



Saratoga

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	8/12/2023
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### Race-Day Overview

It's another Saratoga Saturday, this time highlighted by the G1 Fourstardave and G2 Saratoga Special. As has been a common theme this meet, there's a chance of thunderstorms in the forecast. Let's hope the rain stays away....they did run on the turf yesterday. Not only are there graded stakes as usual, but there are many LOADED first-time starters that make their debut today, so if you're a fan of the babies, today is a day to watch closely for some potential future stars, especially in R5. As always, watch "Saratoga Today" this morning and pay attention to the weather / scratches and changes in NY.

### 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](http://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 - It's possible that some races will be taken off the turf today....ALL PICKS ON THE GRID BELOW are predictions based on all turf races STAYING ON THE TURF....again, pay attention to scratches and changes.**

**LP5 - All A's - \$4; 4A1B - \$34 ; 3A2B - \$100; 4A1C - \$12 Total - \$150**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	5,8	3	6,7	5,8	\$0.50	\$48
2	7	4	1,2,3	4,7		
3	1,3	2	6,7	1,2,3		
4	5,6	2,3	-	2,3,5,6		
5	1,5	3	8	1,5		



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6	11	2,5,9	-	2,5,9,11		
7	8	4,6,9	-	6,8	\$0.50	\$72
8	4,6	-	3,5	4,6		
9	4,6	1	-	1,4,6		
10	1,2	3,5,6,7	4,9	1,2,3,5,6,7		
11	2	4,6,10	7	2,6		

### Late P5 Analysis

Top 3 Selections - All picks below assuming races stay on grass

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

### 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)
2	4	Good Lord Lorrie	6-1	3	\$5 Win, \$15 Place
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I'm going to take some stabs on today's Price Plays/Spot Plays with some first-time starters. Good Lord Lorrie (GLL) is an interesting firster for red-hot George Weaver, who's hitting at 30% for the meet. I'll be using this one PURELY AS AN UNDERNEATH HORSE FOR THE ROI, \$1 Ex. 7-4 and \$1 Place #4. He received a B+ workout last time (albeit on dirt) and this son of Hard Spun is out a damn named Spinning Wheel who won almost \$100k and was FAST early. Weaver is 40% in the money with babies going first out sprinting on the turf. Check the board before the race, but have a feeling this one can run....and the #7, while a likely winner, will be WAY overbet.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	5	Deterministic	5-1	4	\$15 WP #5

### Notes

Race 5 is ABSOLUTELY LOADED with talented firsters, and it's the first 2yo dirt race scheduled for 6f. Clement has a firster here, the #5 Deterministic, that has a bunch of things going for him. First, he's well-bred and cost \$625k. Second, he's been working lights with B and B+ works, and I love that he's been working in behind horses taking dirt, then learning how to finish. There are a bunch of good ones in the family, some with turf success, so the fact that the Clement's are running this one on dirt is a good sign to me. The rail horse might be a handful, but the hunch here is that Deterministic will be flying late and has a serious future. If not today on the win end, down the road for sure.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	4	Haul	3-1	5	\$25 Win #4

### Notes

**This is MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** The G2 Saratoga Special will have a pretty heavy favorite in the #6 Rhyme Schemes, and rightly so....he received a whopping 94 Beyer last time. But speed was playing very good at Ellis, and I'm not sure how accurate that fig was. #4 Haul won very professionally last time, and I'm expecting a big jump in the speed figs, as this Pletcher trainee has been working VERY well and should love the added distance. Maybe the outside horse is the goods, but I want to see it again, and I trust Todd and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners as ownership on the #4 more than the #6's connections. We'll see.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	Forrest City	6-1	3	Big Exacta 2 / 4,6,7,10 Small Exacta 4,6,7,10 / 2

### Notes

This is a tough starter allowance \$50k and is wide open. I'm gonna take a stab with the #2 Forrest City. I just don't think this is a strong field, and Forrest City fits like a glove on the Beyer scale and everything else. Mott takes over the training, which is never a bad thing, and immediately goes to his right-hand



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man in Rosario. I'm hoping he just sits on the inside just off the speed, gets a great trip, and is talented enough to go by in the lane.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	6	Solib	4-1	4	\$10 WP #1

**Notes**

#6 Solib got the most ridiculous trip into the first turn last time, and therefore had no chance in her last race. Maybe she's better going shorter, but she was improving well until the debacle last time. I'm hoping Saez can get this "Pharoah" filly to settle sooner in the race and preserve some kick for the stretch. She needs everything to go her way, but she's talented enough and this is a very suspect field with the possible exception of the #2 if she reacts well to blinkers on.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	Daily Double 5,8 / 4,7	\$5 bet for \$20 total
5	BIG Exacta Box 1,5	\$25 bet for \$50 total
9	Daily Double 4 / 2	\$20 bet for \$20 total

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

