

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Today is the first of two incredibly important Saturdays / weekends in a row as horses are making their final start before this year's Breeders' Cup at Del Mar! It also marks the return of analysis from Santa Anita on these tip sheets, as we once again partner up with the "Great Race Place" to give you fantastic coverage of West Coast Racing....look towards the end the tip sheet for that info!

*****More analysis from Howard for Santa Anita can be found on their track's website under the "Wagering" tab, then "Expert Picks"***

On today's tip sheet, we'll focus on two sequences, the stake races in NY, followed by the two stake races at Churchill for the Breeders' Cup. Good luck, and pay attention carefully, as your Breeders' Cup handicapping / preparation begins now!!

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

*****Special note...any Spot Play that occurs in a race with multiple or important scratches will NOT count towards our stats going forward, as I write this Tip Sheet before race day.***

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.07** (\$1,936.74 / 936)

YTD: **\$1.84** (\$350.13 / 190)

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: Belmont@Aqueduct

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Stakes start at 2:07pm EST

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

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	4,5	3,6	2,7	3,4,5,6	\$5 P3	\$40
5	1,3	2	4	1,3		
6	6	2,7		6		
8	2,5	1,8	4	2,5,8	\$10 DD	\$60
9	1,9	2,6	8	1,9		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

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

Howard's All-Stakes Analysis – Races 4,5,6,8,9

In part due to the relatively small field sizes in some of these races, I don't see a need to spread very deep, except in the last two stakes. In general, I have strong opinions and think there are standouts in NY today. I would probably spread the most in the bookend races, R4 and R9. For me, R9 is the best and most competitive race in the sequence, with many win contenders and a field without a superstar.

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)
6	6	Phileas Fogg	2-1	4	\$20 WP #1

Notes:

The Woodward, today's BC Classic Prep in NY, brings together an interesting field of 7. One big key is #3 Willy D's....he's cross-entered in KY. If he goes here, that will add to the speed and hurt my top choice a little bit. If he goes to KY, I love #6 Phileas Fogg even more! Trainer Rodriguez has got "Fogg" in the form of his life right now, and he proved he doesn't need the lead when he ran a bang-up 3rd in the messy Jockey Club Gold Cup last time. He should get a nice stalking trip from the outside, or even have the outright lead depending on how he breaks and other horse's aggression. I don't trust the more 'heralded' runners, Post Time and Locked, at all in this spot.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Sterling Silver	7-2	5	\$25 Win #5 Trifectas: 5 / 4,8 / All

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Notes:					
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BAQ!! The wide-open \$250k Gallant Bloom S. is a prep for the F & M Sprint. I don't know if any of these ladies are good enough to be a factor in the BC, but #5 Sterling Silver could be the right one to get the victory today, and at a decent price. Her form is a bit dirtied up lately. ...she ran poorly vs. MUCH better two back when she stumbled at the start, and last time she ran on turf, by far her less-preferred surface. If you toss out those two efforts, you can make the argument she's the best in the field with the most-impressive speed figs. Or, she's regressing and can't run much any more. Based on her recent works, the race flow, and her connections, I trust she's gonna run a big one today.					

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Stakes start at 4:26 EDT

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

Howard's Stakes Analysis – Races 8 and 10

These two stakes could have some Breeders' Cup implications, with some nice runners in both races. Although the morning line favorites don't have to win, I think both are formidable. If #1 Most Wanted breaks well in the Ack Ack, R8, he'll be tough to beat. In the meantime, #5 Mystic Dan has been solid this year, and was racing on the wrong surface last time. I'm not going to be too creative in either race.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	5	Mystic Dan	5-2	5	\$30 Win #5
Notes					
I'm pretty confident #5 Mystic Dan has never been my PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL! But today, I think he's going to be very tough. I was totally against him in the Arlington Million, as I didn't think he was a turf runner. He ran okay. Back on dirt and training VERY well on his favorite surface, he'll stalk the early speed of the #1 and #4, and get the jump in theory on runners like Hit Show, Banishing, and Disarm. I think his morning line price of 5-2 will drift up also at post time. While he's no superstar despite being a Derby champ, he's very solid and I have questions about others.					



SANTA ANITA (proud sponsor of the HHH Racing Podcast!!) - Saturday

**For the next several weeks, I'll be analyzing the All-Turf \$3 Pick 3 and \$3 Late Pick 3 on Saturday's in this space.

Howard Kravets' Grid: Turf P3 / LP3

R6 starts at 6:30pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
6	5,6	7	-	5,6		
8	8	4,5	1,2	4,5,8		
9	4,7	5	6	4,7		
10	1,4,6	9	5,11,12,13	1,4,6,9		

Represents turf races

Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3:

Big Budget: 5,6,7 / 4,5,8 / 1,4,6,9 (\$108)

Small Budget: 5,6 / 8 / 1,4,6 (\$18)

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 4,5,8 / 4,7 / 1,4,5,6,9,12,13 (\$126)

Small Budget: 8 / 4,7 / 1,4,6,9 (\$24)

Key Horse of the Sequence: **R8....#8 First Peace** was involved in the controversial Green Flash S. at Del Mar last time he ran, first off a long layoff. The talented Glatt-trained runner had NO CHANCE when Reef Runner, who was subsequently DQ'd, crossed over on him and he had to steady back, an almost impossible scenario to overcome. He ran on okay in the lane in a race he needed anyway. Now, he goes down the hill in his 2nd start, and has been working well for this easier spot. He breaks on the outside, which is an advantage at this configuration, and HoF jockey Smith knows him well. I'm expecting a BIG bounce back effort today with a mid-pack, stalking type trip and run them all down in the lane at around 3-1.



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

