

Power Picks

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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Belmont Stakes Day! Today's card at Saratoga is a tremendous card, basically a "mini-Breeders Cup Day." There are eight graded stakes, including five G1's, one Grade 2's and two Grade 3's. Today's Tip Sheet will cover FULL-CARD information for Belmont Stakes Day and Sunday's Santa Anita Late P4.

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES....these might alter throughout the day, so pay attention to the tote board. Rain is possible Friday night into Sat. morning, with scattered showers throughout Saturday. My guess is all stakes will stay on turf for sure, hopefully other turf races as well!

This is a fantastic CARD, so pick your spots wisely. I wish you much success today...based on the big, competitive fields, you can score huge if you're lucky....CRUSH YOUR BETS!!

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

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.09** (\$1,814.44 / 867)

YTD: **\$1.96** (\$225.14 / 115)

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: Saratoga

ABC Grid – Full Card

Howard Kravets' Grid (*all picks assume turf races stay on grass*)

Race	A	B	C	Horizontal Bets
1	1,2,8	-	3,4	P5
2	4,7	5	6,8,10	P4

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3	7	4	3,11	P5
4	4,7,8,9	1	2,3,5,6,10	P4
5	1,2,7,9	3,6,8,10	-	P5
6	6	1	2,8	P4
7	6	4,5	2	P5
8	1,4	2,5	-	P6
9	2	-	4,9	All-Stakes P5
10	1,4	3	2,7	P5
11	4,10	1,5,9,11	2,8	P4
12	2,5,6	9	3	-
13	2,6	7	-	-
14	4	2,5,6,8	1	-

Pete Visco's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,6	2,3,5,8	-	-	-	-
7	4,5,6	1,2	3	4,5,6	\$0.50 P5	\$63
8	1	2,4	5	1	-	-
9	2,9	3,4,7	5,8	2,9	\$0.50	\$108
10	1,4	2,3	7,9	1,2,4	-	-
11	7,10	2,3,4,5	1,11	Mid P5: 2,3,4,5,7,10,11 Late P5: 5,7,10	-	-
12	2,6,9	3,5	4,8	2,6,9	-	-
13	1,2,7	6	3	1,2,6,7	-	-



Paul Halloran's Late P5 Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	3,8	5,6	1,2	3,5,6,8	\$.50 P5	\$96
8	1,9	7	3,4	1,9		
9	8,9	5,7	2,3	8,9		
10	7,8	6,9	2,4	7,8,9		
11	5,7	6,8	4	5,6,7,8		

Howard's All-Grade Stakes Pick 5 Analysis – Races 9-13

The All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 that ends in the Belmont is always one of the best plays of the year due to the massive pool size / equity it generates (\$5mil +?). Depending on your opinion of the Belmont, you don't necessarily have to play a big ticket, especially with these fields and possible singles today. To complicate matters, the weather is a bit iffy as of this writing...pay attention to how the track will play and its condition. In my mind, there are as many as 2-3 singles within the sequence. If you want to be aggressive, I would go with your opinions, play a smaller ticket, and "press-up" several times to score. POSSIBLE SINGLES (not necessarily my opinions, more general public's thoughts) include #2 Think Big (R9), #1 Zulu Kingdom (R10), #6 Spirit of St. Louis (R12), and #7 Journalism (R13). Of all the listed above, I trust Think Big the most. If you can beat any of the above (not as much Journalism), your payout will definitely increase exponentially.

The following touts on the next page are today's Price / Spot Plays. AS ALWAYS, I'M LOOKING FOR VALUE AND WON'T USUALLY TIP OUT FAVORITES UNLESS I REALLY LIKE THEM. The "Stars" rating is the usual 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Full-Card 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)
3	4	El Rezeen	6-1	3	\$15 WP #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 7,11 Smaller Exactas: 7,11 / 4

Notes

#4 El Rezeen is 2-for-2 at Saratoga and only running for the 2nd time this year. He faced stakes-quality runner Herchee last time at Churchill and was very competitive. The 3rd place finisher is running in Friday's Poker S. and is live in that race. #7 Redistricting will be very tough to beat, but El Rezeen is the most likely one to beat him. He's tactical, Irad rides again, and improvement is very likely based on the breeding and 2nd off the layoff.

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	7	Eliminate	9-2	4	\$25 Win #7 Trifectas: 7 / 4,8,9 / All 4,8,9 / 7 / All

Notes

A VERY difficult field faces us in R4 (and R5 for that matter). I'm not sure where that last race from #7 Eliminate comes from, but perhaps Pletcher has figured out the son of Curlin. UPGRADE IF THE TRACK COMES UP WET! There's plenty of speed to his inside, and he hopes to sit a nice trip behind the speed, closing from pretty far back. He beat a rival in this race, #4 Quick to Accuse last time, who will be well-fancied again today. I don't think last time was a fluke...trusting the horse is improved with age, and has worked consistently since.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Al Jafara	6-1	3	\$20 Exacta Box 1-6

Notes

When I played in the Keeneland G1 Gamble live-money tournament in Mid-April, #1 Al Jafara was a big play for me, and she came through with flying colors. Today is obviously a much tougher test, but Chad Brown and Madakat Stables didn't bring this filly over to win allowance races. She's here to be staked, so no surprise she's in this race today. She was rated back early from an impossible post, and made a wide, sweeping sustained run to win. Today, she'll save ground the whole way and tip out late. Hope she's not too far back. I'll trust Mr. Prat to figure it out.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Mullikin	2-1	5	\$30 Win #6

Notes

Today's True North S. sets up perfectly for #6 Mullikin, who ran very well in what some would say was the race of the year so far, the Churchill Downs S. on Derby Day. He'll be the outside speed and in theory sit a great trip in his 2nd start off the layoff. A stalk and pounce trip is very likely. He'll have to be very good since the field is serious again, but I love his works, post, and tactical speed. And oh yeah, he's fast too. Big win-bet play for me at 9-5 or higher.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	4	Flying Mohawk	9-2	4	\$20 Win #4 Trifectas: 4 / 1,3 / 1,2,3,7 1,3 / 4 / 1,2,3,7

Notes

#1 Zulu Kingdom is going to garner plenty of attention in the market, and he should. He's won two in a row, has the rail, Prat, and Chad. But, he's gotten two very soft trips in those wins, and although he might get another one today, he's facing better horses in my opinion, starting with my top choice, the #4 Flying Mohawk. He's getting back to what he should be doing, going long on turf. This is a grass

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horse. If the Derby did not take too much out of him, and based on the consistent works, it hasn't, Flying Mohawk should have a big shot. I like the blinkers on too, so he won't be too far back in theory. Don't love Dettori these days (only 11% win percentage in 2025), but I hope he sits right off of Zulu and fires a big shot in the lane.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	6	Baeza	4-1	5	\$30 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 2,7 Smaller Exactas: 2,7 / 6

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! The "Big 3" are back facing each other once again. When analyzing the Derby objectively, I strongly believe that #6 Baeza ran the 2nd best race of the three protagonists. Baeza didn't break perfectly, then on the backstretch went to the inside, only to save ground but also get steadied in behind horses. Once he leveled out in the stretch, he came with a massive run to just miss out on 2nd place to Journalism. Remember, that was only his 4th lifetime start too. Trainer Sherriffs has rested him since that race, and he has looked fantastic in the mornings. But most importantly, he is the value of the race today and should sit a great trip just off the early speed on the outside, with Flavian in the irons. I have a ton of respect for the other two runners, but I think today will be Baeza's day. I'm not getting creative underneath, as I believe the best three horses are clearly the ones to use in exactas and trifectas also. Good luck in this year's Belmont Stakes!!

The Belmont Stakes:

See above regarding Baeza and the rest of the field....

Here are my final public selections: 6-2-7-3 GOOD LUCK!!

SANTA ANITA - SUNDAY

Howard Kravets' Grid: Late Pick 4

R6 starts at 6:30pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Use in horizontal bets	Caveman Bet	Cost
6	2,7	4	-	2,4,7	\$0.50 P4	\$60
7	7,8	2,6	3,4	2,6,7,8		
8	1,4	-	7	1,4		
9	2,9	6,7,8	4,5	2,6,7,8,9		



Suggested Special Wagers:

\$3 Late Pick 3:

Big Budget: 2,6,7,8 / 1,4 / 2,7,9 (\$72)

Small Budget: 7,8 / 1,4 / 2,9 (\$24)

\$5 Late Double:

Big Budget: 1,4 / 2,6,7,8,9 (\$50)

Small Budget: 1,4 / 2,7,9 (\$30)

Key Horse of the Sequence: *The last race, R9, is a very tough call. The horse to beat is probably the #2, but #9 Lady Chic for Sadler is interesting to me. She cost \$500k at the sales, so owners thought there's quality there. In her first start, she broke a bit slow and was climbing on the backstretch. She has a massive turf stride and is a big horse. I'm a little surprised they're sprinting here, so maybe this is a prep for a longer race, but this field has no standouts and I think we'll see massive improvement....can't be too far back early. Surprise package?*

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

