

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Another big day here on the Power Picks Tip Sheet, especially at Woodbine. There are 5 graded stakes North of the border, with 3 Grade 1's, all Win-and-You're-Ins for the Breeders Cup at Del Mar. There are also several Godolphin runners for Charlie Appleby coming in from overseas.

Then, we'll travel to Churchill Downs for their Fall Meeting Opening Weekend stakes, with competitive fields and the first races with points towards the 2026 Derby and Oaks. Good luck today....as usual, check for scratches and changes....weather is forecasted to be good at both locales.

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.07** (\$1,921.34 / 928)

YTD: **\$1.84** (\$334.73 / 182)

Today's Picks

*** For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and click on the "Power Picks" tab on the top of the page for more information on how to read an "ABC" Grid and place bets using the "ABC" Method.*

Racetrack: Woodbine

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Pick 5 / Stakes start at 3:54pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	12	4,5,8,10	1,6,7,9	4,5,8,10,12	\$0.20	\$72
7	3,4,6,10	9	8,12	3,4,6,10		
8	5,6,10	1	9	5,6,10		
9	2	6	3,8	2,6		
10	4,6	2	7	2,4,6		

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	10	1,5,7	4,12	1,5,10	.60 P5	\$86.40
7	6,10	4,5	3,12	4,5,6,10		
8	3,5	6,10	1,8	3,5,6,10		
9	2,3	6,8	5,9	2		
10	2,6	4	8	2,4,6		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	4,10,12	5,6	3,7,8,9	4,6,10,12	\$0.20 P5	\$76.80
7	6,10	4,9	5,7	4,6,9,10	-	-
8	5,10	6	1,3,8	5,6,10	-	-
9	2,9	3,6	1,4,8	2,3,6,9	-	-
10	2,4	5,6	3,8	2,4	-	-

Howard's Stakes Analysis – Races 6 - 10

Last week's Kentucky Downs sequence was incredibly difficult showing ABC Grids filled with many potential win candidates. I don't see that here at Woodbine today, EXCEPT for the first leg! I would use as many as possible. R7 is also wide-open and a spread race for me. However, R8,9,10, and especially R9 and R10, are less wide-open and I'm going thin towards the end. I'm not convinced the Godolphin runners, especially the 2yo's, are sure things today. The one I'm most keen on is Notable Specch in the Mile, although I don't think he's a "slam dunk" either. 85% of Pick 5 players will be singling him in the last leg....if he loses AND you can find the winner that beats him, you'll REALLY get paid!

The following touts are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Price/Spot Play(s)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	12	Teddy's Rocket	12-1	3	\$10 WP #12 BIG Exactas: 12 / 4,5,8,10 Small Exactas: 4,5,8,10 / 12

Notes:

The 12-post on the inner turf at Woodbine is no bargain at all, and that is certainly a concern. But I believe **#12 Teddy's Rocket (12-1)** is talented enough to win from out there if he gets the right trip. I

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also wouldn't be surprised if he scratches given the outer post. His debut was better than it looked...he broke from the far outside post (sound familiar), stalked the pace professionally, split horses on the turn, and won nicely. Most importantly to me, he had more to give late as the 2nd place finisher was not passing him on the gallop out. This pick mostly depends on the first turn and not being wide. We're gonna get half that ML price....12-1 is ridiculous.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	10	Deep Learning	5-2	4	\$25 Win #10

Notes:

Now this American runner is a worthy 5-2 chance! **#10 Deep Learning** for Chad was very impressive on debut, and she barely knew what she was doing! After being very professional most of the race while tracking mid-pack on the rail, she tipped out mid-stretch and powered home, beating a field that has not come back great however. But, she won so easily, and was as green as the grass she was running on, swapping leads several times and looking around wondering, "where's my competition?" This looks like a serious runner for Chad.....again, though, another tout of mine that breaks on the far outside...she needs to save some ground ideally to win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	My Boy Prince	10-1	5	\$5 Win, \$25 Place #6 BIG Exacta: 2/6 Smaller Exacta: 6/2

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT WOODBINE!! The Grade 1 Woodbine Mile is the feature today, and stars Godolphin runner #2 Notable Speech, who finished a close 3rd in last year's Breeders Cup Mile won by More Than Looks. He is CLEARLY the horse to beat. But I have found an intriguing Mark Casse runner to finish 2nd, and perhaps pull of a big upset in the **#6 My Boy Price (10-1)**. TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS MORE OF AN UNDERNEATH TYPE, AND FOR OUR SPOT PLAY ROI I'LL GO \$1 WIN, \$3 PLACE.

There's not a lot of early pace in this year's Mile, and unless the #1 sends hard from the inside (which I'm hoping he doesn't), My Boy Price should be able to clear from the 6-hole and get the lead in a relatively easy fashion. He showed some back-class last year, and ran nicely vs. talented Deterministic last time at Saratoga. He HAS TO HAVE AN EASY LEAD for me to even remotely get excited about his chances, and that's how I see the race shape developing. Casse's other runner, #8 Win for the Money, is the other speed, but I'm pretty sure he'll just stalk from the 8-hole and won't go after his stablemate early, why would he? #2 Notable Speech will probably be too much for the Prince, but he's disappointed before and hasn't won in over a year. MY MAIN PLAY HERE IS AN EXACTA 2-6 to try to extract some value, while also playing a 6-2 exacta and a small insanity win bet on the "Prince" just in case. Should be a fun race....winner auto-qualifies to the BC Mile.

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Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – P5 starts at 3:21pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	6	2,3,5	1,7	6	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	1,3	6	-	1,3,6	-	-
8	1,7,8	5	9	1,5,7,8	-	-
9	2,4	3,6	4	2,3,4,6	-	-
10	3,7	1,2,9	5,8,10,11	1,2,3,7	-	-

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 6-10

Five stakes in a row comprise this fun Late P5 at Churchill on their Fall Opening Weekend. I'll be taking a stand and singling (on most tickets) #6 Dazzling Dame in the first leg, then spreading pretty evenly from there. The last race could be a crazy meltdown with lots of early speed signed on. I'll go only 4-deep using my top choices, but I really don't have any closers on the ticket. That's a concern, except I don't like the horses that come from off the pace here, so I'll just hope it doesn't fall apart late. We could definitely see some BC Sprint entrants come out of R10, it's a doozy! Before R10 are two races, one for the boys, one of the girls, that begins the Points Race for the Ky. Derby and Oaks.

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	6	Dazzling Dame	2-1	4	\$20 Win #6

Notes

While certainly not the most creative or clever tip of the day, #6 Dazzling Dame looks awfully formidable in this spot. The Brittany Russell-trained filly is 2-for-2 lifetime and has tactical speed from the outside post in a small field. She doesn't need the lead, and is bred just fine for the distance. If Saez breaks will with her and gets early trackable position, she could be awfully tough to hold off in the lane....this is a combination of a talented filly along with others I'm just not impressed with...gonna chalk out here.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Taxed	3-1	5	\$25 WP #2

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!! I'm almost ashamed to tip out Taxed, and surprised myself even more as she's my Top Play because I'm usually against her. But, I have to go with my gut, and I think she'll put it together today. Connections have been running her long often, but if you break down her sprint record, it's actually pretty damn good. I'm hoping the #1 and #3 go, and Taxed just sita on the rail to make her run in the stretch. I like Bejarano, but today is definitely a jock upgrade to Tyler G. I'm against Impel from the outside, and feel that likely fave Positano is using this race for a run at her favorite track next month in the TCA at beloved Keeneland. Just feels to me like a spot for Taxed to cash, we'll see!!

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	7	Little Ni	12-1	3	\$10 Win, \$20 Place Trifecta: 7 / 1,2,3,9 / 1,2,3,5,8,9,10,11 1,2,3 / 7 / 1,2,3,5,8,9,10,11 1,2,3 / 1,2,3,5,8,9,10,11 / 7
Notes As self-proclaimed President of the Little Ni (12-1) Fan Club, I have to tip him out again, as he won for us last time at Saratoga. This is the toughest test he's faced to date, so he'll have to run huge. I'm going to use him vertically in my trifectas in this big field. He figures to sit another great trip in behind the blazing likely early speed, and if he can finish in the lane and continue to improve, he'll have a great shot to at least hit the board. His local work was great, and we're gonna find out if he's really a high-quality stake horse today. I don't think he'll be 12-1, more like 8-1 or even lower, but he still has upside and runs his race almost every time. For our Spot Play ROI, I'll \$1 WP.					

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

