



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 2 nd
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Race-Day Overview

Friday at Saratoga brings us a 10-race card with five scheduled turf races and the remaining five on the main track. The 2 stakes races on the day will be on the turf which will kickoff a 2-Day All Turf Pick5 into Whitney Day. Race 8, the Saratoga Oaks which includes an Appleby, Brown, and O'Brien runner. Is there anything more to say!?!? The 9th Race is the Hall of Fame Stakes, which looks to be wide open on paper but does include #4- Neat who was ultra impressive in the G3 Manila last time out. Let's dive into a fun card at the SPA!!

We will do our best to give you ideas on whom to bet and how, plus stats on trainers/jockeys when appropriate. 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!! If that's the case and Spot/Price Plays involve surface changes, those picks will NOT count towards the ROI Stats! We send out the SPP's early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin. Finally, as we always say....."these picks are our opinions....once you make a bet, they become your opinions!" We hope all of you CRUSH YOUR BETS (CYB) this summer at Saratoga! Now, onto today's action!!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhh racingpodcast.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.*

Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.....good luck!



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Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid - Post Time 1:05pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4	2,6		4		
2	3,4,5,9	6,7		3,4,5,6,7,9		
3	2,4		1,3	2,4		
4	1	2,3		1,2,3		
5	5,7	1/1A,4,8,10		1/1A,4,5,8,10		
6	1,2,5	6,10	4	1,2,5,6,10	\$0.50 Late P5	\$90
7	1,3	6,7		1,3,6,7		
8	1	4,5,6		1		
9	3,8	4	5	3,4,8		
10	1,9	4	2,3	1,4,9		

Top 3 Selections

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



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P5 Analysis

Today's Late Pick 5, which starts in Race 6 is competitive as always. I firmly believe in singling Cinderella's Dream in R8 and working your tickets around her. The first two legs I'll be spreading. But playing press up tickets because I do have stronger opinions. In the Hall of Fame Stakes, I think it's a 3 horse race between Zverev, Neat, and Army Officer. When it comes to the final leg... #9- Geopolitics on paper is the horse to beat but it's obvious he doesn't like the winners circle. So, I'll also be using two first time starters in here with the #1- Evaluation and #4- My Magic Wand. Let's crush this p5 to give us more juice for Whitney Day!!

Below 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.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	2	Harlocap	2-1	5	\$25 Win #2
Notes					
This is a small but competitive N2X field going 1 ½ miles on the dirt. #2- Harlocap for Steve Asmussen comes out of a race trying turf for the first time. The experiment didn't go so well for the one time Kentucky Derby hopeful. Last time winning was at this distance and should get a perfect trip in here sitting right off #4- Laughing Boy. Asmussen is winning at 23% over the last 5 years going two turns on the dirt at the SPA.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	1	Athena Beach	7-2	3	\$20 Win #1
Notes					
After breaking her maiden on debut and rattling off four straight wins at Penn National #1- Athena Beach looks to get her first win at the SPA. Last time out she hooked up with a solid NY bred in Caras time and wasn't able to hold on. She fought gamely to the wire to hold on for third. I think 6 furlongs is the perfect distance for her. Look for Jockey Jose Gomez to sit a stalking trip like she did two races back in an impressive victory.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	2	Jhirsch	15-1	2	\$10 Win-Place #2 \$5 Exacta 1,5 w 2 \$2 Exacta 2 w 1,5
Notes					



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There is no doubting that #2- Jhirsch is going to have to improve off his last race. But...when you take a look at the replay of his start on May 25th you see there is some talent here. Sat a nice stalking trip in second and drew clear of the pace setter at the top of the stretch. Two out of the top four horses in that race came back to win their latest race. I'm hoping the pace won't be too quick up front so Jockey Manny Franco can get a jump on the closers.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Zverev	4-1	4	\$20 Win #3 \$10 Exacta 3 w 4,8 \$5 Exacta 4,8 w 3
Notes					
The only thing trainer Cherie DeVaux hasn't won at the meet so far is a stakes race. Out of the five horses she's run in stakes three of them have hit the board. #3- Zverev comes out of a nice allowance race at CD. The 2nd place finisher West Hollywood most recently won impressively at the SPA. #3- Zverev has been known to be pretty immature but the blinkers have seemed to help. Recently firing a bullet work on the Oklahoma training track. Let's hope we can get 4-1 on him because I think he's due for a big showing!					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$15 Daily Double: 4 / 3,5	\$30
8	\$15 Exacta: 1 w 4	\$15

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

