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Race-Day Overview

Happy Memorial Day Weekend! The weeks between the Triple Crown races can be a bit thin from a graded stakes perspective, as evident by the ZERO graded stakes today (Saturday) across the country. HOWEVER, Memorial Day has tremendous stakes action at Santa Anita with 3 graded stakes in a row.

We'll go to SA on Monday as our featured sequence, then NY today for a solid P5 w/4 scheduled turf races, followed by our usual Sunday Late P4 back at SA. All three days this weekend (Sat-Mon) are covered on this Tip Sheet, but NOT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. As always, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, good luck!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.11** (\$1,805.24 / 857)

YTD: **\$2.05** (\$214.94 / 105)

Racetrack: Santa Anita (Monday - Memorial Day)

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late P5

R7 at 7pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
7	4,5	8	1,2,6,7	4,5,8	\$0.50 P5	\$90
8	4	5	1,3	1,3,4,5		
9	1,5	7	2,3,4,9	1,4,5,7,9		
10	9,10	5	1	5,9,10		
11	6, (14)	-	9,12	6		

Power Picks

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4	7,8	5,6	1,4,5,6,7,8	\$0.50 P5	\$96
8	4,5	1	2,3	4,5	-	-
9	4,5,9	1,7	2,3	4,5,7,9	-	-
10	4,10	1,5,9	3,8	4,10	-	-
11	6,9	2,7,12	4,8	6,9	-	-

Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	5,8	4,6	1	4,5,6,8	\$.50 P5	\$96
8	5	4	1,3	5		
9	4,5	1,3	7,8	1,3,4,5		
10	4,9	1	5,10	1,4,5,9		
11	6,9	2,12	1	2,6,9		

Late P5 Analysis (R7 - 11): (Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)

As you can see on the previous page by my ABC Grid, I'm going pretty skinny in many races today with strong opinions. That means I'll most likely play a few tickets, some with backups, and a press-up ticket trying to hit the P5 more than once. R7, R8, and R11 will be skinny...just think the ones I like are going to be tough in those races. While I'll be spreading a bit more in R9 and R10. There are two keys for me in scoring big...they are #5 No Show Sammy Jo in R7 and #4 Extensive in R8. If either of both of those horses win, I have a huge chance for a nice day at Santa Anita. In terms of "obvious" singles, I suppose #5 Skippylongstocking in R9 could be one, just not my cup of tea. There's also an EXCELLENT \$3 All-Turf Pick 3 covering races 7,9, and 11. It's definitely a good bet and worth a look. Good luck!

The following touts on the next page are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	4	Extensive	-	4	\$20 Win #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 1,3,5 Smaller Exactas: 1,5 / 4

Notes: Lightly-raced #4 Extensive (only 5th lifetime start today) takes on a much tougher task than his previous race. But, this is a good spot for a fresh face, and he's talented. If you believe that 99 Beyer last time, albeit with a ground-saving trip, he definitely fits in this spot. McCarthy is on a roll right now, and I doubt he'd place him here if he didn't have confidence in the son of City of Light. Perhaps distance

Power Picks

is a concern, along with heavy favorite, multi-millionaire earner #5 Skippy Longstocking. But he's got the home-field advantage vs. that one, and has MUCH more upside/potential. Love the way he's been working, and the rest of the field is very "meh" to me. I'll be placing a win bet at anything at or above 5-2 on him. If he's less than that, I'll just watch and enjoy.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Seal Team	-	5	#30 Win #1 Trifectas: 1 / 5,7 / 2,3,5,7,9 5,7 / 1 / 2,3,5,7,9

Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SANTA ANITA!! In a very competitive Shoemaker Mile S., I'll go with one of the two trained by Mandella, the #1 Seal Team. The usually patient Mandella has taken his time with him, and now it's paid off, as the 5yo has reeled off close-to-100 Beyer efforts in his last three starts. Last time, he broke through the game pre-race, which is never good, and still ran huge to finish 2nd to the in-form El Potente who got loose. There's plenty of early speed in the race today. Perhaps 1 mile is a bit too short for Seal Team, but he'll be flying late and I hope is not too far back when they hit the top of the stretch. He'll need an "A" effort to win, but I think it's coming today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	Winning Patriot	-	4	\$20 Win #6

Notes: Ok, not the most creative play today, but I hope a winning one and most-likely a "single" in my Pick 5, unless #14 Miles Finch gets in off the AE List. #6 Winning Patriot ran very solid debut effort, only losing to impressive firster Annan, who came back to finish 2nd in an allowance affair. He idled at the top of the stretch after taking the lead and was green, then re-rallied to only lose by 3 lengths. He's worked great since, beat many of the ones he's facing again today, and should improve off that debut. There's less early speed (in theory) in today than last time...weak field to boot. I'll take 8-5 if I can get it. Strong single for me in this sequence.

Racetrack: BAQ (NY) - Saturday

Late Pick 5; R7 – 11, Post 4:10pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4	3,7	8	1,3,4,7	\$0.50 P5	\$80
8	1,2	4,8	7	1,2,4,8		
9	2	6,8	4,9	2,8		
10	9	4,7	1,2,5	9		
11	5,7,12	2,9	4	2,5,7,9,12		

Late P5 Analysis

Today's Late P5 at BAQ is difficult because of Leg 1. There are many that have raced better on dirt, and since this writing occurs at least 24 hours before the races, it's hard to know who will stay in the field, if the race will switch to dirt, etc. Plus, the last race is nearly impossible, a pure spread there as well. However, I'd be pressing hard on two of the middle legs, R9 and 10, with the 2 and 9 respectively. That will lower your tickets. This is a fun sequence that can absolutely pay big if chaos occurs in some of the turf races, which seems possible to me.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Brit's Wit	7-2	4	\$15 WP #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 2,4,8 Small Exactas: 2,4,8 / 1

Notes:

In Maker I Trust! #1 Brit's Wit has been off-form in his last two, but I think he needed a break, as he'd been running without one for a while. Maker sends him aggressively up to NY, where's been working locally. He has plenty of races on the go-back that are good enough here, has tactical speed and rail, so he should be saving ground. He's never been the distance, but the breeding says "no problem." I suppose this is a step-up in class, but this field doesn't seem very imposing to me, with the main threats also coming off of layoffs (but longer ones), unless #2 War Officer is the goods.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	9	Pivotal Moment	5-2	5	\$25 Win #9 Trifectas: 9 / 4,7 / 1,2,4,5,7 4,7 / 9 / 1,2,4,5,7

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BELMONT @ AQUEDUCT!! We've all seen impressive "wow" efforts in our handicapping lifetime, but #9 Pivotal Moment's move on the far turn / win at GP last time is literally towards the top of my list, especially for turf sprints. I remember when Miguel Clement (son and Asst. Trainer to Christophe) told a bunch of Adelphi partners (including me) on a conference call that the barn "likes" this horse a lot, he could be something special. He absolutely blew by horses in his last, and did it on the turn, which is unusual, showing true athleticism. Now, today is obviously a much tougher ask, but the Clement's don't usually go from the maiden ranks into stakes company if they're not confident. He breaks comfortably from the outside, and should be in a nice stalking position. He also stretches out to 6f. I just don't see that as an issue. The only concern really is being too wide, not classing up, or not handling softer/deeper turf than GP. **DOWNGRADE HIM IF THE TURF IS LESS THAN FIRM.** Excited to see this one run today.

SANTA ANITA - SUNDAY

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 4

R7 starts at 7pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
7	5,6,8	1,3	2	1,3,5,6,8	\$0.50 P4	\$50
8	3,7	2,4,5,6,8	-	3		
9	1,4,5,8	-	6	1,4,5,8		
10	5,9	2,7,8	3,4	2,5,7,8,9		

Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 3,7 / 1,4,5,8 / 2,5,9 (\$72)

Small Budget: 3 / 1,4,5,8 / 5,9 (\$24)

\$5 Late Double:

Big Budget: 1,4,5,8 / 2,5,9 (\$60)

Small Budget: 1,5,8 / 5,9 (\$30)

Key Horse of the Sequence: Last week, Union Wave almost won at a nice 6-1 price, but just came up short after a pace duel softened him up early.

Today, we'll tout #3 Unrivaled Hero in R8. It's a very tough 1 1/8th Maiden Special Wt. race, but I like what I saw from Unrivaled Hero vs. many of these last time they met. He did receive a perfect, pocket trip, until the lane when things got tight and he had trouble getting through the hole. He finished well and galloped out like there was something left in the tank. Today is the 2nd time going the distance, and he's been given time to recover / improve from that last outing. Another good trip coming again today?

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

