



Picks Tip Sheet

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Race-Day Overview

It's the closeout day of what turned out to be a rainy opening weekend of the highly anticipated Saratoga Summer Meet. Hope all of your plays up until today have been good. If so, we can try and add to your winnings and, if not, let's try and get you out of the hole. Ha!!

Today is highlighted by what I think is a competitive field in the Grade 3 Quick Call Stakes on the Mellon Turf. There are six races carded on the Turf, so keep an eye out for weather and changes that could alter today's plays. The picks included are with the expectation that all races will be on the Turf, but we know how that can go.

Lets Cash Some Tickets!!

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 EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	3,4	1,5	2	3,4	\$1 P5	\$96
2	1,2	6,7	4,5	1,2	-	-
3	6,7	1	4	6,7	\$0.50 P5	\$96
4	3,7,8	2,12	4,10	3,7,8,12	-	-
5	1,4,7	3,8	2,5,6	1,4,7	-	-
6	4,8,10	1,2,5	7	4,5,8,10	\$0.50 P5	\$72
7	2,6,10	1,11	3,7	2,10	-	-
8	3,5,7	9	8	3,5,7	-	-
9	2,4	3	5,6,7	2,4	-	-
10	1,3,10	2,7	8	1,3,10	-	-

Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	5 - Classicist	3 - Chillax	5 - Secured Lender
2	2 - Aterradora	1 - Competitive Market	7 - Good Long Cry
3	7 - Article	6 - Adventurist	1 - Belmont Union
4	3 - Say Yes To Dreams	8 - Scarlett's Halo	7 - Coastal Cabin
5	7 - Amundson	4 - Dot's Dollar	1 - Paxsational
6	10 - Golden Rule	4 - Malaus	8 - Schwarzenegger
7	2 - Bosun	10 - The Paddock Pastor	6 - Dakota Country
8	5 - Floge	3 - Maggie T	7 - Intermittent Fast
9	4 - No Evidence	2 - Governor Sam	3 - Grayscale
10	3 - Wild Mischief	10 - Professor Grace	1 - Dividend Recap



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P5 Analysis

There are three Pick-5s on the Sunday card available to play. Now, it's not always the best idea to play all three since it's hard to have confident opinions in that many races, but, for the sake of our Power Picks, we hopefully have you covered in case you do decide to go that way. I think the early Pick-5 (Races 1-5) has the potential to be pretty chalky, so that is one where it might be best to lean on your opinions and play a higher denomination or press ticket. I went with a \$1 caveman ticket costing \$96 in the grid, but even that might be a bit high. The race that I had the most trouble with and that is included in two of the Pick-5s is the 6th Race which is the Maiden Special Weight going 5.5f on the Turf. I honestly had about seven horses I could make a case for on the win end, so that's the one where I would want to try and include as many as possible and potentially go skinnier in some of the surrounding legs.

The following 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). The "Stars" rating is 1 – 5, with 5 being the MOST CONFIDENT / RECOMMENDED PLAYS.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	4	Classicist	5-2	4	\$25 Win - 4
Notes					
It's always a little shaky taking a horse coming off an almost 10 month layoff, but I think there are some things to like about this horse especially in a race where there is expected to be a pretty big favorite. In his two races as a 2yo, #4-Classicist knocked heads with some nice company and ran well. In his debut, he lost to Uncaged, who came back as a 3yo to run in the Peter Pan and Belmont. Then, 2nd out, he runs 3rd to the solid Praetor and the awesome Sovereignty. Now, he's making his 1st start as a 3yo and, with that, we expect a natural progression which could presumably put this horse ahead of the big favorite, #3-Chillax .					
Additionally, I like that T. Pletcher has the confidence to bring him back going 9f and, from a breeding standpoint, I think the stretch out will suit this one great. He's from Curlin, which speaks for itself, and his Damsire (Street Cry) and Granddam (Storm Flag Flying) were both Grade 1 winners going 9f and up.					
Key Stat(s):					
- T. Pletcher - 1st After 240-300 Day Layoff in Dirt Routes - 10/33 (30%) W, 20/33 (61%) ITM					



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- T. Pletcher/I. Ortiz - 1st After 240-300 Day Layoff in Dirt Routes - 5/13 (38%) W, 8/13 (62%) ITM					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	2	Atteradora	5-2	5	\$50 Win
Notes					
This is my Play of the Day at SAR - I have to tip out back-to-back 5-2 shots on the tip sheet, but this is just a horse that I don't want to pass up especially if we get anything even 9-5 or up. This horse is getting some sizable class relief here in what looks like a race where M. Maker may just be trying to get some confidence back in a softer spot for a horse with talent that has just had trouble hitting the wire first. In here, though, I love her chances. Just looking on the page at who she has lost to, and not by much either, you see the likes of Fionn, Nitrogen, Lush Lips, and more. The biggest concern is that she lacks any early speed and sometimes leaves herself too much to do even with a big late kick. However, I love the jockey change to J. Ortiz, who I am hoping can get her a little closer early so she won't have to work as hard to run them down late in a race that doesn't project to have a ton of pace. J. Ortiz has been on fire at the meet already (he won 3 of the 1st 4 races of the day on Saturday as I type this) and getting him on this horse seems like a perfect match.					
Key Stat(s):					
- M. Maker/J. Ortiz - Turf Routes at SAR - 10/37 (27%) W, 18/37 (49%) ITM - \$2.55 ROI					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	3	Say Yes To Dreams	4-1	4	\$25 Win - 3
Notes					
I'm going to keep this one simple. In a field that I just think is pretty lackluster, I am going to ride with a C. Brown Foreign Shipper who comes over after being in the D. O'Brien barn in Ireland and who picks up I. Ortiz. In Ireland, this horse showed some tactical speed, but wasn't able to get the job done even though she ran well in the maiden tries. Now, she has been at SAR working for a while and should be primed and ready to beat this field. The stat below also is very nice even with it being a relatively small sample size. Also, the breeding gives me no pause that the stretch out to 8f will be an issue and may actually be a positive for this filly.					
Key Stat(s):					
- C. Brown - Foreign Shippers in MSW on Turf - 5/7 (71%), 7/7 (100%) ITM - \$4.87 ROI					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	No Evidence	4-1	3	\$20 Win - 4 \$2 Trifecta - 4 / 2,3,7 / 2,3,5,6,7 \$1 Trifecta - 2,3,7 / 4 / 2,3,5,6,7



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Notes

In the feature race of the day, I am going to go with **#4-No Evidence**. This field came up pretty tough and I think you can make a case for more than a few on the win end, but I am going with one that I think still has some upside and who has been knocking on the door in the last couple. There are two horses in this race that have top end figures that are a decent amount higher than **#4-No Evidence**, and that's **#1-Jet Sweep Joe** and **#2-Governor Sam**. **#1-Jet Sweep Joe's** came last out and was a nice race against a somewhat soft field with a hot pace and he has struggled against others of this caliber so I don't look at him as a top end horse in the field. **#2-Governor Sam**, who is the 6-5 ML Favorite, ran his best number running 3rd in the BC Juvenile Turf Sprint, which are generally going to get better numbers, and hadn't hit anything that high before or after. Now those two horses have much more experience so maybe they are what they are at this point while **#4-No Evidence** still has room for a big jump. He lost as a big favorite last out, but made up some ground late losing to a horse who won next out in a stakes race with an 82 Beyer. Also, the three runners that came out of that last race have come back to win next out, so it's looking like a solid race.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$20 Daily Double - 4/2	\$20
1	\$20 Pick-3 - 4,2,7	\$20
6	\$0.50 Trifecta Key Box - 10 w/ 1,2,4,5,7,8	\$45
7	\$10 Exacta Box - 2,10 \$5 Exacta Box - 2,6	\$30

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

