



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Fri., July 31st
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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Weekend #4 of the summer Saratoga Meet. Hard to believe the racing is almost halfway over after this weekend at the Spa.

*Today's card is an interesting one....while it starts out a bit slow with some standard fair, it REALLY heats up in the 2nd half of the card, with VERY good stake race, allowance contests, and a LOADED NY-bred maiden race to kick off the Late P5 starting in R6. Saratoga received quite a bit of rain Tuesday night, most of the day Wednesday, and light rain yesterday. Over 6 inches in total. While it was much-needed during this very dry summer in central NY, it forced the cancellation of racing Wednesday, and grass races yesterday were switched to the main track. **Races are off the turf today as well!!** CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES! Of course, I'll be guessing which horses in the main bodies of those fields will run as of this writing. Good luck today!*

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 on the "Standard" Power Picks page...a video explanation is also available on the page.*

**Go to the next page for our analysis of the races.
Good luck to everyone today!**



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ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10pm ET

(Alternate dirt selections IF OFF TURF are in **RED**):

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	1,3	4	7	1,3	\$0.50 EP5	\$72
2	1,8	4,9	2,5,6,7	1,4,8,9	-	-
3	2,4,5	3,6,7	-	2,3,4,5,6,7	\$0.50 MP5	\$36
4	1	2,4,5	3	1,4,5	-	-
5	13	14	1,6,12	13	-	-
6	7,9	6	2	7,9	\$0.50 LP5	\$72
7	3,6	2	1,5	2,3,6	-	-
8	2,8	4	5	2,4,8	-	-
9	2,7	3,4	1	2,7	-	-
10	12	3,8,14	7,9,10,13	3,8,12,14	-	-

Top 3 Selections (alternate dirt selections IF OFF TURF are in **RED**):

****There are a bunch of first-time starters running today...let the board be your guide!!**

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	1	3	4
2	1	8	4
3	2	5	4
4	1	5	4
5	13	14	6
6	7	9	6
7	6	3	2
8	8	2	4
9	2	7	4
10	12	3	14



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Late P5 Analysis

I really like this Late P5....it's got a nice stake, allowance races, and a maiden race. The last race was scheduled for turf but now on dirt. The whole sequence revolves around the Race 9, the G2 Amsterdam S. and #7 Obliteration. If you think he's a cinch, single him and use your money elsewhere in the sequence. I'm going to try and beat him with a few others...it's a nice field and I'm just not convinced he has to win, although he's clearly the horse to beat. Check the board for R6, the opening leg of the Pick 5 with many talented NY-breds, some of which cost A LOT OF MONEY for NY-breds, wow. I'm not spreading in most of the legs, just using a few in each race.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	2	Without Hesitation	9-5	4	\$30 Win #2

Notes

If this race stayed on the turf, I think we might have seen something special. Maybe she stays in the race anyway? **#2 Without Hesitation** is a \$2.3mil buy by Jackie's Warrior, trained by Wesley Ward. That's a lot of coin, especially for a turf sprinter. Amazingly, Ward is 0/17 with 2yo firsters at Saratoga on the turf sprinting in the last five years! But, he's won with 36% of those types outside of Saratoga in that category. Last year, he debuted well-fancied Schwarzenegger, who lost at 3-5, so buyer beware. BUT....this filly has been outworking everyone in the morning, including stablemate 3yo Longshoreman who has been staked. I love the way she moves and doesn't seem like a tear-away speedster, at least not in the mornings. If she breaks and gets any kind of trip, I think she wins. **I'm leaving this pick in the Spot Plays in case she stays in the race and for future reference later this meet.**

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Calibrate	2-1	3	#20 Win #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 2,3 Small Exactas: 2,3 / 6

Notes:

It's very interesting that Trainer Diodoro reaches out to Irad here. He picks out his horses carefully that run at Saratoga, and is 54% in-the-money last 5 years at the Spa. And, how about a ridiculous average payout over \$22! This one won't be a big price due to Irad. This combo is 50% in-the-money last 5 years here. That's a big bonus right off the top. Lots of things to like, but it won't be easy in a competitive field. **#6 Calibrate** is just a cool old boy (I don't usually tip out 8yo's) who always runs a good race. Am I



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concerned about the light worktab? Sure. But, I trust this duo, and 1 1/8th won't be a problem...neither will the dirt or the stalking trip he should receive.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	2	Local Knowledge	5-1	5	\$10 Win \$25 Place Trifectas: 2 / 3,4,7 / all 7 / 2 / all

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA! The G2 Amsterdam S. brings together a nice field...this is a prep for the H. Allen Jerkins on Travers Day. The obvious one to beat is #7 Obliteration, who might live up to his name to do just that to this field. But I like **#2 Local Knowledge** quite a bit, at least to hit the board and maybe upset the field. He ran HUGE first off the bench last time vs. older horses, and although longshots won, he was chasing in the 2-3 path when the rail was gold that week. He battled hard and never gave up, and now should be much tighter. He doesn't need the lead, but should be forward. If Obliteration stubs his hoof, this one has a shot. At least use underneath and leave it up to HOF Johnny V. to figure out the rest. Has to run a big race, and I think he will today in only his 3rd lifetime start. Pletcher points to here and will have him ready...he better in this field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	3	Emerald Ember	4-1	3	\$15 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 1,2,5 Smaller Exactas: 1,2,5 / 3

Notes:

Similar to Race 1, if this race is taken off the turf, I PROBABLY would not play **#3 Emerald Ember**, but maybe anyway. Although, the 3yo Leinster filly could stay in the race if it's on dirt, and could run well on that surface too. In terms of the turf, Emerald Ember just broke her maiden vs. a so-so field...but I like the way she did it. She battled, was 3-wide into the lane, and sustained her bid well to finish clear. She's been claimed by a sharp trainer who is 24% at the meet as of the beginning of this week's races. No one in here really impresses me, so I'll go with a fresh face who should be forward but doesn't need the lead to win.



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Race # Program # - Horse Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	9	#7 Obliteration	Although I'd like him to lose to my tip sheet play, he is clearly the horse to beat in the Amsterdam. Has the best figs and faced the toughest competition, plus likes the Spa.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	9	#5 White Smoke Rising	Same race as above...."Smoke" is in raging form and there could be an abundance of speed to set up his close. He has to get faster, but other than Obliteration, why not....at least underneath.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$20 Daily Double: 1 / 1,8 (if taking money in the probables)	\$40
7	\$10 Daily Double: 3,6 / 2,8	\$40

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

