

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

HERE WE GO!!! It's one of my favorite days of the year, it's the Belmont Stakes Day card. For the last time at Saratoga, we'll see some real superstars compete for big-time money, with 6 Grade 1's and a Grade 3. Races start **BRIGHT AND EARLY**, at 11am EDT! Pete and Paul, close your ears... **WEATHER** may be a factor, as there's a good chance of rain later in the card, and could be heavy thunderstorms. Let's just hope Saratoga either dodges the rain or it comes after the majority of the card is over. I'll be checking the radar often Sat. afternoon.

The Tip Sheet today has my **FULL CARD** analysis, and in addition, every talent on our podcast gives out their **Top 3** in each of the stake races, i.e. our special package **Derby Day Tip Sheet**.

Finally, as always, we'll take a look at the **Coast-to-Coast Pick 5** bet at Gulfstream and Santa Anita, sponsored by our good friends at the **Great Race Place**. Good luck....**CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!**

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

*Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.15** (\$2,385.68 / 1111)

2026: **\$3.06** (\$360.82 / 118)

2026 Plays of the Day: **\$3.57** (\$124.82 / 35)

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: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' FULL CARD ABC Grid; R1 Post Time is 11am EDT; Stakes R7-13

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4	5,6	1,7	4	\$0.50 EP5	\$30
2	3	4,9	-	3,9	-	-
3	6,8	-	2,5,7	6,8	-	-
4	2,6,8	1,3	4,7	1,2,3,6,8	-	-
5	2	6,8	9,10	2,6,8	-	-
6	1,5,8	7,14	4,6,9	-	-	-
7	2,3	4	-	2,3	\$0.50 G1 P5	\$112
8	3,6	2	-	3,6	-	-
9	5,8,10	3	4,6,9	3,4,5,6,8,9,10	\$0.50 LP5	\$112
10	6,8	1,2,7	3	1,2,6,8	-	-
11	3,7	1	4,5,6	3,7	-	-
12	6	7	5,8	6	-	-
13	3,4	2,7	8	2,3,4,7	-	-
14	5	4,8,10,12	3,11	-	-	-

Paul Halloran's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,4	1,2		3,4	\$1 P5	\$80
8	3,6		2	3,6	-	-
9	10	3,5,6	8	3,5,6,10	\$0.50 P5	\$60
10	6	1,2	7,8	6	-	-
11	1,6	6	3,4	1,3,4,6,7	-	-
12	6,7	5	3,8	6,7	-	-
13	3,4	8	2,7	3,4,8	-	-

Pete Visco's All-Stakes P5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,3	1,4,5	8	2,3,4,5	\$0.50 P5	\$72
8	3,6	2,8	9	3,6	-	-
9	6,8,10	3,5	4,9	6,8,10	\$0.50 P5	\$108
10	2,6	7,8	1,5	2,6	-	-
11	1,3	7	6	1,3,7	-	-
12	6,8	3,5,7	2,4	3,5,6,8	-	-
13	3,4	7,9	2,6,8	3,4,7	-	-

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Top 3 Picks for Each STAKE RACE (R7-13)

Name	Race 7: G1 Just A Game	Race 8: G3 True North	Race 9: G1 Jaipur	Race 10: G1 Woody Stephens
Howard	2 - Sandtrap 3 - Segesta 4 - Mandanaba	3 - Bentornato 6 - Book 'Em Danno 2 - Imagination	5 - Reef Runner 8 - John the Beer Man 3 - Litigation	8 - Civil Liberty 6 - Crude Velocity 2 - Obliteration
Paul	4 - Mandanaba 3 - Segesta 1 - Classic Q	6 - Book'em Danno 2 - Imagination 3 - Bentornato	10- My Boy Prince 3 - Litigation 6 - Ag Bullet	6 - Crude Velocity 7 - Englishman 2 - Obliteration
Pete	3 - Segesta 2 - Sandtrap 5 - And One More Time	3 - Bentornato 6 - Book 'Em Danno 8 - Illuminare	10 - My Boy Prince 8 - Join the Beer Man 6 - Ag Bullet	6 - Crude Velocity 2 - Obliteration 7 - Englishman
Patrick	4 - Mandanaba 2 - Sandtrap 3 - Segesta	6 - Book'em Danno 3 - Bentornato 2 - Imagination	6 - Ag Bullet 3 - Litigation 5 - Reef Runner	6 - Crude Velocity 1 - Gilded Bandit 9 - Taj Mahal
Andrew	1- Classic Q 3- Segesta 2- Sandtrap	3- Bentornato 8- Illuminare 6- Book'em Danno	10- My Boy Prince 5- Reef Runner 3- Litigation	9- Taj Mahal 6- Crude Velocity 7- Englishman
Charlie	3 - Segesta 2 - Sandtrap 8 - Deep Satin	2 - Imagination 6 - Boom 'Em Danno 3 - Bentornato	5 - Reef Runner 6 - Ag Bullet 3 - Litigation	6 - Crude Velocity 7 - Englishman 1 - Gilded Bandit
Noah	1 - Classic Q 3 - Segesta 4 - Mandanaba	3 - Bentornato 2 - Imagination 7 - Be You	3 - Litigation 5 - Reef Runner 6 - Ag Bullet	2 - Obliteration 1 - Gilded Bandit 6 - Crude Velocity
Jackson	4 - Mandanaba 2 - Sandtrap 3 - Segesta	3 - Bentornato 2 - Imagination 8 - Illuminaire	8 - John the Beer Man 9 - Twenty Six Black 5 - Reef Runner	2 - Obliteration 6 - Crude Velocity 1 - Gilded Bandit

Name	Race 11: G1 Metropolitan Handicap	Race 12: G1 Manhattan	Race 13: G1 BELMONT STAKES
Howard	3 - Antiquarian 7 - Journalism 1 - Nysos	6 - Bright Picture 7 - Rhetorical 8 - One Stripe	3 - Chief Wallabee 4 - Renegade 2 - Powershift
Paul	6 - Knightsbridge 1 - Nysos 7 - Journalism	7 - Rhetorical 6 - Bright Picture 8 - One Stripe	4 - Renegade 8 - Emerging Market 3 - Chief Wallabee

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Pete	1 - Nysos 7 - Journalism 3 - Antiquarian	6 - Bright Picture 5 - Deterministic 8 - One Stripe	4 - Renegade 3 - Chief Wallabee 7 - Commandment
Patrick	7 - Journalism 4 - Saudi Crown 5 - Rated by Merit	6 - Bright Picture 8 - One Stripe 7 - Rhetorical	7 - Commandment 8 - Emerging Market 4 - Renegade
Andrew	4 - Saudi Crown 7 - Journalism 1 - Nysos	5 - Deterministic 6 - Bright Picture 7 - Rhetorical	2 - Powershift 6 - Growth Equity 4 - Renegade
Charlie	7 - Journalism 1 - Nysos 2 - Vibe	6 - Bright Picture 8 - One Stripe 3 - Make Me King	3 - Chief Wallabee 9 - Golden Tempo 7 - Commandment
Noah	1 - Nysos 5 - Rated by Merit 3 - Antiquarian	8 - One Stripe 6 - Bright Future 9 - Battle of Normandy	2 - Powershift 3 - Chief Wallabee 9 - Golden Tempo
Jackson	1 - Nysos 7 - Journalism 3 - Antiquarian	6 - Bright Future 2 - Test Score 8 - One Stripe	6 - Growth Equity 3 - Chief Wallabee 7 - Commandment

Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 9-13

ALL. GRADE. ONES. WOW!! This is simply one of the best Pick 5 sequences of the year, with star power abound. I've been waiting for this Pick 5 for a while and plan on "coming in hot" with a big investment...I'll be trying to hit this more than once. Here's my overall opinion in terms of ticket construction: I will be spreading deep in the Jaipur, R9, for sure. I just don't trust many of these turf sprinters, and it's wide open. I'll be spreading a bit in R10, the Woody Stephens. I'm sure many will single #6 Crude Velocity, and I totally understand it. But there are some VERY fast horses in that race and it's MORE difficult than the Pat Day Mile on Derby Day. I'm taking stands in the next two, the Met Mile and Manhattan. I'm going to toss Nysos on my MAIN ticket (I'll use him on backups), and only go two-deep. Then, I'm singling #6 Bright Picture in the Manhattan. In the Belmont S., I'm mainly chalking out with Chief and Renegade, but would like to use Powershift and Commandment also. In general, I'd love to be alive to Chief and Renegade for a big score, hitting the ticket for more than 50c and hopefully 4 digits.

Price/Spot Play(s) - FULL CARD

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	6	Tenacious Leader	5-1	3	\$15 WP #6 BIG Exacta: 8/6 Smaller Exacta: 6/8

Notes:

#8 Intellect for Chad will be the heavy favorite, and should be. He was awesome last year and I bet him many times. But he had no excuses in his 5yo return, and Chad almost always has them ready to win off of layoffs, so that was very discouraging to me. If he runs to his races last year, it's over. But I have a

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feeling he won't. Therefore, a nice alternative is **#6 Tenacious Leader** for Pletcher. He's an improving 4yo who can be more forward and was staked last year. Johnny V. stays on also. My only concerns are the breaks in some of his works since the layoff at GP. But no breaks in May, so I'll take my chances at an ok price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	8	Coach Albert Lady	8-1	2+	\$10 WP #8

Notes:

There is a ton of speed in here, and I don't trust those horses at all. This thing could fall apart with a weird result. That led me to **#8 Coach Albert Lady**. She spent most of her career in S. America, running in allowance and stakes. Some of them were a much longer distance than today. Trainer Brissett started her on turf, which is not what she wants. She has some sharp dirt works since, and in a wide-open race, she's fascinating to me.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	Sea Strike	4-1	4	\$25 Win #8

Notes:

Talk about a replay to watch! The debut of **#8 Sea Strike** was a beaut. The 3yo Midshipman colt, who cost a pretty penny at the sales, had a disastrous break with much trouble. But the rest of the race was fantastic, as he went by them in the stretch and did it well. He has excellent works since that race and has MAJOR upside. He was Triple Crown nominated, so they always thought highly of him. I expect another big effort on Saturday, but he obviously has to break better.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	2	Sandtrap	3-1	4+	\$30 Win #2

Notes:

Talk about a replay to watch, rinse and repeat! At first glance, **#2 Sandtrap** is too slow and has no chance here. But go back and watch her N. American debut. Her acceleration in the stretch after being a bit rank early was amazing. Her final quarter time was 22.91 sec., and part of the reason for the slower Beyer number is because they went so slow early. She's a serious animal, and that was off a long layoff. By the way, she lost a horse named Gezora (BC Champ) by only a length when she was a 2yo in a Group 3 in France in 2024. I'm sure this was the race they were pointing to when she was training over the winter, along with the G1 Diana and all other big female middle-distance turf races in the U.S. Sure, she has to improve her speed figs to beat her stablemate Segesta and maybe the other Euro, but I'm expecting a big Beyer jump today, and with a clear trip, look out.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	8	John the Beer Man	10-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 PS #8 Trifectas: 8 / 3,4,5,6,9,10 / 3,4,5,6,9,10 3,5,10 / 8 / 3,4,5,6,9,10 3,5,10 / 3,4,5,6,9,10 / 8

Notes:

To be clear, this is more of an UNDERNEATH PLAY. Therefore, for our Spot Play ROI, I'll go \$1 PS on **#8 John the Beer Man**. It's pretty simple for me....Kendrick is going to send and might be the speed of the

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race if he outbreaks the mare off the layoff, #6 Ag Bullet. "John's" last two races are pretty close fig-wise to many in here, and the way turf is playing right now, there's nothing wrong being on the front end. Many in this race like to stalk and pounce, so maybe "John" can get away with fractions that are reasonable. Is he classy enough? Maybe not, but turf sprints can be weird, and when a longshot does well in these races, it's usually because they get loose early. I might have a few beers if this one runs well!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	3	Antiquarian	6-1	5	\$30 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 1,7 Smaller Exactas: 1,7 / 3

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! The Met Mile is an AWESOME race, maybe the best race of the entire Belmont Stakes Festival. So, if #3 **Antiquarian** wins, he's gonna have to run one of the better races of his career. I've always been a fan, and it's taken him a while to mature, but he put it all together last year, running some big, fast races. I don't mind the cutback to 1 mile, as he prepped at a mile for this race and did it easily vs. weaker. Johnny V. fits him well, and the early speed should be there. A few things will have to go right, including a fast early pace, but if Johnny V. can get his engines revving on the far turn in the clear, he'll be flying late. Can he get there? We'll see, but he'll be a price and is very talented. Very big win bet and using in 1st and 2nd in trifectas for me, I hope I'm correct.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	6	Bright Picture	3-1	4+	\$35 Win #6

Notes:

To be clear, this would have been my Play of the Day, but his price will be too low for that. I think this is one of the more likely winners on the day. I talked about #6 **Bright Picture** quite a bit on the Thursday show, so I won't go on too much here. He's a classy Group 3 animal in Europe that is tactical out of the gate usually and is improving. I LOVE that Flavian is riding instead of Euro rider that doesn't understand the track and its bias, which appears to favor horses that are forward. I expect a massive effort and hope Flavian is not too far back and times it right. Bright Picture, in my mind, is simply better than our U.S. horses and with a relatively clean (doesn't have to be perfect) trip wins today.

See next page for Coast-to-Coast P5 Analysis....

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PICK 5

EVERY FRI/SAT/SUN

RETAIL ONLY

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

 **RACE 4 - 5:30 ET**

 **RACE 10 - 5:39 ET**

 **RACE 11 - 6:08 ET**

 **RACE 6 - 6:35 ET**

 **RACE 8 - 7:51 ET**

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First leg starts at approx. 5:30pm EDT; Analysis by Noah Meagher

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
SA4	2,6	1,9	4,5	1,2,6,9	\$1	\$96
GP10	2,7	4	1,5	2,4,7		
GP11	1,3	-	4,7,8,10	1,3		
SA6	7,8,9	6	2,4,5	6,7,8,9		
SA8	2	-	5,6,8,9	2		

***Overall opinion:** I don't know if I've ever given out as expensive of a ticket for this sequence as I've given out today. I thought some of these races were extremely challenging. The first couple races at Santa Anita especially I could've gone deeper than I did, but limited myself to 4 horses in each of those legs. The finale at Gulfstream is probably 1 or 3, so that feels like an obvious spot to narrow down. I'm going to try to catch some prices and get alive to #2 Inbox in the concluding leg of the sequence. In her last start, she got squeezed back at the start, was rank early on, then made a wide sustained move into a slow pace while only losing by a small margin to similar rivals. The inside post is going to be extremely beneficial for her in my opinion. Good luck!!*

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

