Power Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Oct. 4th
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Race-Day Overview

Simply one of the best cards for the entire year anywhere in the country, "Fall Stars Saturday" brings together a terrific set of races, including 5 graded stake races, that will have a a big impact on this year's Breeders' Cup at Del Mar. There are wide-open events, high-class allowance races, good maiden races, dirt and turf…anything you can ask for is happening at Keeneland today. Good luck, weather is going to be OUTSTANDING all weekend, fast and firm, with warm, sunny skies in Lexington, KY!

As always, check for scratches and changes, as this tip sheet is written well in advance of the races today!

Today's Picks
**For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, 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	4,6	1,7	2,3	1,4,6,7	$0.50 P5	$96	3
2	2,7,12	-	1,3,11	2,7,12	-	-	4
3	6	7	5	6,7	-	-	5
4	3,9	2,12	1,4,5,6,10	2,3,9,12	-	-	2
5	6,7	5	4	6,7	-	-	5
6	1,3	5,8	9	1,3,5,8	$0.50 P5	$96	4
7	5,7	2	4	2,5,7	-	-	5
8	1,9	5,10,(13)	2,3,4	1,9,10,(13)	-	-	3
9	6	2	1,5,7	6	-	-	5
10	8	3,4,5,9	1,12	3,5,8,9	-	-	2
11	2,7	-	5,6,10,11	2,7	-	-	2

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	4 - Get Back Loretta	6 - Merry Madison	1 - Quick to Charm
2	2 - Commandment	7 - Gallivant	12 - Local Knowledge
3	6 - Oscar's Hope	7 - Outfielder	5 - Papa Ken
4	3 - Mc Vay	9 - Montador	12 - Favorable Scenario
5	6 - Tap Into This	7 - Echo Again	5 - Rookie Card
6	3 - Joe Shiesty	1 - Arrest Me Red	5 - Concho
7	5 - Vahva	7 - Zeitlos	2 - Long Neck Paula
8	1 - Choisya	9 - Segesta	5 - Dynamic Pricing
9	6 - Ted Noffey	2 - Big Dom	5 - Litmus Test
10	8 - Program Trading	5 - Woodshauna	4 - Diego Velazquez
11	7 - Fortius	2 - Heartily	6 - Boonesboro

All-Stakes Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

The All-Stakes Late P5 at Keeneland today is one of my favorite sequences of the year. However, due to the smaller fields in R7 and R9, I'm not sure we'll see those crazy payouts like we have in the past. The two G1 turf races, R8 and R10 are OUTSTANDING with many potential win candidates. LET ME BE CLEAR...I've left #4 Diego Velazquez off my caveman P5 ticket for one simple reason: VALUE. He's going to take a ton of money and I'm not sure it's deserved. I discussed reasons why he can lose on Wednesday's Picks & Ponies show. There's no reason to use chalk in every leg of the P5 ticket, especially a horse that will be WAY OVERBET, but obviously can win. The spread races for me are those two G1 turf races, R8 and R10, while I'll take stands and go skinny in R7 and R9. Good luck if you're playing…..what a sequence!! And I'll be there on-site to take it all in!

$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

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

$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R6, R8, and R10

This is a TOUGH sequence as always, and with a $3 base bet, you have to make some big decisions and take some stands somewhere. My main thought is to go for it in R10, the G1 Coolmore Mile, with Chad and Program Trading. I'll use others on a backup ticket. I feel the need to spread in the first two legs of the sequence. I could also just go 1,9 in R8 and hope I'm right, which could allow me to spread more in the other legs. This bet ALWAYS pays nicely, highly recommend it, especially if you can find just one price above 4-1.

Howard's Play of the Day (see end of Spot Plays for details)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars
10	8	Program Trading	9-2	5

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
3	6	Oscar's Hope	7-5

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Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
4	3	Mc Vay	15-1

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	4	Get Back Loretta	4-1	4	$15 Win #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 1,6 Smaller Exactas: 1,6 / 4

Notes: Let's try to kick off the day by beating the favorite, something I always like to do!! #1 Quick to Charm is 6-5 ML….but why? I guess because she's got the best figs (but not by much at all) and has Irad. But she's had a bunch of chances and can't get the job done. Can she win? Of course, but so can my top choice at a much better price, **#4 Get Back Loretta.** In her debut, she ran a credible race vs. a nice winner on turf. She's bred for dirt, and has been working VERY well in the mornings on the CD dirt. I see her stalking the pace, and if she can get the 7f distance, she's very dangerous as an upset candidate in the opener. The presence of Tyler G. doesn't hurt either!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Mc Vay	15-1	2	$10 WPS #3 Trifectas: 3 / 2,9,12 / 1,2,4,5,6,9,10,12 2,9,12 / 3 / 1,2,4,5,6,9,10,12 2,9,12 / 1,2,4,5,6,9,10,12 / 3

Notes: <u>THIS IS MY LONGSHOT PLAY OF THE DAY!!</u> And I have to admit….I'm not really sure what to expect from #3 Mc Vay today, first-time out for talented trainer and podcast fave Cherie DeVaux. I do know several things: 1) He's talented and cost a lot of money at the sales, 2) He faced toughies in his career 3) He's been working well 4) He's not really bred for turf, but has high knee action….why would he go here unless DeVaux has seen something in the morning (#faith)?, 5) This field is meh and no one blows me away, and 6) Gets Jose Ortiz. There are just way too many intriguing factors for me not to take a stab….good luck if you agree. If you look at my bets, I'm just hoping he hits the board to give me a nice trifecta.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	3	Joe Shiesty	8-1	3	$15 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 1,5,8 Smaller Exactas: 1,5,8 / 3

Notes: Today's first stake is the Woodford, going 5.5f on turf. There are two main speed threats, the #5 (world record time two back at IND) Doncho and my Spot Play, **#3 Joe Shiesty.** Obviously, I want to avoid an early speed duel…but I don't think "Joe" HAS TO have the lead and sit just off if necessary. Interestingly enough, Timeform

U.S., which I trust greatly, has Joe faster by about 1- 1.5 lengths than Doncho overall. Not only that, but Joe has faced better horses in general. I might be splitting hairs, but my gut tells me Doncho will be a lower price too. If you're worried about the last race for Joe, he didn't break well, was rank, and the jock basically wrapped up on him midstretch. He's MUCH better than that, but does need to break better here. Trip is everything today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	5	Vahva	7-5	4	$20 Win #5

Notes: The G2 TCA S. is a Win-And-You're-In for the BC F & M Sprint. To be honest, this is not the best rendition I've seen, so you don't have to be a superstar to win. **#5 Vahva** checks many boxes for me. I was TOTALLY against her last time, as Mystic Lake beat her at a quirky Charles Town track, and Mystic came back and won in a fast time at Parx. This is where Vahva does her best work, KEENELAND. Yes, I'm slightly worried about the cut back to 6f, but she should sit a great trip off the #2 and #6 in theory, and she's definitely the class. I like #7 Zeitlos also and watched her win here last year. She's in good form, but I'm not sure the pace situation will set up for her. Vahva beat Zeitlos two back, and three back Vahva was in a VERY tough race, didn't break, and raced in the slop in a race she needed…that's a toss out race for me. This is where she belongs.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Choisya	9-2	4	$15 WP #1 Trifectas: 1 / 3,9,10,(13) / 2,3,4,5,9,10,(13) 5,9,10,(13) / 1 / 2,3,4,5,9,10,(13)

Notes: The G1 First Lady is a fantastic, wide-open race with many options. Despite fading **#1 Choisya** (pronounced SCHWAH-zee-ah) in all three of her N. American starts, I'm choosing her here for a bunch of reasons. *I WANT TO MENTION…I ALMOST CHOSE #9 SEGESTA AS MY SPOT PLAY for this race.* While there are many nice fillies and mares in here, there are no superstars like we've seen in the past. Choisya's form is a bit dirtied up since her win last spring here at Keeneland. Two-back, she was wide and uncovered, plus isn't best on soft turf. Last time, she faced VERY good ones in She Feels Pretty & Excellent Truth, both of who would be favored in this race. Also, she's better sitting, tucking in behind, and running down a target. She was on the lead last time….I don't think that's what she does best. Frankie Dettori, who has MANY live mounts this weekend at Keeneland, should sit a great trip from the inside like she did 3 back. It'll be a question of finding room in the stretch. Can't think of too many other jocks I'd trust to find room at the right time than him. She'll need to run big today, tough race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	Program Trading	9-2	5	$30 Win #8 BIG Exactas: 8 / 3,4,5,9 Smaller Exactas: 3,4,5,9 / 8

Notes: THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The G1 Coolmore Turf Mile is one of the premier 8f races in the U.S. This year, the purse is $1.5mil! Similar to the First Lady, the female version of this event in R8, it's a wide-open race with many contenders. Likely favorite, Euro invader #4 Diego Velazquez, will be the favorite. I know this horse very well and have followed his career. While a deserving favorite, I have some questions. He's a bit unusual for a Euro in that's a big one-paced and is better close to the lead. There's a TON of early speed here, and I'm not sure he's used to running in a race with the expected hot fractions. He's received dream trips in his last two, and was VERY lucky to have beaten Notable Speech last time…the latter was MUCH the best but found room too late. I'm going to try and beat him with Chad Brown's **#8 Program Trading**. I wish he raced more often, as it's obvious he has some physical issues. But he ran GREAT off the layoff last time vs. #1 Donegal Momentum (although he's no superstar) trying to close into a soft pace. You know Chad has this one ready, and he's run big races before. The key for me is the pace…it's expected to be hot and he's one of the best, if not the best,

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	$3 PICK 3	1,4,6,7 / 2,7,12 / 6	$36
6	$5 DOUBLE	1,3,5,8 / 5	$20
8	$2 PICK 3	1,5,9,10, (13) / 6 / 3,5,8,9	$32
9	EXACTAS	$20 6/2; $10 2/6	$30

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