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Race-Day Overview

One of the most highly-anticipated cards of the Late Summer / Fall Season is today, the Parx card for the \$1mil Penn Derby and Cotillion. Not only are those two races fantastic, but there are 5 other stakes and plenty of betting options from which to choose.

Plus, we'll go to Churchill Downs for their four stake races / Late P5 sequence also. There are several cross-entries in one of the races for 3yo, so I'll do my best to find out today who's running where.

***Starting next week, I'll have a small portion of the Tip Sheet dedicated to Santa Anita, similar to what you saw in the winter/spring, as we're proudly partnering up with "The Great Race Place" once again, this time for their Fall Meet. Our focus will be their new \$3 Late Pick 3 bet, and I'll be tipping out analysis for their last three races on Saturdays plus betting strategies.*

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.07** (\$1,928.74 / 934)

YTD: **\$1.82** (\$342.13 / 188)

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.*

Racetrack: Parx Racing

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Stakes start at 4:04pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	1,4	-	2,5,6	1,4		
10	1	7,8,9	2,6	1		
11	8	1,4,5,7	-	1,4,5,8	\$0.50 P5	\$90
12	5	1	-	5		
13	3,7	1,8	1,3,7,8	3,7,8		
14	8,9	3,4	6,7	3,4,6,8,9		
15	4,11	1,8,9	3,10	4,9,11		

Feature, \$1 million races

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	1,4	5	6			
10	7,8	1				
11	1,8	4,7	5	1,7,8	\$.50 P5	\$90
12	5	1,10	6,7	5		
13	2,7	1,4	3,8	1,2,7		
14	3,9	6,8	1,4,10	1,3,6,8,9		
15	9,11	1,3	5,8	1,3,9,11		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	1,4	2	5,6	1,4	-	-
10	1,7,8	2,10	11	1,7,8	-	-
11	1,4,8	3,7	5	1,3,4,8	\$0.50 P5	\$96
12	5	1,10	6,7,8	5	-	-
13	3,7,8	1,2,4	6	1,3,7,8	-	-
14	4,8,9	3,6,7	1,10	3,4,6,7,8,9	-	-
15	8,9	1,5,11	2,13	8,9	-	-

Howard's All-Stakes "Philly 5" Analysis – Races 11 - 15

This All-Stakes Late P5, called the "Philly 5", is one heck of a sequence, highlighted by the \$1mil Penn Derby and Cotillion for the girls. The first two legs of the bet have horses that I can lean on, but not all-out singles. Look at my ABC grid for details. I would say Barnes is the most likely winner of the sequence, but he's thrown in a few clunkers and is coming back relatively quickly for this race. He'll be 2-5 and a prohibitive favorite.

However, the final three legs are VERY difficult with several contenders. Both of the million dollar races have soft favorites that can absolutely lose.... then, save some money for the finale, a competitive field of sprinters traveling 6 ½ furlongs. If Barnes loses, it's gonna pay very well. It still could yield a nice payout even if Barnes wins due to the big, competitive fields.

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)
10	1	All Class	5-1	3	\$15 WP #1

Notes:

The 12-post on the inner turf at Woodbine is no bargain at all, and that is certainly a concern. But I believe **#12 Teddy's Rocket (12-1)** is talented enough to win from out there if he gets the right trip. I

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also wouldn't be surprised if he scratches given the outer post. His debut was better than it looked...he broke from the far outside post (sound familiar), stalked the pace professionally, split horses on the turn, and won nicely. Most importantly to me, he had more to give late as the 2nd place finisher was not passing him on the gallop out. This pick mostly depends on the first turn and not being wide. We're gonna get half that ML price....12-1 is ridiculous.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	8	Coastal Mission	3-1	4	\$25 Win #8 BIG Exactas: 8 / 1,4,5,7 Smaller Exactas: 1,4,5,7 / 8

Notes:

Now this American runner is a worthy 5-2 chance! **#10 Deep Learning** for Chad was very impressive on debut, and she barely knew what she was doing! After being very professional most of the race while tracking mid-pack on the rail, she tipped out mid-stretch and powered home, beating a field that has not come back great however. But, she won so easily, and was as green as the grass she was running on, swapping leads several times and looking around wondering, "where's my competition?" This looks like a serious runner for Chad.....again, though, another tout of mine that breaks on the far outside...she needs to save some ground ideally to win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
14	4	David of Athens	12-1	5	\$5 Win, \$20 Place/Show Trifectas: 4 / 3,8,9 / 3,6,7,8,9 3,8,9 / 4 / 3,6,7,8,9 3,8,9 / 3,6,7,8,9 / 4 Superfecta: 3,8,9 / 3,8,9 / 3,6,7,8,9 / 4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT PARX!! I've had quite a bit of success, if I may brag just a little, with top plays in the biggest races of the day on these Tip Sheets. But frankly, it's usually with horses that are less than 6-1. Maybe I'm reaching here in a VERY tough Penn. Derby, but **#4 David of Athens (12-1)** is by far one of the most interesting horses running ANYWHERE in the country today. I talked about him extensively on Picks & Ponies this past Wednesday night, so take a listen.

Of all the horses in this race, "David" has the most upside and is the least exposed at this level. He was VERY impressive when breaking his maiden, and has been working EXTREMELY well at Churchill Downs. Trainer Walsh already has the very likeable Gosger, but sends this one from Ky. also? Hmm....He gets a great post and in theory can sit just off of Magnitude or the other speed while saving some ground. My real question with him is the distance, as he's not really bred to go 9 panels on the dam side. But due to trainer intent, upside, and the morning line price (amongst other factors), he's a **MUST USE** for me in horizontals and VERY STRONG use underneath in verticals (Exactas and Trifectas). **For our Spot Play ROI, I'll go \$1 win \$3 to Place.** If he just finishes in the Top 4, I'll most likely score on a bet I'm placing.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
15	11	Damon's Mound	3-1	3	\$15 WP #11 BIG Exactas: 11 / 1,4,8,9 Smaller Exactas: 1,4,8,9 / 11

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I've been waiting for Damon's Mound to get a favorable post, easier class, and pace scenario, and I think he gets it today. While he hasn't won recently, he's been running just fine. Two back, he was involved in a VERY fast pace at Saratoga vs. nice runners. Last time at Parx vs. some of these, the pace was glacial and he was coming on late, with of course a GREAT gallop out. I like the outside post today and there's enough early speed to set up his mid-pack kick. As long as he's not too wide, which is a minor concern, I think he'll fire a big effort. DON'T take too low a price...I'm hoping to get 7-2, but probably won't.

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – P5 starts at 3:54pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,3	1,5	4	1,2,3,5	\$0.50 P5	\$96
8	1,5	2,7	2,6	1,2,5,7	-	-
9	4	1,3,7,8	-	4,7	-	-
10	2,5	7	-	2,5	-	-
11	3,6, (15)	2,9,11,(14)	4,10	3,6,11	-	-

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

Be aware of scratches, especially in R11, as we have many horses cross-entered into races at Fairmont Park that would affect the field sizes. Most of the races, despite their moderate size, are not easy. The biggest stand I would take is in R9, with #4 Ragtime. If she can come close to replicating her Saratoga form, she'll be tough today. But CD is a new surface for her and she's coming off of taxing efforts, so we'll see. The last race is VERY difficult, 2yo maiden turfers routing. That being said, I REALLY like a horse in there (discussed below), and would be tempted to single on the and just go for it. Otherwise, you'd have to spread mightily....there are well-meant horses on the AE list also, so pay attention to that as well. Good luck!

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Jimmy's Dailys	7-2	4	\$15 WP #3
Notes					
#3 Jimmy's Dailys (7-2) is the posterboy for the dreaded "DFS" we talk about on our airwaves. "DFS" stands for "Derby Fever Syndrome", and the connections of Jimmy's Dailys got it last spring when they tried to stretch this horse out. I didn't work and he went to the sidelines. He ran much better going shorter off the layoff vs. the uber-talented Big Truzz. There's no one in here remotely close to Truzz's					

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talent, and "Jimmy" figures to sit a nice mid-pack trip stalking the speed. If he gets the right set-up, he'll be a major factor in the lane.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Liam in the Dust	6-1	3	\$10 WP #5 BIG EXACTAS: 1,3,7 / 5 Smaller Exactas: 5 / 1,3,7

Notes

Pace makes the race. If #5 Liam in the Dust (6-1) has any chance at all, she is a DEAD SEND with Machado in the irons. On paper, she is by the fastest early and should be able to clear to the lead with a good break. She's been involved in many fast-paced races and this one does not appear that way. That being said, she does have something to prove in terms of stamina and perhaps class, but Immersive hasn't seemed to train on since her 2yo season, #7 Quickkick is an overrated 5-2 ML, and the others are lightly-raced with something to prove. Liam in the Dust could be dangerous if she gets on the lead...I'll know how good my chances are going to be 5 seconds into the race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	3	Sister Troienne	8-1	5	\$25 WP #3 Trifectas: 3 / 2,6,9,11,(14),(15) / 2,4,6,9,10,(14),(15) 6,11 / 3 / 2,4,6,9,10,11,(14),(15)

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS!! My good friend Jackson Muniz, co-host of "Pacific Horseplayers", really likes #11 Imminent Risk. I like that one too, but not at her morning line of 5-2 with a wide post and short run into the first turn. The one that interests me A LOT is #3 Sister Troienne (8-1). The replay and breeding tells the story. I've had GREAT success with horses going dirt to turf 2nd time out, especially ones with turf breeding that "climb" early when getting dirt kicked in their face, something they clearly DON'T LIKE. She lost 4-5 lengths of ground on the backstretch and was taken way wide to stay out the kickback, and still ran just fine, finishing 3rd. She's all turf on the dam side, and she's capable of showing early speed from a good post where she won't lose ground in theory. The Munning's can run well on turf, Trainer Lynch has good numbers with his 2nd-time starters, and Gutierrez stays on after getting to know the filly in the debut. She's been working great too. Point of note....there are talented horses on the AE List. IF they get in, this will be a tougher assignment for my top choice, especially the #14 and #15. Fun race...all systems go for me on my "Sister"!!

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

