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Race-Day Overview

Breeder's Cup Preps are here! The official last Win-And-You're-In (WAYI) races for the big event starts today throughout the country, including races at Churchill and Santa Anita as Belmont has cancelled due to the impending Nor'easter. The Breeder's Cup is in 5 weeks at Keeneland.

On the Tip Sheet today, we'll cover the Late P5 at Churchill w/ two BC Preps, then travel to Santa Anita for the 5 graded stake races on their card later this afternoon / early evening, some of which are WAYI BC events.

Finally, "WEEKEND WARRIORS" LIVE SHOW FROM 4:30-7:30PM EDT ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL covering many of the races on this tip sheet at Churchill and Santa Anita, plus Woodbine and much more.

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK TODAY!!

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.15 (\$2,578.64 / 1200)**

2026: \$2.67 (\$552.58 / 207)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.19 (\$213.57 / 67)

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: Churchill

Howard Kravets' Late Pick 5 ABC Grid; R17 starts at 3:54pm EDT

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

Pete Visco's & Paul Halloran's Late P5 ABC Grid

Our original plan was to cover Belmont's Late P5, but obviously we had to change plans. Pete and Paul sent in their ABC Grids for Belmont as we were hoping the races would be run. Watch our Thursday Picks and Ponies show for the opinions of Howard and Paul as they're running those races next week Wednesday and Thursday. For more analysis of the Churchill card, watch last Wednesday's "Bettin N Boozin" show.

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis

Interesting sequence at Churchill today. Many could win the first leg, but #6 New Purpose was impressive first out. I would use a few in R8, but I have to spread in R9 and R11...very tough races. I'd take a stand by going only 1 or 2-deep in R10. It's a hitable sequence, but not easy.

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	3	Steel	8-1	3	\$10 Win, \$25 Place #3 BIG Exactas: 1,5 / 3 Smaller Exactas: 3 / 1,5,6

Notes:

Small field, but lots of early speed signed on (I think). The #1, possibly #2, #4, #5 and #6 want to be forward. No speed demons, but a bunch of those don't really pass others. Except one horse in this race, #3 Steel, is a confirmed closer who is improving. He's got a VERY long stride and prefers longer than this 8.5f distance today, but I like his last run vs. older as he hit the lead earlier than any other race to date. The Tapit's develop later and he's a half to O'Besos, remember him? If he can stay in touch with the field, I think he'll fire big late and get a piece. Use mainly underneath...I'll go \$1 WP for our Spot Play ROI.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Coal Battle	8-1	4	\$15 WP #6

Notes:

The Ack Ack is a really high-quality 1-mile stake. I'd expect a few to be entered into the BC Dirt Mile from this race. And like the BC Dirt Mile (most likely), there's plenty of early speed signed on. **#6 Coal Battle** doesn't have an explosively big speed figure lately, but is very consistent and hasn't been in a

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race with a hot pace in 2026, which would help him. He'll sit back and make a big run as others battle for early supremacy. I think today could be Coal Battle's day. And we'll get a nice price to find out.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Tiztastic	4-1	5	\$35 Win #3 Back-up Play: BIG Exacta 7-3

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL! I hope I'm not getting suckered into the competition #3 **Tiztastic** has been facing, because he's not exactly a win machine. But compared to who he's facing today, he could be tough. There's no Sovereignty or Phileas Fogg (who ran huge two-back) in the race, but he wasn't exactly competitive in those races either. But...the speed figures in those races are just as good if not better than most in here. Plus, Chunk of Gold should get some pace pressure from the two inside horses at some point, and maybe Banishing too. If Chunk gets loose, that will be a problem for Tiztastic. Hope jockey Hernandez times it right at about 2-1....distance is Tiztastic's friend.

Racetrack: Santa Anita

Howard Kravets' ALL-GRADED STAKES ABC GRID - R3 Starts at 5:06pm EDT

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

Graded Stakes Analysis

I thought a bunch of these stakes were tricky despite the medium field sizes. There are two races down the hill, with the last one seemingly pretty formful. There are two WAYI BC Races, and both are tough, R3 and R8. I'll be price shopping in both of them, as I think the faves could be vulnerable. Fun races today, let's find some prices!

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	4	Detain	8-1	4	\$20 WP #4 Trifectas: 4 / 2,6 / 1,2,3,6 2,6 / 4 / 1,2,3,6

Notes:

I thought #4 **Detain** ran a MONSTER race last time vs. many of these. I didn't like him that day, but he improved tremendously and closed like a train to almost win. You could argue he ran better than anyone in the race. He's been working steadily since and should improve or at least run just as well. He

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has more upside than others and Hernandez now knows the horse well. Not sure there's enough speed for his midpack close, but trip will be everything here. He's certainly talented enough to win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	8	First Peace	5-1	5	\$25 Win #8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SANTA ANITA, ALBEIT A SOFT ONE! I like the downhill races at SA. This one is a toughie. The speed of the speed is the #9, who is not good enough to win in all likelihood, but also cross-entered in a different race out of town, so who knows if he goes here. **#8 First Peace** is a horse I've bet many times before, but not lately. Just not a fan of Mike Smith any longer. But this is a MASSIVE jock switch to Joel Rosario, and the 6.5f is his best distance in my opinion. The outside post is a benefit going downhill, and First Peace should sit a nice trip just a few lengths off and go by if he still can run.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	Caldera	5-1	3	\$15 WP #8 Trifectas: 8 / 4,7,9 / 2,3,4,6,7,9 9 / 8 / 2,3,4,6,7

Notes:

WAYI BC Grade 1 (c'mon now, that's silly) Goodwood S. for older is probably either #9 Nevada Beach or many others....I just can't recommend "Beach" off a long layoff and a very short price. #8 Caldera is in good form and should handle the stretch out, as he's run longer before when he was younger. He's a better horse now who should get a good stalking trip and first run on the closers....but that's the thing, only #4 Original Sin is a real closer, and I think he'll be too far back today to win. Caldera could also finish 5th in this race, so I'm not betting with a lot of confidence. Saffie's horses are winning outside of Florida all year.....maybe this is another one unless "Beach" rolls off the layoff.

Coast-to-Coast (CTC) Pick 5 Preview

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1/ST		SUNDAY/SEPT 27	
 		 RACE 8 - 4:11 ET	
 COAST-TO-COAST		 RACE 9 - 4:46 ET	
PICK 5		 RACE 3 - 5:05 ET	
EVERY FRI/SAT/SUN		 RACE 4 - 5:35 ET	
RETAIL ONLY		 RACE 5 - 6:05 ET	

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Welcome back to our coverage of the \$1 base Coast-to-Coast bet, sponsored by Santa Anita. When SA is running, we'll give you opinions of the SUNDAY bet...watch our "Wire-to-Wire" show for more details, as this week's grid is Howard's opinions, while the show's opinions are from John Kostin and Skip Pearing.

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP8	2,3	-	1,7	2,3	\$1	\$96
GP9	2,5,8	3,7,9	-	2,3,5,7,8,9		
SA3	4,6	2	5	4,6		
SA4	1,5	-	-	1,5		
SA5	4,8	9	7	4,8		

Overall opinion: While there are many opportunities to single a horse in this sequence, I found that a difficult task. If you're on a cheaper budget, I'd probably single either the #1 or #5 in the Sprint Championship, R4 at SA, a WAYI BC race. The biggest spread race for me would be in GP R9, where one of 6 horses could win, although I'd lean on the 2,5, or 8. Many will single the #4 in the last leg, but this is a VERY suspicious MAJOR drop and the horse has no published works in the last few weeks....I'm suspicious. Good luck in this fun bet today!!

YouTube preview...."Wire to Wire Ep. #22": <https://youtube.com/live/T3JqDp9u420?feature=share>

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

