



## Picks Tip Sheet

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### Race-Day Overview

*As I say every week on the picks, it's time to close out the weekend at Saratoga with some winners!! The feature of today's card is the Bolton Landing Stakes featuring a field of 2yo fillies sprinting 5.5f on the Turf with the sparkling debut winner Cy Fair leading the way. In most of the other races, the fields aren't huge but they are pretty competitive and I think there are some opportunities to find some prices. Ideally, we can come up with a few in the horizontals to try and make a big score.*

### Today's Picks

*\*\*For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, [hhhracingpodcast.com](http://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.*

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Good luck to everyone today!**



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### ABC Grid - Post Time 1:10pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks*	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	2,4,7	1,3	6	2,4,7	\$0.50 P5	\$72
2	3,5	1,4,6	2	3,5	-	-
3	3	5,6	-	3	\$0.50 P5	\$48
4	1,4	2,3	5,6	1,2,3,4	-	-
5	1,4	2,3,5	7	1,2,3,4,5,7	-	-
6	3,4	-	2,6,7	3,4	\$1 P5	\$64
7	1,6	3,7	-	1,6	-	-
8	4,6	3,5	2	4,6	-	-
9	1,2,5	10	4,6	1,2,5,10	-	-
10	7,10	3,8	1,4	7,10	-	-

\* Use in horizontal bets

### Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	7 - Ready for Candy	4 - Abundant Love	2 - Inseperee
2	5 - Daisy Duke	1 - Fortuna Mia	3 - Looks First
3	3 - Kairyu	5 - Obstreperous	6 - Sol Hope
4	4 - New Magic	1 - Valentinian	2 - Frizzante
5	4 - Typhoon Fury	2 - Trust Issues	1 - Plausible Denile 1A - Zippy Mark
6	3 - Guitarist	4 - Teleport	7 - Woodster
7	6 - Spiritual Lady	3 - Problematica	1 - Irish Jackson
8	6 - Sacred Goddess	4 - Cy Fair	3 - Snow Face Princess
9	1 - Zapruder	5 - Real Savvy	2 - Annexperience
10	10 - Secured Lender	7 - Volt	3 - Sergeant Capps



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### Late P5 Analysis: R6 - 10

*The late Pick-5 seems like it's going to make for a tough decision for players who generally just play caveman tickets (or even ABC players) since there is a possibility that the sequence could end up being extremely chalky. The choice to make is between going with a super tight press ticket or trying to take some shots and beat at least a couple of the favorites. Personally, I don't look at any of them as being unbeatable, but the key will be picking the right ones that are vulnerable and, obviously, picking the right horses to take them down.*

*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)
4	4	New Magic	3-1	5	\$40 Win - 4 \$10 Daily Double - 4 / 1,2,4

#### Notes

**Play of the Day at SAR** - One thing handicappers look for when assessing which races to play is trying to find a beatable favorite. In this race, I think that's just what we have. **#1-Valentinian** is a sizable morning line favorite at 7-5 that I think is vulnerable as a horse who has struggled to get back into the winners' circle since breaking his maiden, so it's a good race to take a shot against. Now, it's just not having a vulnerable favorite, but we obviously want a horse that we really like to beat that favorite with and **#4-New Magic** is that for me. I like that C. Brown debuted this horse routing and then he had trouble right from the start getting bumped, taking back, and being stuck dead last. Instead of just quitting or running-on late for a piece, this horse worked his way back into it and then S. Marin swung him wide and he mowed down the field in the lane. That was the kind of race that was a great education for a young horse. Now, I think he can take the next step. There isn't a lot of pace in here, but now we get F. Prat who I expect to put this horse in a good position and not have nearly as much to do as in his debut. From a breeding standpoint, I think he is in a great spot to get the added distance, which isn't going to be easy for these young horses. Finally, C. Brown, as you can see from the stat below, has been successful under similar circumstances/conditions.

Key Stat:



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#4-New Magic - C. Brown - Maiden Winner Last Out 2nd Time Starters in 9f and Up Dirt Routes - 3/10 W (30%), 8/10 ITM (80%), \$1.02 ROI

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5	4	Typhoon Fury	8-1	3	\$15 Win / Place - 4 \$5 Exacta Key Box - 4 / 1,2

### Notes

**#4-Typhoon Fury** isn't a horse that, on first glance at the past performances, looks like a logical choice. He hasn't run on the dirt since his first two races back in 2023 and he is in the hands of a low percentage trainer, G. Charlerie. However, I'm going to take a shot with him anyway for a few reasons. First off, I don't love any of the lower priced horses per the morning line and just thought this race was wide open and is primed for a price horse to win. From a breeding standpoint, he is sired by Mitole whose progeny are 19% winners in Dirt Sprints, and he out of the Dam Tiz Rae Anna who was stakes placed sprinting on dirt. He also has dirt influence from his Grandsire (Eskendereya) and Damsire (Tiz Wonderful) so he should be fine moving back to dirt. Finally, this is the 3rd start of his 4yo season, he is coming off a race where he ran a Lifetime Beyer Top and Lifetime Timeform Top, and he has had some excellent works on the dirt since his last race, so I think he is primed for a big performance.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	6	Sacred Goddess	9-2	4	\$20 Win / Place - 6 \$20 Exacta Box - 4,6 \$10 Daily Double - 6 / 1,2,5

### Notes

As I mentioned in the Late Pick-5 analysis above and with my spot play in the 4th Race, we are looking for opportunities to beat favorites. Once again, we might have one here. **#4-Cy Fair** is a very deserving 8-5 morning line favorite off a fantastic debut effort. So, in all honesty, if she ran off the screen here, it wouldn't be a complete shock. The reason I am taking a shot against her is I think there is a chance that having speed to her inside (**#1-Sapphire Beach**) and outside (**#5-Gerrards Cross**) could potentially compromise her opening the race up to a horse that will be sitting a stalking trip and that's what I think we can get with **#6-Sacred Goddess**. In her debut, she was bet down under 2-1, sat off the pace, got swung way wide entering the stretch, and still was able to run down the leader who got the jump on her. In that race, she got a 102 Timeform Figure, which was only a point behind **#4-Cy Fair** even though the Beyer Figures had much more of a gap (80-68). So, maybe those two are closer than it looks but you are getting much more value with **#6-Sacred Goddess**. I also like that we get I. Ortiz back since he fits this horse well and can be patient behind what could be a solid pace and pounce.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Zapruder	8-1	3	\$15 Win / Place - 1 \$5 Exacta Key Box - 1 w/ 2,5,10



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					\$5 Daily Double - 9 / 10
<b>Notes</b>					
<p>For this race I am going mostly with a pace-related play. Per the Timeform Pace Projector, this race looks to have a hot pace as there are five horses in the main body of the field with Timeform Early Pace Figures between 108 and 117. We know hot paces don't always develop when we expect them to, but with this many horses expected to be forward, my hope is that this time it comes to fruition. With the hot pace expected, I was looking for a closer and landed on <b>#1-Zapruder</b>. This is a bit of a leap of faith since this horse has been away for 250+ days, which is not a strength under these conditions for his trainer T. Pletcher (see stat below), but I am going to choose the potential pace meltdown scenario over the negative trainer scenario. <b>#1-Zapruder</b> has the 2nd Timeform Late Pace Figure and showed a strong late kick winning two Turf races for R. Dutrow in 2024, so I am hoping that he can repeat those performances here. Plus, the switch to I. Ortiz after the move to T. Pletcher should fit this horse's closing style perfectly.</p> <p>Key Stat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- #1-Zapruder - T. Pletcher - 1st After 240-270 Day Layoff on Turf - 1/22 W (5%), 9/22 ITM (41%), \$0.30 ROI</li><li>- T. Pletcher / I. Ortiz combo did win their last start together under these conditions for the one win.</li></ul>					

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

Race	Selections	Cost
3	\$20 Daily Double - 3 / 4	\$20
7	\$10 Daily Double - 1,3,6 / 6	\$30

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

