

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Well, 2026 started with a bang here on the Tip Sheet with some nice winners as you can see below by the first week ROI. Let's see if we can keep the momentum going as we cover both coasts on today's Power Picks, including the Late P5 at Tampa Bay Downs with two stakes, followed by Santa Anita's Late P5, for which I'll be there in-person while on a quick trip out West visiting family.

Make sure you CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, and watch our CTC show that was presented on Thursday night, plus Picks & Ponies right before that. Good luck today!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.06** (\$2,057.94 / 997)

2026: **\$6.78** (\$27.10 / 4)

2026 Plays of the Day: **\$10.40** (\$10.40 / 1)

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.*

Racetrack: Tampa Bay Downs

Howard Kravets' LP5 ABC Grid – R5 starts at 3pm EDT

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

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

| Race | A | B | C | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|-----|------|------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 1,5 | 3 | \$.50 P5 | \$72 |
| 7 | 4,6 | | 1,2 | 4,6 | | |
| 8 | 3,4 | 2,9 | 1,11 | 1,2,3,4,9,11 | | |
| 9 | 3,5 | 7 | 9,12 | 3,5,7 | | |
| 10 | 6,7 | 1,10 | 5 | 1,6,7,10 | | |

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

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

Howard's Late P5 Analysis - Races 6-10

Certainly, the first two legs of this interesting Pick 5 could be singles. But I don't trust one in particular, #6 Drexel Hill in R7, who is the OBVIOUS horse to beat and probably will win. Just concerned there will be a potential speed-favoring surface. I'll go 3-deep there and instead single the first leg, which is admittedly more risky but will yield a bigger payout too if I'm right. The last three legs, R8-10, are much more spreads with likely but not obvious contenders. I'd spread the most in R9, a completely inscrutable maiden race with unimpressive runners who already have hit the track, and questionable first-time starters. That's where the price will come in, I believe. Hope to cast a wide net there and hit the last race, another turf affair with many possible winners.

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 | 4 | Lightscape | 3-1 | 5 | \$25 Win #4 "Saver" Exacta: 3,4 |

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT TAMPA BAY!! The Gasparilla S. kicks off the stakes action at Tampa, and #4 **Lightscape** is the play here. Even though she does not prove to be faster on paper in her one career start, in which she won, Lightscape showed the type of professionalism I really like to see first out. She broke a tad slow, then took dirt, but seemed no worse for the wear by tipping out 3-4 wide and winning easily over a fairly weak field. I see no reason, based on breeding and connections, that 7f will be a problem, and there's plenty of early gas to set up her close in this smallish field. Jockey Marin

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has been excellent so far this meet, and the daughter of Practical Joke should improve with racing...Trainer Proctor doesn't usually win first out, so this filly blew threw that stat in her career start. I'd be shocked if we're getting anything above 9-5, but that could be value in this small field. Single in the Pick 5 over the favored #3?

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s) |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 | 4 | Mystic Sea | 9-2 | 3 | \$15 WP #4 BIG EXACTAS: 4 / 2,3 Smaller Exactas: 2,3 / 4 |

Notes:

A very tough allowance race is in front of us for R8. I'm going with a Mott-trained horse who just might be getting his act together, **#4 Mystic Sea**. I like the way she won last time, albeit on GP Tapeta. She was 3-4 wide on the first turn, but sustained her stretch move and was never getting caught through the wire. I don't see a ton of early speed here, and I hope the jockey Centeno shows some aggression early in the race to be relatively up close. Maybe she's turning the corner talent-wise, and the possible favorite on the rail did NO RUNNING last time. Unless that one improves, Mystic Sea is better than her. I'm fading the #1 completely....if she beats me, so be it.

Racetrack: Santa Anita

Howard Kravets' ABC P5 Grid – R6 starts at 5:30pm EDT

| Race | A | B | C | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|-----|---------|----------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 6 | 3,7 | 5,6,8 | 10 | 3,5,6,7,8 | \$0.50 P5 | \$75 |
| 7 | 2 | 1,3,8 | 6,7 | 2 | | |
| 8 | 3,8 | 5,7 | 9,10,11 | 3,8 | | |
| 9 | 4 | 2,3,8,9 | 7 | 2,3,4,8,9 | | |
| 10 | 2,4 | 11 | 3,8,9,12 | 2,4,11 | | |

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 6 - 10

A combination of nice allowance races and low-level claimers dots the Late P5 landscape at Santa Anita today. FYI, they do have two stakes earlier in the card, but small fields. I'll spread quite a bit in R6 and R9, while I'll go skinny in R7,8, and 10. The key to the sequence is probably R8, which looks tough on a paper, but I think the #3 and #8 stick out. If you can get alive to the last race, the #2 and #4 seem likely to me, but there are plenty others that could step up and win. The \$3 Turf P3, R6,8, and 10, is a really fun bet today. FYi, rails are all the way down, set at 0 ft. In theory, that helps closers, pay attention to the way the turf plays.

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 | 7 | Lady Rider | 5-1 | 3 | \$10 WP #7 |

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| | | | | | Trifectas: 7 / 3,5,6,8 / 3,5,6,8,10 3 / 7 / 5,6,8,10 |
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Notes:
Very difficult race to start the Late P5. In general, I'm very much against #6 Cloudy Women at 5-2. **Lady Rider** for Cerin has only one lifetime start on turf, her last, and it was a good one. She showed tactical speed, which will be helpful here. The dam was a turf/syn horse and the sibs did well on turf too. There are no killers in this field, and despite the short layoff, she's been working just fine and more improvement is possible, although I'm not sure it's that necessary to beat this weak field. Hope JJ is aggressive early and gives this filly her best chance.

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s) |
|--------|---------|--------------------|------|-------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 7 | 2 | No More Ding Dongs | 3-1 | 2 | \$15 WP #2 BIG Exacta: 2/6 Small Exacta: 6/2 |

Notes:
The reason why I have only a two-star rating for #2 No More Ding Dongs is because this is a low-class race, so I don't trust many. But the horse I REALLY don't trust is the 6-5 ML #6 Handsome Ticket. No More Ding Dongs is in great form for the level and has inside speed. I hope he sits the pocket and goes by late. Jockey knows the horse well, and if I'm right about the #6, there aren't a lot of other options. It could fall apart for a closer to, but I'll take my chances here. Either Handsome Ticket wins for fun, or gets upset at very low odds....why is he in for the \$10k?

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s) |
|--------|---------|--------------|------|-------|--------------------------|
| 8 | 5 | Gem Mint Ten | 6-1 | 5 | \$5 WIn, \$20 Place/Show |

Notes:
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SANTA ANITA!! Ok, I got a few things to say. First off, I own a small percentage of Gem, so yes, I'm biased. And, this is purely AN UNDERNEATH PLAY! For our ROI, we're going \$1 Place/Show. Gem has been in VERY difficult spots this year in NY, facing much tougher and races with a lot of early speed. He's best forward, but doesn't have to have the lead. He also WANTS FIRM TURF and gets that today, something he always hasn't had this year. Now, he's probably not as good as he was last year, but really has had no chance. If he can find a spot early and they don't go crazy up front, I think he'll run his best race in a long while, and he should be closer to 10-1, but might not be. **AND HERE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING (and I'm joking a bit here, fyi....): THE LAST TIME I WAS AT THE TRACK TO SEE GEM IN-PERSON, HE WON AT SARATOGA LAST SUMMER!! IT'S MEANT TO BE, LET'S GO GEM!!**

Coast-to-Coast (CTC) Pick 5 Preview

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SATURDAY/JAN 10

- RACE 8 - 3:50 ET
- RACE 4 - 4:30 ET
- RACE 11 - 5:20 ET
- RACE 6 - 5:30 ET
- RACE 8 - 6:30 ET

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Below is my ABC Grid for the CTC Pick 5 today at GP and SA. It's a low takeout (15%), \$1 base bet with no CAW's allowed (retail only).

| Race | A | B | C | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|-----|---------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| GP8 | 3,5 | 1,4,8 | 6 | 1,3,5,8 | \$1 | \$96 |
| SA4 | 9 | 1,2,3,8 | 4,7,12 | 1,8,9 | | |
| GP11 | 7 | 6,8,9 | 1,6,11 | 7,9 | | |
| SA6 | 3,7 | 5,6,8 | 10 | 3,7 | | |
| SA8 | 3,8 | - | 5,7,9, 10,11 | 3,8 | | |

Overall opinion: In terms of difficulty, this Coast to Coast P5 ranks pretty high, especially due to Santa Anita R4, a MaidenSpWt. on the turf where we can't see the board (odds) before placing our CTC bet and there's a lot of guessing. The Gulfstream Park races could be a bit formful, but they're big fields with no real standouts. I do believe #7 Ashima in GPR11 could be a single, as she's in great form and appears to be the class of the race, but her speed figs don't blow away this competitive field. The other two SA races, #6 and #8, also have big fields, but I'm taking some stands in there unless you want to spend a huge amount of your bankroll on this bet. Really fun sequence that should absolutely pay nicely.

Wire to Wire Ep. #2: <https://youtube.com/live/MCRqRSKBKVo?feature=share>

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

