



## Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Friday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
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### Race-Day Overview

Friday's card at Saratoga is a loaded one with twelve races in total with the feature race being the Grade 1 Personal Ensign Stakes going 1 ½ on the dirt. This race may have a small field with just 5 horses, but there are two that stand out in particular in the #4 Idiomatic and the #5 Randomized as this is a highly anticipated rematch with each horse having a narrow win over the other this is the grudge match. Outside of this race there are plenty of other exciting races on the dirt and turf with an even split of 6 races on each surface (as long as the weather is good) and with clear skies ahead it's an exciting day of racing. Because it is not part of the late pick 5 I do want to point out there is one more stakes race which is race 5 the Smart N Fancy Stakes going 5 ½ on the turf. Turf sprints are usually very chaotic and hard to pick a clear winner in (see race 11), but in this race there is a clear horse to beat as the ultra talented Roses for Debra #4 returns off an upset loss to the #7 Future Is Now by a head as Roses for Debra will look to get her revenge. There are plenty of large fields with no major favorites outside of a few races which means lots of opportunities to cash on some nice prices. Let's have a strong Friday to set up the weekend and CYB!

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](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.***

**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	3, 5, 8	1	4	-	-	-
2	3, 4	5, 7	9	-	-	-
3	2, 6	1, 8	4	-	-	-
4	1, 3	4	2, 7	-	-	-
5	4, 7	1	3	-	-	-
6	5	6, 10	2, 8	-	-	-
7	9, 10	6, 8	2, 3	-	-	-
8	9, 12	10	3, 8	9, 10, 12	\$0.50	\$72
9	4, 6, 8	3, 9	5	4, 6, 8	-	-
10	4	5	2, 3	4	-	-
11	8, 9, 10	5	1, 2, 11	5, 8, 9, 10	-	-
12	3, 4	1, 10	2, 6, 9	1, 3, 4, 10	-	-



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### Top 3 Selections

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

### P5 Analysis

This pick 5 sequence is certainly a tough one and as I mentioned in the preview for today it is highlighted by the G1 Personal Ensign Stakes. The late pick 5 starts with race 8 going 1 1/16 on the turf with the morning line favorite being the #12 Transactional at 2-1. I believe Transactional is really intriguing in this race which will be 2nd time off a long layoff as two starts ago he was running at Aqueduct in November of 2022. He was bet down to favoritism last time out despite running against a really nice field and is now in for the claim of \$50,000 for Chad Brown and will look to outclass this field. The main challenger will be the #9 Kick a Buck 4-1 for Linda Rice who won going away last time out albeit against \$40,000 maiden claimers. Race #9 is an interesting one going 6 furlongs on the dirt where the favorite is just 7-2 the #6 Mariachi. As the odds indicate this race looks pretty open and I really like the #8 Edified at 5-1. Edified seemed to finally put it together last time out and should get plenty of pace to run into. The #4 Big City 9-2 can't be ignored as he has run against a ton of major



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talent down south at GP. Race #10 the featured race is a showdown between the #4 Idiomatic 6-5 and the #5 Randomized 8-5. Idiomatic is as consistent as they come as she has won 11/15 and managed to re-rally last time out as Irad got the jump on her but luckily she was game enough to fight back. I believe that she will sit right behind the #5 Randomized and Geroux will make sure to not let her get too far away, but he needs to be careful because if Rosario gets enough of a jump on him Randomized could get away. Race #11 is the toughest race of the entire card as it is a turf sprint allowance and the favorite is the #8 Linarite at 4-1. She has been running solidly at this level the major question will be can she get there in time or will it be too short. If she can't look for the horses to her outside the #9 Turriga and the #10 Fabulous Fox to take advantage of getting the jump on her. The last race is a maiden special weight on the turf going a mile and is another pretty open race. The favorite is the #4 Strife 7-2 who is coming off of a very solid second place and should be the one to beat in this spot, but watch out for the horse to her inside Dazzling Cruiser 4-1 who ran a solid debut and should be flying late.

***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	4	Elliptic	6-1	4	\$20 win on 4 \$5 EXB 3-4
Notes					
The #4 horse Elliptic is coming off of a solid third place losing by 2 lengths at this distance and now faces a field that she should be dangerous against this company. The major advantage that Elliptic has over some of these others is she is truly a versatile horse. She has shown the ability to be more forwardly placed or even on the lead or like last time can sit off the pace and close late. She is also fairly lightly raced as a 4 year old and has done her best running at this distance. There seems to be a lot of pace on this race so look for Elliptic to sit a similar trip to last time, but get the jump on the favorite the #3 Just Music. I do believe Just Music will also benefit from the pace and will be closing well late, I just like the Elliptic will likely get the jump on her. Still, she has consistent figures and will likely go off as the favorite, but with 7 seconds in 13 starts I am going to try and beat her with Elliptic.					



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	9	Good Conduct	5-1	4	\$20 win on 9 \$5 EXB 9-10

### Notes

I can't stress enough the importance of watching the replay for the #9 Good Conduct's debut. She was spriting going 5 ½ on the turf and is now stretching out to 1 1/16, but based on how she ran it looks like that was more of a prep race to end up stretching her out second time out. Despite never really being asked until late in the stretch she only lost by 3 ½ lengths and once she did become engaged she was absolutely flying late and had a really strong gallup out. I think she will benefit from having a race of experience and these longer races are not as easy for first time starters as sprints are. She is also working very well and looks primed for a massive step forward second time out for Cherie DeVaux. The #10 Leaner and Meaner looks very well meant and is the most enticing of the first time starters as she went for \$310,000 and is working steadily for Chad Brown. Flavien Prat is aboard and he is always extremely dangerous on the turf so this is also one to take seriously.

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9	8	Edified	5-1	4	\$20 win on 8 \$3 EXB 4, 6, 8

### Notes

The #8 Edified seemed to finally figure it out as last time out he ran a beyer top for his career by a significant margin posting a 90 beyer second time off a long layoff. I think Asmussen figured out the right distance for this horse and visually I was very impressed with the effort. Edified broke slowly and had a lot of ground to make up against some foes that he will see again including the favorite the #6 Mariachi 7-2. He will definitely need some pace to close into as he is more of a stalker but looking at this race on paper there should be more than enough pace for him to build on a career best effort and with a cleaner break should be very dangerous in this spot. The #6 Mariachi ran a solid 2nd last time out but unfortunately ran into Speak Easy who is an incredibly talented horse. I think he can run back to a similar effort from last time, but he will once again have to deal with a contested pace. The #4 Big City is very interesting in this spot as he gets a cut back in distance and while this is still a challenging field, he will benefit from not running against some of the incredibly talented horses he ran against down south at GP. Look for him to stalk off the leaders and work out a nice trip.



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

Race	Selections	Cost
4	\$20 Double 1,3/4	\$40
5	\$20 exacta 4-7 \$10 Double 4/5 \$5 Double 4/6,10	\$40
12	\$20 win on 3 \$10 EXB 3-4	\$40

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

