

Race Day Date	8/11/23
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### **Race-Day Overview**

Rain, rain, stay away ... Friday should be sunny and warm at Saratoga, a welcome change from a week ago when the last four races were canceled. Today's Saratoga Power Picks are based on turf races staying ON. With the Hall of Fame Stakes already pushed back a week, you have to think NYRA will push hard to at least keep that one on. Card features many competitive races and, I think, a few beatable favorites. I do not include Americanrevolution in that group, despite the 11-month layoff. I will be leaning on him in the late P5 sequence, but the early P5 seems fairly approachable. Let's hope for a smooth, uneventful day of racing; Saratoga needs it.

## **Spot/Price Play ROI**

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\$.7	75	573 307 31	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit. (scratched not included in stats)

## **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 under the SPP promotion...a video explanation is also available on the page.

## Racetrack: Saratoga

Post Time 1:10pm EST

#### ABC Grid

### Early P5: 5A - \$8 4A1B - \$56 3A2B - \$28 4A1C \$28 - TOTAL \$120 Late P5: 5A (\$1) - \$16 4A1B - \$24 3A2B - \$26 4A1C - \$44 TOTAL \$110

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Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,6	3,4		1,3,4,6	.50	\$72
2	7,8		1	7,8		
3	1,3	5	2,6	1,3,5		
4	2,5			2,5		
5	6	2,5	3,4	2,5,6		
6	6,7		4,5	4,8		
7	6,10	5	1,8	1,5,6,8,10	.50	\$80



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#### Late P5 Analysis

Clearly, there will be value if you can beat Americanrevolution in the middle leg and I will use a pair of Cs there, but he's going to be extremely tough back among state-breds. I think the ML 9-5 favorite #10 in the first leg is very beatable. Liam's Map is a 6% FTS sire with 2YO; Chad Brown wins at 16% with 2YO FTS in dirt sprints at SAR, which is actually a "low" percentage move when you're Chad Brown. Last two legs obviously change drastically if they get moved off the turf, so pay attention!

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

#### **Top 3 Selections**

#### **Price/Spot Play(s)**

\*\* Price / Spot Plays are not usually the favorites, but horses we like that will provide some value (hopefully 5-2 or higher in general). These horses will be included into our "ROI" Stats at the beginning of the SPP's. The "Stars" rating is 1 - 5.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	6	Braggadocious	6-1	3	\$20 win 6, \$10 ex 1-6, \$5 ex 3,4 with 6

**Notes** Good guy Mark Hennig has won 4 races at the meet and over the last 5 years he is 18% when combining with Johnny V. at the Spa. Hennig is 29% off a trainer switch, 3-4 at Saratoga. This son of Gun Runner has already run 10 furlongs, so 1 1/8 should be within his reach. No local workouts to go on, but three breezes down state. Betting that JV will have him more forward than his previous starts. Will be playing to win and underneath.





# **Picks Tip Sheet**

## Saratoga

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)			
2	8	Missing Fortune	4-1	4	\$20 WP 8			

**Notes** First start at SAR for the Finger Lakes trainer, who has 6 wins in 33 starts as a conditioner. Keibar Coa has already made a successful trip from western NY to win a Spa race and if this NY-bred filly can duplicate the 82 Beyer from her last, she should win. Yes, that was at 5½ furlongs, but she has two-turn races in her running lines, so 7F should be well within her reach. And I love the outside post at this distance. There do not appear to be any world beaters in here, so let's go with this lady of the Lakes.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)		
7	6	Trust Fund	7-2	4	\$20 DD 6 w/ 1,2 \$10 DD 6-6		
Notes							

Unlikely we will get 7-2 on this Pletcher firster, but I think even 5-2 would be OK. Practical Joke is a 19% win sire with 2YO FTS. Todd wins at 22% with 2YO FTS in dirt sprints, 17% at SAR. Workouts have been good, with one borderline B+, though he has been a little green. Luis Saez aboard indicates he should be away from the gate. The breeding indicates he may want longer than 6F, but I think he will get there in time. Pletcher and Saez are a 23% winning combination at the Spa over the last 5 years. Let's build up the Trust Fund.

#### Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays Not Included in Price/Spot Play Bets

Race	Selections	Cost
4	\$40 DD 2-6	\$40
6	\$40 win 6	\$40

#### Last weekend's SPP results

Friday 8/4

ABC Grid - No scores (Late P5 was Cancelled)

Price/Spot Plays - 1 of 2 Scores (See Below for Details) (1 Scratched)

Other Bets - No scores (2 Cancelled)

Top 3 Results (11 Races):

- Top Pick: 2 Win / 2 Place / 1 Show (1 Scratched - 4 Cancelled)

- 2nd Pick: 1 Win / 0 Place / 2 Show (1 Scratched - 4 Cancelled)

- 3rd Pick: 1 Win / 0 Place / 2 Show (1 Scratched - 4 Cancelled)

- Top 2 Exactas (Box): 1 (4 Cancelled)

- Top 3 Exactas (Box): 2 (4 Cancelled)

- Top 3 Trifectas (Box): 2 (4 Cancelled)



Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning amount
3	1 - Risk Profile	1st	\$25 Win (\$25) – 1	\$140

Saturday 8/5

ABC Grid - No scores

Price/Spot Plays - 1 of 5 Scores (See Below for Details)

Other Bets - 1 of 3 Scores (See Below for Details)

Top 3 Results (12 Races):

- Top Pick: 4 Win / 0 Place / 2 Show (1 Scratched)
- 2nd Pick: 1 Win / 2 Place / 2 Show (1 Scratched)
- 3rd Pick: 1 Win / 3 Place / 1 Show (2 Scratched)
- Top 2 Exactas (Box): 0
- Top 3 Exactas (Box): 0
- Top 3 Trifectas (Box): 0

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning amount
8	Various	Win	\$5 Daily Double (\$30) - 1,6 / 2,5,8	\$76.10
10	1 - Zandon	2nd	\$10 Win / \$15 Place (\$25) – 1	\$34.50

Sunday 8/6

ABC Grid - 1 Score (See Below for Details - 3 of 5 Races Paid to All) Price/Spot Plays - 1 of 4 Scores (See Below for Details) Other Bets - No scores (2 of 3 Scratched) Top 3 Results (10 Races): - Top Pick: 1 Win / 1 Place / 2 Show (3 Scratched)

- 2nd Pick: 1 Win / 4 Place / 0 Show (2 Scratched)

- 3rd Pick: 3 Win / 3 Place / 3 Show
- Top 2 Exactas (Box): 1
- Top 3 Exactas (Box): 3
- Top 3 Trifectas (Box): 2

Race	Pick(s)	Finish	Bet(s)	Winning amount
4	3 - Whatlovelookslike	1st	\$20 Win (\$20) – 3	\$85
4			\$5 Exacta Box (\$10) - 3,6	\$157.50
6	Pick-5	Win	\$0.50 4A/1B (\$18) \$0.50 Caveman (\$60)	\$25



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

