



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., July 19th
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Race-Day Overview

Saturday #2 at the 2025 Saratoga Meet brings us perfect, sunny weather...no worries about races coming off the grass thank goodness. Really nice card, with typical stakes, allowances, and maiden races to choose from.

Feature races today include three graded stakes in consecutive races, with the G1 Coaching Club American Oaks on dirt the Grade 1 for the day. I'm hoping Immersive bounces back from her 2025 debut loss...but if it's not her, there are a few other gals that could steal the show. Good luck today at the Spaaaaaaaaa (Tom Durkin reference, miss that guy). CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!!

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.*

ABC Grid - Post Time 12:35pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4	6	8	4,6	\$0.50 P5	\$96
2	2,8	5,10	-	2,5,8,10		
3	3	4,5	2,7,10	3,4,5		
4	4,5	3,6	1,7	3,4,5,6		
5	1a	1,7	2,5,6,8	1,7		
6	2,10	4,6	9	-		



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7	3,8	4	9	-		
8	4	7,9,(13)	2,3,5,6,8, 10, (14)	4,7,9	\$0.50 P5	\$108
9	4,6,7	3,5,8	1,2	3,4,5,6,7,8		
10	1	3,6	2,4,5	1,3		
11	4,5	6	8	4,5		
12	6,9	12	2,3	6,9,12		

Top 3 Selections

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

Late P5 Analysis: R8 - 12

Today's Late P5 is challenging as always. My biggest spreads will come in R8 and R9, while I'll be going more skinny in the other three legs. FYI, SKELLY is a SCRATCH in R11! That helps the early speed (Mullikin) a LOT and hurts the closers. The G1 in R10 is interesting...do you single Immersive or think she's not the same as she was last year? I'm siding towards the former, but wouldn't be surprised to see her lose for sure. It's not a Spot Play, but think #3 Scottish Lassie is capable of a big effort today. I'm against #6 La Cara for better or worse...I believe last time was the time for her & hope the #5 & maybe others pressure her early, plus the dirt will be fast and others won't have mud kicked in their face.



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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. THIS IS A NO-CHALK ZONE....THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO TIP OUT HORSES THAT ARE UNDER THE RADAR AND COULD PRODUCE VALUE!!

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	8	English Castle	5-2	3	\$20 Win #8
Notes					
Nothing special here to start our Spot Plays. The way the turf was playing yesterday, sure seems like speed is holding well. #8 English Castle has the blinks taken off, which I hope relaxes him a little and allows Ricardo Santana to finish up his races better. Bad field....not many can pass others.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Not For Hire	7-2	3	\$15 WP #3
Notes					
This Spot Play is similar to the one above it...an early speed type that simply needs to finish his races. #3 Not For Hire is VERY quick early, and in a turf sprint, that's the kind of horse you want. He gets the ultimate equipment change with the gelding, so perhaps he's more mature / settled down now, we'll see. There's other speed in the race, but not many closers other than the #8. I'm simply hoping he's better with the gelding and will COULD rate just a bit if necessary. Trip will be everything....Weaver is 3/10 so far this meet, a very solid 30%					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	Kairyu	6-1	4	\$10 WP #4 Trifectas: 4 / 6,7 / 3,5,6,7,8 6,7 / 4 / 3,5,6,7,8
Notes					
The G3 Caress is a doozy. These gals continue to knock heads and trade off wins. I'm hoping another filly, #4 Kairyu , wins today's battle. 2nd off the layoff for Kendrick and Cherie, the horse was forced to be used early. She ran very credibly...I think she might be better with cover sitting just off, and an inside					



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stalking trip seems to be very possible today. It's not as if she's lost to these horses by much in her career, and I hope she'll be better with the race under her belt. She'll have to make up one or two lengths and get the trip...both seem possible to me at a nice price. User her on top and *especially underneath in your exotics*.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	4	Mullikin	7-2	5	\$40 Win #4

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! The G2 (should be G1) Vanderbilt is another fantastic rendition. However, the scratch of #1 Skelly really changes things. There's MUCH less early speed in the race now, and **#4 Mullikin** might take advantage of that. Before the scratch, I figured he'd rate comfortably off of Skelly. Now, I think he just has to go to the lead. Frankly, I'm not sure if that's good or bad, but he's due to win this year, and should get the jump on the main competitors. I do think the scratch helps #6 Nash and maybe even #7 Baby Yoda, but Nash needs to prove it to me in New York, and Baby Yoda doesn't class up in this spot. Certainly, Mullikin will have to hold off #5 Book Em Danno in the stretch. We're not going to get near the 7-2 ML, but if he's 9-5 I'd be happy. He doesn't have to have the lead either if someone is hell-bent on sending to the lead. Today is his day I believe....if not today, when?

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

Race	Selections	Cost
3	Middle Pick 5: 3,4,5 / 3,4,5,6 / 1 / 2,4,6,10 / 3,4,8	\$72 for 50c
10	Double: 1 / 4,5	\$40 for \$20

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

