



KEENELAND 

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## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sunday April 12, 2026
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### Race-Day Overview

It's been a crazy week at Keeneland with the longshots, chaotic results, and having a fantastic Grade 1 Gamble day. So there is no better way to continue the seven straight days of racing than with an exciting Sunday card featuring a race that always seems to be exciting, the G2 Giant's Causeway. Shoutout to Adelphi Racing as they have Gratefully in this year's rendition. Good luck to all!

### Today's Picks

*\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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 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	5,8	11	6	5,8,11	\$0.50 P5	\$67.50	3

2	2	-	4	2	-	-	5
3	3,8	4,5	7	3,4,5,7,8	-	-	4
4	3,5,7	-	10	3,5,7	-	-	2
5	2,8,12	-	-	2,8,12	\$0.50 P5	-	4
6	1	2	4	1,2	-	\$54	4
7	5,13	-	1,2,7,9	5,13	-	-	3
8	6,7,8	-	9	6,7,8	-	-	4
9	1,11	10	4,5	1,10,11	-	-	5

### Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8 - Use Me	11 - Audacity`	5 - Isadora Duncan
2	2 - Senior Officer	4 - Sargent Sully	6 - Bring the Smoke
3	8 - Vronti	3 - Madam Secretary	5 - Canterbury Lane
4	7 - Pass and Go	5 - Stoic Sage	3 - Backside
5	12 - Empress New Groove	8 - Munnings Talks	2 - How About Now
6	1 - Take Charge Omaha	2 - Landed	4 - Pahoehoe d'Oro
7	5 - Gratefully	13 - Shining Star	2 - Charlene's Dream
8	6 - Criteria	7- Mo the Merrier	8 - Civil Liberty
9	1 - End of Romance	11 - Iron Man Cal	10 - Tenacious Leader

### Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

The key to the Late Pick-5 for me is what you do in Race 6. A lot of people playing this sequence will go ahead and single Landed and move on. I understand it, but I think there needs to be a serious look taken in the direction of Take Charge Omaha, who I'll talk about below. Per usual, the turf raves are very tough and I'll be using a few horses in each. Good luck!

### \$3 All-Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	12	2,8	-	2,8,12	\$3 P3	\$27
7	5	13	-	5	-	-
9	1	10,11	-	1,10,11	-	-

### \$3 All-Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - (R5, R7, R9)

The key to this All-Turf Pick-3 for me is whether or not you are not you go deep in the Giant's Causeway. For structural purposes, I have two horses I like that should be similar in odds come post time, so I'm not sure I want to double up the caveman ticket with a horse that's going to pay the same going forward. Obviously I will include Shining Star, but for this sake, I'll be singling Gratefully. The book ends are very tough races with good priced favorites, so I would encourage you to try and spread in both of those.

### Pete's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	8	Vronti	8-1	5	\$25 Win #8
<b>Notes:</b>					
#8 Vronti is a horse I have been waiting to run at Keeneland for a while now, and I'm pretty excited that he shows up here. I had heard some buzz around this horse when he made his first start in the states at Tampa, and I thought he had sneaky trouble in there. Then he comes back in timely fashion, breaks his maiden in what I thought was a pretty comfortable half a length, and I like the fact that Motion throws him into a pretty salty field off of two races that don't look all that flashy on paper. Because of those numbers, he should be a price, but you never know with Irad hoping aboard how the public is going to react.					

### Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	2	Senior Officer	1-1	5	\$50 Win #2
<b>Notes:</b>					
#2 Senior Officer is a very likely winner is today's 2nd race. The scratch of the 1 puts him in a bit of a tough spot, but he is a very classy individual. Not only is he coming off a 95 beyer, which would best this group, the horse that beat him validated that form in his next start at Oaklawn.					

## Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	End of Romance	12-1	4	\$25 Win #1

### Notes:

**#1 End of Romance** certainly fits the bill for the theme we've seen so far in 2026. 3yo's that looked slow on paper have taken major steps to defeat older company in their 4yo debut, and I think this runner here could be a contender. Motion took this runner all over the country after he earned plenty of frequent flyer miles coming over from England, and he faced some sneaky salty field in those races. He lost all chance at the start in the G2 Secretariat, and the time off should give him plenty of opportunity to take the step forward he needs to be competitive here.

## 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	12	Empress New Groove	6-1	4	\$25 Win #12

### Notes:

**#12 Empress New Groove** is a filly I was very high on when she made her debut here at Keeneland over the fall. Her two races at Gulfstream haven't been great, but the trip in her first one was awful, and the second one she was pressing a hot pace on the outside, a recipe that doesn't work out well at Gulfstream Park. The 12 hole is something she's going to have to overcome, because I do believe she is better with some cover, but the price should be appealing enough for me to want to find out.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Take Charge Omaha	3-1	4-	\$25 Win #6

### Notes:

I believe **#1 Take Charge Omaha** has a serious chance to upset the #2 Landed. If you just look at her recent races in the state of Kentucky, they have been really good: she closed well into a slow pace at Churchill four back, her effort here at Keeneland was a bang up third against some really nice performers at the time, then completed the local series by crushing her competition two starts back. She didn't run great last time, but she gets a break, and this is basically her 4yo debut, which in theory should be her best, especially considering the races she's run on the Kentucky dirt.

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

Race #	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$10 Daily Double	8,11 / 2	\$20
3	\$10 Daily Double	8 / 3,4,5	\$30
8	\$10 Daily Double	6 / 1	\$20

**Good luck with all your wagers.... CRUSH YOUR  
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