

Race Day Date	October 17
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Race-Day Overview

This is the penultimate Friday card of the Keeneland Fall Meet and it isn't easy. The #8 in the opener might be the most logical single on the 10-race card — and it's a maiden claimer. You get the point. There are five maiden races for your wagering pleasure and three races on the grass, just enough for the popular \$3 Turf P3 (Thank you, Jim Goodman). It looks like if you have the right opinions in the multi-race wagers, you might get paid. Good luck!

Today's Picks

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Go to the next page for our analysis of the races......good luck!

ABC Grid - Post Time 1pm 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 #	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars
1	8	2,5	1,6	8	\$1 P5	\$72	4
2	1,6		4,8	1,6			3.5
3	2,7	6	3	2,3,6,7			3.5
4	2,4	7,8	9,11	2,4,7			3
5	10,12	7	1,11	7,10,12			3
6	1,2	6	5,7	1,2	\$.50 P5	\$96	4
7	7,9	2,11	1,3	2,7,9,11			3.5
8	7,8	2,5	1	2,7,8			4
9	3,10	6.8	2	3,6,8,10			3.5
10	10,11	1,6	9,12	10,11			4

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8 – Our Shenanigan	5 – Nana Grace	2 – Hampton's Affair
2	6 – Itsinmyblood	1 – Iron Sharpens Iron	7 – Jr's Gift
3	7 – Plaza Cue	2 – Scooch Over	6 - Glamorama
4	2 – Lion Lake (Ire)	4 – Cardiff Reef	7 – Miss Soothsayer
5	12 – Bold Boss	10 – Romantic Dancer	7 – Myiyla
6	1 – Miss Elle	2 – Chaching Chaching	6 – Truthorconsequence
7	9 – Paris Twilight	7 – Epic Lady Luck	11 – She's On a Roll (AE)
8	8 - Aeolian	7 - Endorse	2 – Absolute Honor
9	10 – Attache	3 – Bergen	8 – Smokey Smokey
10	10 - Incursion	11 - Explosively	6 - Nation

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

In a caveman structure, I would try to get by with using only the #1 and #2 in the first leg, because you will want to spread in other races. The seventh race is an example of this being a tough sequence. The #9 and #7 look very formidable, yet I would want to have more coverage than that. I think the idea is skinny in the opener and finale and spread out in the middle.

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	2,4	7,8	9,11	2,4,7	\$3 P3	\$72
7	7,9	2,11	1,3	7,9		
9	3,10	6,8	2	3,6,8,10		

\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis

With a \$3 base bet, you have to take a stand somewhere, so I will use only the #7 and #9 in the middle leg – Race 7. My plan would be to have a quartet alive into the anchor leg. It is a challenging sequence that should pay.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
1	8	Our Shenanigan	6-5

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
5	7	Myiyla	8-1

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)
2	6	Itsinmyblood	9-2	3.5	\$20 Win/Place

Notes: The challenge in this race is to project who is best equipped to get the 9 furlongs. Itsinmyblood has never tried it, but the gelding is by Gift Box, who won at 1½ miles. Itsinmyblood has run one race even longer – 1 3/16 – and set the pace and faded to sixth. I like his chances in this spot to be forward under Ben Curtis and have enough left in the tank in the final furlong. The #1 Iron Sharpens Iron is a heavy ML favorite at 7-5, but deep closers do not necessarily fare well when the distance gets longer. I'll take the #6.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	12	Bold Boss	12-1	3	\$20 Win/Place

Notes: On paper, the #5 Likely Perspective and the #12 Bold Boss look like the speed here. But the #5 has been strictly a turf horse to this point – seven starts – so what if she doesn't take to the dirt? That could leave the #12 as a lone speed candidate and you have to think Francisco Arrieta is going to send from the far outside. If he can make the lead or sit right off of it, the cutback from a mile to 6 furlongs could suit the horse well. Trainer Greg Compton is 0-10 at KEE the last five years, but let's get him off the duck at a price!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Miss Elle	9-2	3	\$20 Win \$10 exacta key box 1 / 2,6

Notes: If Nick Tammaro's morning line is accurate – and Nick does a fantastic job – I think the #1 Miss Elle at 9-2 is good value compared to the #2 Chaching Chaching at 3-2. Having a heavy favorite in a non2L is never that palatable a proposition anyway. We will come right back with Arrieta here, riding for Robbie Medina, who has done bloodstock work for the GOAT coach, Bill Parcells. You can debate how much a drop it is from a \$30K allowance to an \$80K claimer, but this filly has run for a tag once and easily broke her maiden. I know the #2 drops as well, but that takes us back to the value angle. The 86 Beyer the #2 ran at KEE this spring towers over this group, but that looks like it might have been a one-off. Let's take them gate to wire, Francisco.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	<mark>Aeolian</mark>	<mark>6-1</mark>	<mark>4</mark>	\$20 Win \$10 exacta box 7-8

Notes: PLAY OF THE DAY. Future Hall of Fame trainer Chad Brown hasn't won at the meet yet, but his horses are 9-12 in the money. I say the win drought ends here. Brown wins at 30% with maiden second-time starters on dirt. #8 Aeolian is a half-sister to Tapit Trice, who needs no introduction among the HHH cognoscenti. I will look past the debut effort. She bobbled at the start and it seems as if there is always trouble at the beginning of the Wilson chute races at Saratoga. I like the stretchout here and I think Jose Ortiz -- who is 4-8 at KEE for Chad the last two years and 5-25 the last five years – can work out a forward trip. They have to deal with 9-5 ML favorite #7 Endorse, but that filly has had four chances for TAP. I'll go with the Chad second-time starter angle at a price.

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$20 DD	8 / 1,6	\$40
5	\$1 Tri	1,10,12 / 7 / all 1,10,12 / all / 7	\$54
9	\$5 Ex \$3 Ex	10 / 1,2,3,6,8 1,2,3,6,8 / 10	\$40

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

