

Race Day Date	Oct. 18th
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Race-Day Overview

It's already the penultimate Saturday of the Fall Meet, as we close things out next weekend. There are two graded stakes, and VERY good ones, sprinting on the dirt, in the Late P5 sequence. The whole card is quality from top to bottom....typical outstanding Keeneland fare.

Good luck today....CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, the weather will be great once again in Lexington...we've really been lucky with Mother Nature this entire meet (although definitely rain tomorrow).

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!







ABC Grid - Post Time 1pm EST

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	В	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars
1	5,6	2	7	5,6	\$0.50 P5	\$96	5
2	3,10	4,9	5,(13)	3,4,9,10	-	-	4
3	3,8	5,7	3,8	3,5,7,8	-	-	2
4	3	4,5,9	-	3	-	-	3
5	2,7	1,5,10	9	1,2,5,7,10	-	-	3
6	5	3	4	3,5	\$0.50 P5	\$96	5
7	2,4	1,3,5,8	10	1,2,3,4,5,8	-	-	2
8	6	1,4,11	2,3,5,7,9	1,4,6,11	-	-	3
9	9,11	8,10	-	8,9,10,11	-	-	4
10	1	(13),(15)	2,3,7,8	1	-	-	4

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd				
1	5 - Magnolia Midnight	6 - Indy Magic	2 - Mena				
2	10 - Project Ace	3 - Maximus Prime	4 - Flat Rock Road				
3	8 - Flash of Freedom	3 - Naughty by Nature	7 - Glam Slam				
4	3 - Sierra November	3 - Sierra November 4 - Necessity					
5	2 - Script	7 - Determined Kingdom	10 - Nobals				
6	5 - Captain Cook	3 - Barnes	4 - Owen Almighty				
7	2 - Stay in Tune 4 - Glow of a Rose		1 - Slay the Day				
8	6 - Green Light	1 - Theismann	11 - Nineeleventurbo				
9	11 - Quietside	9 - Ragtime	10 - Simply Joking				
10	1 - Patron Silver	15 - Indigo Woods (AE)	13 - Pashmina (AE)				







Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R7 - 11)

I can't sing the praises enough of the Keeneland Racetrack / Secretary for putting together such a good card / Late P5 towards the end of this meet. Day in, day out, it rivals Saratoga, if not better frankly. Today's Late P5 is challenging, but not impossible. Easy to single to start the sequence, or 2-deep at most. R7,8, and 9 are not easy, nor is the finale...but I'm taking a stand in the last race unless the AE's draw in. Otherwise, you'd have to spread mightily.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	2,7	1,5,10	9	1,2,5,7,10 \$3		\$60
8	6	1,4,11	2,3,5,7,9	1,4,6,11		
10	1	(13),(15)	2,3,7,8	1		

\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R5, R8, and R10

I need to spread in the first leg, a turf sprint full of nice allowance runners. Same for R8, although if I had guts, I could single the #6 at a price and go for it. Longshot #4 Eye on Rye is a horse I'd use...I've always had a thing for him and now he's in the Midwest. Just single the #1 in the last and pray. If the #13 and/or #15, I'd have to reconsider the single. Fun sequence as always....not easy!

Howard's Play of the Day (see end of Spot Plays for details)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name Odds		Horse Name Odds St		Stars
8	<mark>6</mark>	Green Light	<mark>6-1</mark>	<mark>5</mark>		

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
5	6	Captain Cook	6-5

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds				







5 7	Determined Kingdom	8-1
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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)
ı	2	10	Project Ace	6-1	4	\$25 Win #10

Notes: I almost made this War of Will colt my Play of the Day. If he'd drawn further to the inside, I think I would have. Watch the debut. Didn't break great, Lanarie took him back smartly, and he made a BIG, SUSTAINED late run to finish a sneaky 3rd. He wants long for sure based on his two-turn pedigree...just hope he breaks better and is in position at the top of the stretch. There are no killers here...I REALLY like him with any kind of trip. And to the surprise of nobody, HE GALLOPED OUT WELL AFTER WIRE...you know I liked that on replay.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Sierra November	6-1	3	\$15 WP #3 Trifectas: 3 / 4,5,9 / All 4,5,9 / 3 / All

Notes: I know what you're thinking....Howard likes this horse because it has the name "Sierra" in it, lol. I can't lie, I don't mind that, but in reality, this filly ran a number in March as good if not better than anyone in here. Obviously something went amiss...but she's got steady works in KY for quite a while, is in great hands, and can show tractable speed from the inside. Maybe she needs one off the break...or maybe she's real nice and wins.. I think the latter is more likely. Gotta feeling she'll fire today for Sharp.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)	
5	7	Determined Kingdom	8-1	3	\$5 Win, \$20 Place/Show Trifectas: 1,2,5,10 / 7 / 1,2,5,9,10 1,2,5,10 / 1,2,5,9,10 / 7	
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This play is more underneath....Determined Kingdom, when right, can flash a nice speed number, and I think a really good stalking trip is coming today with Jose in the irons. His best race of his career was here at Keeneland, and he's been working well for this event. I'd use him on the win end, but more underneath in exactas and trifectas.







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8	<mark>6</mark>	<mark>Green Light</mark>	<mark>6-1</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	\$20 WP #6

Notes

I'm gonna show some guts and #6 Green Light at 6-1 MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! I agree with good friend and co-host of Bettin N Boozin, Charlie Freeman, who picked this one on top on Wed. show also. Very simply, his form is dirtied up. He's been wide or too close to faster paces in the last two. Go back and look at his Keeneland races...he closed from way back, so I know he can do it. Those are the tactics I hope Jose uses today, or at least mid-pack. He's been working well locally and is only 4yo, so improvement is also possible. He's probably more like 7-2, but I like him anyway quite a bit.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Patron Silver	4-1	4	\$15 Win #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 7,8,(13),(15) Small Exactas: 7,8,(13),(15) / 1

Notes

IF THE 13 AND/OR 15 GET IN, THIS COULD CHANGE MY THINKING SLIGHTLY!! Whether they do or not, I love the visual in the mornings of #1 Patron Silver, who has looked great, waiting on workmates before toying with them frankly. And here's a stat for you all: Jose Ortiz is 3-for-4 on the win end THIS MEET for McPeek, and 2 of those 3 wins were with turf horses going long, hmmm...lots of intent here, just needs to break well and get the trip/distance. There's enough turf pedigree to say, "let's have a drink of Patron after she wins!"

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$10 DOUBLE	5,6 / 3,10	\$40
4	\$5 DOUBLE	3 / 1,2,5,7,10	\$25
7	\$1 PICK 3	1,2,3,4,5,8 / 1,6 / 8,9,10,11	\$48

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

