

Race Day Date	8/05/2023
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## **Race-Day Overview**

It's WHITNEY DAY!! Welcome to one of the best cards of the year in New York, with 5 stake races and many terrific allowance / maiden races. We'll tackle the whole card right here, and hope you can find some winners! FYI, this is being written in advance and with the ASSUMPTION THAT ALL TURF STAKE RACES STAY ON GRASS. There's rain in the forecast on Friday, so we'll see. My hunch is if there's plenty of rainfall Friday, the non-stake races scheduled for grass will come off, while only stake races will stay on the turf. Are you going to single Cody's WIsh in your late horizontal plays in the Whitney today?

# Spot/Price Play ROI 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 12:35pm EST

ABC Grid - It's possible that races will be taken off the turf today....ALL PICKS ON THE GRID BELOW are predictions based on all NON-STAKE RACES (R1,4,12) being OFF the turf. We will clarify if we can on the morning "Saratoga Today" Show on Saturday.

LP5 - All A's - \$3; 4A1B - \$28; 3A2B - \$84; 4A1C - \$16 Total - \$131

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Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	5,8,9	1,2,6	-	8,9	\$0.50	\$84
2	5,7	1,4,9	-	5,7		
3	1,6,8	3,4,5,7	-	1,3,4,5,6,7,8		



4	7,11	9	_	7,11		
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5	3,4,7	1,2,5,6	10	3,4,7		
6	4,8	3,7	1			
7	1,2,3,5	4,6	-		\$0.50	\$96
8	1,6	7,8		1,6,7,8		
9	2,5,8	6	4	2,5,6,8		
10	6	1	2,5	1,6		
11	7	2,5	3,10	2,5,7		
12	14,15		6,16	14		

### **Late P5 Analysis**

Top 3 Selections - For scheduled grass races, grass picks are in black, dirt picks in blue

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	9	8	5
2	5	1	7
3	6	1	8
4	11	7	9
5	3	4	7
6	8	4	7
7	1	5	3
8	6	1	8
9	2	8	5
10	6	1	2
11	7	5	2
12	14	15	16

## Price/Spot Play(s)

\*\* 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). These horses will



be included into our "ROI" Stats at the beginning of the SPP's. The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5.

	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3 1	Ragtime Blues	8-1	3	\$10 WP #1

#### Notes

Ragtime Blues used to be a very nice, FAST horse early and late. Now a 6yo, he was just claimed for trainer Walder, who's great off the claim. His previous start was poor, but ones before that are just fine. The key is that there is little early speed in this 7f event. If he can break on top and get one slow quarter, his back-class might show and has a real chance to be a factor here. I'm hoping for a "wire-job" at a good price.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	Remuda	10-1	3	\$5 Win, \$20 Place BIG Exacta 4-8 Small Exacta 8-4

#### Notes

At some point, #4 Caravel is going to regress / get beat. With a potential softer turf and a bunch that want the lead too like her, maybe today is the day. That being said, #8 Remuda is an UNDERNEATH PLAY FOR THE ROI, \$1 exacta 4-8 and \$1 Place on the #8. Remuda looked fantastic last time, albeit at Laurel vs. much easier. I love progressive, unexposed 4yo's, and that's what Remuda is today. He'll need some pace up front (which seems likely) and find a way to save some ground from the outside, but if those things happen, he's as good as anyone in here not named Caravel. It's time to see what he's got vs. real quality.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	Dorth Vader	6-1	5	\$20 WP #6 BIG EXACTAS: 6 / 1,7,8 Smaller Exactas: 1,7,8 / 6

#### Notes

This is MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! Somewhat similar to Caravel in R6, I've waiting to find a spot to beat #8 Maple Leaf Mel. I hope this is it. MLM is REALLY good and fast, but she's been able to get away with easy leads lately, and I'm hoping the #7 Munny's Gold or someone else really goes after her today, plus this race is 7f. Dorth Vader switched trainers before her last, and George Weaver, who's been hot lately, has taught this gal how to rate a bit. That worked well last time as she almost beat Oaks winner Pretty Mischievous, who's the #1 in this race. Dorth Vader has been working OUT OF HER SKIN!! Now, she must might get a great stalking trip behind the speeed, and I think 7f will be perfect for her. She'll have to run the race of her life, but I think she's coming up to that. Time to make a big play here!





# **Picks Tip Sheet**

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)			
10	1	Zandon	9-2	4	\$10 Win, \$15 Place #1 BIG EXACTA 6/1 Smaller Exacta 1/6			
Notes	Notes							

We all know the story of Cody's Wish, and I hope he wins again frankly. Zandon faced him last time and lost, but now Zandon gets back to what I THINK is his better distance. Plus, last time, he made his move similar to Cody, but got into a tough spot and had to wait for Cody to go by and checked every so slightly. I think Cody can get the 9f, but I KNOW Zandon can, and I think he's in good form and will save ground from the rail. He'll have to get the jump on him to win, because he can't out-close him. I'm hoping Charge It takes a lot of money and is 2nd choice, giving us a better exacta with Zandon.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	1	Shutters	3-1	5	\$30 Win #1
Notes					

IF THIS RACE STAYS ON THE TURF, I LOVE LOVE LOVE this horse and almost made him my Play of the Day, but have a feeling he'll get bet down to 2-1 ish. Shutters last replay was something to behold....he got into a TON OF TROUBLE in mid stretch, getting stopped COLD. Plus, he stumbled at the start and lost ground then too. If he gets a clean trip (assuming of course the race is on the turf), LOOK OUT! Let's end an incredible Whitney DAY and trip here in Saratoga with a winner in Shutters!!

Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays Not Included in Price/Spot Play Bets (assuming stake races stay on turf)

Race	Selections	Cost
8	Daily Double 1,6 / 2,5,8	\$5 bet for \$30 total
9	Daily Double 2,8 / 6	\$10 bet for \$20 total
10	Daily Double 1,6 / 7	\$15 bet for \$30 total



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

