



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	April 13
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Race-Day Overview

We wrap up the weekend and the eighth (!) straight day of racing at Keeneland with a tough nine race card that features the Giant's Causeway Stakes for older fillies going 5.5 furlongs on the grass. Future is Now makes her return after winning the Franklin here last fall and will likely be favored, but she faces a salty bunch and will have to be ready for a top effort to win.

I found reasons to try to beat her and nearly every other favorite on this card so we will definitely be shopping for prices today!! Be sure to look to see if scratches affect any of these fields and to check out the Keeneland Today show that I will be co-hosting with Howard at 11 AM ET. Good luck!!!

Today's Picks

*****For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, 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!



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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	8	-	1,4	1,4,8	\$.50	\$120	3
2	3,9,11	-	1	1,3,9,11			2
3	7,10,12	6	9	6,7,9,10,12			4
4	1,4	-	5	1,4			4
5	2,9	-	8	2,9	\$.50	\$96	3
6	12	-	2,4	12			5
7	5,9	1	7	5,9			4
8	6,7	3,10	4,5	3,4,5,6,7,10			3
9	1,3,10	11,12	4,6,8,9	1,3,4,6,8,9,11,12			2

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R5 - 9)

I typically only use A's and C's in horizontals as I hate overspreading with horses I don't actually like, especially in brutal sequences such as this one. I thought the favorites in the majority of these races were beatable and will be shooting for a five figure score in the pick 5. My entire day will be centered around race 6 where I love a 10-1 shot and will try to escape using only #12 Brushfire (more below). I will try to be skinny in the early parts of this sequence because I thought the late double was incredibly difficult and I will need to use as many horses as I can in those races. The other race I felt strongly about was race 7 where I felt I could lock up the race with a couple of mid-priced horses with the best of speed #9 Pleasant Embrace and the best closer #5 Into Champagne (I will be hammering this double starting in race 6).

\$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
3	7,10,12	-	6	6,7,10,12	\$3	\$72
6	12	-	-	12		
8	6,7	-	3,4,5,10	3-7,10		



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\$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R3, R6, and R8

I love this bet with the \$3 minimum because it really forces me to have opinions or pass the sequence entirely. Unsurprisingly, three tough races make up today's turf pick 3 so it should pay well. I want to kick off Race 3 with a few horses in hopes of getting past the 9/5 favorite Dublin's Knight, who didn't have any excuse in his most recent race. Race 6 will be the key to this sequence for me as I will be ice cold to #12 Brushfire at 10-1. If we can get that horse home, then I will have the two Clemente horses pressed up, and a few more horses for the \$3 base. This ticket isn't the most likely to hit, but I am playing it to have a big score.

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	#8 Diblasi	#4 Mr Vaggio	#1 Twirling Ridge
2	#11 Stormproof	#3 Skyler	#9 Captain Fancy
3	#7 Esmark	#12 Plensa	#10 Salamis
4	#4 Otto the Conqueror	#1 Simcoe	#5 Roll On Big Joe
5	#2 Venik	#9 Name It	#8 El Magnifico
6	#12 Brushfire	#10 Executive	#3 Lebowski
7	#5 Into Champagne	#9 Pleasant Embrace	#1 Impel
8	#6 Danse Macabre	#7 Pandora's Gift	#4 Future Is Now
9	#10 Storm the Streets	#1 Livehappy	#3 Desert Aire

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

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	10	Secured Leader	9-2	5	\$15 Win #10 Exactas: 10 / 3,5,8 3,5,8 / 10

Notes: Like Chad and Flavian here in a race where I don't trust many. Has been working well in NY for this start, drops down slightly to maiden claimers where he'll have a better shot. Should stalk and pounce from the outside slot, look left, and make some decisions.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
1	8	Diblasi	4-5

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
6	12	Brushfire	10-1



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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)
3	7	Esmark	15-1	3	\$10 to win
Notes: Comes out of a live race at Kentucky Downs where this colt was the only horse to make any kind of significant move from the back half of the field. He earned a solid speed figure for that effort that isn't far off what it'll take to win this thing, and could be right there if you factor in expected improvement with maturity. Love the long work tab down at Payson, and in a race where I don't have any confidence in the shorter prices, let's take a shot on this comebacker.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	4	Otto the Conqueror	9/2	3	\$10 to win
Notes: I'm completely against the two favorites that can definitely win, but will be wildly overbet after a couple of outlier performances. I don't trust them to replicate those speed figures and what's wrong with Otto the Conqueror's dirt sprint form? Ignore the races at a mile or further and focus on the dirt sprints where he faced the top horses in his division like Raging Torrent and World Record. Dangerous if ready off the bench					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	12	Brushfire	10-1	5	\$25 to win
Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! His most recent second place finish was way better than it looks on paper. He set a wicked pace in a race that COMPLETELY fell apart. The other horses that rounded out the top 5 came from last, second to last, third to last, and fourth to last, while all of his early pace rivals ran up the track at short odds. Huge upgrade for being against the race flow and now he finds himself in a paceless race with a wide post. Turf should be no issue and I fully expect this horse to be winging it on the front end, good luck passing Saez in the stretch					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	5	Into Champagne	6-1	3	\$10 to win
Notes: Another horse whose form looks much better if you ignore the route races on her page. I thought she ran perfectly fine in her comeback effort and the race came against better horses. She should move forward with that race under her belt and there appears to be plenty of speed to set it up for her late kick.					

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
4	\$5 Daily Double	8/11	\$5
7	\$5 Daily Double	1,4/2,9	\$20
9	\$10 Daily Double	12/5,9	\$20



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

