



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Fri., August 14th
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Race-Day Overview

Once again the sun rises on another Friday at the beautiful Spa, and with it brings a dirt-heavy card with some good allowances and a turf sprint stake. Those who know me know that my forte generally revolves around the turf routing division, but I still have some strong opinions that should set us up well for the weekend. Above all else, the weather looks to be in good order for Friday, which should in turn keep fields together on what looks to be another great weekend of Saratoga racing. We covered the Saturday card as well on Ep 194 of Bettin N Boozin, so after we crush today, tune into our show on our YouTube to crush your bets tomorrow as well!

However, based on the variable weather patterns in upstate New York, it is imperative that you CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, because we often send out the SPP's BEFORE scratches are officially posted. So, our final selections might be VERY DIFFERENT if races taken off the turf!! We send out the SPP's early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin.

Today's Picks

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

**Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.
Good luck to everyone today!**



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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	1,6	4	2	1,4,6	\$0.50 EP5	\$90
2	3,5,6	7	4,8	3,4,5,6,7		
3	4	2	5,6	2,4		
4	2,5	6	4,7	2,5,6		
5	6,7	2	4	6,7		
6	8	4,9	10	4,8,9	\$1.00 LP5	\$60
7	7,9	5	4	4,5,7,9		
8	7		1,2,5	7		
9	5,6,9	4	3,7	3,4,5,6,9		
10	2		1,8	2		

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

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



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Late P5 Analysis: R6 - 10

This Late Pick5 is not one I am usually fond of, as the sequence is book-ended by maidens with a turf sprint carded firmly as the feature of the day. However, my play of the day ended up right in the middle of it, so that will allow us to exhaust our options in the other legs. I actually think the best race of the whole card is the one I was hinting at, Race 8. It is a 7F sprint for older males, that brings in a ton of talent with six out of the seven horses coming off an 89 beyer or higher in their last. This could easily be a race where I am four deep trying to get by, but with the addition of my best bet of the day, the script has flipped. LETS CRUSH OUR BETS!

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	4	Maui Strong	5-1	4	\$20 WP
Notes					
We are starting out with the configuration that has become my bread and butter this summer, and I am not straying away from the formula now. #4 Maui Strong has been a very consistent presence on the lead early in races, he just always seems to find himself with others. However, the race on Friday finally looks like he has a favorable pace scenario ahead of him. The only other horse that likes to as consistently forward as him is the #1, who is a first time turfer for Chad Summers. The other problem is he has been on the lead going longer than the mile, and earlier starts indicate he might be a little farther back than recent form suggests. Look for the best "on-the-lead" rider in the game, Luis Saez to be super aggressive out of the gate and run them off their feet. (Or hooves)					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	9	Apalta	9-2	3	\$15 WP
Notes					
On the contrary from Race 3, the seventh on paper has a multitude of horses that want to vie for the lead early. In my look for a closer in the field, I came across the #9 Apalta , whose last two races have been nothing short of awful. However, reading more into the form, the pattern became apparent. Ilkay Kantarmaci claimed this horse for \$20k and put this horse immediately into allowance company. This tells me that he thought pretty highly of this horse right away, but unfortunately Apalta just wasn't good enough. That doesn't mean that he can't run however, as he pretty much returns to the level they claimed him at, where he won in the last strides. This race is to be run at the same configuration to where he last won as well, so hopefully the return will include another trip to the winner's circle.					



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8	7	Bold Strength	3-1	5	\$50 Win

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!

Even though we won't have top jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard as he is recovering from his injury, I am still as confident as ever in the **#7 Bold Strength**. In a race of tested, battle-hardened horses, most of which have double digit starts, there is one horse with a LOT of upside. Bold Strength's last race, albeit with a good trip, showed how talented he can be as he continued to stay well clear of rivals, eventually winning by 2 ½ lengths. Also, four out of five horses that came back to improve their beyers, two of them winning next out as well. Not only is he coming out of a live race, he should have the perfect setup. The #2 and #4 will go out together for the lead as they did together in their last race, leaving Bold Strength in a perfect stalking position to seal the deal for our best bet of the day.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	About Face	2-1	4.5	\$35 Win

Notes

I was *this* close to making **#2 About Face** my best bet of the day, but it came down to the type of race that threw me just a "half star" off for this horse. Even though it is a turf route, the maiden claiming division can be such a tricky one to handicap sometimes. Between horses taking the drop for the first time or mainstays of the division running well, it can be a grey area deciding who is ultimately classier than others. That decision in this race ended up being pretty easy for me with About Face. Out of his three career starts, only one has been on the turf and it has been by far his best, and in a race of a lot of tested horses, he has a bunch of upside. If he improves at all off that last grass try, he will be flying by the leaders in the stretch.

Race

Program # - Horse

Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	5	#6 - Old Time Rocknroll	There aren't any mega standouts on Friday, but #6 Old Time Rocknroll is the closest thing to it in my opinion. Coming out of a paceless race last time, he closed nicely to only lose by
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			a length to a nice pretty good horse in Discotheque. If he gets just a little more to run into, he will be a winner.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	9	#3 - Praying	I am not one for turf sprints, but #3 Praying being entered in one caught my attention. A Grade 2 and 3 winner on dirt has not been seen in her best form as of late, but this is a MASSIVE drop. I probably would prefer to see her on the dirt, but Vekoma's have shown they can run on anything. Also, the dam has a turf sprint winner under her belt in one try. I would at least use her in exotics with a little sprinkle on top just in case.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
8	\$20 Exacta: 7 / 1,5	\$40
9	\$15 Daily Double: 5,6 / 2	\$30

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

