

SARATOGA



**TRACK
PHANTOM**
est. 2012

SARATOGA	SARATOGA	SARATOGA	SARATOGA	SARATOGA
Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$405	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$350	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$378	Pick 5 - Ticket Cost \$450	BEST BET 3 RED POPPY (5/2) RACE 6 LIVE LONGSHOT 5 CARMENSITA (5/1) RACE 4 MOST LIKELY 1 MAGNITUDE (9/5) RACE 12
Race 1 3,7,9	Race 5 2,4,6,7,8	Race 7 1,3,5,6,7,9,10	Race 10 1,3,5,6,7	
Race 2 3,4,5,6,8,9	Race 6 3	Race 8 4,11,12	Race 11 2,3	
Race 3 3,4,7	Race 7 1,3,5,6,7,9,10	Race 9 1,2,3,5,6,7	Race 12 1,2,5,6,8	
Race 4 4,5,6	Race 8 4,6,9,11,12	Race 10 1	Race 13 1,2,3,5,8,9	
Race 5 2,4,6,7,8	Race 9 1,2,6,7	Race 11 1,2,3,4,6,10	Race 14 2,4,10	

1-SARATOGA (11:45 ET) 40 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 115K, 6.5F DIRT

7 GAUDREAU	7-2	\$6.82
3 GORILLAZ	5-2	
9 COACH'S PAIS	15-1 SCR	
1 U.S.S. VALOR	6-1	

PICK: 7 GAUDREAU

Nyquist (sired Nysos, Immersive and Randomized to name a few of his G1 winners) gets 18% with debut 2YO's. Chad Brown's last debut 2YO winner here at SAR came one year ago with Prat riding (Ornellaia). Almost a bullet work on July 25th (.05 off the fastest) of 111 that worked 4F that day. Dam won her debut in MSW at CD at 54-1. A sib also won in debut.

VALUE: 9 COACH'S PAIS

Female line of 3-time G1 dirt route winner Island Fashion. Sib to 3-time stakes winner Grace is Free who was trained by Robert Cline who does not use any PED's. She did it all on her own. Trainer won with a first time 2YO a year ago at Saratoga with Napoleon Solo. He later won the Grade 1 Preakness. The wide post might force the rider to send. Check tote for betting.

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

2-SARATOGA (12:21 ET) 23 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 115K, 6.5F DIRT

3 LIVE	6-1	
8 MYSTRIX	7-2	
9 CODE OF ARMS	6-1	
5 ADMIRALTY	9-2	\$7.74

PICK: 3 LIVE

Deep in the female family is the \$5M earner Well Armed (winner of the 2009 Dubai World Cup). Dam is a half sib to 5-time G3 winner, and millionaire, Mr. Money. Sire Life Is Good is already 8 for 23 (34%) with debut 2YO's. After a slow start, Todd Pletcher has won 7 of his last 12 races here at this meet. Has one of his top call riders aboard in Velazquez. Dangerous.

VALUE: 8 MYSTRIX

Trainer Danny Gargan is 6 for 17 (35%) with 9 in the top 3 in debut with a 2YO in a MSW sprinting on the dirt at Saratoga at 10-1 or less. 3 of the winners were ridden by this rider Luis Saez. Workouts are tremendous which is a sign that Gargan has them ready. Sire Good Magic wins at 15% with two-year old runners. Steady worktab and some very fast workouts, too.

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

3-SARATOGA (12:57 ET) 36 OPTIONAL CLAIMING 130K, 1M 1/8 DIRT

4 VIBE	5-2	
3 FULL SCREEN	3-1	
7 INSTANT REPLAY	5-1	
1 SAN SIRO	9-2	\$22.46

PICK: 4 VIBE

Connections thought enough of this \$3M purchase to throw him into the deep end of the pool last out in the \$1M G1 Met Mile. Almost certainly bled in there and was eased. Prior 3 starts, all wins, put him right in the mix in here. There is a sib, Outwork, for this team that won the G1 Wood Memorial. He should revert back to form with Lasix back. Will stalk early on.

VALUE: 7 INSTANT REPLAY

Sneaks into this race since his last win amount was under the 40k threshold since it came at Indiana. This Brad Cox runner has been on Lasix just 4 times in his career (today is the 5th). He won all 4. Prat rode him to a stakes win 6 back at OP and is up today. Has more of a closing style so he'd move up if there is a fast and contested pace. Never hurts to have Prat aboard.

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

4 – SARATOGA (1:34 ET) 66
ALLOWANCE 120K, 1M 1/16 TURF

5 CARMENSITA	5-1	
6 SCRATCH IT	6-1	
8 LOVELY CHRISTINA	9-2	
4 HAND OVER HEART	8-1	\$4.48

PICK: 5 CARMENSITA

Excellent run two back at 29-1 here in June. That was a nice late run despite a wide trip. The field was strong. Many of them have run well back since. Didn't run well in the G1 in last. She was steadied and dropped back. Lasix back in the fold on the class drop. This trainer has had an amazing run at this meet (6 wins in 19 starts, 11 in the top 3). Needs this drop.

VALUE: 6 SCRATCH IT

Brad Cox teams up with jockey Manny Franco who is fresh off a 6-win day. Only poor turf start of her career came last time out in a spot where she had all kinds of traffic and trouble. So that last race can be overlooked. She is back on Lasix which she's had just once, an easy win two back. She comes in with 2 works on the turf. Has run well on this Saratoga turf course.

A) 5 B) 6,8 C) 4,7 D) 2,3,9

7 – SARATOGA (3:23 ET) 33
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 120K, 1M 3/8 TURF

6 JUST FOR LUCK	6-1	
10 IL SICILIANO	6-1	\$14.76
9 EMERGENCE	9-2	
7 KRAVITZ	8-1	

PICK: 6 JUST FOR LUCK

He comes in off a mile race where he pressed a 47.3 half at 6-1 and won there. If Lezcano wants it, he might be able to take command of the pace. Winner of 3 of his last 4. He had a lot of trouble in the loss in the last 4. Trainer Richard Dutrow has had a big year (24%). Form is excellent and he fits in here any trip he gets. But looking for Lezcano to be aggressive early on.

VALUE: 10 IL SICILIANO

Deep closer makes his 4th start of the year. He has Lasix in here for the first time since last August. He was 3rd beaten a neck with Saez here at SAR in a similar spot with Lasix in there. In fact, the last 3 times with Lasix he was beaten a neck, nose and neck. Is 3 for 3 in the money at the distance. He had just one win but has been nibbling against better. Needs a trip.

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

5 – SARATOGA (2:10 ET) 69
ALLOWANCE 120K, 7F DIRT

7 TAGERMEEN	3-1	\$7.46
6 PRETTY BOY MIAH	2-1	
2 ROCK MUSIC	6-1	
8 FACT	9-2	

PICK: 7 TAGERMEEN

He might have lost 4 straight at 2-1 or less but you cannot hold it against him. He faced the likes of 2YO champ, Ted Noffey, superstar Englishmen and G1 Florida Derby winner Commandment. Has backclass (turf) in female line. Jose Ortiz is 4 for 7 for Asmussen last out mdn winner in a dirt allw. Will be right up on the pace with exceptional rider Jose Ortiz.

VALUE: 2 ROCK MUSIC

Dangerous team of Linda Rice and Irad Ortiz. He was claimed three back for 100k, not a price we normally see claimed. He won that race at CD. The next two were in high allowance at CD and here at SAR. Can look past the last start as it was on a sloppy track. He also got away poorly but did have some run late. Irad was up in the maiden win. Will be forwardly placed.

A) 6,7 B) 2,8 C) 4 D) 1,5

8 – SARATOGA (4:00 ET) 70
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 115K, 1M 1/16 TURF

12 AND THE RUNNER IS	7-2 SCR	
11 BOLD LEADERSHIP	8-1	
4 OSCAR	10-1	\$6.84
9 BERTA'S STITCH	6-1	

PICK: 12 AND THE RUNNER IS

Mark Casse colt cost 400k. He certainly has the pedigree for the grass. Sire is all turf throughout his pedigree. Dam gave us superstar G1 turfer Burnham Square. Debut was strong on this turf. He was 6-1 from the 10 post and made a consistent move to the front and gamely held in for second. He will move forward in the second start. Needs a trip from wide post here.

VALUE: 11 BOLD LEADERSHIP

One of two first time starters for Todd Pletcher. He is just 5 for 44 (11%) with a debut 2YO at SAR routing on the turf in MSW company. But his last 6 starters as such produced 2 winners and 2 more that were second (other two were 4th). One win was last weekend with High Official. Female pedigree is quite stellar. Family includes the superstar Zenyatta among others.

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

6 – SARATOGA (2:47 ET) 84
MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 115K, 6.5F DIRT

3 RED POPPY	5-2	\$33.76
6 AERIAL AFFAIR	5-1	
7 DULCE VITA	9-2	
4 STEFANIA	8-1	

PICK: 3 RED POPPY

The last two times Todd Pletcher has started a 2YO in first start on the dirt at SAR in MSW for this owner Spendthrift Farms, he won both. Ted Noffey and Tommy Jo both won G1's next easily. Worked :20.4 for two furlongs at the OBS sale in April, fastest of the sale. Todd Pletcher started this meet slow but has been redhot of late. This filly could be a real superstar.

VALUE: 6 AERIAL AFFAIR

Took a lot of action in the debut (likely due to the Flightline buzz). She was fractious at the gate and broke near last in there. She did make an early move before tiring a bit late in the race. Major rider move to Santana and she has two decent works since. Has an experience edge over many of these. She should be better than last with a race. Love the 7/31 workout.

A) 3 B) 4,6,7 C) 2,9,10 D) 8

9 – SARATOGA (4:36 ET) 63
TEST (G1) 500K, 7F DIRT

6 ON TIME GIRL	7-2	
7 EXPLORA	5-2	\$5.74
1 MOVIE NIGHT	7-2	
2 PERCY'S BAR	8-1	

PICK: 6 ON TIME GIRL

Brad Cox filly was the 4-5 favorite against Explora last time out in the 225k stakes at CD. She moved to the leaders early in the stretch but was outrun a bit by the Baffert filly late. She bled in the race which is why she hasn't been seen in the last two months. Her form prior to that was very good. Can press the pace or close from far back as she did to win two back at CD.

VALUE: 1 MOVIE NIGHT

This is an exciting prospect for WinStar Farms. She finally got a fast dirt track last out and she ripped apart a decent opt clm field at CD in 1:15.1 earning a 96 Beyer. She showed a bit more speed in there and that is something she may need to do here to hold the inside. Prat off to the Baffert favored filly which is no surprise. Jose Ortiz a viable stand in. Sizzled in recent drill.

A) 1,6,7 B) 2,3,5 C) 4,8 D)

10 – SARATOGA (5:14 ET) 72
FOURSTARDAVE (G1) 750K, 1M TURF

1 RHETORICAL	5-2	
5 DETERMINISTIC	2-1	\$5.74
3 ZULU KINGDOM	7-2	
7 LAGYNOS	5-1	

PICK: 1 RHETORICAL

Don't think this one wants to go beyond a mile. He was on the lead in the last two but notice he never had the lead going one mile. He always tracked the pace. That is the winning style in the way the pace shakes out here. Will require all of Irad Ortiz talents to stay close but create running room. Think he turns the tables on Deterministic on the cutback if he can sit the trip.

VALUE: 3 ZULU KINGDOM

Have to respect a horse who is 8 for 11, a multiple G1 winner trained by Chad Brown and ridden by Flavian Prat. While he deadheaded for the win in the Kelso, he ran the better race in there considering Mi Bago got away with a 48.2 half up front. Think he drops off the pace a bit like the top choice. He's 3 for 5 on this turf course. No knocks on him. He looks a square price.

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

13 – SARATOGA (7:15 ET) 58
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 120K, 7F DIRT

2 FEMINISM	2-1	
8 BATTIS GROVE	3-1	
3 HELEN'S REVENGE	6-1	
5 WILL NOT BE SWAYED	12-1	\$26.00

PICK: 2 FEMINISM

Steve Asmussen 975k purchase lost to an exciting prospect last time out. That winner had earned a 106 Beyer when he dominated his debut at KEE and now has won 3 of 4 after he crushed a stakes at CNL last Saturday. Dam was a Grade 3 stakes winner. The second dam was a multiple graded stakes winner on dirt. The more distance the better with Curlin on top.

VALUE: 8 BATTIS GROVE

She is bred to be a good one. Sire gets many sprint stakes runners on the dirt. Dam was G1 placed in her short career (on dirt). Her first two starts were excellent. Was a bit flat last time out at ELP. Rider was up in the headbob beat in debut at CD. She should be forwardly placed in this one. While the last start wasn't terrible the thinking is she moves forward today.

A) 2 B) 1,3,5,8,9 C) 4 D) 7

11 – SARATOGA (5:52 ET) 68
SARATOGA DERBY (G1) 750K, 1M 3/8 TURF

3 REMEMBER MAMBA	3-1	
2 HEEERE'S JOHNNY	12-1	
4 TITLE ROLE	9-2	
10 WEST END KID	7-2	

PICK: 3 REMEMBER MAMBA

He was the 3-2 favorite in the Belmont Derby. But he was off the pace and had to close into very slow fractions. He did get going late and was unlucky to lose when beaten a neck. He'll get a more honest pace in this one. Makes his second start off a short layoff. He hasn't run a bad race yet. Clockers loved the 47.3 training track move on 8/1. Serious player in this stakes.

VALUE: 2 HEEERE'S JOHNNY

He sprung the 15-1 upset in the Saranac but he did get some help by the fast pace. It was his second start in blinkers which is often when a horse gets comfortable with them. Has some quality to him as he picked up checks in a G1, G2 and G3 while still a maiden. Will have to improve to win but think he has a chance to do that. Comes into this with three works since last.

A) 3 B) 2,4,10 C) 1,6 D) 7,8

14 – SARATOGA (7:48 ET) 42
OPTIONAL CLAIMING 120K, 1M 3/8 TURF

2 CAPITAL PARTNER	7-2	
4 VERSAILLES ROAD	5-1	\$9.68
10 ROTTERDAM	10-1	
5 LIGHT CAV	10-1	

PICK: 2 CAPITAL PARTNER

Chad Brown and Flavian Prat in a Saratoga allowance routing on the turf at Saratoga. In 9 of the last 14 of such races, they have teamed up to run first or second (64%). Has been rank in the last two starts. That caused him to run out of steam in the late stages. Brown put in 5 works since the last start. Bred to be a good one with much high class Euro breeding present.

VALUE: 10 ROTTERDAM

There is quite a bit of speed in this race. This one is cutting back from long distance hurdle races so we know he'll have plenty of stamina late. He was competitive against these in the winter/spring last year before becoming a jumper. He'll be a bit overlooked in the betting but these long distance type jumpers often transfer well back to flat racing. Toss in supers.

A) 2,4 B) 5,10 C) 6,7,9 D) 8

12 – SARATOGA (6:37 ET) 71
WHITNEY (G1) \$1M, 1M 1/8 DIRT

1 MAGNITUDE	9-5	
8 BAEZA	7-2	
2 NITROGEN	4-1	
5 WHITE ABARRIO	8-1	

PICK: 1 MAGNITUDE

Steve Asmussen had superstars Gun Runner and Curlin. He was able to get them to perform consistently once he got them in top form. This one is in the same mold as those two. He has won 4 straight since a runner-up to Baeza in the G1 Pa Derby. He has speed and the rail but he'll get some pressure on the lead. He has shown he can fight off other pace and win.

VALUE: 8 BAEZA

Somewhat quietly amassed over \$2M. He gave Magnitude a serious run in the Stephen Foster despite a terrible break that day. If he breaks on time, he can win this. Now makes his third start with Bill Mott. Prat rode him in 3 G1's and he hit the board in all 3. Despite all of the strong performances, feels like there is more under the hood. A clean break could win this.

A) 1,8 B) 2,5,6 C) 3,7 D) 4

