



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Oct. 8th
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Race-Day Overview

One of the best days on the racing calendar is here! The first “Saturday” at Keeneland during their Spring Meet. Except today, it’s on a Tuesday due to the horrible rain Lexington has received. As of this writing, we don’t know the condition of the turf course. Yesterday, it was listed “good” and only the stake race was ON. My guess is that all NON-STAKE turf races will be OFF, and the stake races will be ON. Turf will probably still be “good”...it’s going to be cold today.

The All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 is the feature portion of the card, R6 - 10. Breeders Cup caliber horses take center stage with many exciting, competitive events. The Blue Grass S. is the race that gets top billing, as it’s the last major prep for the Derby. It’s a very tough race with many question marks, especially the presence of #5 East Avenue.

Of course, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, as my analysis could be quite different / would change if I had the info. before this writing. FOR PURPOSES OF THE TIP SHEET, MY PICKS PREDICT NON-STAKE RACES ARE OFF TURF AND STAKE RACES ON TURF. Good luck!

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!

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	2,8	3	7,10	2,3,8			4
2	9	1,2,6,7	-	9			2
3	9	2,7	3	2,7,9			4
4	5,13	4	6	4,5,13			5 (if on dirt)
5	4	2,3,7,12	5	4			2
6	1,3	2	-	1,3	\$0.50	\$90	5 (if on turf)
7	2,6	10	3,5,8,11,12	2,6,10			4
8	2,8	6	7	2,8,6			4
9	1,2,3	4,10	-	1,2,3,4,10			2
10	3	1,5	6	3,5			4
11	1,3	6	8	1,3,6			5

All-Graded Stakes Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

This sequence is always a doozy, and today is no exception. Again, I'll assume the turf races stay on the grass. However, if it is, the very soft turf is a tricky read for many of these that have never run on anything close to this soft. I'll be taking stands in R8 and R10 while spreading a bit in the other legs. My strongest opinion / stance in the sequence is the Blue Grass S....I think #3 Burnham Square bounces back and wins from off the pace to close out the Pick 5 and get paid. The largest spread/toughest race is probably R7, the G3 Commonwealth. Many horses could win there, especially if a pace dual develops. Be ready to spend some money...this sequence could pay nicely as usual at Keeneland. They DO PAY 4-out-of-5 at Keeneland, so if you miss one leg, you can still get paid in consolations.

No \$3 Turf Pick 3 bet analysis since turf racing is a question mark today, especially Race 4, the first leg of the sequence....

Top 3 Selections (Again, assumes R6 and R9 ON the turf)

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8 - Invictus	2 - Camp Hale	3 - Playa Del Mar
2	9 - Fateful Lightning	7 - Van Ginkel	2 - Meritorious
3	9 - Gunmetal	2 - Retribution	7 - Tip Top Thomas
4	5 - Timeout	13 - Hurry Hurry	4 - Noted
5	4 - Pitkin	7 - Last Man Standing	3 - Activity
6	3 - Fionn	1 - Nitrogen	2 - Vixen
7	6 - Hoist the Gold	2 - Monalcino	10 - Extra Anejo
8	2 - Emery	8 - Mystic Lake	6 - Scylla
9	1 - Run Carson	3 - Arzak	2 - Our Shot
10	3 - Burnham Square	1 - River Thames	6 - Chancer McPatrick
11	1 - Seaport Lane	3 - Pentathlon	6 - Reynolds Channel

Howard's Play of the Day - See **Yellow Spot Play** below....

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
3	9	Gunmetal	8-5

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
11	3	Pentathlon	10-1

Go to the next page for specific Price/Spot Plays....

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)
1	8	Invictus	6-1	4	BIG exactas 8 / 2,3 Smaller exactas: 2,3 / 8

Notes: *Invictus was involved in a red-hot pace in his debut...also one of the best juvenile races of the Saratoga meet. He was a strong 2nd choice in that race to Chancer McPatrick. The expensive colt has now had time to grow up, is working well, and should be a major factor today if ready. Stalk and pounce from the outside is a real possibility.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	3	Fionn	8-1	3	\$15 WP #3

Notes: *I've bet #1 Nitrogen the last two times with success, but the last race left me a bit wanting more. She really hasn't gotten faster this year vs. last. Meanwhile #3 Fionn is on the rise, improving every start with a serious closing kick. This is a big step-up for Brad Cox, but I think she's ready for the test. Needs the right trip and her career best...I think it might be coming today. career best...I think it might be coming today.*

Race#	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Emery	3-1	4	\$25 Win #2

Notes: *Emery is one of my favorite horses in training. She's as honest as the day is long, and really talented. Last time, she chased #8 Mystic Lane and couldn't quite get there, but I think she's better staking a few lengths back with a target. She will set a comfy trip here and press the button when necessary. #6 Scylla will be scratching...that's huge, and unfortunate, mainly because I was ready to play against her anyway!*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Run Carson	6-1	3	Trifectas: 1 / 2,3,4,10 / 2,3,4,10 2,3 / 1 / 2,3,4,10

Notes: *I'm not sure how Run Carson would handle the wet turf, but he's in really good form right now, and has room for improvement. The rain normally is not ideal, but other than the #10, I don't see any real burners, so perhaps Johnny V. can sit the perfect trip off that one and go by late. He's incredibly sharp for excellent trainer Kelsey Danner.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Burnham Square	9-2	5	BIG Excatas: 3 / 1,5 Smaller Exactas: 1,5 / 3

Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The whole key to this race is the pace scenario. Does #5 East Avenue get loose? I say not, but if he does, he might get brave. I'm expecting an honest pace and for #3 Burnham Square to come over the top late. He's a solid closer who didn't fire his best last time. He needs to the points and will be all-out today to get the job done. Many of these don't want to go 1 1/8mi., but I think he does. Don't like him in the Derby, but do like him today....a lot, especially if the pace is honest. 9-2 is a pipedream, I'd take 3-1. I suppose #6 Chancer McPatrick can win, but I'm not sure he's a two-turn horse, even though Chad Brown swears he is...prove it to me today Chancer...I'm against him on the win end. Fun race!

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
4	\$3 Daily Double	2,8 / 1,2,7,9	\$24
7	\$5 Daily Double	2,6,10 / 2	\$15
11	\$10 Exactas	3 / 1,6 AND 1,6 / 3	\$40

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