



Race Date

06/07/25

Race-Day Overview - Belmont Stakes Day

Welcome to Belmont Stakes Day! Today's card at Saratoga is a tremendous card, basically a "mini-Breeders Cup Day." There are eight graded stakes, including five G1's, one Grade 2's and two Grade 3's. Similar to the Ky. Derby Day Special package tip sheet, all of our podcast hosts and co-hosts have contributed to today's analysis.

CHECK FOR SCRATCHES AND CHANGES....these might alter throughout the day, so pay attention to the tote board. Rain is possible Friday night into Sat. morning, with scattered showers throughout Saturday. My guess is all stakes will stay on turf for sure, hopefully other turf races as well!

This is a fantastic CARD, so pick your spots wisely. I wish you much success today...based on the big, competitive fields, you can score huge if you're lucky....CRUSH YOUR BETS!!

Go to the next page to begin our analysis....enjoy today's Special Belmont Stakes Power Picks Tip Sheet for TEAM HHH members only!



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.

Racetrack: Saratoga

ABC Grid – Full Card

Howard Kravets' Grid (all picks assume turf races stay on grass)

Race	А	В	С	Horizontal Bets
1	1,2,8	-	3,4	P5
2	4,7	5	6,8,10	P4
3	7	4	3,11	P5
4	4,7,8,9	1	2,3,5,6,10	P4
5	1,2,7,9	3,6,8,10	-	P5
6	6	1	2,8	P4
7	6	4,5	2	P5
8	1,4	2,5	-	P6
9	2	-	4,9	All-Stakes P5
10	1,4	3	2,7	P5
11	4,10	1,5,9,11	2,8	P4
12	2,5,6	9	3	-
13	2,6	7	-	-
14	4	2,5,6,8	1	-



Pete Visco's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,6	2,3,5,8	-	-	-	-
7	4,5,6	1,2	3	4,5,6	\$0.50 P5	\$63
8	1	2,4	5	1	-	-
9	2,9	3,4,7	5,8	2,9	\$0.50	\$108
10	1,4	2,3	7,9	1,2,4	-	-
11	5,10	2,3,4	1,11	Mid P5: 1,2,3,4,5,10,11 Late P5: 4,5,10	-	-
12	2,6,9	3,5	4,8	2,6,9	-	-
13	1,2,7	6	3	1,2,6,7	-	-

Paul Halloran's All-Stakes ABC Grid:

6	2,6	1	8	-	-	-
7	4,6	5	2	4,6	\$10 P5	\$60
8	1	2,4		1		
9	2	3,9		2	\$3 P5	\$81
10	1	3	9	1	-	-
11	4,10	1	2,5	1,4,10	-	-
12	2,5,6		4	2,5,6	-	-
13	2,6	4		2,4,6		

Howard's All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 Tickets (R9 - 13):

BIG BUDGET:

#1: 2,4,9 / 1,4 / 1,4,5,8,9,10,11 / 2,5,6 / 2,6,7 (\$189)

SMALL BUDGET:

#1: 2/1,4/4,7,10/2,5,6/2,6,7 (\$27)



Howard's All-Grade Stakes Pick 5 Analysis – Races 9-13

The All-Graded Stakes Pick 5 that ends in the Belmont is always one of the best plays of the year due to the massive pool size / equity it generates (\$5mil +?). Depending on your opinion of the Belmont, you don't necessarily have to play a big ticket, especially with these fields and possible singles today. To complicate matters, the weather is a bit iffy as of this writing...pay attention to how the track will play and its condition. In my mind, there are as many as 2-3 singles within the sequence. If you want to be aggressive, I would go with your opinions, play a smaller ticket, and "press-up" several times to score. POSSIBLE SINGLES (not necessarily my opinions, more general public's thoughts) include #2 Think Big (R9), #1 Zulu Kingdom (R10), #6 Spirit of St. Louis (R12), and #7 Journalism (R13). Of all the listed above, I trust Think Big the most. If you can beat any of the above (not as much Journalism), your payout will definitely increase exponentially.

Top 3 Picks for Each GRADED STAKES (R6-13)

Name	Race 6:	Race 7:	Race 8:	Race 9:
	G2 Wonder Again	G3 True North	G1 Met Handicap	G1 Jaipur
Howard	#6 - Nitrogen	#6 - Mullikin	#1 - Fierceness	#2 - Think Big
	#1 - Al Jafara	#5 - Book'em Danno	#4 - Just a Touch	#4 - My Boy Prince
	#2 - May Day Ready	#4 - Nakatomi	#2 - White Abarrio	#9 - Ag Bullet
Paul	#6 - Nitrogen	#6 - Mullikin	#1 - Fierceness	#2 - Think Big
	#2 - May Day Ready	#4 - Nakatomi	#4 - Raging Torrent	#9 - Ag Bullet
	#8 - Laurelin	#5 - Book'em Danno	#2 - White Abarrio	#3 - Our Shot
Pete	#6 - Nitrogen	#6 - Mullikin	#1 - Fierceness	#9 - Ag Bullet
	#1 - Al Jafara	#4 - Nakatomi	#4 - Just a Touch	#2 - Think Big
	#3 - Bessie Abott	#5 - Book'em Danno	#2 - White Abarrio	#3 - Our Shot
Patrick	#6 - Nitrogen	#2 - Crazy Mason	#2 - White Abarrio	#2 - Think Big
	#8 - Laurelin	#6 - Mullikin	#1 - Fierceness	#9 - Ag Bullet
	#1 - Al Jafara	#5 - Book'em Danno	#5 - Raging Torrent	#8 - Alogon
Charlie	#6 - Nitrogen	#6 - Mullikin	#1 - Fierceness	#9 - Ag Bullet
	#2 - May Day Ready	#5 - Book'em Danno	#2 - White Abarrio	#2 - Think Big
	#1 - Al Jafara	#4 - Nakatomi	#4 - Just a Touch	#4 - My Boy Prince
Noah	#6 - Nitrogen	#1 - Concrete Glory	#1 - Fierceness	#2 - Think Big
	#2 - May Day Ready	#6 - Mullikin	#4 - Just a Touch	#3 - Our Shot
	#1 - Al Jafara	#5 - Book'em Danno	#2 - White Abarrio	#9 - Ag Bullet
Ryan	#6 - Nitrogen	#5 - Book'em Danno	#4 - Just a Touch	#2 Think Big
	#1 - Al Jafara	#6 - Mullikin	#2 - White Abarrio	#8 - Alogon
	#8 - Laurelin	#8 - Nutella Fella	#1 Fierceness	#5 - Arzak
Jackson	#6 Nitrogen	#6 Mullikin	#5 Raging Torrent	#9 AG Bullet
	#8 Laurelin	#2 Crazy Mason	#4 Just a Touch	#3 Our Shot
	#1 Al Jafara	#5 Book em Danno	#1 Fierceness	#2 Think Big



Name	Race 10:	Race 11:	Race 12:	
	G3 Pennine Ridge	G1 Woody Stephens	G1 Manhattan	
Howard	#4 - Flying Mohawk	#4 - Patch Adams	#2 - Integration	
	#1 - Zulu Kingdom	#10 - Chancer McPatrick	#6 - Spirit of St. Louis	
	#3 - States' Rights	#11 - Gate to Wire	#5 - Deterministic	
Paul	#1 - Zulu Kingdom	#10 - Chancer McPatrick	#2 - Integration	
	#9 - Noble Confessor	#2 - Madaket Road	#5 - Deterministic	
	#3 - States' Rights	#4 - Patch Adams	#6 - Spirit of St. Louis	
Pete	#1 - Zulu Kingdom	#10 - Chancer McPatrick	#2 - Integration	
	#2 - A.P. Kid	#5 - Citizen Bull	#9 - Far Bridge	
	#4 - Flying Mohawk	#4 - Patch Adams	#6 - Spirit of St. Louis	
Patrick	#4 - Flying Mohawk	#1 - Big Truzz	#9 - Far Bridge	
	#1 - Zulu Kingdom	#10 - Chancer McPatrick	#6 - Spirit of St. Louis	
	#5 - Tom's Magic	#9 - Neoequos	#3 - Highway Robber	
Charlie	#1 - Zulu Kingdom Charlie #7 - Mi Bago #3 - States' Rights		#9 - Far Bridge #5 - Deterministic #2 - Integration	
Noah	#1 - Zulu Kingdom Noah #3 - States' Rights #2 - A.P. Kid		#6 - Spirit of St. Louis #2 - Integration #5 - Deterministic	
#1 - Zulu Kingdom		#10 - Chancer McPatrick	#6 - Spirit of St. Louis	
Ryan #2 - A.P. Kid		#4 - Patch Adams	#2 - Integration	
#4 - Flying Mohawk		#1 Big Truzz	#1 - Endlessly	
Jackson	#1 Zulu Kingdom	#11 Gate to Wire	#5 Deterministic	
	#7 Mi Bago	#2 Madaket Road	#1 Endlessly	
	#4 Flying Mohawk	#9 Neoequos	#6 Spirit of St Louis	

Name	Race 13: G1 Belmont Stakes
Howard	#6 - Baeza #2 - Sovereignty #7 - Journalism #3 - Rodriguez
Paul	#2 - Sovereignty #6 - Baeza #7 - Journalism #1 - Hill Road
Pete	#7 - Journalism #1 - Hill Road



	#2 - Sovereignty #6 - Baeza
Patrick	#2 - Sovereignty #7 - Journalism #6 - Baeza #1 - Hill Road
Charlie	#2 - Sovereignty #6 - Baeza #7 - Journalism #1 - Hill Road
Noah	#7 - Journalism #6 - Baeza #3 - Rodriguez #2 - Sovereignty
Ryan	#2 Sovereignty #7 Journalism #1 Hill Road #3 Rodriguez
Jackson	#3 Rodriguez #7 Journalism #2 Sovereignty #6 Baeza

Best Bets - GRADED STAKES RACES ONLY (R6-13)

(**NOT necessarily most likely winner, but best value)

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	Race 10 / Pennine Ridge	#4 - Flying Mohawk
Paul	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#10 - Chancer McPatrick
Pete	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#10 - Chancer McPatrick
Patrick	Race 12 / Manhattan	#9 - Far Bridge
Charlie	Race 7 / True North	#6 - Mullikin
Noah	Race 12 / Manhattan	#6 - Spirit of St. Louis
Ryan	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#10 - Chancer McPatrick
Jackson	Race 9 / Jaipur	#9 - Ag Bullet



Top Longshot - GRADED STAKE RACES ONLY (6-13)

Name	Race Number/Name	Horse
Howard	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#11 - Gate to Wire
Paul	Race 10 / Pennine Ridge	#9 - Noble Confessor
Pete	Race 10 / Penine Ridge	#2 - A. P. Kid
Patrick	Race 7 / True North	#2 - Crazy Mason
Charlie	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#1 - Big Truzz
Noah	Race 7 / True North	#1 - Concrete Glory
Ryan	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#11 - Gate to Wire
Jackson	Race 11 / Woody Stephens	#11 - Gate to Wire

Full-Card Price/Spot Play(s) – Howard Kravets

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

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
3	4	El Rezeen	6-1	3	\$15 WP #4 BIG Exactas: 4 / 7,11 Smaller Exactas: 7,11 / 4

Notes

#4 El Rezeen is 2-for-2 at Saratoga and only running for the 2nd time this year. He faced stakes-quality runner Herchee last time at Churchill and was very competitive. The 3rd place finisher is running in Friday's Poker S. and is live in that race. #7 Redistricting will be very tough to beat, but El Rezeen is the most likely one to beat him. He's tactical, Irad rides again, and improvement is very likely based on the breeding and 2nd off the layoff.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
4	7	Eliminate	9-2	4	\$25 Win #7 Trifectas: 7 / 4,8,9 / All 4,8,9 / 7 / All

Notes



A VERY difficult field faces us in R4 (and R5 for that matter). I'm not sure where that last race from #7 Eliminate comes from, but perhaps Pletcher has figured out the son of Curlin. UPGRADE IF THE TRACK COMES UP WET! There's plenty of speed to his inside, and he hopes to sit a nice trip behind the speed, closing from pretty far back. He beat a rival in this race, #4 Quick to Accuse last time, who will be well-fancied again today. I don't think last time was a fluke...trusting the horse is improved with age, and has worked consistently since.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
6	1	Al Jafara	6-1	3	\$20 Exacta Box 1-6

Notes

When I played in the Keeneland G1 Gamble live-money tournament in Mid-April, #1 Al Jafara was a big play for me, and she came through with flying colors. Today is obviously a much tougher test, but Chad Brown and Madakat Stables didn't bring this filly over to win allowance races. She's here to be staked, so no surprise she's in this race today. She was rated back early from an impossible post, and made a wide, sweeping sustained run to win. Today, she'll save ground the whole way and tip out late. Hope she's not too far back. I'll trust Mr. Prat to figure it out.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	6	Mullikin	2-1	5	\$30 Win #6

Notes

Today's True North S. sets up perfectly for #6 Mullikin, who ran very well in what some would say was the race of the year so far, the Churchill Downs S. on Derby Day. He'll be the outside speed and in theory sit a great trip in his 2nd start off the layoff. A stalk and pounce trip is very likely. He'll have to be very good since the field is serious again, but I love his works, post, and tactical speed. And oh yeah, he's fast too. Big win-bet play for me at 9-5 or higher.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
10	4	Flying Mohawk	9-2	4	\$20 Win #4 Trifectas: 4 / 1,3 / 1,2,3,7 1,3 / 4 / 1,2,3,7

Notes

#1 Zulu Kingdom is going to garner plenty of attention in the market, and he should. He's won two in a row, has the rail, Prat, and Chad. But, he's gotten two very soft trips in those wins, and although he might get another one today, he's facing better horses in my opinion, starting with my top choice, the #4 Flying Mohawk. He's getting back to what he should be doing, going long on turf. This is a grass horse. If the Derby did not take too much out of him, and based on the consistent works, it hasn't, Flying Mohawk should have a big shot. I like the blinkers on too, so he won't be too far back in theory. Don't love Dettori these days (only 11% win percentage in 2025), but I hope he sits right off of Zulu and fires a big shot in the lane.



Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
13	<mark>6</mark>	<mark>Baeza</mark>	<mark>4-1</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	\$30 WP #6 BIG Exactas: 6 / 2,7 Smaller Exactas: 2,7 / 6

Notes

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! The "Big 3" are back facing each other once again. When analyzing the Derby objectively, I strongly believe that #6 Baeza ran the 2nd best race of the three protagonists. Baeza didn't break perfectly, then on the backstretch went to the inside, only to save ground but also get steadied in behind horses. Once he leveled out in the stretch, he came with a massive run to just miss out on 2nd place to Journalism. Remember, that was only his 4th lifetime start too. Trainer Sherriffs has rested him since that race, and he has looked fantastic in the mornings. But most importantly, he is the value of the race today and should sit a great trip just off the early speed on the outside, with Flavian in the irons. I have a ton of respect for the other two runners, but I think today will be Baeza's day. I'm not getting creative underneath, as I believe the best three horses are clearly the ones to use in exactas and trifectas also. Good luck in this year's Belmont Stakes!!

The Belmont Stakes:

See above regarding Baeza and the rest of the field....

Here are my final public selections: 6-2-7-3 GOOD LUCK!!

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



