



Saratoga

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	August 20, 2023
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Race-Day Overview

On Sunday's card at Saratoga, the weather has been cooperating the last few days so hopefully all races should be on the turf. All races below are given with the assumption that all races will be on the turf given the nice weather recently, but of course keep an eye on the feed tomorrow for changes. This card has some really competitive races that will be good betting as long the races hold together and even with no big stakes races, this card is very interesting with many different ways you can look. The feature of today's card is the Bolton Landing Stakes in Race 4 for fillies sprinting on the Mellon turf course, with many horses that have an opportunity to win. Not only that, but there are allowances and two very interesting baby races to complete an interesting Sunday card. It's a great day to have a great day!

Spot/Price Play ROI

ROI	Calculation	Note
\$#.##	\$###.## / ##	The average horseplayer's ROI is \$1.60; anything above \$2 is a net profit.

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.*



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Racetrack: Saratoga

Post Time 1:10pm EST

ABC Grid

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,5	1,2	8,9	1,2,3,5	.50c	\$72
2	4,6		3,5	4,5,6		
3	1,3,6	5	2	1,3,6		
4	3,4	6	2	3,4		
5	6	5	1,3,9	5,6		
6	8	1,6	5,7,10	8	.50c	\$75
7	5,9	3	4,8	3,4,5,8,9		
8	7,9	5,8	2,6	2,5,7,8,9		
9	2,3,9		6,10	2,3,9		
10	9,10	2,5	1,7	9,10		



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Late P5 Analysis

This late Pick5 is very challenging as it has three very interesting opening races in two Maiden Special Weights, one for 2YO and the other for 3YO and up, and it also includes a really nice N1X allowance race. Then this sequence ends with two challenging claiming races, which then presents a tough sequence with many different avenues to go down. As shown above, I actually decided to single in the first, spread in the next two, then go skinny in the claiming races. Although they are generally tougher, I believe there are a few horses among the rest which stand out to me, which leads me to take my stands later rather than early, besides the single of course.

Top 3 Selections

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



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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)
4	4	Gram	7-2	4	\$20 Win/Place on #4 GRAM \$10 Double 4 / 5,6

Notes

**** THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA **** The **#4 Gram** in the Bolton Landing strikes me as a horse who comes into a stakes race fresh and coming off of two really good races from her even though she had a lot of trouble speaks volumes to me of how strong and courageous this filly really is. The numbers may be slow, but she looks to get a better trip in a spot like this from the four hole in a race with a LOT of speed. I don't normally like to have closers in a short turf sprint like the Bolton Landing, but I think **#4 GRAM** will trip out behind the speed on paper and swing out at the ¼ pole underneath Joel, who is coming off a big win in the Alabama with **Randomized**. We will also be pairing **#4 Gram** in a double with my top two picks in the next to hopefully create a little more value with her.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	6	Munny Rockette	6-1	3	\$20 Win/Place on #6 Munny Rockette \$10 DBL 5,6 / 8

Notes

Race 5 brings a lot of talented fillies, most of whom have not hit the track but have a lot of aspirations to go on to do big things. I think one of the top choices in that regard is the 1 MILLION dollar OBS 2023 2YO purchase, the **#6 Munny Rockette** for Bill Mott, Junior Alvarado and Frank Fletcher. This 2YO daughter of Munnings is a half to two winners, one on turf for Chad and the other for Austin Gustafson down at Lone Star by 6 ¼ and 9 ½ lengths in her last two. This filly has also been working lights out on the Oklahoma Training Track recording 2 "B" level workouts and one "B+" on the clocker reports, which is the highest level usually given to these 2YO's. I like the post that she draws as it should keep this baby outside of other horses so hopefully Junior can give **#6 Munny Rockette** a clean trip and have enough late like the works suggest.



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6	8	Lamorna	7-2	4	\$30 Win on #8 Lamorna

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The 6th race is another 2YO Maiden Special for fillies, but they will be going a mile and a sixteenth on the inner turf course, and there are many different contenders in this competitive field. I think one of them stands out from the rest and that is the **#8 Lamorna** for Bill Mott and Luis Saez. Even though this filly showcased no speed in her last start, she was squeezed at the start which caused her to be pushed back to last very early on in the race. I think this Munnings filly will appreciate a little bit more ground as Mott stretches her out from 5 ½ furlongs last time and she is a full sister to Eddie the Great, who has run well at a mile/mile and a sixteenth on the dirt and turf as well as having the pedigree to go long as well. Be on the lookout for Lamorna to be mid-pack early and to be flying late with the strong Luis Saez piloting her.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	9	Black Rain	9-2	3	\$20 Win/Place on #9 Black Rain \$10 EXA 9-7 , \$5 EXA 7-9

Notes

To close out the Power Picks, Race 8 is a very nice Maiden Special going 7 Furlongs on the dirt out of the backstretch chute, and there is one horse I am very interested in. The **#9 Black Rain** for Pletcher, Irad and A1A Racing looks to be very live on the workout tab, running back to back "B" level workouts in company with very strong gallop-outs according to the clocker report, which suggests this filly is geared up for this longer sprint first time out. The other very strong angle I have is **#9 Black Rain** is also a half to **Ethereal Road**, who is a horse a lot of people recognize from the D Wayne Lukas barn for coming second in The Rebel Stakes in 2022 to Un Ojo, and winning the Sir Barton stakes at Pimlico on Preakness Day that same year. He is also a half to turf graded stakes winning **Turned Aside** from the Linda Rice and Mark Casse barns. With the siblings the dam has produced and this horse showing up strong on the work tab, **#9 Black Rain** could be out to make a major impression and I love that he draws the outside post in a field of 9 out of the chute. I have complete faith that Irad can find a great trip for him clear of horses to make a good run down the stretch.



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Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays Not Included in Price/Spot Play Bets

Race	Selections	Cost
3	\$20 Win/Place on #1 Aziza	\$40
7	\$20 win on #5 Bramito \$10 DBL 5 / 7,9	\$40
11	\$20 Win #2 Empire Attraction \$10 DBL 2 / 9,10	\$40

Good luck with all your wagers, CRUSH THOSE BETS!!!

