

Race Day Date	October 10
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Race-Day Overview

This is a workmanlike Friday card that features a Grade 2 turf stakes and a 2-year-old maiden fillies auction race that was split into two divisions that look contentious on paper. Good luck finding a rock-solid single on this slate. It doesn't look like a good day to try to eat some chalk with the famous Keeneland bread pudding. I have an off-beat opinion in the Sycamore that you will read about in spot plays. Weather here in Lexington is outstanding (ode to Uncle Howard, who arrives tonight). Note: With only 2 turf races on the card there is **no \$3 Turf Pick 3**.

Today's Picks

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

ABC Grid - Post Time 1pm 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 #	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars
1	5,6	1,4	2,3	5,6	\$.50 P5	\$60	4
2	2,8	5,9	1	2,5,8,9			3
3	6,8	1,3	12	1,3,6,8,12			3
4	2	7,9	3,6	2			4
5	7,10	5	8	5,7,10			4
6	3,4	6,11	1	3,4,6,11	\$.50 P5	\$96	3
7	11	2,9	8	11			4
8	4,11	8,9	1,2	4,9,11			4
9	4,10	3,9	5,11	3,4,9,10			3
10	3,7	4,8	1,5	3,4,7,8			3

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd					
1	6 – Turn Up the Trees	5 – Shape Note	4 – Born Flawless					
2	8 – Chambourcin	2 – Blazing Freedom	9 – Satisfied Mind					
3	6 – Amazing Amanda	1 – Miss Super Mo	8 – Beautiful McKinzie					
4	2 – Truly Legit	9 – Right On Right On	3 – Noble Gentleman					
5	7 – Antique Silver	10 – Promises to Dance	5 – Hurricane Debbie					
6	4 – Justice Addition	3 – Struck At Midnight	11 – Endless Glory					
7	11 – Fleetingly	2 – Vina Arana	9 – Unmerited Favor					
8	11 – Vino Vici	4 – Alghero	9 – Tiz Authority					
9	10 – Ohana Honor	3 – Mercante	4 – Utah Beach					
10	3 – Daisy Duke	7 – Kentucky Smokeshow	8 – Brunch With Amy					

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

Here's an indication of how tough I think the Late P5 is: When I compiled my original Caveman ticket it came out to \$600. Time to call in Jenny Craig! I ended up leaning on #11 Fleetingly in Race 7 and spreading as much as possible elsewhere within the confines of a \$100 budget.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
4	2	Truly Legit	5-2

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
8	4	Alghero	10-1

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)
2	8	Chambourcin	8-1	3	\$15 Win, \$25 Place

Notes: This is very much a "price" play and it is based on race flow. Timeform calls for a fast pace here and I agree. I'm betting that coming off a mile turf race at Kentucky Downs, Chambourcin will be able to make one late run and get in the picture. Her debut going 4½ furlongs at Keeneland was more than respectable, finishing third at 36-1 to Lennilu, a 3-time stakes winner who ran third at Royal Ascot, and Kadabra, who came back to break her maiden at AQU. Chambourcin was a second-out winner at Churchill in May, before the KD stakes race in which she was way overmatched. She returns in a much more realistic spot today, ridden by the underrated Sophie Doyle.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	7	Antique Silver	9-2	3.5	\$20 Win/Place

Notes: Interesting race in that David Jacobson trains and has ownership in two of the logical contenders, #7 Antique Silver and #10 Promises to Dance. They both have speed, but you wouldn't expect Luis Saez and Tyler Gaffalione to get into a protracted duel. The wildcard is ML favorite #5 Hurricane Debbie, who has only run on dirt twice -- her first two starts, including a convincing debut win at Keeneland. That was 3½ years ago and it has been all turf since with two synthetics mixed in. Going back to dirt and stretching out a half-furlong, as the favorite, leads me to try to beat her. Antique Silver makes a huge class drop, a decent angle for Jacobson, who wins at 17% when running for a 50% drop in tag price. Only one horse has run back from the 9/25 CD race, J Rivers, who was second in a \$20K claimer at KEE Sunday. I think Saez can get the right trip.

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7	<mark>11</mark>	<u>Fleetingly</u>	<mark>9-2</mark>	<mark>4</mark>	\$20 Win \$10 exacta 11 / 2,9

Notes: PLAY OF THE DAY: A tried-and-true angle is to bet horses who were closing into a slow pace in their previous race. Fleetingly was last of nine until the final eighth of an 11-furlong optional claimer at Saratoga, a race in which they went :49.71, 1:16.06 and 1:40.94. She was flying late but had too much work to do. The second-place finisher came back to win in similar conditions at AQU. In her two races prior to the last race, Fleetingly was much more in contact with the field, which is what I expect today under Flavien Prat, who has ridden her once, a second-place finish in a CD maiden. This is one of those races where Prat ends up getting a trip that may not look obvious on paper, but that's why he's among the best in the world.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Mercante	8-1	3	\$15 Win \$8 Exacta 4,9,10 / 3

Notes: No, I have not (yet) overdosed on bread pudding and, sadly, don't drink bourbon so I am of (relatively) sound mind and body as I recommend this horse. First, there has to be chance they scratch after running in the Grade 1 Coolmore Turf Mile last Saturday. That was a ridiculous overreach and he ran to his 60-1 odds, finishing last. That race certainly could not have taken a lot out of this gelding, who has 5 wins in 16 starts. Here's my logic: There looks to be a dearth of speed in this 1½-mile Grade 2. Getting to the lead shouldn't be a problem for Joe Ramos, a solid Indiana-based jockey. From there it becomes a matter of how fast he has to go and if he can get a breather on the front end. We have all seen plenty of turf marathons won in gate-to-wire fashion, so why not? I wouldn't take a lot less than 8-1 but he could drift up in what is a competitive field with no standouts. I don't know if he is named for the famous boxing referee, but I do think he has a puncher's chance.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
6	\$2 Pick 3	3,4,6,11 / 11 / 4,8,11	\$24
8	\$5 Exacta Key Box	4 / 8,9,11	\$30
10	\$1 Tri	3,4,7 / 8 / all 3,4,7 / all / 8	\$54

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

