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Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	8/26/2023
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Race-Day Overview

WELCOME TO TRAVERS DAY!! Today is one of the best cards of the year at any track, with 5 Grade 1's, terrific allowance races, and year-end honors plus Breeders Cup implications on the line. We'll cover the full card plus our usual Spot/Price Plays and other information. For more details, please watch Ep. 285 and 286 on our YouTube Channel or audio platforms. They are expecting plenty of rain on Friday, so I'm expecting some of the turf races to be run on dirt. For the purposes of this tip sheet, I'll give BOTH TURF AND DIRT selections for the NON-stakes races and ONLY TURF picks for the Sword Dancer. Good luck today, CRUSH YOUR BETS!

Spot/Price Play ROI

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.*

Racetrack: Saratoga

Post Time 11:40pm EST

ABC Grid – As explained above, my turf picks are in black, and dirt selections for turf races in red in case surface switches are necessitated by the weather.

P5 R8 - 12: All A's - \$4; 4A1B - \$30 ; 3A2B - \$80; 4A1C - \$27 Total - \$141

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2,8	1,3	-	1,2,3,8	\$0.50	Early P5: \$48 if on turf
2	1,2 12	- 13,14	6,8 4,6,10	1,2 12,13,14		
3	3,4	1	-	1,3,4		



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4	8,10	1,9	3,6	8,10		
5	1,6 5,9	7 1a,10	1,3 -	1,6 1,5,9,10		
6	2,4,6	1,9	-			
7	2	3	4	2,3		
8	4,6,10,12 4,15	1,2,5,8,9,13 14,16	7 -	1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10, 12,13 4,14,15,16	\$0.50	\$90
9	6	3,4,5	-	6		
10	7	6	2,5,8	6,7,8		
11	1,7	-	3	1,7		
12	2	1,7	3,4,6	1,2,7		
13	1,8 14,15	3 3,12	2	2,6 3,12,14,15		

Top 3 Selections - All picks below assuming races stay on grass

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	2	8	3
2	1 12	2 14	6 13
3	4	3	1
4	8	10	1
5	6 5	1 9	7 1a
6	2	6	4
7	2	3	4
8	12 4	10 15	4 16
9	6	5	4
10	7	6	8



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11	1	7	3
12	2	7	1
13	15	14	3

P5 Analysis (R8 - 12):

With some smaller field sizes, I'm not sure the value today is in the Pick 5, but rather with win bets / doubles instead. That being said, there are many different singles you could choose from. I have two strong opinions today....I really like #6 Arabian Lion in R9, and #2 Arcangelo in the Travers, R12. I would lean on those two with my Pick 5 bets. As you can see, they are "lone A's" along with #7 Goodnight Olive. The first leg is an absolute spread....use as many as you can. I'm against the #7 who Paul and Pete both believe is live.

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	10	Champions Dream	6-1	3	\$10 WP #10 Big Exactas: 1,8,9 / 10 Small Exactas: 10 / 1,8,9

Notes

This is a usual race for a few reasons. There's a lot of inconsistency with this field, many are in for the tag of \$62,500 (willing to give up their horse), and there's not a lot of confirmed early speed signed on. All of those factors convince me to go with a fresh face. #10 Champions Dream has had an aggressive campaign in his career so far, facing tough 2-3yo's in graded stakes going a route. Now, he's in the capable hands of Danny Gargan, and has been given a break since the spring. He appears to be working well, and if you look at his PP's, he's always close to the lead around the 3/4 mark, then fades in the lane. Maybe he's supposed to be a sprinter and he's finally racing at the right distance. Sure, the layoff is concerning, but he's working well and is fresh. Hoping he can be aggressive early and work out a trip



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from the far outside post. Interesting for sure.....I'M USING HIM MAINLY UNDERNEATH however....for the ROI, it'll be \$1 Win and Place on the #10 and \$1 Exactas 1,8 / 10.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	4	Talkin' Pharoah	6-1	4	\$15 WP #4

Notes

I usually avoid touting horses when I'm not sure what surface they'll be running on. However in this case, I like #4 Talkin Pharoah whether it's run on scheduled turf or dirt. He's got early speed, is quickly improving, and has a nice post for either surface. I'd prefer him more on dirt, as that's where he's proven his ability so far, but has enough turf pedigree to be a factor if it stays on turf too. It's going to be competitive either way (dirt or turf), so he's going to have run his best. I see no reason why he can't increase his Beyer number into the mid 80's or higher and beat a field like this. Jose Ortiz has the mount, and I like his usual aggressiveness.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	6	Arabian Lion	2-1	4	\$25 Win #6

Notes

I don't usually tout 2-1 ML horses, but I LOVE Arabian Lion today. This is a VERY tough stake with several uber-talented runners....I think the four outside horses can absolutely win, #3-6. You know #5 New York Thunder is being sent, and he was awesome last time, but this field is much tougher, and I have hard time believing one of the Baffert entries is not going to make NY Thunder work hard at some point during the race. Don't sleep on #3 Verifying either, whom I expect to be flying late. Back to Arabian Lion...I think he sits the golden trip, is improving, has been working well for this, and gets a cozy outside slot where Johnny V. can break out of there, look to his left, and make some decisions. I'll take anything from 9-5 or higher on Lion....hope he doesn't get bet down too much on the win end.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	1	Soldier Rising	5-1	4	\$20 Win #1 Trifecta: 1 / 37 / all 37 / 1 / all

Notes

This year's Sword Dancer is a G1 in name only....one of the weaker editions I have seen in years. The big ML-favorite is #7 Stone Age, who did run well in the BC Turf, but that was more than 9 months ago. Sure, Chad can get one ready, but that BC Turf wasn't the strongest field, and who knows if Stone Age is fully ready for this test. He probably is, but he's also a bet against on the win end IMO. The other main threat is probably #3 Bolshoi Ballet, who is familiar with U.S. racing, but is 5yo and really not an



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impressive animal. Soldier Rising was completely compromised last time when Rebel's Romance went down on the far turn....Rising had to jump / avoid a fallen horse/jockey and lost all of his action/momenturn. It's a total toss out race for me. Other than the shaky field he faces today, he LOVES 1 1/2 miles, should save ground the whole way, and doesn't mind some moisture in the turf course if that occurs as well. I don't think he's a true G1 horse, but this field isn't really either other than Stone Age and Channel Maker on his best day. This might be the time to strike, and do it at a price. He'll be flying late for sure.....will he get up this time? Not sure, but I would at the very least use him underneath in 2nd and 3rd, as it seems almost a "sure thing" that he'll make a big run and get somewhere in the money unless he just doesn't fire, the pace is dawdling, or he gets into trouble...all of which could happen theoretically.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	2 AND 7	Arcangelo / Scotland	5-2 / 12-1	5 4	\$30 Win #2 Big Exactas: 2 / 1,7 1,7 / 2

Notes

If I'm doing a tip sheet on Travers Day, I have to talk about the race! **THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!!** I'll talk about two horses in one. My top choice is Arcangelo, and I'm "all-in" here in my biggest horizontal and vertical bets. I'll use others defensively. Normally, I'd be against giving a horse time off since the Belmont, but in this case, I think it works well. Arcangelo has so many things going for him in this spot, it's hard to ignore. He's fast enough, will get the distance, great post, jockey who knows him, a trainer who understands how to get this one ready for a big effort....the vibes are too good for me to ignore. And, Forte will be WAY overbet....sure he's really good, but not 7-5 good. There's no reason Arcangelo cannot match if not improve on his last win in the Belmont. The horse I'll tout is Scotland, a fascinating entry for Bill Mott, who has never won the Travers. This progressive colt has done nothing wrong and now steps up....but how much slower is he really than these others, and he has a TON of upside with a cozy outside post and a long run into the first turn. This is the one that could upset, at around 7-1 I predict. For ROI purposes, we'll play \$2 win on Arcangelo, \$1 Place on Scotland, and \$1 Exacta 2-7. I have full respect for Forte and the Derby champ Mage, but I'm looking elsewhere today. Should be a fantastic race!

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**Favorite Vertical/Horizontal Plays Not Included in Price/Spot Play Bets
(assuming stake races stay on turf)**

Race	Selections	Cost
3	Daily Double 3,4 / 8,10	\$5 bet for \$20 total
7	Daily Double 2 / 4,6,10,12 (if turf)	\$10 bet for \$40 total
9	Daily Double 6 / 7	\$30 bet for \$30 total

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

