



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug 8th
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Race-Day Overview

It's WHITNEY DAY! What an unbelievable card, per usual, on a big day at Saratoga. 4 Grade One races, big-time allowance affairs, and LOADED maiden races all over the place with potential future superstars debuting...doesn't get much better than this for August!

The 14-race extravaganza starts at 11:45am EDT and goes to 7:40pm EDT....strap it in everyone, it's gonna be a long, 8-hour day. Obviously, it'll be important you pick your spots unless you have a bottomless bankroll. In terms of weather...after supposed light rain this morning, there's a chance of scattered showers / thunderstorms today, but it's supposed to occur towards the very end of the card, if at all. Let's hope that stays true. CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES!

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 11:45pm 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	3,7	5	1,4,8	3,7	\$0.50 EP5	\$32 / \$64
2	8,9	3,10	5,7	3,8,9,10	-	-
3	3	1,4	-	3	\$0.50 MP5	\$64 / \$64
4	1 / 4,10	7 / 8,12	4,8	1,7 / 4,8,10,12	-	-
5	7,8	6	2	2,6,7,8	\$0.50 MP5	\$64 / \$16
6	3	4,7,9	10	3		-
7	6,9,10 / 9,12	3 / 5,14	1,2,4,5 / -	3,6,9,10 / 9,12	-	-
8	7 / 2,11	1,2,12 / 1,12	4,9,11	1,2,7,12 / 2,11	-	-
9	1,6	3,7	-	1,6	-	-
10	5,7	1,3	-	1,5,7	\$0.50 LP5	\$144 / \$72
11	4,10	3,6,7	-	3,4,7,10	-	-
**12	1 / 8	3,6,8 / 1,3,6	5 / -	1,3,6,8 / 8	-	-
13	1,8	2	3,5,9	1,8 / 1,2,8	-	-
14	7,8,12 / 2,11	2,4,5,10 / 1,12	1,11 / -	7,8,12 / 1,2,11,12		

GRADE ONE RACES

****R12...Whitney S.: IF WET, 4 will run, if dry, 4 stays in; alt. picks are IF 4 is IN the race**



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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	7	3	5
2	8	9	3
3	3	4	1
4	1 / 10	7 / 4	8 / 8
5	8	7	6
6	3	7	4
7	10 / 12	9 / 9	6 / 14
8	7 / 11	12 / 2	1 / 12
9	1	6	7
10	7	5	1
11	10	4	7
*12	1 / 8	3 / 3	8 / 1
13	1	8	2
14	8 / 6	7 / 1	5 / 7

*Alt. Picks IF 4 in the race and wet track

Late P5 Analysis (R10-14)

The Late P5 today is fantastic. What complicates matters is the last two non-stakes races, especially the finale. In terms of the first three legs (all G1's), I would spread the most in the R11, the Saratoga Derby, a VERY trip-dependent race where many can win. I'll go relatively skinny in R10 and R12. I might single in the Whitney (either Magnitude or Baeza) depending on which Saffie runs. My biggest spread of the sequence would be the last, assuming it's on turf. A VERY tough handicapping puzzle. Good luck in a great Late P5 which should pay good to great depending on who wins the Whitney....if Magnitude or Baeza wins, the payout will go down. Even Sovereignty, who figures to be 3rd choice today, will boost the Late P5 payout.



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Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	7	Gaudreau	7-2	3	\$15 WP #7
Notes					
It's quite rare for me to tip out a 2yo baby firster with no information on the tote board. But I really like what I saw from #7 Gaudreau in the mornings on tape and his breeding. The Louisiana-bred cost a modest \$220k at the sales, but the dam is 1-for-2 with her firsters, the winning progeny earned a 69 Beyer as odds-on in a La-Bred sprint. In the mornings, he breaks professionally and doesn't appear to be a massive speedy run-off type, more of a stalk and finish, with a nice gallop out in his works. There are other more expensive babies, and there's been buzz on the #3 in here, but Chad is very capable first out with 2yo's (remember Chancer McPatrick and Sierra Leone debuts?). The board will tell how live he is, but I like what I've seen for his first start.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	3	Full Screen	3-1	4	\$35 Win #3 BIG Exacta 3 / 1,4 Small Exacta: 1,4 / 3
Notes:					
#3 Full Screen ran huge last time, and I think he prefers 9 furlongs over 8. The race had a very fast pace, fell apart, and Full Screen just couldn't hold off the longshot. I hope he's forward today in a race with little speed. He's as honest as the day is long. The favorite, #4 Vibe , is coming off a DNF race, which I usually like, but just wonder if he can bounce back today and handle 1 1/8th. Obviously Pletcher thinks he can. If he's right, he could be tough. I'm just against the rail horse in general, but he's not impossible either.					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	8	Fact	9-2	5	\$35 Win, \$20 Place #8
Notes:					
THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA (but only if the track is fast for this race). #8 Fact is inconsistent, my only concern. But I LOVE TURNBACKS to 7f, and Fact's better races are one-turn, so I think the shorter distance is perfect for him. He has plenty of numbers to run back to, and there's ample speed to set up his midpack closing kick today. Blinks come off, and he worked well last time WITHOUT those blinkers. He's lost to real nice ones in previous races, and unless #7 Tagermeen is the goods (his main threat IMO), I think he runs down the speed late. You can make a strong argument					



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that's he's the class of the race. Manny is riding great....I'm expecting a huge effort today, and that's the FACT!!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	7	Lagynos	5-1	3	\$15 WP #7 Trifectas: 7 / 1,3,5 / 1,3,5,6 1,5 / 7 / 1,3,5,6

Notes:

Fantastic version of the G1 Fourstardave S. I've been against **#7 Lagynos** the last several times, so I hope this pick today doesn't burn me. Let me say this first....he has to run the race of his life. But, by my figs, he's literally within 1.5 lengths of the best in here. He's a win machine with 5 in a row, but this is his toughest test. What I like most are three things: 1) There's plenty of early gas and he's the best closer in the race, 2) He should be able to tuck in on the first turn, and 3) Jose knows him well and is riding in career-form. Plus, the price will be right. He'll need to get a good trip for sure, but why not in a wide-open field where he's a decent price?

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	3	Antiquarian	10-1	4+	\$5 Win, \$25 Place #3 Exactas: 1,6,8 / 3 Trifectas: 1,8 / 3 / 1,5,6,8 1,8 / 1,6,8 / 3

Notes:

It's Whitney S. time!! I know, I know, here's what you're thinking.... "Howard is going with his boy again who's been disappointing in his last two." I totally get it, so if you don't believe, just stop reading. BUT.....**#3 Antiquarian** has had serious excuses in his last two starts, and I KNOW the talent is there. I like the switch the Manny Franco, and I'm really hoping he lets the two speed horses (#1 and #4) go, or if #4 is out, just sit off of the #1 and #2. He's ran some massive races in his career and is due with a good trip today. Distance is no problem, and neither is the track. Two back, he ran big in the Met Mile despite battling unnecessarily on the lead. Last race was a nightmare...he stumbled early, then was between horses taking a lot of dirt, and just had no chance. Pletcher sticks with him and believes in the horse, and so do I. Can he win? Maybe not, but I'll be playing mainly underneath with an insanity win bet. For our Spot Play ROI, I'll go \$1 Win and \$3 Place. Divorce papers might be filed if he doesn't fire big today....somewhat now or never for me and Antiquarian. I'll be very happy if he's in the money. I was patient with Sierra Leone 2 years ago and he paid me off in the 2024 BC Classic...hope my persistence pays off today.



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Race # Program # - Horse Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	12	#1 Magnitude (IF #4 is NOT IN THAT RACE)	I think he's the next Gun Runner...training awesome and not enough early speed to challenge him IF Forged Steel is not there. Wire-to-wire again. Best dirt horse in the world right now.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	12	#3 Antiquarian	See Spot Plays...self-explanatory.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
3	\$10 Daily Double: 3,4 / 1,7 (if turf)	\$40
6	\$10 Daily Double: 3 / 6,9,10 (if turf)	\$30

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

