



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	July 18, 2025
Tip Sheet By	Paul Halloran

Race-Day Overview

This is a solid Saratoga card, headlined by the Grade 2 Shuvee Stakes, named for the 1970 and 1971 Eclipse Award Champion Older Mare and a 1975 Hall of Fame inductee. Raging Sea, who chased Thorpedo Anna around the track in the 2024 Breeders' Cup Distaff, will be very tough to beat in this year's edition. We get back-to-back maiden special weights on turf – one at 11 furlongs and the other at 5½, followed by a MSW dirt sprint that includes two sons of Yaupon, whose first-time starters are winning at an other-worldly 35 percent. Chad Brown brings back Grade 2 winner I'm Very Busy off a 13-month layoff in an allowance that looks like a prep for bigger and better things down the road. Take a long look at Chad's Asbury Park in the ninth, a son of the incomparable Frankel who showed a wicked turn of foot in a maiden win last out.

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 under the SPP promotion...a video explanation is also available on the page.***

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!



Picks Tip Sheet

Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10 p.m. EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,7	4,5	6	3,4,7	\$.50 P5	\$81
2	1,8,9		5,7	1,8,9		
3	2,3,6	7	4	2,3,6		
4	7,8	4,10,11(AE)	1,9	4,7,8		
5	3,7	6,8	2,5	3,7		
6	1,2	4	5	1,2,4	\$2 P5	\$60
7	5,7	4	6,8	5,7		
8	5,6	2,3	7	5		
9	1	6,7	3,9	1		
10	8,10	4,6	5	4,5,6,8,10		

Top 3 Selections

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



Picks Tip Sheet

Pick 5 Analysis

My opinions are stronger in the late P5 sequence so that ticket will have a bigger base bet. I think you can lean on Raging Sea in the eighth and Asbury Park in the ninth then hope for a price in the finale – presuming of course we can successfully navigate the first two legs. I'll have to make some decisions in the early sequence to keep the ticket on a reasonable budget while still including a few decent prices, including my Spot Plays in the second, third and fourth. I would love to get a few of them home.

Below are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses that will provide some value. The "Stars" rating is 1-5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	8	Army Gal	8-1	3	\$20 Win-Place #8
Notes Linda Rice wins with 18% of her turf sprinters at Saratoga over the last five years. She tried to run this daughter of Army Mule, who gets 11% turf sprint winners, on the grass last Friday but the race was rained off. She kept her in and the filly went to the lead and ran fourth at a mile. Linda wins at 26% off layoffs of 1-7 days. The dam and two siblings won on turf, so the pedigree is there. Linda and Jose Ortiz are a potent combination, winning at 25% over the last five years, 21% on Union Avenue. Look for Jose to get a stalking trip from the outside and have plenty of closing kick off the cutback.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Daiquiri Sommelier	6-1	3	\$20 Win #3 \$5 EX key box 3 / 2,6
Notes Hats off to whomever chose this name. Looking for Jose to complete a DD here on this AI Stall-trained son of Global Campaign, who comes in off an easy win in a Churchill Downs maiden claimer. Stall wins at 19% off a maiden win, 25% on the Saratoga dirt (1-4). The sharp Kentucky conditioner has a 20% strike rate at Saratoga the last five years. Sure, the water gets deeper, but there's reason to believe the Beyer improvement – 54-65-77 – will continue and that would put him right in the mix. Stall shipped in time to give his horse a good 4-furlong work in :48 over the main track last Friday. This is a contentious race, which makes the 6-1 ML appealing.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	7	Pemaquid	9-2	4	\$40 Win #7



Picks Tip Sheet

Notes PLAY OF THE DAY: They paid \$400,000 for this daughter of Curlin at the 2023 Keeneland Yearling Sale, so you have to figure expectations were high. She had a nightmare trip from the far outside last time and did some running late in the stretch to finish fifth of 11. I would expect Dylan Davis to ride her more aggressively for Shug McGaughey in this 11-furlong MSW on turf, in which the ML favorite is 4-1. Shug wins at 23% in maiden turf routes at Saratoga the last five years.					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$10 EX 7 / 3,4,5	\$30
5	\$2 Pick 3 3,7 / 1,2,4 / 5,7	\$24

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

