



## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., July 12th
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### Race-Day Overview

**WELCOME TO OPENING WEEKEND OF THE 2025 SARATOGA MEET!!** I'm proud to be the author of most of the Saturday Saratoga-Only Power Picks Tip Sheets this summer, and wish you much success!!

*Saratoga is one of the toughest, if not THE toughest, meets of the year. Horses from all over the country are pointing to this meet, and everyone wants to get their picture taken in the Winner's Circle, especially those who have horses East of the Mississippi River (Del Mar starts next week out West!). There are major stakes, high-class allowance races, competitive claiming races, and serious 2yo baby races at different distances and surfaces. For the 2yo's, we'll be sending out DRF Clocker Report info through email in the morning with meaningful works to help you with those first-time starters. We'll do our best to give you the best information possible, which will allow you to make betting decisions that you feel are most profitable.*

**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 tip sheet early to give you an ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin...ALL SELECTIONS ASSUME TURF RACES STAY ON GRASS.**

### Today's Picks

**\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhracingpodcast.com](http://hhracingpodcast.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 FULL-CARD analysis of the races. Good luck to everyone today!**



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ABC Grid - Post Time 12:35pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,4	2,6	-	2,3,4	\$0.50 P5	\$72
2	5,6	1,4	7	1,4,5,6		
3	2,3,7	4,5,6	-	2,3,7		
4	2,5	4,6	7	2,4,5,6		
5	1,4	7,9	6,8	4		
6	5,6	1,7,10	2	-		
7	2,7,9	4	1,1a,6	-		
8	2,7	5	3	2,5,7	\$0.50 P5	\$108
9	3,5	1a,7,9,10	4,11	1,3,5,7,9,10		
10	5,6,7	4,8,10	2,3,9	4,5,6,7,8,10		
11	1	4,5	2,6	1		
12	3,4	-	2,9	3,4		

### Top 3 Selections

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



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### Late P5 Analysis: R8 - 12

*To the surprise of absolutely no one, Saratoga's first Saturday Late Pick 5 sequence is fantastic, and difficult. If you like playing Pick 5's like I do, you usually need to spend a decent amount of money to hit. So, if approx. \$100+ is too much for your budget, get together with some friends and combine your dollars. Remember 25% of a nice score (an even split with a group of 4 bettors playing together) is always better than 0% of missing a bet because you want to play it by yourself at a cheaper cost!*

*For today, my initial thoughts are spreading mightily in R9 and R10, while going more skinny in R8, 11, and 12. Many people will single Far Bridge in R8 and/or She Feels Pretty in R11. While they both are very logical, I'll be playing a few others in those races as well. Remember, most thought Nitrogen was a "cinch" last week too. I would spread as much as possible in R9 and definitely R10, the most difficult race on the card in my opinion. If I had to single a horse, it would probably be She Feels Pretty in R11, but the G1 Diana is a real fun race with several contenders...this is She Feels Pretty's toughest test to date. The last race is a maiden turf sprint, not exactly my cup of tea. Good luck in a great sequence!*

***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!!***

***Now, 2-1 could be a "value" if you think the horse should be 4-5. But we take big swings here...and based on the ROI of this section (which does NOT include exacta and trifecta scores), over 4+ years, we have proven success. Use your discretion, and play whichever horses you think are best. So here we go! Turn the page for an extensive list of Price/Spot Plays today at Saratoga.***



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### Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	2	Graywing	7-2	3	\$15 WP #2 BIG Exactas: 2 / 4,5,6 Small Exactas: 4,5,6 / 2

#### Notes

If you excuse **#2 Graywing's** last race, in which he didn't break well from the gate, he's a major threat today. He wants to be forward...and although there is other early speed in the race, he looks like the best of the speed. He's mainly been going 6 ½ furlongs, so the cutback to 6f should be good also. He has shown the ability to sit just off too, so hope Manny breaks well and reads it from there. Two local works since the race gives me more confidence, especially off a poor effort.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	4	Itsallcomintogetha	9-2	4	\$15 WP #4 Trifectas: 4 / 1,7,8,9 / 1,6,7,8,9 1,7,8,9 / 4 / 1,6,7,8,9

#### Notes

As is the case in many turf races at Saratoga, Chad Brown's entrants are going to take a lot of attention. While understandable, they are always WAY overbet, and if you can beat them, you're golden. That's how I feel in this race. While the 8 or 9 could win (actually think the 9 has more upside), I don't think these are Brown's better animals in his stable, plus they both get wide posts. I thought **#4 Itsallcomintogetha's** jockey last time, Jose Gomez, moved unnecessarily too early/aggressive and it cost him the race. I usually like aggression from a jock, but that move didn't make sense. His 3rd quarter, when he made his move before the far turn, was 22.79 sec. He couldn't sustain that through the wire and only finished less than three lengths behind the winner. Today, Saez gets back on board, and I expect a better ride just off the speed of the #2, but waiting longer to make his move until the top of the stretch. There are several competitors in the field, so I think that ML-price is accurate. Hope Saez makes the difference today at a decent price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	7	Society Man	8-1	2	\$10 WP #7 BIG Exactas: 2,9 / 7 Smaller Exactas: 7 / 2,4,9

#### Notes

Race 7 is one of those difficult Saratoga allowance races that makes this meet so great. **#7 Society Man** is a progressive, improving 4yo. I love these types of horses. The upside is still there, and he's 2nd off a



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layoff. He ran well last time when finishing 2nd, when Bramito ran a hole in the wind (he faces him again today). But today, there's MUCH more early speed in the race, and I think Society Man will be closing best if he receives a patient ride. He finished 2nd in the Wood last year and was staked several times, including the Derby, so there's class here. Rosario just needs some racing luck and time it right.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	El Rezeen	8-1	5	\$25 WP #2

### Notes:

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** The G2 Bowling Green is a solid distance turf stake with a big favorite in #7 Far Bridge (6-5), who will be tough to beat if he gets another rail-skimming ride/trip. He's really good, but not invincible, as we saw last time. Remember the "progressive 4yo" thought inside my last Spot Play, Society Man? Here's another example. **#2 El Rezeen** is just hitting his prime, 2nd off the layoff and has a chance to really step up his game....pretty aggressive spot for Pletcher, isn't it? He was involved in a VERY fast pace at Keeneland at a distance too short from him. By English Channel, this 3-turn race is perfect....and jockey Davis can either be aggressive early or take back and make a run...hope he does the latter. I see a ground-saving trip and a chance to beat Far Bridge and others if he can improve only a few lengths according to Timeform US, which I trust. Big bet incoming on the win end and underneath in exactas/trifectas if he's 5-1+, which he should be today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	3	My Divine Spirit	7-2	4	\$10 Win #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 2,4,9 Smaller Exactas: 2,4,9 / 3

### Notes

It's rare that I tout a horse in a turf sprint, even more in a maiden event. No, I don't have special intel. But #3 My Divine Spirit is working well on the dirt, and she's a turf horse through and through. Based on her connections, Prat signed on, a likely firm turf course, etc...I just have a feeling this horse is ready for her debut. Brown is 16% on the win end last 5 years with firsters on turf at Saratoga. But when you add Prat to the mix, his win % with this kind goes up to 21% and almost 60% in the money. Unless the workout report is poor, I like her quite a bit. Hope she breaks okay, because the horse to her outside is quick early. If My Divine Spirit is bet down in the wagering, I'll like the filly even more.



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

Race	Selections	Cost
4	Pick 3: 2,5,6 / 1,4,7 / 5,6	\$18 for \$1
7	Double: 2,4,7,9 / 2,7	\$16 for \$2

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

