



Keeneland *Power* Picks Tip Sheet

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Race-Day Overview

Today's card is the penultimate Saturday card of the meet, as it ends a week from today. There are two stakes (1 graded) on the card, both in the Late P5. The weather should be just fine, 70 degrees and sunny. Lexington finally received some rain over the last two days, which was desperately needed. So, while the main track should be fast, the turf might have some "give" to it, probably listed as "good".

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

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	5	2,4,6	3,7	1,3,5,8	.50	\$96
2	4,5	3,7,10	-	5,7,12		
3	2	7,12	5,11	3,6		
4	8	2,4	3,6,7	3,8,9,10		
5	6,8	1,2,3,9	7	3,8		
6	1	-	5	1	\$0.50	\$90
7	2,3,6	5,9	5,8,11	2,3,5,6,9		
8	1	3,6,7,9,10	8	1,3,6,7,9,10		
9	3,7	4	5,8,9	3,4,7		
10	1,5	8,11	7,9,10	1,5		



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Early / Late P5 Strategy/Analysis

The Early P5, discussed on our morning show, is tricky. It could be very chalky, as there are plenty of big ML-favorites. Do I trust some of them? Absolutely not....so I'll try and beat a few while singling others...it's not the most inspiring sequence from a talent perspective, especially for Keeneland. Today's Late P5 starts with a heavy favorite in #1 Verifying. Although he's not a slam dunk, I would weigh on him heavily. If you're playing this bet, I would still back-up with a few, but don't spend too much money trying to beat him. If you don't want to pick a 3-5 as top choice to start a P5, then completely toss and gamble that he will lose. If he wins, then you can just play the P4...not a bad strategy. There are prices to be had, at least in my opinion, later in the sequence, so in this case I'm not afraid to go ahead and single the approximate 3-5 in the opening leg. I'm spreading mightily in R7, R8, and R9.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

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

Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

I'm going to roll the dice and start with a single. If the #8 Viareggio gets the pace setup I think she'll get, I believe she'll blow by the field in the stretch at 8-5 to kick off this bet. I'll use a few others (see chart) as backups for sure however. Then, I'll spread mightily in R8, a wide-open affair, and then try to beat Fauci (#11) in the last, although I'll use him as insanity insurance just in case.

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)
4	8	Viareggio	2-1	4	\$25 Win #8

Notes: Not the most creative way to start today's Price/Spot Plays, but sometimes a horse just seems obvious to me, and that one is Viareggio. On paper, although you never know, it sure seems like there'll be some early pace, and that's exactly what this gal wants. She'll be flying in the lane and I hope run down the field late. If we get 7-5 that might be a gift.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Dissolved	10-1	3	\$10 Win #3 Big Exactas: 2,6 / 3 Smaller Exactas: 3 / 2,5,6,9

Notes

#3 Dissolved has a few angles going for him in this maiden affair. First, I like the massive improvement from 1st to 2nd start, indicating there's talent and upside. Secondly, he has the best inside speed and in theory will be able to get to the rail and save ground while other speeds might be wide going into the first turn. My hope is he can sit in the "pocket" and let the other speed go, then stalk and pounce late. He should improve 2nd time going long and I like the breeding. It's a wide-open race, so I have no desire to lean on a low-priced ML horse in this race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Nom De Plume	20-1	5	\$10 Win, \$20 Place, \$30 Show Trfiecta: 3 / 4,7 / all 4,7 / 3 / all 4,7 / all / 3

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! For purposes of the ROI, I'll go \$1 win, \$2 place and \$3 show. Last week, I touted two bombs...one finished a huge 2nd at 35-1, the other ran a game effort battling the whole way while taking the lead to the top of the stretch. While I don't think Nom De Plume will be a gigantic price due to the presence of Prat riding, I think she'll be in the 15-1 range. #7 Alva Starr is a rocket ship, but she's got to stretch out to 7f and there's other speed that may be able to pressure her at some point. This race, as talked about on the podcast Thursday, has produced some upsets. Nom De Plume is one of the few closers in this race, and has plenty of dirt sprint breeding on the dam side. I don't know if she's fast enough to win, but an expected fast pace could set up an explosive kick late to grab a slice...or maybe more. Similar to last week, I'll play this gal in all spots of the trifecta and hope to get paid big time!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Willtorun	8-1	4	\$15 WP #1



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Notes

I have a ton of respect for Trainer Amoss and his “go-to” guy, Morales. They’re hitting over 20% together. #1 Willtorun has been switched to Amoss’ barn and gotten the ultimate equipment change, first-time gelding. He’s got some back-class and I’m hoping will show a bit more speed than he has lately. Amoss knows this one can’t be too far back. I’m not a big fan of the rail in a turf sprint, but I have a feeling it’s going to work out fine here. Favorite Facui is marooned all the way on the outside and is a not machine, so this race is wide-open. I don’t think we need to see too much improvement from the #1....rather, the key is a good trip from the inside.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	DD	\$20 DD 5 / 4,5	\$40
4	DD	\$20 DD 8 / 6,8	\$40
6	Skinny P3	\$10 P3 (R6 – 8): DD 1 / 2,3,6 / 1	\$30

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

