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Race Day Date	Saturday, April 19
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Race-Day Overview

Only four racing days left in the Keeneland Spring Meet, so just like Saturday at The Masters, today is moving day. This is a solid, though not spectacular card with a few smaller fields than usual overall, but still plenty of good wagering options. I have strong opinions early and late, with my best bet coming in the finale. I think the Turf Pick 3 presents a good opportunity since it ends in that aforementioned nightcap. The two stakes are competitive, unless you think Limited Liability is a lock in the Elkhorn (I don't). Enjoy this final Saturday – until October – at one of the world's truly great racetracks.

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/Rating
1	6,7	5	2,3	5,6,7	\$.50 P5	\$81	3
2	4	1	6	1,4			4
3	9	1,2	6	1,2,9			3
4	4,6,7		5	4,6,7			4
5	6,7,8	1	10	6,7,8			3
6	3,5	4	2	3,4,5			3
7	3,7	4,11	1,8	3,4,7,11	\$.50 P5	\$64	4
8	5	8,9	4,6	5,9			4
9	2,6	1,9	7	1,2,6,9			4
10	2,6	1,7	4,5	1,2,6,7			3
11	8	7,12	2,11	8			5

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R7 - 11)

Then what? Ideally, a winning Pick 5 ticket. I'm going to wait until the 6:20 p.m. finale for my best bet and hopefully I will still be alive when it rolls around. For me the key to the sequence could be in the Race 10 Ben Ali Stakes, in which I am taking a ML 15-1 longshot to go gate to wire. That would spice things up for sure. Beating Limited Liability in the Race 10 Elkhorn would be a bonus and, while I will use him as an "A" I think there is a reasonable chance he loses. The idea then is to come up with the right upset horse, especially since Just a Touch looks very formidable in Race 8. There is potential for the sequence to chalk out, but I think about an equal chance it pays decent. I'll be paying to find out.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,7	4,11	1,8	3,4,7,11	\$3 P3	\$60
9	2,6	1,9	7	1,2,6,7,9		
11	8	7,12	2,11	8		

\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

Using a horse that will likely be the favorite in the anchor leg means I'm hoping to beat Limited Liability in the middle. With a \$3 base, you can get a decent payoff without a bomb dropping and that's the plan. I am using five horses with a ML of more than 5-1 in the first two races so let's hope we can get one or two of them home. Let's all thank the great Jim Goodman, Keeneland's director of wagering, for coming up with this bet, which is a must play virtually every day.



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Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	6 – Digital Sale	5 – Always Practical	7 – Rose Rita
2	4 – Crudo	1 – Night Agent	6 – Homer’s Odyssey
3	9 – Copperlite	1 – Ember	2 – Proven Hope
4	4 – Golden Sunshine	7 – Fixin to Bee	6 – Good Temper
5	8 – Liam’s Journey	7 – Top Gun Rocket	6 – Colorado Cruiser
6	3 – Honky Tonk Highway	5 – Lugan Knight	4 – Two Eagles River
7	7 – Pipsy	4 – Bandonarun	3 - Cloudwalker
8	5 – Just a Touch	8 – Gould’s Gold	9 - Skinner
9	6 – Limited Liability	2 – Grand Sonata	9 – Missed the Cut
10	2 – Prince of Power	6 – Duke of Love	7 – Uno Mas Bourbon
11	8 – Then	7 – Rothschild	12 – Ciro di Marzio

Howard’s Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	9	Missed the Cut	6-1	5	Trifectas: 9 / 2,6,12 / 1,2,4,6,7,12 2,6,12 / 9 / 1,2,4,6,7,12

Notes: Nick Tammaro is an excellent morning line maker. But I think he’s a bit off with #9 Missed the Cut, who I could argue is the horse to beat. There’s really nothing not to like about him, as he’s consistent and loves the distance. Maybe he needed that last race, plus I don’t think GP is his cup of tea. Johnny V. would be best suited to find an early spot without being wide, then make that nice late move when the time is right. He almost beat Silver Knott last year here at Keeneland when Silver Knott was going really good. I’m expecting around 7-2, but I would take that price in a heartbeat here. #6 Limited Liability might be tough to run down, but I hope someone (#11?) will go with him early, and I just don’t trust him while acknowledging he’s the horse to beat.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
11	8	Then	7-2

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
10	2	Prince of Power	15-1

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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	4	Golden Sunshine	4-1	4	\$20 Win/Place
Notes: Returning to turf and stretching out to 1 3/16 miles, I'm betting that this big closer will be more forward than usual under Lanfranco, who is looking to snap an 0-15 streak at Keeneland. This Godolphin home-bred by ageless stallion Medaglia d'Oro ran OK in a KEE turf maiden special last fall, missing by 1¼ lengths after a wide trip in a race that produced three next-out winners and one runner-up. #6 Golden Temper ran off the screen at Fairgrounds last out and will take money, along with 8-5 ML favorite #7 Fixin to Bee, who is getting class relief after running in three straight stakes. Time for a flying dismount.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	7	Pipsy (Ire)	9-2	4	\$40 DD 7-5
Notes: This is one of those turf sprints that perhaps makes Uncle Howard so disdainful of the lawn dashes. There is a tepid ML favorite in #4 Bandonarun (Frankie again) for Christophe Clement. She has 21-flat speed, but so does Pipsy, who pressed the pace in the Grade 2 Franklin Stakes here in October, won by the red-hot Future Is Now, winner of the Giant's Causeway last Sunday. I think Joel Rosario -- who, like him or not is as good a turf sprint jockey as there is in the U.S. -- will be happy to sit off the leader(s) and be in position to make a winning move on the turn or in the stretch.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	8	Then	7-2	5	\$40 Win \$10 EX 8 / 2,7,11,12
Notes: This is my Play of the Day, with the only negative being the horses coming from GP have had a relatively rough go of it at KEE this spring. My guy Junior Alvarado has ridden this horse in all four of his starts, including an unlucky third-place finish in a Gulfstream optional claimer last time. He had a sneaky-bad trip, breaking badly and very rank early. He tried to carry Junior into the mix, but he was caught among horses and had no real room on the frontstretch. Chasing four horses into the far turn, Junior was forced to swing widest of all and once Then straightened out he was flying late and was involved in a four-horse photo. I think it is likely he gets a much better trip today in a race in which he might be closer to the front than usual. After five straight losses at Keeneland dating back to 2022, low-profile trainer Phil Antonacci got off the duck with a maiden winner last Sunday. I'm betting he makes it two straight on Versailles Road. Then, I will cash.					

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
2	\$30 DD \$10 DD	4-9 4 / 1,2	\$50
3	\$4 TRI	9 / 1,2,6 / 1,2,4,6	\$36
10	\$10 DD \$30 DD	2-8 6-8	\$40



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

