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Race-Day Overview

We are 6 weeks away from the Breeder's Cup! Horses continue their preparations for their final start before the big day or continue their training. But today, the focus is on Parx for their tremendous Pennsylvania Derby card and two \$1million races, the G1 Cotillion and G1 Penn Derby. We'll take a look at their last 5 stake races with big fields in our first segment.

Then, we'll go to Kentucky at Churchill for their nighttime "Downs After Dark" Late Pick 5 featuring 3 listed stakes.

Finally, "WEEKEND WARRIORS" LIVE SHOW FROM 4-6PM EDT ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL covering many of the races on this tip sheet at Parx.

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK TODAY!!

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.15 (\$2,568.94 / 1194)**

2026: \$2.70 (\$542.88 / 201)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.29 (\$213.57 / 65)

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.**

Power Picks

Racetrack: Parx

Howard Kravets' ALL-STAKES ABC Grid; R10 starts at 2:57pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
10	3,8	9	-	3,8,9	-	-
11	5	6,10	2	5	-	-
12	8,10	6	1	8,10	-	-
13	4,8	3	2,5,7,9	3,4,8	-	-
14	2,9	3,6,7	-	2,3,6,7,9	-	-

Pete Visco's ALL-STAKES ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
10	3,9	5,8	7	3,8,9	\$0.50 P4	\$60
11	5,6	2,10	3,4,7	2,5,6,10	-	-
12	1,4,8	5,6,10,11	2,3	1,4,5,6,8	-	-
13	4,8	1,2,9	3,5	4,8	-	-
14	3,6,7	1,2,9	4,5	3,6,7	-	-

Paul Halloran's ALL-STAKES ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
10	5,9	3	2,7	5,9	\$2 P4 (10-13)	\$96
11	4,10	2,5	1,3,6	4,5,10		
12	8,10	5,11	4,6	5,8,10,11		
13	4,9	1,2	3,7,8	4,9		
14	2,7	3,9	4,6	2,3,7,9		

Howard's Stakes Analysis

Penn Derby Day always brings together quality fields and talented runners. This 5-race sequence has a nice mix of obvious choices that should be tough to beat, along with wide-open races with vulnerable favorites. Interestingly enough, I believe the Penn Derby is the biggest spread race for me, while many others before that shouldn't be spread. In R11, I think #5 Bracket Buster could be singled. He's a talented 4yo who ran a big comeback race and he should only improve.

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)
11	6	Wild Vine	10-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show BIG Exactas: 5 / 6 Small Exactas: 6 / 5

Notes:

My gut tells me #5 Bracket Buster could be a single here, but underneath I like **#6 Wild Vine** at a price. The last race for the 7yo gelding feels like a prep for this, and he's capable of firing a big race, plus

Power Picks

jockey Hazelwood is a very good young rider who knows the horse well. Ness can get a horse to fire any time, especially on a big day. Unless he's lost several steps due to his age, expect to see Wild Vine to fire a big race from midpack and finish in the money, something he's done every time previously in the 7 starts at Parx. For our ROI, we'll go \$1 Place and Show.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	8	Stradale	4-1	2+	\$15 WP #8 Trifectas: 8 / 1,6,10 / All 6,10 / 8 / All

Notes:

This race has a TON of early speed signed on. If it didn't, I'd like the #10 coming in from the West Coast a lot more for sure. However, I'll go with a bit of a soft choice in #8 Stradale for Asmussen. The horse ran some bang up races in the spring at Oaklawn on the dirt, and can sit midpack nicely here. The outside post is a big advantage as it gives Jose Ortiz options, although will lower his price due to the jock. No one blows me away here, unless the #10 is the goods. It might fall into the lap of Stradale, who should be a few lengths off the hot early pace and get first run on the closers.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
14	9	Sassmaster	10-1	5	\$30 WP #9 BIG Exactas: 9 / 2,3,6,7 Small Exactas: 2,3,6 / 9

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT PARX! I've had success in the big 3yo races this year, so why not try another one with the G1, \$1million Penn Derby and **#9 Sassmaster** for Pletcher. The Curlin colt is coming into his own with two straight wins vs. older and has that kind of "Leading Change" vibe. He's lightly raced, trained by a big outfit, nice pedigree, and faces his own generation that keeps beating each other with no clear monster, especially today. I don't mind the outer post with other speed to his inside, and in theory a good trip is coming for Tyler Gafflione. Pletcher sends him here with confidence, and he's been working in the mornings with Renegade, Ted Noffey, and Zany, all stakes winners. I think he'll take more money at the windows than his morning line and be around 6-1, but that's okay by me. As Bettin N Boozin Host Kyle Roscoe says, a big "IWW" (Irresponsible Wager of the Week) might be sent from my wallet if the price is right today. At least I'll use him underneath in exotics. For this Tip Sheet, I'll "go for it" with \$2 WP.

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' P5 ABC GRID - Starts at 9:05pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	4,8	2	-	2,4,8	\$0.50 P5	\$48
8	1,5	-	4	1,5	-	-
9	3,12	5,7,8	4	3,12	-	-
10	3,5	-	2,4,6	3,5		
11	9	1,5,10	2,6,12	1,5,9,10		



Late Pick 5 Analysis (R8-12)

Three listed stakes highlight the Late p5 on this "Downs After Dark" card under the lights at Churchill. There will be some heavy faves at the post, especially #1 Explora in R8, but I don't think she's a certainty today. Interesting betting sequence, good luck!

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	8	Vaporetti	8-1	5	\$20 WP #8 BIG Exactas: 8 / 2,4 Smaller Exactas: 2,4 / 8
Notes:					
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS!! Gonna kick off the Late P5 with my Best Bet here. #8 Vaporetti is the "other" Godolphin, but this one is trained by their main guy, Brad Cox. He came back after a LONG layoff to win stylishly, with a good gallop out that indicates to me there's more in the tank. He faced VERY good 2yo's on the dirt, so the form fits. He should be better/faster/sharper 2nd time out this year, and lay a nice mid-pack trip. He'll need to be good...the #2 and especially #4 in this race are major threats as well. I don't think we're getting his morning line, more like half that around 9-2.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Movie Night	9-2	3	\$15 Win, \$25 Place #5 BIG Exacta 1/5 Smaller Exacta 5/1
Notes:					
Go ahead and hand this race to Explora if you'd like...maybe she wins by open lengths. But #5 Movie Night intrigues me. She broke slow from the rail in the Test vs. Explora, rushed up into hot fractions, and completely quit late. But, now she draws much better, has been working well, and there's no way Will Walden would throw her in here if I didn't have confidence in the filly. I think she runs a big one today based on previous performances minus the last toss out. Dismiss her at your own peril. Not sure Explora will a) enjoy the rail, and b) be cranked up for this start before the Breeder's Cup. Upset special? \$1 WP for my Tip Sheet ROI.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	12	Icona	5-1	4	\$20 WP #12
Notes:					
#12 Icona has been very consistent and has a chance here with the right trip. There's some early speed to set up her closing kick, the best in this field in theory. She'll have to work out a trip from the 12-hole (unless there are scratches), but she's faster than anyone in the field except the inconsistent #3 Caviar Breakfast, my 2nd choice. She's been working consistently at Turfway and I expect Walsh to have her ready today....any decent trip should see the 4yo Kingman filly flying late and hopefully first to the wire.					



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

