



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug. 9th
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Race-Day Overview

Saturday #5 of the 2025 Meet is upon us! Two Graded stakes on turf, including the BC WAY! Gr1 Sword Dancer over a mile and a half! Some extremely competitive races on the undercard made this a challenging, but enjoyable card to handicap.

Good luck today...check for scratches and changes and watch our "Saratoga Today" morning shows today and tomorrow as well, starts at 10am EST!

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	5,6	4	1,3	1,4,5,6	\$0.50 EP5	\$36
2	3,8	5	1,6	3,5,8		
3	6	7,3	8	6		
4	6,4	8	3,5	4,6		
5	2	5,4	1,1A	2,4,5	\$0.50 P5	\$13.50
6	8	6	2	2,6,8		
7	6		2,8	6		
8	2	8	6	2,6,8	\$0.50 P5	\$12
9	1	3	4	1		
10	1	6	3	1,6		



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11	3	1	5	1,3,4,5		
12	10		7,2	10		

Top 3 Selections

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

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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!!



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Price/Spot Play(s)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	2	Fitzpatrick	10-1	4	\$25 WP

Notes:

Race 5 is where I find my first price/spot play of the day. Fitzpatrick exits a 25k claiming event where he finished behind the two heavy favorites while running for the waiver after a near 10-month layoff. He finds himself getting some slight class relief, down to a 20k claiming tag. Wayne Potts also keeps the waiver on Fitzpatrick, protecting him once again and switching to red-hot jockey Jose Ortiz. Fitzpatrick finds himself second off the bench, in a race loaded with speed, drawn well to the inside. The jockey upgrade to Jose Ortiz is enough for me to give this runner a strong chance of upsetting a field full of inconsistent runners.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Depiction	3-1	5	\$50 Win

Notes:

RACE 7 IS AN EXCELLENT RACE WHERE DEPICTION IS IN A PERFECT SPOT. DEPICTION COMES IN OFF A RATHER DISSAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE IN THE GRADE 3 POKER, BUT FINDS HIMSELF COMING BACK IN A RACE LOADED WITH EARLY PACE. DEPICTION DOESN'T FACE THE LIKES OF BRILLIANT BERTIE OR TOP STAKES HORSES, INSTEAD HE'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO SHOWCASE THE WICKED TURN OF FOOT HE POSSESSES. I BELIEVE YOU WILL GET THE 3-1 ML SEEING AS THE HORSE TO HIS OUTSIDE WILL TAKE A LOT OF PLAY. THIS WILL BE A SINGLE IN MY HORIZONTAL BETS AND I WILL BE SURE TO HAVE A WIN BET ON HIM TOO.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	1	El Cordobes	4-1	5	\$50 Win

Notes:

MY **PLAY OF THE DAY** COMES IN THE GRADE 1 SWORD DANCER! FINALLY, WE SEE APPLEBY SEND SOME RUNNERS OUT TO SARATOGA. EL CORDOBES IS A RUNNER WHO HAS FACED SOME TOP QUALITY RUNNERS, ESPECIALLY LAST OUT IN HIS DOMINANT VICTORY IN THE GROUP 2 PRINCE OF WALES STAKES. WITH NATION'S PRIDE ALSO IN THE FIELD, FLAVIEN PRAT WILL TAKE THE MOUNT ON EL CORDOBES AS HE WILL LIKELY LAY CLOSE TO THE PACE AND NOT LET ML FAVORITE FAR BRIDGE GET TOO FAR AHEAD. FAR BRIDGE IS VULNERABLE WHEN HE FACES GOOD EUROPEAN RUNNERS. FLAVIEN PRAT WAS NO STRANGER TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE IN GRADE 1s LAST YEAR, AND I DON'T BELIEVE TODAY WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT!



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	10	Charles J	5-1	4	\$25 WP
Notes:					
My final price/spot play of the day comes in the nightcap, where leading rider Irad Ortiz is listed at 5-1 ML on the best closer in a race with FOUR horses who need the lead, and a couple others that do their best running forward. The outside post is not a concern, with all the speed, I expect Irad to guide Charles J over to the rail and save ground as the pace materializes up front. Blinkers go on to add some focus to this runner as he unleashes his turn of foot as others get leg weary.					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
7	\$1 Pick 6 - 6/2,6,8/1/1/1-8/10	\$24
9	DAILY DOUBLE - 1/1	\$50

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

