

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Well, after a completely disastrous day for the Belmont, I'm back at it again to redeem myself and find us some winners. If you gamble on the ponies, you're going to have days like that...I've heard from a lot of people who felt the same way after last Saturday....let's get back on the beam!

Today, we'll focus on the stake races at Monmouth Park for Haskell S. Preview Day, then go out West to Santa Anita for their closing Saturday of the Hollywood Meet and the VERY challenging Late P5.

Finally, as always, we'll take a look at the last Coast-to-Coast Pick 5 bet at Gulfstream and Santa Anita for a while, sponsored by our good friends at the Great Race Place. Good luck today....AS ALWAYS CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES.

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

*Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.14** (\$2,385.68 / 1117)

2026: **\$2.91** (\$360.82 / 124)

2026 Plays of the Day: **\$3.47** (\$124.82 / 36)

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.

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Racetrack: Monmouth Park

Howard Kravets' STAKES-ONLY ABC Grid; R4 Post Time 2:20pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	1,6,7	-	-	1,6,7	-	-
5	2,4	8	-	2,4	-	-
6	4	8	-	4,8	-	-
9	2,6	-	3,8	2,6	-	-

Paul Halloran's LP5 ABC Grid:

NO GRID FROM PAUL TODAY

Pete Visco's Late P5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	1,7	4,6	3	1,7	\$3 P3	\$48
5	4,6	1,2	3,5	1,2,4,6	-	-
6	4,8	1,2	5,7	4,8	-	-
9	6	2,8,9	4,5	-	-	-

Howard's Stakes Analysis

In general, I don't think you have to spread in these stake races today at Monmouth. If I had to single a horse, or state the most-likely winner, I'd probably say #4 Program Trading in R6. Although I've been against him the last few times, this is a MUCH easier spot and a weak field. The other races seem more wide-open, but I still would not go very deep.

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)
5	6	Baby Vino	9-2	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT MONMOUTH PARK! There's plenty of speed signed on. And, some horses who will take money have no 2-turn experience. It feels like it could fall apart. I'm taking a stab with #6 Baby Vino, but want to be clear...I'm mainly using him underneath in exactas and trifectas. For our Tip Sheet ROI, I'll go \$1 Win, \$2 Place, \$1 Show. The son of Vino Rosso seems to be improving, like his sire, and has been working locally over the strip who now has Paco in the irons. The key for me is the horse's ability to "switch off" and take back a little, while others will be gunning for the early lead. He's not really a closer, but has shown ability lately to pass others, while many in the field have not. Hoping Paco tucks in and makes a late run...just not sure if he's good enough to win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	Nebras	3-1	4	\$15 Win, \$25 Place BIG Exacta: 4/8 Smaller Exacta: 8/4

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Notes:

The "other" Chad...sound familiar? We've seen Chad do this many times before, and perhaps today will be another time where the less-heralded Brown-trainee wins. Program Trading should be a handful, but I found **#8 Nebras** to be interesting. He is 3-1 ML, so I'm not being too creative. The horse was gelded (doesn't show in the PP's) before his Nov. race last year, and he greatly improved since. He also has been forward in those races on Tapeta...not fast paces, but I wouldn't be surprised to see him on the lead today assuming he breaks well, which has NOT been a problem overseas, but you never know first-time U.S. The last Tapeta race was a Group 3 with pretty good horses, and he didn't give in that easily. This is a weak field. I wouldn't be surprised if Nebras is bet down. If he is, I'd be more inclined to place a bigger win bet on him. Otherwise, just use him with Program Trading underneath in an exacta.

Racetrack: Santa Anita

Howard Kravets' Late LP5 ABC GRID - Starts at 7:35pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	7,10,12	3,4,11	1,5,8	3,4,7,10,11,12	\$0.50 LP5	\$90
9	4	5	6,8	4,5	-	-
10	4	6,8	3	4	-	-
11	1,6,7	-	5	1,6,7	-	-
12	5,9	6,8,11	1,2,3	5,6,8,9,11	-	-

Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 6-10

VERY difficult Late P5 dots the card today, the last Saturday Late P5 of the Hollywood Meet at Santa Anita. The first leg is impossible and virtually an "all-button." I wouldn't take too low a price vertically on anyone. Races 9 and 10 don't seem too difficult, but R11 and especially R12 are extremely tough to handicap, so I would spread as much as possible in the last race with horses that have been unimpressive so far plus firsters who could pop up at a price.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	4	Midnight Strike	9-2	4	\$20 Win #4 Trifectas: 4 /6,8 / All 6,8 / 4 / All

Notes:

#4 Midnight Strike seems very logical in this spot, and I think we'll see more like 5-2 rather than the 9-2 ML. This field is weak for the level, and he seems to be improving. My main concern is the 9 furlongs...I'm not sure he wants this distance, but he's running well, gets a good post, doesn't have to be too far back in a paceless race, and has been working steadily for Drysdale. He's no killer, but there are many in the race I don't like for various reasons.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	5	Anit-Slapp	6-1	5	\$20 WP #5
Notes:					
<p>THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SANTA ANITA!! #5 Anti-Slapp faces a field that is pretty darn weak, although the two maiden-special weight drop downs can obviously win (#9 and #11). I'm just not that impressed with those two and think someone else will surprise. You'd have to watch the debut of Anti-Slapp to understand my thinking, as the running line and speed fig doesn't look that special. She broke slow, then was "held up" most of the race on the inside while it looked like she was either in tight or afraid to go through that small opening. When she finally got out late in the stretch, she ran well and galloped out past the winner. Maybe I'm searching for something that's not there, but the big jockey change, 2nd time start, and weak field plus sneaky-bad trip leads me here. Hopefully I won't get "slapped" in the face when they cross the line. Hope she shows more early speed too.</p>					

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COAST-TO-COAST

PICK 5

EVERY FRI/SAT/SUN

RETAIL ONLY

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

RACE 8 - 4:36 ET

RACE 10 - 5:40 ET

RACE 5 - 6:05 ET

RACE 6 - 6:35 ET

RACE 8 - 7:35 ET

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First leg starts at approx. 4:36pm EDT; Analysis by Howard Kravets

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP8	7	3,4,6	1,5	7	\$1	\$72
GP10	3,4	-	6,7	3,4		
SA5	1,3,7	2	6	1,3,7		
SA6	3,5	6	4	3,5		
SA8	7,10,12	3,4,11	1,5,8	3,4,7,10, 11,12		

Overall opinion: You better save some money for the last leg of this sequence, because it is impossible

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with many possibilities. Fortunately, I don't think some of the earlier legs, especially ones at GP, seem relatively straightforward where you don't need to spread. I'll take a stand in the first leg with the #7, who should win as long as he's not too far back early. Race 5 at Santa Anita is a small field where you could use less than the three horses I suggest, but they're hard to trust. I just hope to be alive to the last leg and then get a price home, like 20-1 morning line #7 War at Sea.

YouTube preview...."Wire to Wire Ep. #21": <https://youtube.com/live/mMFVGd11V-0?feature=share>

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

