Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Only two weeks away from the Breeders' Cup!! But, today is a great sequence at Keeneland with two stakes, and Belmont has their mini-version of the Claiming Crown with high-level starter allowance races with big fields. Let's see if we can build off the incredible day on this tip sheet last week…3 out of 4 winners in our Spot Plays including a 5-1 and 6-1 winner.

*****Our Breeders' Cup Power Picks Tip Sheet package is NOW AVAILABLE on our website, click here: hhhracingpodcast.com. It's very popular and affordable…please look into it…every year we help you crush your bets on that weekend!***

*****WE ALSO HAVE WEEKEND WARRIORS LIVE TODAY FROM 4-6PM EDT w/BCBC Champ Matt Miller, NHC Champ David Harrison, and Andrew Champagne w/emphasis on Keeneland, Belmont, and Woodbine, plus contest talk.***

Let's CRUSH OUR BETS today, good luck!!

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): $2.15 ($2,615.73 / 1217)**

2026: $2.63 ($589.67 / 224)

2026 Plays of the Day: $3.11 ($227.33 / 73)

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: Keeneland

Howard Kravets' Late Pick 5 ABC Grid; R6 starts at 3:40pm EDT

Alternate dirt selections if off the turf in RED

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	3,11	5,12	4,10	3,5,11,12	$0.50	$96 / $90
7	12	1,4,11	3,5	12	-	-
8	3,8 / 4,5,10	4,10 / 6,8	2,5 / 1	3,4,8,10 / 4,5,10	-	-
9	11	6,9	5,8	6,9,11	-	-
10	5,6 / 9,12	9,11 / 2,8,11	3,11 / (16)	5,6,9,11 / 2,8,9,11,12	-	-

Pete Visco's All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 ABC Grid

No posted grid for Pete today….go to his "X" handle on social media for possible picks

Paul Halloran's All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 ABC Grid

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

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis

The Late Pick 5 today is playable, with 2 stakes highlighting the sequence. I have very strong opinions in both of them. I would spread in the non-stake races and go light in the stakes (R7 and R9). #12 Deep Flame should win R7, but I'd back up with the #1 and #4 and let #11 Obliteration beat me. In R9, I REALLY like #11 Movie Night (see Spot Plays), but would still use a few others too. The last race is VERY difficult and I'd spread as much as your budget allows. Good luck!!

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)
7	1	Solitude Dude	6-1	3+	$10 Win, $25 Place #1 BIG Exacta: 12/1 Smaller Exacta: 1/12
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The G3 Perryville was supposed to have the return of last year's BC Juvenile winner, Ted Noffey, but he's not quite ready for his return. However, #12 Deep Flame will be a major problem for the field and will most likely win. I like **#1 Solitude Dude** from the rail to run big and maybe even upset the field if he fires his best and gets some luck. He's only run two bad races, one was battling Englisman early in the Jerkens (toss), and the last when he didn't fire at Charles Town, but that's a quirky track…another toss. I have WAY too much respect for J. Ortiz and Trainer Sharp to think he can't run well today. He gets a cozy inside trip to stalk from, while his main competition is drawn wide. 7f should suit as well….hoping he can finish 2nd and close out a nice exacta with Deep Flame. For our ROI, we'll go $2 Place.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	4	For Love & Honor	10-1	2+	$5 Win, $15 Place, $20 Show

Notes:

A lot of things would have to go right for #4 For Love & Honor, but she had no speed to run into last time and made a decent wide move to only flatten out late in the lane. With more speed in front of her and a ground-saving trip by Hernandez, maybe she can get up. She's not that far off the top ones and has run big races in the past. I'd use her underneath in exactas and trifectas for sure, as I don't trust the top ones in the market in this race. For our ROI, I'll go $1 Place and Show.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	11	Movie Night	9-2	5	$35 Win #11 BIG Exactas: 11 / 6,9 Smaller Exactas: 6,9 / 11

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! I LOVED **#11 Movie Night** last time, and thought she ran a bang up race vs. BC F & M Sprint contender Explora. The jock moved WAY too soon on the filly, and challenged Explora to a 22 sec. middle quarter before just fading very late to get nabbed by Conceit, who she faces again here. WIth Prat and a more patient yet forward ride, Movie Night can beat this good field. #9 Mashallah will take a ton of support, but has never faced these types. I think Movie Night is just as good, and will be twice the price of Mashallah. I'd take 3-1 all day, maybe even 5-2. If Prat can work out a trip, THIS A MAJOR WIN PLAY FOR ME, good luck if you agree!!

Racetrack: Belmont

Howard Kravets' ALL-GRADED STAKES ABC GRID - R7 Starts at 3:23pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,6,7	2	4	1,2,6,7	$0.50 P5	$64
8	3,7	4,5	1,9	3,4,5,7	-	-
9	1,4	3	7,8	1,4	-	-
10	1,3	-	4,7,8	1,3		
11	4	10	2,3	4,10		

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Late P5 Analysis

Today is similar to a "Claiming Crown" day….very competitive fields of starter allowance horses (they've been in for a tag of certain $ amounts over the past 12 months or so). It's also interesting to note a bunch of horses are coming back quicker than normal because they fit the condition. It's up to you on how you handle those horses, but I prefer ones that have a bit more rest frankly. The Late P5 is challenging, especially early in the sequence. I'd spread in R7 and R8, then thin out later. If I had to single, I'd be okay being alive to the #4 in the last leg of the sequence and hope he can get the job done. R9 and R10 don't appear to have too many contenders in my mind either. Thick early, thin late, that's how I'm playing it. Lots of rain yesterday…dirt starts wet and will be drying out, plus I expect races taken off the turf and onto the Tapeta, which I don't mind.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	Bam's Bliss Kiss	10-1	4	$30 WP #7 Trifectas: 7 / 3,4,5 / 1,3,4,5,9 3,4,5 / 7 / 1,3,4,5,9 3,4,5 / 1,3,4,5,9 / 7

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BELMONT!! And a risky one it is! Anyone that knows me knows how much I love the "zero Beyer" angle….horses that are coming off such a bad performance that they did not or practically didn't finish. It's amazing how much they outrun ML-odds next time out. Well, I got more for ya…**#7 Bam's Bliss Kiss** has lost her last three by a combined 90 lengths, no joke!!! So what the hell am I thinking here? Well…..she was staked 2 and 3 back and ran into VERY fast paces vs. much better animals, so toss those. Last time, she dwelt at the gate and lost 6 lengths at the start. She's been working well lately, gets Santana, and a MUCH softer field. Her races earlier in the year beat this field. She's all or nothing…know her in the first few strides. If she doesn't break well and or not on the lead, she probably won't win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	Magnanimous Max	3-1	3	$20 Win #4 BIG Exacta: 1-4 Smaller Exacta: 4-1

Notes:

#1 Georgia Magic should be tough in here, but not completely unbeatable. He regressed a bit last time and now comes back quick in two weeks, something he's not done in his career before. I'm hoping either #5 Gulfy or my top choice, **#4 Magnanimous Max** could stay with him early and make him work. Max beat Chief Wallabee last time fair and square and impressively. I know Chief is not the same as he was in the spring, but Max got a big fig and has worked fine since. Hope he sits right off of Georgia and runs another big one.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Paros	4-1	4	$25 WP #3

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I've always been a fan of 6yo, **#3 Paros**. The 6yo has won close to $650k and seems to be rounding back into form. He doesn't need the lead, but should be up relatively close and has to avoid an early speed duel and hold off the rail horse who will be closing fast. He has as good a chance as any in here, and hopefully he'll handle the Tapeta if it's switched to that surface….no reason why he won't handle it. Trip will be key today for Paros.

Coast-to-Coast (CTC) Pick 5 Preview

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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 Pearring.

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP8	4	2,8	9	2,4,8	$1	$48
GP9	8	2,7	-	8		
SA3	1,3	4	-	1,3		
SA4	3,6	-	1,2	3,6		
SA5	10	1,2,9	3,4,6,8	1,2,9,10		

***Overall opinion**: The key to my ABC Grid above is Gulfstream R9, a turf claimer. #8 Bluff is coming off a layoff, but Trainer Dibona is very good in that category, has been working well for his return, and meets a soft field. He's the class and could be very tough if ready.*

YouTube preview…."Wire to Wire Ep. #25": https://youtube.com/live/jTs6IKn9LIc?feature=share

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