

# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

*It's a bittersweet day of racing...while Kentucky Downs has a card worth purses totalling a whopping \$13+ million (for Ky-breds), it's Closing Weekend at Del Mar, which signifies the real end of the fantastic racing summer meets.*

*We'll cover all 6 stake races at KD on this Tip Sheet, while also covering the Late P5 at Del Mar. It's VERY IMPORTANT that you pay attention to SCRATCHES AND CHANGES especially at Ky. Downs, as there was a chance of heavy rain yesterday / last night into this morning. I would not be totally shocked if there's no racing today, but you'll probably know the status of the races before you receive this Tip Sheet. The rails are down and they are running on the fresh part of their huge turf course, but the track is known for its extreme biases at times, so watch the first few races for clues.*

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.08** (\$1,921.34 / 923)

YTD: **\$1.89** (\$334.73 / 177)

## Today's Picks

*\*\* For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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: Kentucky Downs

### Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – R6 / Stakes start at 3:24pm EST

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

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10	2,7	8	9	2,7		
11	7,10	2,5,6,11	1,4,9	2,5,6,7,10,11		

## Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	4,7	3,6	8,9	3,4,6,7	-	-
7	3,7	1,9	2,5	1,3,7,9		
8	1,7	12	10,14	1,7,12		
9	5,9	7	2,10	9		
10	2,8	4,7	9	2,4,7,8		
11	2,11	6,7	3,10	2,6,7,11		

## Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks
6	3,4	6,8,11	7,9	3,4,6
7	3,7,12	1,9,13	5	1,3,7,12
8	1,4,7	2,10	3,11	1,4,7
9	3,7,10	5,9	4	3,7,10
10	8	2,4,9	5,6,7	2,8,9
11	7,10,11	5,6	2,8	7,10,11

## Howard's Stakes Analysis – Races 6 - 11

*Look at these ABC Grids, LOL!! I've never seen as many horses used on these Tip Sheets in a very long time...that's how tough these races are today. As usual, this is a very tough sequence with huge, competitive fields. I've already expressed my lack of desire to bet these races at Kentucky Downs on Twitter ("X") due to the track configuration and its consistencies, but don't let me convince you otherwise. I won't play a horizontal sequence (P4/P5, etc...), but I'll use my Spot Plays to bet on those specific horses if the price is right, etc...My ABC Grid has MANY MORE horses on there as normal...that's because these are difficult races and hard to decipher. If I were to make a horizontal bet, I'd be going skinny in R6, R8, and R10, then spread elsewhere, ESPECIALLY R11, an impossible but fun betting event. Good luck, we'll all need some for sure!*

**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)
7	7	Brilliant Berti	8-1	4	\$15 WP #7

### Notes:

**#7 Brilliant Berti (8-1)** for Cherie and Hernandez is one of the most underrated horses in training, earning over \$2 million in his career so far. The distance and competition today fits him perfectly, and his style suggests he'll be midpack and fire late in the long, uneven stretch at KD. I'm pretty sure he'll come down to around 5-1 from that morning line price, but it's a competitive field, so don't take too short a price. I talked to Cherie when he ran at Churchill, and she believes he'll handle just about any level of moisture in a turf course, so I have little concern about that. The horse is as honest as the day is long.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	New Century	5-1	5	\$30 Win #7 BIG Exactas: 7 / 1,10,11,12 Small Exactas: 1,10,11,12 / 7

### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KENTUCKY DOWNS!!** Here's another purse for \$2mil (only for KY-breds)! I've been waiting FOREVER for the connections of **#7 New Century (5-1)** to turn this horse back in distance. I've bet AGAINST him in every start this year he's gone longer. He's run perfectly fine, but disappointed a bit while taking plenty of money at the windows. Based on his 2yo form in Europe and his "quick burst" style, he's much more suited to 8f or less, and he gets that today. Add in the blinkers to help him stay focused, and Irad, and it's BIG TIME systems go for me. This field is not easy, but EASIER than what he's been facing this year. He'll need to work out a trip like everyone else. If he's 7-2 or more, a large win bet is incoming from yours truly. I think I'll get around 4-1.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	7	Utah Beach	6-1	2	\$10 WP #7 Trifectas: 7 / 2,5,6,10,11 / All 2,5,6,10,11 / 7 / All 2,5,6,10,11 / All / 7

### Notes:

The \$2.5mil Ky. Turf Cup is ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE from a handicapping perspective, so demand a decent price on ANY horse you play. Almost anyone can win this race, it's that difficult. Therefore, this is a soft pick, but one I'll tout for a few reasons. **#7 Utah Beach (6-1)** is very solid for this level and fits class-wise in this race. He's been consistent if not spectacular. Here's my main angle....when I watch him run, it appears he doesn't handle tight turns very well, like last time at Saratoga. When he has longer stretches to run into, like Churchill and Keeneland, he seems to run better. Kentucky Downs has gradual turns and bends, plus he's already finished 2nd there in his one run over the surface. In a race without a standout, that could be the difference. Rosario hops aboard, and he can finish on a turf horse as well as anyone in the country. The ML faves just don't do much for me here....#6 Grand Sonata has received two perfect trips in a row, and #11 Fort Washington (Spot Play on these sheets last time he ran in the Million) has to go further than ever today. No one is that trustworthy....hence the 2-star rating on Utah Beach! *Shout out and good luck to #4 Vote No for Crown's Way and microshare owner Kyle Roscoe....he should outrun his odds and has a real chance to get in the money with his best effort.*



## Racetrack: Del Mar

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – P5 (R7) starts at 7:38pm EST

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

### Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 7-11

*Really fun, and especially difficult for Del Mar, Late P5 today (tonight)! My main "stands" will be in R9 with the #4 and going a bit light in the competitive last race with just the #7 and #12. I'll spread a little more in R7, ESPECIALLY in R8, and a bit in R10 as well. The last race to me is actually the key of this sequence. It's a 12-horse field, and you could go as much as 8-10 deep. I've decided to spread elsewhere and just hope to be alive to the #7 and #12, and probably play doubles from R10 to R11 if necessary as a hedge if I'm alive to a nice payout.*

### Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	Firmus	12-1	5	\$5 Win, \$20 Place/Show #6 Trifectas: 6 / 2,5 / 1,2,3,5,8,9 2,5 / 6 / 1,2,3,5,8,9 2,5 / 1,2,3,5,8 / 6

#### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR, ALTHOUGH NOT TO WIN!** This is probably just an UNDERNEATH play, but #6 Firmus (12-1) is very interesting here. On paper, he looks too slow. But he's coming off his best effort ever, and this Baffert runner has been training VERY well also. He appears to be a late-blooming 3yo with some upside, and he was staked last year. He was climbing and uncomfortable in his last, backed up due to dirt being kicked in his face, and finished evenly with a good gallop out. There's something here. Probably too much to ask him to win vs. these, but looking for him to take back and finish to "clunk up" in the money, maybe even win. JJ also sees fit to ride, hmmm. Use underneath mainly in exactas and trifectas and hope for a big Beyer improvement. For our Spot Play ROI, I'll go \$1 Place and Show on #6.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Brunchandcrunch	6-1	3	\$15 WP #1
<b>Notes</b> <p><b>#1 Brunchandcrunch (6-1)</b> has a bad habit...he breaks slow. That is not a good thing from the rail. However, he quickly gets into stride quickly and was very impressive last time, basically circling the field after the tardy start in a fast time while first time out as a 4yo. He continues to work well as he steps up in class. I'd love to see him break better, more like a ½ step slow instead of a length slow. But if he can rate just in beyond the faster #5, #8 and/or #10 early, he'll have a big shot. The horse to beat is the #6...if that one runs back to his last effort, nobody will beat him...I'd like to see him do that again. Works since his last win are good, let's see if he can do it two times in a row!</p>					

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

