



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug 15th
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to another fabulous Saturday of racing at the Spa, highlighted by the Grade 1 Breeder's Cup Win-And-You're-In Christophe Clement S. (formally Sword Dancer). As usual, there are some loaded allowance and maiden races as well, especially the babies running in Race 8, which could produce something special.

There was a relatively brief but heavy thunderstorm at the end of the card yesterday, but weather today is forecasted to be very good, so I did NOT give alternate dirt selections for turf races as I anticipate everything staying on the turf. AS USUAL, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES...good luck!!

Today's Picks

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Good luck to everyone today!**



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ABC Grid - Post Time 12:30pm ET

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	6	4,7	1,3	4,6,7	\$0.50 EP5	\$48
2	4,7	6,8	1,2,5	4,7	-	-
3	4,5	7,9	-	4,5,7,9	\$0.50 MP5	\$96
4	2	6	4	2,6	-	-
5	1,8	-	2,3,5	1,8	\$0.50 MP5	\$96
6	3,6	8	1	3,6,8		-
7	4,6	2,3	1	2,3,4,6	-	-
8	2,3,10	8	1,5,6	2,3,8,10	\$0.50 LP5	\$64
9	1,6	3,5	2,4,7	1,6	-	-
10	3,4,5	2	6,8	2,3,4,5	-	-
11	2	4,6,7	-	2	-	-
12	8	1,3,10	4	1,3,8,10	-	-

Top 3 Selections:

****There are a bunch of first-time starters running today...let the board be your guide!!**

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



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10	3	5	4
11	2	4	7
12	8	3	10

Late P5 Analysis (R8-12)

Today's Late P5 contains two graded stakes, two very different maiden races, and a mile chute event. Let the board be your guide in the first leg of babies, but I'll probably use 3-4 horses in that leg. The R9 turf sprint stake is tricky, and again I'll use several. I'll be taking a stand a bit in the Clement, using mainly the #1 and #6, while leaning on the rail horse, and use others defensively. It feels like R11 and R12 could be chalky, as the #2 in R11 and #8 R12 feel awfully logical. If it's not them, it could be many others, so ticket structure is very important here....which one, if not both (#2 and #8), are you going to lean on? A relatively cheap ticket is possible for this Late P5, especially in the later legs.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	7	Big Handsome	4-1	3	\$20 Win #7
Notes					
Last week, I tipped out a maiden firster who won in Gaudreau to start off the day. I'll try to do the same with #7 Big Handsome in this NY-Bred baby maiden race. I absolutely LOVED his last work....wish more trainers would do this in the mornings. Abreu had Big Handsome sit behind two horses, taking plenty of dirt just like he could during a race. The horse tipped out and went by the two leaders with ease using his giant strides to glide on by. The DRF clockers gave that work a B+, which is very good for a 2yo. I like his other works too and the breeding (City of Light out of a Nyquist mare). We'll let the board be our guide per usual in baby races, but I'd be shocked if this one isn't taking money in the pools and should be lower than his 4-1 ML. If he's NOT, I wouldn't touch him.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	1	Bertrille	5-1	4	\$20 WP #1 BIG Exactas: 1 / 2,3,5,8 Smaller Exactas: 8 / 1
Notes:					
With the inner rails set at 18ft today, perhaps the inside posts don't have the usual advantage. But, I still like #1 Bertrille today for several reasons. Her main rival and clear horse to beat is #8 Considerate					



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City, who has beaten Bertrille the last two times they've faced each other. HOWEVER....Bertrille now gets to move in several spots in the starting gate and breaks from the rail, while her rival breaks from the far outside. Perhaps more importantly, there is a MAJOR jock switch on Bertrille as she's ridden by Santana today, who should be more aggressive and get the mare in position. Not only that, Considerate City is 1-for-8...not exactly a win machine. Yes, Bertrille is 3-for-26, but there are things I like as mentioned above. Maybe Santana can work a little magic at a decent price. Hope he sits the pocket and goes by late.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Ancient Egypt	5-1	5	\$40 Win, \$25 Place #1

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! I will admit, when you're tipping out Euros first-time in the USA, it's a bit of a guess. But **#1 Ancient Egypt**, the only 3yo in the field, must be here for a big reason....to qualify for the Breeder's Cup. Unless you've been hiding under a rock, 3yo Euro turfers have done some serious damage at Saratoga this summer (Kensington Road and Glacious just to name a few). Because he's facing older, you could argue this is a tougher test than his 3yo counterparts that won at the Spa, but Euros face older horses all the time back at home at this time of year, and the connections are not intimidated. Frankly, our distance turfers (other than Bourbon Square) are just not very good. Egypt also does face two other former Euros in Ft. George and Survie, but they don't tickle my fancy. The Bowling Green S., the prep for this one, was run in a VERY slow fashion early, so it's hard to gauge what quality that race really was. I personally think #6 Minaret Station, who I've chased a lot recently, is the biggest threat to Egypt. I have no idea how this race will be run from a pace factor, but Egypt has been forward in his Euro races, and he's improving with numbers that absolutely fit here. Finally, jock Egan is capable and knows USA racing as he had a nice winter at Gulfstream this past season....and here's the final kicker for me: Ancient Egypt is the favorite in the overseas betting market. They know their own horses...very interesting development. As of Friday night, he's as low as 5-2.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Oscar's Encore	6-1	2	#15 WP #3 Trifectas: 3 / 2,4,5 / 2,4,5,6,8 2,4,5 / 3 / 2,4,5,6,8

Notes:

Taking a little shot with #3 Oscar's Encore in this turf sprint stake. I really like the way the Oscar Performance filly won her 3yo debut, albeit on the lead where it appeared speed played very well that weekend. She was battling a horse the entire way, then put that one to bed with relative ease and



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finished very well in a good time. I like the month + break since, several solid works, and an inside post with J. Ortiz. I don't think she needs the lead, and she might need to rate with plenty of speed to her

outside. I trust Ortiz to work it out. I'll go \$1 WP for Regular Tip Sheet ROI. Many can win this race...no reason to take a favorite.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	4	Calling Card	5-2	4	\$30 Win #2

Notes:

The 1 mile Wilson Chute has not been good to me this meet. But it seems, in general, you want to be forward. #2 Calling Card should be exactly that but can sit in behind too. While Maker is solid, the trainer switch off the claim to Rice is a major factor for me here. The gelding also gets back to his own breed, and while not a win machine (2-for-14), I just have a feeling a big effort is coming. The field is only okay, and he won by 7 lengths last time with Franco back on. Gotta believe a 7-5 off odds is in the making...he doesn't lay over the field fig-wise, but Linda not only trains, but owns the horse, hmmm....

Race # Program # - Horse Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	12	#8 Gilbane	Very weak field unless a fresh face fires. 2nd off the layoff for Franco and makes a ton of sense.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	1	#4 Nantz	Hello Friends (golf reference). There's a lot of early speed that is not trustworthy in this race, and Nantz could make a late run and surprise.

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



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Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$5 Daily Double: 4,6,7 / 4,7 (if turf)	\$30
9	\$20 Dutched Ex. Box 1-6 (so 1-6 and 6-1 of different amounts)	\$40

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

