Keeneland *Power* Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	October 15, 2023
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Racetrack: Keeneland
Post Time 1:00pm EST

Race-Day Overview

We have a card of nine races to close out the penultimate weekend of the Keeneland Fall Meet. While the whole card has some very difficult races to handicap and should be very competitive on the track, the headliner on this day is Caravel running in the Grade 2 Franklin Stakes (Race 7). Fans of Caravel know that she loves coming back to Keeneland. She is 3-for-3 here with impressive wins in the 2022 running of the Franklin Stakes and, more impressively, the 2022 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. So, the big question of the day will be whether Caravel can get back to her winning ways at the track she loves and whether a win here be a springboard to another potential Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Championship in three weeks or will there be an upset that can propel some other contender to the Breeders' Cup.

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.

** On the ABC Grids, if one or more of the 'A' or 'B' horses scratch and there is a single 'B' or 'C' horse, respectively, that 'B' or 'C' horse would move up to the 'A' or 'B' line, respectively, for purposes of individual or multi-race bets and the tracking of winning scores/plays.

Full Card ABC Grid

Early P5 (R1-5): 5A ($6) - 4A1B ($32) - 3A2B ($59.50) - 4A1C ($44) - TOTAL ($141.50)

Late P5 (R5-9): 5A ($6) - 4A1B ($35) - 3A2B ($74) - 4A1C ($38) - TOTAL ($153)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	9	1,7	3,8	1,7,9	$0.50	$90
2	6	1,2	3,4	1,6	-	-
3	4,8	5	1,2	4,5,8	-	-
4	1,3	4	5,11	1,3	-	-
5	4,6,9	2	1,5,8,12	2,4,6,8,9	$0.50	$90
6	2,8	4	5,7	2,4,8	-	-
7	1	4,5	2,3,7	1	-	-

| 8 | 1,4 | 3,6 | - | 1,3,4 | - | - |
| 9 | 1 | 4,11 | 12 | 1,4,11,12 | - | - |

P5 Strategy/Analysis

Early Pick-5: Generally, when trying to come up with a Pick-5 ticket, it pays from a value standpoint to try and find a single. In this sequence, at least as far as the ABC grid goes, I landed on two singles, both of which could be popular singles. The biggest reason I wanted to find those singles was so I can go deeper in the 5th Race since that one looks like it could be wide open, on paper, and may be an opportunity to close this sequence out with a price.

Late Pick-5: In the late sequence, the obvious single that most people will have is Caravel in the 7th and that's the one I am going to go with as well. Although, I always do seem to try and beat **Caravel (#1)**, unsuccessfully, and I think here she faces some challenges especially if some of the other speed in the race decides to test her early. In case that happens, I did have a few other horses as B's and C's just in case. Getting one of them home could really explode the payout.

$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid
P3 (R5,7,9): 3A ($9) - 2A1B ($39) - 1A2B ($60) - 2A1C ($48) - TOTAL ($156)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	4,6,9	2	1,5,8,12	1,2,4,6,8,9,12	$3	$84
7	1	4,5	2,3,7	1	-	-
9	1	4,11	12	1,4,11,12	-	-

$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

As I mentioned when talking about the strategy for the late Pick-5, I am starting the construction of my Turf Pick-3 with **Caravel (#1)** in the 7th. Since she is going to be the most popular single on the card, I assume, we aren't getting a ton of added value by doing that, but her love of Keeneland and class just makes it hard to go too deep on the A line or even on the caveman ticket. To add value, I am also singling, at least from an ABC standpoint, **R Calli Kim (#1)** in the 9th. Adding a 2nd single really allows me to include a bunch of other horses on both the ABC grid and on the caveman ticket. Since I think the 5th race might be wide open and ripe for a price horse to win, I am happy to have the ability to really deep in that leg.

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.*

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	6	Show Off	8-5	4	$40 Win – 6 ($40)

Notes: I know it's not normally our way to tip out low priced favorites on our Power Picks. However, I came across a trainer angle (see below) that I really wanted to include, and this was the best way to do it. On paper, this is a really wide-open race with some quality horses of which some are coming out of graded stakes tries, which actually provides some hope that another horse or two takes some money and can push the odds up on our horse. In her debut, **Show Off (#6)** got on the lead and cruised to victory over what looks like a relatively weak field, but she did it impressively. Now, Brad Cox is moving her onto the dirt for her second start. Based on her pedigree, the move to the dirt should be no issue. The only concern is the Dam-Side progeny is 0-for-4 in-the-money in dirt routes with some really poor performance. Since it's a small sample size and the stats for dirt sprints are very good, I am not overly concerned.

Key Stat(s):
- Cox – Maiden Winner Last Out Going Turf-to-Dirt – 10/20 W (50%), 14/20 ITM (70%)
- Cox – 2nd Career Starters Going Turf-to-Dirt – 20/59 W (34%), 37/59 ITM (63%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	My Uncle Frank	4-1	3	$20 Win/Place - 3 ($40) $10 Exacta - 3 / 1,4,5 ($30) $5 Exacta – 1,4,5 / 3 ($15)

Notes: My Uncle Frank (#3) has had an odd career for a young horse who has only raced three times. He made his debut in June of his 3-year-old season on the turf, moved to dirt for his 2nd start and ran well, was claimed, and then moved back to turf stretching out where he ran terribly but was claimed again. Now he is in the Brittany Vanden Berg barn after the claim (a move that is strong for her barn as you will see below) and back on the dirt where I think he belongs. He is also cutting back from 9f to 8.5f. Based on figures alone, there is a stark contrast between this horse on the dirt and turf. Add to that the fact that the best progeny from both the Sire and Dam do their best running on dirt, and it just makes sense to get this horse back on what I think is his preferred surface. In addition to the surface change, **My Uncle Frank (#3)** is dropping down a bit to this Mdn20k level where I think he fits nicely.

On a personal note, and an angle only my dad would appreciate, my dad's brother and my godfather passed away in 2017 and his name was Frank. Therefore, he was My Uncle Frank. What makes the angle even better is that Uncle Frank's birthday was/is Halloween, so having him win here in October with Halloween around the corner, would be even better.

Key Stat(s):
- Vanden Berg – 1st After Claim on Dirt – 17/41 W (41%), 29/41 ITM (71%)
- Vanden Berg – Turf-to-Dirt in Past 5 Months – 5/8 W (63%), 8/8 ITM (100%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	9	Mischievous Rogue	6-1	4	$20 Win/Place - 9 ($40) $0.50 Trifecta – 9 / 2,4,6 / 1,2,4,5,6,8,12 ($9) $0.50 Trifecta – 2,4,6 / 9 / 1,2,4,5,6,8,12 ($9)

Notes: This is my Price Play of the day in a race that is maybe the key race of the day if you are a horizontal player. This 5th race ends the early Pick-5, kicks off the Late Pick-5, and kicks off the $3 Turf Pick-3, so nailing this race could go a long way to having a huge day. I wonder if it was on purpose then that this is probably the deepest and most wide-open race on the card, in my opinion. In a race so wide-open, it might seem odd to use this race as a top play, but the unpredictable nature of this race and configuration (5.5f on the turf) means that we should be able to get some value.

One thing about this race is that a lot of the horses, while sometimes very good, can also be inconsistent. With **Mischievous Rogue (#9)**, we don't have that issue, at least over the course of the last seven races and almost two years. In the six races prior to the last, this horse hit a lifetime Beyer top in each race. Then in the last race, they stretched him back out to 6.5f after a two-month layoff and he was a little flat. Now, we are cutting back to his preferred distance where he is 2-for-2 on the win end with both being lifetime Beyer tops at the time and coming back to Keeneland where he is 1-for-1 after a nice win three back.

As for race flow, there are four horses in this race that look to be need-the-lead types with Timeform Early Pace figures of 111 and higher which should lead to what I hope is a very hot pace. If that happens, **Mischievous Rogue (#9)** should be able to use his tactical ability to get first run on those speed horses and then will just need to hold off the deep closers coming from the back.

Key Stat(s):
- Cowans – On Turf in the Past 5 Months – 9/27 W (33%), 17/27 ITM (63%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	R Calli Kim	7-2	4	$25 Win – 1 ($25) $10 Exacta – 1 / 4,6,11 ($30) $5 Exacta – 4,6,11 / 1 ($15)

Notes: I am going keep this one short and sweet. R Calli Kim (#1) came off a year-long layoff two races back and closed to beat a lower-level field and popped a lifetime Beyer top. She then moves up in class, stretches out further, and closes to beat another field handily with another lifetime Beyer top. Now she is moving up in class again and stretches out even further to see if she can do it again. It's not often that you see a 6-year-old improve like this, but she is actually young on the track with only 11 lifetime starts and had shown some nice improvement in 2022 right before she moved into the Brendan Walsh barn and then had to be put on the shelf for a year. Now she is back, and Walsh has her back in top form. As for the stretch out to 12f, which could be problematic for any horse trying it for the first time, she is a half to Temple City Terror who is a graded stakes winner going 12f on the turf and was also trained by Brendan Walsh, so hopefully this horse can replicate some of her half-sister's success.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
2	Daily Double	$10 Daily Double – 6 / 8	$10
4	Daily Double	$20 Daily Double – 3 / 9	$20
4	Pick-3	$1 Pick-3 – 1,3,4,5 / 2,4,6,9 / 2,4,8	$48
6	Exacta	$5 Exacta Box - 2,4,8	$30

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