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Race-Day Overview

Major Breeders' Cup Preps, especially for the 2yo's, dot the horse racing landscape today, plus of course the INCREDIBLE CARD at Keeneland for their Fall Stars Saturday card, one of my favorite days of the year! I'll be in the paddock / Winner's Circle with interviews and analysis LIVE AT KEENELAND during the WEEKEND WARRIORS LIVE SHOW this afternoon on our YouTube Channel!

Today's Tip Sheet will focus on three cards / sequences: The All-Stakes Late P5 at Keeneland, stake races from BAQ (NY), and big races from Santa Anita.

As always, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, GOOD LUCK!!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.07 (\$1,941.14 / 939)

YTD: \$1.84 (\$354.53 / 193)

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: KEENELAND

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – R6 starts at 3:40pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,3	5,8	7,9	1,3,5,8	\$0.50	\$96
7	5,7	2	4	2,5,7		
8	1,9	5,10,(13)	2,3,4	1,5,9,10		
9	6	2	1,5,7	6		
10	8	3,4,5,9	1,12	3,5,8,9		



Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	7,8	1		7,8	\$.50 P5	\$96
7	6,7	1,5	2	5,6,7		
8	2,4,10	1,5	6	2,4,5,10		
9	6		1,2	6		
10	4,8	10,12	3,5	4,8,10,12		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

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

Howard's All-Stakes Pick 5 Analysis – Races 6-10

The All-Stakes Late P5 at Keeneland today is one of my favorite sequences of the year. However, due to the smaller fields in R7 and R9, I'm not sure we'll see those crazy payouts like we have in the past. The two G1 turf races, R8 and R10 are OUTSTANDING with many potential win candidates. LET ME BE CLEAR...I've left #4 Diego Velazquez off my caveman P5 ticket for one simple reason: VALUE. He's going to take a ton of money and I'm not sure it's deserved. I discussed reasons why he can lose on Wednesday's Picks & Ponies show. There's no reason to use chalk in every leg of the P5 ticket, especially a horse that will be WAY OVERBET, but obviously can win. The spread races for me are those two G1 turf races, R8 and R10, while I'll take stands and go skinny in R7 and R9. Good luck if you're playing.....what a sequence!! And I'll be there on-site to take it all in!

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	3	Joe Shiesty	8-1	3	\$15 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 1,5,8 Smaller Exactas: 1,5,8 / 3

Notes:

Today's first stake is the Woodford, going 5.5f on turf. There are two main speed threats, the #5 (world record time two back at IND) Doncho and my Spot Play, **#3 Joe Shiesty**. Obviously, I want to avoid an early speed duel...but I don't think "Joe" HAS TO have the lead and sit just off if necessary. Interestingly enough, Timeform U.S., which I trust greatly, has Joe faster by about 1- 1.5 lengths than Doncho overall. Not only that, but Joe has faced better horses in general. I might be splitting hairs, but my gut tells me Doncho will be a lower price too. If you're worried about the last race for Joe, he didn't

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break well, was rank, and the jock basically wrapped up on him midstretch. He's MUCH better than that, but does need to break better here. Trip is everything today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	5	Vahva	7-5	4	\$20 Win #5

Notes:

The G2 TCA S. is a Win-And-You're-In for the BC F & M Sprint. To be honest, this is not the best rendition I've seen, so you don't have to be a superstar to win. **#5 Vahva** checks many boxes for me. I was TOTALLY against her last time, as Mystic Lake beat her at a quirky Charles Town track, and Mystic came back and won in a fast time at Parx. This is where Vahva does her best work, KEENELAND. Yes, I'm slightly worried about the cut back to 6f, but she should sit a great trip off the #2 and #6 in theory, and she's definitely the class. I like #7 Zeitlos also and watched her win here last year. She's in good form, but I'm not sure the pace situation will set up for her. Vahva beat Zeitlos two back, and three back Vahva was in a VERY tough race, didn't break, and raced in the slop in a race she needed...that's a toss out race for me. This is where she belongs.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Choisya	9-2	4	\$15 WP #1 Trifectas: 1 / 3,9,10,(13) / 2,3,4,5,9,10,(13) 5,9,10,(13) / 1 / 2,3,4,5,9,10,(13)

Notes:

The G1 First Lady is a fantastic, wide-open race with many options. Despite fading **#1 Choisya** (pronounced SCHWAH-zee-ah) in all three of her N. American starts, I'm choosing her here for a bunch of reasons. *I WANT TO MENTION...I ALMOST CHOSE #9 SEGESTA AS MY SPOT PLAY for this race.* While there many nice fillies and mares in here, there are no superstars like we've seen in the past. Choisya's form is a bit dirtied up since her win last spring here at Keeneland. Two-back, she was wide and uncovered, plus isn't best on soft turf. Last time, she faced VERY good ones in She Feels Pretty & Excellent Truth, both of who would be favored in this race. Also, she's better sitting, tucking in behind, and running down a target. She was on the lead last time....I don't think that's what she does best. Frankie Dettori, who has MANY live mounts this weekend at Keeneland, should sit a great trip from the inside like she did 3 back. It'll be a question of finding room in the stretch. Can't think of too many other jocks I'd trust to find room at the right time than him. She'll need to run big today, tough race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	Program Trading	9-2	5	\$30 Win #8 BIG Exactas: 8 / 3,4,5,9 Smaller Exactas: 3,4,5,9 / 8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! The G1 Coolmore Turf Mile is one of the premier 8f races in the U.S. This year, the purse is \$1.5mil! Similar to the First Lady, the female version of this event in R8, it's a wide-open race with many contenders. Likely favorite, Euro invader **#4 Diego Velazquez**, will be the favorite. I know this horse very well and have followed his career. While a deserving favorite, I have some questions. He's a bit unusual for a Euro in that's a big one-paced and is better close to the lead. There's a TON of early speed here, and I'm not sure he's used to running in a race with the expected hot fractions. He's received dream trips in his last two, and was VERY lucky to have beaten Notable Speech last time...the latter was MUCH the best but found room too late. I'm going to try and beat him with Chad Brown's **#8 Program Trading**. I wish he raced more often, as it's

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obvious he has some physical issues. But he ran GREAT off the layoff last time vs. #1 Donegal Momentum (although he's no superstar) trying to close into a soft pace. You know Chad has this one ready, and he's run big races before. The key for me is the pace...it's expected to be hot and he's one of the best, if not the best, finishers in here. Flavian will most likely get a good trip from midpack and come flying late. Zero room for error in this talented field of runners!

Racetrack: BAQ (NY)

Howard Kravets' ABC Grid – Stakes start at 1:43 EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	2,4	3,6	7	2,3,4,6	-	-
6	2,9	6	4,7,11	2,6,9	-	-
7	6,9	3,8	-	6,9	-	-
8	11	9,10,12	-	11	-	-

Howard's Stakes Analysis – Races 4,6-8

Big Day at the Big A in NY....Breeders' Cup implications abound with stakes for the 2yo's plus a 3yo-restricted turf race going long. I believe the favorites are vulnerable in every one these races, although there's a part of me that hopes #6 It's Our Time is a superstar and runs another hole in the wind in the G1 Champagne.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	9	Five Bars	5-1	3	\$15 WP #9

Notes

2yo's can improve greatly from one start to the next, especially in speed figure game. No doubt, **#9 Five Bars** needs to run much faster today. But there's plenty of reason to believe she will. She got pinched and steadied at the start in her debut, but showed a lot game by rallying from far back, splitting horses, and winning the race. If she gets out of the gate better, she'll show more speed and be in range of the leaders turning for home. I like her breeding, connections, and probably off-odds price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	11	Fille D'Oro	5-1	5	\$20 Win #11 BIG Exactas 11 / 9,10,12 Small Exactas 9,10,12 / 11

Notes

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THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BAQ!! I love the way **#11 Fille D'Oro** ran in her debut....showed tactical speed, sat on the inside, then finished like a good thing while a bit green. She should be able to clear from the outside to some extent and be a major factor from just a few lengths off. I hope they're aggressive early with her and she's not too far back...not a lot of early speed in the race. Certainly, #9 Deep Learning will be the favorite, but she's coming back quickly and will be overbet. This is a Win-And-You're-In for the BC Juvenile Fillies Turf...one of these gals is going to Del Mar!!

SANTA ANITA (proud sponsor of the HHH Racing Podcast!!) - Saturday

**For the next several weeks, I'll be analyzing the All-Turf \$3 Pick 3 and \$3 Late Pick 3 on Saturday's in this space.

Howard Kravets' Grid: Turf P3 / LP3

R6 starts at 6:30pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
6	1,6	(13)	4,5,8,12	1,6		
8	1,7	2,4	8	1,2,4,7		
9	6	3	1	3,6		
10	6,9	8,11	2	6,9,11		

Represents turf races

Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3:

Big Budget: 1,6, (13) / 1,2,4,7 / 6,9,11 (\$108)

Small Budget: 1,6 / 1,7 / 6,9 (\$24)

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 1,2,4,7 / 3,6 / 6,9,11 (\$72)

Small Budget: 1,7 / 6 / 6,9,11 (\$18)

Key Horse of the Sequence: **R10....#6 Ventry Strand** is taking on a big field of fellow 2yo's in a confounding race to handicap. There is a TON of early speed in here, and trip

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will mean everything...the winner will have to avoid trouble, whether they're up close or coming from behind.

Ventry Stand was visually impressive in his debut, although that was vs. a relatively weak field of Cal-breds. He was patiently-riden from the back and blew past the field that was collapsing. 2yo's can vastly improve from one start to the next, and he's well-bred plus much better than your average Cal-bred lot. I believe, with the right trip, he has a BIG shot to win this 2yo stake, the Speakeasy!

****WATCH "GREAT RACE PLAYS" from Wednesday night [HERE](#) for more detailed analysis!!**

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

