



Saratoga

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	9/2/2023
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### Race-Day Overview

It's the last Saturday of the meet, and there are several graded stakes on tap. The highlight is the Win-And-You're-In G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup, where the top horse gets a free invite/qualifier to the BC Classic. The early part of the card has some stakes but small fields, followed some ridiculously good baby races, then a Late P5 with big fields and interesting options. Weather will be perfect, it's about damn time! Good luck today and enjoy.

### 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](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.**

### Racetrack: Saratoga

Post Time 12:40pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2,4	3,7,9	-	2,3,4,7,9	\$0.50	Early P5: \$10
2	5		1,2,4,6	5		
3	2,4	-	-	2,4		
4	2,3	5	1,4	2,3		
5	5	4	3	5		
6	1,5,9,10,(12 if in)	3	7	1,3,5,9,10		
7	7,9	3,10	-	3,7,9		
8	4,5	1	2,3	1,4,5	\$0.50	\$72



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9	3,12	6,10,11	2	3,6,10,11,12		
10	6,8	5	1,4,7,9	6,8		
11	4	1,5,8	-	4,8		
12	3,4	1,6,7,11	5,8,9,10	3,4		

**P5 Analysis (R8 - 12):**

*Very good Late P5 today, with spread races in R9 and R12 especially. I'm taking a stand in the Gold Cup with Rattle N Roll, but not with a ton of confidence. The last race of the day is interesting....the Clement #4 horse will be a heavy favorite, but do you really trust a \$40 MdnCl. horse who ran in her debut and then didn't run for another two months? I don't, but suppose you could single her on the end. I'm going price-shopping there if I can and try to find a bomb.*

**Top 3 Selections - Note....Race 1 is a "board-watching" exercise for me....workout reports didn't tell me too many positives on first-time starters, so see who's being bet for further clues in that race.**

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



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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.**

**For better or worse, I feel very strongly about my Spot Plays today...hope I'm right for all of our sakes!**

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	5	Accretive	9-5	4	\$20 Win #5

**Notes**

Let's the start the day right with a low-price horse that you can single in your horizontal plays. Accretive has never gone 1 mile, which is only a slight concern because he's a big, strapping horse who's very talented. I expect him to stalk and pounce this field, which comes up light in my opinion for the level. Totally against the rail horse and some others too. Accretive is getting better, 2<sup>nd</sup> off the layoff, is a stakes-quality gelding, and will blow by them all in the stretch in my opinion and somewhere around 7-5. He only has one big number on the page, but I think we'll see a big effort today.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Awesome Native	9-2	4	\$15 WP on #3 Big Exactas: 3 / 2,5 Smaller Exactas 2,5 / 3

**Notes**

This talented NY-bred needed his last start badly. Not only that, it was on turf which he doesn't want and got bumped early and lost his mojo, was disinterested, and ran on a little at the end....looked like a total prep / "get one into him" kind of effort. Now, he's worked VERY well since, 2<sup>nd</sup> off the break, back to dirt, has numbers that fit, and should sit a nice stalking trip in behind the speed. I would be very surprised if he didn't run big here.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	9	Dive Bomber	7-2	5	\$30 Win #9

**Notes**

**THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA...**and these top picks of the day have been VERY good for quite a while now, let's hope today is no different! This is a loaded baby race, but there's only one first-time starter that really perks my interest (#7 and maybe #10 a little as well), so I'll go with one that has



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experience. Dive Bomber did NOT get the best of trips in his debut...had to check/take back a bit, took a lot of dirt, and just didn't show his true potential. Since then, his WORKTAB HAS BEEN AMAZING....three B+ works with blinkers on, outworking a nice one who finished a good 2<sup>nd</sup> yesterday to a complete freak. This Cox-trainee by first-crop hottie Omaha Beach out of a Blame mare should love the extra distance, and gets a cozy outside slot. There are other talented ones in this race, but it's all systems go today....REALLY like him today and his upside going forward. Should be a fun race with great future potential abound.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	12	Big Bean Christine	10-1	4	\$15 WP #12 Trifectas: 12 / 3,6,10,11 / 2,3,6,10,11 3,6,10,11 / 12 / 2,3,6,10,11

### Notes

*I almost made this one my Play of the Day, but it's a huge, well-balanced field so I stayed with the previous top pick (Dive Bomber) for that designation. I really like Big Bean Christine (BBC) here too....I have history with this horse, just ask good friend and BCBC Champ Matt Miller. We both cashed on her big time at the NHC last March, and hope today is no different. There is SO MUCH EARLY SPEED in this race it's crazy, hard to imagine a closer won't win. There have to be at least 3-4 "need the lead types", and BBC is NOT one of them. She'll take back and make one big run....according to trainer Ray Handal (who I know and talked to through a friend about this one today), she's ready to go, and I know she needed her last going a distance that's too far for her. She'll need racing luck and fire her best shot, but at around 8-1 I'll be playing her BIG today...at least to be somewhere in the money underneath in trifectas along with a win bet. Let's go BBC!!!*

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	Internal Capital	9-2	4	\$15 WP #8 Big Exactas: 8 / 5,6 Smaller Exacta: 6/8

### Notes

It's time for my daily "other Chad" pick, sponsored by many horses I've (we've) cashed on over the last 2+ yrs. on these Picks! Internal Capital had a nightmare 1<sup>st</sup> turn trip last time at Monmouth, when he checked hard and then was in tight down the backstretch. He ran on ok in an effort that he needed. With more money likely on the #6 Chad / Irad horse (who absolutely can win and will be favored), there's value in Internal Capital, who ran VERY well last year and worked well out of the last race. Chad doesn't have many gray horses, and certainly few Tapit's on the turf, but this one has talent and should fire big with a clean trip. Not that you need positive stats for a Chad turf horse, but he's good 2<sup>nd</sup> off



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the layoff and I think this one will be better today for sure. Don't take too a low a price....I'm guessing he goes off around 3-1.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
2	PICK 4: 5 / 2,4 / 2,3 / 5	\$5 bet for \$10 total, that's it!!
7	Daily Double 9 / 4,5	\$20 bet for \$40 total
8	Pick 5 (w/spread on the end): 4,5 / 3,6,10,11,12 / 8 / 4 / 1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	\$50 bet for 50c
10	Daily Double 6,8 / 4,8	\$5 bet for \$20 total

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

