

Race Day Date	9/1/223		
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Race-Day Overview

Closing weekend is upon us and we should finally have a clear and dry Friday. The featured Saranac Stakes is in Race 4, positioned out of the P6 and late P5, with odds-on favorite Carl Spackler figuring to have an easier time with his six foes than his namesake did with the gopher at Bushwood. Would expect all four turf races to remain ON. There is a \$111K P6 carryover, so we will include a moderately-priced Caveman ticket for your consideration. Late P5 appears to be the better of the two, unless you can beat Spackler in the early one. Sub-plot to the betting action is the race for the training title, with Chad Brown leading Linda Rice by one with four days left. That should be fun to follow.

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 1:10pm EST

ABC Grid

Early P5: 5A - \$2 - \$32 4A1B - \$28 3A2B - \$30 4A1C - \$28 - TOTAL -\$118 Late P5: 5A - \$2 - \$16 4A1B - \$1 - \$36 3A2B - \$24 4A1C - \$32 TOTAL \$108 BONUS: \$1 Caveman P6 starting in R5: 568-358-3-18-38-5910 = \$108

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2,6	4	5,9	2,4,5,6	.50 Pick 5	\$72
2	1,6	8	3,4	1,6,8		
3	2,3		5,6	2,3,5,6		
4	2	5,7		2		
5	5,6	8	3	5,6,8		
6	5,8	3	1,2	2,3,5,8	.50 Pick 5	\$72
7	3,4	8	6	3,4		
8	1	8	2,5	1,5,8		



9	3,8	2	9	3,8	
10	9	5,10		5,9,10	

Late P5 Analysis

Challenging sequence with four 10-horse fields and no obvious singles. I like the English shipper -- #3 Tamarama in Race 7 and hope he goes off at his 4-1 ML odds. Will also lean on the rail horse in middle leg (#1 Morning Cup) and the Brad Cox trainee (#9 Deputy Connect) in the nightcap. Cox wins at 31% when going from allowance to claiming in dirt routes. 7-2 would be great but I would expect him to go off closer to 5-2. Opening leg – R6 – looks like a spread race.

Top 3 Selections

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

Price/Spot Play(s)

** Price / Spot Plays are not usually the favorites, but horses we 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)
6	5	Miss Maximus	4-1	3	\$30 win 5, \$20 DD 5-3

Notes In a wide-open MSW for NY-breds that has a 3-1 ML favorite, I'm going with a high-percentage trainer and stallion. Brad Cox is winning at 26 percent for the meet and in this situation – 2YO FTS dirt sprint – he is 20% over the last five years. Maximus Mischief is a 30-percent 2YO debut sire. Ricardo Santana Jr. should have her forward and in position to get a winning trip. \$167K yearling purchase has been prepping at Belmont, with eight workouts on the tab. All systems go.





Picks Tip Sheet

Saratoga

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	3	Tamarama	4-1	4	\$25 WP 3

Notes Let's be original (not) and go with a Euro in a turf race. This non1X isn't the strongest field ever, despite the presence of two Chad Browns. The ML favorite, #8 Expand the Map, is 1-8 with five seconds, while #4 Root Cause has been a beaten favorite her last two races. I'm taking #3 Tamarama, who won four times in 15 starts in her native England. Trainer Jack Sisterson, also an English-bred, is 3-10 with foreign shippers. He and Tyler Gaffalione have combined to win at 29% the last two years, and Gaffalione is on fire as of late. The addition of Lasix won't hurt, either. Don't be surprised to see her on or near the lead right from the start.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Morning Cup	9-2	4	\$30 win 1, \$10 DD 1 with 3-8

Notes The Linda Rice-Jose Ortiz combo has been phenomenal at this meet. Saratoga's leading trainer in 2009, who is trying to duplicate the feat this year, has given Jose a leg up 69 times at the Spa since July 13 and they have reunited in the winner's circle 19 times. That's a 28-percent strike rate, which is impressive anywhere, but at Saratoga it's other-worldly. After Rice claimed Morning Cup at Churchill Downs on Thurby, the gelding ran last in a turf route at Belmont July 1. Today, he gets back on dirt and cuts back to 7 furlongs, a distance at which he broke his maiden at Keeneland last fall. Moving turf to dirt second off the claim, Rice wins at 21%. This looks like a classic example of Linda placing a horse in the right spot.

Note: I'll throw in a \$5 Spot Play cold pick 3 starting in R6: 5-3-1.

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

Race	Selections				
4	\$30 exacta 2-7, \$10 exacta 7-2				
9	\$20 DD 3-8 with 9	\$40			



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

