



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Friday Sept. 4th
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Race-Day Overview

As we approach the end of another incredible Saratoga meet Friday's card is a really solid one with 11 races including two stakes races, both of which are for two year old fillies. This card is definitely one with a focus on the future as in addition to the two 2 year old stakes races it also has three maiden special weight races. There is also a nice balance between turf and dirt and distances from sprints to 1 3/16 on the turf. The first feature race of the day is race #4 which is the P.G. Johnson Stakes going 1 1/16 on the turf where the main focus will be on the #1 Pros and Cons and #5 Baliage (Ire) who are both coming off impressive victories. Unsurprisingly the two turf sprints that are part of this card are very competitive and difficult races which means great opportunities to find nice prices, more on that later. Race #7 is the co-feature of the day which is the Seeking the Ante Stakes going 6 furlongs on the dirt and is headlined by two fillies who impressed on debut in #5 Velora and #6 B Yutiful Carly who blew up the board at 35-1! This card as a whole has some very nice field sizes and plenty of opportunities to find value and great prices. **Lastly, there is a Pick 6 carryover of over \$92,000** so while your focus may be on the early and late pick 5s, don't forget the Pick 6! With all that said, let's build our bankroll early and have a fast start as we move into closing weekend at Saratoga!

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Today's Picks

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ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10pm ET

(Alternate dirt selections IF OFF TURF are in RED):

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,4,8	5,6	1,7	3,4,5,6,8	\$0.50 EP5	\$90
2	9	2,3	6,7	9		
3	3,6	1,4	5,7,9	3,6		
4	1,5	7	2,3,4	1,5,7		
5	3,5,8,10	1,4, (11)	7,9	1,3,4,5,8,10 (11)		
6	2,6	9,10	4,5,7,8	-	-	-
7	5	2,6	3,4	5	\$0.50 LP5	\$30
8	2,3,5	6,8	7,9,10	2,3,5		
9	5,7	3,8,10	1,4,6	3,5,7,8,10		
10	6, (13)	2,4,5,7	1,10,11	6 (13)		
11	5,6,7	3	1,4,9	3,5,6,7		

Top 3 Selections (alternate dirt selections IF OFF TURF are in RED):

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8	4	3
2	9	3	2
3	6	3	1
4	5	1	7
5	5	8	10
6	2	6	9
7	5	6	2
8	3	2	5
9	7	5	3
10	6	2	4
11	7	6	5



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Late P5 Analysis: R7 - 11

This late pick 5 sequence is an exciting one where I believe there are multiple great opportunities to be aggressive which means pressing up is a real option. The late pick 5 starts with the co-feature of the day which is the Seeking the Ante Stakes going 6 furlongs on the dirt for 2 year old fillies. As I mentioned earlier, the main attention will likely be on the #5 Velora 6-5 ML and the #6 B Yutiful Carly 5-2 ML. I am being aggressive early and singling the #5 Velora who I believe hasn't even had the chance to fully show what she is capable of. On her debut she won comfortably by nearly 5 lengths sitting right off the leaders and getting through on the rail, but what sticks out to me most is it truly looks like she never even got out of 2nd gear because she didn't need to. I think she sits a nice trip again and this time Jose Ortiz really lets loose. If I'm wrong? As Paul says, you can always play the pick 4. Moving into race 8 which is everyone's favorite type of race... a turf sprint. Naturally, this race is very competitive but surprisingly doesn't appear to have a lot of speed. I am going to try and take advantage of that with the #3 Final Verdict 6-1 ML, more on him later, as well as #2 Bosun and #5 No Evidence. Race 9 is an incredibly difficult race as it is a dirt sprint for \$20-\$25k claimers so I will take advantage of my single in the first leg by going deep here. Race 10 is an allowance race going 1 1/16 on the turf and the construction of my ticket will heavily depend on if the #13 Paula's Choice 4-1 ML gets in as the first AE. I feel very strongly that if she does not get in then the #6 Bryant and Cooper 5-2 ML is too talented for the rest of these and will be my second single of the sequence, but if she does get in then the #13 is a must use coming off of a very impressive victory. Closing out the sequence is a long turf race going 1 3/16 where I will not be taking any chances and will take advantage of my skinny ticket by using all 4 of my logicals using #3 Prime Connection, #5 Dividend Recap, #6 Nonna Lynne, and #7 Consensus View.

Good luck everyone and CRUSH YOUR BETS!!!

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	8	Charlotte's Beach	8-1	3	\$20 win
Notes					
This is a very difficult race where for the most part those who have run haven't shown a ton and for the first time starters none of them to me particularly stuck out in the mornings. That being said, I simply could not pass up on the value of the #8 Charlotte's Beach at 8-1. This is clearly a well meant filly for trainer Mark Casse as Live Oak Plantation paid \$775k for her and they debuted her on the turf so the intent was clearly for her to be on turf. They tried to switch her to the dirt last time and while there wasn't much of a regression in beyer, visually she looked much better on the turf. I love the outside gate for her and think she will have a great chance to show her speed. She also was bet down to favoritism on debut and that race has come back solid as the winner finished 2nd in a stakes race. I					



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expect Castellano to be on or just off the lead and she will take a step forward her 2nd time on the turf and beat this field at a very nice price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	5	Baliage (Ire)	5-2	5	\$50 Win

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY!!!

I absolutely LOVE the #5 Baliage (Ire) 5-2 ML in the P.G. Johnson Stakes. She is owned by Peter Brant and trained by Chad Brown as the red hot Manny Franco stays aboard who is having the meet of his career. Baliage (Ire) was hammered on debut as she won as the $\frac{1}{2}$ favorite by a nose against the #7 Mel Went Home 6-1 ML. It was very clear why she was bet down as her work tab was consistent and she looked terrific on the turf and the damn Blowout (GB) had an incredible career with multiple graded stakes wins going long on the turf. If you go back and watch her debut, Baliage (Ire) was having to be incredibly patient sitting behind a fairly slow pace as they went 24 flat to the quarter and 50 flat to the half, a pace that Mel Went Home was sitting much closer to. On the replay you can see that she was traveling quite greenly and that greenness showed as they turned for home. Still, she showed that impressive turn of foot to get up in time and to me looks like one who will rapidly improve with experience and get better and better with each start. I expect her to build off of her debut and take a giant step forward that the others in this field won't be able to compete with, though I certainly respect others in here as I mentioned the #7 but also the #1 Pros and Cons had a nice closing win, though unlike Baliage (Ire) she did get the pace set up. Lookout for Baliage (Ire) as the turn for home and remember the name as I expect we will continue to hear hers as she gets to bigger and better races.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	Final Verdict	6-1	3	\$20 win

Notes

As I mentioned earlier in my breakdown of the late pick 5, this turf sprint is unusual in that there doesn't appear to be a lot of early speed. Looking on paper the only true speed horses are both dirt horses who will have to prove that their speed will transfer over to the turf and I am not so sure it will. This should give the #3 Final Verdict 6-1 ML a fantastic chance to work out a great trip. Final Verdict started off his 6 year old campaign strong finishing a solid 2nd behind graded stakes winner John the Beer Man and then finished a tough 3rd two back by a head. Last time out they decided to try something different and stretch him out to a 1 1/16 and he faced quite a difficult field to try something new including Sounds Like a Plan and Intellect. Now Final Verdict gets to cut back and I believe can sit a perfect pocket trip by the rail right behind the #1 What's Up Bro who is a longshot that has to send hard. If the #1 doesn't take to the turf and show that speed then I think Zayas could get the outright



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lead and set very reasonable fractions. Either way, it's hard for me to see a scenario where Final Verdict doesn't get a good trip and he will likely have the jump on the other main contenders. If he can return to his turf sprinting form he is as good as anyone else in this field and I will happily take 6-1.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	6	Bryant and Cooper	5-2	4	\$30 Win \$10 EXB 6-13 (if 13 gets in)

Notes

The #6 Bryant and Cooper 5-2 ML is trained by Chad Brown and ridden by the earlier mentioned red hot jockey Manny Franco. Last time out she clearly faced a tougher field than this including the winner of that race Dividend Recap who is in a nice race to close out the day in race 11. While the class drop might be obvious, she is back to facing state bred which I believe will benefit her greatly. Aside from the class, I think another major benefit that she will get will be the pace scenario as last time out while she showed her great turn of foot and motored home they absolutely crawled early going nearly 52 to the half which is Gulfstream in the summer tapeta speed (if you know you know). While I don't expect a red hot pace in this race, there should clearly be more speed than last time as the #3 Power Nap isn't slow, the #5 Five Dozen Roses has always been a turf sprinter and is stretching out, and the #11 Artistic Success has consistently shown speed. This will now be the third start of her 4 year old campaign and I believe a nice step forward is coming. She has been working well in the mornings with the #6 in the last race the morning line favorite Nonna Lynne and has another gear that I simply don't believe the rest of these have. Look for her to be absolutely flying late as she hunts them all down, turning for home.

I quickly want to mention the #13 Paula's Choice who is incredibly live in this race if she draws in. She had a very tough debut race going 1 1/8 facing tough proven horses who even though were maidens they were knocking on the door and had experience going long on the turf already. The connections then surprisingly put her up for the claim where Joe Sharp claimed her for \$50k and she absolutely romped and looked very professional second time out. If she gets in I will absolutely use her with Bryant and Cooper on my tickets and play an exacta box of the two of them as they appear to be the clear cut top two horses in this field.



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	Race #	Program # - Horse	Short Rationale
Most Likely Winner	2	#9 - Promise Me Amelody	This one is simple for me. None of the first time starters excite me and based on the efforts we have seen of those who have run she lays over this field and I expect her to show that she's the clear class of this field.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	5	#5 - Mass Confusion	There is no type of race that is more unpredictable than a turf sprint for maidens. Even though the time wasn't particularly fast I liked how she moved on the turf in her workout and will happily take a swing at 12-1.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
2	\$10 Exacta 9/2,3 \$10 Double 9/3 \$30 Double 9/6	\$60
11	\$20 win on 7	\$20

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

