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Race-Day Overview

Wow, what a weekend we had here on the Tip Sheet! I hope you cashed on the many successful horses we tipped out here on the Power Picks at Saratoga and Colonial last Saturday! It will be hard to top, but we can always try.

Today, we'll take a deep look at the Mandatory Pick 6 at Woodbine, with 5 stake races in the sequence, including the $1mil. King's Plate for 3yo's going 1 1/4miles. Then, we'll travel back to NY for the Saratoga Late P5 with two stakes, including the G1 Alabama for the 3yo girls on dirt and a nice 2yo turf stake, featuring the highly-anticipated debut of Schwarzenegger for Wesley Ward. If he flexes his muscles first-time out, beware!! The rail is no bargain, and it's a nice group. AS ALWAYS, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES…WEATHER IS FORECASTED TO BE GREAT AT BOTH LOCATIONS.

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): $2.11 ($1,913.74 / 907)

YTD: $2.03 ($327.13 / 161)

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: Woodbine

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – LP5 Starts at 4:14pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,4	-	5	3,4	$0.20 P6	$100.80
8	1,5	4	6	1,4,5		
9	10	7,11,12	2,3,4	10		
10	3,8,10	1,5	4,6	1,3,4,5,6,8,10		

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11	1,9	3,4	5	1,3,9		
12	1,4,10	3,7	2,6,9	1,4,7,10		

Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,4	-	7	3,4	$.20 P6	$76.80
8	5,6	1	4	5,6		
9	10	3	7,12	3,10		
10	1,3	8	9,10	1,3,8		
11	1,9	3	5	1,3,5,9		
12	2,4	3,10	1,9	2,3,4,10		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

No Grid from Pete this week

Howard's Pick 6 Analysis – Races 7 - 12

The Mandatory 20c-base Pick 6 payout today at Woodbine is a fun bet with interesting races…a mix of heavy favorites and wide-open betting boards await. While you can afford to spread more on the low-base of 20c, you ought to play this like a 50c or $1 base. There's no reason to "throw-in" horses just because you can afford it. Use horses you normally would on a bigger-base ticket, and if you feel the need to press-up and try to hit it more than once, feel free.

She Feels Pretty will be a single on 75% of the tickets in the opening leg, but I'll use the Euro (#3) for Godolphin with equal weight. I'll be very surprised if anyone else wins. I'll also thin in R8. The King's Plate for me is either the filly, #10 No Time, or could be many others. I'd single and go for it on small tickets, but spread on a bigger ticket, including using some talented maiden-breakers at big prices. R10 and R12 are the wide-open, and I'll be using many in those races trying to find a price. R11 is not easy either, but like #1 and #9 the most. Even if She Feels Pretty wins at 3-5 to start the sequence in R7, I still feel like you can get paid well with longer shots in other legs.

The following touts are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

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Price/Spot Play(s)
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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Diamond Rain	6-1	4	$20 Win #3 BIG Exacta 4-3 Smaller Exacta 3-4

Notes:

After capturing the G1 Sword Dancer last weekend at Saratoga, Trainer Appleby brings another talented Euro across the pond, this time with the 4yo filly **#3 Diamond Rain**. Buick sees fit to ride, and you can forget the ridiculous 6-1 ML…she'll be half of that. This horse feels like "El Cordobes 2.0" from last week…a lightly-raced, progressive 4yo with great upside potential and a perfect fit for this G1 race. She's shown a nice turf of foot lately, can easily stay the 10f, should love the long Woodbine stretch, gets a nice post, yada yada. If she's ready to fire, #4 She Feels Pretty better be ready to run a big race, which I think she will. Buick has to avoid being too far back going into the stretch run…he needs to time it out right and not let She Feels Pretty get too big a jump on her in the lane.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	10	No Time	7-2	5	$25 WP #10 Trifectas: 10 / 7,11,12 / 2,3,4,7,11,12 7,12 / 10 / 2,3,4,7,11,12

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT WOODBINE!! I hate to "chalk-out" (albeit soft chalk at 7-2) in such a big field, but the way #10 No Time finished in the lane and won so professionally last time in the Woodbine Oaks make me think Johnny V. is not flying up to Canada just for fun. Fillies have won 6 of the last 14 runnings of the King's Plate; I like the outside post, as she can be placed forward, but comfortably. Works are solid since her last blowout win, nothing really to be against here, except the post time price if it lowers from her morning line. Just want to mention #7 Runaway Again (12-1) at a price…his debut was about as good as a first-time starter could be, albeit vs. a weak field…absolutely crushed.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	9	Argos	12-1	3	BIG Exactas: 9 / 1,3,4 Smaller Exactas: 1,3,4 / 9

Notes:

The Soaring Free S., named after a very good horse, pits 2yo's vs. each other in an interesting affair. I really like the way #9 finished in the stretch and showed the ability to sit off the speed in his debut…feels like he'll need to do the same vs. better today. The 2nd place finisher came back and won his next start, improving his Beyer by 9 points, flattering the form of Argos. There's plenty of early speed signed on, so I do believe Prat will find a way to tuck in before the turn in hopes of losing little ground. My co-host, Paul Halloran, also likes this one…that also gives me more confidence. Let's hope we're right at probably around 6-1 or 8-1.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	4	Daddy Has Diamonds	6-1	2	$10 Win, $15 Place

Notes:
Little shout out to #4 Daddy Has Diamonds here in the last leg of the Pick 6, who had one of the worst trips I've seen in a while. The 3yo gelding puts blinkers on in a wide open field, and he's got a big stride. Maybe the stretch out to 7f will help, and I don't like the morning line favorites at all. "Daddy" has shown enough ability to take a flyer on him. For our ROI, I'll go $1 WP in a VERY WIDE OPEN finale of this fun P6 bet today.

Racetrack: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – LP5; R8 starts at 4:37pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	1,8	4,7	3	1,4,7,8	$0.50 P5	$72
9	2,8	1	3,4	2,8	-	-
10	2,6	-	1,4	2,6	-	-
11	1,2,5	-	10	1,2,5	-	-
12	2,10	1	5,7,8	1,2,10		

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 8-12

Today's Late P5 has a nice combination of older horses, 2yo's, stakes horses, etc….There will be some short-priced horses you can lean on, but I've found some possible flaws in them, so tread lightly. I'll be spreading in R8, going skinny in R9 and R10, then spreading a little more in R11 and R12. In the G1 Alabama, R10, I'll be using two mainly, #2 Good Cheer and #6 La Cara, while only using #4 Nitrogen defensively. There's ZERO reason to use all three based on their morning lines..take a stand and only use one or two on your tickets…or if you must use all three, don't do it with equal value.

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Palace Boss	6-1	4	$20 WP #1

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I hope he's okay, and I mean no disrespect, but jockey Rivera, who's listed on this horse and is 1-for-32 on the meet, was involved in a spill yesterday and might not be riding today. For my sake, I hope there's a beneficial rider change. Many horses are not trustworthy and have early speed…perhaps Palace Boss can work out a trip from the inside on the tricky Wilson Chute first bend. I'll take 6-1 all day if I can get it, no matter who is riding.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	6	La Cara	5-2	5	$40 Win

Notes

The talented but inconsistent #6 La Cara has one thing going for her in this Grade 1 that other fillies don't: fantastic early speed!! She should control from the outset and I see no reason why she can't win from "flagfall to that's all!!" The favorite will be Good Cheer, but she threw in a clunker last time (was it slop?), and maybe she peaked as an early 3yo. I don't like Nitrogen to win either…she's a turf horse until she proves me wrong on FAST dirt…the last race was impressive, but was run in the slop and the field was abysmal. Let's go Dylan!!

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