



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Fri., July 17
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Race-Day Overview

Happy Friday. Even happier if you will be joining the HHH crew at Saratoga this weekend. If you are on Union Avenue, please say hello. I'll be signing my Cody's Wish book today before the races outside the jockey silks room and the entire crew will have a meet and greet in the Jim Dandy bar Saturday at 12:30. As for today, this is another challenging card, which there has been no shortage of at Saratoga in the first few weeks. I'm going price shopping in a few spots and hope I'm in the right aisle. Weather today should be downright Bo Derek-like. Don't worry about off turf today.

Based on the variable weather patterns in upstate New York, it is imperative that you CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES, because we often send out the SPP's BEFORE scratches are officially posted. So, our final selections might be VERY DIFFERENT if races taken off the turf!! We send out the SPP's early to give you ample amount of time to study and make decisions before the races begin.

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	5,7	2,3	1	5,7	\$0.50 EP5	\$96
2	1,6	2	3,5	1,2,6		
3	4,8	1,6	3	1,4,6,8		
4	6,8	7,10	2,5	6,7,8,10		
5	1,5	8	6	1,5		
6	3,8,(13-AE)	2,4,9	5,6,7	2,3,4,8,9 (13-AE)	\$0.50 LP5	\$90
7	1	2,9	4,7	1		
8	4,10	3,7	1,2,6	3,4,7,10		
9	7,9	4,8	3	4,7,9		
10	4	9,10	2,7	4,9,10		

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

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



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Late P5 Analysis: R6 - 10

To take down the late P5, I think you're going to have to spread as much as your budget will allow in the opening leg (as evidenced by my grid), my Spot play notwithstanding. My caveman will be 5 deep. I think the #1 in Race 7 is the most logical single. The featured DeLaRose Stakes is a competitive race, but I think you can narrow it down to three and take your chances. And the finale - a \$20K Non2L - is no bargain. I'm against the ML favorite #2, so if I get that far I'll have to sweat out not getting beat by Irad. This is a challenging sequence. Good luck.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
1	7	Frenchquarter Note	6-1	4	\$15 WP #7

Notes

Let's get this party started with a Spot play right out of the gate. This son of City of Light ran better than it looks on paper in his debut at the Big A, going to the lead and staying on the pace after relinquishing it. He looked full of run into the stretch and not sure he had all the room he needed to make a rail run. George Weaver – who is on fire in general – wins at 30% with second-time MSW on turf; at Saratoga he is 4-7 (57%) in that category. Jockey Ricardo Santana is third in wins after two weeks, behind Jose Ortiz and Flavien Prat, but his ROI is off the charts at \$4.46. Let's see if he can get another price home here.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	4	Two Eagles River	7-2	3	\$5 EX Key Box 4 / 1,6,8

Notes

As has been the case the last few years, horses who have made their last start in Kentucky are off to a good start at Saratoga. Trainer Joe Sharp has lived up to his name, winning at 17% here over the last 5 years from a 222-horse sample. 6-year-old gelded son of Preakness champ Cloud Computing is as honest as they come, with 6 wins and 16 ITM finishes in 29 starts. You want a specialist at 7 furlongs and this horse has 3 wins in 7 starts at the distance. Sharp claimed him only two starts back for \$80,000 and is willing to lose him for \$50K today, so no problem if you consider that a negative. But a win here and a \$62,500 tag gets him back more than \$110K so maybe it's not that negative. Irad sticks after a frontrunning fifth at CD, which is a good sign. Fly, "Eagles," Fly.



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	8	The Hidden Chamber	12-1	3	\$15 WP #8 \$5 EX 8 / 2,3,4,9 (13 AE) 2,3,4,9 (13 AE) / 8

Notes

Here is today's attempt at being clever. Timeform is calling for a fast pace in this turf marathon and I agree. If that materializes, I think this horse will be coming late with a chance to upset the appiecart. Kelsey Danner trainee comes in with the highest last race Beyer and co-highest Timeform, despite running sixth in a CD listed stakes. Danner doesn't run many at Saratoga, winning once in her last 8 starts (on opening day this year). Jockey Edgard Zayas has shown he can hold his own with the big boys, winning a MSW for George Weaver last Saturday (at 27-1). This is a well-traveled workhorse who has run 17 times at 6 different tracks as only a 4-year-old. He is only 1-10 on turf, but that's where the double-digit odds come in. Bombs away.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	7	Proctor Street	4-1	4	\$20 Win \$10 EX Key Box 7 / 4,9

Notes

PLAY OF THE DAY: Don't you wish you could have bet that I would use Mrs. Moseley's horse as a Spot play. On the surface, you might think a mile - especially on the inner turf - may not be long enough for this daughter of Street Sense, who has won at 1 1/8 miles, but with a fast pace expected here, she might pack a closing punch at 8 furlongs. Tyler Gaffalione fits her like a glove - 6-3-1-1 - and should be able to get in position to make one run. The #4 Sandtrap will be the favorite off a less than ideal trip last time in the Just a Game and picking up Prat, but I actually thought the #9 Deep Satin ran just as well. Proctor Street will have her hands full with both, as well as #8 Awesome Czech, but she has been knocking on the door and has a good chance to get her first win of 2026.

Race

Program # - Horse

Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	7	#1 Antietam	Son of Curlin handles stretchout from the rail.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	3	#6 Castle Chaos	8 YO has found fountain of youth



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

Race	Selections	Cost
5	\$10 Daily Double: 5 / 3,4,8,9	\$40
7	\$10 Daily Double: 1 / 3,4,10	\$30

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

