

# BEST BETS



| SARATOGA                   | WOODBINE                   | WOODBINE                   | CANTERBURY                 | KEY HORSES                                                   |
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| Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$300 | Pick 6 - Ticket Cost \$336 | Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$358 | Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$432 | <b>BEST BET</b><br>1 ANCIENT EGYPT (5/1)<br>SAR RACE 9       |
| Race 8 2,3,4,5,6,9         | Race 7 2,4,8               | Race 9 1,2,3,4,5,6,9       | Race 4 3,4,6,7             | <b>LIVE LONGSHOT</b><br>10 VERY SPECIAL (30/1)<br>WO RACE 10 |
| Race 9 1                   | Race 8 1,4,6,7             | Race 10 1,5,8,10           | Race 5 3,6,7,8             | <b>MOST LIKELY</b><br>4 HOW BOUT CURT (4/5)<br>CBY RACE 2    |
| Race 10 3,5,6,7,8          | Race 9 1,2,3,4,5,6,9       | Race 11 3,4                | Race 6 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9   |                                                              |
| Race 11 1,2,4,7            | Race 10 1,5,8,10           | Race 12 1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9    | Race 7 1,2,4               |                                                              |
| Race 12 1,3,5,8,9          | Race 11 3                  | Race 13 3,4,5,6            | Race 8 2,3                 |                                                              |
|                            | Race 12 1,2,3,5,7          |                            |                            |                                                              |

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| <div>8 – SARATOGA (4:29 ET)<br/>MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 115K, 6F DIRT</div> <div>3 QB ROCKET 4-1 7-5</div> <div>2 CARD MAN 7-2</div> <div>9 HOOKED 30-1</div> <div>5 KATZ IN THE CRADLE 10-1</div> <div>PICK: 3 QB ROCKET<br/>Brad Cox firster cost a hefty sum at auction. He went for \$1.9M last year. Cox is 10 for 48 (21%) with a debut 2YO here at Saratoga on the dirt sprinting in a MSW. Dam Ginja is a half sister to G1 placed Top Decile , second in the 2014 BC Juv Fillies (G1). Top Decile went on to produce Japanese 3-year-old champion colt Danon Decile. Perfectly spaced worktab and Irad Ortiz is aboard.</div> <div>VALUE: 9 HOOKED<br/>Not normally known for 2YO debut runners, trainer McPeek has been pretty good with them here the last 3 years. He's won with 5 of 24 (21%) with 8 in the money and a \$4.07 ROI with a debut 2YO sprinting in a MSW on the dirt at Saratoga since '23. Two of the winners were ridden Elliott at 17-1, 13-1. McPeek gets a lot of cheaper horses to run. This one cost 360k. Check the tote action.</div> <div>A) 2,3 B) 4,5,6,9 C) 7,10 D)</div> | <div>9 – SARATOGA (5:06 ET)<br/>CHRISTOPHE CLEMENT (G1) 750K, 1M 1/2 TURF</div> <div>1 ANCIENT EGYPT 5-1</div> <div>4 PROGRAM TRADING 7-2</div> <div>7 SURVIE 6-1 4-1</div> <div>6 MINARET STATION 3-1</div> <div>PICK: 1 ANCIENT EGYPT<br/>Connections said very clearly that he is in this race, in the US, for the simple fact that they expect soft ground in the late summer to early fall months in the UK. He hated the Epsom Derby ground he had three back. Almost won back to back starts against high level foes at Ascot and Longchamp and wasn't really bet in either of those. Mid to top level Euro's are better than those in the US.</div> <div>VALUE: 7 SURVIE<br/>This is another who is in the US to sidestep soft going in the UK. She faced males previously. Most notably, she beat G1 company in Saudi Arabia. The runner she beat there is an 8-time Group 1 placed runner (won the G1 Dubai Turf in 2024). Dwelt at the start three back and that cost her late. Bottled up two back without running room. Was much the best in the Glens Falls last time out.</div> <div>A) 1 B) 4,7 C) 2,3,6 D)</div> | <div>10 – SARATOGA (5:44 ET)<br/>GALWAY 200K, 5.5F TURF</div> <div>5 CADENZA 7-2 7-2</div> <div>6 MAUNA LOA 3-1</div> <div>7 TRISKELION 5-1</div> <div>8 MYTHICAL 9-2</div> <div>PICK: 5 CADENZA<br/>She's never been off the board in 8 starts for Brad Cox. The last 2 came in G3 company when she was third in each without taking much money (at least for a Brad Cox runner). Don't think give in the turf was something she wanted last out. 4<sup>th</sup> from there went to Colonial Downs and won a 134k stakes at 5-1. The winner had won the BC Juv Turf Sprint last year. This feels like a correct spot.</div> <div>VALUE: 7 TRISKELION<br/>This is another one who has not bee off the board. She comes in off a win in the 122k Pea Patch at Ellis Park. Saez is back and he rode her to two very close finishes sprinting on the turf (beaten a half of a length in each of them). 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> from the start 4 back at Keeneland all won next time out. Trainer George Arnold has had a pretty good year. She comes in with three sharp drills.</div> <div>A) 5,6 B) 3,7,8 C) 1,2,4 D)</div> |
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**8 – WOODBINE (4:40 ET) 40**  
**CANADIAN (G2) 200K, 1M 1/16 TURF**

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| <b>6 PROCTOR STREET</b> | <b>2-1</b> | <b>6-5</b> |
| 4 EPONINE               | 5-2        |            |
| 7 POWER OF DESTINY      | 8-1        |            |
| 1 LUPA                  | 3-1        |            |

**PICK: 6 PROCTOR STREET**

Winner of 5 of her 13 starts. She was 5-1 in the last start at SAR in mid July but was rank and steadied. In the end, the pace was far too slow and she couldn't close in late. Notice she gets Lasix for the first time in a while. She's had Lasix 5 times. She won 4 and was second in the other when on Lasix. Probably works a better trip out from the wider post. She might be here to run on Lasix.

**VALUE: 7 POWER OF DESTINY**

Since arriving in the US, she has a win, second and third in four starts. The only poor effort was in a G3 here on synthetic when she tired in the lane. Upset at 6-1 two back after pressing a :46.2 half. That fraction might put her on the lead if Velazquez wants to send her. 90 and 85 Beyers in the last two definitely have her in the mix in this spot. She's 1 for 1 on the Woodbine turf course.

A) 4,6 B) 1,7 C) 2,5 D)

**2 – CANTERBURY PARK (6:40 ET) 88**  
**MINNESOTA DERBY 75K, 1M 70 DIRT**

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| 4 HOW BOUT THAT CURT         | 4-5        |            |
| 2 PERFECT GAMBLE             | 8-1        |            |
| 1 NAVARRE                    | 9-5        |            |
| <b>3 THAT TYPE OF A DEAL</b> | <b>4-1</b> | <b>8-1</b> |

**PICK: 4 HOW BOUT THAT CURT**

He was the class of the two-year old division for Mn-breds in '25. He crushed the field in the Northern Lights. He didn't carry that form into his three-year old season. But, in his defense, he was facing open class until the 51k Victor Myers. He was easily best in that win. He does have a hurdle to deal with here. He'll have to show he can handle the distance. If he can, he'll beat this field.

**VALUE: 2 PERFECT GAMBLE**

This race can produce some prices. It normally favors runners who have an affinity to route. This is after most of the races they run in are sprints. This one has had many starts routing. He will likely sit in last and look to come with a run in the lane. Thought is that the other two will go after the favorite early and get tired in midstretch. This gelding will pick up some pieces late at a price.

A) 4 B) 1,2 C) 3 D)

**10 – WOODBINE (6:12 ET) 45**  
**KINGS PLATE \$1M, 1M 1/4 SYNTHETIC**

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| 10 VERY SPECIAL    | 30-1       |            |
| <b>1 LUSTER</b>    | <b>1-1</b> | <b>1-4</b> |
| 8 HIGHWAYTOTHEMOON | 6-1        |            |
| 5 DIXIE LAW        | 10-1       |            |

**PICK: 10 VERY SPECIAL**

He's still a maiden but he ran well in both of his route tries in two very tough MSW races. The winner of the last start returned and won by 7 in opt clm. Runner-up won a MSW next with 82 Beyer. This one didn't have a great trip in there. Blinkers come on here. Dam a half to the \$4.5M earner (2006 BC Juv and 2007 Ky Derby) Street Sense. Works are strong. Do not sell too short in this one.

**VALUE: 8 HIGHWAYTOTHEMOON**

He's never been out of the money on the synthetic (6 for 6). He's won 4 of 6 starts on synthetic including two preps for this race in the last two starts over many of these. He has tactical speed and could control the pace if the rider decides to go. He wired them in two of his wins and rated behind the speed in the other 2 wins over this track. Note the 45.3 sizzling move two weeks ago here.

A) 1,5,8,10 B) 7,9,12 C) 3,4,6 D) 2,11

**7 – CANTERBURY PARK (9:10 ET) 64**  
**MINNESOTA OAKS 75K, 1M 70 DIRT**

|                        |            |            |
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| 1 FLATTER ME BILLY     | 5-1        |            |
| 2 HEAVENLY CAPTIVE     | 2-1        |            |
| <b>3 SUMMER WINNER</b> | <b>5-2</b> | <b>3-2</b> |
| 4 KAITSKATE            | 9-2        |            |

**PICK: 1 FLATTER ME BILLY**

She dropped back to last in the Frances Genter but did have a bit of run late despite a very wide trip. That was sprinting but this is a route, full of speed types that might prefer to be in a shorter race. She showed finish in all of her starts and often at a price. Interesting that Mawing gets back up as he was up on her last year. Will save ground and come running into some wobbly foes.

**VALUE: 4 KAITSKATE**

She has an advantage as a route winner. She's been on a fast dirt track just three times, all sprinting. Roman is off the top choice and stays here for Joel Berndt. 2nd dam, It's Tamareno, was all route (mostly on the turf) who earned over 150k. She hasn't been worse than second as a three-year old (four starts). This trainer has won many stakes here at Canterbury. Could easily win this.

A) 1,2 B) 3,4 C) 5,6,7 D)

**11 – WOODBINE (6:40 ET) 79**  
**KING EDWARD (G2) 200K, 1M TURF**

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| <b>3 GAS ME UP</b> | <b>8-5</b> | <b>2-1</b> |
| 4 SEMINOLE CHIEF   | 6-1        |            |
| 1 IRISH ACRES      | 5-2        |            |
| 2 GT FIVE HUNDRED  | 8-1        |            |

**PICK: 3 GAS ME UP**

Here is the most accomplished runner in the field. He moved to Peter Eurton for three starts in So Cal after the BC Mile last year and won a G2 and was second in a G3. 12 post in the BC Mile was his undoing. The last time he was on this turf course came five back when third in the G1 Woodbine Mile. He won this race last year in a strong closing move with Prat. He'll get plenty of pace.

**VALUE: 4 SEMINOLE CHIEF**

Multiple stakes winner for Joe Sharp who is 2 for 2 with him. He won over 75k claimers at CD two back and stepped up and won a stakes at Indiana last time out at 14-1. He's back on Lasix here in Canada. Has more tactical speed than the top choice and he could be in a prime spot turning for home. Joe Sharp is 7 for 10 in the top two here at WO this meet. He's one to fear in this stakes.

A) 3 B) 1,2,4 C) 5,6 D)

**9 – PRAIRIE MEADOWS (9:25 ET) 69**  
**PRAIRIE MEADOWS FRESHMAN 100K, 6F DIRT**

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| 4 A.P. SCORE          | 8-1        |            |
| 11 DEAR ADMIRAL       | 7-2        |            |
| <b>9 DIAL IT DOWN</b> | <b>9-2</b> | <b>3-1</b> |
| 1 BRINX JOB           | 10-1       |            |

**PICK: 4 A.P. SCORE**

He was left alone at 8-1 in the debut but gamely grinded down the runner-up in a strong effort to win it. He was 12-1 in the last start, a common race many are out of, the Prairie Gold Juvenile, on July 11th. He was far back early but finished strongly to grab a 4th place finish there about two out of the runner-up spot. He will need a better break to compete. Extra half of a furlong helps.

**VALUE: 1 BRINX JOB**

Trainer and rider won this race in 2023 with an 11-1 shot General Shipman. That was a colt making his second start after a win in a MSW here at PRM. This one basically was a first timer last out. The saddle slipped when off at 2-1 in the debut so that can be tossed. Second dam won in debut as a 2YO at KEE and she won some races early. This trainer doesn't normally work them fast.

A) 4,9,11 B) 1,2 C) 5,6 D) 8,10