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Race-Day Overview

The big race days continue as we are now less than two months away from the 2026 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland. Today, we'll first travel to Kentucky Downs for their MASSIVE purses and five Grade 2 races, which constitutes their Late P5. Two of those five races are Breeders' Cup "Win-and-You're-In" events....the winner gets an automatic qualification into the BC race. There are some Euros who've traveled over, plus All-Star jockey Ryan Moore is in town as well.

Then, we'll look at the final Saturday Late Pick 5 of the Saratoga meet with the Spinaway for 2o fillies, a prep / big race for the BC Juvenile Fillies.

Finally, "WEEKEND WARRIORS" LIVE SHOW FROM 4:45 - 7PM EDT ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL covering many of the races on this tip sheet, please join us! Special Guest Daniel Morgan from the "Anteposter" podcast will give us great insight on the Euro contingent during the broadcast, plus Matt Miller with contest suggestions and advice as he tries to repeat as "King of the Turf."

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK TODAY!!

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.15 (\$2,543.21 / 1182)**

2026: \$2.74 (\$517.15 / 189)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.13 (\$187.84 / 60)

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.**



Racetrack: Kentucky Downs

Howard Kravets' ALL-GRADED STAKES PICK 5; R6 starts at 4:21pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,11	6,7,10	3,8	1,6,7,10,11	\$0.50 LP5	\$100
7	3,7,8	1,10	5	1,3,7,8,10	-	-
8	6,9	1	3	6,9	-	-
9	2,3	-	1,4,5	2,3	-	-
10	1	6	3,4,7,10	1,6	-	-

Pete Visco's ALL-GRADED STAKES PICK 5 ABC Grid:

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

Paul Halloran's ALL-GRADED STAKES PICK 5 ABC Grid:

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

Howard's Stakes Analysis

I usually tread lightly at Kentucky Downs....it's a quirky track and some horses love it while others get "sea sick" going up and down and around, left and right, etc....but today's races are outstanding class-wise, so I'll be playing. The first two legs are spready for me...I realize Burhnam Square will take plenty of money, but I don't think he's a cinch at all as he faces the toughest competition he's ran against all summer today. I'll narrow my opinions in the last three legs, with horses like Causeway (for Aidan O'Brien), Classic Q, and Cy Fair as obvious choices, but not slam dunks in my opinion. If you can beat one of the last two for sure mentioned above, the Pick 5 payouts will blow up for sure. Of the three above, I think Classic Q is probably the most likely winner. I have some interesting options in beating Cy Fair, but she'll be the lowest price of the bunch.



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	3	Dresden Row	12-1	3	\$10 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 1,7,8,10 / 3 Smaller Exactas: 3 / 1,7,8,10

Notes:

There are a few horses running in this race that ran in the Arlington Million at Colonial last month. That race is worth watching. While Burnham Square was wide on the far turn, and going a distance perhaps shorter than he liked, **#3 Dresden Row** did not receive the cleanest trip either. He steadied (inexplicably) on the inside going into the far turn and lost about 1-2 lengths position, then had to wait a bit in the lane before tipping out and just losing to Burnham Square while winning the gallop out. He continues to go further in distance, but I think that'll be to his benefit. He shouldn't be too far back and will be a good price vs. this tougher field than the Million. Maybe more of an underneath type, but very interesting. We'll go \$1 PS for our Spot Play ROI. I picked #8 Ole Crazy Bone on the Thursday show, but don't feel good about it frankly.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Vive Veuve	10-1	4	\$15 Win, \$25 Place Trifectas: 3/2/4,5 2/3/4,5

Notes:

#3 Vive Veuve is a horse I've been squarely against in her last few starts, but this is an interesting spot for a few reasons. First, #2 Classic Q will be a big fave and deservedly so. But KD is weird and there is some speed on the outside, so maybe, just maybe, Classic Q will get pressed or not like the hills and valleys? Inside paths however should do well today as the rails have been moved in and the inside should be the most fresh part of the turf. VV is the best closer in the race and might trip out. She'd have to run her best and need a little luck, but not impossible, especially for 2nd. ROI Play here is \$1 WP.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	6	Lion Lake	12-1	5	BIG Exacta: 1/6 Small Exacta: 6/1

Notes:

THIS IS MY (SOFT) PLAY OF THE DAY AT KENTUCKY DOWNS! #6 Lion Lake, similar to everyone else in the field, is up against it. #1 Cy Fair is the reigning BC Juvenile Champ and the obvious horse to beat at 6-5 ML. She'll probably go off odds-on. However, due to the extended distance of 6.5f for these sprinters, it's not a certainty for Cy Fair, who's never raced beyond 5.5f. The rail should not be a problem, and she's going to be tough here, but Lion Lake is turning back, and angle I really like. Turf turnbacks don't always work as well as ones on dirt, but Lion Lake has been forward vs. some of the best 3yo fillies in the country, and just seems to fall short. She puts blinks on and might be sitting right off the speed. She has some sprint breeding on the male side (Dark Angel), so maybe this should be her preferred distance all along. If Cy Fair stubs her hoof, perhaps the "Lion" could roar in the stretch to upset? Spot Play ROI again more tilted towards underneath play.... \$1 Win, \$3 Place.

Power Picks

Racetrack: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' P5 ABC GRID - Starts at 3:58pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	5,6	3	8,10	3,5,6	\$0.50 P5	\$72
9	3,7,8	-	5,9	3,7,8	-	-
10	5	3,4,9	7	3,4,5,9	-	-
11	2,8	5,7	6	2,8		
12	3	4	2,6,7	3,4		

Late Pick 5 Analysis (R8-12)

The final Saratoga Late Pick 5 on a Saturday for 2026....that's a bummer. Let's try to knock it out of the park! As you can see by the ABC Grid above, no leg needs to use too many horses, yet I found it difficult to single in one particular race either, although you could EASILY do that in the G1 Spinaway by either using the #2 or #8. I'll use both to just "get through" the race in theory and use others as backups. You also could single the #3 in the last race....I just find it unusual the connections leave this horse unprotected and in for the tag for no apparent reason on paper. Of the 5 races, I would spread the most in R8 and R9.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Global Asset	8-1	3	\$15 WP #7 BIG Exactas: 3,8 / 7 Smaller Exactas: 7 / 3,8

Notes:

If I had more confidence in turf sprints, I'd probably have **#7 Global Asset** rated higher than the 3 stars he is right now. There appears to be enough early speed to set up his kick, although you never know around here. He's off a layoff and cutting back, so there are some questions, but this barn has been RED HOT this meet and he should be flying late. The smallish field ideally will give him less trouble to find room in the stretch. The #3 (major speed threat) and the #8 (2nd off the layoff, slowish start last time) figure to be forward and cause the most problems for Global Asset. Frankly, he's most likely gonna finish 2nd or 3rd, but a win is definitely possible too. I'll go \$1 WP for our ROI Spot Play.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	2	Summer Starlet	2-1	5	\$35 Win #2 BIG Exacta: 8/2 (a hedge play)

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! The G1 Spinaway is always a loaded race. But this year, the field is exceptionally fast across the board. One of the better renditions we've seen in a while. It sure likes the top 2 in the market, my choice **#2 Summer Starlet** and #8 Life Changing, will be tough to beat. Both are coming off of VERY impressive efforts with fast figs. I usually take the speed over the closers in these 2yo dirt stakes (see Ted Noffey last year on the Tip Sheet), but I have a feeling **#2**

Power Picks

Summer Starlet is special for Asmussen. She was so professional last time, and I give extra credit to 2yo's who can take dirt and sweep by the field as supposed to those who just wire them. What's crazy is SS wasn't even asked in her debut until the far turn, then completely embarrassed her rivals in the lane, doing it with ease. If Ricardo likes, I think she can lay a bit closer, which is what I'd like to see today. Not saying near the lead, but maybe mid-pack instead of out the back. Should be a great race and a key one at that for the BC Juvenile Fillies race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	4	Saratoga Snow	5-1	2	\$5 Win, \$20 Place BIG Exacta: 3/4 Small Exacta: 4/3

Notes:

Trainer Mike Dini is sneaky. He can win at a price. The fact that he's running back **#4 Saratoga Snow** on very short rest tells me two things: You can toss out the last one on dirt, and she's feeling good enough to run today, although he might be squeezing the lemon dry and trying to fit one more Saratoga start in her too. Other than the #3, no one blows me away here, so a good trip and ride might be all you need to finish at least 2nd, if not upset the #3, if "Snow" exceeds expectations. For our ROI, we'll go \$1 WP.

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

