



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sunday, September 1 st
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Race-Day Overview - \$210k Pick 6 Carryover Today!!

As the Saratoga meet comes to an end the track is making sure we have an action filled card with lots of solid betting races as this Sunday we have 13 yes 13 races! It looks like it will be clear skies which is the perfect way to finish the Saratoga meet and hopefully will allow most of these fields to remain big. There are three maiden special weight races for \$100k each which means plenty of potential young talent to keep an eye on for both the fillies and colts. Another race to look forward to is the Bernard Baruch Stakes for \$150k going 1 1/16 on the turf headlined by the #5 Running Bee who will be looking to bounce back after facing tougher in a grade 2, but also features Fort Washington coming out of the same race and Taking Candy who won last time out off a near year long layoff. The featured race of the day may have a small field, but it's the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes and there is some serious talent in this race. They will be going 1 1/4 on the dirt and all eyes will be on the heavy 4-5 favorite to the outside #7 Arthur's Ride who is coming off an incredible effort winning the G1 Whitney wire to wire against a very talented field. I know in the past I have been giving picks out on Friday to try to help you start your weekend strong... but this time I'm here to help you finish your weekend strong and end Saratoga on a high note! Let's enjoy closing weekend at Saratoga and be sure to crush your bets!

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, 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 12:05pm EST

**** All Picks given in the ABC and Top 3 Selection grids ASSUME ALL GRASS RACES STAY ON TURF!!**

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	8	4, 7	1, 2	-	-	-
2	2, 9	1, 6	-	-	-	-
3	4, 6	3	1, 8	-	-	-
4	5, 7	4, 10	9	-	-	-
5	12, 13	3, 5, 7	1, 4	-	-	-
6	4, 11	1, 12	8	-	-	-
7	1, 3, 9	2, 4	-	-	-	-
8	2, 3	6, 9, 10	-	-	-	-
9	1, 6	2	-	1, 6	\$0.50	\$48
10	2, 7	4	1, 5	2, 7	-	-
11	3, 5	1, 7	6	1, 3, 5, 7	-	-
12	1, 7	6	5	1, 7	-	-
13	5, 8	10	2	5, 8, 10	-	-

**** Note: Pick 6 starts in R8, approx.. 4pm EST.....Watch "Saratoga Today" show for Howard's opinions of the Pick 6, including his suggested ticket**



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Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	8	4	7
2	2	9	1
3	6	4	3
4	5	7	10
5	12	13	5
6	11	4	1
7	9	3	1
8	2	3	10
9	1	6	2
10	7	2	4
11	5	3	7
12	7	1	6
13	5	8	10

Late P5 Analysis

This late pick 5 sequence is an exciting one that features two stakes races, two optional claiming races, and the last race is everyone's favorite... maiden claiming. While most of the attention will naturally go toward the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes there is still plenty of good racing in this sequence. We start with an optional claiming race going 7 furlongs on the dirt with a field of 9 and the morning line odds indicate that this is likely a three horse race with the favorite being 5-2 and two horses being 3-1. The favorite at 5-2 is the #6 Cupid's Heart who is coming off of a very impressive win first time off a major layoff after narrowly beating the #1 in this race St. Benedicts Prep who has been in tremendous form. Speaking of the #1 St. Benedicts Prep (3-1) she looks to have a real chance in this race after winning last time out and should benefit from the lack of speed in this race. However, she has to be careful as the horse to her outside #2 Mighty Madison (3-1) is the other speed in this race and will



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make her work for it. Race 10 is a turf sprint going 5 ½ furlongs and these races tend to bring chaos. The favorite is the #2 Run Curtis Run at 5-2 who has run some great numbers over the course and distance, but hasn't been able to put it all together as his last win was in October of 2022. The #4 Seaver at 3-1 is now 2nd time off the slight layoff and will look to build on a 5th place performance and the #7 Set (4-1) is the class of the field after losing last time to Star of Mystery, Mansa Musa, and Fandom. Race #11 is the Bernard Baruch Stakes for \$150k going 1 1/16 on the turf where the favorite #5 Running Bee 9-5 will look to benefit from the class relief and get back to his winning ways. Even though this is a field of just 7, it is a very difficult race as there is a legitimate argument for almost every horse in the field. The #1 Fort Washington is coming out of the same races, the #3 Rebel Red is lightly raced but quickly improving, and the #7 Taking Candy won last time out off a near year long layoff. Race #12 is the feature race of the day the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes going 1 ¼ on the dirt where the ultra impressive #7 Arthur's Ride 4-5 looks like the horse to beat. Last time out he wired the field in the G1 Whitney despite having to deal with a hot pace and plenty of talent around him... he could be loose in this one so the field needs to be careful to not let him get away. The other horse that there will be plenty of talk about is the #1 Tapit Trice 4-1 who came back off a near year long layoff and romped defeating the very in form Highland Falls and now they will face each other again, but have Arthur's Ride to deal with. Race 13 is a maiden claiming race going 7 furlongs on the dirt and is a tough one to figure out. The #5 Irie Man 4-1 gets Prat aboard again and maybe this is the distance for him as he showed interest late at 6 furlongs and a mile seemed too long two back. The favorite is the #8 Mama's Middie at 2-1 who tried to wire the field last time out but came up short... not a lot of speed in this race so he could be dangerous if he can get the distance.

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)
3	6	Determined Effort	7-2	4	\$20 win on 6 \$10 EXB 4-6
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The #6 horse Determined Effort is by far the least raced horse in the field as this is just his second start. The lightly raced 4 year old debuted on December 22 at Gulfstream in a 5 furlong turf sprint and won					



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very impressively against the #4 in this race Alexis Zorba who has gone on to be a solid horse in his own right. I was actually at Gulfstream to see his debut and I encourage you to watch the replay because I remember be impressed in person, but watching it back I was shocked at how good he looked. Irad was able to navigate through the traffic and he won going away and galloped out with plenty left in the tank. I actually think he may even want longer than 5 ½ based on the breeding, but I think 5 ½ is the right distance for him at this stage of his career. Naturally with this race being a turf sprint there is a lot of speed and he will be at the back of the field, but he hunted down the field on his debut and I believe he will do it again... I know the layoff is a concern but he has a solid workout tab and I feel Pletcher has put him in a great spot.

I briefly mentioned the #4 horse Alexis Zorba and he has had an interesting career... a horse who loves to get 2nd with 6 of his 12 career starts ending with a 2nd place finish he has had consistently solid figures against solid fields and his last two efforts they tried him going a mile and it seems to be too far. Despite a nice effort going 7 ½ and 6 furlongs Maker is cutting him all the way back to 5 ½... but I like the move because regardless of the distance he always shows strong speed and I think he will hold up better than others in a hot pace.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	9	Soothe	8-1	3	\$20 win on 9 \$3 EXB 1,3,9

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You've heard of the "other Chad Brown" horse but what about the other War Front horse. The morning line favorite in this race is the #3 horse Snowyte at 5-2, but I am going with the #9 Soothe at 8-1 trained by Bill Mott and ridden by Junior Alvarado. The worktab for her has been super consistent which is nice to see and last time out she worked a bullet in nearly 48 flat and while the breeding indicates more turf than dirt, Bill Mott has been solid with his first time starters and the dam Lull had a really nice career. The works on the dirt indicate to me that she has no problem with the surface and if I get anywhere near 8-1 I will be thrilled.

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10	7	Set	4-1	4	\$20 win on 7 \$10 EXB 2-7

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The #7 Set at 4-1 is clearly the class of the field and is actually a horse I have been against in the past, but for good reason. He started his career with two very impressive going away wins at Gulfstream Park, but as someone who has adopted Gulfstream as my home track I know that he didn't beat any major horses which is why I felt the American Turf was going to be far too difficult for him. Then he ran in the Penn Mile against one of my favorite horses in First World War and Trikari who has proved me wrong in that American Turf win being a fluke. Last time out they cut him back to his first sprint of his career going 5 ½ on the turf in a G3, but ran into Star of Mystery, Mansa Musa, and Fandom. Now they finally have put him up against a field that I believe he belongs against and there is a legitimate argument that he could be too good for this field. The question will be with this class relief can he handle the distance or will it be too short for him. I think he can and will handle the distance and this is a great spot for him to get back on track. He still has plenty of speed and the distance will not be a problem and I like that he gets an outside gate and Dylan Davis can be a bit more aggressive. The favorite is the #2 horse Run Curtis Run at 5-2 who has been in solid form and I think is dangerous in this spot too, but the horse hasn't won since October 2022 and this feels like the perfect spot for Set to get back on track.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
2	\$20 win on 2 \$10 EXB 2-9 \$5 Trifecta 2,9/2,9/1	\$50
8	\$20 win on 2 \$5 EXB 2-3	\$30
9	\$20 win on 1 \$5 Exacta 1/2,6	\$30

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

