

# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

*As we approach a busy Thanksgiving stakes schedule, today marks a slower weekend of racing in terms of graded races. But, the cards in NY and KY are very good with big fields, so the challenges are there to hit horizontal bets if you choose to go that route. NY is running their last turf races this weekend for 2024, and Churchill (our "secondary sequence") has especially big fields for a fun day of racing, the annual Claiming Crown Championships. CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!*

**Special note....the next two Monday nights, our "Horsin' Around" show is back, this time to discuss the 2025 Kentucky Derby Future Wagers. Please join us for some fascinating conversations as we reveal our podcast's 2025 Derby horse!**

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.14** (\$1,530.36 / 715)

YTD: **\$1.91** (\$433.53 / 227)

## Racetrack: Aqueduct

### Howard Kravets' Grid: ABC Grid

LP5 starts in R6 at 2:10pmEST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	3,7	5,12	2,4	3,7	\$0.50	\$90
7	3,8	2	1,5	2,3,8		
8	2	1,3,5,9,10	-	1,2,3,5,9		
9	4,5,9	2,6,8,(11)	7,10	4,9		
10	2,12	4,8,10	1,3,5	2,8,12		



**Pete Visco's Grid:**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	3,4,7	2	5	3,4,7	\$0.50 P5	\$108
7	3	2,8	1,5	3,8	-	-
8	1,2,9	5	10	1,2,9	-	-
9	6,8,9	2,4	5	4,6,8,9	-	-
10	2,8,12	6	1,3	2,8,12	-	-

**Paul Halloran's Grid:**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	3,7	4	11,12	3,4,7	\$.50 P5	\$72
7	3,8	6	2	3,8		
8	1,3	2,5	9,10	1,2,3,5		
9	4,9	6,8	2,5	4,9		
10	2,12	4,10	4,8	2,10,12		

**Aqueduct P6 Analysis (R6-10): (Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)**

As discussed on our podcast Thursday night, I thought this was a tough sequence. There are many low-priced horses I simply don't trust, forcing me to spread more than I'm comfortable with. Sure, you can take the faves and play a smaller ticket, but it won't pay much. Plus the last race is very difficult. So you have a decision to make...either toss some faves, play a bigger ticket with the faves and hope to beat them (my strategy), or skip it all together (rarely an option for me, lol). I also could not find a lot of Price/Spot Plays I really liked today at Aqueduct, so I'll be giving out fewer today. I'm not going to tout horses I don't truly believe in and fill out unnecessary space on this tip sheet....you deserve better.



The following are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses I like that will provide some value (hopefully 5-2 or higher in general). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	7	Amplitude	3-1	4	\$20 Win #7 BIG EXACTAS: 7 / 2,3,4,5,12 Smaller Exactas: 2,3,4,5,12 / 7

**Notes:** As mentioned above, my Price/Spot plays are not the most creative today, but if we can get a winner home, that would be nice. I might get slapped in the face if the #3 wins this race, but I just can't recommend a horse with "seconditis." #7 Amplitude, for Chad, has much more upside and won nicely last time, albeit vs. much easier. Once he found room in the stretch, he really extended nicely and could have won by more with something left in the tank. He's only 3yo and the upside is still there. We won't get a great price, but I just don't see many great options on the win end in this weak NY-bred N1X affair. By the way, there is another Chad in this race, the #2, ridden by Dylan, hmmm.....

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Just One More	9-2	5	\$15 WP #2 Trifectas: 2 / 1,3,5,9,10 / 1,3,5,9,10 1,3,5,9,10 / 2 / 1,3,5,9,10

**Notes:** THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT!! Again, not the strongest Play of the Day I've given out, but sometimes when I say that, the horse ends up romping. Who knows, we'll see. #2 Just One More, an English Channel filly who's a full to the very talented Voodoo Song and Worth a Shot, is very likely to improve dramatically off her first start in April. In that race, she broke slow and never looked comfortable. She was also a younger 3yo at that time facing a very talented maiden group, including future stake horse Grayosh. Not sure why she's waited this long for her 2nd career start, but Trainer DePaz is much better 2nd time than first out, and Santana is not as bad on the turf as people might think. This field is very weak for the level. #1 Autumn is the horse to beat for sure, but she's a 5yo who is 0-for-11...I don't trust those types at all, even if they are the fastest on paper. Let's hope Just One More is ready today.

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## Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Late Pick 5; R7 – 11, Post 3:55pm EST

### Howard Kravets' Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4,6,11	5,7,8	3,10	1,4,6,11	\$0.50 P5	\$72
8	5,10	-	1,9	5,10		
9	8	2,9,10,12	5,11	8		
10	3,4,11	2,5,8,9	1,6	3,4,11		
11	6,10,11	3,8,9	-	3,6,8,9,10,11		

**\*\*Note...the grid above would create an ABC ticket that is MUCH MORE expensive than I'd want to spend, so you'll want to sharpen / pair down your opinions based on handicapping and potential scratches. This is a VERY difficult sequence!! My caveman ticket is still below the standard \$100 budget I allocate for the podcast hosts and co-hosts, but I present that without a lot of confidence based on the sequence difficulty.**

### LP5 Analysis

The Claiming Crown always brings huge, competitive fields. And this year's edition at Churchill Downs is no different. If you're not familiar, this is basically the Breeders' Cup of Claiming horses...they've been purchased for a certain (relatively low) price throughout the 2023 or 2024 season. Today, the purses are huge for the level, so you know owners, trainers, and jocks want to win these races badly for their loyal connections. My gut tells me there'll be pretty contentious early fractions and possibly some pace meltdowns today. FYI, Churchill does not allow DRF Ticketmaker ABC auto-generated tickets, so if you want to play horizontally today, they'll have to be "caveman" style and not weighted ABC's, unless you want to punch in several tickets manually (DRF and CDI don't get along, shocking).

It's hard to lean on anyone, but I would do it in R8 and R9, with the #5 & #10 in R8 and single the #8 in R9. Good luck, you're going to need it in this fun sequence.

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	10	Hilarious Affair	3-1	4	\$15 Win #10
<b>Notes</b>					
This stake going 5 1/2f on turf should have an honest early pace like many turf sprints do. I find that once the turf at CD and other places get some moisture in it (rained Wed. in KY) at this time of year, it's hard to dry out, and early speed doesn't hold as well. That factor would work for #10 Hilarious Affair, who is in solid form and needs a bit of a pace setup. He barely lost to ML-fave Final Verdict at Saratoga over the summer, and this race might set up better for "Hilarious." He's in fine form and has a big shot.					

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10	4	Hurry Hurry	8-1	5	\$20 WP, \$10 Show #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 2,3,5,8,9,11 Smaller Exactas: 2,3,5,8,9,11 / 4

**Notes**

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!!** First of all, pay attention to scratches. If #13 Gilded Craken draws into the field, I would like #4 Hurry Hurry even more. If #13 doesn't, I still like the #4, but maybe more underneath. The big question here is about #3 Money Supply. If he runs back to his dirt races earlier in the year, he's almost a cinch. But his last two (albeit on turf) were very bad. He's been rested up for this spot, but I'm still a bit dubious. #4 Hurry Hurry is an honest closer who fits like a glove at this class level and loves CD, 4-for-5 in the money. He's honest and should give a good account of himself in the stretch run with Jose Ortiz on board. It's the biggest purse of the night at \$200k, so I'm hoping we'll get some early aggression from the jocks. He'll need many things to go his way, especially a clean trip when it means the most, but he's about as good as anyone in the field at a price. I'll go \$1 WP for our ROI.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	11	Good Governance	10-1	3	\$5 Win, \$10 PS \$11

**Notes**

First, I would like #11 Good Governance A LOT MORE if the AE's draw in, either the #13,14,or 15. They all have early speed, and Good Governance is a closing-type. The #6 and #8 are going to take the bulk of the money, but I don't trust them at this distance today at all, despite being the class of the field. Good Governance is in really fine form, and jockey Sanjur (who I know from the Arlington days) is a capable rider who knows the horse well. If he can somehow find a way to save ground on one of the two turns, he'll make a run be a factor late, probably underneath however. I'll go \$1 PS for our ROI, but might upgrade to \$1 WP if the AE's get in on the outside to quicken the yearly pace.

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



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