



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug. 16th
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Saturday #6 of the 2025 Meet, Grade 1 Alabama Day! It's hard to believe there are only two more Saturday's after today, but let's savor every single one, starting today with a great card mixed with stakes, allowance, and LOADED 2yo races with future stars abound. CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES...weather is supposed to be terrific in NY, with only a "small" chance of pop-up thunderstorms...you know how that can go in Saratoga!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhracingpodcast.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.*

ABC Grid - Post Time 12:35pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2,4,6	1,3,5	-	2,4,6	\$0.50 EP5	\$54
2	1	2,4,6	3,7	1		
3	2,6	1,4,5	3	1,2,6		
4	4,5,6	-	1	4,5,6		
5	2,4	5,6	1	2,4,5,6		
6	2,3	5,8	7	-		
7	4,5	2	1,3,6,8	2,4,5		
8	1,8	4,7	3	1,4,7,8	\$0.50 LP5	\$72
9	2,8	1	3,4	1,2,8		
10	2,6	-	1,4	2,6		
11	1,2,5	-	10	1,2,5		



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12	2,10	1	5,6,7,8	2,10		
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Top 3 Selections:

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	4	6	2
2	1	2	6
3	2	6	1
4	4	6	5
5	2	4	5
6	2	3	5
7	4	5	2
8	1	8	4
9	2	8	1
10	6	2	4
11	2	1	5
12	2	10	1

Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 8-12

Today's Late P5 has a nice combination of older horses, 2yo's, stakes horses, etc....There will be some short-priced horses you can lean on, but I've found some possible flaws in them, so tread lightly. I'll be spreading in R8, going skinny in R9 and R10, then spreading a little more in R11 and R12. In the G1 Alabama, R10, I'll be using two mainly, #2 Good Cheer and #6 La Cara, while only using #4 Nitrogen defensively. There's ZERO reason to use all three based on their morning lines..take a stand and only use one or two on your tickets...or if you must use all three, don't do it with equal value.

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 /



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RECOMMENDED PLAYS. THIS IS A NO-CHALK ZONE
unless I really love a low- priced horse....THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS
SECTION IS TO TIP OUT HORSES THAT ARE UNDER THE RADAR AND COULD
PRODUCE VALUE!!

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)
2	1	Victory Hall	5-2	3	\$20 Win #1

Notes:

Unless one of the firsters is very live and taking big money, #1 Victory Hall just seems too logical to me here. The 2yo filly ran well in her debut, chasing a nice winner who earned a very solid 62 Beyer at this time of year for a NY-bred 2yo. She now has experience, so I'm less concerned about the rail, and has two works since her debut. If she breaks clean, she could be tough...I'm just not in love with the newbies in this event.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	2	Ambition	10-1	5	\$25 WP #2 Trifectas: 2 / 4,5,6 / 1,4,5,6 4,5,6 / 2 / 1,4,5,6

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! This pick might surprise you for many reasons, but give me a moment to explain. First, the negatives....Trainer Asmussen, not exactly known for turf routers, is 0-for-20 in turf distance races at Saratoga in the last 5 years. However, if you take out Saratoga, he's 15% everywhere else in this statistic...the guy can train anything, and he doesn't send many turfers to NY. Bottom line as I see it, if he ships from KY to NY, it's with intent. There are plenty of nice purses at Ellis Park, and now he sends this one here today? Hmm....Go watch that last run by **#2 Ambition (10-1)**. The Street Sense colt was absolutely awesome, granted vs. less, but did it with style. He's run 1 ¼ miles before at Turfway, so this extra distance today should be okay for him. The dam was a serious turf horse (albeit sprinting), and I think this one has found his niche. Today's field is suspect to me, and because he is a little slow on paper, we'll get a nice price. Finally, J. Ortiz decides to stay on, and he's got tactical speed in a race with little early gas. I'm fascinated...sign me up!! IF he gets the distance, **LOOK OUT!!**



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Palace Boss	6-1	4	\$20 WP #1
Notes I hope he's okay, and I mean no disrespect, but jockey Rivera Jr., who's listed on this horse and is 1-for-32 on the meet, was involved in a spill yesterday and might not be riding today. For my sake, I hope there's a beneficial rider change. Many horses are not trustworthy and have early speed...perhaps Palace Boss can work out a trip from the inside on the tricky Wilson Chute first bend. I'll take 6-1 all day if I can get it, no matter who is riding.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	6	La Cara	5-2	5	\$30 Win
Notes The talented but inconsistent #6 La Cara has one thing going for her in this Grade 1 that other fillies don't: fantastic early speed!! She should control from the outset and I see no reason why she can't win from "flagfall to that's all!!" The favorite will be Good Cheer, but she threw in a clunker last time (was it slop?), and maybe she peaked as an early 3yo. She's been working with her stablemate, #1 Margie's Intention, and has not exactly blown away the clockers in the morning lately. Maybe she's lazy in her works, not sure, but the visual just doesn't do it for me. Am I overthinking it? We'll find out today. I don't like Nitrogen to win either...she's a turf horse until she proves me wrong on FAST dirt...the last race was impressive, but was run in the slop and the field was abysmal. Let's go Dylan on La Cara in this year's G1 Alabama!!					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
4	Pick 3: 4,5,6 / 2,4 / 2,3,5	\$36 for \$2
10	Pick 3: 2,6 / 1,2,5 / 2,10	\$48 for \$4



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

