



Picks Tip Sheet

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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to the new Saratoga Power Picks (SPP's)!!! We can't wait to share our knowledge / expertise with you in hopes of cashing some big tickets at Saratoga this summer! As you all know, Saratoga's races are a difficult puzzle, with large, competitive fields and horses coming into town from many different circuits. To add to this challenge are the various baby (2yo) races with many first-time starters.

We will do our best to give you ideas on whom to bet and how, plus stats on trainers/jockeys when appropriate. Based on the variable weather patterns in upstate New York, it is imperative that you CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, because we often send out the SPP's BEFORE scratches are officially posted. So, our final selections might be VERY DIFFERENT if races taken off the turf!! If that's the case and Spot/Price Plays involve surface changes, those picks will NOT count towards the ROI Stats! We send out the SPP's early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin. Finally, as we always say...." these picks are our opinions.... once you make a bet, they become your opinions!" We hope all of you CRUSH YOUR BETS (CYB) this summer at Saratoga! Now, onto today's action!!

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.*

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....Good Luck!



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Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10pm EST

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

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8 - La Cara	6 - Bossy Pants	7 - Practical Lov
2	4 - Tivy	1 - Rider's Special	7 - Dad's Good Runner
3	2 - Russi	3 - Your Man Alex	7 - Final Denile
4	6 - Mighty Madison	2 - Signal From Noise	1 - Mosienko 1A - Starship Defiant
5	6 - Trulli Warrior	1 - Military Road	7 - Protective
6	1 - Pisciotta 1A - Deep Satin	11 - La Salvadorena	6 - Out too Late
7	8 - Mondego	3 - Battle of Normandy	2 - True Quality
8	5 - Magia Nera	3 - Prove Worthy	8 - Thank You John
9	6 - Star of Mystery	3 - Fandom	1 - No Nay Mets
10	10 - Billy's Got Issues	1 - La Maquina	2 - Big Big Star

Pick-5 Analysis

Early Pick-5: The early Pick-5 has a chance to be chalky, so it makes sense to press any strong opinions on a tighter, bigger denomination ticket and then play a backup ticket where you take some more shots. For me, the 4th Race with **#6 - Mighty Madison** is where I am looking to single to try and gain some value. I think you could also single the **#8 - La Cara** in the 1st Race/Leg on a press ticket as well to really lower the cost and allow you to play it for an even bigger amount.



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Late Pick-5: I definitely like the Early Pick-5 sequence better than the Late Pick-5. I feel like my opinions were stronger and I didn't have as many races where I considered spreading. A big key is whether you would want to try and single **#6 – Star of Mystery** in the Quick Call (9th), which should be the most popular single of the day. I am not as sold on her being a lock, even though I did have her as my lone in 'A' in my ABC Grid above. I think there are some cracks to find, but Prat is riding so well, and Appleby is so dangerous that it's really tough to take a strong stand against her.

Below are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses I like that will provide some value (hopefully 5-2 or higher in general). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	8	La Cara	2-1	4	\$25 Win - 8 \$10 Exacta - 8,6 \$5 Exacta - 6,8

Notes

Not the best value based on the ML and could get bet down even more, but this horse looks primed to break the maiden 3rd start out. Ran poorly in debut when being taken back by Torres and then trying to close into a slow pace on a sloppy track. 6 of the 7 runners in that field came back to run with 4 winners, including the winner of the Debutante Stakes, and 2 runners-up, so it looks to be a very productive race. **#8 - La Cara** came back next out with Jose Ortiz getting the mount and showing speed on a fast track, dueling on the lead, and holding on for 2nd with a 78 BSF against what looks like a nice Brad Cox horse. Ortiz is back up again, and this one looks ready for one more move forward.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	6	Mighty Madison	8-5	5	\$30 Win - 6

Notes

This is another with a low ML, which we don't normally try and give out, but we are getting the 2nd choice here in a relatively short field, so I think there is some value still. **#1 - Signal From Noise** looks like a solid and deserving favorite based on the connections and how that horse has run when Irad Ortiz is up, but I think there are some vulnerabilities that we can exploit here.

#6 - Mighty Madison is a horse that I immediately like solely from the standpoint that she has been steadily on the improve and still seems to have room to keep moving forward with how her career has gone up until this point. She was running well at the end of her 2yo season and then went on the shelf for 11 months, came back to run well when adding Lasix in her only start as a 3yo, and then was on the shelf again for 5 months. Since then, she has finally been able to string 2 races together with her last race showing her best form yet at this distance and with Jose Ortiz up, just as he is here. Now, we get her in the 3rd race of the form cycle where I expect another



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move forward especially if Jose Ortiz can work out a similar trip as last out to put her in position to mow them down again.

Key Stat: Bauer - Domestic Shippers to SAR on Dirt in Past 2 Years - 7/19 W (37%), 11/19 ITM (58%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1 1A	Pisciotta Deep Satin	2-1	5	\$25 Win – 1/1A

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY!!

Out of the two entry mates for Cherie DeVaux, I really like the **#1 – Pisciotta**, not only because her name comes from a town in Italy, but because I think she might have a ton of talent. In her debut, she was wide on both turns, ran really green, and never ran a straight line down the lane, but still came closing strong late. Now she is coming back for her 2nd start after some time off, so should be sharper and hopefully more professional. Plus, the move from J. Rosario to M. Franco could mean that she gets a little more involved early and isn't left with as much to do.

Another thing I like out of that race is the winner, Segesta, ran two races since with a win and place in a Grade 1 and Grade 2, respectively. The two entry mates have the top 2 Timeform Late Pace figures in the field, so, if there is any pace up front, they should be rolling late.

Key Stat: DeVaux – 9/31 W (29%), 16/31 ITM (52%) – 2nd Time Starters in Turf Routes in Past 2yrs

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	10	Billy's Got Issues	6-1	3	\$15 Win / Place - 10

Notes

In a race that is completely wide open on paper, I decided to try and find a half-decent price horse. I landed on the **#10 – Billy's Got Issues** as my play. He's only 1-for-10 lifetime on the win end but does have 2 seconds out of 4 tries going 8.5f, which is what they are going here. He dropped down in his last race off a layoff and ran a nice race as the favorite. Now, he should be sharper 2nd off the layoff moving back up to this level against what I see as a pretty weak field. If he can move forward off that last race, he should be right in the mix. I do like that last time he had a layoff, he ran one of his best lifetime races 2nd off.

He gets Dylan Davis now who has gotten off to a solid start at the meet and who was aboard when he broke his maiden back in June 2023 at Belmont. Ray Handal has added blinkers back for this race, so hopefully that sharpens his focus a bit and will help him get the job done. There should be enough pace up front for him to sit a solid trip mid-pack and go by, which he has shown an ability to do in the past.



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Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays in Addition to the Price/Spot Plays Bets

Race	Selections	Cost
4	\$2 Pick-4 – 2,6 / 1,5 / 1,6,11 / 3,8	\$48
6	\$20 Pick-3 – 1 / 3,8 / 5	\$40
7	\$15 Exacta Box – 3,8	\$30
9	\$5 Daily Double – 3,6 / 1,10	\$20

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

