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Race-Day Overview

FALL STARS SATURDAY is HERE!! One of my favorite weekends of the year, as I'm here in Lexington, KY for the outstanding Keeneland Weekend of racing.

On the Tip Sheet today, we'll first cover the OUTSTANDING All-Graded Stakes Late P5 at Keeneland with 3 WAYI BC races, and then go to Belmont for their terrific Late P5 with talented 2yo's and BC Preps / WAYI races. If you're betting the BC or playing in the BCBC, watching / studying these races is a must!

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK TODAY!! Lexington, KY received a bunch of rain yesterday….I FULLY expect the stake turf races to stay ON the turf, the non-stake turf race might come off, we'll see. The rails are down at Keeneland today after being set at 20 ft. yesterday to protect the inside portion of the turf course. I think the best place to be on the turf will be the 3-4 inside paths….wide moved MAY not work as well today, we'll see. Main track should be fast all day. Weather in NY should be great. No Weekend Warriors show today as most of the hosts are at Keeneland; show will be back next week!

*****Side Note: If you're on social media ("X"), check out our handle (@hhhracingpod) as I"ll be interviewing trainers and jockeys after the big stake races today, plus video from the paddock and Winner's Circle!!***

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

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): $2.14 ($2,578.64 / 1206)**

2026: $2.59 ($552.58 / 213)

2026 Plays of the Day: $3.10 ($213.57 / 69)

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' All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 ABC Grid; R6 starts at 3:40pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	10	6	5,8	6,10	$1	$80
7	7	6	4	6,7	-	-
8	2,3,8	4	5,6,9,11	2,3,4,8	-	-
9	1	2,5,6		1	-	-
10	2,3	9	7,8	2,3,7,8,9	-	-

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

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

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

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	6,8,10		7	6,8,10	$1 P5	$72
7	6,7	4		6,7		
8	3,4	2,5	8,9	2,3,4		
9	1	2	6	1,2		
10	3,7	9	1,2	3,7		

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis

In the last 6 years that our podcast has covered this sequence, we usually spread mightily and the races seem very deep with many win candidates. Today, it doesn't feel that way. That's not to say there couldn't be upsets or the races won't be exciting….just seems like the horses at the top of the market could be tough. Therefore, I'd recommend pressing up your opinions and playing this Pick 5 for more than 50c. The most logical single for me would be Coach Pope in R9. On name alone (Men's Bball Coach at University of Kentucky), this horse will get all the extra money from the little guys. I would consider singling the #10 in R6, and or the #7 (would be a slight upset) in R7. The two big turf races (R8 and 10) are more spready for me….that's where a price could be landed.

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)
6	10	Doncho	7-2	4	$30 Win #10 BIG Exactas: 10 / 5,6,8

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					Small Exactas: 5,6 / 10

Notes:

#10 Doncho is a big play for me today in this G2 affair. He's learning to rate a bit and finish, and has already beaten the other main threat in my opinion, #6 Joe Shiesty. My problems are two-fold: 1) He has to clear from the far outside so that he's not wide (shouldn't be an issue), and more importantly, 2) the rain yesterday has softened up the turf, no idea how he'll handle it….but you could say the same for many others in the race also. He's in fantastic form and I see no real solid reasons to go against him today….shocking how little early speed there is in a graded 5.5f turf stake at Keeneland.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	Echo Sound	5-2	3+	$20 Win #7 Back-up Ex. 6/7

Notes:

Today's G2 TCA, a WAYI race for the BC, is not one of the stronger renditions we've seen over the years. I've been a big Eclatant fan for a long time, but she was atrocious at Saratoga last time. She was eased late, so it looks much worse on paper, but she had little excuse really. She's back at Keeneland, and she could easily win today as the favorite. But **#7 Echo Sound**, in theory, should get the jump if Jose O. is aggressive early, and I really hope he is, he can either stalk Eclatant or ideally take the early lead over the #2 or Eclatant and wire the field with a softer early pace. Breaking outside Eclatant is a MAJOR advantage today. 3rd start of the form cycle should produce a very solid effort for Echo Sound.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Lush Lips	8-1	5	$25 WP #2 Trifectas: 2 / 3,4,8 / 3,4,5,6,8,9,11 3,8 / 2 / 3,4,5,6,8,9,11 3,8 / 3,4,5,6,8,9,11 / 2

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The G1 First Lady is a fun race that brings together a similar group of 3yo ladies, with one exception lately: **#2 Lush Lips.** The reason? She has been only seen once since the Spring, and that was a loss at Ellis as the heavy favorite. Before the layoff, she was in laser-sharp form as one of the leading 3yo turf fillies in the country. I'm not worried about her comeback race as I'm sure that was a tightener / prep for this big G1. She's won at Keeneland before (last year's QE II) and I'm expecting a big effort today saving ground off the early speed and exploding late. She better be good….this is a nice bunch, including the world-traveler #3. 8-1 seems WAY too high a ML-price, so I think she'll be closer to 5-1. I wouldn't make a win bet on her much less than that.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	Brilliant Berti	6-1	2	$10 Win, $15 Place/Show

Notes:

This is more of an underneath play, so for our Tip Sheet ROI, we'll go $1 PS. #2 Brilliant Berti used to be a horse I chased, sometimes with success, others not so much. I thought he was on the clear downswing earlier this year, until lately, when he ran two VERY good races, the last one could have been a winner vs. talented Euro Haatem and Lagynos with more racing luck in deep stretch. I'm not completely sold on the favorites, especially the Euro, and he should sit a good trip. I'd like to see him a

little more forward with an anticipated tepid pace, and jock Hernandez knows him well. Trainer DeVaux can fire big at Keeneland…..he's here for a reason. Hope he hits the board with a solid effort, so use underneath in exactas and trifectas….maybe an "insanity" win bet just in case.

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	2,5,6	8	1	2,5,6,8	$0.50 P5	$72
8	5	3	-	5 (use 3 on a backup ticket)	-	-
9	1,4	6	5,7	1,4,6	-	-
10	4,7	3,9	2,5	3,4,7,9		
11	2,10,11	-	1,6,8	2,10,11		

Late P5 Analysis

More great stakes action occurs out East at Belmont with BC implications and WAYI races in this sequence. The races in which I'd spread the most occur in R7 and R11, while I'd be skinny in R8 and R9. In the "feature" race, The Champagne in R8, just pick one between U.S.S. Valor and Gaudreau. My guess the winner today will be the BC Juvenile favorite. There's no value in using both equally in Pick 5. The price might occur in the last leg, as I don't trust the favorites and there some interesting horses at bigger odds to use.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	5	Bounce Back	9-2	2+	$15 WP #5

Notes:

Tough race to kick off this Pick 5. I touted **#5 Bounce Back** last time on this tip sheet, and I thought he ran well. He didn't break great, then was widest in the lane vs. a pretty good field. Fresu is learning how ride this turf course, and there's enough early speed to set up his close in a wide-open affair. Casse will have him ready…it's all about the trip with this one, but for me, he's as likely a winner as anyone in the field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Revenge of the Sis	5-1	5	$30 Win #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 4,6 Small Exactas: 4,6 / 1

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BELMONT! There's quite a bit of early speed signed on for the G1 Frizette, a Win-And-You're-In for the BC Juvenile Fillies. I like **#1 Revenge of the Sis** a lot today for several reasons. First, we all know the name of this horse is also the 7th book in the *Star Wars: Jedi*

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Academy series. Okay, who are we kidding, I had to look that up and I'm NOT a "Trecky", lol! But "Revenge" ran deceptively well first out, breaking slow, then making a big middle move, to later flatten out vs. a good one in Emphatic, who ran at Keeneland yesterday. She's a full sister to Dorth Vader, who won over $1million and was a nice two-turn filly. If she can break better today, she can run down the speed, including favorite #4 Libby Lloyd, who might be the goods. BUT, that one has to stretch out and face other early speed. I have a feeling we're getting less than 5-1 on "Revenge", but I'm expecting a big effort. Hoping she's a "Jedi Master" in the stretch and goes by them all!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	11	High Official	4-1	4	$15 WP #10 Trifectas: 10 / 2,11 / 1,2,6,8,11 2,11 / 10 / 1,2,6,8,11
Notes:					
I hate to "chalk out" in a big field of 2yo's, but I don't believe **#10 High Official** will be that low a price at all in this competitive field. I thought he was one of the more impressive 2yo two-turn turf debut winners over the summer at Saratoga. Then, Pletcher wanted to see if the colt could run that well on dirt. The answer was a definite "no." There's a ton of turf breeding on the dam side, and Pletcher smartly takes the colt back to the grass. His debut was nice…more workmanlike than explosive but did it well and distance is no problem at all. I'm expecting another big effort and a trip to the BC, where he'd probably lose to the best Aidan O'Brien horse he sends over. The #11 Euro will take plenty of action, but I don't think he's special and I question a bit how far he wants to go…I'm sure he's live and could beat High Official, along with perhaps the #2.					

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"

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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. Last week's ticket I gave out in the grid cost $96 and hit for over $1200, hope you cashed on that bet!!

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP8	2,3	4,5,6	-	2,3,4,5,6	$1	$100
SA2	1,3	-	4	1,3		
GP9	2,4	1,5,6	-	1,2,4,5,6		
SA4	2,3	4	5	2,3		
SA6	5	-	4	5		

***Overall opinion**: In our bet today, I strongly believe the Gulfstream races are MUCH more difficult than the Santa Anita counterparts. I'd be spreading in GP8 and GP9, while going skinny in SA2 and SA4, but especially in SA6 where #5 Vanta is a complete standout and should not lose…she's the best 2yo turf horse out West by far, of either sex. If you can get through the GP races, you've got a big shot!*

YouTube preview…."Wire to Wire Ep. #22": *https://youtube.com/live/vb-B7uUf8wo?feature=share*

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

