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## Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Belmont Stakes Day at Saratoga! The 14-race extravaganza is sure to bring excitement to all horse racing fans, with an incredible 9 graded stakes races, including 6 Grade 1's! It's basically a mini Breeders Cup event. As we have done previously on big race days, our Tip Sheet today involves all of our talent on the podcast. We have ABC Grids, Spot Plays/Price Plays, Best Bets, Longshots, Horizontal and Vertical wagering strategies, you name it!

As of this writing (Thursday), thunderstorms hit the area after the races Thursday and possible light rain is predicted for Friday and Saturday, so PLEASE CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!! Because of my travel plans to Europe, we needed to finish writing this tip sheet and send it out before today (Sat). Therefore, we have no idea (again, of this writing) what races, if any, might come off the grass. My assumption is that ALL TURF RACES WILL STAY ON THE TURF. Good luck to everyone today, CRUSH YOUR BETS!!

## Spot / Price Play ROI (National Avg. is \$1.60):

Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): **\$2.15** (\$1,342 / 625)

\*YTD: **\$1.78** (\$245.35 / 138)



## Today's Picks

**\*\* For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://hhhracingpodcast.com), and click on the "Power Picks" tab on the top of the page for more information on how to read an "ABC" Grid and place bets using the "ABC" Method. ALL PICKS ON THIS TIP SHEET ASSUME GRASS RACES STAY ON TURE.**

### Racetrack: Saratoga

#### ABC Grid – Full Card

**Howard Kravets' Grid (all picks assume turf races stay on grass)**

Race	A	B	C
1	3,5,8	1,4	7
2	1,4,5	6	-
3	5,6,8	-	2
4	5	4	6
5	3	2,7	6
6	4,7	1,8	5
7	5,6	4	3
8	7	4,8,9	1,3,6,10,11,12
9	2,8,12	3,5,6	-
10	6	2,4	3,5
11	6,9	1,5	-
12	9	10	1,2,3,5,8
13	4,7,11	5,6	8,9
14	2,11	1,9,10	T3,6

#### All-Grade One Stakes Pick 5 Ticket (R8 - 12):

**#1: 1,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 / 2,3,5,6,8,12 / 6 / 1,5,6,9 / 9,10 (\$240) BIG BUDGET**

**#2: 4,7,8,9 / 2,8,12 / 6 / 1,5,6,9 / 9,10 (\$48) SMALL BUDGET**



**Pete Visco's All-Stakes ABC Grid:**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	5	1,6	2,4	-	-	-
5	1,2,3	6	7	-	-	-
6	5,8	4,7	6	-	-	-
7	5,6	3,4	1	-	-	-
8	1,7	4,8,9	3,10	1,7,8	\$0.50	\$120
9	6,8,12	2,5	9,11	2,6,8,12	-	-
10	3,6	2	4	6	-	-
11	5,6,9	1,2,7	4,8	5,6,7,9	-	-
12	8,9,10	2,5	1,3	2,5,8,9,10	-	-

**Paul Halloran's All-Stakes ABC Grid:**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	4,5		1,6	-	-	-
5	2,3	7	1	-	-	-
6	4,7	8		-	-	-
7	3,5	6	1	-	-	-
8	8,9	3,7	1	3,7,8,9	\$0.50	\$100
9	6,8	2,12		2,5,6,8,12	-	-
10	2	4,6	3	2	-	-
11	6,9	5,7		1,5,6,7,9	-	-
12	9,10	2,5	3	9,10	-	-



# Power Picks

## Top 3 Picks for Each GRADED STAKES Race

Name	Race 4: True North	Race 5: Poker	Race 6: Suburban	Race 7: Ogden Phipps
Howard	Gun Pilot Accretive Gun It	Carl Spackler Talk of the Nation Casa Creed	Crupi Charge It Bendoog	Raging Sea Idiomatc Soul of an Angel
Paul	Accretive Gun Pilot Gun It	Carl Spackler Talk of the Nation Casa Creed	Charge It Crupi Bendoog	Pretty Mischievous Randomized Idiomatc
Pete	Gun Pilot Ninetyprcentmaddie Gun It	Casa Creed Carl Spackler Mysterious Night	Bendoog Time for Trouble Crupi	Raging Sea Idiomatc Pretty Mischievous
Kyle	Gun Pilot Rotknee Gun It	Carl Spackler Talk of the Nation Casa Creed	Bendoog Crupi Charge It	Idiomatc Pretty Mischievous Raging Sea
Patrick	Accretive Gun Pilot Rotknee	Carl Spackler Mysterious Night Casa Creed	Crupi Bendoog Time for Trouble	Idiomatc Raging Sea Soul of an Angel
Charlie	Gun Pilot Gun It Accretive	Carl Spackler Talk of the Nation Casa Creed	Bendoog Charge It Crupi	Idiomatc Pretty Mischievous Raging Sea
Noah	Gun Pilot Gun It Accretive	Carl Spackler Kubrick Talk of the Nation	Crupi Bendoog Charge It	Raging Sea Idiomatc Soul of An Angel

Name	Race 8: Woody Stephens	Race 9: Jaipur	Race 10: Met Mile	Race 11: Manhattan
Howard	Prince of Monaco Nash Vlahos	Arzak Mischief Magic Cogburn	White Abarrio National Treasure Blazing Sevens	Al Riffa Measured Time I'm Very Busy
Paul	Nash Imagination Vlahos	Star of Mystery Cogburn Mischief Magic	National Treasure Blazing Sevens White Abarrio	Measured Time Al Riffa Program Trading
Pete	Book'em Danno Prince of Monaco Vlahos	Cogburn Mischief Magic Star of Mystery	White Abarrio National Treasure Post Time	Al Riffa Program Trading Measured Time
Kyle	Prince of Monaco Nash Book'em Danno	Arzak Mischief Magic Big Invasion	White Abarrio Blazing Sevens National Treasure	Measured Time Al Riffa Program Trading



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Patrick	Prince of Monaco Valentine Candy Reasoned Analysis	Sosua Summer Cogburn Arzak	White Abarrio National Treasure Hoist the Gold	Program Trading Al Riffa Measured Time
Charlie	Book'em Danno Prince of Monaco Nash	Cogburn Arzak Mischief Magic	White Abarrio National Treasure Blazing Sevens	Measured Time Al Riffa Program Trading
Noah	Prince of Monaco Book'em Danno Nash	Big Invasion Cogburn Star of Mystery	National Treasure White Abarrio Hoist the Gold	I'm Very Busy Measured Time Al Riffa

Name	Race 12: BELMONT STAKES
Howard	Sierra Leone Mindframe Honor Marie Mystik Dan
Paul	Sierra Leone Resilience Mindframe Antiquarian
Pete	Mindframe Sierra Leone Honor Marie Antiquarian
Kyle	Sierra Leone Resilience Mindframe Antiquarian
Patrick	Sierra Leone Resilience Honor Marie Mystik Dan
Charlie	Sierra Leone Mindframe Resilience Mystik Dan
Noah	Sierra Leone Mindframe Resilience Honor Marie



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## Best Bets - STAKES RACES ONLY

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	11th - Manhattan	6 - Al Riffa
Paul	10th - Met Mile	2 - National Treasure
Pete	7th - Ogden Phipps	6 - Raging Sea
Kyle	8th - Woody Stephens	7 - Prince of Monaco
Patrick	5th - Poker	3 - Carl Spackler
Charlie	5th - Poker	3 - Carl Spackler
Noah	11th - Manhattan	1 - I'm Very Busy

## Top Longshot - STAKE RACES ONLY

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	8th - Woody Stephens	9 - Nash
Paul	8th - Woody Stephens	9 - Nash
Pete	12th - Belmont Stakes	8 - Honor Marie
Kyle	10th - Met Mile	4 - Blazing Sevens
Patrick	9th - Jaipur	9 - Sosua Summer
Charlie	9th - Jaipur	12 - Mischief Magic
Noah	9th - Jaipur	5 - Big Invasion



## Howard's P5 Analysis – Races 8-12

*As always on Belmont Stakes Day, the Late Pick 5 is challenging. However, due to the smaller field in the Met Mile and few likely winners in the Belmont S. itself, this Pick 5 is very affordable on an inexpensive ticket. The key for me is how many horses you choose to use in the first leg, R8, the Woody Stephens. I believe the race is wide-open and would spread in general. If you want to go light, I would recommend singling #7 Prince of Monaco, and if he doesn't win, you can always come back with a Pick 4 bet. That race is the one most likely to produce a big win payout. The Jaipur, R9, is also very difficult. I would spread most in the first two legs of the Pick 5, then go skinnier as the races go on. I'm taking a stand in general with White Abarrio in the Met Mile, and really like Al Riffa in the Manhattan S. The Belmont feels like a 2-horse affair...I'm not going deep there nor being very creative. I could single Sierra Leone, but Mindframe is talented and dangerous if he gets the distance. Good luck with this bet if you play!*

## Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s) – Howard Kravets

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

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	4	Storm Miami	10-1	3	\$10 WP #4

### Notes

#4 Storm Miami is ONLY A PLAY IF THE RACE STAYS ON TURF. Trained by Brendan Walsh, this one closed well despite being wide and uncovered for most of the race, a trip that turf horses don't like, especially first-time Euros in the U.S. The race came back fast enough for the level, and my feeling is Tyler will have him in a good spot early, plus he'll appreciate the more lush, thicker turf course of Saratoga than Gulfstream. The filly was well-meant last year in Ireland and there's upside here for the 3yo. Wide-open race, so let's start with a price today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	3	Carl Spackler	2-1	4	\$25 Win #3 BIG exactas: 3 / 2,7 Smaller exactas: 2,7 / 3

### Notes

The G3 Poker looks like a possible throwdown between veteran warrior Casa Creed and younger up-and-comer Carl Spackler. In these scenarios, I'll always lean towards the younger horses with more upside. Spackler ran a very good comeback race at Churchill Downs last time, being 3-wide the whole way but still running down Talk of the Nation, who was loose and is back in this race as well. I expect improvement from Carl today 2nd off the layoff, has tactical speed, been working great, and is ready for a big performance. Tyler knows the horse well, having ridden him in his last three victories. We won't get a great price, but he'd be a good one to single in horizontal bets, especially because Casa Creed will take a ton of money, and possibly the favorite. Sure he can win, but I'll go with Carl. Caddyshack fans will rejoice if we get this one home on top!



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Raging Sea	9-2	4	\$15 WP #6 Trifectas: 6 / 1,4,5 / 1,3,4,5 5 / 6 / 1,3,4,5

### Notes

What a race this will be! The G1 Ogden Phipps only has 6 horses running, but 5 can win, and other than Adare Manor out West, these are the best older fillies and mares in the country altogether in one race. #6 Raging Sea is a horse I've been chasing since her 2yo season in the BC Juvenile Fillies. I've lost with her, and won as well. But today is the day she has her breakthrough victory, at least I'm hoping so. There's plenty of early speed signed on, and even though the girls with early speed are capable of wiring the field or winning while taking pressure, it feels like Raging Sea is finally realizing her massive potential. She's won three in a row, and although she received a perfect trip last time at Keeneland, she did it with style, and there's more in the tank in her 2nd start of 2024. Prat knows her style, and he's likely to tuck in going into the first turn and make a big run late. Unless favorite #5 Idiomatic gets loose or completely freaks, Raging Sea is not far off of her figs-wise. And today, we'll get a bit of a price on Raging Sea. Chad Brown's other horse in the race, #1 Randomized, will assure a fast pace while being a danger herself if she runs back to last year's races. This should be fun to watch.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	9	Nash	6-1	4	\$5 Win, \$15 Place/Show BIG Exactas: 1,3,4,6,7,8,10,11,12 / 9 9 / 4,7

### Notes

#9 Nash is one of my bigger plays today, but probably more underneath in exactas and trifectas rather than on the win end. THIS IS A VERY TOUGH RACE! Because of this, for our Spot / Price Plays, we'll go \$1 win, \$2 Place and \$1 Show. I've been waiting for this horse to cut back to a shorter distance since the connections got what co-host Paul Halloran on our show calls "DFS", Derby Fever Syndrome. When he won his allowance going 2-turns at CD, he actually became the wise-guy Derby choice back in November. Although he's run well at a route distance, his dam, Sara Louise, was a crack sprinter. In addition, Cox has taught him to rate off of speed and finish. Losing to Seize the Grey in the Pat Day Mile now looks better, and I think he'll appreciate laying off the very hot early pace in the race from the outside, where Geroux can stalk and pounce when he wants to push the button. Fun race...I'm hoping Nash can finish in the money.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Arzak	9-2	3	\$10 WP #2

### Notes

As most of you know, turf sprints are not my favorite type of race. But #2 Arzak sure looks like he'll sit a great trip in behind the speed from the rail. He's in the form of his life at age 6, and has competed against some of the best in the wide-open division lately. I'm slightly concerned about the jockey switch, but Torres has won some big races lately and is very capable, just not as well known. While





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some of his competition is most likely going to be wide and in traffic, Arzak will save ground and just has to run back to his recent races and find a hole late. Easier said than done in this big field. I also like that he's been rested up a bit while many others ran on Derby weekend. Trainer Trombetta is underrated and will have this horse ready.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	Al Riffa	6-1	5	\$30 Win #6

## Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** First, let me say I'm not sure we'll get the 6-1 ML price at which he's listed. But frankly, the more money he takes, the more confident I'll be. The foreigner is trained by Joseph O'Brien, no need to say more. One knock is he's only 3/26 in the U.S. in the last five years, but two of those winners paid 13-1 and 21-1. And this one is very well-meant with great form overseas facing very tough horses. The 4yo colt lost by ¾ of a length to Arc winner Ace Impact last year, and in his prep for this, he lost by only ½ length going perhaps a bit farther than he wants. It also was on soft ground which he can handle...keep that in mind if the Saratoga turf has some give in it today. He won't come from too far back like some Euros and appears to be tactical. I LOVE the fact Johnny V. is in the saddle instead of a Euro jockey who might not be familiar with Saratoga...he'll know what to do. Dettori and Buick are on the Appleby pair, so that makes sense. I don't think there are any superstars in this field, unless Program Trading takes a big step forward off his last or Measured Time freaks first time in the U.S. I'll take 4-1 all day on Al Riffa....just hoping he's handled the ship well and fires his shot.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	7	Splashy	6-1	3	\$10 WP #7

## Notes

We'll end our Spot Plays with a bit of a biased selection. Full disclosure, I have fractional ownership of #7 Splashy with our good friends at Adelphi Racing Club, so this would be a heck of a way to end Belmont Day (although there's one more race after this). This wide-open NY-bred maiden race has no standouts, and by all indications, Splashy has worked well for her return. We always thought she had some ability (see her July 3rd effort), but she didn't like the yielding turf, then we had to sprint her in October. She should show speed and be up close in a race without much early gas, and getting Irad won't hurt either. I can't say I'm ultra-confident, but I would expect her to run well. We've been trying to get her to the races, but some races didn't fill in the condition book, others were rained off, etc...today is hopefully her day. SHE PREFERS A FIRMER TURF COURSE, so I'd probably downgrade her on soft turf. C'mon, Splashy, you can do it!!



## **Horizontal Plays - Belmont S. Day (all plays max. \$100)**

### **Patrick Kuenzel**

Early Pick 5 (R1 – 5): (\$0.50 Base Bet):

3, 5, 8 / 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 / 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 / 4, 5 / 3 (\$90)

### **Charlie Freeman**

Middle Pick 5 (R5 – R9) (\$0.50 Base Bet):

2, 3, 7 / 4, 7, 8 / 5 / 1, 3, 7, 8, 9 / 2, 6, 8, 12 (\$90)

### **Noah Meagher**

All-G1 Stakes Pick 4 (R9 – R12) (\$0.50 Base Bet):

2, 5, 6, 8 / 2, 6 / 1, 5, 6, 9 / 9, 10 (\$64 for \$1)

### **Kyle Roscoe**

Met Mile / Belmont S. Double (\$5 Base Bet):

6 / 9 - \$50

6 / 10 - \$30

**Bonus Coverage.....**

**Racetrack: Hawthorne Racecourse – Sat. Late P4**

**R6 – 9 , Post 6pm EST**

**Howard Kravets' Selections:**



#### Race 6: 7 - 5 - 4

**Late Pick 4 Ticket: 4,5,7,9 / 4,5,6,7 / 2,4,5,8,9,10 / 7 (\$48)**

Today's Late P4 might be the best, most wide-open races in one sequence I've seen since the meet began. You'll DEFINITELY want to jump into this pool! It starts with a challenging two-turn turf claimer. The race on May 12th, Race 4, is one you'll want to watch. **#7 Ms. Ks Dynasty (9-2)** ran big losing a ton of ground on the far turn and just coming up short. That was her first start on the turf, and she's bred well for it as a daughter of Temple City. I'm not a huge fan of the jock, who's winless in 14 mounts this meet, but he got a feel for her last time and hope he can save more ground than he did in her last start.

#### Race 7: 6 - 4 - 5

The highest-quality race of the day is here. I needed **#6 Went West (4-1)** last time on Illinois Derby Day, and he just missed. Today, he gets an extra ½ furlong and perhaps more early pace to run into. Trainer Rodriguez is 28% at the meet, and Went West is consistent....will close into an expected fast pace.

#### Race 8: 5 - 8 - 4

This race is by far the most interesting race on the card, with many question marks and angles to look at for maidens going two turns on the lawn. Trainer Roussel usually brings live turf horses to Hawthorne, and I believe he's done that again with **#5 Interlude (6-1)**. He was my top choice last time he was supposed to run, but the race was taken off the turf. The son of Mendelssohn ran well in his first two starts as a 2yo, then was wide and got a tough trip at the FG around Thanksgiving 2023. He comes back with several good works, gets our leading jock in Ceneno, and still has plenty of upside as a newly turned 3yo. In these connections I trust....he'll have to be good in this competitive field.

#### Race 9: 7 - 6 - 4

The finale is a tricky \$4k claimer for the girls. There's plenty of early speed signed on, and very few horses that have shown the ability to pass their counterparts. I'll go with **#7 Shez Reckless (6-1)**, who has plenty of numbers on the go-back that would win this race easily. The problem? She hasn't run that fast lately at all. Perhaps the move back to an outer post will allow her to stalk and pounce. She also is rested up, having not run in 2 months.

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





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