

# Power Picks

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## Race-Day Overview

*The calm before the storm with Derby Weekend looming.....solid racing in NY and Gulfstream as we're only 1 week away from the "Greatest Two Minutes in Sports", the 152nd running of the Kentucky Derby! Let's build our bankroll for the big weekend!*

*Aqueduct has nice big fields, and Gulfstream has stakes action abound as Fla-Breds gather for good fields and purses in S. Florida. FYI, Churchill opens their big Spring Meet today also, but since we're obviously covering CD next weekend like a glove, I decided to skip their card for today. Of course, check out Noah's analysis of the Coast-to-Coast Pick 5 bet at the end of the tip sheet as well, sponsored by our great friends at Santa Anita.*

***\*\*We have a special live show today starting at 1:45pm EDT on our YT Channel as we analyze the Ky. Derby and Oaks post position draw in real time.***

***CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES AS USUAL...NY IS EXPECTING RAIN AND COULD BE OFF THE TURF. GOOD LUCK!***

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.12** (\$2,287.08 / 1077)

2026: **\$3.12** (\$261.70 / 84)

**2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.65** (\$102.12 / 28)

## Today's Picks

***\*\* For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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: Aqueduct

**Any picks in BROWN for Howard are dirt choices IF grass races are rained off.**

### Howard Kravets' LP5 ABC Grid - R7 starts at 3:46pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1	9	2,3,8	1,9	\$0.50 LP5	\$48 / \$24
7	3 / 13,14	5,8 / 5	4 / 7	3,5,8 / 13,14	-	-
8	2,5,8 / 8,10	3,7 / 1,3	9 / -	1,5,6,8 / 8,10	-	-
9	2,3	5,7	9	2,3	-	-
10	4,6 / 4,10,13	7,9 / 7	-	4,6 / 4,10,13	-	-

### Paul Halloran's LP5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,8	1,3	5,9	1,2,3,8	\$.50 P5 \$1 P5	Turf \$96/ Dirt \$96
7	Turf 3,8	Turf 4,5	Turf 6	Turf 3,4,5,8		
	Dirt 13,14	Dirt 7	Dirt 1,9	Dirt 13,14		
8	Turf 2,10	Turf 5,7	Turf 6	Turf 2,10		
	Dirt 10	Dirt 3	Dirt 1	Dirt 3,10		
9	2,3	5,9	6,7	2,3		
10	Turf 3,6	Turf 9		Turf 3,6,9		
1	Dirt 10,13	Dirt 4	Dirt 7,14	Dirt 4,10,13		

### Pete Visco's LP5 ABC Grid:

**NO ABC GRID THIS WEEK**

### Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 6-10

*This is a very tricky situation...as of Friday night, there's a 90% chance of rain in the NY area today. How much and when it falls is a big question. There are three scheduled turf races, and they all COULD be switched to the dirt. If that happens, the fields will be greatly diminished. Therefore, I won't offer much analysis here this week. I will say the two dirt races seem relatively formful to me, and as I don't see big prices winning those races.*

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## 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	1	Bramito	7-2	4	\$15 WP #1

### Notes:

At 6yo, **#1 Bramito** seems to be in a terrific form cycle. There's enough early speed to set up his closing kick, and has run well on wet dirt if it comes up sloppy. His main competitor, #9 Dreamlike, just refuses to win and loves to pick up the pieces late without winning. Johnny V. takes over the reins, and he's 2nd off the layoff with consistent works. If the speed comes back at all, Bramito should be a serious threat late.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Hit the Post	7-2	5	\$25 Win #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 2,5,7 Small Exactas: 2,5,7 / 3

### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT AQUEDUCT!! #3 Hit the Post** is a classy NY-bred who's coming off a layoff. But he's got VERY good early speed, and if ready, should wire this field. He's been staked several times in the past and meets a field that doesn't seem overly imposing to me. Trainer Giddings can get one ready off the layoff, and jockey Elliot, who'll be making his first Derby start next weekend, knows the horse well. He's 1-for-1 on wet dirt and can handle the distance. Single in the Late Pick 5 for me... wire job if breaks well and gets to the front.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	10	**Kay Road	10-1	3	\$10 WP #10 Trifectas: 10 / 4,7,13 / all 4,7,13 / 10 / all

### Notes:

**\*\*This is only a SPOT Play IF THE RACE IS SWITCHED TO DIRT!! #10 Kay Road** is dropping in class, has really good early speed in a race that might not have much after scratches, is working well, and Reylu knows how to get a horse out of the gate. Weak field with horses that don't like to pass others, so why not go with a Spot Play with early speed? We won't get 10-1 after scratches, but probably won't be the favorite either.

## Racetrack: Gulfstream Park

### Howard Kravets' Late LP5 ABC GRID - Race 8 starts at 4:04pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,7	9	1,3	2,7,9	\$0.50 LP5	\$81
8	2	5,6	1	2,5,6	-	-
9	5,6	7	9	5,6,7	-	-
10	1,8	-	3,6	1,8	-	-
11	1	6,8,9	2,3	1,6,8	-	-

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## Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 7-11

*Florida-breds take center stage at Gulfstream, and it's important to watch replays of these horses as many have faced each other before. BUT...some have been in open company affairs and are "dropping down" to face their fellow Fla-breds...that's an angle that is important to recognize today. There are a few standouts, but I'm dubious of their chances and feel like there could be some big upsets today. If not, the sequence will be chalky and probably not yield a good payout.*

### Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Unfaithful Rose	6-1	3	\$10 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 5,7 / 6 Small Exactas: 6 / 5,7

#### Notes:

Here's the "fresh face" of this race. **#6 Unfaithful Rose** has been racing in the Midwest, Louisiana, and Maryland during her career. Now, she takes her talents to S. Beach (sorry, couldn't resist). She gets Junior in the saddle and has the running style that could upset. I know #5 Mythical looks tough here, but she's only won when on the lead, and with the presence of many speed horses (albeit slower early than Mythical), I think there's more early speed signed on. She's inconsistent (Mythical), and although she could win by 2-3 lengths here, I have a sneaky suspicion today will NOT be her day. Let's go with an upset and hope roses are blooming at Gulfstream. We'll go \$1 WP for our Tip Sheet ROI.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Classic Of Course	9-2	4	\$15 WP #1

#### Notes:

I like **#1 Classic Of Course** quite a bit today and almost made him my Play of the Day. He's classy and has been racing at all distances, but it seems connections are settling on making him a sprinter. 6f is simply too short for him, and with the presence of the #2 and #3, there should be more early speed during the first quarter. He came on late last time but wasn't catching Damon's Mound, who might have to work harder today and has to travel a half furlong further. The pace will have to collapse a bit, but I think it will, and Classic Of Course should be flying late at a decent price.

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

#### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULFSTREAM!!** If you watch the replay Let's Go Koko and Souper Zonda ran, you'd see it was a "merry-go-round" race where it was hard to close. With the presence of the #4 here (the key to the race), I expect the pace to be more honest. **#1 Ashima** is not a deep closer, and I hope Junior has this mare in a mid-pack position. I know she's lost to "Zonda" before, but I think today will be different. She's faced many open-company types while many others in this race have mainly been running against state-breds. One good trip and ride, and Ashima will win at around 7-2. I'll take a \$9+ winner to end the day at Gulfstream!!

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SANTA ANITA TRACK GULFSTREAM PARK

COAST-TO-COAST

PICK 5

EVERY FRI/SAT/SUN

RETAIL ONLY

SATURDAY/APR 25

RACE 10 - 4:49 ET

RACE 11 - 5:21 ET

RACE 4 - 5:36 ET

RACE 5 - 6:09 ET

RACE 6 - 6:39 ET

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*First leg starts at approx. 4:49pm EDT; Analysis by Noah Meagher*

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
GP10	8	6	3	8	\$1	\$36
GP11	8,9	6	1,2	6,8,9		
SA4	1,3	7	4	1,3,7		
SA5	2,4	-	6,7,8	2,4		
SA6	3	8	6,7	3,8		

***Overall opinion:** It feels like the theme of Saturday's CTC Pick 5 is that there are solid favorites in each leg, but also some legitimate concerns about said favorites. I'm not being very contrarian by singling right off the bat with Damon's Mound, but the cozy outside post and the favorable pace scenario make him the most likely winner of the sequence in my opinion. After that, it doesn't seem like there's any real opportunity for true chaos, but it's certainly possible that a couple middle price winners stack on top of each other and make this sequence pay well. Good luck!*

YouTube preview...."Wire to Wire Ep. #16": <https://youtube.com/live/Aba65zj2QE0?feature=share>

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



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