



Saratoga

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	September 3, 2023
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Race-Day Overview

This is the last Sunday of the 2023 Saratoga meet, which I assume will be a sad day for many who love playing here. The big race of the day, which is Race 9 – The Spinaway, features some very exciting 2-year-old fillies that you would assume aspire to Breeders Cup Juvenile Fillies glory. There definitely are a couple of fillies in there that could be very formidable. Aside from the big race of the day, the card has a bunch of maiden races to try and navigate, which always make the individual races and the horizontal sequences challenging. Also, unlike many days we have seen at Saratoga this meet, the fields are full, and the weather looks great, so the field sizes should hopefully hold.

Today's Picks

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Racetrack: Saratoga

Post Time 12:40pm EST

ABC Grid

Early P5: 5A (\$12) - 4A1B (\$46) - 3A2B (\$68) - 4A1C (\$28) - TOTAL (\$154)

Late P5: 5A (\$9) - 4A1B (\$46.50) - 3A2B (\$86.50) - 4A1C (\$15) - TOTAL (\$157)

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,5,8	7	2	1,5,8	\$0.50	\$96
2	4,5	9	2	2,4,5,9	-	-
3	4,6	1,5	-	1,4,5,6	-	-
4	7	5	1	7	-	-
5	2,8	4,6	10	2,4,6,8	-	-
6	2,4,9	5	10	2,4,9	\$0.50	\$90
7	1,5	2,4,9	-	1,2,4,5,9	-	-
8	10	1,6	8	6,10	-	-
9	8	9	-	8,9	-	-
10	1,8,12	9	3	1,8,12	-	-

P5 Analysis



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Early P5: The early sequence has three maiden races to deal with along with one race with low-level claimers, so it doesn't seem, on paper, to have the most reliable bunch of horses. There is a possibility for an obvious single in the 4th (#7 – Magnolia Midnight), but that will probably be the single for most, so it won't really be a separator. If you can beat that horse, the payment for this sequence should really explode. Otherwise, it's a pretty tough sequence with many ways to go.

Late P5: The late sequence contains the Grade 1 Spinaway. This is another race where it looks like there could be a single (#8 – Ways and Means) that everyone will jump on based on her impressive debut and high Beyer. There are a few other talented fillies in the race, though, if you want to try and take her out and go for the big pay day. She does seem to be tough to leave off the ticket, though, so do that at your own peril. The rest of the sequence has some very tough races, especially Race 7, where spreading might have to be done. Getting some prices home in those races outside of the Spinaway will be the key to getting a solid pay day.

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	1 – Stents and Statins	8 – Weigh the Risks	5 – Later Darling
2	5 – Scherzer	4 – Bon Adieu	9 – Mim
3	6 – Implementation	4 – Olympic Dreams	5 – Film Star
4	7 – Magnolia Midnight	5 – Rally Squirrel	1 – Durkin's Call 1A – Invisible War
5	8 – Khanate	2 – Cowes	4 – Three Point Strut
6	4 – Alpine Princess	9 – Caitlinhergrtness	2 – Genetics
7	1A – Jarreau	5 – Lord Flintshire	2 – Ski Patrol
8	10 – Dontmesswithtess	6 – Except Temptation	1 – River Tay
9	8 – Ways and Means	9 – Brightwork	6 – Alys Beach
10	1 – Jet City Woman	8 – Addressable Market	12 – Lakeside Getaway

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)
1	1	Stents and Statins	10-1	3	\$10 Win/Place/Show - 1 \$0.50 Trifectas – 1 / 2,5,6,7,8 / 2,5,6,7,8 2,5,6,7,8 / 1 / 2,5,6,7,8 2,5,6,7,8 / 2,5,6,7,8 / 1
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Underneath Price Play: The #1 – Stents and Statins seems like a fantastic underneath price play. It’s not often you get a turf race with a horse trained by Chad Brown and ridden by Flavien Prat with a 10-1 morning line, but that’s exactly what we have here. This is a 1st time starter going long on the turf, so you never know what’s going to happen. However, when I look at this horse, there are things that I like aside from the connections. On the sire-side (Soldier Hollow), although, we have no 2yo 1st timer starters, his progeny is 5 of 10 ITM 1st out. Also, his progeny has a 16%-win percentage in Turf Routes. The dam-side (Dealbata) has yet to have any runners, but she won races going long on the turf in France and was a stakes winner and graded stakes place horse in the US.

Key Stat(s):

#1 – Stents and Statins - Brown/Prat Combo – 2yo 1st Time Starters at 8.5f and Up on Turf at SAR – 3/10 W (30%), 8/10 ITM (80%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	4	Alpine Princess	4-1	5	\$30 Win – 4 \$10 Exacta Box – 4,9 \$10 Daily Double – 4 / 1

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Spot Play of the Day: This \$190k purchase out of Classic Empire is going to be my top play of the day. On debut, she was knocked around out of the gate, dropped to last place, raced between horses in the back of the pack, made a move splitting horses, and then chased the top 2 runaway winners to finish a non-threatening 3rd. On paper it’s not overly impressive, but I like it when a horse debuts with some trouble but doesn’t give up and keeps running through the wire. This seemed like the type of educational race that a trainer like Brad Cox can build upon to have her more than ready for this spot. This is a tough field, on paper, but I am hoping that this horse has some talent that we didn’t get to see in full on debut. She had a solid bullet work this week as well coming in, so hopefully she is sharp and ready to fire.

Key Stat(s):

#4 – Alpine Princess - Cox – 2nd Time Starters That Finished ITM Last Out in Dirt Sprints at SAR – 8/12 W (57%), 12/14 ITM (86%)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	1A	Jarreau	3-1	3	\$20 Win – 1A \$10 Exacta – 1 w/ 2,5 \$5 Exacta – 2,5 w/ 1

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Spot Play: This is a really tough Starter Allowance race on the turf with a lot of possible ways to go, but I landed on the favored entry of #1 – Watasha and #1A – Jarreau. I only listed the 1A because that is the half of the entry that I am really interested in, and if he should scratch for some reason, I would not play the #1 alone. As for Jarreau, this is not a horse that I would normally like on the win end especially as the favorite because of his inability to win races, as shown by his 2 for 25 lifetime record on the win end. However, I am going to make an exception in this case. A couple of positives – he is 2 for 3 in the top 2 at Saratoga and 3 for 3 ITM at 9f, which shows he has some affinity for these conditions as shown by his last race where he lost by a nose. Also, he had been running in higher level N1X allowance races and then came back to Saratoga to run at the same level as this race and showed that this is the level where he may fit best. From a speed figure standpoint, he has multiple races that put him near the top of the field and that definitely can win this especially if he gets the setup he needs. I do think there is just enough speed to the outside that will try to come over and get the lead with just enough urgency to keep the field from crawling around the track and setting it up for this horse to roll by.

Key Stat(s):

#2 – Ski Patrol – Rice – 1st After Claim in Turf Routes – 2/38 W (5%), 16/38 ITM (42%)



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

Race	Bet Type	Selections	Cost
2	Exacta – Dutch	\$15 Exacta – 4,5 w/ 6 \$5 Exacta – 6 w/ 4,5	\$40
5	Pick-3	\$3 Pick-3 – 2,8 / 4,9 / 1,5	\$24
7	Pick-3	\$10 Pick-3 – 1,5 / 10 / 8	\$20
9	Daily Double	\$25 Daily Double – 8 / 1	\$25

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

