



# Keeneland *Power* Picks Tip Sheet

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## Race-Day Overview

*Today's card is a nice combination of maiden, allowance, and stake races, with the main feature being the G1 QE II. I found several races with vulnerable favorites, so I'll be price shopping today for sure. Race 5 is a perfect example of this, where most are going to weigh heavily on the #2 and #9, but I don't believe they have to win at all and think there's others to use horizontally and vertically. In the feature, there are 3 Euros that seem to dominate the field, and again, #4 Mawj will be a relatively heavy favorite that I will try to beat on the win end. Finally, pay attention to the way the track plays / wind. There's suppose to be quite a big wind today, and if it's against them or with them in the stretch (not a crosswind), it could absolutely affect the races, so it'll be interesting to see what happens. I'm tipping out many possible Price/Spot Plays...take a good look and pick and choose which ones you might like!*

## Today's Picks

**\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,5	3,8	4	1,3,5,8	.50	\$96
2	7,12	5	1,2,3,9,10,11	5,7,12		
3	3,6	5,7	-	3,6		
4	8,9	3,10	4,5	3,8,9,10		
5	3,8,9	4	2,10	3,8		
6	2,12	-	3,7	2,12	.50	\$72
7	1,6	12	4	1,6,12		
8	5,9,10	2	3,6,8,11	2,5,9,10		
9	2,4,7	-	6	2,4,7		
10	1	7,10	2,4,9	1,10		



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## Late P5 Strategy/Analysis

Highlighted by the G1 QE II in R9, the Late Pick 5 at Keeneland is an interesting sequence with longshot potential. And, the last race will signify the return of First Mission, who was scratched out the Preakness earlier this year and returns after a minor injury. Hope he comes back strong. I will be spreading especially in R8 and a bit in R9, mainly using the Euros.

## \$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	3,8,9	4	2,10	3,4,8,9	\$3	\$48
7	1,6	12	4	1,6		
9	2,7	4	6	2,7		

## Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

If I'm right about this sequence, we're gonna cash a nice ticket. I'm fading two relatively big favorites, one in R5 (#2), one in R7 (#1), and one in R9 (#4). Can either one of these favorites win? Sure, but they're going to be overbet and I'm looking for a big score. I really believe this All-Turf \$3 Pick 3 has a chance to be one of the bigger ones we've seen so far this meet....play a skinnier ticket tossing the faves and see what you can do.

## 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)
1	8	Bucktown	15-1	3	\$15 WP #8
<b>Notes:</b> The opening race on the card is a confounding one, and I'll try and start the day with a big price in the #8 Bucktown. The gelding is 2 <sup>nd</sup> off the layoff and has back-numbers that are competitive in this event. I believe there's enough early speed to set up his mid-pack style, and I love horses turning back in distance.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Seize the Grey	7-2	4	\$25 Win #3 Big exactas: 3 / 5,6,7 Small exactas: 5,7 / 3

**Notes:** This is one of the races I spoke about in the introduction. #6 Lightline (sounds like Flightline?) will be a heavy favorite and is 4-5 ML. But it was such an easy trip last time, and now he'll face MUCH tougher horses and potentially a totally different scenario. I'll go with The Coach D. Wayne and Seize



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the Grey, who ran credible into a fast pace in the Iroquois last time and is dropping in class. The son of Arrogate should appreciate the two-turns and figures to get a nice inside trip. He's been working predictably well for Lukas and may be ready to take a step forward today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	8	King's Secret	10-1	3	\$15 WP Big Exactas: 3,9 / 8 Small Exactas: 8 / 3,9

**Notes:** Here's the deal.....I'm COMPLETELY against #2 Catmint on the win end. I'm sure she'll run well and hit the board, but she got the dream of dream trips last time and really did not impress me at all on tape. Also, keep in mind she was 8-1 on debut in late July and clearly had some issues because she debuted pretty late into her 3yo season. King's Secret is admittedly a bit of a flyer, but she's had trouble in 3 of her 4 starts and is just goofy. Perhaps the blinkers on will do the trick....if she runs back to her Saratoga effort, she can absolutely win this race today. The #3 is probably more logical to me, but King's Secret will be 3 times the price. The #9 is the one to beat, but I'm looking for bigger prices in this wide-open race that is totally dependent upon the trip each horse receives.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Foreign Relations	9-2	4	\$15 Win #6 Big Exactas: 6 / 1,4,12 Smaller Exactas: 1,12 / 6

**Notes**

Dropping down from the stake ranks, Foreign Relations seems to be a "ying-yang"-type. He runs a good race, then a bad, then a good, etc....not only does his form cycle say today will be a good run, but he's dropping in class big-time. I guess the rail horse is the one to beat, but turf horses going West to East don't work out too well normally. I'm not sure we'll get that 9-2, probably more like 3-1, but I'd take that on the win end as the obvious alternative to the favorite today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Dear Lady	10-1	5	\$20 WP #5 Trifectas: 5 / 2,9,10 / 2,3,6,8,9,10,11 2,9,10 / 5 / 2,3,6,8,9,10,11 2,9,10 / 2,3,6,8,9,10,11 / 5

**Notes**



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**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!!** For purposes of the ROI, I'll go \$1 win, \$2 place and \$3 show. Race 8 is a difficult race with many I don't trust. Plus, there appears to be plenty of early speed signed on, so I'm looking at a closer. Trainer McPeck and jockey Hernandez have teamed up before to score, and this one is one of the few closers in a race with speed. She's going turf and dirt and turning back, two angles I like. Not only that, she ran well in the winter at Oaklawn vs. good horses, and showed some ability there. She's getting back to what she wants to do, and I think she'll save ground, tip out late with a big run, and be a factor with the right trip. Maybe not the strongest win candidate, but she has a GREAT chance to hit the board at a decent price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Sounds of Heaven	8-1	4	\$20 WP #7

**Notes**

The QE II is a great race every year, but today the Euros are coming over in full force to take down the cash. I believe one of them will win. #4 Mawj will be the favorite, but I have slight concerns about the distance. The weather this morning might play an important role...I hope the course does not receive too much rain, because my top choice Sounds of Heaven wants it firm. She ran huge two-back vs. nice one Tahiyra and I believe will relish the longer distance. Trainer Jessica Harrington does not run too many over here, so when she does, it gets my attention. I'm not sure how the pace scenario will set up, but I wouldn't mind this one being up closer than usual. She'll need to bring her "A" game vs. these, but she's talented and very capable on her best day.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	9	Commandperformance	30-1	3	\$5 Win, \$10 Place, \$20 Show Trifecta: 1,10 / 9 / 1,2,4,7,10 1,10 / 1,2,4,7,10 / 9 Superfecta: Key the 9 in 3rd and 4th place

**Notes**

This is PURELY AN UNDERNEATH PLAY. **For the ROI, we'll go \$1 place and show on the #9.** There's a few things to consider before you completely dismiss the #9 Commandperformance. And it should be stated....I don't usually tout 30-1 shots on these Picks, and I take these selections seriously. Commandperformance is a horse I'm very familiar with. He ran very well as a 2yo and I placed a future wager on him for the 2022 Ky. Derby. His 3yo year last year was in general a disappointment, but he



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came around this year with some decent efforts. Toss out the last, he's NOT a turf horse. Not only that, most of his races have been slow paces, and this one has a bunch of early speed in it. I see a scenario in which he launches from far back and outruns his odds as First Mission probably wins for fun if he's ready. It's wide-open behind that one, and Commandperformance will be a HUGE price. If we can get him underneath, we'll get paid in the trifecta. I might even play a rare superfecta for me in this race.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
3	DD	\$10 DD 3 / 3,8,9,10	\$40
5	DD	\$10 DD 3,8 / 2,12	\$40
9	DD	\$20 DD 2,7 / 1	\$40

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

