



Picks Tip Sheet

Race Day Date	Sat., Aug. 30th
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Race-Day Overview

It's the LAST SATURDAY OF THE MEET!! Today's card is solid, with your usual mix of stakes, allowances, maiden affairs, etc...However, one big change: many jockeys are at Kentucky Downs and/or Del Mar, so you'll see some unfamiliar names for Saratoga today....that could create some unusual results, we'll see! Good luck....Watch Saratoga Today!

Today's Picks

***For information on how to read an "ABC Grid" and ticket construction, please refer to our podcast website, hhracingpodcast.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.*

ABC Grid - Post Time 12:05pm EST

Race	A	B	C	Caveman Picks (use in horizontal bets)	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
1	4,9	2	-	4,9	\$0.50 P5	\$72
2	3,8	1,4	10	1,3,8		
3	4,5	1,3	2,6	1,3,4,5		
4	5,6	1,7	3	5,6		
5	3	1,8	1a,2,6,7	1,3,8		
6	1,3,7	4	6	-		
7	3	2,5	-	-		
8	2,6	1,7,8,10	4,5	-		
9	1,4	3	5,12	1,4	\$0.50 P5	\$72
10	4,8	7	-	4,7,8		
11	4,8	-	1,5	4,8		
12	2,7	4	1	2,7		
13	5,11	2,6,7,10	3,9	2,5,6,7,10,11		



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Top 3 Selections

Race	1st	2nd	3rd
1	4	9	2
2	2	7	8
3	5	4	3
4	5	6	7
5	3	8	1
6	1	3	7
7	3	2	5
8	6	2	10
9	4	1	3
10	8	7	4
11	8	4	2
12	7	2	4
13	5	11	2

Late P5 Analysis: R9 - 13

The last Saturday of the 2025 Saratoga meet brings together a solid, yet not spectacular Late P5 sequence that I think could be chalky / logical. I tried hard to find creative prices at Saratoga, but struggled to do so frankly. Watch bombs win every race now, lol!

The only race that I believe could yield a big price is in the last, R13. Although all three of us (myself, Pete and Paul) like the #5, I don't trust him on the win end, and it's a big field with some other talented horses in there. I'll spread and hope to beat the favorite. I suppose any turf sprint could be chaos (first leg, R9), but I just don't see it today. I'll be pretty light throughout the sequence until the last race, as my grid suggests. #8 Tommy Jo in the G1 Spinaway (R11) is where I'll lean the most.

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 /



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RECOMMENDED PLAYS. THIS IS A NO-CHALK ZONE....THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO TIP OUT HORSES THAT ARE UNDER THE RADAR AND COULD PRODUCE VALUE!!

Now, 2-1 could be a "value" if you think the horse should be 4-5. But we take big swings here...and based on the ROI of this section (which does NOT include exacta and trifecta scores), over 4+ years, we have proven success. Use your discretion, and play whichever horses you think are best. So here we go! Turn the page for an extensive list of Price/Spot Plays today at Saratoga.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	4	Shoot It True	5-2	3	\$20 Win #4

Notes:

While my Travers Day Spot Plays were not exactly spot-on (got shut out), I'll hope to rebound today. I'm not sure I've seen a visually more impressive turf sprint win all summer more than **#4 Shoot It True** last time. Dettori rode him like he couldn't lose, and he completely blew by the field (weaker than today) in the stretch, showing his new ability to rate kindly. The NY-bred is one of two for Ward, and the other (#1) should help ensure a fast pace. I don't like many others in here that have trouble getting the job done. Don't like to chalk out in any turf sprint, but if Shoot it True runs like he did last time, it's light's out on the rest of the field.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
11	8	Tommy Jo	2-1	5	\$30 Win #8 BIG Excatas: 8 / 1,4,5 Smaller Excatas: 4,5 / 8

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT SARATOGA!! Today's feature is the G1 Spinaway for 2 year-old girls. The winner is the early favorite to win the BC Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar. I was ultra-impressed with Tommy Jo for Pletcher last time, as she was rateable but showed speed, and made a middle move on turn that raised some eyebrows, including yours truly. She did everything as professionally as possible. She'll have to improve on the clock, but I think the 7f distance will help her out quite a bit, and hurt



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other likely favorite #4 Mythical. I don't think Mythical wants much longer than 6.5f...looks like a 2-horse race to me for the most part. The key might be whether or not the other speedy Pletcher (#7) entered today or ran yesterday (Friday). With the #7 out, there would be much less early speed in the race and in theory help #4 Mythical. I still love #8 Tommy Jo either way.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	3	Whatchatalkinabout	3-1	3	\$15 WP #7 Trifectas: 7 / 1,2,4 / 1,2,4 2 / 7 / 1,4

Notes:

The theme of today's Spot Plays, sorry, nothing too creative / big prices to tip out. **#7**

Whatchatalkinabout could easily bounce back today after struggling in the slop vs. tougher, a total toss-out for me. He has plenty of races on the go-back that are good enough to win here, and an outside stalking trip seems to be in the cards. It's a pretty talented field, so he'll have to run big, but I see no reason on paper why that won't happen.

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

Race	Selections	Cost
4	Pick 3: 5 / 1,3,8 / 1,3,7	\$18 for \$2
11	Double: 8 / 2,7	\$40 for \$20

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

