. Trainer Pavel Matejka is 2-10 at KEE over the last five years, so he won't need Waze to get to the winner's circle. My other strong opinion in this race is the #9 Ocean Atlantique to make the board. A Mike Maker horse in a turf route with Tyler in the saddle at 8-1 makes him an appealing underneath play. His PPs are dirtied up by a Saratoga stakes run on a yielding course and two Grade 1s in which he faced turf monster Up to the Mark.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Enigmatic	8-1	4	\$30 WP 2

Notes: I would love to think we will get 8-1 on a Brad Cox juvenile maiden making her second career start going turf to dirt – a 24% win angle for BBC – but I doubt it. Nevertheless, there should be decent value relative to her chances. Interesting that Cox opted for turf in the debut, but seeing she is out of a Giant's Causeway mare, it is understandable. There is also plenty of dirt pedigree for this daughter of 2017 Travers champion West Coast and granddaughter of Flatter. Wide open race features a 7-2 ML favorite, hence the opportunity for value. I took a long look at the #6 trained by Graham Motion and ridden by Prat, but it looks like she is coming out of a weak MSW at Delaware. Tough to predict what the first-time starters will do, but Florent Geroux figures to have the chance to do what he does best: Control the pace.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	DD	\$10 DD 1, 8 with 3,9	\$40
7	Tri	\$1 tri 1,8 with 9 with all \$1 tri 1,8 with all with 9	\$40
9	DD	\$20 DD 3 with 4,11	\$40



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

