



KEENELAND 

Power

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Friday, April 10, 2026
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Race-Day Overview

Day 5 of the 2026 Spring Meet. I arrived on the hallowed grounds Wednesday in time for the second race and will be here through Sunday. The racing is spectacular and the weather is perfect – sorry, Howard, nothing to talk about. That’s good because the turf races today are tremendous.

Going in reverse chronological order, the feature, the Grade 1 Maker’s Mark, brings us the return of 2025 Breeders’ Cup Mile champ Notable Speech, who was 0-4 in Europe last year, but 2-2 in North America, winning the Woodbine Mile and the Breeders’ Cup at Del Mar. World-class connections - Godolphin/Appleby/Buick - and a world-class horse. But he will have to earn it in his 5-year-old debut in a very good field that has six Grade 1 winners in it.

The sub-feature, the Limestone, is also contentious and headed by a BC champion – Cy Fair, who beat the boys in the Juvenile Turf Sprint. Also making her seasonal bow, she is clearly best on paper, but coming off a 161-day layoff and will be a solid favorite, so no one can be blamed for trying to beat her.

The \$3 Turf Pick 3 – thank you again, Jim Goodman – starts in race 5 and I love a horse in there. Read on and as always, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!

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	2,6	1,4	7	\$0.50 P5	\$60	4
2	5,12	2,6	11	2,5,6,11,12	-	-	3
3	1,12	5,11	9,13(AE)	1,5,11,12	-	-	4
4	3,4	1	2,6	1,3,4	-	-	3
5	8,10	3,6	1,12	8,10	-	-	5
6	2,4	3	1	2,3,4	\$.50 P5	\$96	3
7	9,10	1,4,5	2,11,12	9,10	-	-	4
8	4,6	7	5	4,6	-	-	4
9	1,4	2,10	5,6	1,2,4,10	-	-	4
10	2,7	5,9	1	2,5,7,9	-	-	3

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7 - Curahee	6 - Bebedouro	1 - King of Kentucky
2	5 - Twenty Two Black	12 - He's All Heart	6 - Market Watch
3	1 - Touch of Fire	12 - Doctrine	11 - Chambersville
4	3 - Arthur Jr	4 - Maximum Promise	1 - Hot Property
5	8 - Bracelet	10 - Onemoredance	3 - Somethinabouther
6	2 - Great Moment	4 - Mizzou	3 - Puteketeke
7	9 - Cy Fair	10 - Snow Face Princess	11 - Slay the Day
8	6 - She's a Gemma	4 - Cut to the Chase	7 - Going Steady
9	4 - Notable Speech	1 - Rhetorical	2 - One Stripe
10	2 - Chappelle	7 - I'm Trouble	5 - Swaging

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R7 - 11)

I think your strategy in this sequence has to start with the Maker's Mark. Do you single Notable Speech and try to spread elsewhere where it's needed, or look to create value by beating a solid favorite? The problem is, there are several viable alternatives to consider: Rhetorical, One Stripe, Zulu Kingdom, Deterministic. A similar situation exists in the Limestone, where Cy Fair looks very tough, but there are even more potential upsetters. If you're playing caveman I think you have to be able to hit it with at least one of those two losing, then press up tickets that include both. You have the benefit of watching the board before the first leg, a maiden special weight dirt sprint. Overall, I would say the risk/reward factor for the sequence is medium and I think the payoff will reflect that.

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	8,10	3	6	8,10	\$3 P3	\$48
7	9,10	-	1,4,11	9,10	-	-
9	1,4	2,10	-	1,2,4,10	-	-

\$3 All-Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - (R5, R7, R9)

If Cy Fair and Notable Speech both win, the payoff will be moderate at best, but as noted above, if you can beat at least one of them there could be value, especially with a \$3 base. Even with Notable Speech's impressive credentials, I would be inclined to spread in that leg to try to get a winner whose odds in the P3 are higher than the win odds on the board.

Paul's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	8	Bracelet	9-2	5	\$20 Win/Place Exacta 8 / 1,3,6,10,12

Notes:

This second-level turf allowance is an interesting race, with imports from South America and Europe lining up. The most intriguing is the #10 Onemoredance, a filly from Ireland making her first start for Brendan Walsh, who has won at 25% the last five years with foreign shippers. She is 5-13 lifetime, albeit not against top-flight competition. Coming off a lifetime best 97 Timeform figure, she had six works at Palm Meadows in Florida and could be in the thick of it. I really like the #8 Bracelet for Brad Cox, who started the Keeneland meet on fire, winning three graded stakes last Saturday. A \$300,000 yearling purchase, this daughter of Authentic out of a Tapit Mare ran a good fourth in the Mrs. Revere at Churchill Downs last fall, a race won by Lush Lips, the morning line favorite in Saturday's Jenny Wiley Stakes. You can throw out her last race, an off-the-turf Fairgrounds race in which it seems clear Cox left her in just to get her started in 2026. Flavier Prat rode her to victory at KEE last fall and he figures to get a forward trip in a race that you probably want to be toward the front. She has the best Beyer on turf among this group and I look for her to have her picture taken today.

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	7	Curahee	6-5	5	\$20 DD 7 / 2,12

Notes:

#7 Curahee figures to get a good trip from the outside post in this 7-furlong claiming race. A middle-distance turf horse for most of his career, the gelding has two wins, a second and a third on dirt. I love a cutback at 7F and this horse comes in off two routes at FG. Jose Ortiz will likely sit off the frontrunners in a race without much speed and make a winning move on the turn.

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	11	Slay the Day	15-1	3	\$15 WP

Notes:

This looks like a race where if the favorite, #9 Cy Fair, doesn't win, there is a good chance we will get a price, so I'm going to use **#11 Slay the Day**. The daughter of Into Mischief made an impressive turf debut at Gulfstream March 6, winning by 4 lengths. Johnny V stays for trainer Brian Lynch, who is off to a good start at the meet and wins at 25% the last 5 years coming off a win. It won't be easy from the outside, but Johnny has an extra half-furlong from the last time and we will trust he can work out a trip.

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	11	Chambersville	10-1	3	\$15 WP

Notes:

Jose Ortiz will have a much tougher job from the outside with **#11 Chambersville** than his brother, who is on the favorite, #1 Touch of Fire, on the rail, but I'm basing this pick on a return to turf for Chambersville. In three grass routes to start his career, the son of Twirling Candy, whose progeny win at 16% on turf, had a win and a second. The connections had a brief bout of DFS (Derby Fever Syndrome) and ran in the Remsen with a predictable result. The Ken mcPeek trainee comes in off a decent third on the Turfway synthetic, which should set him up for a competitive effort here. Could be more of a reverse tri key play, but I will have a few dollars to win on him as well.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Arthur Jr	6-1	3.5	\$20 WIN 3 EX 3 / 1,2,4 1,2,4 /3

Notes:

Perhaps the price will be lowered by hunch-betting guys who share a name with this gelding, but the 1-13 lifetime record may be a mitigating factor. That notwithstanding, I'm looking for Kinnon LaRose, who took over for Tom Amoss, to pick up his first win in this race. I think even though **#3 Arthur Jr** is more of a forward type, he will benefit from the longer distance, especially in a race without much speed. Jose Ortiz should fit him like a glove in that regard. #2 Profound will take a lot of money and could be OK, but runs on real dirt for the first time. The ML favorite, #4 Maximum Promise, is graded-stakes-placed — on turf, though he does have a dirt win. To summarize, there is no one in this race I'd lose sleep over betting against, so let's go with a price.

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

Race #	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
5	\$10 Exacta	8 / 3,6,10	\$30
9	\$20 Exacta	4 / 1,2	\$40
10	\$2 TRI	2 / 9 / all 2 / all/ 9	\$40

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

