



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Saturday, 8/1
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Race-Day Overview

The rain has passed and today we have the local prep for the iconic Travers Stakes – the Jim Dandy. It's only a 5-horse field, but of the four who can realistically win it, you can make a cogent argument for any of them. There are two other graded stakes, the Saratoga Special and the Lake George. The Special pits Sanford winner Booked vs. Flight Command, a son of Flightline who broke his maiden by 10 lengths at Aqueduct. For contest players out there, NYRA Bets is running a \$1,000 live money event that they will seed with a \$10,000 BCBC seat. HHH personality Jackson Muniz is doing a fantastic job upgrading the NYRA Bets contests. Tack a look.

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	3,5, 8	1	2,7	3,5 8	\$0.50 EP5	\$96
2	4,9	3,5	2,6	4,9		
3	1,6	5	2,3	1,5,6		
4	1,9	4,6	2,8	1,4,6,9		
5	7,10	6,8	1,2,3	6,7,8,10		
6	4,6	3	1	4,6		
7	1,8	7	4,9	1,8		
8	1,5, 14 (15 AE)	2,3, 8	6,8	1,2,5	\$1 LP5	\$72
9	8,9, 10	4,6, 11	2,5	6,8,9		
10	5	1	3,4	5		
11	1, 11	2,9, 3	6,7, 5	1,9		
12	3,5, 10	6,8, 7,9	2	3,5,6,8		

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

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



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9	8	9	2
10	5	4	3
11	1	7	2
12	5	3	8

Late P5 Analysis: R6 - 10

This sequence seems approachable. If you're playing a caveman, you should strongly consider singling or using no more than two in the Jim Dandy. Silent Tactic will be the longest odds of the four horses who can win and he's only 6-1 ML. I will be singling #5 Commandment and playing the ticket for more than the minimum. I will also lean heavily on #1 Illmatic in the 11th race and hope for a few mid-level prices elsewhere.

Price/Spot Play(s)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
2	9	Wildest Dreams	10-1	3	\$15 WP #9
Notes					
Trainer Jeremiah Englehart has been positive in discussing this filly. "Coming out of (her first) race, she's going to be a nice New York-bred filly. Hopefully she can win next out and then maybe make the Seeking The Ante (stakes)," he told Tom Law for a <i>Saratoga Special</i> Stable Tour. Englehart wins at 19% with second-time maidens in dirt sprints. In her debut, she pressed a fast pace, was in between horses, ran on late and was outfinished. There's no reason she can't move forward off what looks like a productive race that has produced a winner, third-place finisher and three horses improving their Beyer Speed Figure. Junior Alvarado takes the call and should get a good trip from the far outside.					
Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
5	10	First Site	6-1	3.5	\$20 WP #10
Notes					
Daughter of Preakness champ Early Voting comes in off a very solid second start. She was ridden very hard by Javier Castellano for the first quarter mile, which went in 22 seconds flat. Just when it looked like she was going to survive the speed duel with Ms. Liu, along came 34-1 longshot Bandmaster to pull the upset. First Site was 4-5 in that race and she's 6-1 ML here. Granted, she will have to deal with some FTS who could be very good in daughters of Jackie's Warrior, Flightline, Life Is Good and Not This Time, but experience often counts in races like this and having Jose Ortiz take the mount doesn't hurt, either.					



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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	8	Deep Learning	7-2	4	\$20 WIN #8 \$10 EX 8 / 4,6,9 \$20 P3 8 / 5 / 1

Notes

Chad Brown thought enough of this filly as a 2-year-old to send her to the Grade 1 Natalma at Woodbine off a Saratoga maiden win in her debut. She ran fifth, beaten less than 2 lengths, and came back to run second as the favorite in the Miss Grillo and win the listed Chelsey Flower Stakes at the Big A. Flavien Prat turned in a confident, patient ride, and when an opening was available he pounced and won by 2 lengths. Brown, who wins at 21% off a win going into a graded stakes, will give a leg up to Prat again. The Grade 3 Lake George is a realistic target and Brown, who also has #1 Honfleur in here, tends to pick the right spots for his horses seeking their first graded stakes – or higher grade – win.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	1	Illmatic	9-2	5	\$40 WIN #1 \$10 EX Box 1-9

Notes

PLAY OF THE DAY: Colt comes off an extremely competitive New York Stallion Series stakes in which he pressed the early pace through a quarter mile in :21.80 before yielding to Nessuna Pagina. Down the stretch it was a 3-way battle between those two and 6-5 favorite Spirit of New York. Illmatic outdueled the favorite from between horses, but Nessuna Pagina rebounded from a bad step on the stretch turn and rallied up the hedge to win by a nose. Miguel Clement, in another *Saratoga Special Stable Tour*: “I wouldn’t be surprised if his best race is the one coming up. He’s doing great with his weight and he’s just starting to mature a little bit at the right time.” Timeform says he will be on or near the lead from the inside post and that translates to a winning trip under Flavien Prat, in my humble opinion.

Race

Program # - Horse

Short Rationale

Most Likely Winner	10	#5 Commandment	Today’s the day, Kyle.
Best Longshot (over 10-1 ML)	7	#9 Minorinconvenience	Figures to be more forward going 9 furlongs.



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

Race	Selections	Cost
4	\$10 DD 9 / 6,7,8,10	\$40
7	\$1 TRI 1,8 / 9 / ALL \$2 TRI 1,8 / ALL / 9	\$42

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

