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## Picks Tip Sheet

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| Race Day Date | October 12   |
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### Race-Day Overview

The centerpiece today is the G2 Franklin Stakes, a 5 1/2 furlong turf dash for fillies and mares set for 4:12 PM ET, that brings together speed, experience, and upside. The defending champion Future Is Now comes in as the obvious favorite, with proven form over this course and a style suited to sit just off the pace. Pipsy (IRE) looms as a major threat, having previously bested the favorite in a head-to-head, while Luna Louska, the up-and-coming three-year-old, may try to steal it from the front if she breaks clean.

The rest of the nine-race program promises a full afternoon of tactical races, ideal for handicappers and bettors looking to size up pace flows and track biases as the card unfolds.

### Today's Picks

***\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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      | 3      | 2,4,5  | 7,8     | 2-5            | \$0.50      | \$96         | 3     |
| 2      | 4      | 5,7,8  | 1,10,11 | 4,5,7,8        |             |              | 4     |
| 3      | 2,3    | -      | 1       | 2,3            |             |              | 3     |
| 4      | 1,4,6  | 5,7,8  | -       | 1,4,5,6,7,8    |             |              | 2     |
| 5      | 3      | 5,7,12 | 4       | 3              | \$0.50      | \$24         | 4     |
| 6      | 2      | 6      | 4,5,7   | 2,6            |             |              | 4     |
| 7      | 2,9    | 7      | 5       | 2,9            |             |              | 4     |
| 8      | 8,9,12 | -      | 6,10,11 | 6,8,9,10,11,12 |             |              | 2     |
| 9      | 12     | 3      | 1,4,5,8 | 3,12           |             |              | 4     |

### Top 3 Selections

| Race | 1st                  | 2nd                  | 3rd                |
|------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | 3 - Dark Dahlia      | 4 - Thestral         | 5 - Up On the Edge |
| 2    | 4 - Thailand         | 8 - Shipmate         | 7 - Vasy (Ire)     |
| 3    | 2 - Implementation   | 3 - Harrodsburg      | 1 - Track Mate     |
| 4    | 1 - Windy Walk       | 4 - De 'Ans Eighty   | 6 - Mercy Warren   |
| 5    | 3 - El Rezeen        | 12 - Crystal Quest   | 7 - Bail Us Out    |
| 6    | 2 - American Pearl   | 6 - Cut to the Chase | 4 - Contemplate    |
| 7    | 2 - Time to Dazzle   | 9 - Future is Now    | 7 - Luna Louska    |
| 8    | 8 - Lend It Tewmey   | 12 - Guanare         | 9 - Sutherland     |
| 9    | 12 - Chasing Freedom | 3 - She's On a Roll  | 8 - Midshakin      |



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### Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

Sunday's Late Pick 5 sequence seems like a sequence that could pay quite well, but doesn't pose as a bet that you'd have to be digging into your wallet to try and invest in. I'm gonna use backups very defensively in R5, but boy does it seem like El Rezeen's race to lose. Any replica of his performance here in the spring and he'll be extremely tough to best. The maiden races could potentially offer some surprises, but I wasn't impressed with most of them, so don't anticipate chaos. Obviously the feature is the G2 Franklin, which has a good mix of proven sprinters taking on a couple new fillies.

### \$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

| Race | A  | B      | C | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|----|--------|---|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 5    | 3  | 5,7,12 | - | 3,5,7,12      | \$3         | \$72         |
| 7    | 2  | 9      | - | 2,9           |             |              |
| 9    | 12 | 3      | - | 3,12          |             |              |

### \$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R5, R7, and R9

Today's Turf P3 is one you're most likely going to want to have several times. Even though it's a big field, you might be able to get away with singling El Rezeen off the bat, but in that case you'll have to choose whether you want to press up with him or take your chances against. The following legs are both spot plays for me as you'll read down below, so let it be known that I'll be playing the all A ticket (3/2/12) several times. I think today could be the day for Time to Dazzle, and I have a sneaking suspicion that the outside runner in the finale has some ability.

### Howard's Play of the Day

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                            |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 2      | 4       | Thailand   | 3-1  | 5     | \$30 Win #4<br>Exactas: 4 / 5,6,7 |

*Notes: Thailand could be something special for Ward. The Not This Time colt looks fast when watching the works, and has been paired with talented 2yo Outfielder amongst others from the Ward shedrow. You never know with 2yo's sprinting on turf, but if this one breaks and gets any kind of trip, I think he's a winner at around 9-5? Perhaps a single in your early horizontals.*

### Most Likely Winner of the Day

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name     | Odds |
|--------|---------|----------------|------|
| 3      | 2       | Implementation | 8-5  |



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### Longshot Play of the Day

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name      | Odds |
|--------|---------|-----------------|------|
| 9      | 12      | Chasing Freedom | 8-1  |

### 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)                |
|--|---------|-----------------|------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1  | 3       | Dark Dahlia     | 4-1  | 3     | \$20 Win 3            |
| Notes: There's no doubt Dark Dahlia's last effort was awful, but it was so bad that something had to have gone wrong that day. Now it was her first start on dirt and it was her first start in general since October of last year, not to mention it was against much better than what she'll face today. I find it hard to believe she can't handle the dirt considering she's bred for it and she's worked well over it too, so I'll give her one more shot. Extra 1/16 could play to her benefit as well.  |         |                 |      |       |                       |
| Race #   | Horse # | Horse Name      | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                |
| 6  | 2       | American Pearl  | 3-1  | 3     | \$20 Win 2            |
| Notes: American Pearl has been completely dusting her workmate in the mornings. Now I'm not sure how good the workmate is, but there's clearly some talent here. Top side says she might want a bit longer, but the dam won three races sprinting before stretching out to best stakes company in Uruguay. The only other one that looks imposing on paper is Ward, who debuted on turf a long time ago, and has just been so-so from what I've seen in the mornings.  |         |                 |      |       |                       |
| Race #   | Horse # | Horse Name      | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                |
| 7  | 2       | Time to Dazzle  | 6-1  | 5     | \$25 Win 2   Ex 9 / 2 |
| Notes: Like I said above, I'm really hoping today's the day for Time to Dazzle. I thought she ran WAY better than Future is Now did in the Caress at Saratoga, as the pace completely held together and she was rallying strongly from well out of it to grab third. Her two preceding races were just good too. Two starts back she lost to Ag Bullet and Simply in Front, who came back and won the First Lady here last weekend. I thought she got a bit of a puzzling ride from Jose last time, but still thought she ran just fine. Not to mention those races at KD were 10 days apart. I have a feeling she's gonna love the 5 ½ at Keeneland, and she'll get plenty of pace to run into today. |         |                 |      |       |                       |
| Race #   | Horse # | Horse Name      | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                |
| 9  | 12      | Chasing Freedom | 8-1  | 4     | \$25 Win              |
| Notes: I am a huge fan of Nick Tammaro, but this is one of the worst morning lines I've seen in a long time. There's no way this horse will be anything close to 8-1 come post time. A homebred of Twin Creeks Farm, the dam was a daughter of Into Mischief and multiple stakes winning turf sprinter. This 2yo gelding has shown some SERIOUS ability in the mornings, and the fact that Rob Atlas, a NY-based trainer, sends this horse down here to run at Keeneland, seems like a major tell-tale sign.   |         |                 |      |       |                       |

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

| Race | Bet Type    | Selections | Cost |
|------|-------------|------------|------|
| 2    | \$25 Double | 4 / 2      | \$25 |
| 5    | \$25 Double | 3 / 2      | \$25 |



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

