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Good luck with all of your wagers.

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RACE-DAY OVERVIEW

Thank you all for your continued support as we enter a new chapter with our Power Picks Tip Sheet! As usual, both Pete and Paul will be including their ABC grids, and to reiterate, Howard will contribute on a weekly basis with his Play of the Day.

This week, Churchill Downs takes center stage Saturday with its 28th annual Claiming Crown, featuring a 12-race program beginning at 1:00 p.m. ET. The card celebrates the claiming ranks, with several competitive starter-allowance races offering opportunities for horses from across the country.

Belmont Park has a 10-race Saturday program beginning at 11:40 a.m. ET, highlighted by two $175,000 stakes races for 2-year-olds on the turf, the Awad S. for the boys and the Stewart Manor S. for the girls.

Good luck!!!

SPOT / PRICE PLAY ROI

OVERALL ROI
since Feb. 2021
$2.15
$2,640.57 / 1228

2026 ROI
all spot plays
$2.61
$614.51 / 235

2026 PLAYS OF THE DAY
$3.08
$237.17 / 77

National average ROI is **$1.60**, based on $2 wagered.

TODAY'S PRICE / SPOT PLAYS AT A GLANCE

TRACK	RACE	HORSE	ODDS	STARS	BET(S)
CHURCHILL DOWNS	11	#4 Urban Planner HOWARD'S PLAY OF THE DAY	10-1	★★★★★	$20 Win/Place #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 1,2,3,9 Smaller Exactas: 1,2,3,9 / 4
	9	#9 Cinister Cix	6-1	★★★☆☆	$25 Win #9
	10	#3 Five o' Somewhere PLAY OF THE DAY	4-1	★★★★★	$50 Win #3 $20 Ex: 8 / 3
BELMONT PARK	6	#6 Bosun PLAY OF THE DAY	9-2	★★★★★	$50 Win #6
	7	#1 Looks First	8-1	★★★☆☆	$15 W/P #1
	10	#10 Cocktailsnkringle	10-1	★★☆☆☆	#25 Win #10 $15 Ex: 9 / 10

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RACETRACK: CHURCHILL DOWNS

Late Pick-5 · Races 8–12 · R8 post 4:25pm EST

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◆ NOAH MEAGHER'S PICK-5 ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
8	3,7	2	4,5	2,3,7	$0.50 P5	$72
9	2,9	3,11	8,12	2,3,9,11	–	–
10	3,8	2,11	1,13,14	3,8	–	–
11	1,4	–	3,7	1,4	–	–
12	2	1,12	5,7	1,2,12	–	–

◆ PETE VISCO'S PICK-5 ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
8	2,3,5	4,8	6,10	2,3,5	$0.50 P5	$90
9	4,9,12	1,2,7	6,11	1,2,4,7,9,12	–	–
10	1,14	3,8,11	2,5	1,3,8,11,14	–	–
11	3,7	1,5,8	2,4	3,7	–	–
12	2,7	1,5,12	4,6,8	2	–	–

◆ PAUL HALLORAN'S PICK-5 ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
8	2,3	4,5	7	2,3,4	$1 P5	$72
9	2,12	9	4,11	2,9,12	–	–
10	1,3	11,14	4,13	1,3	–	–
11	1,3	4,7	8	1,3	–	–
12	2,7	12	1,5	2,7	–	–

LATE PICK-5 ANALYSIS

Saturday's Late Pick 5 at Churchill Downs (Races 8-12) puts a bow on an exciting afternoon of racing with the Claiming Crown Championships taking center stage. The 28th running of the Claiming Crown features nine starter allowance races worth a combined $1.2 million in guaranteed purses, celebrating some of the hardest-working horses in the sport. The Late Pick 5 covers the final five championship events, featuring competitive fields across dirt and turf with plenty of opportunities for horseplayers. These races may not feature the sport's biggest names, but they bring plenty of class, heart and betting intrigue to the table.

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HOWARD'S PLAY OF THE DAY

★ HOWARD'S PLAY OF THE DAY — CHURCHILL DOWNS

RACE 11

#4 URBAN PLANNER 10-1

★★★★★

BET(S)

$20 Win/Place #4

BIG Exactas: 4 / 1,2,3,9

Smaller Exactas: 1,2,3,9 / 4

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS! The feature race of the day is this one, the Claiming Crown Jewel. Similar to most of the fields, it's a competitive, wide-open affair, so why no go with a price? **#4 Urban Planner** is a recent claim for Michael Maker, who excels with 1st-time claimers, but usually on the turf. The horse is coming off a poor effort at Keeneland Opening Weekend, but has plenty of numbers before that race that would fit in this affair. His best races are just a notch below the top ones, and it sure looks like Maker had this race in mind when he claimed the 4-yr. gelding, plus he's been working well at Turfway for this start. Finally, young phenom jockey Ortiz picks up the mount, and this will be biggest start of his early career. I admit this is a bit of a stretch, so maybe you want to use underneath only, but I would suggest a small win bet also. Let's see what this new Maker acquisition can do!

PRICE / SPOT PLAYS

Stars are rated 1–5, with 5 being the most confident of plays. Spot Play ROI is tracked on a $1 base.

RACE 9

#9 CINISTER CIX 6-1

★★★☆☆

BET(S)

$25 Win #9

If turf sprints weren't challenging enough, this big field of 12 really adds to the difficulty. But the nice thing about it is that will supply plenty of speed, which we should see from the #4, #7, #8, and #12. If that's the case, I envision a really nice trip in behind for **#9 Cinister Cix**, who I thought Saez made a crucial mistake on last time out. Instead of waiting and saving ground, Luis got a bit eager and decided to pounce on the leaders three wide, and it just so happened that the two frontrunners drifted out at that exact moment, leaving the rail wide open for the eventual winner. Cinister Cix did continue to fight on, but the winner had all the momentum, and he was forced to settle for 2nd. He stays inside, he wins, no doubt in my mind. He most likely won't have the option to stay inside on Saturday, but the speed should be coming back to him at some point in the stretch, and his races on the grass this year make him plenty good enough to win.

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PRICE / SPOT PLAYS (CONT'D)

★ PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

RACE 10

#3 FIVE O' SOMEWHERE 4-1

★★★★★

BET(S)

$50 Win #3

$20 Ex: 8 / 3

I've really liked what I've seen from **#3 Five** o' Somewhere in his last two starts, and I think he's coming into this race in really good form. Two back he got the best of Show Time, who was in raging form at the time, and the way he was able to do it by putting away the other speed and holding Show Time at bay was what really impressed me. Now that was back in the later part of May, while his last effort was his first in just under 5 months. He once again was up pressing the pace, put away the speedy favorite that day, but just couldn't quite hold off the closers from either side. TimeForm has this pace projected as hot, but to tell you the truth I completely disagree. The #8 has some speed, but not need-the-lead speed, and the #13 has more route speed than sprint speed. With this being a 7 furlong affair, I really don't see them flying up front, and based on my bets, I'll go as far as saying I think the #3 and #8 could take them all the way around.

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8	2,5	–	1,4,6	2,5	–	–
9	5,6,9	7	1,4,10	5,6,9	–	–
10	9,10	3,11	2,5,6,7,12	3,9,10,11	–	–

LATE PICK-5 ANALYSIS

The sequence begins with a large 12-horse allowance field in Race 6, which will most likely shift to the tapeta (according to Jackson Muniz), followed by a competitive claiming event in Race 7. The action picks up in Races 8 and 9 with the $175,000 Awad Stakes for 2-year-olds and the $175,000 Stewart Manor Stakes for 2-year-old fillies, both scheduled to remain on the turf (again blame Jackson if this isn't the case). The sequence wraps up with a mile allowance on the dirt in Race 10. With two stakes races featuring promising young turf runners and plenty of variety throughout, there should be some good opportunities for Pick 5 players.

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★ PLAY OF THE DAY AT BELMONT PARK

RACE 6 — #6 **BOSUN** 9-2 — ★★★★★

BET(S)

$50 Win #6

I believe the last three efforts from **#6 Bosun** are better-than-looks efforts that make this 5yo gelding not only an appealing contender, but an attractive price as well. Three back he finished just behind ML favorite **#8 No Evidence**, and if he had found room at the 1/8th pole, he would have beat him, and maybe even won the race. With the likelyhood of this race being switched to the tapeta, many will put most of their stock into their opinion of his two back effort, where he was favored against similar rivals, was stuck wide around the far turn, and really didn't run all that bad considering he only finished a length and change behind a couple familiar foes. Last time Joe Sharp threw him in a state-bred stake off just 7 days rest, and to tell you the truth he ran completely fine in there, with the winner getting a 97 beyer speed figure. With the lack of speed in this field today, the trip lokks advantageous for him, as he shouldn't have to worry about getting hung out wide or stuck in behind horses when the real running begins.

RACE 7 — #1 **LOOKS FIRST** 8-1 — ★★★☆☆

BET(S)

$15 W/P #1

#1 Looks First was favored against similar company two starts back, and it's no secret that wasn't his day. But she was claimed out of there by Mertkan Kantarmaci and thrown into some deep waters, where she broke terribly and then just kind of lagged behind a superior group that didn't set much of a pace up front. Now she's back in a much more reasonable spot, gets a nice inside post, and has from May and June that makes her very competitive. And we know how dangerous the Kantarmaci's can be in these low-level claiming events.

RACE 10 — #10 **COCKTAILSNKRINGLE** 10-1 — ★★☆☆☆

BET(S)

#25 Win #10

$15 Ex: 9 / 10

I'm mostly going off the form of this gelding's last start, where he was second flight early on, began losing ground around the far turn, but then reengaged, was navigated to the outside, and won the photo for third. He's never really gotten a whole lot of pace to run into in quite some time, so with the presence of the #4, #5, and especially the #12, there are versions of this race that set up well for **#10 Cocktailsnkringle**.