

# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

*Fun day of racing as we get ready for a REALLY fun week of racing....the Belmont Stakes Festival at Saratoga begins in a few days. Today however, the action heats up at Churchill Downs for the Stephen Foster Preview Day w/a nice Late P5 carryover of over \$70k....all Grade 3 stakes.*

*Then, we'll go to the Great White North for the first time, as Woodbine hosts three graded stakes in their Late P5 with some good horses and layoff lines abound. It's a 20c base bet with decent-size fields.*

*Finally, as always, we'll take a look at the Coast-to-Coast Pick 5 bet at Gulfstream and Santa Anita, sponsored by our good friends at the Great Race Place. They also have a \$50k + Pick 6 carryover at SA for those interested. Should be a fun day from West to the Midwest to the North and all points in between. Good luck....CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!*

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

\*Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.14** (\$2,362.32 / 1105)

2026: **\$3.01** (\$337.46 / 112)

2026 Plays of the Day: **\$3.45** (\$113.92 / 33)

## Today's Picks

\*\* For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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: Churchill Downs

### Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC Grid; 3:53pm EDT

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

### Paul Halloran's LP5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	4,5	1,3	2,7	1,4,5	\$.50 P5	\$48
8	2,6	1,3	7	1,2,3,6		
9	9	8	6	9		
10	3	2	1,4	2,3		
11	3,10	6,9		3,6,9,10		

### Pete Visco's Late P5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	4,5,8	1,3,7	2	4,5,8	\$0.50 P5	\$48
8	1,2	3,6	4,5,7	1,2	-	-
9	8,9	1,5	6	1,5,8,9	-	-
10	3	1,6	2,4	3	-	-
11	3,6	9,10	1,11	3,6,9,10	-	-

### Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 7-11

Today's All-Grade 3 Late P5 also has a carryover of \$79k, so lots on the line....get involved! Here's how I would attack it: Races 7,9, and 11 will be my biggest spread races. I'll be shorter in races 8 and 10. I don't have a single I love, but if I had to, I'd probably to it with #3 Hit Show in R10. However, he's a closer off a layoff, and I just don't trust him fully, especially since there's little early speed signed on with the big scratch of #8 Vibe. My big "push" will to be use #6 Minaret Station in the last race in all my plays....see the Spot Plays for more info, or watch our Wednesday Picks and Ponies show.

### 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	2	Cornucopian	5-2	3	\$20 Win #2

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Some might consider the G2 Aristides as a wide-open race. I beg to differ. While **#2 Cornupian** is not a top play for me at CD, I do think he's extremely logical today. I have no issue with the cutback to 6f, and he had no chance last time in one of the toughest dirt sprints you'll see all year in the U.S. I'm not sure he likes to be down on the inside, which is my main concern, but I think his stablemate will insure a fast pace, and expect Prat to work out a trip from the rail (the #1 is going forward in the early stages). I hope Prat tips to the outside on the turn and goes by in the lane. Won't be easy, but I think this one will get his 2nd stake win today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Indigo Woods	4-1	4	\$15 WP #1 Trifectas: 1 / 6,8,9 / 5,6,8,9 6,8,9 / 1 / 5,6,8,9

#### Notes:

This is a tough race, lots of ways to go, although good friend and co-host of Picks & Ponies Paul Halloran believes #9 Tam Tam is practically a cinch. He may be right if she gets loose. Even if she does, she'll have to go another 16th of a mile, and I have a sneaky suspicion someone will make her work a little on the front end. **#1 Indigo Woods** picks up Tyler G, a BIG jockey switch. The filly also moves from the far outside to the rail, so I expect more early speed from Indigo...more of a mid-pack trip. She made a nice run in the lane after ducking to the inside in her last run, losing to Tam Tam and Storm's Wake. I think an improved effort is incoming, 3rd start of the form cycle, etc....

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	Minaret Station	15-1	5	\$30 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 3,9,10 Smaller Exactas: 3,9,10 / 6

#### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS! #6 Minaret Station** is an interesting horse, especially at the morning line. Although I have mad respect for ML-maker Nick Tamaro, I think those odds are way too high and he'll be closer to 6-1 or 8-1 come post time. We talked about this horse extensively on the show Wednesday, and he's also Pete Visco's top pick. He ran better than it looks last time, and he was within a length and a half of the top ones here. He's got talent, and trainer Walden is one of the best younger ones in the game. I'm sure this horse has had his health issues over his career, but hopefully 2nd start off the layoff will improve him even more...it won't take much if he runs to his last race or better. My main concern is the jock, who does not have a good record on turf. However, if Irad, Jose, Tyler G, etc....were on the horse's back, we'd get much lower odds. The dam won \$1.4 million+ and there's upside here...he's a clean trip and racing luck away from a nice win today. I'll be using him underneath in my exactas and trifectas, plus a win bet and using on every horizontal Pick 5 ticket. Let's take that train to Minaret Station!!

## Racetrack: Woodbine

### Howard Kravets' Late LP5 ABC GRID - Race 8 starts at 3:50pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,5,6	7	1,4	2,5,6,7	\$0.20 LP5	\$51.20
7	4,6,7	1	2,3	1,4,6,7	-	-

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8	7,8	2,5	3,9	2,5,7,8	-	-
9	3,5	6,7	8	3,5,6,7	-	-
10	6	3,5,9,10	1,4	6	-	-

## Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 6-10

*First time we travel to Woodbine this year...they have three graded stakes in the sequence, and Woodbine has also introduced a \$5-base Pick 3 on those stake races, a bet I will be partaking in for sure. One price and you'll get paid. There are several horses coming off layoffs, so I'm going to tread a bit more lightly than normal due to the unpredictability. I'll be spreading most in R7, 8, and 9, while taking more stands in R6 and 10. My bigger stance, though not a super-confident one, is to lean on #6 in the last race, a horse off a long layoff but has talent and works to boot.*

## Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	Regal Guest	9-2	4	\$15 WP #8 BIG Exactas: 8 / 2,5,7 Small Exactas: 2,5,7 / 8

### Notes:

**#8 Regal Guest** is one of two for trainer Mark Casse. Even though Regal Guest is higher in the morning lines, I MUCH prefer him more than his barnmate #6. He is NOT in for the claiming tag, is 2nd off the layoff, and ran very well last time to win by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length. Maragh can break, look left, and make some decisions on the 4-year old gelding. There's not a ton of early speed other than his stablemate, and I think he's better now than that one. He has speed but doesn't need the lead, and has a bullet work since his last win. Very logical to me based on the field he's facing...and is 5-for-7 1st or 2nd in his career.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	5	Possiblemente	7-2	5	\$30 Win #5

### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT WOODBINE!! #5 Possiblemente** is as sharp as they come, as the 6yo gelding is two for his last four on the win end, with 3 Beyers of 96 or higher. He's tactical and classy, running in salty allowance races at Turfway and the very tough turf sprint stake at CD on Derby Day last time out. He has maintenance works at Keeneland to keep his form, and should sit a good trip as there's speed to his inside that will allow jockey Flores to stalk and pounce in theory. I don't think we'll get that ML price of 7-2, more like 5-2, but I'll still bet him at the price, nothing lower however.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	Talbot's Riplyn	7-2	4+	\$20 Win #6 Trifectas: 6 / 3,5,9,10 / 1,3,4,5,9,10 3,5,9,10 / 6 / 1,3,4,5,9,10

### Notes:

**#6 Talbot's Riplyn** was ALMOST my Play of the Day at Woodbine, but since the above horse and this one is the same morning line, I decided to go with Possiblemente since he's less risky. But, I like Talbot a lot, although a bit of a guess. Trainer Carroll has two in this race, but is VERY good when Munger rides

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for her, and her works off the layoff, at least on paper, look excellent. We haven't seen the filly since last July, so clearly there was an issue, but I have a feeling the horse will fire big today. Let the board be your guide in this field full of "meh" to me. If Talbot is lower than her ML-odds, I expect a big effort. If she's a little cold on the board, I'd avoid her like the plague.

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SANTA ANITA PARK
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COAST-TO-COAST

PICK 5

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RACE 3 - 5:00 ET

RACE 10 - 5:37 ET

RACE 5 - 6:04 ET

RACE 7 - 7:07 ET

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*First leg starts at approx. 4:34pm EDT; Analysis by Howard Kravets*

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP8	1,7	4	6	1,7	\$1	\$96
SA3	2,5	6	5	2,5		
GP10	1,6,7	-	2,3	1,6,7		
SA5	6	5	2,4,7,9	5,6		
SA7	8,9	1,4	2,6,7	1,4,8,9		

**Overall opinion:** Interesting sequence today for the Coast-to-Coast, despite the field sizes being medium sized....hard to find a single. Also, there are a few morning line horses that I'm negative to, so this thing can pay nicely if I'm correct. As you can see by my ABC Grid above, I'm relatively light in the first two legs, then more spready in Leg 3 and Leg 5, followed by a POSSIBLE single in Santa Anita's Race 5 with #6 Pioneer Prince. The last leg is wide open, and we won't be able to see the board obviously before the bet must be made, but I have a feeling the #8 for D'Amato will be more live than the #2 stablemate despite what the morning line says, we shall see. Good luck!

YouTube preview...."Wire to Wire Ep. #20": <https://youtube.com/live/vCsBnYN15D8?feature=share>

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

