



## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug. 3rd
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### Race-Day Overview

*It's Whitney Day!! A VERY STRONG card is at hand, with many big fields and high-quality horses as usual. Unfortunately, there's rain in the forecast, but it's Saratoga, so you never know if it will be a deluge or Mother Nature will give us a break. **ALL ANALYSIS IS ASSUMED RACES STAY ON THE GRASS!!** The main feature of course is the Whitney...will National Treasure continue to be the best handicap horse in the country, or will he be upset at the "Graveyard of Favorites?" We shall see!*

*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 SPP's early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin.*

### Today's Picks

*\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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.*

**Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.  
Good luck to everyone today!**



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Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid - Post Time 12:05pm EST...NOTE THE EARLY START TIME!!

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (uses in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4,9	3,5,8	1,6,7	3,4,5,8,9		
2	3	4,5,10	9	3		
3	1,7,8	5	3	1,5,7,8		
4	3,10	-	1,4	3,10		
5	6,7	5,9	-	6,7		
6	1,4	2,9	-	2,6,8,10		
7	4,5	2	3,6	2,4,5	\$0.50 All- Stakes P5	\$90
8	1,2,4	6	5	1,2,4,6		
9	1,9	4,5,8	2	1,4,5,8,9		
10	6	1,8	3,7	6		
11	3	2,5,9	10,11	2,3,9		
12	2	5,7	4,6,8	2,5,7		
13	10,11	1,2,3,9,12	-	10,11		

Top 3 Selections (next page for R8 – 13)

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



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8	2	4	1
9	9	5	4
10	6	8	1
11	3	2	9
12	2	7	5
13	11	10	1

### Late P5 Analysis

*I know my fellow co-hosts don't like when I use the "W" word (weather), but according all forecasts, there's a decent chance of thunderstorms spread throughout the day. Let's just hope they don't develop over the Spa...for purposes of this Tip Sheet, we'll assume it will be dry enough that races will stay on the grass. My biggest spreads will be in R8 and R9, while I'll take stands in R7, 10, and somewhat in R11. The main question is: Do you single National Treasure in the Whitney? I'm going to use several in there, while "leaning on him" as the most likely winner. I'm not sure there will be any bombs in this sequence, so you might consider "pressing-up." Feels like a Pick 5 that could either pay a little and be chalky or blow up, especially if Cogburn loses.*

***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)
4	3	Silent Melody	9-2	3	\$15 WP #3

#### Notes

Let's hope Mother Nature cooperates, otherwise this pick would be null if on the dirt. Silent Melody faces a pretty weak field for the level, and her tactical speed and inside post should do wonders here. She's been very competitive on the sod, but most importantly, she's been facing open-company, and now "drops" to NY-breds. Ortiz should be able to work out a trip from this post and she should appreciate seeing her NY-bred friends. Forget her last...it was on dirt and she stumbled at the start. The distance also should be perfect for her, and the main competition is to her outside and not to fear. I'll take anything over 7-2 to start the day here on our Spot Plays.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	9	Cyclone State	10-1	4	\$10 Win, \$ Place BIG Exactas: 5,6,7 / 9 Small Exactas: 9 / 5,6,7

### Notes

I distinctly remember when Cyclone State debuted. He took a TON of money, especially for an Iowa-bred for Chad Summers. He didn't break well and was climbing early. This was a great prep for today, and he's working VERY well for this start. I love the outside post for him, and if he breaks cleanly, I think he'll show himself well today. There are some very well-meant firsters in here, but experience could mean a lot in a race like this.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	5	Deterministic	6-1	4	\$10 Win, \$20 Place #5

### Notes

HOF jockey Joel Rosario (congrats on his induction yesterday) takes the reins of the this talented 3yo. Christophe Clement has always said he wants to see what he can do long on the turf...he gets it today. In his turf debut, it took him a while to get going, but once he did, he flew home and was gobbling up the ground. With some speed signed on and extra distance, he's a fascinating entry today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Denim and Pearls	7-2	3	\$10 WP #2 BIG Exactas: 2 / 1,4,6 Small Exactas: 1,4,6 / 2

### Notes

THIS IS ONLY A PLAY IF THE TRACK IS FAST OR GOOD AT WORST. Clearly, based on her PP's, Denim is better on a fast surface. She has some big efforts on her page and figures to sit a nice trip just in behind the lead. Many things will have to go right for her to win based on the field, but she may get overlooked, especially if #6 Brightwork takes money. Great race, looking for a price and hope to beat Ways and Means.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	2	Disarm	15-1	5	\$5 Win, \$15 Place, \$25 Show Trifectas: 2 / 3,9 / 3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11 3,9 / 2 / 3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11 3,9 / 3,5,9,10,11 / 2

### Notes

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** Ok, I'll admit it....last time Disarm ran in the Stephen Foster, I liked him, and it didn't work out at all. He broke awkwardly, was rank and in between horses, and was simply bad. I just believe that Asmussen wouldn't place him in this tough spot if he didn't think he could handle it. He ran great at Saratoga last year, and is training well for this. He figures to get a good inside trip and come running from mid-pack. Other than National Treasure, I just don't think there's anyone to be afraid of today. If Disarm doesn't run well today, the divorce papers will be out. I still believe in him...not jumping off the ship just yet, we'll see. **FOR OUR SPOT PLAY ROI, IT WILL BE \$1 Win \$2 Place, and \$1 Show.**

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	2	Striker Has Dial	5-2	4	\$20 Win #2

### Notes

I'll finish today's Spot Plays with a lower-price horse. Striker Has Dial is very sharp right now and will be tough with a similar effort to her previous three. Despite the predicted fast pace, she could rate if necessary and cuts back in distance. Carmouche knows her well, and I just hope he doesn't get into a "pissing contest" with the horse to her inside. If they want to send hard, just sit right off...you're the best horse, so ride with confidence Kendrick!

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

Race	Selections	Cost
7	\$10 Daily Double: 4,5 / 1,2	\$40
11	\$15 Daily Double: 2,3,9 / 2	\$45



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

