



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Apr. 6
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Opening Day at Keeneland Spring Meet 2025! Although it took another 48 hours to get here, we made it! We'll be bringing you fantastic coverage of this year's meet so you're not going to want to miss out.

The highlights of the day are the 2 stakes races, the Palisades and the G2 Beaumont. The stakes action begins in the Palisades with 3yo's going 5.5 furlongs. This race will most likely be taken off the turf and run on the main track. That change is reflected in the picks below, but pay attention and be ready to adjust. Which 3yo will assert themselves as one of the top contenders in this division?

Today's feature is the Grade 2 Beaumont Stakes as 3yo fillies go 7 furlongs over a muddy racetrack. Can Eclatant repeat her impressive victory? Can Stunner take this field gate to wire? Does Verity have the class to compete with both? Who can get over the surface? Lots of questions to be answered during this year's rendition.

In terms of weather, it can't get much worse than it already has been. Looks like there could be some scattered rain throughout the day. Check for scratches and changes, and be prepared to spend some money considering the field sizes and competition. Good luck on Opening Day!

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.*

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!



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ABC Grid - Post Time 1pm 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	Caveman Cost	Stars/Rating
1	3,12	9,10	5	3,12	\$0.50	\$20 (\$40)	3
2	4,(14)	2,6	9	4,(14)			4
3	10	9	-	9,10			4
4	11	4,5,8,9	-	4,5,8,9,11			3
5	10	2	13	2,10			3
6	2,9	-	4,5,7,10	2,9	\$0.50	\$60	5
7	2,8	1,5,(13)	6,10,11	2,8			4
8	1,8	-	3	1,8			3
9	5	1,6	-	1,5,6			3
10	3,12,13	6,9	8	3,6,9,12,13			2

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

We've got an interesting Late Pick 5 sequence on Opening Day, highlighted by the G2 Beaumont. I'll personally be trying to beat the #1 Eclatant because of the trip and pace she got as well as the inside draw she gets today. Stunner could certainly wire this field, but don't sleep on the Godolphin runner Verity coming from Turfway. The first two legs of the sequence are races you could certainly get prices in, and I've got a few I'm interested in down below. The last race on the card is also very wide open and could very well be decided by early tactics. Pay attention to how the early part of the card is playing and make adjustments accordingly. Good luck!

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	12 - Daphne Blue	3 - Givemethebeat	10 - Dragon Navy
2	4 - Shortstop	14 - Task Force	6 - Baobab
3	10 - Quietly	9 - New Rome	8 - Twirling Good Time
4	11 - Jack's Promise	8 - Art Fair	5 - Piquant
5	10 - Chilled	2 - Just Better	13 - Brought Ferry
6	2 - Especially	9 - Justinqueso	7 - Indeed
7	8 - High Note	2 - Salted	13 - Protective Custody
8	1 - Long Neck Paula	8 - Absolutely Hot	3 - Normandy Coast
9	5 - Stunner	6 - Verity	1 - Eclatant
10	3 - Deterministic	12 - Lagynos	13 - Signator



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Noah's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	8	High Note	8-1	5	\$25 Win #8

Notes: High Note is 2nd time starter for Chad Brown who debuted going 2 turns down at Tampa Bay Downs. She didn't do a ton of running, but she had a HUGE gallop out and should relish the mile and an eighth. Chad throws blinkers on as well to keep her focused throughout. High Note's sibs are 4/7 on the win end in races on a muddy surface.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
9	5	Stunner	3-1

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds
6	2	Especially	8-1

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)
2	4	Shortstop	7-2	3	Small exactas 2,6,14 / 4 BIG exactas: 4 / 2,6,14

Notes: Shortstop isn't your typical 0/9 filly. She goes long for the first time in her career, her breeding suggests she can handle it, and she's dropping in for a career low level, which many trainers do to get a win here at Keeneland. I love those Turfway shippers this time of year, and she gets a big upgrade in Irad Ortiz.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	11	Jack's Promise	9-2	3	\$20 Win #11

Notes: Jack's Promise finally got his picture taken after start #7 last time, but with time that effort has become better and better. He beat two next out winners, one of which came back to upset at 26-1 on Florida Derby Day, and all runners have come back to increase their beyer by 5,12, and 15 pts. This outside post is perfect for him as Saez can break, look to his left, and stay as clean as possible with today's conditions

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	2	Especially	8-1	4	\$25 Win #2

Notes: Especially should be close to 8-1 with how slow she is in comparison to the rest of the group. But she's a filly that keeps learning ten folds after every start, and it showed last time in her maiden score. She was wide throughout, made a sustained bid to take the lead, and fought to keep it. She had a really nice work with Amber Cascade, and I expect another big improvement from her.



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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
1	\$5 Daily Double	3,12 / 4	\$10
6	\$10 Daily Double	2,9 / 8	\$20
9	\$10 Daily Double	5 / 3	\$10

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

