



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 18, 2024
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to the Saratoga Power Picks (SPPs). In a shocking development, weather may impact today's card. There was a possibility of rain starting after 4 a.m. That means there was a possibility of no rain starting after 4 a.m. There are 5 turf races scheduled and, with no guarantee it would rain, today's Power Picks are written as if the turf races will be ON. Obviously, pay attention to changes and scratches. The good news is the forecast for Travers Week is very good. We send out the SPPs early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin. Here we go. 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 1:10 p.m. EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1	3,5,6	2	1	\$2 P5	\$54
2	1,2	5	6,9	1,2,5		
3	5	3,4	1,6	5		
4	10	5,7	2	5,7,10		
5	3,4	5	1	3,4,5		
6	2,10	8				
7	2,7	5,8	6	2,7	\$.50 P5	\$108
8	6,7	2,11(AE)	1,5	2,6,7		
9	4,8	2	3	2,4,8		
10	2,6	4	1	2,4,6		
11	3,10	4,7	6	3,4,7,10		

Top 3 Selections

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



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Pick 5 Analysis

Looks as if you might need to have more than the base \$.50 bet if you hit the first sequence, which starts with a potent Pletcher entry – have I mentioned how STUPID the concept of double entries is? – and includes another heavy TAP favorite in Donegal Surges in the middle leg. The late P5, on the other hand, looks much more wide open and there should be appreciably more value. Hopefully, they stay on the turf, because the Bolton Landing Stakes in Race 7 is a good one, with Brendan Walsh sending out a Euro who ran second in a 24-horse field at Royal Ascot. Mighty Eriu looks formidable, but is still a maiden in a stakes. The ninth is very tricky with several serious contenders, and you'll want as much coverage as you can get in the finale.

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)
5	3	Floki's Flight	3-1	4	\$30 Win \$15 exacta 3 with 4,5
Notes The second choice on the morning line, I think this Dale Romans' trainee will maintain those odds when the windows close. Bucking a trend here, as Romans is 2-59 at SAR the last 5 years. Playing with the trend of Kentucky shippers running lights out on Union Avenue this year. Since breaking his maiden, this 5-year-old gelding has run for a tag only once, an easy win at CD last year. Ultra-consistent in the Beyer category, Floki's Flight cuts back from a mile to 7 furlongs, an angle that is typically effective. After a slow start the first few weeks, Junior Alvarado has been riding extremely well. He should be able to work out a forward trip and make a winning move on the turn.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	10	Lu's Redemption	9-2	5	\$40 win \$20 exacta 10-2
Notes PLAY OF THE WEEK: Where to begin. Second-time MCL. Huge jockey upgrade. Made what looked like a winning move last time until getting caught late by a few flying closers. Trainer David Duggan is 21% when putting blinkers on over the last 5 years. Catholic Boy progeny are good on turf and better in routes than sprints. Duggan: "I think she'd be better with a pair of blinkers ... She's found her level ... It'll be her turn, that sort of thing. The blinkers could be the move." Interestingly, my second choice is Duggan's other horse, #2 Lady Laoban, who is taking the blinkers off, and that is a 20% winning move for Duggan. Sunday is a day for prayer and Redemption.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	2	Enfuega	4-1	3	\$30 win \$10 DD 2 with 3,10



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Notes Throw out the failed turf experiment last time and this filly looks a lot better. Two back, coming off a 7½-month layoff, she ran a good second to Maggy's Palace, who came back to run second in the Johnstone Mile here on August 7. Looks like the prevailing speed is on the outside, so Manny Franco can establish position on the rail, save ground and get first run. The one workout since the last race was solid.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$25 Pick 3 1 with 1, 2 with 5	\$50
4	\$1 tri 5, 10 with 7 with ALL \$1 tri 5, 10 with ALL with 7 \$10 win 7	\$42
9	\$10 exacta key box 2 with 3, 4, 8	\$60

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

