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Race Day Date	Friday, August 16 th
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Race-Day Overview

Friday's card at Saratoga looks very interesting on paper and should shape up to be an exciting day of racing as there are dirt and turf races and sprints and routes. Currently the weather does not appear to be a concern, but always make sure to stay up to date as things can change and with potential changes in weather there are the scratches that go with it. There are two key races for today starting very early on in the card with race #2 which is a stakes turf sprint going 5 ½ furlongs for 2-year olds headlined by the #3 Governor Sam (7-5) who is coming off a win in the Tyro and the #6 Raise the Bar (9-5) who won easily on debut at Keeneland. The other feature race of the day is race #9 which is a state bred stakes race for fillies and mares going 6 furlongs on the dirt. The main horse to lookout for is the outside horse #7 Leeloo at 6-5 who ran in a race just like this against the likes of Kant Hurry Love and Sterling Silver and lost by less than a length. While these fields are on the smaller side, the non-stakes races have larger fields and longer odd favorites meaning more opportunities to get a price on a winner in races that are wide open.

Please make sure to CHECK FOR ALL SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, as 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 an ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin. Hopefully you all CRUSH YOUR BETS (CYB) at Saratoga!!!

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 1:10pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	6, 7	1, 2	5	-	-	-
2	3, 6	2	1	-	-	-
3	1, 5	3, 4	-	-	-	-
4	3, 5	2, 6	-	-	-	-
5	4, 7	2, 10	5	-	-	-
6	5, 6	1, 3	-	-	-	-
7	7	3, 4	1	7	\$0.50	\$48
8	1, 2	6, 9	4, 5	1, 2, 6, 9	-	-
9	1, 7	4, 5	-	1, 4, 7	-	-
10	1, 9	4	2, 7, 10	1, 9	-	-
11	9, 12	1, 10	-	1, 9, 10, 12	-	-

Top 3 Selections

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

P5 Analysis

Hopefully you like to bet on turf racing because 4 of the 5 races in the late pick 5 sequence are on the turf. We start the sequence with everyone's favorite kind of race... a turf sprint. Normally I would be concerned about this start, but in this scenario I actually don't mind it. All of the focus in this race will be on the heavy favorite the #7 Pay the Juice (9-5) trained by Shug McGaughey and ridden by Flavien Prat. In his debut he came within a half length of winning and got bumped through the



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stretch which prevented a potential debut win. Moving into race #8 this time going 1 mile on the turf the #1 Tax Implications (6-5) trained by Chad Brown and ridden by Flavien Prat. Last time out she won a Grade 3 at Monmouth and while she is definitely the horse to beat, there are others to watch out for including the #2 Breath Away (9-2), the #6 Elounda Queen (5-1) and others. Race #9 is the lone dirt race in the sequence and is also the only stakes race in the sequence as they will go 6 furlongs on the dirt. The clear horse to watch is the #7 Leeloo at 6-5 who just barely missed at this exact level in a different state bred stakes racing losing by less than a length. Still there are others to consider including the #1 Cara's Time (7-2) who is coming off of back to back beyer tops of 86 and the #4 Tricky Temper who is coming off a beyer top too of 85. Race #10 is a great race to find value as the morning line favorite is 7-2 and there are 4 other horses that are 6-1 or less. I will get into it more in my price/spot plays but I believe this morning line favorite is beatable especially with horses like the #1 to her inside Dancing Dean (4-1) who is coming off back to back beyer tops of 80 and the #9 Vino Rough (9-2) who has been right there running against tougher than these. The sequence ends with race #11 which is a maiden race for fillies going 1 1/16th on the turf and this is clearly the most wide open race in the late pick 5. The favorite is the #1 Philly's Finest at 5-2, who was last seen just missing by less than a length at Parx going 7 1/2 on the turf, but she will have to take on some foes on the outside who have been running in New York and Florida.

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)
3	5	Brown Eyed Cat	4-1	4	\$20 win on 5 \$5 EX 5/1,4 \$5 EX 1,4/5

Notes

Race #3 is an allowance race going 6 1/2 on the dirt for state bred and my pick here is the #5 Brown Eyed Cat at 4-1. Trained by Bruce Levine and ridden by Javier Castellano he was very impressive on debut and the public expected it as he took money and went off at less than 3-1. Brown Eyed Cat did not break well and got bumped at the start, but that wasn't enough to stop him. When they turned for home he was just barely on the screen and looked completely out of it in a race where they only went 6 furlongs... but man did he roll down the stretch with big strong strides and had plenty in the tank to go by the field. We always talk about how horses are primed to take a step forward second time out and I believe that Brown Eyed Cat will do so. I think he will appreciate the extra half furlong more than others will and with a cleaner break will be closer to the field and not leave himself with as much work to do late. The #1 Land d'Oro is your morning line favorite and part of a coupled entry with the #1A Wine Responsibly at 2-1. He has run arguably the most consistent numbers in the field running in the mid 70s his last 3 efforts and if he takes a step forward will be tough to beat, the question is will he step forward or is he just a mid 70s type of horse. Lastly the #4 Toscano (3-1) is one who will certainly show speed and has to be respected off that effort two back where he ran a 79 beyer. Last time out Rivelli tried to stretch him out which clearly turned out to be something he didn't want and now cuts



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back to a much more reasonable distance. The main question here is was that effort two back a one off or can he find that form going back to a shorter distance. Ultimately, I believe Brown Eyed Cat will building off the impressive debut win and will run them down.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Andy Cant	5-1	3	\$20 win on 3

Notes

The #3 Andy Cant (5-1) is very intriguing to me in a race where I don't see many horses fast enough to give him much trouble. Last time out he was very disappointing as they tried to cut him back from a mile to 7 furlongs and he did not break particularly well and found himself trailing throughout. Andy Cant typically likes to be on or right behind the leaders and has done the majority of his running going 1 mile or further. Now the trainer stretches him back out to a mile where two back he ran at this level and just missed losing by less than a length as the odds on favorite. Looking around the rest of the field there are lots of question marks and horses that haven't been performing well lately and don't have the beyer figures to match with Andy Cant. I will acknowledge two horses quickly as one will be the clear favorite and the other is the fastest horse in the race. The #5 Whiskey N Soda (2-1) was claimed from Repole and Pletcher at \$16,000 which is very disappointing considering they paid \$360,000 for the horse... nonetheless he ran a field best 85 beyer last time out losing to Unlimitedpotential who ran a great race. This should be a very reasonable spot with no Unlimitedpotential like horse in the race, but Repole put the horse in a cheap maiden special weight at Tampa on debut and even after the win went straight to an optional claiming \$16,000 which to me suggests they didn't believe in the horse and with a price that steep I'm looking elsewhere. Lastly, the #7 Allied Attack (6-1) has been sprinting on the turf and will now try a route on the dirt for the first time since his debut which was a disaster. As good as Michael Maker is in these spots, I don't think he will handle the distance and by the time they turn for home Andy Cant will go right by and the others will have too much to do to catch him.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	4	Sizzle	6-1	3	\$20 win on 4

Notes

Race #5 is a \$50,000 claiming race going 1 1/16 on the turf and my top pick is the #4 Sizzle trained by Lisa Lewis and ridden by Tyler Gaffalione. Lisa Lewis doesn't run often here, but so far in her two starts her horses have finished 2nd both times so she has been knocking on the door for her first win of the meet. Meanwhile, jockey Tyler Gaffalione has been on fire lately and is winning at 20% on the meet. Sizzle is the least experienced horse in the field with just three starts but she has quickly improved. After finishing a respectable third going a mile on the turf at GP she blew by the field second time out and won going away in a maiden claiming for \$35,000 on the tapeta. Lisa then sent her to an optional claiming \$75,000 where at a price (nearly 12-1) she was flying late and finished a really solid third against Majestic Venezuela who since that race went on to finish 2nd in the Martha Washington Stakes



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and then won the Miss Gracie Stakes last time out. In a race where I believe the favorite is vulnerable and will have to do a lot late I think Sizzle makes a lot of sense here and I believe she will love the extra distance and can work out a nice stalking trip and with these connections you should get a very nice price on her.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	9	Vino Rouge	9-2	5	\$25 win on 9 \$5 EXB 1-9

Notes

This is my play of the day at Saratoga! The #9 horse Vino Rouge is trained by Anthony Dutrow and ridden by Johnny V. Vino Rouge debuted on the turf at this distance going 1 1/16 and ran a decent fourth and then they decided to switch her to the dirt which did not work out at all. However, after a 6 month layoff they put her back on the turf where she was nearly 11-1 and she ran a beyer top 84 and finished a very solid third. After seeing that effort Dutrow had enough confidence in her to throw her into a stakes race against the talented Oversubscribed where there was a wicked pace of 23 flat for the quarter and then 46 flat for the half and then nearly 1:10 flat and eventually Oversubscribed blew past the field to win. What wasn't talked about though is that Vino Rouge second back off that significant layoff rallied with Oversubscribed and while she didn't win she showed a nice late kick and ran a strong second. Last time out the favorite Root Cause with walking on the lead going 25 flat for the quarter and 49.2 for the half which forced Vino Rouge to be closer to the lead than usual and while she wasn't able to show her same late kick she still stayed on nicely the whole way. I believe in this race she can work out a nice stalking trip and go back to being 2-4 lengths off the lead rather than right behind the leaders and there is enough speed for her in this rate to work in her favor with her stalking style. The favorite Goa (7-2) has run some pretty slow numbers when you account for the difference between timeform and beyer figures and from visually watching her races I wasn't impressed. She won going away in a maiden race but then won narrowly in an allowance at a further distance going 1 3/16 and has been running on the all weather. Looking elsewhere the #1 Dancing Dean has been in great form and looks improved off the layoff for Bill Mott and gets Junior Alvarado back. I think there could be an argument for the #1 to be the horse to beat at 4-1, but my main concern is she is a true closer and may have too much to do late and have to deal with my top pick #9 Vino Rouge inevitably getting the jump on her. Lastly the #10 Mixologist (5-1) was bet down to favoritism against the likes of Proctor Street and Grayosh after a solid debut at Churchill Downs but really had no excuses to run so poorly so I need to see another from her before I would bet her and naturally as a Cox trained horse will take plenty of money. I believe with the #9 Vino Rouge you will get all of that 9-2 as likely the 4th choice despite this horse showing as strong of form as any and likely getting a great trip.



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

Race	Selections	Cost
7	\$20 win on 7 \$10 Exacta 7/3,4	\$40
8	\$10 EXB 1-2 \$2 Trifecta 1,2/1,2,9/1,2,6,9	\$36
11	\$20 win on 12 \$10 EXB 9-12	\$40

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

