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Race-Day Overview

The calm after the storm....we get back to "normalcy" for one week, then the TC Trail continues with Preakness Week! Today, there's EXCELLENT racing in NY with 4 stake races in their Late P5. Then, we'll travel back to Churchill for a solid Late P5 and turf sprint stake, followed by our usual Late P4 coverage of Santa Anita, a proud sponsor of the podcast, on Sunday. As always, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!

And, please root on our proud partners, Adelphi Racing Club, with two of their horses running on Sunday in NY, R8 and R9. They both happen to be partially-owned with a small percentage by yours truly. Gem Mint Ten makes his 2025 debut in R8, and More Than Looks tries to break her maiden in her first turf spin in R9. Both should be live in their respective spots. Good luck Adelphi and Racing Manager Matt Cutair!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.12** (\$1,786.64 / 843)

YTD: **\$2.16** (\$196.34 / 91)

Racetrack: Belmont at Aqueduct

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 5

R7 starts at 4:40pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
7	1,3	5	2,4	1,3,5	\$0.50 P5	\$90
8	1,6	(11)	2,3	1,6		
9	4,8	2,6,7	3,9,(10)	2,4,6,7,8		
10	4,9,10	3	1,8	4,9,10		
11	5,8	1,4	5,10	5,8		

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Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,5	4	3	1,5	\$.50 P5	\$72
8	1,4	6	7	1,4,6		
9	6,11(AE)	3,8	2	4,6,8,11(AE)		
10	8,10	3,4	2,9	8,10		
11	5,8	3,4	1	4,5,8		

Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,5	4	3	1,5	\$.50 P5	\$72
8	1,4	6	7	1,4,6		
9	6,11(AE)	3,8	2	4,6,8,11(AE)		
10	8,10	3,4	2,9	8,10		
11	5,8	3,4	1	4,5,8		

Late P5 Analysis (R7 - 11): (Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)

I like today's BAQ Late P5. It has a nice variety of stakes at different distances on different surfaces, with field sizes that are small and large, and very competitive. Although the need to spread big-time is not there in my opinion, the ability to single is also tricky, as there are no standouts either. Be aware of how the turf course is playing...they're expecting some rain on Friday in the area, and that might soften up the turf course, which has been playing VERY fast and firm in the opening weeks of the meet. Speed might not hold as well, although the rail settings are out a bit today. I'll probably be spreading the most in R9 and R10 depending on scratches, and taking some marginal stands in R7 and R11, the Peter Pan S. (prep for the Belmont S.). If I HAD to single, I'd probably do it with either the #1 or #6 in R8 or the #4 or #8 in R9, but frankly wouldn't feel very confident in doing so.

The following 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.

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	8	Hey Bertie	7-2	3+	\$20 Win #8

Notes: In a tough turf sprint stake for the girls, I like #8 Hey Bertie, who just broke her maiden at the Fairgrounds in New Orleans. This turf family is excellent...she's a half to the impressive Brilliant Bertie and other nice ones, and the sky's the limit here. She's bred to go up to a mile, so this extra ½ furlong today should benefit her. Last time vs. winners, she got a great trip, but blew by the field late, and her

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gallop out (cringeworthy for my fellow co-hosts) was FANTASTIC, signaling to me there's much more in the tank. She'll be even better around two-turns at some point I predict. But for now, she doesn't meet any superstars and will get a comfortable stalking trip from her gate draw (in theory) today. I don't want her too far back, as this field is pretty good with not a lot of early speed in it. Hope she shows some tactical speed today. She'll need a good trip and improvement...I think both are coming today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	10	My Mane Squeeze	3-1	4	\$15 WP #10 BIG Exactas: 10 / 4,9 Smaller Exactas: 4,9 / 10

Notes: If this name looks familiar, it should....she was a Spot Play at Churchill Downs last weekend but scratched into this easier spot instead. #10 My Mane Squeeze is a VERY talented NY-bred who fits very well today. I don't know why she scratched last week at CD, but seems intentional since she worked in KY at Turfway last weekend. I assume Trainer Maker didn't want to work the filly on a wet surface. I'm not sure I like the van ride to TP to work, then the ship to NY. But I'm probably exaggerating the concern, as Maker knows what he's doing and I assume the filly can handle the travel. Her class is undeniable and is her speed figs...I guess the only question is the added distance as she may be better going 7f. Stalk and pounce, big shot...if I liked her last week vs. tougher, I have to tout her today, no?!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	5	McAfee	8-1	5	\$20 WP #5 Trifectas: 5 / 1,4,8 / 1,3,4,8,10 1,4,8 / 5 / 1,3,4,8,10

Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BAQ!! Here's another horse that we've seen before on this Tip Sheet. But this time, he's my Play of the Day. McAfee was a "bomb" play when he ran in the Wood. I thought he ran a credible 5th at 30-1 vs. Rodriguez and others, but I was a bit disappointed...until I carefully watched the replay back (see our Thursday podcast for details). At a crucial part of the race, he had to take back and steady/lost momentum. He also broke slow....he's putting on blinks today. He only finished 1 ½ lengths behind one of the top contenders today, Captain Cook (the other Dutrow-trained entree, hmm?), who I believe is better going shorter. The jock change to Johnny V. also interests me, and I hope he sits midpack. With Vassimo, Hill Road, and Captain Cook all taking more money as higher-profile connections/faster on paper, maybe McAfee gets lost in the betting market. I expect somewhere around 8-1 or 10-1. He's as likely a winner in my opinion as any of them. **BIG BETS INCOMING FROM ME ON SATURDAY** at the right price!

Racetrack: Churchill

Late Pick 5; R7 – 11, Post 3:51pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	8,9	3,4,5,6,12	7	3,4,5,6,8,9,12	\$0.50 P5	\$81
8	3,5	1,8	10	3,5		

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9	5	1,2,4,8	-	5		
10	3,9,12	8	4,6,11	3,8,9,12		
11	4,8,10	1,2,3	5	4,8,10		

Late P5 Analysis

The CD Late P5 today is not easy. I'll be spreading mightily in R7, R10, and R11 and taking stands in R8 and R9. This could pay a ton, with very few low-priced horses and vulnerable favorites. I like #5 Orizzonte at 9-2 in R9 and might lean more on #3 or #5 in R8. I thought last week's ALL-G1 Stakes Late p5 was impossible, but tonight's might be equally as tough, although the quality is obviously not as strong. If you're playing on a smaller budget, I would suggest a P4 ticket instead of P5...just too many variables / horses to choose from.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	5	Orizzonte	9-2	5	\$25 Win #5

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!! A marathon dirt race, R9 does not inspire confidence, especially with a ML-fave (#2) that I personally don't trust at all. #5 Orizzonte is improving, and I'm not worried about distance. After breaking his maiden two-back, he faced stakes-quality horse Just a Touch from the Cox barn and finished a distance 2nd, no shame there. Don't be discouraged by the margin of defeat. I like the breeding for long on dirt and the lightly-raced Union Rags gelding should continue to improve...this field is very "meh." Morales has ridden him...he knows him well.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Abientot	5-1	3+	\$15 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 8,9,12 Small Exactas: 8,9,12 / 3

Notes:

This turf sprint stake has a few cross-entries to the NY stake, so pay attention to scratches. Many of these are coming out of Keeneland's Limestone S. on April 11th. Shesospicy is really fast and really good, but it looks like there's more speed in today's field, and Ward is best at Keeneland, not Churchill. The filly that was closing best to me was Abientot. Today is her 2nd start off the layoff, and I expect the Casse filly to improve and run even better than last time. It's a competitive field...she might need to.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	8	Mo Work	8-1	2+	\$10 WP #8 Trifectas: 8 / 1,2,3,4,10 / 1,2,3,4,5,10 4,10 / 8 / 1,2,3,4,5,10 4,10 / 1,2,3,4,5,10 / 8

Notes:

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This is a bit of a guess in a wide-open field. #8 Mo Work was up close to a fast early pace vs. MUCH tougher going longer than today's distance. He did very little running in the lane after being wrapped up, but that field was like a Grade 1 vs. today's field. I'm hoping for improvement and an ability to sit and finish a big vs. a suspect field of horses that show speed and fade. Pace meltdown? He doesn't need to improve as much as you think on paper, just a few lengths. No short prices here in the last.

SANTA ANITA - SUNDAY

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 4

R6 starts at 6:30pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
6	3,5,6	-	7	3,5,6	\$0.50 P4	\$60
7	6	3	1	3,6		
8	2,4	3,5	-	2,3,4,5		
9	8,9	1,3,4	-	1,3,4,8,9		

Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 3,6 / 2,3,4 / 1,3,4,8,9 (\$90)

Small Budget: 6 / 4 / 1,3,4,8,9 (\$15)

\$5 Late Double:

Big Budget: 2,4 / 1,3,4,8,9 (\$50)

Small Budget: 4 / 1,3,4,8,9 (\$15)

Key Horse of the Sequence: Today's key horse is in R8, a nice allowance affair going two turns. With the potential inside speed of the #2 and #3, the beneficiary could be #4 Canada Gate (9-5), a consistent 4yo who's 2nd off the layoff for Sadler. He's working great and figures to sit a good trip behind that inside speed, then pounce on the far turn and into the lane when it matters most. He may not be favored in this short field, but is likely to win if the trip works out and he runs to his morning breezes. A single for me in the Late Pick 4.

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**Good luck with all of your wagers....CRUSH
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