



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sun., August 9th
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Race-Day Overview

Sunday's card at Saratoga is a really solid card with 11 races including the feature race which is The Grade 2 Troy Stakes. The card starts with lots of young talent as three of the first five races are maiden special weights which means it will be important to monitor the board. There are also three turf sprints, one of which I will talk about in a moment, which are normally races most people like to avoid, but I am actually very excited about two of them. The aforementioned Troy Stakes is one of those turf sprints and features a loaded field with plenty of speed including Doncho and John the Beer Man, but will all that speed set it up for someone else? More on that later. As you look through the card there are some great field sizes and most importantly morning lines that indicate these races should be competitive as there aren't any heavy favorites. With all that said, let's finish this weekend strong with a fantastic Sunday card and find great prices!

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Today's Picks

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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	2,3	1	4,5	1,2,3	\$0.50 EP5	\$45
2	3	1,4,5	2,6	3		
3	3,10	2,6,9	4,5	2,3,6,9,10		
4	6,7	1,2,3,5	3,8	1,2,3,5,6,7		
5	8	3,4,9	1,2	8		
6	1,2,10,11	7,8	3,9	-		
7	5,7	1,6	2	1,5,6,7	\$0.50 LP5	\$80
8	2,6	3,5,7	8,9	2,6		
9	2,4	1,3,6	-	2,4		
10	5,8	1,3,4,9	2,10,11	5,8		
11	6,7,9	1,5	2,3,8,10	1,5,6,7,9		

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

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



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Late P5 Analysis: R7 - 11

This is a very challenging late pick 5 sequence starting with a maiden claiming race and also featuring two turf sprints. That being said, while I think the first and last legs in particular are pretty wide open, there are opportunities in the middle legs to get this ticket skinnier. The first leg of this sequence is a maiden claiming race going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt where the favorite is the speedy #1 Immaculate Moon 5-2 ML who will likely try to send from the rail and wire this field. He certainly fits, but hasn't been seen in almost a year so I will use a few others too. The #5 Rose to Riches 3-1 and #7 Lil Topsy 3-1 are coming out of the same race and in my eyes are the horses to beat. They ran very solid against a well meant horse with high expectations in Cold Spell who was a heavy favorite. Race #8 is the feature race The Grade 2 Troy turf sprint with three main contenders in the #2 Twenty Six Black 5-2, #3 Doncho 3-1, and #6 John the Beer Man 7-2. This is a very talented field, but also unsurprisingly a very fast field which I think will greatly help Twenty Six Black. That being said, we always talk about races where we expect a ton of pace and then there isn't. If there is a horse to wire the field I think it's John the Beer Man so I will use him as well. The next race is another dirt sprint going 7 furlongs where the horse to beat is the #2 Mo for the King 5-2 ML. That being said, there are a lot of 3 year olds with limited experience who could take a nice step forward including the rapid #4 Blue Roof beau who I find intriguing. Race 10 is an optional claiming turf route where I will use my play of the day #8 Hard Circle 9-2 ML as well as the class of the race #5 Ciao Chuck 7-2 ML in a fairly competitive race where I feel strongly about Hard Circle. The sequence ends with another turf sprint which I think is wide open featuring three horses who came out of the same race and probably the strongest race in this field. I will use all three of them as well as the #1 After Taxes 8-1 who has been super game and #6 Shirl's Soul Town 9-2 who had a very impressive debut. Good luck everyone and CRUSH YOUR BETS!!!

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	3	Pay the Piper	3-1	4	\$30 Win
Notes					
Starting with the second race of the day I am going with the #3 Pay the Piper 3-1 ML ridden by Manny Franco and trained by Chad Brown. This is an interesting race as there are just six entries for the turf and three MTOs and two of the six entries on the turf are first time starters. While the firsters have trained fine, neither blew me away and out of those with experience Pay the Piper in my opinion is the clear horse to beat. I remember watching his debut at Gulfstream where he broke slowly and while the pace was fast, the track was also speed favoring and the distance was clearly too short for him at 7 ½. That being said, once he figured it out he started moving nicely down the stretch with a solid gallop out. Last time out, he again got a solid pace to run into and once again showed a strong kick closing for home and beating #2 Feline Curious and #6 Okefenokee in this field. Manny Franco has also been lights					



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out as of late and I expect him to continue his form and help Pay the Piper take a nice step forward 2nd off the layoff.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	8	All Star Leigh	5-2	4	\$30 Win

Notes

I mentioned in the intro that there were actually two turf sprints where I had strong opinions and this is the first of them. All Star Leigh is 5-2 ML ridden by Jose Ortiz and trained by Anthony Dutrow. This Golden Pal filly took plenty of betting on debut as she went off at 7-2 and aside from her poor start, looked very professional for a first time starter in a turf sprint. She ultimately ended up closing very nicely to finish 2nd behind the rapid and well meant Extravaganzoo who already had a start under her belt. This time All Star Leigh will have that advantage over quite a few of firsters in this field and I think she will greatly benefit from the experience. I expect her to break better this time and I think Jose will make sure to have her sitting a little closer to the pace as last time she was dead last as they approached the final turn. With even a decent step forward and better start she will be very tough in here and I expect her to roll home for a fantastic 2nd start. It also doesn't hurt that the dam is 29% in turf sprints.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	2	Twenty Six Black	5-2	4	\$30 win

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Building off of my previous best bet, the other turf sprint I love is the feature race of the day The Grade 2 Troy Stakes where I land on the #2 Twenty Six Black 5-2 ML trained by Horacio De Paz and ridden by the red hot Manny Franco. I understand that this is a relatively short price in a very competitive turf sprint stakes race and that he is 6 years old... that being said, since returning for his 6 year old campaign he has noticeably improved in each start and last time put up a monster effort that the beyer figures support with a career beyer top 101. Last time out he got a nice pace to run into which I fully expect him to get again with the likes of the #3 Doncho 3-1 ML, #5 Warlo 6-1 ML, #6 John the Beer Man 7-2 ML and the two outside horses. Despite the pace setup last time out, his dominant win was not straightforward as he was noticeably steadied and lost some ground and momentum before re-settling in as they approached the turn for home. I expect him to once again get a nice setup and for both him and Manny to continue their strong form.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	8	Hard Circle	9-2	5	\$50 Win bet

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THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY!!!

The #8 Hard Circle 5-1 ML is trained by Mike Maker and ridden by Flavien Prat. I absolutely love him in this spot and there are plenty of reasons why. For starters, while yes he is just 2/15 lifetime, he has been a completely different animal since switching back to the turf during his 4 year old campaign as in his 4 starts he has two wins, a fourth, and a 2nd by a neck. Additionally, the horse he lost to last time out Highlands Way (a horse I loved on a previous power picks I covered) is a rapidly improving horse who just a few days ago ran a very impressive 2nd with an 88 beyer and just missed against the heavy favorite Risk Tolerance who got a dream trip. Moreover, Hard Circle is back in the Mike Maker barn for the third time and this time is not in for the tag. Maker is 21% first off the claim and when Maker and Prat team up they are 27% overall and 36% at Saratoga. I think 9-2 would be a very generous price on this improving 4 year old and I feel that 3-1 is fair value on him and anything above that is a bonus. Look for Prat to have him sitting off the leaders for a nice stalking trip and hopefully he gets the jump on some others in here on the leaders and rolls on by!

	Race #	Program # - Horse	Short Rationale
Most Likely Winner	9	#2 - Mo for the King	The #2 Mo for the King, 5-2 ML has been facing some solid horses recently and has two close thirds as the favorite. There appears to be a good amount of speed in this race and I think Prat will have this one sitting a nice stalking trip and will be too much in the stretch.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	6	#10 - I Can See That	#10 I Can See That 10-1 ML is a fascinating horse in this field. I think if Santana can use a little early to clear he can put this one in a good spot early and try to slow them down.



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

Race	Selections	Cost
7	\$20 win on 5	\$20
9	\$20 win on 6	\$20

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

