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Race-Day Overview

Another HUGE Saturday of racing, as we spotlight the Late Pick 5 at Saratoga with 2 graded stakes, plus the MONSTER CARD AT DEL MAR....it's Pacific Classic Day, with plenty of stakes and an incredible P-Classic featuring three stars of the game. We'll tackle the Late P5 with deep-dive analysis!

AS ALWAYS, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES...WEATHER IS FORECASTED TO BE GREAT on both coasts today.

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.09** (\$1,913.74 / 917)

YTD: **\$1.91** (\$327.13 / 171)

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: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – P5 starts at 4:27pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	1,4	3	5,12	1,3,4,12	\$0.50	\$72
10	4,8	7	-	4,8		
11	8	4	1,5	8		
12	2,7	4	1	2,4,7		
13	5,11	2,6,7,10	3,9	2,5,6,7,10,11		



Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	1,12	3,4		1,3,4,12	\$.50 P5	\$64
10	4,8	3	1,7	4,8		
11	1,8	5	4	1,8		
12	2,4	7,8		2,4,7,8		
13	5,11	12	2,7	5,11		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	4	1,3,5	11	1,4	\$0.50 P5	\$72
10	4,7,8	-	1,3	4,7,8	-	-
11	1,8	4,6	5,9	1,4,6,8	-	-
12	2,7	3,4	1	2,7	-	-
13	5,12	6,7,11	2	5,11,12	-	-

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 9 - 13

The last Saturday of the 2025 Saratoga meet brings together a solid, yet not spectacular Late P5 sequence that I think could be chalky / logical. I tried hard to find creative prices at Saratoga, but struggled to do so frankly. Watch bombs win every race now, lol!

The only race that I believe could yield a big price is in the last, R13. Although all three of us (myself, Pete and Paul) like the #5, I don't trust him on the win end, and it's a big field with some other talented horses in there. I'll spread and hope to beat the favorite. I suppose any turf sprint could be chaos (first leg, R9), but I just don't see it today. I'll be pretty light throughout the sequence until the last race, as ny grid suggests. #8 Tommy Jo in the G1 Spinaway (R11) is where I'll lean the most.

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)
9	4	Shoot It True	5-2	3	\$20 WIn #4

Notes:

While my Travers Day Spot Plays were not exactly spot-on (got shut out), I'll hope to rebound today. I'm not sure I've seen a visually more impressive turf sprint win all summer more than **#4 Shoot It True** last time. Dettori rode him like he couldn't lose, and he completely blew by the field (weaker than today) in the stretch, showing his new ability to rate kindly. The NY-bred is one of two for Ward, and the other

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(#1) should help ensure a fast pace. I don't like many others in here that have trouble getting the job done. Don't like to chalk out in any turf sprint, but if Shoot it True runs like he did last time, it's light's out on the rest of the field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	8	Tommy Jo	2-1	5	\$30 Win #8 BIG Excatas: 8 / 1,4,5 Smaller Exactas: 4,5 / 8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! Today's feature is the G1 Spinaway for 2 year-old girls. The winner is the early favorite to win the BC Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar. I was ultra-impressed with Tommy Jo for Pletcher last time, as she was rateable but showed speed, and made a middle move on turn that raised some eyebrows, including yours truly. She did everything as professionally as possible. She'll have to improve on the clock, but I think the 7f distance will help her out quite a bit, and hurt other likely favorite #4 Mythical. I don't think Mythical wants much longer than 6.5f...looks like a 2-horse race to me for the most part. The key might be whether or not the other speedy Pletcher (#7) entered today or ran yesterday (Friday). With the #7 out, there would be much less early speed in the race and in theory help #4 Mythical. I still love #8 Tommy Jo either way.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	3	Whatchatalkinabout	3-1	3	\$15 WP #7 Trifectas: 7 / 1,2,4 / 1,2,4 2 / 7 / 1,4

Notes:

The theme of today's Spot Plays, sorry, nothing too creative / big prices to tip out. **#7 Watchatalkinabout** could easily bounce back today after struggling in the slop vs. tougher, a total toss-out for me. He has plenty of races on the go-back that are good enough to win here, and an outside stalking trip seems to be in the cards. It's a pretty talented field, so he'll have to run big, but I see no reason on paper why that won't happen.

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Racetrack: Del Mar: PACIFIC CLASSIC DAY!!

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – P5 (R7) starts at 7:30pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4,10	5,(13),(14)	2,3,6	1,4	\$0.50 P5	\$72
8	5,6	1,2	4,8	1,2,4,5,6,8	-	-
9	4,10,11	7	3,9	4,10,11	-	-
10	6	4	1	4,6	-	-
11	5,8	7,11	4,9	5,8	-	-

Howard's All-Stakes Pick 5 Analysis – Races 7-11

The Late P5 on Pacific Classic Day is a doozy, with 3 graded stakes in a row to close out the card, and two difficult events to kick off the sequence. I'll be spending more money today at Del Mar than I will in NY for sure. This can pay nicely, even if Nysos or Journalism wins the Classic. My biggest spreads will come in R7,8, and 9, while taking more stands in the final two races. I'll be leaning on Journalism in the Pacific Classic and Atitlan in the last, while using a bunch of others as backups. R8 is tough and will be spreading a ton in there in hopes of surviving that leg...let the board be your guide outside of the #5 who will take plenty of support on the tote board.

Full-Card 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)
9	4	Sorrento Sky / Queen Maxima	12-1 / 9-2	3 / 4	\$5 Win, \$20 Place/Show Trifectas: 4 / 7,10,11 / 3,7,9,10,11 7,10,11 / 4 / 3,7,9,10,11 7,10,11 / 3,7,9,10,11 / 4 \$25 Win #11

Notes

Probably more of an underneath type, **#4 Sorrento Sky** is an improving 4yo with upside and numbers that fit for a deadly trainer/jockey combo. This is a tough field, but the post draw, style, and last race effort all get my attention. He needs to break better than last time and work out a trip, but I envision both happening, while the more fancied runners are marooned on the far outside. There's PLENTY of early speed signed on, so I hope Rispoli is mid-pack, saves ground on the turn, and comes with an honest run to pick up the pieces. For our ROI, I'll go \$1 Place/Show. Use in all vertical wagers, including a small win bet for me as well. **The one I like A LOT TO WIN is #11 Queen Maxima, who hopefully won't be wide but is training up a storm and is in great form.** This one should sit just off the pace and come with a huge run over the top. #11 is MUCH MORE LIKELY to win than Sorrento Sky, but also will be a lower price.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	6	Journalism	9-5	4	\$30 WIn #6

Notes

This is the big one, the \$1mil Pacific Classic, and what a rendition we have today!! 3 absolute studs vs. mainly no-hopers line up in this prestigious race. The winner will be deemed a serious BC Classic threat in two months back at Del Mar. We talked about this race for quite a while on the Pacific Horseplayers show on Thursday, so watch that with some hot takes / big debates. My overall feeling is simple: **#6 Journalism** will trip out and has no issues with the distance, unless you want to argue he's slightly better going shorter. Not only that, I project he's "value" as the 2nd choice in my opinion. Sure, Nysos and even Fierceness could freak, but Journalism is still 3yo and could improve...the pace will set up for him unless someone gets loose, he's been training over the track, and has been chasing monster Sovereignty lately. Many will side with Nysos, and I get it. He'll have to prove it to me at this distance while being pushed by Fierceness in theory, and will be favorite in my eyes.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	5	Atitlan	5-1	5	\$25 Win #5 BIG Exacta: 5 / 7,8,11 Small Exacta: 7,8,11 / 5

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!! The last race of the day is a stake also, very cool!! **#5 Atitlan** is getting back to what he wants to do, go VERY long! Last time, that race was WAY too short for him, but he closed well anyway. He's been given a break to prepare for this start by Sherriffs, his main summer goal. He fits by the numbers, gets a good post, and a field that is solid but not special, unless you think **#11 Gold Phoenix** is too imposing....I do not. Atitlan is only 4yo and has every right to improve, not that he really needs to do so. His "A" race wins this...just needs the right mid-pack trip to get the job done at a decent price. I am concerned **#8 Final Boss** gets loose and is too tough to run down, but he has distance questions and a 3-week turnaround to answer to. Thanks to good friend Davy Lane, I was able to place an ante-post bet on him at 10-1 in Europe! Let's go!

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

