



## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 10, 2025
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### Race-Day Overview

*Time to close out another weekend at Saratoga with a nice Sunday card highlighted by the Grade 3 Mahony Stakes and the return of Governor Sam and others from a race we covered on the Power Picks back on July 13th. Aside from the Stakes race and as we always get at Saratoga, the day also features some really competitive Allowance races along with top notch Maiden Special Weight fields featuring some high priced horses looking to break through. Overall, it's a very challenging card where hopefully we can find some winners and especially a few prices along the way.*

*Good luck and let's cash some tickets!!*

### 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 on the "Standard" Power Picks page...a video explanation is also available on the page.*

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Good luck to everyone today!**



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### ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks*	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,3,4	2,5	7	1,3,4,5	\$0.50 P5	\$96
2	1,7	2,6	3,4,5	1,2,7	-	-
3	5	2,4,6	3,7	5	\$0.50 P5	\$64
4	2,3,5	4,6	1,7	2,3,4,5	-	-
5	2,4,8	3,6	5	2,4,6,8	-	-
6	9,12	4,5	3,10	4,5,9,12	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	3,8	1,5	2,9	3,8	-	-
8	2,8	1,3,6	7	1,2,3,8	-	-
9	5,8,9	4,6	-	5,8,9	-	-
10	2,6	1,7	3,11	2,6	-	-

\* Caveman Picks are those to be used in Horizontal Bets

### Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	4 - Chillax	1A - Worthy Charge	3 - Fun to Tap
2	7 - Who's the King	1 - Le Gris	2 - Mr. Ripple
3	5 - Waralo	4 - Tap to Mischief	2 - Innate
4	5 - Final Score	2 - Boss Henry	3 - Heere's Johnny
5	2 - Everytimeithinkofu	4 - Memorized	8 - So Vain
6	9 - Makeyourmoment	12 - Spirit of the Law	5 - Arch's Assault
7	8 - Five to Two	3 - My Two Sophia's	5 - Dashing Della
8	2 - Mo Trump	8 - Conman	3 - American Grant
9	5 - Ortle Avenue	9 - Governor Sam	8 - Gabaldon
10	2 - Classicist	6 - Pandagate	7 - Chileno



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### Late P5 Analysis: R6-10

*The Late Pick-5 is an interesting sequence because I think there is a decision to be made in the Grade 3 Mahony Stakes as to whether you want to single the big morning line favorite #9-Governor Sam. That decision, and depending upon your budget, will drive how deep you are willing/able to go in some of the other legs which may seem more competitive on paper. For me, I am looking to use but also potentially beat #9-Governor Sam so I am going to have to try and go skinnier in some of the other legs to make up for it. That puts in a bit of a pickle since I think the 6th and 8th Races are wide open where I definitely do not have a strong opinion in either. When constructing horizontal tickets, though, these are always the hardest and most important decisions we have to make.*

*The following 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	4	Chillax	5-2	4	\$25 Win - 4 \$20 Exacta Box - 1A,4 \$2 Trifecta Box - 1A,4,5

#### Notes

From a price standpoint, I am not getting overly creative in this race since I like the top two choices. However, I think the fact that the top two choices do have very good cases to be favored may mean that we can get the 5-2 ML on the #4-**Chillax**, which is good enough for me to still play on the win-end. Unfortunately, up until this point, he has come down with a bad case of seconditis, which is tough when considering a horse on top. However, he has been stuck in his last three races chasing loose leaders on moderate-to-slow paces causing him to just not be able to get there down the lane. This time, though, B. Mott has made the move to add blinkers, which I am hoping makes all the difference and, based on the stat below, has shown to be a good move for B. Mott. Ideally, the blinkers allow J. Alvarado to get this horse in the mix a little earlier, so he won't be stuck too far back trying to close into a slow pace and will be able to attack the leader(s) earlier and use his late kick (he has the top Timeform Late Pace Figure in the field) to finally get up for a win



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I added a couple of other stats below that I really liked for **#1A-Worthy Charge** and **#5-Roger Roger** that I think will help make the case for putting them in the mix in verticals as well.

### Key Stats:

- #4-Chillax - B. Mott - In the Money Last Out and 1st Time Blinkers - 7/24 W (29%), 15/24 ITM (63%), \$1.41 ROI
- #1A-Worthy Charge - C. Brown - 2nd Time Starters In the Money Last Out in MSW on Dirt - 31/104 W (30%), 67/104 ITM (64%), \$1.62 ROI
- #5-Roger Roger - C. Brown - Turf-to-Dirt in MSW in 2025 - 3/4 W (75%), 3/4 ITM (75%), \$7.98 ROI

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	5	Waralo	2-1	5	\$50 Win - 5

### Notes

**This is my Play of the Day at SAR** - I know 2-1 shots aren't normally what we like to tip out on our Spot Plays, but sometimes you just have to include a horse that you really like and see value in, especially if we can somehow get this morning line price. The way I go through a race, I label each horse as A, B, C, or X (not in the same way that you might for an ABC Grid) and that helps me easily determine whether that race is a spread or a key race for say horizontal plays. One scenario that doesn't happen a ton when performing that exercise is me having a lone A horse. In this race, I do with **#5-Waralo**. On paper, it's a pretty obvious case. C. Englehart moved this horse to the turf 2 back and he exploded including a lifetime Beyer top in his last, which doesn't always happen with a 6 year old. It's like the move brought out a brand new side of him, and I think we should ride it while it's going well. From a trip standpoint, I think he sits just off the speed and pounces. It's not something he has done a lot, especially in his last two wins where he was on the lead, but I am going to guess that he can as needed.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	2	Everytimeithinkofu	20-1	2	\$5 Win / \$10 Place / \$10 Show - 2 \$0.50 Trifecta Key Box - 2 w/ 3,4,6,8

### Notes

The **#2-Everytimeithinkofu** is definitely not a horse that is likely to win and is really more of a flier, but I am going to include her anyway since she intrigued me at such a big price.

From a breeding standpoint, there is a lot to like. She is sired by Curlin, who we all know can produce great horses and whose progeny wins at solid percentages with 12% 2yo 1st timers and 16% in Turf Sprints. Her Dam, By the Moon, was a multiple Graded Stakes winner sprinting on dirt and has produced two horses who both won sprinting on dirt including Full Moon Madness who was a Grade 3 winner.



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From a training standpoint, there are some questions as M. Nevin has not had great success with 1st timers as you can see by the stat below. However, that one win under these conditions came in 2025 where she is 1-for-2 with 1st Time Starters in MSW Dirt Sprints with that winner coming through at 16-1. So, it may not be likely, but it's definitely possible.

Also, I saw two less than favorable stats on the morning line top two choices **#4-Memorized** and **#8-So Vain** (see below) that can maybe make them vulnerable on the win-end.

### Key Stats:

- #2-Everytimeithinkofu - M. Nevin - 1st Time Starters in MSW Dirt Sprints - 1/20 W (5%), 5/20 ITM (25%), \$1.79 ROI
- #4-Memorized - C. Brown/F. Prat - 1st Time Starters in Sprints in Past 1 Year - 1/18 W (6%), 8/18 ITM (44%), \$0.61 ROI
- #8-So Vain - D. Gargan - 1st Time Starters in Past 2 Years - 3/36 W (8%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	8	Five to Two	9-2	3	\$15 Win/Place - 8 \$10 Exacta Box - 3,8

### Notes

I'm going to come back with a horse, **#8-Five to Two**, that I included on the Power Picks just a couple of weeks ago on July 27th. She let me down last out, so we are hoping that she can come through for us this time. Here is part of what I wrote going into the last race that I liked: *"She had her comeback race on 7/10 sprinting here at Saratoga and it didn't go great. She broke awkwardly, was stuck in the back early, had to be used making a middle move, and then swung way wide in the lane. All of that left her flat late."*

In this last race, she stretched out to 9f, was in the slop, had a nice spot on the rail, but then swung like six wide which lost her some ground, and then she came on late. She actually had a very nice gallop out, which I kept an eye out for just to see if her making up ground continued after the wire.

So, in her last two starts since moving to L. Rice, her trips or the overall conditions maybe weren't totally to her liking. That's why I am going to give her one more shot. Now, she is 3rd off the claim, off the layoff, and in the form cycle, and she is bringing her back on two weeks rest, so we could see her best effort. Additionally, there were some stats (see below) that are favorable for this particular scenario. If it doesn't work out this time, divorce papers will be presented for sure.

### Key Stats:



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- #8-Five to Two - L. Rice - 10-14 Days Between Starts - 48/213 W (23%), 122/213 ITM (57%), \$1.68 ROI</li> <li>- #8-Five to Two - L. Rice - Route-to-Sprint in Mid-Level Claiming on Dirt in Past 2 Years - 16/45 W (36%), 27/45 ITM (60%), \$1.87 ROI</li> <li>- #8-Five to Two - L. Rice - 3rd After 210-240 Day Layoff in Dirt Sprints in 2025 - 3/3 W (100%), 3/3 ITM (100%), \$5.37 ROI</li> </ul>					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	Classicist	3-1	4	\$25 Win - 2 \$10 Exacta Box - 2,6
<b>Notes</b>					
<p>In this race, I'm coming back with another horse that I suggested on a prior Power Picks, but this one actually came through with a win for us last time. <b>#2-Classicist</b> was able to break the maiden last out 1st off an almost 10 month layoff beating a horse that I have as a spot play above in Chillax (keep an eye on how he runs in the 1st as an indicator of the form of that last race). He was able to get on the lead his 1st time going 9f, took a little pressure, and kicked away late. Now, he did set slow fractions which definitely helped, but I still think it was a very solid return. This time, we are getting 2nd time Lasix, 2nd off the layoff, 2nd with I. Ortiz, and he is only making his 4th career start so I think there is a ton of room for improvement, which will need since, from a figure standpoint, he is behind others in the field.</p> <p>Breeding wise, I think the 9f was good for him. He has longer distance routing all throughout his pedigree with multiple Graded Stakes winners going long as influences. So, he could be one where extra distance is his friend. Lastly, it's always nice seeing his 3rd place run as a 2yo behind Charlie Freeman's long-time love, Praetor, and the best 3yo in the country, Sovereignty.</p> <p>Key Stats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- #2-Classicist - T. Pletcher - Maiden Winner Last Out in 8.5f and Up Allowance on Dirt - 13/41 W (32%), 27/41 (66%), \$2.32 ROI</li> <li>- #2-Classicist - T. Pletcher/I. Ortiz - Maiden Winner Last Out in 8.5f and Up Allowance on Dirt - 6/14 W (43%), 10/14 ITM (71%), \$2.84 ROI</li> </ul>					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$10 Daily Double - 1A,4 / 7	\$20
1	\$10 Pick-3 - 1A,4 / 4 / 7	\$20



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6	\$10 Daily Double - 9 / 3,8	\$20
8	\$10 Daily Double - 2 / 5,6,8,9	\$40

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

