



Saratoga

Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	9/4/2023
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### Race-Day Overview

Well, the time has come....it's the last race day at Saratoga for the 2023 meet. It's been a memorable time to say the least, with exciting races, lots of rain, and unfortunate tragic events. Let's see if we can find some winners on closing day. The card has many maiden races, along with two stakes, including one on the turf and the G1 Hopeful for the 2yo boys. If that race is anything like yesterday's 2yo girl's race, it's going to be a doozy.

Just wanted to take the time to thank all of you that subscribed to the Saratoga Power Picks this summer. We'll have final meet stats next week, and I'll be happy to share our results by email. Based on the success of these tip sheets, **we are STRONGLY considering bringing them back for the Keeneland meet in October, so look for information in the future....hope you subscribe to those if we offer them.** Good luck today, and as always, check for scratches and changes.

### 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	2,5	6	-	2,5,6	\$0.50	Early P5: \$36
2	3	6,8	7	3,6,8		
3	3	4,5	1,2	3		
4	8,9	-	1,2,3,4,7	8,9		



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5	1,8	3,4	-	1,3,4,8		
6	1,6,9	8	4	1,3,5,9,10		
7	4,6,7,(13)	5	10	4,5,6,7,13	\$0.50	\$100
8	6,9	1,4,8	-	1,4,6,8,9		
9	3,5	8,9	-	3,5		
10	5,6,10,11	7	1	5,6,10,11		
11	5	11,12	8	5		

### P5 Analysis (R8 - 12):

*The last Late 5 of the meet is not easy....then again, they never are, especially at Saratoga. The toughest races that necessitate the most spreading should be R7, 8, and 10. HOWEVER, if the 13 gets into R7, you could spread elsewhere as that one is the horse to beat. The G1 Hopeful is a tough race as well with no standouts. I'm leaning on the Chad Brown firster in the last race, mainly due to the connections and weak other options.*

Top 3 Selections - Note....many of the races have first-time starters, and as of this writing, I do not have access to the Clocker Reports, so my opinions in those races are not as strong as they have been in the past.

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



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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.**

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	3	Just Katherine	5-2	5	\$25 Win #3 BIG exacta 3-8 Small exacta 8-3
<b>Notes</b>					
I'll start the Spot Plays with <b>MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!</b> Even though this gal won't be a big price, it's a good way to start your early Pick 4 with a single. Just Katherine is coming off her Beyer top, but she's been given time to recover. In that race, she lost to Randomized, who came back and won the G1 Alabama. Katherine can stalk the speed and go by when asked...I don't think the 9f will be a problem based on the breeding, and I don't think the other options in this race, unless #8 Raging Sea can start living up to her potential.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Public Sector	5-2	4	\$15 Win #3
<b>Notes</b>					
Again, not a big price coming, but I'm against the ML-fave #4 Wit unless the Workout Report comes back extra-strong for Wit. Public Sector is a consistent sort, but not easy to ride. Irad has done well with him, and now the blinks on might keep him more focused and closer to the pace. He's a Grade 2/3 kind of talent, and unless Wit is fully ready, I think Public Sector will be tough in this spot.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	5	Borletti	6-1	4	\$15 WP #5 Big Exacta 5 / 3,8,9
<b>Notes</b>					
Borletti is an import for trainer David Duggan, who did very well with foreign shipper Drafted (although that one is a dirt sprinter). This horse has a TON of back-class from his 3yo season, facing nice horses such as Blackbeard (for Aiden O'Brien) in a Group 2. He's been given plenty of time to acclimate to the U.S., and has a very good recent work. His form says he shows speed, so if he can break, he shouldn't be too far back, which is beneficial in a turf sprint. The one to beat is the #3, but he's not unbeatable and is coming back pretty quick with no works since his last....vulnerable? We'll find out today.					



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	11	Pirate	8-1	3	\$10 WP #11 Trifectas: 11 / 5,6,10 / 1,5,6,7,10 5,6,10 / 11 / 1,5,6,7,10 5,6,10 / 1,5,6,7,10 / 11

**Notes**

The Grade 1 Hopeful for 2yo boys is one of the premier races for the juveniles this year. The best of these will go to the G1 Champagne and/or the BC Juvenile at Santa Anita, so pay attention carefully. There are no standouts here, and I have two main thoughts: 1) I'm against the Baffert #7 Muth, who will likely be the favorite and may be distance-challenged, and 2) Pirate will be even better than his debut. In Pirate's first race, he had the rail and HAD to be sent up the inside. He was the massive favorite, and delivered when beating a horse than came back and won, beating the other Pletcher in here (the #10, Be You). Due to the outside post, I think Pirate will be stalking this time, and I hoping his breeding and preparation for the race has him ready to stalk the speed. Don't worry that Castellano is on instead of Irad. Ortiz always rides for Repole-owned horses, and Castellano rode Pletcher-trained Bright Future to a win in a G1 on Saturday. Pirate will have to do some things he's never done in a race, so this is a bit of a guess on my part, but I'm expecting a big effort and we should get a decent price.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
2	Double 3/3	\$25
7	Use the #4 in trifectas, especially underneath in 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-
11	Gotta make a play in the last race..... the rare Exacta Box #5,11,12	\$4 Box for \$24

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

