



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 10, 2024
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to the Saratoga Power Picks (SPPs). For the second Saturday in a row, there will be two fewer races run than originally scheduled, with the Saratoga Derby and Fourstardave moved to Sunday. The weather in Saratoga should be perfect today, but the Power Picks are written based on the **REMAINING TURF RACES BEING MOVED TO THE DIRT**. As always, CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, because we often send out the SPPs BEFORE scratches are officially posted. We send out the SPPs early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin. CRUSH YOUR BETS (CYB)!

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.**

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



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Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid - Post Time 12:35 p.m. EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,5	2,4	7	1,2,5	.50 P5	\$54
2	1	2	4,6	1,2		
3	4	2,3	1,6	2,3,4		
4*	9,10		4,7	9,10		
5	6,7	8	5	6,7,8		
6	CANCELLED	WILL BE RUN	SUNDAY			
7*	7,11(AE)	3,10	12	3,7,11(AE)	.50 P5	\$72
8	5,9	1,4		1,4,5,9		
9*	4	12,13		4		
10	CANCELLED	WILL BE RUN	SUNDAY			
11	2,6	1,4		1,2,4,6		
12*	10,11	13	1	10,11,13		

* Picks are for OFF turf

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	5	1	7
2	1	2	3
3	4	2	1
4	10	9	4
5	7	6	8
7	7	3	10
8	5	1	4
9	4	13	12
11	6	2	4
12	10	1	3



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Pick 5 Analysis

The early pick 5 is more straightforward: no cancellations, only one race off the turf and likely no odds-on favorites that would effectively make it a pick 4, such as Cogburn in the late sequence. There are some contentious races and I think it is worth playing. The late pick 5 sequence will consist of races 7,8,9,11,12. Races 7,9 and 12 are off the turf. The key question is whether the rocket ship Cogburn stays in if the Troy Stakes comes off. His connections have indicated it is at least a possibility they will keep him in, and why not? He has 3 wins and 2 seconds in 8 dirt starts. Track is FAST as of this morning. If he comes out, the MTOs become very logical in that race. The Saratoga Special (race 8) is wide open and requires some coverage on horizontal tickets.

Below are today's Price / Spot Plays. These are not usually the favorites, but horses I like that will provide some value. 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)
1	5	Jubee	9-2	4	\$40 Win \$20 DD – 5-1
Notes PLAY OF THE DAY. There are several horses who should take action in the opener. #1 Innovator is the 2-1 ML favorite and will try to give the Coach, D. Wayne Lukas, his first win of the meet. He is coming off a good second in a race in which the winner set scorching fractions and kept going. There is a Chad Brown FTS, #4 Aviator Gui, ridden by Flavien Prat. I'm going with #5 Jubee, a second-time starter for the underrated Brendan Walsh. The son of Liam's Map ran respectably in his debut, a second in the mud at Ellis Park July 5. Walsh wins at 17% with second-time maidens, and has similar success when adding blinkers. The red-hot Tyler Gaffalione picks up the mount and the DRF Clocker Report indicates he has been working up a storm. Walsh is selective in which horses he brings to Saratoga. All systems go.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	7	Tenacious Leader	6-1	3	\$25 WP
Notes This pick is based on an educated guess that Todd Pletcher will keep this horse in with the race moved to the dirt. He debuted on the dirt at SAR July 13, a 5½-furlong race in which he broke decent but couldn't keep up with the pace early and dropped back entering the turn. He was still running at the end and finished fifth as the favorite. I like it when horses with that profile stretch out. Is it possible Pletcher entered him in this race as much for the distance as the surface? One mile on dirt might hit this Not This Time progeny right between the eyes. He has been working with Showcase, who runs in the Saratoga Special in the race after this. Pletcher is 31% with second-time maidens running long on dirt. Hard to imagine getting 6-1 with Irad up, but the price should be right nonetheless.					



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	1	Golden Degree	30-1	3	\$10 win \$10 exacta 10,11,13 with 1 \$5 exacta 1 with 10,11,13

Notes This is an off-turf pick, and a big price. No way she will be 30-1 with that 32-length win in the mud two races back, but she should be double digits. Let's start with the fact that no one spots horses better than Linda Rice and you have to think she entered this horse in case the race came off the turf, which it did. It took this daughter of Goldencents 6 starts to break her maiden, and that was after she was claimed for \$30,000 at Keeneland in April. Linda brought her to NY and she promptly graduated with that ridiculous romp in a 4-horse race. She came back with a 7-length win in an allowance at AQU in June. Jose Lezcano figures to have his foot on the gas from the second the gate opens and try to take them as far as he can. There are four MTOs, so this filly won't have it easy, but maybe she is brimming with confidence after two straight wins. Maybe she will be even better at 5½ furlongs. Maybe she is fast enough to compete with the logicals. Her top dirt Beyer of 83 is second-best in the field. I know, that's a lot of maybes, but with risk comes reward.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
2	\$40 exacta 1-2	\$40
5	\$1 tri 5,6,7 with 2 with all \$1 tri 5,6,7 with all with 2	\$36

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

