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Race-Day Overview

With Del Mar still a week away, the main focus of the horse racing world stays on the East Coast and Midwest, as Saratoga presents its usual excellent fair of races in their Late P5, including the G2 Bowling Green S.

Meanwhile, the string of "Midwest Derbies" continue, as today is the biggest day of the season at Horseshoe Indy with many open-company stakes, including the graded Indiana Oaks and Derby. Our very own Kyle Roscoe of Bettin N Boozin fame will be there LIVE ON-TRACK and be reporting to us on our "Weekend Warriors" show from 4:45 - 7pm EDT, so please join us on the YT Channel! Also, the Pacific Horseplayer boys had a great show for the Iowa Derby Day stakes tonight (not part of this tip sheet however, but watch on our YT Channel for details).

Good luck today....weather looks good in general, but CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.13 (\$2,422.18 / 1136)**

2026: \$2.78 (\$397.12 / 143)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.25 (\$139.82 / 43)

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.**

Power Picks

Racetrack: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC Grid; R7 Post Time 3:55pm EDT

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

Paul Halloran's LP5 ABC Grid:

No Grid this week....more book signing / appearances for Paul. He won't be missing too many more weeks going forward however, FYI.

Pete Visco's Late P5 ABC Grid:

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

Howard's Late P5 Analysis

Last week at Saratoga, we saw a string of upsets and improbable results that led to a big Pick 5 payout of over \$38k and a Pick 6 carryover. My pocketbook, as did many most likely, took a bit of a hit. I'm all for trying to find longshots, but the horses I liked in general last Saturday either didn't break well, got bad trips, etc...just one of those days. This week's Pick 5 is not easy, but I do have strong opinions that I hope will be accurate. I would spread mightily in the first two legs of the sequence, as both R7 and R8 seem relatively wide-open to me. Then, I'll go light the last three legs....I'd take a stand as you'll see below in R9, R10 looks like a 3-horse race to me, and then the finale could be many, but I do like a 2nd-time starter on which I'll lean (again, see below). Good luck....should be another exciting day of racing at The Spa!

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)
8	1	Cyclonite	9-2	2+	\$10 Win, \$15 Place Trifectas: 1 / 2,5,7,9 / 2,5,7,9,10 2,5,7,9 / 1 / 2,5,7,9,10 2,5,7,9 / 2,5,7,9,10 / 1
Notes:					

Power Picks

Anyone that knows me well is aware of two things: 1) I don't like turf sprints in general, and 2) I DO love the "zero Beyer" or "DNF" angle. Well, both of those worlds collide here with soft Spot Play **#1 Ccyclonite**. Last time, he dropped back as usual, and as he was making his run, the horse in front of him came over, and forced Cyclonite to steady horribly as he was gaining momentum, was taken to the outside, and basically eased. Who knows how he would have finished? Now, he's also only 2-for-22 in his career with 14 2nd's and 3rd's, so he's a perfect "underneath" candidate. He worked well since, and Casse now goes to J. Ortiz. There's enough early speed to set up his close, and I think the last race will skew his odds on the board. I'll go \$1 win \$3 Place for our Spot Play ROI.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Tricky Business	2-1	5	\$40 Win #2 BIG Exactas: 2 / 4,7 Small Exactas: 4,7 / 2

Notes:

#2 Tricky Business is BY FAR my most likely winner of the Late P5, and **my Play of the Day at Saratoga**, albeit not a big price. I'd take as low as 7-5 on him for a big win bet, hope I get at least that, but might not. Even 6-5 might be value in my mind. He's already beaten the other 3yo's in the field in his impressive debut, and only has to fend off #4 Toscano realistically, who is a threat 2nd off the layoff. Last time, Tricky Business was thrown into the open-company stakes deep-end, and he didn't break well, made a middle move, then flattened out. The fact that Trainer Weaver put him in that stake shows me how highly he thinks of this Empire-State bred. Now, he goes back to Prat and puts blinks on. That Wilson Chute half-turn can be problematic, but if "Tricky" breaks well, I expect to see him near the lead...but he doesn't need the lead and can easily stalk too. I just need a decent trip and effort close to his debut. A "B+" effort wins today in my opinion. An "A" effort is a win by open lengths potentially. My single in the Late P5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	5	Karsten	3-1	4	\$15 WP #5

Notes:

I really wish I could be more creative and tip out bigger prices, but I just couldn't find any in this sequence / finale. So, I'll go with the likely 2nd choice in the betting, **#5 Karsten**. In his debut, he had more tactical speed out of the gate than in looks on paper as he had to steady slightly early and take back just a bit while keen. His trip after that was fine, and I like how he fought on gamely in the lane amongst others. No one was beating perfect trip Sir Oscar that day. He faces familiar foes, and with normal improvement, should be better / faster in his 2nd start. Nothing wrong with Flavian in the irons too, although that'll diminish his price. He probably has to beat the Chad layoff horse #10 Coach Ryan, who like most Chad's will get overbet. I like that Flavian goes to my top choice over the Coach. No one else really appeals to me in this race, unless potential lone speed #4 takes to the turf, or the rail horse improves on turf. Not a fan of many in here that are 0-for-a bunch....can they win? I suppose, but those types are not for me and I very rarely tip them out unless they've had multiple troubled trips or are doing something new.

Power Picks

Racetrack: Horseshoe Indy

Howard Kravets' Late P4 ABC GRID - Starts at 4:40pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	6,11	2,7,10	-	2,6,7,10,11	\$0.50 LP5	\$60
10	3,5	10	1,2,6,8,9	3,5,10	-	-
11	5	4	-	4,5	-	-
12	4,8	-	7	4,8	-	-
13	3,8	9	5	3,8	-	-

Howard's Late P5 Analysis

Biggest day in the Hoosier state for thoroughbred racing! As always, big-time connections will be racing at Horseshoe Indy today, although as of this writing it appears Baffert is taking his two horses in the Oaks and Derby to Iowa instead. Very similar to my handicapping feelings in NY, I'll be spreading deep in the first two legs (pending scratches) and go thin in the last 3 legs. The key to the whole sequence might be the last leg if I can get alive to it....an Indy-bred turf maiden with a big field and a morning-line favorite I don't trust at all.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	4	Our Moneyman	4-1	5	\$25 WP #4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT HORSESHOE INDY!! #4 Our Moneyman is one of two Louisiana-Breds scheduled to run in this race. The other is the speedy #6 Creole Chrome. Baffert is sending #9 Desert Gate, who I would have been against here, to Iowa supposedly. That takes some early speed out of the race, but there's still plenty, most of it on the outside portion of the field. The buzz "now"; horse is #8 Leading Change, who will probably go off sub 2-1. He was ultra-impressive in his debut and is a half to Oaks winner Shedarestheevil. However, he's gotta go two turns first time, and could be wide on the first turn depending on the break / trip. I'll use him because he could be a freak, but I like Moneyman better based on improvement and value. He's shown he can close, but last time was tactical and ran well vs. Further Ado, who'd be 2-5 in this spot. I expect a midpack trip and strong finish. Unless someone gets loose into a slow pace, a scenario I don't foresee, Our Moneyman will pass many late...hopefully all of them!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	3	Koger Lane	8-1	4	\$15 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 5,8,9 Small Exactas: 5,8,9 / 3

Notes:

Power Picks

Despite only being a 4-star play, this pick is probably the one in which I'm most interested to bet all weekend. **#3 Koger Lane** is fascinating here for several reasons, mainly of which is the field she faces and her breeding. Bottom line....I don't like the race many are coming out of on June 11th and I'm looking for a fresh face. Koger Lane is by Unbridled Express (big-time Ind.-bred sire) out of a Lonhro (Aus) mare Anna Creek. She was trained by Chad Brown and has foaled a horse with 4 turf wins and over \$130k in earnings on the turf. The debut was nothing special, as she was sprinting on the dirt and lost to a runaway winner. What I found interesting was the way she was ridden. She got a fine trip after breaking slow and outward, but was basically just wrapped up the entire length of the stretch because the jock realized she wasn't winning. The gallop was solid relative to the field....I think there's more there. It's a bit of a stab because there was no trouble in the debut, but I'm going to trust Trainer West, the breeding, and my gut feel. If she's bet down in the wagering, I would be happy and not surprised. If she's higher than her morning line, I'll probably fade. \$1 WP for our Spot Play ROI.

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

