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Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	April 18
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Race-Day Overview

Easter Weekend Racing begins Friday here at Keeneland with a very nice 10-race card. The feature on the card is the Grade 3 Doubledogdare Stakes, as older fillies and mares go 1 mile 1/16 and finish at the first wire on the main track. Is Candied ready to take down older foes off of her Breeders' Cup placing? Can Occult bring her New York form down to Kentucky? Can Just FYI prove to be the filly she once seemed like she could be? Should be a great race and a great overall day in Lexington. Good luck to everyone playing!

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.....a video explanation is also available on the page.*

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!



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ABC Grid - Post Time 1pm EST

The "Stars" rating (last column) is #1 – 5 and represents the level of confidence we have in our "A" column for each race, with 5 being our highest confidence.

Race #	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars
1	1	4,5,6	3	1,4,5,6	\$.50	\$84	3
2	5,6	1	4,10	1,5,6			4
3	3	-	2	3			3
4	6,7	-	2,4	6,7			3
5	4,8	1,5,6,7,11	9,12	1,4,5,6,7,8,11			2
6	5,7	-	3	5,7	\$1	\$16	4
7	7,8	-	2,11	7,8			3
8	4,11	10	5,6	4,11			4
9	6,7	1	-	6,7			2
10	2	6,11	10	2			5

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

Friday's Late Pick 5 sequence could potentially be a sequence you'd want to hit multiple times. There are some favorites that I think are going to be pretty tough to beat, especially in Races 6,8, and 10. This sequence offers a good combination of turf and dirt and routes and sprints and is featured by the G3 Doubledogdare Stakes. Personally, I am expecting a big effort from the #7 Occult, as you'll read about down below. If you wanna find a spot to spread in your ticket and hope for prices, Race 8 seems like the logical spot. Big Invasion is very capable of winning off the bench, but if you think he's vulnerable, there are several valuable directions to go. Good luck!

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	4,8	1,5,6,7,11	9,12	1,4,5,6,7,8,11	\$3	\$42
8	4,11	-	10	4,11		
10	2	6,11	10	2		



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\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R5, R8, and R10

As you can see by the ticket I have constructed, I am very much taking the “spread early, skinny late” approach. Race 5 is as possible as a turf marathon can get; I could use a variation of 7 horses, and I’m not even sure that’s enough. Race 8 is all about whether Big Invasion is ready to go off the bench, which I’m a little more inclined to believe rather than trying to beat him completely. Race 10 goes through one horse, and that’s the #2 Mystifying. She ran huge in her lone turf start way back in September, and if she runs back to that, she seems like the logical single in this sequence.

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	1 - Tunisian Spring	6 - Hesper	5 - Express Line
2	5 - Fear	6 - Baytown Anubis	1 - Victoria’s Shances
3	3 - Savannamarie	2 - Gray Frost	1 - Starship Belmont
4	6 - Altered Shot	7 - Cairo Street	4 - Sunny Isle beach
5	4 - Marksman Queen	8 - Dancing Dean	6 - Boss Lady Bailey
6	7 - Itwillbefun	5 - Zen Moment	3 - Divine
7	8 - Theatrix	7 - Order Restored	2 - Lazy Y Legacy
8	4 - Big Invasion	11 - Doncho	10 - Dhabab
9	7 - Occult	6 - Candied	1 - Just FYI
10	2 - Mystifying	11 - Unreasonable	6 - Expensive Queen

Howard’s Play of the Day (I will be filling this in for ALL race days)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	1	Victoria’s Shances	3-1	5	\$25 Win #1

It’s rare that I tout a 2yo this early in the season as my Play of the Day, but I have a feeling this one could be special. The Ward trainee (no, they don’t all win these baby races) is bred to be VERY quick. The dam dropped Shang Shang Shang, who won its debut then was sent to Ascot and won there too. Another sib, One True Shance, was VERY speedy and won its debut as well. The rail is not ideal, but you have to worry much less about these babies breaking with Ward, who trains them to leave the gate like a rocket ship. If we get 9-5, that might be a gift. We’ll know within the first few seconds of the race if she can beat the boys today.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
10	2	Mystifying	9-5



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Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
2	6	Baytown Anubis	20-1

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). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	6	Altered Shot	6-1	3	Exactas: 6/7, 7/6
Notes: Goes out for a new barn under trainer Joe Sharp and his Louisiana teammate Jose Ortiz. This 7-year-old mare is in for the lowest claiming price of her life, which tends to happen at these bigger meets like Keeneland. She's got plenty of numbers to go back to and against better company than her foes today. It's just a matter of if her conditioner can get her back to what she's done in the past.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	7	Itwillbefun	9-2	4	\$15 Win
Notes: We find ourselves another class dropper in the #7 Itwillbefun. She's been facing N1X company including a few foes on the Oaks trail, but now drops to a much more reasonable spot for Kenny McPeek, who picks his spots very carefully. Both favorites (#3 and #5) have quite some early gas, and if this track continues to play fairly, she should get the perfect setup.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	8	Theatrix	4-1	3	\$15 Win
Notes: Even though Rusty Arnold has only 1 win at the meet, his horses have been running very well, and this certainly could be another. She dueled into submission in her only dirt effort, and her effort two back wins against this group. Not sure what happened last time as the favorite, but she's had some time off and draws a really nice outside draw. For you Late Pick 5 and Pick 4 players, pay attention to pools and probables, as this one could be one taking some money.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Occult	7-2	5	\$25 Win
Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!!! Occult is a big play of mine in this year's Doubledogdare stakes. She has run really well in many of her recent 2nd place finishes and has been a little unlucky not to be victorious. Last time she lost to Tizzy in the Sky who has rattled off wins in 3 of her last 4 and possibly the best distaff horse in the Northeast. The 1 mile 1/16 hits her right between the eyes, and I expect a huge effort from Occult on Saturday.					

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
4	\$5 Daily Double	6,7 / 4	\$10
7	\$10 Daily Double	7,8 / 4	\$20
9	\$25 Daily Double	7 / 2	\$25



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

