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## Race-Day Overview

*It's the West Coast's Day to shine, as the biggest day in Cali summer racing is later today / tonight as Pacific Classic Day is here. Plenty of great stakes and high-class races. We'll start the tip sheet with the Del Mar Late P5, which doesn't start until 8pm EDT tonight. Will Knightsbridge follow up his 122 Beyer effort with another win at odds on?*

*Then, we'll look at the Late P5 at Saratoga, featuring Counting Stars in the G1 Alabama for 3yo fillies. Of course, this sequence begins MUCH before the Del Mar Late P5.*

**Finally, make sure you go to our YouTube Channel starting at 8:15pm EDT tonight for "Weekend Warriors" with Howard, Andrew, Paul, Noah, and perhaps Matt. CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK TODAY!!**

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

\*Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.12** (\$2,480.56 / 1169)

2026: **\$2.58** (\$454.50 / 176)

**2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.13** (\$172.14 / 55)

## 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: Del Mar

### Howard Kravets' LATE PICK 5; R7 starts at 8pm EDT

| Race | A      | B        | C       | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|--------|----------|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 7    | 2,4,5  | 6,7,(13) | 1,8,10  | 2,4,5,6,7     | \$0.50 LP5  | \$90         |
| 8    | 5,8    | 4        | 6,7,9   | 4,5,8         | -           | -            |
| 9    | 3,9    | -        | 4,10    | 3,9           | -           | -            |
| 10   | 6,7,11 | 4        | 2,3,5,9 | 6,7,11        | -           | -            |
| 11   | 7,12   | 2,9      | 6,11    | 7,12          | -           | -            |

Since Pete and Paul covered Saratoga on Picks & Ponies this week, their ABC Grids will show up later in the Tip Sheet with the Saratoga LP5 Preview. For Del Mar analysis by Noah and Jackson, please watch the "Pacific Horseplayers" show from this past Thursday night.

### Howard's Stakes Analysis

**WHAT A LATE PICK 5 TODAY!!** 2 high-class allowances races followed by 3 graded stakes, including the G1 \$1million Pacific Classic! It's one of the best if not THE BEST horizontal sequence all meet at Del Mar. Here's my general thought....the first leg is tough, so I would use many. I'm not a big fan of the ML fave (#10) and would only use defensively if at all. In R8, I'm focusing on mainly two with the #5 and #8...I'll put a win bet on the #8 if I get 3-1 or higher. In the G1 DM Oaks, I'll chalk out using the #3 and #9 and back up with the #4 and #10. Then it's the big one....I just don't believe Knightsbridge is trustworthy today, so I'll back up with him but mainly use others, including horses that want to come from the back of the pack with the anticipated quick early pace. This race could produce a big win mutual. I'll focus on the #7 and #12 in the last, the DM Mile. If I'm alive to those two, I'd be ecstatic. Fun bet, could pay VERY nice, unless Knightsbridge wins at 7-5 and other likely winners find the finish line first.

### 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)                                                         |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8      | 8       | Clouseau   | 5-1  | 3     | \$25 Win #8<br>BIG Exacta: 8 / 4,5<br>Smaller Exactas: 4,5 / 8 |

#### Notes:

**#8 Clouseau** faces many that raced together on July 18th. Although the fig came back fine, the visual wasn't very impressive, so I'll go with a horse that did NOT run in that race. Clouseau is a NICE Cal-Bred who's won close to \$500k and is off a mini-layoff. He was a vet scratch on July 18th, hence the break in the works...THAT IS A CONCERN, but there are two works since and was in very good form before the scratch. The Clocker's Report gave him a B- and B for those two works since that vet scratch...good enough for me. Two turns is no problem and he figures to sit a nice stalking trip. His last two races would win this race, and go back further to more solid efforts vs. tougher. He's very logical with the right trip...look for him to be a few lengths off the leaders and launch on the far turn.

# Power Picks

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name   | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                                                                                                                                 |
|--------|---------|--------------|------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10     | 6       | Original Sin | 15-1 | 5     | \$10 Win, \$25 Place/Show #6<br>Trifectas: 6 / 4,7,11 / 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,11<br>7,11 / 6 / 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,11<br>7,11 / 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,11 / 6 |

## Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!** I'm not afraid to "go big or go home" with a bomb (or "roughie" as they call them in Europe) in big races...I did it successfully twice in the Spring in Triple Crown Preps, finding 20-1+ horses who finished 2nd. Let's hope lightning strikes a 3rd time today. I think **#6 Original Sin** has a chance to finish in the money IF the pace is hot, and it sure like that's a possibility. I just don't trust Knightsbridge today due to the distance and early speed signed on. Original Sin is improving and most likely handles the 1 ¼ miles due to his style and breeding. He had NO CHANCE vs. Phileas Fogg last time, as he was behind a cloud of dust where no one made up ground that day....he's better than that in my opinion and has been working forwardly with barn buddies Mashallah and Proctor Street. He has to run the race of his life, but his best puts him squarely in the mix, and the workout report is solid....unless Knightsbridge runs off the screen. I'll be playing an "insanity" win bet and reverse-tri key with #6 in 2nd and 3rd for sure. Time to get creative in a race that could fall apart late. For our ROI, I'll go \$1 Win and Show and \$2 Place.

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                                                              |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11     | 12      | El Potente | 7-2  | 4     | \$20 WP #12<br>BIG Exactas: 12 / 2,7,9<br>Smaller Exactas: 7,9 / 12 |

## Notes:

For me, it's pretty simple in the Del Mar Mile. If **#12 El Potente** is ready off the layoff, he wins. I'm less worried about the outside post since there is a lack of early speed here. He can sit off of the #1 and/or #10 if necessary, and has run just fine off the break before, although you never know. I trust Berrios to time it right, and he's just the fastest in this field when he runs close to his best. I'd be most worried about the closing kick of #7 Almedares, a horse who's as honest as the day is long....coincidental since this card won't end until around 10pm on the East Coast.

## Racetrack: Saratoga

### Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC GRID - Starts at 4:51pm EDT

| Race | A      | B     | C    | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|--------|-------|------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 8    | 3,9,11 | 4     | 6,12 | 3,4,9,11      | \$0.50 LP5  | \$100        |
| 9    | 4,5    | 6,7,9 | -    | 4,5,6,7,9     | -           | -            |
| 10   | 3,6    | 4,5,8 | 2    | 3,4,5,6,8     | -           | -            |
| 11   | 6      | 4     | -    | 6             | -           | -            |
| 12   | 1,4    | 2,5,8 | 3,6  | 1,4           | -           | -            |

# Power Picks

## Paul Halloran's LP5 ABC Grid....

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

## Pete Visco's LP5 ABC Grid.....

| Race | A     | B     | C    | Caveman Picks | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|-------|-------|------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 8    | 6,11  | 3,8,9 | 4,12 | 3,6,8,9,11    | \$0.50 P5   | \$100        |
| 9    | 5     | 6,9   | 7    | 5             | -           | -            |
| 10   | 6,7   | 4,5   | 1,3  | 1,4,5,6,7     | -           | -            |
| 11   | 6     | 3,4   | 2    | 4,6           | -           | -            |
| 12   | 1,4,8 | 3,5,6 | 2    | 1,4,6,8       | -           | -            |

## Late P5 Analysis (R8-12)

*Today's Late P5 starts off with three pretty difficult races, although many will single #6 Segesta in R10. Chad has two others in there....just have a feeling that race is not that simple. Then, we'll go skinny in the last with Counting Starts and only 2-deep in the last race. Don't completely sleep on the Chad Brown-trainee #4 in the Alabama to possibly upset. This Pick 5 is very hittable and you could go very cheap by going single-single in R10 and R11.*

## 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)                  |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|-------------------------|
| 9      | 4       | Freddie B  | 6-1  | 4     | \$25 Win, \$15 Place #4 |

### Notes:

I really like **#4 Freddie B.** today at a reasonable price, and almost made this tip my Play of the Day. I know many figured I'd tip out #5 Stimulate again, who was very good last time and a tip sheet play, but this field is much tougher than his maiden breaker and there's other speed to mess with him. Of course could win, workout report loves him, and Paul does too today. Freddie B. ran perfectly fine last time off a big layoff for McPeck, who has had some nice efforts at the Spa this summer. Freddie B. lost to Georgia Magic, who won yesterday with a 101 Beyer, and Iron Orchard, who freaked also yesterday winning by open lengths. Therefore, that race Freddi B. finished 3rd in has come back VERY LIVE!! He's worked since ("B" and "B+" works since his last race according to DRF Clockers), 2nd off the layoff, and galloped out in front past the wire last time, proving he had more to give. I expect Elliott to sit a little further back, let the pace develop, and make a nice late run. The horse has upside for sure. You never know out of this Wilson Chute going 1 mile, but with the right trip, I think Freddie's got a BIG SHOT to take all the candy.

# Power Picks

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name     | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)                                                                        |
|--------|---------|----------------|------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10     | 4       | Play With Fire | 15-1 | 5     | \$10 Win, \$20 Place #4<br>BIG Exactas: 5,6 / 4<br>Smaller Exactas: 4 / 5,6,8 |

## Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** How many times have we talked about the “other, other Chad?” Here we go again...**#4 Play With Fire is the only of the three Brown entrants that has NOT won a graded stake.** Anyone getting Kathrynmarisa vibes? Play With Fire, to be honest, is NOT NEARLY as likely a winner as that gal was in the Diana, but there are some things to like: 1) 2nd off the layoff should yield improvement 2) just ran a Beyer top and higher figs are likely to follow 3) Manny Franco riding...’nuff said 4) There appears to be enough early speed between the two faves #5 and #6, and with Kendrick on #8 Long Ago who puts on blinkers plus bullet works, we could see at least an honest pace. I thought Prat moved a little too soon last time on “Fire.” I see no reason, due to all those reasons, “Fire” can’t run a low 90’s Beyer and finish in the frame. Don’t think we’ll see 15-1, but double-digits are possible. At least play underneath for sure....Chad will have this one ready to roll late. For our Tip Sheet ROI, we’ll go \$1 Win and \$3 Place.

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

