

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

TWO WEEKS!! That's all that's left before the 2025 Breeders' Cup at Del Mar begins. However, the racing does not stop this weekend, as we'll cover a fun card in NY for the Fall Starter Championships, plus two stakes and a Late P5 sequence at Keeneland as they run their penultimate Saturday card today before closing next weekend. Let's build our BC bankroll, good luck, **CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!**

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.05** (\$1,941.14 / 947)

YTD: **\$1.76** (\$354.53 / 201)

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: BAQ

Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC Grid – R7 starts at 3:25pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	2,5	3,7	4,6	2,3,5,7	\$0.50	\$72
8	1	3,4,5,10	-	1		
9	3,4,9	6,8	1,5	3,4,9		
10	3,6,10	1,2,5	7,8	1,2,3,5,6,10		
11	6,12	3,5	1	6,12		

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Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	5,7	4	6	4,5,7	\$.50 P5	\$81
8	5,10	1,4		1,5,10		
9	6,9	3	7,8	3,6,9		
10	6,10	3	1,12	6,10		
11	3,6	8,10	1	3,6,10		

Pete Visco's Late P5 Grid:

Pete's on vacation this week, no grid.

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 7 - 11

The Late P5 kicks off with a graded stake on turf, followed by 4 difficult starter allowance races with high-quality horses and wide-open fields. First, I'd take a stand in R8....both co-host Jackson Muniz and I agree that if the rail horse runs his race, he'll be tough in this spot. You could certainly single there. The last three legs, R9-11, are extremely difficult and spreads for me. So basically, I'm going skinny early and spreading later. Maybe you want to pick your spots and not play horizontally today....I wouldn't blame you at all.

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	1	Live High Live Low	5-2	4	\$20 Win #1

Notes:

As you all know, I don't normally tip out low-priced horses, but this one just looks too obvious. **#1 Live High Live Low** is tons the class, and got a shaky ride/trip in the stretch last time vs. much tougher, shown on our Thursday live podcast. With any sort of "B" effort and decent trip, he should get the job done at around 8-5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	Bramito	6-1	5	\$20 WP #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 3,6,8,9 Small Exactas: 3,6,8,9 / 4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT BAQ. I'm detouring a bit from what I said on the show on Thursday, after re-looking at the field and deciding there's just too much early speed signed on. Therefore, I'll go with the best proven closer, **#4 Bramito**. Between the #3 and especially #8 and #9, there should be enough early speed to set it up for a late closer like Bramito, who not only is in fine form, but is

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talented enough to beat this field and gets a great post to attack the speed late. I like the fact he's run well at longer distances (1 1/8th miles), so this 1 mile distance should suit him perfectly.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	10	Wally World	9-2	3	Trifectas: 10 / 3,5,6 / 1,2,3,5,6,7,8 3,5,6 / 10 / 1,2,3,5,6,7,8 3,5,6 / 1,2,3,5,6,7,8 / 10

Notes:

#10 Wally World (9-2) checks all the boxes for me in a VERY tough race. He's in great form, has raced well in NY, has tractable speed to be up close, gets an aggressive jock in Manny, and faces a field without a ton of early speed. He'll need his best from out there, and must save at least a little ground into the first turn, but if he can do that, he'll be formidable in the stretch. Jackson made a good case for the #5 on our show, so watch those replays we discussed and use him too! Let's hope he wins for good 'ole Clark Griswald and the crew, if you know what I mean!!

Racetrack: Keeneland

Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC Grid – Late P5 start at 3:40 EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	5	3	4	3,5	\$0.50	\$96
7	2,4,5	1,3,8	10	1,2,3,4,5,8	-	-
8	6	1,4,11	2,3,5,7,9	1,4,6,11	-	-
9	9,11	8,10	-	8,9,10,11	-	-
10	1	(13),(15)	2,3,7,8	1		

Howard's Pick 5 Analysis – Races 7 - 11

I can't sing the praises enough of the Keeneland Racetrack / Secretary for putting together such a good card / Late P5 towards the end of this meet. Day in, day out, it rivals Saratoga, if not better frankly. Today's Late P5 is challenging, but not impossible. Easy to single to start the sequence, or 2-deep at most. R7,8, and 9 are not easy, nor is the finale...but I'm taking a stand in the last race unless the AE's draw in.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	Green Light	6-1	5	\$20 WP #6
Notes					

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I'm gonna show some guts and #6 Green Light at 6-1 MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT KEENELAND!! I agree with good friend and co-host of Bettin N Boozin, Charlie Freeman, who picked this one on top on Wed. show also. Very simply, his form is dirtied up. He's been wide or too close to faster paces in the last two. Go back and look at his Keeneland races...he closed from way back, so I know he can do it. Those are the tactics I hope Jose uses today, or at least mid-pack. He's been working well locally and is only 4yo, so improvement is also possible. He's probably more like 7-2, but I like him anyway quite a bit.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Patron Silver	4-1	4	\$15 Win #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 7,8,(13),(15) Small Exactas: 7,8,(13),(15) / 1
Notes					
I almost made this one my Play of the Day at Keeneland, but hard to do that with a big field of 2yo's going long on turf. IF THE 13 AND/OR 15 GET IN, THIS COULD CHANGE MY THINKING SLIGHTLY!! Whether they do or not, I love the visual in the mornings of Patron Silver, who has looked great, waiting on workmates before toying with them frankly. And here's a stat for you all: Jose Ortiz is 3-for-4 on the win end THIS MEET for McPeck, and 2 of those 3 wins were with turf horses going long, hmmm...lots of intent here, just needs to break well and get the trip/distance. There's enough turf pedigree to say, "let's have a drink of Patron after she wins!"					

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

R5 starts at 6:05pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets
5	2,3,4	5,7,8	-	2,3,4,5,7,8
7	4,6,8	3	-	4,6,8
8	3,6,9	-	5,7	3,6,9
9	1,4	3,5,6,7	-	1,4
10	2,10	-	6,7	2,10

Represents turf races

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Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 All-Turf Pick 3:

Big Budget: 2,3,4,5,7,8 / 4,6,8 / 1,4 (\$108)

Small Budget: 2,3,4 / 4,6,8 / 1 (\$27)

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 3,6,9 / 1,3,4,6,7 / 2,10 (\$90)

Small Budget: 3,6,9 / 1,4 / 2,10 (\$36)

Key Horse of the Sequence: *Well, last week our key horse didn't run a step and we lost to a 60-1 shot coming off of two zero Beyer efforts....we can only improve from here!! I'll focus my attention in the last race, with the #2 Christel Clean (5-2). For me, there's only one other real threat, the #10 Lady Gregory, who will probably go off the favorite. But Christel has an inside post, plenty of early speed, and ran VERY game last time into a very fast pace that collapsed. It's only her 3rd lifetime start and she has every right to improve and get the job done.*

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

