Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Oct. 12th
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Race-Day Overview

Today's card at Keeneland features the top race for 3yo fillies on the turf in the country, the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Invitational Stakes. It's a fun race with 2 very nice Euros will try to steal the prize from the Americans…more on that race later. The usual display of big fields and plenty of betting opportunities dots the program's landscape. Choose your spots wisely, as some of the horizontal betting can get pretty expensive…it does appear however that the later part of the card could be more chalky, we'll see!

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…you have to scroll down a bit under the SPP promotion…a video explanation is also available on the page.

Racetrack: Keeneland

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	1,5,7,8	-	4	1,5,7,8			3
2	8,10	(13)	1,3,5	8,10			4
3	4	6	2,5	4,6			5
4	6,10,12	5	2,7,11	5,6,10,12			4
5	4,5	1,12	9	1,4,5,12			2
6	4	3,6	2	4	$0.50	$72	4
7	6	4	1,3,9	4,6			3
8	10	3,5,6	8,9	3,5,6,8,9,10			4
9	7,11	5	4	5,7,11			5
10	1,5,6,12	2,4	3	1,5,6,12			2

Late P5 Strategy/Analysis (R6 - 10)

The Late P5 today is highlighted by the G1 QE II S. Invitational, the premier race in the U.S. for the 3yo girls on the turf. There are two Euros in the race, and I like one of them much more than the other. We'll discuss later. As you can see by my grid, I'm going pretty skinny today. It's not that there are obvious big faves or singles, but I'm just taking stands. The ones in which I'm most confident are R6 and R7. That being said, my top choices are a long layoff horse and a first-time starter, so you can decide what to do with that info. I'd spread in R8 and especially R10 for sure. R9 there will be a 4-5 horse at post time, but I'm not so sure he'll get the job done.

$3 Turf Pick 3 ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
5	4,5	1,12	9	1,4,5,12	$3	$48
8	10	3,5,6,9	8	10		
10	1,5,6,12	2,4	3	1,5,6,12		

$3 Turf P3 Strategy/Analysis - R5, 8, and 10

Today's All-Turf Pick 3 is VERY difficult. That means you have to take some stands, or spend a boatload of cash. The first leg, Race 5, is a maiden race for 2yo's. I would mainly go 4-deep there. The 2nd leg is the Grade 1 QE II. I'm taking a stand on the top end with #10 Candala. But many others can win if she does not. The last leg is an allowance race for 2yr olds. I would have to use a minimum of 4 horses on the main line and could use as many as 7 horses. The best way to play this sequence, if you choose, is to use the ABC Method above and weigh your choices to soften the blow in your pocketbook.

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8 - Miss Jeopardy	7 - Miss Easy	5 - Miss Sayely
2	10 - Executive	8 - Governing Party	3 - Geometry
3	4 - Two Sharp	6 - Zadorsky	2 - Connive
4	10 - Downtownchalybrown	6 - Global Sensation	12 - Alpine Thunder
5	5 - Blue Chair Bay	4 - Lucky Mischief	12 - Tkac
6	4 - Giant Mischief	3 - Bromley	6 - Lofty Adjudicator
7	6 - Keepsake	4 - Taverna	9 - Miss Pharoah
8	10 - Candala	6 - Oversubscribed	3 - She Feels Pretty
9	7 - Ben Franklin	11 - Komorebino Omoide	5 - Parchment Party
10	6 - The Brigade	5 - Blue Coast	12 - Curahee

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Howard's Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	**Ben Franklin**	15-1	5	$10 Win, $25 Place #7 Trifectas: 7 / 5,11 / 4,5,10,11 5,11 / 7 / All 5,11 / 4,5,10,11 / 7

Notes: *Race 9 is a high-class allowance race for males. There will be a big, and deserving favorite, in the #11. But, as I talked about on the podcast Thursday, I could poke some holes in that one. #7 Ben Franklin is fascinating to me here. His last start looked every which way to be a prep for this spot. He was ridden very passively throughout, then asked in the stretch and made an ok run where the pace completely held together up front. He also slightly steadied on the backstretch. Trainer McPeek is known to give a horse a start off the layoff, and Ben was very good in the spring vs. these types. Other than the #11, who are you really afraid of here? There's plenty of early speed today, especially from the outside. And with a short run into the first turn, they'll HAVE to send from there. I expect a very honest pace, and hope Ben Franklin (with regular rider and first-call jock Hernandez for McPeek) will* <u>*electrify*</u> *(oh boy, you knew that pun was coming) the crowd in the stretch. This horse reminds me of one called "Commandperformance", who finished a strong second at HUGE ODDS when tipped out on these Power Picks last fall at this level. Use everywhere, including a bit on the win end too!*

Most Likely Winner of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	4	**Two Sharp**	4-5	5	**Play a straight exacta for value, 4-6**

Notes: *If she breaks, she's just, well, too sharp for this field. Her numbers tower over these. Just has to avoid a bad break or crazy speed duel. It's horse racing….we've seen both of the aforementioned problems before.*

Longshot Play of the Day

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	**Ben Franklin**	15-1	5	**See above**

Notes: *See above….*

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	10	Executive	7-2	4	$15 WP #10 BIG Exactas: 10 / 8, (13) Small Exactas: 8, (13) / 10

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Notes: *Race 2 is a two-horse race on paper in my opinion. #10 Executive faced a decent field first out at Saratoga, losing to Early Adopter, who didn't embarrass himself in the Pilgrim in NY. That race was a WAYI race for the BC, won by Zulu Kingdom. Executive broke slow, but made a good run late to finish a close 3rd. A better start and more tactical speed would be beneficial to Executive.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	10	Downtownchalybrown	4-1	3	$15 WP $10

Notes: *There's plenty of speed signed on in this event, but Downtown has a big advantage in that he breaks from the outside and can look to his left and make a decision. He's naturally VERY fast, but has rated before just a tad. He's gonna have to run big today, but is very capable of doing it. I hope he sits off of the #5 and goes by. I would need a price higher than 4-1 to get him….this is a tough field.*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	10	Candala	5-1	4	$25 Win #10 Trifectas: 10 / 3,5,6,8,9 / 3,5,6,8,9 3,5,6 / 10 / 3,5,6,8,9

Notes: *French-bred #10 Candala is a horse in which I'm familiar. I actually saw her race in-person on my trip to Europe this past summer. She has been facing very tough competition in France vs. the top 3yo fillies in that country, and she's fallen a bit short. But, there are a few things I like today. First, the cut back in distance will suit, as well as the fast ground. The Frankel's (Candala's sire) tend to like it firm, and she's been on soft ground lately. Two-back, she got a brutal trip, as she was boxed in the entire length of the stretch and should have won. She has a nice turn of foot, but can be more tactical if necessary. The first part of the race is the key. Geroux needs to break decently, then get the filly "covered up" and hopefully be mid-pack. If those things happen early, she's got a big chance at a fair price. The 3yo Euro fillies are simply better than ours in my opinion.*

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9	7	Ben Franklin	15-1	5	See above in the KPP's

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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
2	$20 Daily Double	8,10 / 4	$40
6	$30 Daily Double	4 / 6	$30
8	$15 Daily Double	10 / 7,11	$30

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