

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

The finale of three incredible weekends in a row begins today. We'll cover the Late P5 at Keeneland on Opening Weekend, the Late P5 in NY at Aqueduct for their (last) Wood Memorial card, and of course the Coast-to-Coast P5 out West. We aren't covering the great Santa Anita card on this tip sheet, but you can find out about their sequences by watching "Pacific Horseplayers" Tuesday podcast. The Top 2 finishers at each of three Derby Preps are guaranteed a place in the starting gate in 4 weeks.

Also, check out our two live shows today, as "Keeneland Today" starts at 11:30am EDT, and "Weekend Warriors" starts at 5pm EDT.

WEATHER SHOULD NOT BE A FACTOR AT EITHER Keeneland or Aqueduct, although there's a chance of rain later in the day/card in Kentucky.

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.11** (\$2,232.22 / 1059)

2026: **\$3.13** (\$206.88 / 66)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.89 (\$81.70 / 21)

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.*

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Racetrack: Keeneland Racecourse

Howard Kravets' All-Stakes P5 ABC Grid - R7 starts at 4:12pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	7	-	2,5,6	7	\$0.50 LP5	\$90
8	4,10	7,8,9	3	4,7,8,9,10	-	-
9	1,4	3,5	2,6	1,3,4,5	-	-
10	2,8	4,12	3,10	2,8,12	-	-
11	4,6	9	1	4,6,9	-	-

Paul Halloran's All-Stakes P5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	7	-	2	7	\$2 P5	\$72
8	9,10	8	4,7	9,10		
9	3,5	1,4	2,6	1,3,5		
10	2	8,12	1,4	2,8,12		
11	4,6	-	1,9	4,6		

Pete Visco's All-Stakes P5 ABC Grid:

NO GRID THIS WEEK

Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 7-11

Keeneland is always a serious challenge. Horses are coming in from all over the country for this boutique meet with huge purses, high-level stakes, and prestige to boot. However, today's All-Stakes Late P5 is very playable with possible singles, so I don't think it's quite as challenging as usual. #7 Saudi Crown SHOULD take care of business in the opening leg, but is not a cinch as he's burned money before. I would spread in R8 and R10, and go medium depth in R9 and R11. Unlike some people, I absolutely would NOT single #6 Further Ado in the Blue Grass, while recognizing he is the horse to beat and certainly can win the race. Should be a fun-filled last 5 races at Keeneland today, can't wait!!

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)
8	10	Imaginationthelady	7-2	3+	\$20 WP #10
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There's a common theme you'll hear throughout today's Tip Sheet: classy horses coming off layoffs vs. horses that have been running throughout the winter. You need to decide which layoff horses you trust and which ones will "need one" and are pointing to something down the road. It's a tricky situation, which is part of the reason why Keeneland can be a challenge. #10 Imaginationthelady was one of the better 2yo turf fillies in the country, but that's not saying much because it was a weak group. However, she finished a solid 4th in the BC Juvenile Female Turf and won here on this track last fall. I love the way she's working for her comeback, completely blowing by her barnmates in the morning (who didn't run great last weekend at GP however). She's a big filly who prefers to be on the outside, and there's enough early speed to set up her closing kick. She'll need racing luck...it's a big field with some talented runners, but I'll trust Tyler G. and Walsh to have her ready to win vs. a somewhat weak group overall in my opinion. Pay attention to how stablemate stakes-runner Vasy ran yesterday at Keeneland...they've been working together in her most recent work in the a.m. at Payson

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	My Boy Prince	6-1	4	\$25 Win BIG Exactas: 2 / 4,8,12 Smaller Exactas: 8,12 / 2

Notes:

#2 My Boy Prince once again shows up on this Tip Sheet as a Spot Play, something I've done successfully with this horse before. The G2 Shakertown is always a challenging race, and today is no exception. I LOVE #8 Litigation as a horse and tipped him out at GP, but this is a significantly tougher spot (he absolutely can win too). I believe My Boy Prince will be a higher price and will get a better trip, although the latter is just speculation frankly. He's versatile, can sit close or be further back. With this inside post, I expect him to save ground a few lengths off the lead, then explode in the lane with only a need to find room. 5 ½ furlongs at Keeneland should be perfect for him. He's got plenty of figs and back-class to get the job done, but will have to run his "A" race. He only lost to Litigation by 1 length two starts back, and that's when Prince was coming off a layoff.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	9	Ottinho	20-1	5	\$5 Win, \$20 Place BIG Exactas: 4,6 / 9 Smaller Exactas: 9 / 4,6

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! Here we go, another big Derby Prep, and another bomb (price will go down come post time, read below) I'm touting to make a big splash in the mutuals, again mainly underneath. This angle has been awesome for me the last few weeks, hope today is the same. **#9 Ottinho** for Chad Brown and Flavian Prat seeks to qualify for the Derby. He was meant to run in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, but Chad switches to the Blue Grass after Paladin was scratched. I have two major concerns: 1) He's never run on any other surface, and 2) This was not the original plan, to run at Keeneland. That all being said, he's a half to HoF'r Gun Runner and is meant to be a good one. The Withers has been broken down by me quite a bit, the same race Grittiness came from before his surprise 2nd in the Virginia Derby. That was just a funky track, and several horses have improved off that effort. **#2 CLASS PRESIDENT (and the #7) WILL SCRATCH TODAY**, which will lower Ottinho's price greatly, I'm guessing around 5-1 post time, maybe 3rd choice. There feels like a lot of early speed in here, and I just think Prat will let the speed go and sit a great trip. I'm hoping Flavian takes back and makes one run, although the blinkers on indicate either more early speed or more focus, I hope it's the

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latter. There's talent here...will it manifest itself today? We'll see, but I'm getting a decent price to find out. For our ROI, I'll go \$1 Win \$3 Place, as he's more likely to finish in 2nd than 1st.

Racetrack: Aqueduct

Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC GRID - Race 8 starts at 4:21pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	8,9	1,2	7	8,9	\$0.50 LP5	\$120
9	2,8	1,3,9	-	1,2,3,8,9	-	-
10	6,7	1,3,4,5,8	-	6,7	-	-
11	1,2,6	-	4	1,2,6	-	-
12	1,8	4,7,13	12	1,4,7,8	-	-

Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 8-12

It's Wood Memorial S. Day at Aqueduct, the last one ever to be run at the NYC track. They're going out with a bang, as this Late P5, one could argue, is TOUGHER than the one at Keeneland today. I thought it was hard to pinpoint a single anywhere, and R9,10, and 12 are VERY tough to me. I'm hoping to escape Leg 1 with just the 8 and 9, then spread Leg 2, go lighter Leg 3 (without much confidence), 3-deep in the Gazelle, then 4-deep in the Wood while tossing the outside horses for better or worse. This thing could pay huge.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	Turn and Count	7-2	4	\$15 WP #8

Notes:

#8 Turn and Count is owned by one of our podcast sponsors, the Adelphi Racing Club. No, I don't have an ownership piece of this one, but I like the gelding today for a few reasons. He's drifted in the stretch before, so the connections tried blinkers last time, but he didn't like them at all, so draw a line through the last race. There's early speed signed on, and he's a nice closer who should get the set up. They take the blinkers back off, and he's worked forwardly since. Look for him to make a wide sweeping move late, hopefully to get the job done. His main competition is just to his outside...if the #9 gets loose, Turn and Count is gonna have really run in the stretch. Let's hope he stays straight in the lane and goes by them all at the wire!! .

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	2	Always a Runner	4-1	3+	\$20 Win #2 BIG Exactas: 2 / 1,6 Smaller Exactas: 1,6 / 2

Notes:

The replay of the **#2 Always a Runner** was a sight to see....talk about EASY wins!! I know the field wasn't exactly stellar, but this filly was IN HAND from the far turn to the wire, literally. There's SO MUCH more in the tank than what she showed last time, but Chad shows confidence by going right into this race...I assume that was always the plan with the daughter of Gun Runner. She's bred to be something special, and I have no worries about the distance. Is she fast enough? We'll see....she's giving up experience and seasoning, but she figures to get a nice stalking trip, and in a small field, you figure Dylan will time it right. He's anxious to get back to NY and show the colony and NY'ers what he's made of after a tough injury. I can easily see this filly going from the maiden-breaker 59 Beyer to a high 70's / low 80's. That would be good enough to beat this field. Very interesting horse today in NY.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	8	Courting	8-1	5	\$10 Win, \$20 Place/Show #8 Trifectas: Small...8 / 1,4,7,12,13 / 1,4,7,12,13 Biggest...1,4,7,13 / 8 / 1,4,7,12,13 Medium-sized.....1,4,7,13 / 1,4,7,12,13 / 8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT! I know this will sound arrogant / selfish, I don't mean it to be, but somehow I've been absolutely spot-on in these 3yo preps on this Tip Sheet...hope you all have been cashing, and hope it continues today. And once again, I'm taking a stab with a bigger price to at least hit the board. **#8 Courting**, full disclosure, has been my back-up Future Derby horse since December, as I have a small Future bet on him at 45-1. I've been so focused on Paladin that I haven't been announcing or stating that in the last few months, but the son of Curlin is the full little brother to BC Winner Clairiere. He's been pretty disappointing up until this point to be honest, but today he takes the blinks off, has been working with Renegade in the mornings in Fla, and doing it well, gets Carmouche, who was won big races for Pletcher before, and this race is just WEIRD. There's a TON of early speed on paper, and it feels like a meltdown could be in order. If it turns into a stamina test, and Kendrick is patient early, I think he'll make a big run late and maybe upset the field. Andrew and Kyle both picked this horse on top on Wednesday's BnB show, and David Aragona had this one 3rd and said a lot of people are picking him. So, I'm guessing we won't get that 8-1. I wouldn't touch him on the win end at less than 6-1. Use Courting underneath too, where I think he's more realistically likely to finish. I don't trust the favorites here at all....let's go price-shopping again!!

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Coast-to-Coast (CTC) Pick 5 Preview

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First leg starts at approx. 5:02pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP9	1,5	2,4	-	1,2,4,5	\$1	\$72
SA5	1,4,10	2,5,9	7,12	1,4,10		
GP10	3	6	9	3,6		
SA6	1,5	3	7	1,3,5		
SA8	7	-	1,5,6	7		

Overall opinion: Today's sequence is interesting, and very playable. There are possible singles in the last three legs of the Pick 5, so depending on your opinions, you could play a low-budget ticket. I'll be spreading a bit in the first two legs for sure, and will single only in L3 and L5 at the most. The G2 Santa Anita Oaks is tricky and I'll be spreading more than I probably should in that race. If the #7 doesn't win the last race, the payout will definitely blow up, as that one will be tough to be in the Cal-Bred stakes.

YouTube preview...."Wire to Wire Ep. #14": <https://youtube.com/live/ryrQrTwQYdq?feature=share>

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

