



## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., July 26th
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### Race-Day Overview

**Saturday #3 of the 2025 Meet brings a dandy of a day....the G2 Jim Dandy and the return of Sovereignty! He'll be VERY tough in this small but talented 5-horse field. There are also some two EXCELLENT 2yo maiden races with potential stars, plus a graded stake on turf and usual solid allowance races.**

**FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!! Weather is supposed to be fantastic today after a chance of rain yesterday (Friday) and stronger chance of rain on Sunday.**

### 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.**

### ABC Grid - Post Time 12:35pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4,5	2,7	-	2,4,5,7	\$0.50 EP5	\$96
2	4	1,6	2,5	4,6		
3	4,6,8	-	7	4,6,8		
4	1	3,5	4	1,5		
5	6,9	7,11	-	6,7,9,11		
6	3,4	5	8,10,12	-		
7	4	7,9	8	-		
8	2,3,8	4,6	5,7,9	2,3,4,6,8	\$0.50 LP5	\$75



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9	3,5,10	4	2,6,7,8	3,5,10		
10	1,5	-	2	1,5		
11	5,6,9,10	4	-	4,5,6,9,10		
12	7,10	8,12	6	7		

### Top 3 Selections

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

### Late P5 Analysis: R8 - 12

Today's Late P5 is a virtual Pick 4 with a "free-square" if you believe Sovereignty is a slam dunk single. He's close to that, but not for me. I'll be spreading in R8 and R9 especially, two VERY tough races to start the sequence. R11 and R12 are medium-spreads, and I'll be using two horses in the Jim Dandy. 90% of tickets will single the Derby/Belmont winner, so there's MAJOR equity in beating him today...just not sure that can be done, we shall see.

**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 /**



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**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)
1	5	Friar Laurence	4-1	4	\$15 WP #5 BIG Exactas: 2,4,7 / 5 Smaller Exactas: 5 / 2,4,7

#### Notes

Look at the opener carefully. **#5 Friar Laurence**, for all you Roman Catholics out there, has been trying to close into paceless races filled with blue-coded figs (slow early paces) without success, but still good. Now, he gets a race filled with early speed from the 1,2,4, and 7. There should be at least SOME hitting up front, and Saez should sit a good trip. The favorite Otto the Conqueror did NO RUNNING last time, and I was there to see it in-person, plus Steve is giving him up for \$40k. Who else blows you away? No one in my opinion. I'll be praying for the Friar to at least fill out the exacta.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	6	Unbroken Chain	6-1	3	\$10 WP #6

#### Notes

Jockey Bridgmohan is not a name you see in the program much anymore...but last week, he won with a Giddings-trained horse, and he's a veteran jock who is still very capable in the right scenario. **#6 Unbroken Chain** is one of those horses with which he can win. The NY-bred drops in for \$35k after facing better in his last two starts, both solid turf efforts for a VERY low-percentage jock. Today is an upgrade. He's got tactical speed which I hope he uses, and the horse has worked twice since his last start. His figs squarely fit this field, and with any luck, he has a big shot at an okay price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	3	Island Fox	12-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show #3 Trifecta: 4,5 / 3 / 4,5,8,10,12 4,5 / 4,5,8,10,12 / 3

#### Notes

This NY-bred allowance field is not strong at all for the level. I'm looking for someone other than the fave #4 Tongue Twister to be a factor, and I believe **#3 Island Fox** at a price is the one. She's a



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lightly-raced 4yo who came back on dirt last time when the race was scratched off, so ignore that effort completely. Her works are VERY good coming into this race, and when she raced on turf last summer, she broke her maiden first time out, then ran into Midnight Concerto and other good turf horses twice. Now a 4yo, she worked nicely last time and picks up aggressive rider Dettori. The trainer won at 27-1 earlier this year on a dirt-to-turf move. I'll probably play her more underneath in 2nd and 3rd, but she should be a price in a race where I don't like many others. If she finishes 2nd or 3rd, I'd be thrilled. Saver win bet incoming as well. I'll play a superfecta too and key her in 4th only. Just trying to get value on her in some way today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	Vekinda	4-1	2	\$20 Win #3

### Notes:

Trainer George Weaver is having another solid Saratoga meet. He's 25% so far. #3 Vekinda has been rested up for this spot, faces a field with a TON of early gas, and seems to be one of the few that can pass others. He has races on the go-back that fit here, and Franco just needs to take back, make one run, and time it right. The gelding is 8-for-8 in the money, so use underneath as well as a win bet.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	Baeza	3-1	5	\$35 Win #1 BIG Exacta 5/1 Smaller Exacta 1/5

### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** I talked about #1 Baeza for quite a while on our Thursday night show, so I won't babble on here. He's very talented, and most importantly, improving for Sherriffs, who does NOT ship across the country here for fun. The horse is working great, and IF HE BREAKS better from the inside and sits just off Mo Plex, or even aggressively takes the early lead, he can upset Sovereignty in today's G2 Jim Dandy S. I see a small regression for the Derby/Belmont champ and improvement for Baeza. That's all it takes for him to get the win here. Can't wait for this race today. Not afraid to say a large win bet is incoming on Baeza...it's a two-horse race unless Sandman is a different animal with maturity and blinks on. If I get 5-2, look out....I think I will come post time. Anything less than that, and no win bet.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	5	Will of a Womanne	8-1	3	\$15 WP #5 Trifectas: 5 / 4,9,10 / 3,4,9,10 4,9 / 5 / 3,4,9,10



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### Notes:

Tom Morley is patient with his younger horses. **#5 Will of a Womanne's** first turf try was very good. She was stuck inside, found a way out, and was accelerating towards the line in between horses while just getting nudged out at the finish. Other than the #9 who is clearly the horse to beat, no one excites me here. I'm hoping Johnny V. gets a nice stalking trip and gets the War of Will filly in the clear earlier than last time. Maybe she's more likely underneath, but a win would not surprise me either. They'll all most likely have to beat the 0-for-6 #9 horse Hello Beauty, who is trying NY-breds for the first time and appears to be the fastest on paper. The #10 firster is working well too, could be a big player also.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	7	Fateful Lightening	2-1	4+	\$25 Win #7

### Notes:

I know I usually don't put a chalk horse on these Spot Plays, but this is my lone single in the Late P5. **#7 Fateful Lightening** is TONS the class and has lost to good ones. Now the 3yo son of Tapit is dropping, and has been working well since his last effort. As long as he's not too far back or gets a bad trip, he should take care of business in the last race of the day. Manny needs to find room in the stretch.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	Pick 3: 4,5,7 / 4,6 / 4,6,8	\$36 for \$2
8	Pick 3: 2,3,4,6,8 / 3,4,5,8,10 / 1	\$25 for \$1

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

