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Power

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	10/25
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Week 4 of the Keeneland Power Picks! It feels like this Keeneland meet has gone by in a blink of an eye. This is an exciting and very challenging sequence with plenty of large fields of 12 with hardly any major favorites. This 10 race card is highlighted by race #9 The Grade 2 Valley View Stakes going 1 mile on the turf. I know everyone is getting ready to shift their focus to the biggest weekend in horse racing as the Breeders Cup is just days away, but Keeneland closing weekend is the perfect appetizer before the main course in Del Mar. Let's have a great start to the weekend and build our bankroll heading into the Breeders Cup and finish the Keeneland meet on a high note! Good luck to everyone and crush your bets!

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...you have to scroll down a bit under the SPP promotion...a video explanation is also available on the page.*

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!

Racetrack: Keeneland

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:00 p.m. EST

The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5 and represents the level of confidence we have in our picks for each race.

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars/Rating
1	4,7	6, 9, 11	8	4, 6, 7, 9	\$.50	\$72	2
2	5, 6, 11	8, 9, 10	4, 7	5, 6, 11			3
3	1, 2	6	3	1, 2			3
4	4, 9	5	6, 7, 8, 12	4, 5, 9			3
5	3,11	1, 6, 8, 9	4, 10, 12	3, 11			4
6	2, 5, 7, 11	8, 10	4, 12	2, 5, 7, 11	\$.50	\$90	3
7	9	1, 4, 8, 11	6, 10	9			4
8	8, 10, 12	3, 5	4, 6	3, 5, 8, 10, 12			3



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9	2, 4, 8	9, 11, 12	1	2, 4, 8			5
10	2, 4, 6	10	7, 12	2, 4, 6			3

P5 Strategy/Analysis

The late pick five for Friday's card is a very challenging sequence, but also offers plenty of opportunities to find nice value and try to get a price home. The sequence starts with a maiden special weight going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt in a race that looks wide open, but is also definitely a race where you need to watch the board as like the 5-2 ML favorite #11 Problem Solved, there are lots of first time starters. Race 7 is everyone's favorite... a turf sprint allowance going 5 ½ furlongs on the turf. Normally these kinds of races concern me, but I have a strong opinion about the favorite #9 No Nay Hudson (3-1). Race #8 is arguably the most wide open race and has a variety of intriguing options in this 6 furlong race on the dirt. I would say it's your best chance to get a price home based on the morning lines. The feature race of the day is race #9 which is a grade 2 going 1 mile on the turf highlighted by the #4 Les Reys (5-2) who is coming off a stakes win in New York. The late pick 5 ends with another maiden special weight race going 6 furlongs on the dirt with just one first time starter in the #6 Points Is Points (5-1) who looks interesting in this spot.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	1, 3, 11	6, 8, 9	4, 10, 12	1, 3, 11	\$3	\$27
7	9	1, 4, 8, 11	6, 10	9		
9	2, 4, 8	9, 11, 12	1	2, 4, 8		

\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

This entire card is very challenging which is evident by how expensive my tickets are for both the early pick 5 and late pick . That being said, I believe the turf pick 3 is a great opportunity to press up if you have a strong opinion and take advantage of playing three solid turf races. Race #5 which starts the turf pick 3 is likely the most wide open as they go 1 3/16 on the turf. The morning line favorite is the #3 Vesture at 9-2 who I like a lot in this spot, but the morning line alone tells you that there is some real value to capture in this race. Vesture has developed a front running style in these longer distance races and has been very consistent for Bill Mott. The second leg is the typically dreaded turf sprint, but I think this race is a lot more straightforward than usual. The #9 horse No Nay Hudson is the favorite at 3-1 and deservedly so. He has been running against much tougher including Souper Quest, Our Shot, Arzak, and most notably Motorious. I believe he will be tough to beat and should rebound off a tough trio last time out. The sequence ends with race #9 the featured race which is a really interesting race on paper. The turf on Keeneland has been playing very favorably for closures which should play in theory should play into the hands of the favorite #4 Les Reys (5-2). The problem she may encounter is the lack of speed which should benefit the #2 Poolside with Slim. That being said, second time in the U.S. and with Prat aboard I'm sure Prat will keep her close enough, but watch out for the #2.



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Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7 - Miyagi	4 - Major Mack	6 - Steppin Silver
2	5 - Courageous Clay	11 - Chapman's Peak	6 - Master Sommelier
3	1 - Positano Sunset	2 - Peak Popularity	6 - Bru Na Boinne
4	4 - Boutwell Time	9 - Our Shenanigan	5 - Defiant Lass
5	3 - Vesture	11 - Protective	1 - My Boy Tony
6	5 - Voila Magic	11 - Problem Solved	2 - Acknowledge
7	9 - No Nay Hudson	11 - Boat's a Rockin	4 - Determined Kingdom
8	12 - Long Neck Paula	8 - Andrea	10 - Trust Fund Philly
9	4 - Les Reys	2 - Poolside With Slim	8 - Buttercream Babe
10	6 - Points Is Points	2 - On Command	4 - Hi'iaka

Noah's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	9	No Nay Hudson	3-1	5	\$50 Win

Notes: The #9 No Nay Hudson is both my Play of the Day and Most Likely Winner of the sequence. I know that it is a turf sprint, but he has been running against much better than this field and has been in terrific form. Three back at Saratoga it was his first race off of a major layoff and I thought that he just needed one. Then Wesley decided to ship him out to California where he looked a sure winner until getting caught late by the hometown favorite Motorious. I would definitely draw a line through the last race as No Nay Hudson was stuck in all sorts of traffic and got a brutal trip he just had nowhere to go. Look for Dettori to rebound from that ride as he has given some terrific rides at Keeneland and I believe No Nay Hudson will sit a perfect stalking trip off the speed and especially with how the Keeneland turf has been playing he should go right by the field and bounce back in a BIG WAY!

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	2	No Nay Hudson	3-1	5	\$10 Double 9/8, 12

Notes: See notes above.

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	5	Voila Magic	10-1	3	\$20 Win/Place

Notes: Race #6 is a maiden special weight going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt and is a field of almost entirely first time starters as the #7 Ennis Town is the only experienced runner with one start. I landed on the #5 Voila Magic at 10-1 in what is an unpredictable race. I know Asmussen has had a frustrating Keeneland meet that hasn't been up to his standards, but it seems more like a matter of when not if he gets back on track with another win at Keeneland. Voila Magic has a really nice work tab, especially the bullet work on October 9th going 1 minute flat at Keeneland for 5 furlongs. The sire is over 16% on 2 year old debut winners and the dam produced Touchuponastar who has been terrific winning 12 of 17 starts.



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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)
1	7	Miyagi	4-1	3	\$25 Win
<p>Notes: The #7 horse Miyagi is a very interesting horse in the first race of Friday's card. He was previously trained by Wayne Catalano and hasn't been seen since finishing fourth at Churchill Downs on November 19th, 2023 going 6 furlongs on the dirt. The unfortunate reality for Miyagi is he ran into some serious horses in both of his starts going against Nash on his debut and then Carbone in his second start. Those races were maiden special weights of \$100,000 + and now off the trainer switch and major layoff he is in for the claim for \$30,000 and gets lasix. The work tab has been solid for him, especially the bullet work on October 4th at Keeneland and I felt that both of his efforts have been fine, he just ran against far superior horses. Miyagi gets Tyler Gaffalione back aboard and takes on significantly easier than last time. I expect Miyagi to be forwardly placed right behind the leaders and prove to be too good for this group down the stretch.</p>					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	3	Vesture	9-2	4	\$30 Win \$10 Exacta 3/1,11
<p>Notes: The #3 horse Vesture is the morning line favorite of race #5, but is certainly not a heavy favorite as he is 9-2. Vesture has been a very consistent horse since switching over to the turf for Bill Mott and improved from his turf debut as he took well to the added distance. While he hasn't been able to get the job done in his last two efforts, I still saw positives visually and I like his running style for a race like this, especially with the way this field looks on paper. He has been forwardly placed in every start, but the fractions haven't been too crazy so I don't think he needs the lead. Despite this being a distance race I actually see plenty of pace between the #5 First Player and the #7 Count Dracula and perhaps most of all the #12 Culpit for Wesley Ward who is a complete send. I believe Vesture will save ground and sit a perfect stalking trip off the major speed and benefit from the slight cutback to 1 3/16 and at a reasonable price. Underneath I like the #1 My Boy Tony (8-1) who has been consistent on turf similarly to Vesture aside from when they raced each other and Vesture was clearly the better horse that day. I also think the #11 Protective (8-1) is worth a look as this was a horse on the derby trail who will now be trying turf for the first time.</p>					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	12	Long Neck Paula	10-1	3	\$25 win \$5 EXB 8,10,12
<p>Notes: I know what you're thinking, Charlie has already given out one Wesley Ward horse as his best bet of the day and most likely winner and now he is giving out another as a price play, surely there must be some bias. I can assure you that is not the case as if you have been watching my appearances on Bettin N Boozin I have rarely been giving out Wesley's horses which has been a good thing as while winning at 22% isn't bad (5/23), for Wesley Ward's standards he's used to being better. The #12 horse Long Neck Paula is coming off of a very impressive and dominant effort at Prairie Meadows winning a stakes race going 6 furlongs on the dirt by 7 ½ lengths. I understand that she was the heavy favorite but I feel we got to see a different side of her and she is going to build off that career best effort. She showed the ability to rate and even with solid fractions proved the distance is certainly not a problem as she drew off from the field and was wrapped up. I also want to point out the second place finisher in the race is the #2 horse Glee (8-1) who came back to win a stakes race at Remington park by 15 ½ lengths. I will admit the 10-1 morning line in this field is a bit absurd as I believe she won't be she won't go off at more than half those odds at 5-1. I think in a race with plenty of speed she can rate again and sit just off and go by in the stretch. I do think there are some other interesting horses in this field, primarily the #8 Andrea (6-1) and the #10 Trust Fund Philly (3-1). Andrea is a horse for C2 Racing Stable coming from Gulfstream who has been incredibly impressive in both of her starts just destroying both fields. Meanwhile Trust Fund Philly is coming off a debut win at Churchill Downs from off the pace.</p>					



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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
4	Win/Place	\$20 Win Place 4	\$40
9	Exacta Box	\$20 Exacta Box 2-4	\$40

Good luck with all your wagers.... CRUSH THOSE



BETS!!!