



## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 1, 2025
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### Race-Day Overview

*Greetings from Saratoga, where the weather changes more often than Taylor Swift during a three-hour concert. This tip sheet was originally written late Thursday night -- after a typically outstanding meal at the Olde Bryan Inn -- when it had been raining off and on for almost 24 hours. The common wisdom was that there would be no turf racing today except for the Hall of Fame Stakes. So you can imagine my surprise when this morning at about 6 at the Oklahoma Training Track I learned that all races were ON the turf today. Great news, more work. Here we go. The good news is that the sun will shine for the rest of the weekend.*

### Today's Picks

***\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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 1:10 p.m. EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1	2,5		1	\$2 P5	\$48
2	4	3,5		4,5		
3	1,5	3		1,5		
4	4,8,10	5	7	4,8,10		
5	1,4	6		1,4		
6	4	6,7	5	4,6	\$.50 P5	\$96
7	2,7	6		2,7		
8	2,4,7	6		2,4,7		
9	1,6	2,4	3,8	1,2,4,6		
10	1,4	5,7	2,6	1,4,5,7		

### Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	1	2	5
2	4	5	3
3	5	1	3
4	10	8	4
5	1	4	6
6	4	6	7
7	2	7	4
8	4	7	2
9	1	6	4
10	1	4	5



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### Pick 5 Analysis

I am much skinnier in the early sequence, mainly due to some short fields. Will try to hit that one more than once. The late sequence is much more competitive, hopefully with the feature staying on the grass. Zulu Kingdom will be a popular single in the seventh race, but we will attempt to hit it without him as well. The MTO #10 in the opening leg looks like a speedy Tom Amoss trainee who has a B+ work at Churchill. Presuming the last two races are OFF, you will have to make some decisions to close out the sequence.

*Below are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses that will provide some value. The "Stars" rating is 1-5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT.*

### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	10	The Grumpy Rabbit	6-1	4	\$20 Win-Place #10
<b>Notes</b> Ken McPeck is much better second time out than on debut so that is a positive. His win percentage with second-time starters is 15%, almost twice his success rate with horses on debut. This daughter of red-hot stallion Not This Time has a series of good works on the Oklahoma before and after her debut, in which she was a fast-closing third in a turf route. She looks like she will relish the extra half-furlong.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	1	Twirling Good Time	3-1	4	\$40 Win #3
<b>Notes</b> <b>PLAY OF THE DAY:</b> Drops into a soft spot for Phil Bauer, who wins at 26% at Saratoga over the last five years. Has worked three times on the Saratoga main track, including a bullet 5 furlongs on July 18. Twirling Candy progeny seem to run to any surface, so a wet track is of little concern. Luis Saez figures to be aggressive from the rail.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	2	Luther	3-1	4	\$30 Win #2 \$10 EX Box 2-7



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**Notes** Zulu Kingdom will take the majority of the action, but David Aragona's morning line of 3-1 on #2 Luther indicates he thinks the betting public will not completely overlook this Euro making his second U.S. start. Son of the incomparable Frankel figures to relish the soft going. He finished a good third in his U.S. debut in the Belmont Derby and may have an even stronger kick at this shorter distance. Three races back, he was 4¼ lengths behind last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf champion Henri Matisse, who would be very formidable in this race. Picking up Joel Rosario doesn't hurt.

### Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays in addition to the Price/Spot Plays Bets

Race	Selections	Cost
3	\$20 EX 1,5 / 3	\$40
8	\$3 Pick 3 2,4,7 / 1 / 1,4,5,7	\$36

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

