



KEENELAND 

Power

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Saturday, April 18, 2026
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Race-Day Overview

We are over halfway through the Keeneland Meet, which is pretty hard to believe, but we approach another fantastic Saturday card here in Lexington. Today's feature is the G2 Elkhorn, and it seems like the theme is the same every year, but you could make a legitimate case for several runners in there. Prior to the turf marathon, the G3 Ben Ali features a couple runners from last year, combined with the seasoned veterans Batten Down and Rattle and Roll, who have not seen the winners' circle in quite some time. However they shape out, it should serve as a difficult yet action packed card. Good luck!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhhracingpodcast.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	2	6	3	2,6	\$0.50 P5	\$24	4
2	8	-	1,3	8	-	-	5
3	8,10	(13)	1,4,12	8,10,(13)	-	-	4
4	5	2	3,4	2,5	-	-	3
5	4,10	3,6,7,11	-	4,10	-	-	2

6	4,9	3	-	-	-	-	3
7	7	-	1,6	7	\$0.50 P5	\$36	5
8	1,6	3	8,11	1,3,6	-	-	3
9	1,5	4,6	8	1,4,5,6	-	-	3
10	6,12	2	4,7	6,12	-	-	4
11	8	10,12	-	8,10,12	-	-	4

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	2 - Song of Sarah	6 - Sonhador	3 - Reality Star
2	8 - Whiskey Shot	1 - D Day Sky	3 - Stonemont Reunion
3	8 - Perfect Figure	10 - Hot Mash	13 - Something Stronger
4	5 - Mary's Boy Bolt	2 - Askari	4 - Baytown Bruiser
5	4 - Blue Mountains	10 - Street Party	11 - Tremendously
6	4 - Dagmara	9 - Kentucky Belle	3 - Bless Her
7	7 - Whatchatalkinabout	6 - Modus Bestia	1 - Floodlites
8	1 - Troubleshooting	6 - Works for Me	3 - Dhabab
9	5 - San Siro	1 - Stars and Stripes	4 - British Isles
10	12 - Anegada	6 - Burnham Square	2 - Desvio
11	8 - Island Flower	10 - Be the Light	12 - Miss Complicated

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R7 - 11)

I could see this pick 5 paying extremely well today. Whatchatalkinabout in Race 7, who I made the most likely winner of the day, really only seems like the potential single. After that, things get extremely challenging. As mentioned, the favorites are a bit hard to trust in the G3 Ben Ali, but it's not like the other choices have spectacular form either. The G2 Elkhorn is as difficult as ever, and features a 4-1 morning line favorite in Burnham Square, who has only ever tried the grass twice. As for Race 9, the turf sprints have caused some chaotic results so far this meet, and the sequence concludes with some nice fillies that could make some noise later in the year.

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	4,9	3	-	3,4,9	\$3 P3	\$54
8	1,6	3	-	1,3,6	-	-
10	12	6	-	6,12	-	-

\$3 All-Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - (R6, R8, R10)

Saturday's turf pick 3 is one of the most difficult turf pick 3 sequences I have ever seen here at Keeneland. Because of the difficult nature of the sequence, if you can beat Kentucky Belle in Race 6, this bet is going to pay truckloads. I somehow managed to put together a \$54 caveman ticket, but it easily could've been in the \$150-200 range. I'll talk about some middle and bigger prices that I could make some serious cases for down below. If one of those comes through, you could be sitting on a massive payout. Good luck!

Noah's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Troubleshooting	6-1	5	\$50 win #1

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! Troubleshooting is a horse that I always felt was best sound one turn, and he clearly proved that with some serious efforts last fall. He's got a win over the track here at Keeneland two starts back in the G3 Bryan Station, which admittedly wasn't the greatest field, but we've seen these 3yo's time and time again step up their game to the likes of the older folk. That victory even earned him favoritism in the G3 Commonwealth Turf, where things clearly didn't go well, not to mention that was also at the end of an extremely long campaign. He comes back today fresh off the bench, with plenty of opportunity to improve, to a track we know he likes, and he could sit a VERY nice trip just off the speed with that inside draw.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	7	Whatchatalkinabout	8-5	5	\$25 Exacta 7 / 1,6

Notes:

This N2X features Wesley Ward trainees on the bookends of this field, but I wouldn't be shocked if #1 Floodlites scratches out of here, which in theory would make #7 Whatchatalkinabout that much more dangerous. He ran a bang up third here at Keeneland in the fall, he adds blinkers AND lasix back today, and has the luxury of an outside post, which in theory should result in him just sitting off of Modus Bestia.

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	12	Anegada	15-1	5	\$50 Win #12 \$10 EX 6 / 12

Notes:

The only reason I didn't make this horse the play of the day is because the morning line of Troubleshooting is lower than Anegada. I like this horse A LOT on Saturday. I didn't think his trip in the G2 Mac Diarmida was bad, but the word I would use to describe it is inconvenient. He was traveling pretty comfortably throughout, but as they hit the far turn, it looked like Irad wanted to get him out into the clear, but Zverev was trying to make the same sustained move to the outside, and Anegada couldn't quite get him off his outside hip. He couldn't manage to shake away from the stablemate until it was too late, and he came home faster than the winner did that day, making up some serious ground in a short span. On paper, he's clearly improving with every start, and his last two efforts on TimeForm are right in line with the logicals in here. The only minor concern is the outside post going 3 turns, but I put my trust in Flavien Prat.

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)
3	8	Perfect Figure	5-1	4	\$25 Win \$8

Notes:

Perfect Figure put up a couple decent efforts in the summer here in Kentucky before shipping up to Saratoga, where I thought she ran absolutely massive. She was the only horse with early speed to hang around in the late stages in a race that completely fell apart. It's a little concerning that she hasn't been seen in a while, but Wesley Ward always has his horses ready to fire especially here at Keeneland. Just have to hope the addition of Prat doesn't hurt her price too much

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	4	Blue Mountains	8-1	3	\$20 WP #10

Notes:

I think Blue Mountains is really going to appreciate getting back to the main track. He really didn't have ideal trips in either of his first two career starts on dirt, not to mention they were against much better company. His two efforts at Turfway weren't super inspiring, but he's been working really well in the mornings, so I want to give him one more try getting the class relief that I think he's really going to appreciate.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	4	Dagmara	8-1	3	\$15 Win #4 \$10 EX 9 / 4

Notes:

A lot of attention in this race is going to go to the other Cox runner Kentucky Belle, but I think Dagmara is worth a strong look in here. Even though the numbers might not indicate it, it just seems like this filly is starting to figure things out. She finally put things together last time when she was able to overcome the wide post, clear from the outside, and it's not like she walked the dog that day, she put up some legitimate fractions and left that field in the dust. Every horse that has come back to run out of that race (6 of them) has improved their beyer next time out, and what makes her dangerous is she doesn't need the lead, she can be effective in multiple ways.

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

Race #	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$25 Daily Double	2 / 8	\$25
7	\$50 Double	7 / 1	\$50
10	\$10 Double	12 / 8,10,12	\$30

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

