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Race-Day Overview

HAPPY 4th of JULY Weekend! Today on the Power Picks, we'll discuss the Late P5 at Saratoga w/two graded stakes, plus Horseshoe Indy's big day of the year for the Indiana Derby w/their ALL-STAKES Late P5.

As a reminder...., our exciting first episode of "Weekend Warriors" starts at 4pm EST as we analyze, watch, listen, and bet races LIVE from Saratoga, Horseshoe Indy, Woodbine, and Monmouth. Please join us!!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.08 (\$1,839.24 / 885)

YTD: \$1.88 (\$250.24 / 133)

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: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Late P5; R8 Starts at 4:29pm EST

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



Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

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

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

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

Howard's Pick 5 Analysis – Races 8-12

Today's Late P5 at Saratoga is a challenging one. The races in which I'd spread the most are the first three legs, which is obvious based on my ABC Grid. I could have hit the "ALL" button on this tip sheet, but I thought the G3 Kelso on turf going 1 mile in R10 was impossible. The last two races could have heavy favorites...I don't they're sure things, but very obvious potential singles. So I'm trying to catch some prices in the first three legs and chalk out late.

The following touts on the next pages 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)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	Intellect	3-1	3	\$15 WP #2 Trifectas: 2 / 3,5,8 / All 3,5,8 / 2 / All
Notes					

Power Picks

Well, it's about this time of year when Chad Brown heats up. He points to the Saratoga meet and other summertime turf stakes throughout the country. The G3 Kelso is wide open, but **#2 Intellect's** final quarter mile close in this last race was eye-opening. Yes, he saved ground until the stretch, but was too far back into a slow pace. That final quarter...SUB-22 SECONDS...that's blazing. He should get a better pace setup today, and if he can find room at the right time, look out. Tough field for the level...he'll have to fire his best. Wish his ML odds were higher...I need that price to bet on the win end.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	3	Totally Justified	6-1	4	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show #3 BIG Exacta 7-3 Smaller Exacta 3-7

Notes

The obvious one to beat in this Grade 1 is of course Nitrogen, who should win. But if you're looking for a price underneath (or possibly upset if everything goes her way), take a look at **#3 Totally Justified**. The Justify filly stretched out to today's distance of 1 1/8th mi. and battled the whole way into a fast pace, before giving in late to another rival today, Fionn. It was her 2nd start of 2025, and today should be a peak effort. There's only one other early speed type in here, and it's just to her inside w/Rosario. I think Saez will be more aggressive early and take control, at least I hope so. I'll know in the first few strides, because if she has to rate off the #2, her chances diminish greatly to do well. I'm betting she gets the lead, slows it down, and hangs on for a nice piece of the pot. For our ROI, I'll go \$3 Ex. 7-3 and \$1 Ex. 3-7.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	11	Capt Jax Parrow	9-5	5	\$30 Win #11

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! Payout leg of the day is a group that is extremely weak overall, NY-bred maiden \$30k claimers. I usually like special weight drop downs like the #5 and #7, so I'd take a look at them carefully. **But #11, Capt Jax Parrow**, just lays over the field with his speed figs, gets Irad who sticks around for the last race, and gets a comfy outside stalking trip. My only concern is that either 1) he's too wide on the turn, or 2) someone gets loose on the lead and surprises. Realistically, he only loses to the #7 dropping down. All of those scenarios are possible, but you have to take a stand somewhere in this sequence. If he repeats his last effort, he'll be tough here. Either single or spread big-time in this race if betting horizontally (P4/P5), up to you.

[Go to the next page for Horseshoe Indy \(Indiana Derby Day\) analysis....](#)

Power Picks

Racetrack: Horseshoe Indy

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – All-Stakes Late P5; R5 Starts at 4:05pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	3,5,8	4,7	-	3,4,5,7,8	\$0.20 P5	\$90
9	2,8,11	4,5,7	3,6,9	2,4,5,7,8,11	-	-
10	1,4,7	9	12	1,4,7	-	-
11	2	1	-	2	-	-
12	1,6,9	3,7	5	1,6	-	-

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

Somewhat similar to my Saratoga thoughts, this sequence seems to be VERY difficult on the front end, then more simple later in the final two big races. So, I'd spread in R8-10, then take some stands in R11 and 12. Be aware of scratches, because there are SEVERAL horses that cross-entered in different races throughout the day, plus a few that might go to Iowa instead in the last two races. These changes will have a BIG effect on my selections, but of course I won't know who will go where at the time of this writing.

Full-Card 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)
9	8	Moonlight	10-1	4	\$20 WP #8
Notes					
I hope #8 Moonlight goes in this dirt race instead of the turf race before it...sure looks like he's improving vastly on dirt as a 4yo. He ran his best race last time when winning on a wet track Derby week in a fast time. He's been working very well at Hawthorne (Trainer Block's home track) and appears poised to take this field down at a decent price to get his first stake win. There is a ton of early speed in this race....depending on who runs here or elsewhere. Even with some moving to other races, there still should be enough speed to set up his closing kick. At 10-1 ML (will be lower come post-time), now is the time to strike when the iron is hot!					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	1	Publisher	5-1	5	\$15 WP #1 Trifectas: 1 / 3,6,7,9 / 3,6,7,9 6,9 / 1 / 3,6,7,9
Notes					

Power Picks

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT HORSESHOE INDY!! The Indiana Derby has a nice field this year. FYI, #5 Chunk of Gold will be scratching, and with #7 Big Truzz here instead of Iowa, I like Publisher even more (hotter pace). I'm almost ashamed/embarrassed to pick #1 Publisher again as a Spot Play, because this might be the 3rd time I've done so. It's been a mixed bag of results, some good, some not so much. Believe it or not, he's earned over \$400k and IS STILL A MAIDEN! Here's the way I see it. I don't trust #6 Tip Top Thomas to get the distance. I almost picked him on top here and I think he's the biggest threat/very talented. Of course, I thought that about Mo Plex (not getting two turns) in the Ohio Derby and was wrong, so you decide for yourself. Publisher has been rested up since the Derby, been working well, will save ground with Smith, and should make a nice run late. He's been unlucky in a bunch of races with trips, and he's one clear trip away, following a decent pace, of breaking his maiden. He's as talented as anyone in this field, and could still be improving/have upside. I wouldn't take too low a price (3-1 max.) on the win end, but I do like this horse....not giving up quite yet.

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

