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Race-Day Overview

Excited to bring you today's Power Picks Tip Sheet...first, we'll discuss the Late P5 for TUESDAY (originally today) at Keeneland...ALL-STAKES LATE P5. For purposes of this tip sheet, we'll assume the stake races STAY ON GRASS, but of course check for scratches and changes.

Then, we'll head off to NY and Aqueduct for their super Wood Memorial Day card, featuring a juicy Late P5 with several stake races and excellent fields. The Top 2 finishers are practically guaranteed to qualify for a spot in the Ky. Derby starting gate.

Finally, the Late P4 tomorrow (Sun.) at Santa Anita per usual...great sequence with big fields. Good luck this weekend!!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.12** (\$1,743.06 / 822)

YTD: **\$2.18** (\$152.70 / 70)

Racetrack: Keeneland Racecourse (FOR TUESDAY)

Howard Kravets' Grid: ALL-GRADED STAKES Late Pick 5 (does NOT include the last race carded, R11)

R6 starts at 3:40pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
6	1,3	2	8	1,2,3	\$0.50 P5	\$90
7	2,6	10	3,5,8,11,12	2,6,10		
8	2,8	6	7	2,8		
9	1,2,3	4,10	-	1,2,3,4,10		
10	3	1,5	6	1,3		



Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,3	2,8	6	1,2,3	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	2,11	5,6,10	3,8	2,6,10,11	-	-
8	2,8	6,7	4	2,8	-	-
9	1,2,4	3,5	10	1,4	-	-
10	3,6	1,5	4	1,3,5,6	-	-

Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,8	2,6	3,10	1,3,6,8,10	\$1.50 P5	\$90
7	2,10	6,11	3	2,10		
8	2,6	8	4,7	2		
9	2,4	1	3,10	1,2,4		
10	1,5	6	3	1,5		

Late P5 Analysis (R6 - 10): **(Yellow background denotes Plays of the Day!!)**

With the horrific weather Lexington received the last few days, it's really hard to know what will happen with the two turf races (R6 and R9). I know people are expecting them to run on the VERY soft turf, but I'm not sure they will...those races might be canceled entirely...we'll see. We will assume, for purposes of this analysis, that it will be run on soft turf. If run on dirt, you're on your own...many don't have fast dirt form at all. My biggest stands will be in R7,R8, and R10. I'll be using many backups in R7, but mainly #2, 6, and 10. I like Burnham Square in the Blue Grass and would only go 2-3 deep in that small field. R6 and R9, the two turf races, would be spready for me due to the uncertainty of the course, how it'll play, if horses like the soft going, etc....just too many variables not to spread deeply in those events.



The following are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Hoist the Gold	9-2	3	\$20 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 2,10 Smaller Exactas: 2,10 / 6

Notes: Of course, these stake races are loaded with good horses. Even though I like the upside of the #2 better, #6 Hoist the Gold has a lot going for him today. He's faced VERY good horses throughout his career, and got a much-needed rest recently. He came back with a solid, albeit slower effort at the FG, but should be primed now for his best. He'll have to be very good, b/c this field is nice. He's won over this track before and is working well, plus should sit a great trip stalking the speedy #2 and others. I think Hoist still has really good efforts still in him even though he's facing younger "up-and-comers." Trip will be everything here.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Emery	3-1	4	\$25 Win #2

Notes: The G1 Madison never seems to disappoint....always one of the best filly and mare dirt sprinters in the country, and today is no different. Likely candidates include the #2, 6, and 8. I've been a huge fan of Emery before, and you've likely seen her on these Picks in the past. She lost a heartbreaker last time to #8 Mystic Lake, but "Lake" had more things to like that day than Emery. Today could be different...Emery gets a nice inside slot, should stalk the pace comfortably, has upside, and has been working well. She's better a few lengths with a target, and that's what she gets today. It'll take her "A" effort to win this challenging race. Again, trip will be huge.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Run Carson	6-1	2	\$10 WP #1 Trifectas: 1 / 2,3,4,10 / All 2,3,4,10 / 1/ All

Notes: There's very little NOT to like about the rail horse for Trainer Kelsey Danner, #1 Run Carson. You could say surface (soft turf), but other than the #4 Euro, you could practically say the same for everyone. Run Carson has won at the distance, been on the lead and just off in his wins, won from different post positions, and been effective between 5-6f too. I'm more concerned about the rail than the soft turf...they won't run him on soft conditions if they didn't think he'd handle it. Sometimes the turf can be softer down on the rail, we'll see on Tuesday. He's only 4yo and has major upside, while many here are proven but on the downside of their careers. Highly doubt he'll be 6-1, I'm guessing more 9-2 at best. Johnny V in the irons also a plus.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Burnham Square	9-2	5	\$30 Win #3
Notes: This is the BIG ONE of the day, and MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The Blue Grass S, won last year by Sierra Leone, is the last major prep outside of California for the 3yo's on the Road to the Ky. Derby. And this field has come up unusually small with 7 runners signed on. #3 Burnham Square was a bit disappointing last time, losing to Sovereignty and River Thames (rail horse today). But the race before that at GP was VERY good. Trainer Wilkes has tightened the screws on him, and he needs points to get into the Derby, like most in this race. There are two key factors for me, distance and pace. He's one of only a few today that probably want longer, and I believe between the #1, 4, and 5, there has to be decent early speed used. I'm not saying Speed King v. Cornucopian meltdown, but honest at least. Burnham probably won't win if someone gets loose on an easy lead, but he'll make a big run late in a field with only one other confirmed closer, #6 Chancer McPatrick...and I'm not sure that one wants 9 furlongs or two turns for that matter. If we get 9-2 on "Burnham", that would be a gift as far as I'm concerned. I'll play him in exactas too in case he doesn't win. Expecting 3-1 & a big, winning effort from this one today. Maybe he's onto the Derby as a closer who'd love the Churchill Downs long stretch?					

Racetrack: Aqueduct

Late Pick 5; R9 – 13, Post 4:34pm EST

Howard Kravets' Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
9	2	-	3,7,8	2	\$0.50 P5	\$90
10	2,5	7	1	2,5,7		
11	3,8	4,6	7	3,4,6,8		
12	6,10	1,2,5	7	1,2,5,6,10		
13	3,10	9	-	3,9,10		

Late P5 Analysis

The Wood Memorial Day Late Pick 5 has 4 stakes, nice fields, and competitive racing. There's a chance it could pay nicely...there's also a possibility chalk could reign. Speaking of "reign", there's precipitation in the forecast, but not a complete washout. We'll see what Mother Nature has in store for the NY area, but I'm handicapping for possible wet conditions on the dirt and will favor horses that have good wet dirt form and/or breeding.

I'm taking a stand in R9 while backing up with others, spreading the most in R11 and R12 and then going relatively thin in the last, R13. I have some "clever" ideas with price horses, so while I recognize some of the favorites could be tough in these legs, there's room for creativity.

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Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	5	Donegal Momentum	8-1	5	\$20 WP #5 BIG Exactas: 5 / 1,2,7 Smaller Exactas: 1,2,7 / 5

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT! #5 Donegal Momentum is an interesting horse for Trainer Tom Morley. He's really good and underrated. He's been racing on turf lately, and doing it well, but started his career on dirt and broke his maiden in a very nice way in the slop, hmmm. Morley has pointed him to here, so I'm not worried one bit about the surface change. He doesn't need the lead and will most likely stalk mid-pack vs. this field with some early (not blazing) speed signed on. He has two local works since his win in New Orleans and it's all systems go for me. I'm expecting a big effort and hope he is not the favorite...would upgrade slightly if the dirt has moisture inside of it. No one blows me away, and he has as good a chance as any to win given the right trip. 8-1 would be the steal of a century, I'm expecting more like 4-1.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	10	McAfee	20-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show Trifectas: 10 / 1,2,5,6 / 1,2,5,6,7 1,6 / 10 / 1,2,5,6,7 1,6 / 1,2,5,6,7 / 10

Notes:

I've had some nice success in the past (especially lately) tipping out big underneath horses in stake races (such as Flying Mohawk (9-1) in the Jeff Ruby Steaks S. and Render Judgement (21-1) in the Virginia Derby). Here's another one.....I'm not expecting a win, but a great chance to hit the board at a big price, plus an "insanity" win bet and small trifecta keying him on top just in case, and use in the Pick 5 defensively. That horse is #10 McAfee for Trainer Dutrow, who's horses can run big when the lights are brightest. There's a few things I like here....1) It's an aggressive spot 2nd off the layoff 2) He's a half-brother to the great Thorpedo Anna, so the breeding and chance for improvement stretching out is there (plus sire Cloud Computing won the Preakness) 3) I like the jockey upgrade to Eric Cancel 4) If you watch carefully last time, he was ready to make a big move, then got steadied a bit and lost his momentum, only to make a good wide move, then flattened out late in a race where the speed held together. I just think there's a lot of early speed in the race, and it could melt down a bit with this one making a good late run to get into the money. Sneaky-good ownership connections...they know what they're doing.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	10	Sohana	5-1	4	\$10 WP #10

Notes: In a race where the presumed top choices don't exude confidence, I'll go with a well-connected horse off a layoff to win the finale. #10 Sohana for Brad Cox was staked last year vs. pretty good NY-Bred 3yo fillies, and ran just fine. Even though she usually shows a lot of early speed, she has rated a bit too in previous races. I'm hoping she's matured from 3-to-4 yrs. old and is ready to go after 6 local works despite not running since last July. She should sit a nice trip assuming she breaks from the outside, stalk and pounce. Hope the distance is not too far off the layoff.

SANTA ANITA - SUNDAY

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 4

R9 starts at 7:30pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
9	9,11	1,5	2,3	1,5,9,11	\$0.50 P4	\$48
10	2	10,(11)	4,6	2		
11	4,6	8,9	1,10	1,4,6,8,9,10		
12	3,4,7	10	-	3,4,7,10		

Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 2,10 / 4,6,8,9 / 3,4,7 (\$72)

Small Budget: 2 / 4,6 / 3,4,7 (\$18)

\$5 Late Double:

Big Budget: 4,6,8,9 / 3,4,7 (\$60)

Small Budget: 4,6 / 3,4,7 (\$30)

Key Horse of the Sequence: Last week's runner came through for us at a generous 7-2. Let's see if we can repeat the same performance!

This week, I'll go with #6 Extensive in R11. This is a challenging, excellent allowance race with some talented runners. Extensive is trained by McCarthy and ridden by Frey. I like his tactical speed, but he doesn't need the lead. He's got plenty of upside and just needs the right set-up...he'd be best sitting just off the pace and not get caught up in a potential speed duel. If Frey can get him into a good position on the first turn, he should kick on late and have enough to hold off veteran closers like #8 Ghazaaly. Horizontally, I'd spreading my Late P3, 4, and 5, but vertically, it's a straight win bet on #6 Extensive. If I get 5-2 I'd be happy.

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

