KEENELAND Power Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Saturday, October 24, 2026
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Race-Day Overview

Keeneland wraps up its 2026 Fall Meet with a competitive Saturday card highlighted by three stakes races, including the Grade 2 Bryan Station, Grade 3 Hagyard Fayette and Bowman Mill Stakes. With a mix of turf and dirt action throughout the day, horseplayers will have plenty of opportunities to find value across the card. The stakes provide an exciting centerpiece, while the undercard offers its usual mix of competitive fields and intriguing handicapping puzzles.

With the Breeders' Cup approaching next weekend, Saturday serves as one final opportunity to enjoy fall racing in Lexington before the spotlight shifts to championship weekend! Good luck!

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

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:00pm 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	Cost	Stars/Rating
1	7	5,6	3,4	5,6,7	$0.50	$90	3
2	2	3,6	1,5	2,3,6			2.5
3	2,7	-	4,5	2,7			4
4	1	2,6,7,10	4,12	1,2,6,7,10			2
5	1,4	10	5,6,7	1,4			2

6	5	3	1,2	3,5	$0.50	$16	4
7	4,6,10	2	7,9	2,4,6,10			2.5
8	4,11	3,5	8	3,4,5,10			3
9	4	6,7	3,11,12	4			4.5
10	1	10	2,8,9	1			4

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7	6	5
2	2	3	6
3	2	7	5
4	1	2	10
5	1	4	10
6	5	3	2
7	10	6	4
8	11	4	5
9	4	6	7
10	1	10	9

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

The final Late Pick 5 of the meet! This is a sequence I'm going to try and crush several times with some strong opinions on the back end, and it may even end up being more beneficial to do such a thing in the $3 Late Pick 3 or Late Double. Booked is going to be a very short price in the Bowman Mill, and Sassmaster in the finale could be a lean for most as well. However, the middle of this sequence, with the two graded stakes and a tricky maiden race, could be the opportunity to find some prices. Regarding the stakes, in one race I have a horse I have some interest in, and in the other I feel very strongly about and am extremely excited to bet. You'll read about both below. Good luck!

$3 All-Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid & Strategy/Analysis - NO TURF P3 TODAY (☹️)

Noah's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	Bottas	7-2	5	$75 Win #4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND! Bottas is coming into today's G2 Bryan Station in raging form with back to back victories in the G2 Hall of Fame at Saratoga and the Gun Runner S. at Kentucky Downs. His Hall of Fame victory is important to me because he's shown he can be effective when sitting closer to the pace, which Tyler can utilize if the pace isn't all that hot up front, and it projects to be mild at best. The effort in the Gun Runner was equally, if not more impressive than two back because the pace held together completely, while Bottas rallied from 6 lengths out of it to win. And it's not like he just got up in the knick of time, Jose knew what he had, and crossed the wire with plenty more in the tank. Based on the figs, he's not one of those overlaying favorites you often see, and you know Remember Mamba is going to take plenty of money, so we may see him go off at 3-1 or so. If he's as good as I think he is, 3-1 is a gift in my opinion.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	5	Booked	6-5	5	$25 Exacta - 5 / 3

Notes:

G3 Sanford winner **Booked** has climbed the graded stakes ranks in his last three starts, the most recent being a third place finish in the G1 Hopeful up at the Spa. He ran fairly well considering the slow break, but he did something similar when finishing 2nd behind Twinkle Town in the G2 Saratoga Special. A small part of me thinks it might have become a habit, but I also feel pretty confident that he's plenty good enough to overcome that if that really is the case. I'll try the exacta with the 3 in 2nd for value purposes.

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	1	Annelle	10-1	3	$20 WP #1

Notes:

One of only two turf races on the day, Race 5 is definitely one of the more difficult races on the card in my opinion. They are all so evenly matched, and with the favorite drawing post 12, it seems like even more of a reason to go price shopping. **Annelle** actually finished up a few lengths behind the favorite Sneakily last time out, but watching that back, Saez made zero attempt to try to save ground and was hung out wide for most of the journey. She also found herself 3 or 4 paths off the rail on both turns two back at Ellis, which was after a dull effort in July that I think you can forgive considering the long layoff prior. The rail is a big plus for her today, and in an ideal world, Johnny V finds himself either in the pocket or midpack with some cover.

Other 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)
3	2	Mr. Tapps	6-1	4	$50 Win 2 | $25 Exacta - 7 / 2
Notes:					
Mr. Tapps is the horse I touted on our weekly Leaderboard show on Tuesday night's, and even suggested these bets above could be contest wagers. I thought he ran solid first time out when he blitzed to the lead around the far turn, opened up a bit, then just got a little leg weary late. But it was 9 furlongs on debut, and he was 17-1, so clearly he ran better than expected. With that start under his belt, he now will presumably be vying for 2nd choice with the 4, who he just beat pretty handily, and the 5, who has had plenty of chances at short prices. McCarthy is 23% in dirt routes at Keeneland over the last 5 years, and his win and 2nd place finish so far this meet both fall under that category. I do respect the 7 off of that 90 beyer in late August, so I'll include the 7 / 2 exacta and dutch those as best as possible.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	11	Willy D's	8-1	3.5	$25 Win #11
Notes:					
This year's G3 Fayette has some very interesting storylines with questions about some horses that need to be answered. Is Hit Show still a graded stakes quality animal? Is Stars and Stripes as good as his 100 beyer in the G1 JCGC indicates? I'm leaning towards answering no to both of those questions, which is why I'm taking a shot with **Willy D's**. This 5yo gelding has won 3 of his last 4, with his only loss coming in the slop in the G1 Stephen Foster against Magnitude, Sovereignty, Baeza, and White Abarrio. Yes, he was 38-1, but if you remember correctly, he was not ridden even remotely aggressively in that race, which eliminated all chances of him performing. People might be a bit skeptical of that win last time in the G2 Charles Town Classic (weird configuration, horses having a large affinity or dislike for the course), but 2nd was Banishing, the 2025 winner, and 3rd was Skippylongstocking, the 2024 winner. These horses had proven to be dangerous, and Willy D's stuffed them in a locker. The one concern I have is him getting over from post 11, but there's really no speed to his inside, so it hopefully shouldn't be a problem.					

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

Race #	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
2	$25 Daily Double	2 / 2	$25
5	$20 Daily Double	1,4 / 5	$40
9	$50 Daily Double	4 / 1	$50

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

