



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Sept. 5th
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Race-Day Overview

Good morning, welcome to the LAST SATURDAY SARATOGA TIP SHEET of 2026! First of all, hope you used Leading Change, one of our Spot Plays, in the Travers last week. Congrats to those who cashed! It's been a pleasure for yours truly to give you insight on a very tough Saratoga 2026 meet, hope you found this Tip Sheet useful.

Can't wait to share some intel with you below. The best thing about today's card, frankly, is there are LOADED 2yo maiden races going 7f on the dirt, plus the G1 Spinaway for 2yo's. While it is a bit of a guessing game, I think these are the BEST MAIDEN RACES I've seen the entire meet in terms of talent. Very expensive babies with Derby aspirations will be on display. Some might need the start, while others will come out firing. I'm guessing we'll see some of these babies in the BC Juvenile races in two months, and in the BC Preps next month at Belmont in races such as the G1 Champagne and Frizette.

Finally, "Weekend Warriors" LIVE SHOW starts at 4:45pm EDT, please join us!

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES....CYB!!

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 12:05am ET

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4	2,5	1,8	2,4,5	\$0.50 EP5	\$72
2	3	4	2	3,4	-	-
3	1,4	2,7	5,6	1,2,4,7	-	-
4	4,5,6	3,7	-	4,5,6	-	-
5	8,10	6	-	8,10	-	-
6	4,5	1	3,6,7	4,5		
7	3,6	4,8,9	5	3,4,6,8,9		
8	5,6	3	8,10	3,5,6	\$0.50 LP5	\$72
9	3,7,8	-	5,9	3,7,8	-	-
10	5	3,4,9	7	3,4,5,9	-	-
11	2,8	-	6,7	2,8	-	-
12	3	4	2,6,7	3,4	-	-

Top 3 Selections:

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



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Late Pick 5 Analysis (R8-12)

The final Saratoga Late Pick 5 on a Saturday for 2026....that's a bummer. Let's try to knock it out of the park! As you can see by the ABC Grid above, no leg needs to use too many horses, yet I found it difficult to single in one particular race either, although you could EASILY do that in the G1 Spinaway by either using the #2 or #8. I'll use both to just "get through" the race in theory and use others as backups. You also could single the #3 in the last race....I just find it unusual the connections leave this horse unprotected and in for the tag for no apparent reason on paper. Of the 5 races, I would spread the most in R8 and R9.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	5	Tap Our Way	8-1	3	\$5 WIn, \$15 Place/Show
Notes					
Here's the first of a few LOADED MAIDEN RACES....I want to be as clear as day: #5 Tap Our Way probably will not win today, but this horse gives me a lot of "Tapit Trice" vibes from a few years back if you remember him. He's by Tapit, bred by Whisper Hill Farms, and trained by Chad Brown. He breaks a little slow in his works, so expect him to be far back early and make a late run. <u>I'm mentioning him here because he'll be on my radar when he goes to Belmont after this start, probably going 1 mile. I'm excited to see his progression, and he MIGHT be a Future Bet for me in the 2027 Kentucky Derby this fall/winter.</u> For today, use him mainly underneath....he's got a VERY long stride that appears powerful in the morning and can run all day. Put a big asterisk next to this one and save this tip sheet in case I'm right in 8 months on Derby Day!! You can then say, "I heard it from Howard first"....or, say, "what an idiot", lol!					

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	1	Blown Cover	8-1	2	\$15 WP #1 Trifectas: 1 / 2,4,7 / 2,4,5,6,7 2,4,7 / 1 / 2,4,5,6,7 2,4,7 / 2,4,5,6,7 / 1
Notes:					



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It's hard to tout a horse who's going to be ridden by a jockey that is 0/33 for the meet in Ruben Silvera. However, he's capable, especially when many of the big guns are out of town. This meet is brutal on low to mid-level jocks for obvious reasons. **#1 Blown Cover** has the best early speed on paper, so I hope Ruben just guns from the inside for Rudy. I'm concerned about a break in the morning works, but in terms of class and speed figs, he not only fits, but is near the TOP!! If he can break on top, slow it down a bit, and run to form, he has a BIG CHANCE to outrun his odds. Use at least underneath in your exotics.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	4	Three B's	5-1	3	\$15 WP #4

Notes:

At first, I was going to tip out #7 B Thedonald, but I don't like the morning work tab. So, I'll go with the other closer, **#4 Three B's**. Didn't like the vet scratches, but Linda Rice can play games, I'll just leave it that. Following those vet scratches, he's worked well three times with, coincidentally, "B" workouts. Don't know what to expect frankly, but I have a feeling he's gonna fire big late in the lane.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Electro	9-2	3+	\$10 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 3,4,8,9 Smaller Exactas: 3,4,8,9 / 6

Notes:

Another loaded maiden race today. **#6 Electro** is a \$1.6mil Repole/Pletcher horse by Gun Runner, 'nuff said. He's worked well in the mornings and breaks well out of the gate, usually. He has a long stride and breaks outside some of the main competition, a big factor for me. If not today, down the road for sure. ½ to \$260k earner Spice is Nice. Dam was VERY good too.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Global Asset	8-1	3	\$15 WP #7 BIG Exactas: 3,8 / 7 Smaller Exactas: 7 / 3,8

Notes:

If I had more confidence in turf sprints, I'd probably have **#7 Global Asset** rated higher than the 3 stars he is right now. There appears to be enough early speed to set up his kick, although you never know around here. He's off a layoff and cutting back, so there are some questions, but this barn has been RED HOT this meet and he should be flying late. The smallish field ideally will give him less trouble to



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find room in the stretch. The #3 (major speed threat) and the #8 (2nd off the layoff, slowish start last time) figure to be forward and cause the most problems for Global Asset. Frankly, he's most likely gonna finish 2nd or 3rd, but a win is definitely possible too. I'll go \$1 WP for our ROI Spot Play.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	2	Summer Starlet	2-1	5	\$35 Win #2 BIG Exacta: 8/2 (a hedge play)

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! The G1 Spinaway is always a loaded race. But this year, the field is exceptionally fast across the board. One of the better renditions we've seen in a while. It sure likes the top 2 in the market, my choice **#2 Summer Starlet** and #8 Life Changing, will be tough to beat. Both are coming off of VERY impressive efforts with fast figs. I usually take the speed over the closers in these 2yo dirt stakes (see Ted Noffey last year on the Tip Sheet), but I have a feeling #2 Summer Starlet is special for Asmussen. She was so professional last time, and I give extra credit to 2yo's who can take dirt and sweep by the field as supposed to those who just wire them. What's crazy is SS wasn't even asked in her debut until the far turn, then completely embarrassed her rivals in the lane, doing it with ease. If Ricardo likes, I think she can lay a bit closer, which is what I'd like to see today. Not saying near the lead, but maybe mid-pack instead of out the back. Should be a great race and a key one at that for the BC Juvenile Fillies race.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	4	Saratoga Snow	5-1	2	\$5 Win, \$20 Place BIG Exacta: 3/4 Small Exacta: 4/3

Notes:

Trainer Mike Dini is sneaky. He can win at a price. The fact that he's running back **#4 Saratoga Snow** on very short rest tells me two things: You can toss out the last one on dirt, and she's feeling good enough to run today, although he might be squeezing the lemon dry and trying to fit one more Saratoga start in her too. Other than the #3, no one blows me away here, so a good trip and ride might be all you need to finish at least 2nd, if not upset the #3, if "Snow" exceeds expectations. For our ROI, we'll go \$1 WP.



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Race # Program # - Horse Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	2	#3 High Official	There are 3 Pletcher's in the race, but this one is the best. Most impressive two-turn maiden turf winner this meet.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	12	#2 Hidden Presence	Maybe some "Noda magic" potion of the claim can do the trick; weak field other than the #3

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

Race	Selections	Cost
1	\$20 Daily Double: 2,4 / 3	\$40
3	\$3 Pick 3: 1,2,4,7 / 4,5,6 / 8,10	\$72

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

