



KEENELAND 

Power

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Saturday, April 11th, 2026
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Race-Day Overview

It's Saturday #2 for the Keeneland Spring Meet...and it's also one of the "Majors". No, not the Masters golf tournament, but the Grade One Gamble Live-Money contest at Keeneland. Yours truly and others are competing for the 1st prize of \$65k plus BCBC, NHC, KDBC and other big contest seats. Should be lots of fun!

Today's card is honestly just as good last weekend, if not better. The field sizes are bigger and more competitive....and difficult frankly. I thought some of the early races were a puzzle for sure, but there are also horses that were cross-entered for earlier in the week, so perhaps some scratches will make the races more manageable. The turf rails are down today...will that help the closers? Should be fast and firm.

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhracingpodcast.com, and go to the "Power Picks" section...a video explanation is also available on the page*

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:00pm 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	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Cost	Stars/Rating
1	8,9	1,2	-	1,8,9	\$0.50 P5	\$126	2
2	3,6,11,12	1,8,(14)	4,5,7,(16)	1,3,6,8,11,12,14	-	-	2
3	4,7	-	1,2,6	4,7	-	-	3
4	2,4	8	5,9	2,4	-	-	3

5	6,11,12	2,3,4	5	6,11,12	-	-	3
6	2,7	-	1,3	3	-	-	4
7	6,7	4	2,3	4,6,7	\$0.50 P5	\$108	4
8	2,3,12	5,10	1	2,3,12	-	-	3
9	7,10	8,9	1,5	7,10	-	-	4
10	1,9	3,4,7,10	6	1,3,4,7,9,10	-	-	3
11	4,6	3	11	4,6	-	-	3

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	9 - West Coast Dream	8 - Buckeye Bombshell	1 - Speed Skater
2	3 - Standard Deduction	6 - Beale Street Boy	12 - Gentlemen Jim
3	4 - Money Run	7 - Eye Dee Kay	2 - Tres Soles
4	2 - Island Barbie	4 - Shewontbudge	8 - Rockin Robin (tweet, tweet - tweet)
5	12 - Wrathchild	6 - Minotaur	11 - Provider
6	2 - Authentic Strike	7 - Conquest Warrior	3 - Original Sin
7	7 - Noble Confessor	6 - Arkhipov	4 - Ciro di Marzio
8	3 - Right Timing	2 - Arcana	12- Al Ghadeer
9	7 - Lush Lips	10 - Segesta	9 - Aussie Girl
10	1 - Corona de Oro	9 - Ezum	10 - Confessional
11	6 - West End Kid	4 - Heere's Johnny	3 - Royal Guard

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R7 - 11)

Today's Late P5 for me is a MUCH tougher test than last weekend. I would take some type of stand in R7, R9, and R11 (without feeling great about it) and spread in R8 and R10. There are two horses in the sequence that many are going to single / press-up / lean on. Those are most likely #6 Arkhipov in R7 and #7 Lush Lips in R9. I completely understand that logic and wouldn't blame anyone for doing it, but I would at least have some backups prepared, because I don't think they're cinches. The trickiest race is probably the G3 Lexington, R10. If #9 Ezum runs back to his Colonial race, they're all running for 2nd. Do I trust that will happen today? Definitely not, but it certainly

could. Then you have to survive the last leg. How live will the Chad Brown firster be, the #11 Coordinator, with Flavian riding and owned by Juddmonte? One this is for certain....he'll take money on the toteboard, but will it be smart money or just the Chad / Flavian tax?

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	6,7	4	2,3	4,6,7	\$3 P3	\$54
9	7,10	8,9	1,5	7,10	-	-
11	4,6	3	11	3,4,6	-	-

\$3 All-Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - (R7, R9, R11)

Well, last week I thought the Turf P3 was "easy", until #3 Shoot It True broke through the gate, then Rosario pulled one of his patented frustrating rides (followed by a brilliant one later at huge odds...that's Joel for ya). Anyway, I digress. This could be a very chalky Turf Pick 3, but I'd take some caution in the favorites in this sequence. The last race is VERY tough...could spread a lot more than you see on the grid. A popular ticket will be 6 / 7 / x . That would be understandable, but won't pay anything unless you get a bomb in the last. Your choice, good luck in what I consider one of the most fun, profitable horizontal bets in horse racing.

Howard's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	West End Kid	20-1	4+	\$25 WP #6 Trifectas: 6 / 3,4 / 3,4,6,11,12 3,4 / 6 / 3,4,6,11,12

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! As I stated on the standard Saturday Power Picks Tip Sheet in the Tip Sheet, this is NOT the kind of horse I would go "all-in" on or base my whole betting day around (notice the 4+ instead of 5-star notation). #6 West End Kid was 20-1 in his debut, so it's unusual for me to tip out a horse that was not well-meant first out. But a few things intrigue me today. The obvious is he ran very well last out, being a bit between horses, then finished with a nice late kick in a pretty tough maiden field at GP. The number came back just fine, and he cost \$350k at the sales, plus he's worked forwardly since. Trainer Walden's stats with 2nd time starters are good, and I don't think this field came up very tough for a typical Keeneland turf maiden special weight race. Blinks on and Tyler G....some things to like. The one to beat though is Heeere's Johnny, who is classy and ran well last year vs. some very good ones. If he's ready, look out.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	4	Money Run	5-2	4	\$30 Win #4

Notes:

#4 Money Run has so many back-numbers that would destroy this field, it's crazy. But he's only 5-2 in the ML by excellent oddsmaker Nick Tamaro. Probably because he was AWFUL last time. Was it the surface? The snow? Just a bad day at the office? Or is he regressing? It think it's the first three options I mentioned....with Flavian in the saddle, he'll be tough. There is other speed in here too. Polarizing animal today for sure. He either wins by 3-4 lengths or flops...you're guess is as good as mine. There are MANY other horses I could tout as the "most likely winner" today at Keeneland, but this one might provide the most value.

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	4	Island Barbie	8-1	3	\$10 WP #4

Notes:

To be honest, I'm more curious to see how "Barbie" runs rather than place a big bet on her. With Flavian riding, she won't be 8-1. I do like her works leading into this race off a very long layoff, and there is some breeding there too. The trainer is 1-for-23 this year, but Prat chooses to ride this one? Hmmmm....might be worth a stab if this one is taking sneaky money vs. the heavy morning-line fave.

Other 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)
5	11	Provider	10-1	2	\$10 Win, \$15 Place #11 BIG Exactas: 3,6,12 / 11 Smaller Exactas: 11 / 3,6,12

Notes:

Again, and there's a theme for me today at Keeneland, just another horse that's interesting but not one for which I'd open up the wallet and go crazy. His last trip was worse than it looks on paper, as he didn't break great, then made a very wide, sustained middle move all the way up to the lead on the far turn, only to fade late, but not that badly. With a better break and slowish pace, he could surprise. The problem is I'm not sure the pace will be to his liking. Probably more of an "underneath" type.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	7	Noble Confessor	7-2	4	\$15 WP #7

Notes:

The Late P5 kicks off with a nice allowance race. #8 Arkhipov for Chad will be favored off an impressive win at Tampa and is the horse to beat. But I think **#7 Noble Confessor** has a chance to upset the favorite. His last race does NOT look good on paper, but he was sent hard from the inside at GP and was pressed the whole way into a very fast pace, and probably was a race he needed anyway. Pitkin, the winner, is a nice horse who was an AE yesterday in the salty Maker's Mark Mile (as of this writing, don't know if he ran or not). I'm not sure what is the best distance for Noble Confessor, and I'm a bit concerned about other early speed in here, but if the horse improves off his 4yo debut and can rate a touch, the shorter distance might be good for him. He's certainly classy enough, and with an outer post will have some options early. This race will be a good barometer as to where Pletcher goes next with him. In truth, I've never been his biggest fan (the horse, not Pletcher), but today might be a surprisingly good effort...we'll see.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Corona de Oro	6-1	2	\$20 Win #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 3,4,7,9,10 Smaller Exactas: 3,4,7,10 / 1

Notes:
The G3 Lexington, technically the last Derby Prep of the season, is a fascinating race. There's plenty of early gas and the break / trips will be the key. While I don't love anyone in here, it feels like **#1 Corona de Oro** might get the best trip with plenty of upside. #10 Confessional beat Corona last year in a maiden race at Keeneland, but while Confessional has not really improved in 2026, Corona is learning how to rate and gets a ground-saving trip. Hernandez will break aggressively, then read the rest of the field. He has NOT broken great the last two starts, FYI...that's a concern. It would be advantageous to NOT get into a "pissing contest", let the speed go, sit in the pocket, then see what he's got in the lane. In his last race, he battled and still drew off, but this is a much more difficult field. It's a fairly short run into the first run, and a first-wire finish in the stretch, so inside posts are a big advantage....the concern is he'll have to extricate himself from the inside when it matters most. Don't take too low a price, but he seems logical to me if he can get out the gate clean and sit in a pocket trip. Can he pass these late?

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

Race #	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$10 Daily Double	1,2,8,9 / 3	\$40
3	\$15 Exacta Box	4/7 (a bit chalky tho)	\$30
9	\$3 Late P3	7,10 / 1,3,4,7,9,10 / 4,6 (could pay big if you beat #7 in the first leg)	\$72

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



