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Race-Day Overview

Just because Saratoga and Del Mar is over, doesn't mean the fantastic racing action won't continue. We're only 7 weeks away from the Breeder's Cup, and there are a bunch of Win-And-You're-Ins north of the border at Woodbine, including the \$1mil. Woodbine Mile.

Then, we'll look at the first Saturday at Churchill in a while, as racing comes back to Louisville for a nice Late P5 with several stakes, including the first points awarded for the 2027 Kentucky Derby and Oaks.

*Finally, join us on our popular **"WEEKEND WARRIORS"** LIVE SHOW FROM 3:45PM - 6:15PM EDT ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL covering many of the races on this tip sheet, please join us! The show will be hosted by Howard with Co-hosts Matt Miller, Andrew Rdesinski, and Noah Meagher contributing during the broadcast.*

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK TODAY!!

Spot / Price Plays (National Avg. ROI is \$1.60):

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.16 (\$2,568.94 / 1189)**

2026: \$2.77 (\$542.88 / 196)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.39 (\$213.57 / 63)

Today's Picks

**** For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and click on the "Power Picks" tab on the top of the page for more information on how to read an "ABC" Grid and place bets using the "ABC" Method.**

Power Picks

Racetrack: Woodbine

Howard Kravets' ALL-GRADED STAKE ABC Grid; R5 starts at 3:05pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	5,6,7	4	-	4,5,6,7	-	-
6	1	5	3,7	1,5,7	\$0.20 LP5	\$24 for \$1
7	3,9	1	2,10,12	3,9	-	-
8	1	7	3	1	-	-
9	3,4	1	-	3,4	-	-
10	4	1,8	3	1,4	-	-

Pete Visco's ALL-GRADED STAKES ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	6,7	5,8	4,10,11	5,6,7,8	-	-
6	1,7	4,8	3,5	1,7,8	\$0.60 P5	\$86.40
7	2,3,9	1,4,12	8,11	1,2,3,9	-	-
8	1	3,7	6	1	-	-
9	1,3,4	6,8	-	1,3,4	-	-
10	1,4	2,8	3,6	1,2,4,8	-	-

Paul Halloran's ALL-GRADED STAKES PICK 5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	6,7	4,5	8,11	4,5,6,7		
6	1,7	5	4	1,5,7	\$1 P5 (6-10)	\$54
7	3,9	1	8,12	1,3,9	\$5 P3 (7,9,10)	\$45
8	1,7		3	1,7		
9	3	1,6	4	3		
10	4,8	1	3	1,4,8		

Howard's Stakes Analysis

The 6-race stakes sequence has a nice combination of wide-open races and heavy favorites. Trainer Mark Casse has entered 5 horses in R5, and three of them are cross-entered in R7, so pay attention to scratches and changes...as of this writing, I don't know in which race they'll run. R5 would be my biggest spread with a longshot opinion, even though #6 could be a heavy favorite. The other 5 races COULD be chalky, but I have interesting thoughts on horses such as Miguel Clement's entrant #3 Oscar in R7, and #4 Archivist in the big one, the Woodbine Mile. I would go skinny in horizontal plays. There is a Pick 5 in R6-10 plus a \$5 Pick 3 covering races 7,9, and 10. You'll need to remember these races when Breeder's Cup Day rolls around in 7 weeks.



Price/Spot Play(s)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	5	Bounce Back	15-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show #5

Notes:

****Important Note...IF #5 Bounce Back is scratched from this race and runs in R7, I DON'T LIKE her at all....R7 is MUCH more difficult in my opinion.** That being said....I showed the replay of this Casse runner's debut on the podcast Thursday. It was quite an education. I think this one has talent, puts blinks on which I hope will keep the horse focused, and can be tactical. If the speed holds, she might be up against it, but on paper they should be going fast early and my guess is (and hope) that Junior takes back a little and makes a big late run. We cashed with a nice longshot on the tip sheet last weekend at Kentucky Downs with Lion Lake who ran a big 2nd, so let's try the same today. For our Spot Play ROI, I'll go \$1 Win and \$3 Place.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Oscar	6-1	5	\$20 WP #3 BIG Exacta: 3 / 9 Smaller Exacta: 9 / 3

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT WOODBINE!! How hot is Miguel Clement? He's winning throughout the country, and not all with favorites. He trains **#3 Oscar**, his best 2yo turf colt whom he likes and thinks is very good and professional. His debut backed up his opinion...Oscar just sat on the inside comfortably, waited, and came through on the hedge (not easy to do for a baby) to win nicely after getting into a real battle in deep stretch with a solid Chad Brown horse. You know I liked / appreciate the gallop out...he never let his foe by, even after the race was won. The speed fig won't blow you away, but I like the way Oscar did it...but upside with Oscar Performance in his pedigree. Hope he's 4-1+ and I'll take my chances.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	Archivist	6-1	3+	Trifecta: 4 / 1,3 / 1,3 3 / 1,4 / 1,4

Notes:

Let me be clear....if my top choice **#4 Archivist** has any chance, he'll have to run the race of his life. HOWEVER...his win last time fits on almost every speed fig I use vs. Notable Speech and Deterministic, so I don't think he's much slower than those monsters. Can he fly across the pond with only three weeks rest and win? The owners, Wathnan Racing (of Travers winner Leading Change fame), think so. This is a VERY aggressive spot, and "Magic Man" jockey Jao Moreira is in to ride. He has a wicked turn of foot, but I hope somehow he gets "covered up", waits behind horses, and then explodes late like his last two runs. The problem is Deterministic might get loose, so Archivist will have run him down and outkick Notable Speech. But now's the time to strike when the iron is hot....fascinating entrant.

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Power Picks

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' ALL-STAKES GRID - Starts at 3:21pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,3,7	1,4	-	1,2,3,4,7	-	-
7	1,4	3,7,8	-	1,3,4,7,8	-	-
8	1,2	3,7	6	1,2	-	-
9	1	-	3,4	1	-	-
10	1,5,6	2,7,9	8	1,5,6	-	-

Late Pick 5 Analysis (R6-10)

Fun sequence at Churchill....ALL STAKE RACES!! As you can see by my grid, I think the first two races are wide-open. I would spread in both of them. I'd plant my flag in R8 and R9, using only two horses in R8 and singling the #1 (Splendor) in R9. In the last stake race, the G3 Iriquois, #5 Real Goodbar will be my longshot play, although a few handicappers / podcast hosts I respect like this one too, so maybe I won't get the price I want.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	4	Cat On Time	9-2	3	\$10 WP #4 BIG EXACTAS: 4 / 1,7,8 1,7,8 / 4

Notes:

I have to admit....I often don't know what to do with Trainer David Jacobson's horses. He's, let's just say, hard to figure sometimes, to put it gently. However, **#4 Cat On Time** might trip out here and run big vs. heavy favorite #5 Built, who has to deal with plenty of speed inside of him. Cat On Time won nicely in a salty allowance race at Saratoga and likes to come off it a little. He's not as fast or classy as the Top 2, but just have a feeling he's gonna run a big one from further back. At least use underneath in your exotics. I'll go \$1 WP for our Spot Play ROI.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Pierette	9-2	5	\$25 Win, \$15 Place #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 2,3,7 Smaller Exactas: 2,3,7 / 1

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS!! The G3 Pocahontas, first race that gives points to the Ky. Oaks, did not come up too tough in my opinion. Certainly, #2 Manuka Honey can win as the deserved favorite, but I like **#1 Pierette**. She's 2-for-2 at Churchill, and her last run at Saratoga was a bit weird. It appeared that like she disliked the dirt in her face / loose surface at the Spa and was spinning her wheels, until late when she got back into the bridle and finished well with a very good gallop out (I know Paul is laughing right now, but he shouldn't be)! Assuming the CD surface is tight as usual, Pierette should be in a great spot down the backstretch for Jose O. and make a nice run from midpack.

Power Picks

Even if it's wet, she has a very good wet-track pedigree. I hope she gets a bit lost in the shuffle on the toteboard due to her bad running line last out. She's been working well over the local strip too.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	5	Real Goodbar	10-1	2+	\$10 Win, \$15 PS #5 Trifecta: 5 / 1,6 / 1,2,5,6,7,9 1,6 / 5 / 1,2,5,6,7,9 1,6 / 1,2,6,7,9 / 5

Notes:

The G3 Iroquois is the first race that awards points to the 2027 Kentucky Derby. My overall opinion is two-fold: 1) I don't like #7 Salahudin on top, who will take a ton of money, and 2) **#5 Real Goodbar** is an interesting price shot. Trainer McPeck is best at Churchill Downs, this bargain-basement colt by Authentic (only cost \$85k) ran well in his debut at Colonial, which was interestingly enough two turns on turf. So at least I'm not worried about distance. I'm guessing he's a dirt horse, and he only ran there because he wants distance. The time didn't come back anything special, but he did it well. He's been working very well on the CD dirt, including a spin in July against Twinkle Town, who freaked at Saratoga. I'm not sure he's good enough to win, but has a shot if firing big again. I think he'll be a little further back today, and that could be a good thing.

Good luck with all of your wagers....CRUSH YOUR BETS!!!

