



# Keeneland *Power* Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	10/20/23
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## Racetrack: Keeneland

Post Time 1 p.m. EST

## Race-Day Overview

This Keeneland card is a vegetarian’s delight: no stakes. There are, however, three consecutive allowance races in the second half of the card with an average purse of \$120,000, so while it may be a lean card by Keeneland standards, there are plenty of tracks that would take this as a Saturday slate. I think it presents some decent betting opportunities, with a mix of logical – but not odds-on – favorites and a few longshots with more than a fighting chance. My best bet of the day will be Easter in the ninth. (If you’re looking to create a Catholic parlay, start it with St Anthony in the Knickerbocker Stakes at AQU and try to get your bankroll to rise again on Easter.) I have an 8-1 “B” in the fourth and a 15-1 “B” in the third, so maybe we can blow up the early pick 5. Let’s get to it.

## 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

Early P5: 5A (\$8) - 4A1B (\$40) - 3A2B (\$74) - 4A1C (\$24) - TOTAL (\$146)

Late P5: 5A - \$1 bet (\$32) - 4A1B - (\$40) - 3A2B (\$36) - 4A1C (\$32) - TOTAL (\$140)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,6	1	7	3,6	.50	\$96
2	2,6	1	3	2,6		
3	8,12	2,11	10	2,8,11,12		
4	4	1,2	6	1,2,4		
5	11,12	7,8	5	7,8,11,12		
6	3,7	4	9	3,7	.50	\$96
7	2,10	7,13 (AE)		2,7,10,13 (AE)		
8	3,8	6	10	3,6,8		
9	7,8		10	7,8		
10	4,11	9	10	4,9,10,11		



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## P5 Strategy/Analysis

Going to lean on the 4 as a lone A in the fourth leg of the early P5 – a sequence I would love to hit with two Bs, based on ML odds. In the late P5, watch the scratches; I have the AE #13 as a B in the second leg -- Ward and Johnny V at 8-1. Need one defection for her to draw in. I'll spread a bit more in the early sequence, despite the lone A.

## \$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	11,12	7,8	5	8,11,12	\$3	\$72
7	2,10	7,13 (AE)		2,7,10,13*		
9	7,8		10	7,8		

## Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

I think the middle leg – R7 – is the best opportunity for a price in a sequence that could be relatively straightforward. Will look to get alive to the logicals in the anchor 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.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	2	Notorious Sixohtwo	15-1	3	\$20 WP 2

**Notes:** In a wide-open 2YO maiden claimer with a 7-2 ML favorite, I went looking for a price and landed on this son of former Centennial Farms standout Preservationist. The sire was a Grade 1 winner and the dam, My Lil Shamrock, has produced two winners. Trainer Chris Hartman wins at 15% in dirt sprint maiden claimers – 2-for-7 at KEE. This horse set a hot pace at CD last time before fading in the final furlong of a \$50K MCL, so he might forget to stop today. He is one of five geldings in the body of the race, a heat the speedy Nobals could have run in. I'm not particularly enamored with any of the FTS, including the ML favorite, #11 In the Numbers for Chad Brown, who is "only" 14 percent with 2YO FTS in dirt sprints.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	1	O'Conner Sunset	8-1	4	\$15 win, \$25 place #1; \$5 ex box 1-4

**Notes:** The bargain hunting continues. You might expect a ML higher than 8-1 on a horse coming from Charlestown, but this son of Curlin (I know, you're shocked) has an ALW win at Colonial to his credit, ran second at KEE in his career debut last fall and, most important, comes in off an 82 Beyer, a repeat



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of which makes him a leading contender among this not-so-Magnificent Seven. I'm guessing the plan will be to send from the rail and I'm hoping he runs off into the Sunset. The favorite, #2 Goodasiwonswas, has won twice on dirt but has a pedigree that looks more turf. Don't be scared off by jockey Orlando Bocachica, who has a Grade 1 win among his 1,375 career victories. Trainer Michael E. Jones Jr. will look to visit the winner's circle in his KEE debut. Speaking of trainers, easy to root for Michael Thompson, conditioner of #4 Hocus. This appears to be the only horse in training for Thompson, who has been training for 47 years but has only 50 starts since 2014.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	Poblano	7-2	4	\$25 WP 3

**Notes:** Going with another Curlin progeny, trained by the eminently capable Brendan Walsh. This Godolphin home-bred is coming out of a race at CD In which Xigera ran off the screen, a performance that could land her in the Breeders' Cup Distaff, and would be worthy of a second look IMO. Yes, Poblano was 19 lengths behind, but that was an ambitious -- and very confident -- placing by Walsh for a horse coming off a maiden win. And, she was sent off as the favorite. A duplication of the 85 Beyer she logged in her maiden win, and a slight regression by the Chad Brown favorite, #8 Raging Sea, and Poblano is right there. As you will see in my vertical plays, I also like the #6 Surely Shirley, to hit the board in this race.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
5	Tri	\$1 tri 11, 12 with 8 with all \$1 tri 11, 12 with all with 8	\$40
8	Tri	\$1 tri 3,8 with 6 with all \$1 tri 3,8 with all with 6	\$36
9	Exacta	\$10 ex 7 with 4,8,10,11	\$40

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

