



KEENELAND 

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## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	October 3
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### Race-Day Overview

What a happy day this is! As racing fans, we can all appreciate the grandeur of one of the world's greatest racetracks: Keeneland. It's opening day of the fall meet, which features 22 stakes and 8 Breeders' Cup Win and You're In races this weekend alone. Over the course of the meet, most of the HHH team will be onsite at some point, led by our patriarch, the great Howard Kravets. I will be there next weekend. Enjoy this spectacular meet.

### Today's Picks

**\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://hhhracingpodcast.com), and go to the "Power Picks" section.....a video explanation is also available on the page.**

**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 #	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost	Stars
1	4,7	6	2	4,7	\$.50 P5	\$81	4
2	6,9	1	5,8	1,6,9			3
3	1,6	5	2,4,8,10	1,5,6			3
4	1,7	4,5	8	1,4,7			4
5	6	1,3,10	-	1,3,6			4
6	2,6	10	7,12	2,6	\$2 P5	\$96	4
7	4,5	1	3	1,4,5			3
8	2,12	9,11	3,5	2,12			4
9	3	-	1	3			5
10	4,10	1,12	5,6,8	1,4,10,12			3

## Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7 - Nerazurri	2 – Miss Ellary	4 – Indy Label
2	6 – Alexander K	9 – Fame Chaser	1 - Zuccherro
3	1 – Turner’s Charm	6 - Sneakily	5 – Trust Account
4	7 – Donna Romano	1 - Kingsolver	4 – Spa Prospector
5	6 – Divine Justice	1 - Morlock	3 – Nu What’s New
6	6 – In the Stars	2 – Hear the Queen	10 - Eunomia
7	4 – World Record	1 - Durante	5 - Nakatomi
8	2 - Mackinac	12 – Time to Dream	9 – Infinite Sky
9	3 – Tommy Jo	1 – Percy’s Bar	4 – The Grumpy Rabbit
10	10 – Market Chill	4 – Beach Ballad	1 – Raiding Party

## Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

Your first decision in Friday's Late Pick 5 is whether to single #3 Tommy Jo in the Alcibiades (Race 9). I will, for two reasons: She is an extremely likely winner and in a short field you might only get 5-2 on the most logical horse to beat her, #1 Percy's Bar. In the Jessamine (Race 8), #12 Time to Dream may also be a popular single, but she could be vulnerable from the far outside in a 1 1/16-mile turf race. I think you need to spread as much as possible in the finale and hit this for more than 50 cents to cash for a decent amount. I'm hoping #1 Durante might blow it up in the Phoenix (Race 7).

## \$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,6	10	7,12	2,6	\$3	\$48
8	2,12	9,11	3,5	2,12		
10	4,10	1,12	5,6,8	1,4,10,12		

## \$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R5, R8, and R10

If I were to play the caveman ticket above, I would press it with all the As (\$24) and use singles in the first two legs (6 and 12) with seven horses in the last race (\$21). Beating Time to Dream in the eighth would really help the payoff. If you see the great Jim Goodman at Keeneland, thank him for creating this wager, which is showing up at more and more tracks.

## Howard's Play of the Day (I will be filling this in for ALL race days)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	12	Time to Dream	2-1	5	\$30 Win #12

**Notes:** It's not a "sexy" pick, but Time to Dream is a **SERIOUS** 2yo turf filly with a wicked turn of foot. I'm not worried quite as much about the outside draw because there's other early speed that should spread out the field. Visually, she's been about as impressive a turf horse can be at this young age. Single in multi's.

## Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
9	3	Tommy Jo	2-5

## Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
3	1	Turner's Charm	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	Alexander K	6-1	3.5	\$15 Win/Place
<b>Notes:</b> Going to lean on the human connections for this pick in a wide open maiden claimer for 2-year-olds. Trainer Kevin Rice, who also owns this horse, wins at 26% when giving a leg up to his brother-in-law, Jose Ortiz. While Rice is 0-9 at Keeneland the last five years, he typically ships from his Presque Isle base with intention. Alexander K is a son of Uncle Chuck, who won his first two starts easily, prompting Bob Baffert to ship him to Saratoga for the Travers in his third career start. He went off at 5-2 and forced the pace before fading to sixth on a day that no horse in the world would have beaten Tiz the Law. His progeny win at 16% in their first start. Dam Alexandra Kay, also trained by Rice, was an 8-time winner. Rice is a 9-percent winning trainer with FTS, but 14% (1-7) with debut maiden claimers. Horse hasn't missed a work since 7/17 and I just get the feeling that Jose will be aggressive and may be able to wrest control of this one early.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	1	Turner's Charm	8-1	3.5	\$10 exacta 5,6 / 1 \$5 exacta 1 / 5,6
<b>Notes:</b> Kentucky Downs form has been translating well at Keeneland the last few years. This daughter of super stallion Not This Time ran a good second in a 7-furlong MSW, closing for second. I believe she will be better at two turns. Half-sister to Army Officer, who won on turf going long. Trainer Brendan Walsh, who also has #5 Trust Account in this race, wins at 17% with FTS, 18% on turf. I can see Frankie getting a snug rail trip and beating them all to the wire.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	1	Durante	15-1	3	\$10 WP 1 \$10 exacta 4,5 /1
<b>Notes:</b> This is strictly a price play in a race where this 6-year-old gelding might be the longest shot on the board. But what if World Record and Skelly get into a wicked pace duel and Nakatomi does what he has done in his last five starts – not get to the finish line first? Can you envision a scenario where Tyler Gaffalione saves ground and this horse makes a run in the stretch, as he did under Jose Ortiz in the Aristides at CD, when he beat World Record? Since he might be 10x the odds of World Record Friday, I'm willing to risk a few dollars to find out.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Mackinac	9-2	4	\$25 Win
<b>Notes:</b> THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY. Yes, I can read the PPs and I'm keenly aware Time to Dream was dominant in going 2-2 at Saratoga and winning the P.G. Johnson Stakes by 5 lengths. Stipulated, your honor. Yet, we don't know how strong that field was, with only one horse running back and finishing sixth with no Beyer improvement. And post #12 going 8.5 furlongs at Keeneland is a challenge. Yes, Irad and the horse may well be up to it, but she will be less than 2-1. Mackinac was bet like she couldn't lose at Kentucky Downs and she ran like it, closing from seventh to win an allowance race for Keeneland yearling sale (or RNA) products. Jose Ortiz, who lands on #1 Lit Ship today, gave her a very confident ride, not asking at all until they were straightening for home and making up about 8 lengths in the stretch. Luis Saez, who rode Mackinac in her debut at Saratoga, should sit a good trip from the inside and may not be that far behind today. Is she the likeliest winner? No. Is she the best value? Yes, at least according to this handicapper.					

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$10 Daily Double	7 / 1,6,9	\$30
4	\$2 TRI	1,7 / 4 / all 1,7 / all / 4	\$56
10	\$10 exacta	10 / 1,4,12	\$30

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

