Saratoga Power Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 6, 2023
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Race-Day Overview

Sunday's card should certainly be an entertaining one as long as the races stay on the turf and currently the weather looks good which is a nice relief. Youth, inexperience, and unpredictability are the key words to describe the majority of the races in this sequence. Four of the ten races on the card involve primarily first time starters and horses with only a few starts so the board will be crucial to watch on Sunday as well as the will pays. Every race in the sequence includes at least eight entries prior to scratches and only one race has an opening morning line favorite of 2-1 or less so there are plenty of opportunities for money to be made and great horses to bet on at reasonable odds. The feature race of the day is race 8 which is the Grade 3 Adirondack Stakes going six and a half furlongs on the dirt. Here U Come Again and Becky's Joker are the top two betting interests based on the morning line and while I do believe both horses have a real shot to win, I ultimately went in a different direction.

Spot/Price Play ROI

ROI	Calculation	Note
$#.##	$###.## / ##	The average horseplayer's ROI is $1.60; anything above $2 is a net profit.

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

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	8	2,7,10				
2	2,3,5					
3	3,7	2	1			
4	3,6	4,5				
5	1,2	3,5,7				
6	1,4,9		3,6,7	1,4,9	$0.50	$60
7	1,12	5,9		1,5,9,12	-	-
8	9,10	3,4,5		3,4,5,9,10	-	-

9	1	3,4,7	8	1	-	-
10	2,3	11	7,8,12	2,3	-	-

Late P5 Analysis

This late pick five sequence is certainly a challenging one and required some spread races early on simply because of the lack of experience and information on the horses involved in those races. It's always interesting to me looking at horses with little or no past races beforehand because as I mentioned earlier so much changes on race day with the action on the board. In the first race of the late pick five I decided to go with my top three selections Empire Island (1), Gypsy Tales (4), and Before You Go Go (9). I believe Before You Go Go will be ready to go based on the bullet workouts and the pairing of Irad Ortiz Jr. and Todd Pletcher who are consistently successful together. Gypsy Tales looked very impressive on debut and showed impressive speed that could prove too tough to deal with. Lastly, Empire Island has been working too sharply to not include but do note the rail position which can cause problems for first time starters. Race seven was a bit of a spread race for me as there wasn't one horse that truly stood out to me. However, Addressable Market (1) took a nice step forward off the layoff and Fancy Stax (12) ran well on debut. Also, It Wasn't Me (9) could surprise at a solid value of 9-2 switching back to the turf after a decent effort off the layoff and if you draw a line through the last race where Get Respect (5) likely needed on the past figures fit. The featured race of the day race eight is a spread race for me as there are plenty of horses with potential and little experience. One horse I want to touch on specifically is the number 9 horse Copper Em. Trained by Steven Asmussen and ridden by Tyler Gaffalione, Copper Em looked very impressive on debut after getting shot out of a cannon on the break was able to get to the lead and set impressive fractions while going on to win easily with more in hand, I like the horse drawing toward the outside again and believe she can win at a price. Other value horses that I included include Brightwork (4) who is 9-2 and ridden by Irad Ortiz Jr. and is 2/2 and Princesa Celina (5) 8-1 who won easily on debut for Wesley Ward and gets Jose Ortiz again. I Included the top two choices (9 and 10) as I believe they are deserved favorites and could prove tough in this spot. In the ninth Race is my play of the sequence the number 1 Dontmesswithtess who seems incredibly tough to beat in the spot coming off a very respectable second and a repeat of that effort or any improvement should certainly result in a win and while there are other decent horses, I don't believe any of them are on the level of the one. In the last race I went with the 2 and 3, I thought about another single with Stow on the Wold who ran a very solid fourth losing by just a half a length but was ultimately unable to avoid including Forward Move who should take a step forward second time out.

Top 3 Selections

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

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.**

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Whatlovelookslike	9-2	3	$20 Win – 3 $5 EXB 3-6

Notes
I believe that race four not having a strong morning line favorite makes complete sense and to me is a great race to find a value play. I ultimately decided to put Whatlovelookslike on top and I believe that 9-2 would be great value on this horse. Trained by Todd Pletcher and ridden by Flavian Prat, she won last time out going away after sitting right behind the leader going a mile and 1/16th with an 82 beyer, the current best of her career. Now I understand the distance is a question and the figures aren't eye popping, but let me explain. Whatlovelookslike has steadily improved in every single effort and I love to see progression. If she takes another step forward I believe that will be good enough to win and honestly, I wasn't impressed by what I saw in the G3 Robert G Dick Memorial Stakes so I wanted to find a new face. Another thing I absolutely love about Whatlovelooks like is the versatility as she can sit right behind the leaders as we saw last time out or sit a stalking trip like the two efforts before her last or if you look even farther back sit at the back and close. I believe this versatility will allow Flavian to be able to decide during the race exactly where he wants to put her and it's nice to know she can win from anywhere. I decided to also box Whatlovelookslike with the 6 horse Federalist Papers. Federalist Papers is a deep closer with no early speed and loves distance the more the better. She ran this distance last time out and ran a very solid third by a length with an 84 beyer which seems to be where the horse is at ability wise. While a step forward is possible, it might not be necessary to win or at least be in the money. I believe that Whatlovelookslike will be towards the front and Federalist Papers will sit at the back and think that if Federalist Papers can run back to her last effort can close into at least second to complete the exacta.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	9	Before You Go Go	3-1	4	$20 Win – 9 $10 EXB 4-9 $5 EXB 1-9

Notes
As I mentioned earlier I am very intrigued by Before You Go Go and I firmly believe the horse has been set up perfectly to run well and in my opinion should be the horse to beat. The $310,000 two year old filly trained by Todd Pletcher and ridden by Irad Ortiz Jr. appears to be in tremendous form and will be running at the perfect time. Todd certainly has this horse working forwardly which is evident by the two most recent workouts at Saratoga going four furlongs in 47 and 3 and 48 and 1. I decided to box Before You Go Go with the morning line favorite the number 4 horse Gypsy Tales who ran a very impressive second by a nose. Trained by Steven Asmussen and ridden by Jose Ortiz this $110,000 filly could certainly run huge second time out. I ultimately went with the upside of Before You Go Go, but I firmly believe that Gypsy Tales is a deserved favorite and will likely go toe to toe with Before You Go Go at the end. The additional furlong is definitely something to note and played a role in me looking elsewhere for my top selection. Lastly, I decided to do a smaller exacta box of Before You Go Go with Empire Island. Empire Island has been extremely impressive in her workouts at Saratoga and Churchill Downs as in her last two works she ran four furlongs in 47 and 4 and 47 and 3. The only concern I have is I tend to try and stay away from betting to win on first time starters that start on the rail. That being said, the horse certainly looks ready to run well and finish in the money and at a nice value of 5-1 could pay well in the exacta.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	9	Copper Em	9-2	3	$20 Win – 9 $10 EXB 9-10

					$5 EXB 3-9

Notes

Now I know that when I discussed my late pick five ticket I had this race as my biggest spread race in the sequence and explain that there are multiple talented horses with a real chance to win this race. That being said, I also mentioned that despite my respect and inclusion of the two morning line favorites there was a different horse at a price that I ultimately landed on for my top selection. Copper Em drew off to win easily on debut at 15-1 going five furlongs at Ellis Park on June 30th. Trained by Steven Asmussen and ridden by Tyler Gaffalione as I touched on in my analysis of my late pick five this horse shot out of a cannon and set very impressive fractions. I really enjoyed watching the replay of this race as despite it being her debut race Copper Em didn't have any issues with the wide post and showed a very strong kick down the stretch. I believe the horse could have won by more and thought it was noteworthy that despite not being asked late down the stretch still finished the race in 56 and 4, a very solid time. Copper Em draws toward the outside again with the number 9 gate which I believe will work toward her advantage and with the other main speed more towards the inside could get a nice trip. I'm not concerned about the distance as it looked to me that Copper Em had plenty left in the tank and could happily have gone further and kept the impressive strides going. She has also been working well and seems primed to bang in this spot. I decided to box Copper Em with the two favorites Here U Come Again and Becky's Joker as ultimately those two stood out from the rest besides Copper Em. I think Here U Come Again is the speed of the inside horses and will end up at the front with Copper Em and Becky's Joker will prove to be very dangerous sitting a stalking trip behind a lot of speed. I believe Copper Em will be able to outlast Here U Come Again and hold off Becky's Joker, but still decided to box the exactas to cover myself.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	Stow On the Wold	7-2	4	$20 Win – 2 $10 EXB 2-3 $5 EX 2-11

Notes

I love Stow On the Wold even if I keep mistakenly believing the name is Stow On the World. On a more serious note, he has been running very consistently since returning from the layoff and I believe if he can run back to his prior efforts or slightly improve it will be enough to win this race. I like that Stow On the Wold has plenty of experience going at least a mile, which can't be said about my second choice Forward Move who only ran six furlongs on debut. Stow on the Wold showed a different element to his style last time out by sitting just off the speed and ultimately running a very respectable fourth by just a half a length. As I mentioned earlier I absolutely love it when a horse is versatile and has multiple ways to perform well rather than be a need the lead horse or a deep closer. While I understand the horse is 0/5 and there are other horses (Forward Move) who haven't had as many opportunities to break the maiden, I believe that this is a very reasonable spot for him and as I mentioned earlier his figures show that he absolutely fits and in my opinion looks like the clear horse to beat. I really like Flavian Prat picking up the ride as he is one of the best jockeys in the business and will have Stow On the Wold in a great position. I don't like to loosely throw this phrase around, but I do believe if there was ever a time that Stow On the Wold should win in his still early career it's now. As for my other picks I still decided to box Stow On the Wold with Forward Move simply because I believe coming back second time out off of a very respectable 67 beyer on debut for George Weaver there is a very legitimate argument that he is the horse to beat and I believe he is a deserved favorite. The question for this horse will be how does he handle going a mile and a 16th and will he take a step forward. I believe he can, but believe Stow On the Wold will too which is why I boxed them. In case Forward Move doesn't respond well to the change in distance I decided to look for a price to play in the exacta under Stow On the Wold and landed on the 11 Fast Study. Fast Study looked like a completely different horse last time out and after being as far back as 12 lengths off the lead closed up and took the lead before ultimately being caught and finishing second by a length. He massively improved second time out off the layoff from a 44 to a 64 beyer and with a repeat performance or maybe even another step forward could be right there with the favorites and surprise at a great price of 15-1 and provide amazing value in the exacta under Stow On the Wold.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	$20 Win on 8	$20
3	$10 win on 7 $5 Exacta Box 3-7	$20
9	$10 DD 1 with 2,3	$20

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