



## Picks Tip Sheet

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| Race Day Date | Mon, September 7th |
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### Race-Day Overview

*Unfortunately, Monday marks the end of another gorgeous Saratoga Summer, although the Spa doesn't leave us empty handed. Labor Day gives us two nice listed stakes and plenty of really nice maiden races. The Funny Cide is a small, yet very competitive field of two-year-olds, and the Gio Ponti is my favorite, one final turf route stake :). Mother Nature also seems to be leaving us alone one last time, which hopefully keeps these races together and gives us one last hurrah at the Spa. Thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the summer, we couldn't do what we do without YOU! Let's CRUSH OUR BETS!*

*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](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.*

**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

| Race | A      | B   | C      | Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets) | Caveman Bet | Caveman Cost |
|------|--------|-----|--------|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | 6      | 7   | 1,4    | 6,7                                    | \$.50 EP5   | \$72         |
| 2    | 2,3,10 | 5   | 7      | 2,3,5,10                               |             |              |
| 3    | 8      | 2,4 | 1,3    | 4,8                                    |             |              |
| 4    | 4,6    | 5   | 2,10   | 4,5,6                                  |             |              |
| 5    | 1,10   | 6   | 2,7,9  | 1,6,10                                 |             |              |
| 6    | 1      | 2   | 3,10   | 1,2                                    |             |              |
| 7    | 4,9    | 7   | 3,6,10 | 4,7,9                                  |             |              |
| 8    | 2,4    | 3,9 | 6      | 2,3,4,9                                | \$.50 LP5   | \$60         |
| 9    | 2,4    | 5,8 | 1,3    | 2,4,5                                  |             |              |
| 10   | 1,5    | 2   | 3      | 1,5                                    |             |              |
| 11   | 4      | 3,6 | 2,7    | 4                                      |             |              |
| 12   | 3,5,12 | 2,6 | 1,3    | 2,3,5,6,12                             |             |              |

### Top 3 Selections

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



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### Late P5 Analysis: R8 - 12

*The final Saratoga late Pick5 for 2026 is a doozy for me. It is nice having both stakes races in the late Pick5, but turf sprints in both races 9 and 12 is notoriously something I struggle with. I have some good opinions in both stakes too, which should afford the bankroll needed to spread a little in those turf sprints, while still not being ideal. With it being the last day of the meet, this Pick5 is also a mandatory payout. Hopefully we can catch some prices and steal a big chunk of it as we head full steam into the true Breeders' Cup season! Lets CRUSH OUR BETS one final time!*

### Price/Spot Play(s)

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)   |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|----------|
| 1      | 6       | Majaz      | 3-1  | 4.5   | \$40 Win |

#### Notes

We are trying to hit one right out of the gate on Monday, and I am planning on going against a couple favorites that I am just not sure how good they actually are. The main favorite is the #7 Accent for Chad and Manny Franco, a horse that looks like Chad has had a lot of confidence in, though has seemed to dwindle over the summer. On the contrary, Jonathan Thomas brings in a foreign shipper who just lost at Ascot last time. However, this filly's form before that was modest at best, and Thomas is 0-fer with foreign shippers in the last 5 years. That brings me to the horse I like, **#6 Majaz**. She is a filly that came over from GB at the end of last year, and had some VERY good runs at Woodbine. I can forgive her effort last time as the extra distance was not what she wanted, flattening the last eighth to the winner who won a stake next time out. Look for Majaz to create a perfect trip for herself and go by at the top of the stretch.

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)   |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|----------|
| 6      | 1       | Glen Airy  | 3-1  | 4     | \$30 Win |

#### Notes

In a race I would not usually go for like the Wilson Chute, I like **#1 Glen Airy** a good amount on Monday. His last run was on the same configuration first time out for the Linda Rice barn, and I thought he ran a very good second in a race that he had little business winning. Generally, Glen Airy likes to be just off in the pocket, but found himself a little farther back last time and just missed running down his stablemate. I think drawing the rail will be the key to his success here, especially on the Wilson Chute configuration, as he can break, sit in the pocket and not be caught wide on the first turn. Manny Franco also hops aboard him, and with all the big riders out at Kentucky Downs, he should have free choice on any ride he wants, which only installs more confidence in Glen Airy.



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| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)   |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|----------|
| 8      | 4       | Urgency    | 6-1  | 3     | \$35 Win |

### Notes

Race 8 kicks off the late Pick5, and I am taking a very similar angle that I did in Race 1 with **#4 Urgency**. The two favorites are the #2 Debt Limit and #5 Siesta Key, both of who are very deep closers in a race that I am not sure allows for that. Also, they both seemed to have plateaued, which is what led me to looking for a fresh face in this division. #4 Urgency is a new acquisition of the Linda Rice barn, not only in training but ownership as well. He ran a nice race last time at the claiming level, just losing the bob where he was wide. This is a definite step up in competition, however, in a race with 4/5 year-old favorites that seem to have little improvement left, I am going to take a shot with a 3YO going to a barn that tends to move horses up off the claim.

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name     | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)  |
|--------|---------|----------------|------|-------|---------|
| 10     | 1       | Professor Plum | 6-1  | 3     | \$20 WP |

### Notes

We come to the two final stakes of 2026 at Saratoga, both I think have a chance to go the upset route, depending on where the final money goes of course. Starting with the NY-bred Funny Cide, the two main favorites are both speed, with the third choice still being a maiden. This, in my opinion, could lead to some true shenanigans, which leads me to my top pick, **#1 Professor Plum**. De Paz has had a very nice meet, although the beyer of his last race is definitely slow compared to the other main favorites in this race. However, I love that the connections have the confidence to go here. He has also been consistently working since that race, showing me they had this spot picked out ever since he won last time. Hopefully, the steady work tab along with the pace in front of him will give Professor Plum the winning Clue on Saturday.

| Race # | Horse # | Horse Name | Odds | Stars | Bet(s)   |
|--------|---------|------------|------|-------|----------|
| 11     | 4       | Lyneham    | 4-1  | 5     | \$50 Win |

### Notes

#### THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!

It would only be fitting that my final spot play of the meet would be the configuration that I feel strongest, as the turf routes have treated me very well this year. This edition of the Gio Ponti is a little bit of a headscratcher, with the ML favorite being a VERY chilly 7/2. The money could be very telling on how this French invader will run, but I love **#4 Lyneham** in this race. His 2YO form suggested this horse could be VERY good, however, there is no sugarcoating it, his form this year has been less than stellar. That being said, those runs have been against WAY tougher, this should in theory be a little drop coming to the states. Christophe Ferland has NEVER had a US runner, but in 2023 did train the eventual



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winner of the BC F&M Turf under Brendan Walsh. Oh, and did I mention that filly was out of the SAME DAM? She might not be her "near French Guineas winning sister", who ran in a similar spot the first time she ran in the states, but if she can show any type of the talent she showed as a 2YO, she could dominate this field. Also, Manny Franco chooses this one, which I think is all the validation I need to take this horse at 4-1.

|                    | Race # | Program # - Horse          | Short Rationale                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Most Likely Winner | 3      | #8 Little Thunder          | Surprisingly, this was actually a very tough task to pick the most likely winner. There are only two races on the day that have a ML price under 2-1, neither of which I like very much. The #8 Little Thunder is coming off a good layoff for Tim Hamm, but does look to have a big pace advantage. If he comes back at all the same, if not better than he was at Tampa, he should win with no issue.                               |
| Best Longshot      | 11     | #6 - Doubting Thomas (8-1) | This was also not easy, as I think the middling prices have a good lock on this card. However, I did find the #6 Doubting Thomas very interesting in the turf stake. Coming from turf sprints and routing for the first time, I think he could be forgotten in the betting. Mike Trombetta's horses always need to be respected, and getting Johnny V aboard most likely means this mid-atlantic invader could have a big run coming. |



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

| Race | Selections                 | Cost |
|------|----------------------------|------|
| 1    | \$20 Exacta: 6 / 7         | \$20 |
| 10   | \$20 Daily Double: 1,5 / 4 | \$40 |

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

