



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Friday, April 17, 2026
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Day #10 of the Keeneland Spring Meet!

Feels like the calm before the storm with the big Keeneland Saturday card tomorrow, the Journalism vs Sovereignty rematch tomorrow, and of course the Kentucky Derby just two weeks away. But I actually like this card quite a bit as it seems like there are many favorites you can try to take on, especially in the latter half of the card. I will be firing away on these races from a golf course 2,000 miles away (it'll be a miracle if I break 100), good luck!!!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhracingpodcast.com, and go to the "Power Picks" section...a video explanation is also available on the page*

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:00pm 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	Cost	Stars/Rating
1	4	-	2	4	\$0.50 P5	\$45	4
2	2	6,7	5	2,6,7			2
3	5,6	-	-	5,6			2
4	2,5	3,6,7	-	2,3,5,6,7			4
5	2,9	5	7,8	2,5,9			4

6	3	4	2	3,4	\$0.50 P5	\$36	1
7	1	-	3,5,8	1,3,5,8			3
8	1	-	-	1			5
9	3,5	4	1	3,4,5			3
10	7	-	1,5,12	1,5,7,12			5

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	#4 Buckeye Bombshell	#2 She's Gotta Go	#3 Starwood
2	#2 Horsing Around	#7 Maxi Maxi	#6 Naukarezza
3	#5 Yes It Tiz	#6 Queen Azteca	#3 Senza Parole
4	#5 Good Graces	#2 Noroomformischief	#3 Lunar Loop
5	#2 Ambitiously	#9 Longshoreman	#5 Expressway
6	#3 American Monarch	#4 Little Ni	#6 Illuminaire
7	#1 Next Up	#5 Scribble	#8 Suprenant Cocca
8	#1 Atlal	#3 Beer Run	#6 Strate Cash
9	#3 Eunomia	#5 Ourdaydreaminggirl	#4 Gin Gin
10	#7 Twirling Claire	#12 Sheer Jazz	#1 Loriebeth

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

Keeneland is always a serious challenge. It's probably not a sequence that will pay thousands of dollars, but I do think it looks pretty reasonable and would encourage people to press up their stronger opinions and play it for a higher base. I really really struggled with race 6 and will likely just defer to the pick 4 if I get involved with lower-minimum horizontals. #1 Next Up seems like a single in race 7 and I would also single #1 Atlal in the following race.

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	2,9	-	5	2,5,9	\$3 P3	\$36
8	1	-	-	1	-	-
10	7	1,12	5	1,5,7,12	-	-

\$3 All-Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - (R5, R8, R10)

The Turf pick 3 (all turf sprint!) aligns with my stronger opinions on the day and it's one I plan to get involved with heavily. I believe there are vulnerable favorites in all three legs and those are always the best sequences to play. I will play the cavemen ticket posted above and probably come back and play an all "A" ticket for a \$30 base. Good luck!

Jackson's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Atlal	9/2	5	\$50 win

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The more and more I looked at this race, the more I'm convinced this race is going to be won by either #1 Atlal or #3 Beer Run. They tower over this field on speed figures and both should be forwardly placed. However, I can't bet Beer Run in here as he has burned way too much money and will be way overbet going out for Wesley Ward. If I was smart (I'm not) my entire bankroll for the day would be on Atlal. He's clearly figured it out in his last four races, he had legit excuses for both of his recent two-turn races, and ran races that would beat this field in each of his last two sprints. I want to upgrade his last start at Turfway where he chased a wicked pace throughout (the two speeds finished 20 lengths up the track), shot through the gap to open up on the field, and just ran out of gas in the final yards to finish to second to the favorite who got a dream trip. Now he cuts back to 5.5 furlongs, gets back to grass, and draws a perfect post. Fire away

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	1	Next Up	6-5	5	\$25 DB 1/1

Notes:

I'm not trying to beat #1 Next Up in this race. She has been competitive against vastly superior competition than the field she is going to face today, she has a cozy inside post, and has enough tactical speed to keep the speed within her sights. The only real question mark is the surface. She hasn't run nearly as fast on dirt as she has on turf/synthetic, but those races also came much earlier in her career and she ran second in both of those tries. I doubt she offers any value in the win pool, so I'll treat her as a free square/multiplier in horizontals.

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	5	Ourdaydreaminggirl	20-1	3	\$10 win \$5 ex 3,4/5

Notes:

I'm not in love with this pick, but I do think #5 Ourdaydreaminggirl is the one to fear late at a huge number. There are four horses in this stake that are expected to dominate the betting and all four of those fillies do their best running on or near the lead. The hope is they all are intent on getting to the same spot and this pace really heats up and collapses late. I also I'm not sure if Ourdaydreaminggirl should be this much of an outsider. She has a couple of races last fall that give her a fighting chance against this group and you're supposed to upgrade the race two back and she was wide against a massive rail bias and actually ran okay. The concern is the most recent race, she was absolutely terrible, but I think it's a sign of confidence that the connections ship her to Keeneland for an even tougher spot just 20 days later. Bombs away?

Other 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)
10	7	Twirling Claire	9-2	5	\$50 win

Notes:

I'm really against the favorites in the nightcap. The Ward firster has had trouble getting to the races and doesn't look like anything special on tape, #3 She Wants War has really struggled to finish off her races at short prices, and #5 Amani's Music ran well with an extremely soft trip last time and will be overbet for these connections. #7 Twirling Claire is the clear choice to me. She ran well on debut at a price, but came back and ran even better in her second start. She showed speed again from the inside, got shuffled back on the turn, swung way wide at the top of the stretch, and was interfered with throughout the final furlong. I want to upgrade that performance due to all the trouble, and now she finds herself drawn outside all the other speed. The Foley barn is off to a hot start and we typically see horses from this barn improve with more racing.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	5	Good Graces	7-2	3	\$15 win

Notes:

I thought this was one of the tougher races of the day and could make a case for several of the horses in the field. I'm hoping that #5 Good Graces can be close to this morning line because I would probably need that in order to place a win bet against this contentious group, but I do like the way she's been training. In the workout I saw of her at Keeneland, she had a target that was given a several length head-start and I thought she blew by that workmate without really being asked. She quickly put distance between herself and that rival and galloped strongly as well. There is run here, and I find it interesting that Weaver has had her training at Keeneland for over a month now, as most of his stock is based in Florida this time of year.

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

Race #	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	double	4/2	\$20
7	Pick 4	1/1/3,5/7	\$20 (\$10 base)

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

