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Race-Day Overview

Welcome to Opening Weekend at Saratoga! We'll be covering their Late P5 today with 3 stakes, plus have a LIVE WEEKEND WARRIOR SHOW starting at 3:45pm ET analyzing in real-time the 3 graded stakes in the sequence. I'll have some VERY strong opinions on the show....hope they're going to be right!

Also, we'll look at a solid Late Pick 4 at Gulfstream Park with two open stake races that are competitive. CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES AT BOTH LOCALES....chance of rain at both locations, although I don't expect any races to be taken off the turf, at least not in NY.

Good luck today, let's make some money!!

Spot / Price Plays (National Avg. ROI is \$1.60):

***Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.13 (\$2,411.78 / 1131)**

2026: \$2.80 (\$386.72 / 138)

2026 Plays of the Day: \$3.28 (\$134.62 / 41)

Today's Picks

**** For those of you not familiar with the "ABC" method of betting, go to our website, hhhracingpodcast.com, and click on the "Power Picks" tab on the top of the page for more information on how to read an "ABC" Grid and place bets using the "ABC" Method.**

Power Picks

Racetrack: Saratoga

Howard Kravets' Late P5 ABC Grid; R7 Post Time 4:06pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	1,4,10	8	6	1,4,6,8,10	\$0.50	\$67.50
8	7	2,9	4,6	7	-	-
9	3,8,9	-	6	3,8,9	-	-
10	3,7,8	-	1,2,4,5	3,7,8	-	-
11	1,3,11	-	6,8,10	1,3,11	-	-

Paul Halloran's LP5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	8,10	1,3	4,6	1,3,6,8,10	\$.50	\$60
8	7	5,10	8,9	7		
9	3,6	8,9	1,10	3,6		
10	3,7	1,8	4,10	1,3,7,8		
11	3,11	1	6,8	1,3,11		

Pete Visco's Late P5 ABC Grid:

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
7	4,6,8	1,10	5	4,6,8,10	\$0.50 P5	\$108
8	2,7,9	4,6	8,10	2,7,9	-	-
9	3,9	6,8,10	2	3,9	-	-
10	3,7	4,8	2,5,9	3,7,8	-	-
11	1,3,11	4,8	-	1,3,11	-	-

Howard's Late P5 Analysis

Our first look at Saratoga on the standard Power Picks Tip Sheet covers the Late P5 today. Saratoga is never easy, so budget accordingly. Today's Pick 5 doesn't seem too difficult compared to what we'll see throughout the summer, at least to me, on paper. My biggest opinion comes in the Suburban with Antiquarian. If I'm correct on that single, that'll open the door for other possibilities and "spreads" in other legs. The last race is difficult, so I hope to be alive to more than just the three "A" horses I have on my grid. Tread carefully with the Euros in the turf stakes...of the four running, I really only like one of them, but they're capable of popping up at any time. I'll be curious to see how they handle the heat and humidity. Watch carefully for their paddock and on-track demeanor. You saw how much that mattered on our live show last week when I tipped out Magnitude's awesome appearance pre-race.



Price/Spot Play(s)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	7	Antiquarian	3-1	5	\$35 Win #7 BIG Exactas: 7 / 2,9 Smaller Exactas: 2,9 / 7

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! #7 Antiquarian as my big play should come as no surprise to anyone who follows this podcast closely in the G2 Suburban S. Although a shorter distance is just fine for him, he's getting back to what he's done best in the past...an elongated two turn race. Plus, if Johnny V. rides him appropriately, unlike last time's ridiculous, unnecessary rush-up early to the lead, he'll be tough to beat. There are good horses in here, but it's a drop in class and he enjoys running at the Spa as well. His outside post should allow him to settle early mid-pack, then make his move on the far turn. Unless he's just not as good as last year, I envision a big effort today. I'll be VERY disappointed if he loses, unless someone pops a massive Beyer fig. It's "put up or shut up" time for me and Antiquarian. A loss here and divorce papers will be filed. I'll take as low as 9-5 at post time. C'mon big guy, I know you have it in you today!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	3	Remember Mamba	7-2	4	\$20 WP #3 Trifectas: 3 / 8,9 / 6,8,9 8,9 / 3 / 6,8,9

Notes:

The G1 Belmont Derby features some nice 3yo American boys vs. two foreign invaders from excellent yards (stables). There's projected to be some early speed signed on, although you never know around these parts in NY. A repeat of either of the last two performances, especially the last one, for **#3 Remember Mamba** should be good enough to win today. Last time in the American Derby, he ran a VERY good 2nd to the best 3yo turf horse in the USA, Stark Contrast. That one would be 4-5 in this field today. He's got a wicked closing kick, and Jose stays on. The extra distance should only help this son of Kitten's Joy. He might be overbet if the Euros don't take money, and has to beat a very good fellow American in #8 West End Kid, but I do think he's just as good if not better than the "Kid." This is a good matchup and will be a fun race.

Racetrack: Gulfstream

Howard Kravets' Late P4 ABC GRID - Starts at 3:52pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
8	5	4,6	2,3	4,5,6	\$0.50 LP4	\$63
9	8	4,6	2,3	4,6,8	-	-
10	5,7,8	1,3,4,6	-	1,3,4,5,6,7,8	-	-
11	9,10	4	1,7	9,10	-	-



Howard's Late P4 Analysis

Fun Late P4 at Gulfstream, with two open-company stakes. If you want to play a smaller ticket and agree with opinions, you can play a much smaller ticket that what's suggested above, by singling the #5 in R8 and the #8 in R9. Do I fully trust either one of them? No. R10 is an absolute spread, so use as many as possible, then go lighter in the last race, albeit NOT my favorite type of race, a turf sprint.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	8	Gran Oriente	2-1	4	\$15 WP #8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT GULFSTREAM!! #8 Gran Oriente was super-impressive first time in the Saffie barn last out vs. most of these. Yes, he got a very good trip, but exploded in the lane while being a bit green and blew by most of the same horses. Today will be a bit tougher with some fresh faces and a more talented field. But, if he can save some ground somewhere and show that same kick in the lane, he'll be tough to hold off. The presence of #6 Layabout makes his job tougher....that's a classy animal who's a stakes winner. But, it seems like he's better longer and I'm not a big fan of K. Asmussen on the turf. I'm also surprised he's in S. Florida instead of NY...maybe he needs a start or he's not as good as I think he might be, we'll see.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	8	Guns Loaded	5-1	2	\$10 Win, \$15 Place #8 BIG Exactas: 5,7 / 8 Smaller Exactas: 8 / 5,7

Notes:

The Smile S., formally the premier dirt sprint race in Florida over the summer and a Win-And-You're-In for the BC Sprint (boy, times have changed), is now a listed stake. But this race is COMPLETELY wide-open. Because of this, I'm going with a bit of a flyer / longshot with the outside horse, #8 Guns Loaded. There are two main factors as to why I think he's interesting today....1) Takes the blinkers off, which might do him some good because he's a bit headstrong / high-headed, and 2) Saffie takes over the training. The horse has run some big figs in the past and faced VERY tough competition. He's also disappointed at time and is very inconsistent. I just have a feeling he's going to fire a big one today based on the reasons above. Mainly an underneath play...for this Tip Sheet's ROI, I'll go \$1 WP.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	10	Extrimista	2-1	4	\$15 WP #10

Notes:

Talk about a "replay special!!" Extrimista, who was bet heavily in his debut for Biancone, had a TON of trouble in several spots in his debut. And, somehow, he still finished a close 2nd. Now, this race is a tad more difficult, but basically the same horses. Now, I don't like Asmussen riding as stated before, but the big difference here is he just needs to be aggressive from the outside, showing his natural speed, and stalk the speed or go to the lead if he's fast enough. I guess what I'm saying is he should have less decisions to make than a two-turn grass race. A solid trip might yield a win in the finale.



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

