



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug. 17th
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Race-Day Overview

As Forrest Gump said....AL-A-BAMA!! It's Alabama Day today, with an EXCELLENT card filled with what makes Saratoga the best meet in the country: 1) Serious 2yo baby races 2) Big competitive fields 3) Nice allowance fields 4) Of course, great stake races. There are price opportunities throughout, as we'll discuss in our Spot Plays. And while you might be able to take stands in certain races, most of them are "spreads" with difficult decision that need to be made. With the first two races filled with 2yo first-time starters, make sure you check the tote board and probable double will-pays into Race 2 to give you clues on who's "live" to start the day. In addition, on our Saratoga Today show at 9:30am EST this morning, WE WILL BE SHOWING WORKOUTS AND TALK DETAIL ABOUT SOME OF THESE TALENTED FIRST-TIME STARTERS, INCLUDING WORKOUT REPORT INFO!

Based on the variable weather patterns in upstate New York, it is imperative that you CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, because 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 ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin.

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 on the "Standard" Power Picks page...a video explanation is also available on the page.***

**Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.
Good luck to everyone today!**



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Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid - Post Time 12:35pm EST...NOTE THE EARLY START TIME!!

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,1a	4,6	7,8	1,4,6		
2	6	1,3,9	2,4,5,7,10	1,3,6,9		
3	2	1,4	-	1,5,7,8		
4	5,6	10	3,4,7,8	5,6		
5	7,9	3,4,5	8	3,4,5,7,9		
6	2,4,6	7	8	2,4,6		
7	4,5,6,8	7,9	10,11	4,5,6,8		
8	6,10	8	7	6,8,10	\$0.50 P5	\$90
9	6,7	5,11	9,10	5,6,7,11		
10	7	4,6	2,3	4,6,7		
11	3	4,6,7,10	5	3,4,6,7,10		
12	5	3	6	5		

Top 3 Selections

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



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Late P5 Analysis

This is one helluva sequence. If you look carefully at my ABC Grid on the previous page, you notice that I do believe there are some standouts in races that might appear wide-open at first glance. I'll be talking stands mainly in R8 and R12. The biggest spreads will be in R9 and 11, while the Alabama has a horse that will take some beating, but is not infallible by any means. Even though I strongly dislike turf sprints, I really do like the favorite in the last and don't see many alternatives, so I would spread as much as you can afford / need then single in the last on most cavemen tickets.

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)
2	6	Davy Crockett	8-1	4	\$10 WP #6
Notes					
Da-Vay, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier....Da-vy (sing along, lol!). Let's be clear first...although I do have a bit of a relationship with the Clement stable, I have NOT reached out for inside intel on this horse. However, there are many things to like, ESPECIALLY THE WORKOUT VIDEOS!! I'll talk more about this on our morning "Saratoga Today" show (you really should check it out on our YT Channel). Davy Crockett looked great in his morning works, including <u>BLOWING BY</u> recent Saratoga Derby winner Carson's Run in a workout last month. This horse looks like he has a real turn of foot and is bred well for turf especially on the Granddam and Damsire (Gio Ponti) side. You never know with firsters, and there are talented other ones too, but Clement can win with firsters and has Rosario, his go-to guy, on board today. Gotta feeling this one can run, should be fun to watch.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	9	Ramesses	5-1	3	\$15 WP #9 BIG Exactas: 9 / 3,4,5,7 Small Exactas: 3,4,5,7 / 9
Notes					
You might think #9 Ramesses is bred better for turf on the dam side but is running on dirt. Actually, some Kitten Joy's are okay on turf, and most importantly, this race is filled with early speed and Ramesses can close from behind. I see him getting a good trip off the pace and making a good late run in a race filled with untrustworthy drop-downs who appear to need the lead to win. He's working well.					



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	2	Locke and Key	6-1	4	Trifectas: 2 / 4,6,7,8 / 4,6,7,8 4,6 / 2 / 4,6,7,8 4,6 / 4,6,7,8 / 2

Notes

Dettori takes the reins on Locke and Key, who is 0-for-5 on turf. So why am I not worried about his record? If you watch his last two races, he's got excuses. Last time, he was legit 3-4 wide most of the way and still ran very well, beating some of his opponents in this race today. The 2-hole is a big benefit, as he'll be able to save ground under Dettori and push the button when he wants. There might be some that are more talented in this race, but not by much. This is a VERY trip-dependent race...and I think he'll get a good one. For our ROI, we'll go \$1 Win and Place.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	Django	10-1	5	\$10 Win, \$20 Place/Show Trifectas: 6,10 / 8 / All 6,10 / All / 8

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! First, let me say he probably has a better chance to finish 2nd or 3rd than win, so play accordingly. Trainer McPeck is a very patient guy, and Django has needed time to develop. But one thing is clear...he's rapidly improving and faces a field that has some questions to answer. There's plenty of early speed on paper, and Django is one of the best closers in the field. He only lost by 2+ lengths to my top choice and horse to beat last time (#10), and that one now gets a tough post, while the other main threat (#6) has other speed to contend with. I can see the jock taking back to let the speed go, and make one big run late as the race falls apart. Again, I do NOT think he'll win unless many things happen, but I still put a win bet on him and mainly use in your exactas and trifectas at a good price. He's working great and just needs the right trip / setup. For our ROI stats, we'll go \$1 win, \$2 Place, and \$1 Show.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Les Reys	10-1	3	\$10 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 5,7,11 / 6 Small Exactas: 6 / 5,7,11
Notes					
<p>This stake race will most likely be won by #7 She Feels Pretty in my opinion. But, Les Reys is a fascinating entrant. The import from France is now trained by Clement, and when you watch her run in France, you see a VERY nice turn of foot...it's an acceleration most U.S. horses simply don't have. This is a pretty aggressive spot for the Clement barn to run too (Grade 2). Now, she needs to be ready to go and it's a big field, so there are some questions to answer...plus her speed figs overseas are just okay. But if she can find room late and gets a little pace, she'll make a real good late run. Will it be good enough to win? We'll see, but the future is bright for Les Reys. <u>Let's go \$1 WP for ROI Stats.</u></p>					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
2	\$10 Daily Double: 2 / 5,6	\$20
5	\$8 Daily Double: 7,9 / 2,4,6	\$48

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

