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Race-Day Overview

With the major BC Preps over now, the excitement builds over the next few weekends with very good racing anyway!

*****Starting next week on our airwaves, we'll have information about our very popular and affordable Breeder's Cup Package we've sold every year to help you crush your bets on that weekend!***

*****WE ALSO HAVE WEEKEND WARRIORS LIVE TODAY FROM 3:45-6PM EDT w/BCBC Champ Matt Miller, NHC Champ David Harrison, and Andrew Rdesinski w/emphasis on Keeneland, Belmont, Santa Anita, and the Keeneland Fall Challenge Contest!***

Today, we'll take a look at the Late Pick 5 at Keeneland featured by the Grade 1 QEII Cup for 3yo girls, followed by a good Late Pick 5 at Belmont with two stakes. Plus, our weekly look at the $1 Sunday Coast-to-Coast bet sponsored by Santa Anita. Let's CRUSH OUR BETS today!

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): $2.13 ($2,578.64 / 1213)**

2026: $2.51 ($552.58 / 220)

2026 Plays of the Day: $3.01 ($213.57 / 71)

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.*

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Racetrack: Keeneland

Howard Kravets' Late Pick 5 ABC Grid; R6 starts at 3:40pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	6,7	-	1,5	6,7	$0.50	$96
7	6,7	3,9,(14)	1,2,12	3,6,7,9	-	-
8	4,6	7	1,2,3,5,8,11	4,6	-	-
9	2,3	6	4	2,3,6	-	-
10	4,8,12,(13)	3,6,10	1,5,11,(15)	3,4,8,12	-	-

Pete Visco's All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	6,7	1,5	3	6,7	$0.50 P5	$108
7	3,7,9	1,2,6	11,12	3,7,9	-	-
8	1,4,6	2,7	9,11	1,4,6	-	-
9	2,4	3,6	7,8,9	2,3,4,6	-	-
10	4,10,11	1,3,12	6	4,10,11	-	-

Paul Halloran's All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 ABC Grid

At Keeneland for book-signings, no grid today.

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis

Last week, we saw some unexpected upsets in the Late Pick 5 at Keeneland that created a nice payout. Unfortunately, some of those likely winners I fancied either didn't fire (Echo Sound) or got nipped at the wire (Lush Lips, ooof). Hoping for a bounce-back effort today in a fun sequence featuring the QEII Cup. I don't think you have to go too deep in the first two legs, as I'm using mainly #6 and #7 in both legs (young kids rejoice, although I declare "6/7" dead in my classroom at school). R8 is either the #4,#6, my longshot #7, or could be anyone. The QEII looks like a 2-horse race on paper to me between #2 Luster and #3 Tam Tam, but don't sleep on the Euro invader, #6 Braida, for Trainer Graffard (of Gezora fame). The last is BY FAR the biggest spread here…..don't trust the lower-priced runners and will be looking to catch a longshot there in the Pick 5. Good luck!

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)
7	6	Tannhauser	5-1	2+	$15 WP #6
Notes:					

Let me be very clear….at Keeneland especially, <u>the board tells the story with firsters and layoff horses.</u> **#6 Tannhauser**, for the Derby combo of Devaux and J. Ortiz, has some interesting pedigree angles. Breeder's Cup Juvenile Champ/first-crop sire Corniche has been very solid, especially with his turf runners, and the dam's sibs produced some talented runners, including $1million+ earner Determined Kingdom. Although the offspring are more sprint-meant in nature, this is only a 1-mile race with little early speed signed on. I have no idea if this one is going to show early speed, but my gut says "yes." If she's taking money more than her morning line, look out. If she's over 5-1, she's probably a toss. The

horses that have run are just okay and feels like a spot for a new face. Trainer DeVaux sometimes needs a race with her firsters, but she can pop at a price too.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	Break Out	12-1	4	$10 Win, $20 Place #7

Notes:

This race is difficult…..so I'll tip out a bigger price MAINLY UNDERNEATH to spice up the exotics. #7 Break Out is trained by a very capable, low-profile guy in Michael Campbell, who used to train in the Chicago area (think Chris Block-ish). Break Out has been involved in slow paces, but gets more speed to run into today and is only a few lengths off the top ones by the speed figs. He'll be a price and looks "slow", but the closer is a by-product of those slower early fractions. Has capable and jock/trainer today and will be a price….for our Spot Play ROI, I'll go $1 PS.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Braida	8-1	5	$15 Win, $20 Place/Show #6

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The G1 QEII Cup is one of the highlights of the meet, won by Lush Lips last year in an upset. **#6 Braida** gives me vibes of Naomis from this past summer at Saratoga….a lightly-raced Euro with upside and a wicked turn of foot. She's trained by Graffard (of Gezora fame), who recently sent Mandanaba here to the States. While I don't think she's as talented as Noamis, she does have that patented BIG late kick from France, can sit behind horses and rate comfortably, and come home quickly. She'll have to step up her game, as she's never won a Group stake, only listed ones. But, she's VERY consistent and closes well. She's never been beyond 1 mile either, but has won on softer turf going 8 panels, so I think she'll get the extra furlong despite a sprinty pedigree, especially the male side. Only the 2nd family on the female side went longer. Her lone G3 effort doesn't look good on paper (6th by 4 lengths), but she got into a TON of trouble that day, it's very misleading. If she can get the right trip and the distance, she'll be flying late. Capable jock Cheminaud (as of Thursday) listed on Braida. I expect her to take some money, somewhere around 5-1. If she's cold on the board, I'd probably toss. $1 WP for our Spot Play ROI.

Racetrack: Belmont

Howard Kravets' ALL-GRADED STAKES ABC GRID - R7 Starts at 3:22pm EDT

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

Late P5 Analysis

A sequence with two stakes including a G3, I thought this sequence is VERY difficult other than the "free-square" in the first leg with the #2 at 3-5. Makes a lot more sense to play the Late Pick 4 instead

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of the Pick 5 today! After the #2 should win the first leg, I'd be spreading in R10 and R11, the last two races, for sure. R8 and R10 are not easy either, although both of those races have low morning-line odds with the #1 and #6 respectively. This is a challenge and I'd feel the need to spread if playing. Also, the Belmont turf course has yielded quite a few prices in the first few weeks of this meet.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	5	Iron Palace	10-1	3	$10 Win, $20 Place BIG Exactas: 1,2,3 / 5 Smaller Exactas: 5 / 1,2,3

Notes:

The Bricks and Mortar (nice horse) S. brings together a nice field of 9 (before scratches). It's wide open, so we need to go with a price. **#5 Iron Orchard** has only raced twice, both at 1 1/16th. I do love me some cutbacks in distance, although usually not as effective on turf as dirt. I thought his last effort was solid, vs. a nice winner in Print plus others. His debut win at Saratoga was VERY good, setting an honest pace, getting pressed, and holding on. It's very unlikely he'll have the lead today, but I think he'll be able to sit a bit and finish, and Zayas knows the horse well….consistent works since his last. This is mainly an UNDERNEATH play…for our Tip Sheet ROI, we'll go $1 PS.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	9	Third Coast	6-1	5	$25 WP #9 Trifectas: 9 / 1,6 / All 1,6 / 9 / All 1,6 / All / 9

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BELMONT! The G3 Hill Prince for 3yo's on the turf has a heavy favorite in Caroline St. Beat, who upset the field at Kentucky Downs last month coming off only a 6-day rest, what an accomplishment! He's now won $1.1mil and is 7-5 ML line. So he's a cinch, right? I have a feeling that won't be the case. **#9 Third Coast** is gradually improving for Trainer Proctor, a successful trainer who is patient with his horses. He's run well lately going shorter, but did finish a close 6th in the Belmont Derby going this same distance, albeit with a good trip. Lezcano knows him well, and despite the wide post, there's not a lot of early speed, so he should be able to crossover. The key is the trip….can Lezcano avoid being wide and tuck in on the first turn? If he can, I think Third Coast has a decent shot to upset or at least be in the money. For our ROI, we'll go $1WP.

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Coast-to-Coast (CTC) Pick 5 Preview

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Welcome back to our coverage of the $1 base Coast-to-Coast bet, sponsored by Santa Anita. When SA is running, we'll give you opinions of the SUNDAY bet…watch our "Wire-to-Wire" show for more details, as this week's grid is Howard's opinions, while the show's opinions are from John Kostin and Skip Pearring.

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP8	4	1,5	2,9	1,4,5	$1	$72
GP9	1,2	-	3,5,8	1,2		
SA3	3	-	6	3		
SA4	8	4,7	3,5	4,7,8		
SA5	6,7,9	1	8,10	1,6,7,9		

***Overall opinion**: The key to my ABC Grid above is Santa Anita R3. I just think the #3 is a single and if it runs near to its ability, that one should get the job done. I'd spread in the last race, where I think a price can be found at Santa Anita R5, and possibly the race before that as well. Good luck!*

YouTube preview…."Wire to Wire Ep. #24": https://youtube.com/live/Ek1HaJxorts?feature=share

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



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