

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Tracks located in the middle and southern parts of the country will be our focus today, as the year's traditional shift in the weather plus opening and closing of meets has begun! The Fairgrounds in New Orleans and Tampa Bay Downs have begun their meets, while turf racing in the Northeast will reportedly end this weekend and in Kentucky next weekend. Soon enough, at the beginning of December, Gulfstream will begin their Championship Meet, and December also brings the start of the popular Winter Meet at Santa Anita the day after Christmas.

As for today, we'll focus on two Late P5's....first, the Fairgrounds hosts La. Championship Day with state-bred stakes, and Churchill runs their penultimate weekend card with a nice turf stake plus highly competitive races. AS ALWAYS, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.06** (\$1,976.14 / 961)

YTD: **\$1.81** (\$389.53 / 215)

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: Fairgrounds

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – R7 starts at 3:45pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	7,9	5,10	2	5,7,9,10	\$0.50 P5	\$100
6	5,6	2,4,8	6,7,(13)	2,4,5,6,8		
7	3,7	8	1,5,6	3,7		
8	4	5,7,8,10,13	1,2,3,6,11	4		
9	3,7	4,5,6	9,10,11	3,4,5,6,7		

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	5,7,9	-	2	5,7,9	\$.50 P5	\$90
6	6,8	4	5,7	6,8		
7	6,7	1,3	8	1,6,7		
8	1,4	8,10	9	1,4		
9	5,11	3,6,8	9	3,5,6,8,11		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	5,8	7,9	2,10	5,8	\$0.50 P5	\$90
6	4,5,6	2,3	7,8	4,5,6	-	-
7	3,7	1	5,8	1,3,7	-	-
8	2,4	1,11	7,9	2,4	-	-
9	3,5,9	6,8	4,10	3,5,6,8,9	-	-

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races #5 - 9

Fun, but challenging sequence awaits on the Fairgrounds opening Late P5 Saturday card. It's hard to pinpoint a single, but if I were to do that, I'd be tempted to single #4 Pegaso in R8. He's got a great closing kick on the turf, and the race should set up for him. Jockey Pedroza will have him cranked up turning for home...it's just a matter of trip. See Spot Plays for more info. R6 and R9 are definitely spread races, while I'd try and get skinny in R5 and 7, but not with much confidence.

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	7	El Dinero	7-2	4	\$20 Win #7

Notes:

One of three state-bred stakes today, the Andrew Ney for 3yo + males sprinting has a competitive field, but I like the aptly-named **#7 El Dinero** to get the dough. The 4yo gelding has really come to hand in his last 3 starts, and now is fresh and ready to run at a place where he's 5/7 1st or 2nd. Loveberry should have him just stalking off the anticipated fast pace, and he's worked steadily at his home base of Delta Downs since his last run 2 ½ months ago. I guess you could be concerned about the layoff, but this break seems purposeful to get him ready for the bigger state-bred stakes at FG.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	4	Pegaso	5-1	5	\$25 Win #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 5,7,8,10,13 Smaller Exactas: 5,7,8,10,13 / 4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT THE FAIRGROUNDS!! There are two ways you can go in R8 IMO....either single Pegaso and go for it, or literally use the entire field. I'm choosing the former. The 1 mile turf test for state-breds has PLENTY of early speed signed on, and if it develops like it should, I'd be looking for a closer. Trainer Turner's dirt to turf numbers are solid, and the 4yo Mucho Macho Man gelding has finished in the money in every one of his turf efforts. It's a big field, so Pedroza will have to weave his way through a bunch of horses, but if the horse fires in the lane, he's capable of going by them all for the "W", I'd say at around 3-1.

Racetrack: Churchill Downs

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – R7 starts at 3:55pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,3,5	1,9,10	4,6,8	1,2,3,5,9,10	\$0.50 P5	\$90
8	4,7	1,8,9	3	1,4,7,8,9		
9	7,9,10	1,8	-	7,9,10		
10	8	3,4,7	2,6,9	8		
11	2,10	5	1,6	2,10		

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 7 - 11

Today's Late P5 starts off with three very challenging races that feel like spreads to me. There are very few that are easy to trust and many can win, so I'll spend the bulk of my P5 money in those legs. The last two races are where I'll "plant my flag" so to speak. Assuming R10 is on the turf, and it should be as the only turf stake on the card and no MTO's (Main Track Only) entrants, I like #8 Chapman's Peak quite a bit and would lean that way. In the last, it's a 2-horse race in my opinion between #2 and #10. Sure, others COULD win, but you have to take stands somewhere in the Pick 5. Good luck....hope to catch a price in one of the first three legs!

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	Chapman's Peak	9-2	5	\$30 Win #8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT CHURCHILL!! The G3 Commonwealth Turf Cup is a well-balanced field of 3yo's, and the turf should be pretty soft due to the rain and cooler temperatures at CD. IF IT'S OFF

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THE TURF, I'D HAVE TO SEE SCRATCHES BEFORE MAKING ANY REAL OPINIONS!! There's plenty of early speed signed on as of now (Friday), so I'll go with one that is versatile and improving, **#8 Chapman's Peak** for Cox and Irad. He's listed at 9-2 ML, but due to the "Irada tax", he'll probably go off around 3-1. That's still okay with me....he can be on the lead, but with the speed, I expect him to take back and make a run. He's a little slower on some of the figs, but he's improving and has been facing older lately with much success. I wish the distance was a bit longer, but the softer turf should make this 1 1/16th event more of a stamina test than normal. Post is perfect....Irada can break and read the situation. I like improving 3yo's this time of year, and others in the race seem to have peaked already, unless Derby runner #9 Flying Mohawk comes back a different animal. Strong use even tho several others could win this race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	10	Politics	6-1	3	\$15 WP #10 BIG Exactas: 10 / 2,5 Smaller Exactas: 2,5 / 10

Notes:

I know we aren't supposed to talk about politics on this tip sheet, but we'll make the obvious exception to the rule here! For our ROI, we'll go \$1 WP. **#10 Politics**, for McCarthy and Saez, makes his first start vs. winners today. McCarthy already had some winners during the meet, and Saez rode him in his debut on turf, a surface he didn't appreciate. While the speed fig he received last time seems a bit slow, the pace was slow also, and it's hard to produce a big number in that situation. He sat midpack and very professionally ran down the winner in a game fashion. There's other early speed to his inside, and he's one of only a few that have proven they can close, including contender #6 Big Apple Patrick. If the #2 gets loose, it may be over....he's a more "likely" winner. But I think Politics will improve here and has a big shot with some pace up front.

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

