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We are finally here, Saratoga is open! Six weeks in upstate New York started on July 19th and will run through Labor Day September 2nd. Racing is conducted six days a week with the only dark day coming on Tuesdays.

First post is at 1 p.m. with a few exceptions. Travers Day, August 24th, first post is 11:35 a.m. There will be one twilight card which comes on the last Friday of the meeting and that post will be at 2:30 p.m. Finally on Labor Day, September 2nd first post is 12:30 p.m.

As in keeping with tradition there are always premium giveaways that attract even more people to the track. Four giveaways on four different Sundays will attract plenty of customers through the turnstiles at Saratoga. Starting with Sunday July 28th, the always popular Saratoga Short-Sleeve T-shirt. Two weeks later, NYRA really came through on this one with the Saratoga Fourstardave bobblehead giveaway. Fourstardave, a name synonymous with Saratoga will have his day with a bobblehead doll. That should be the most popular of all the giveaways as a great horse and a great Saratoga performer gets his due on August 11th. The following week, a replica model of Saratoga Race Course will be given away. The final giveaway comes on the last Sunday of the meeting on September 1st with the Saratoga Beer Stein. If you want to take a look at these items

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Saratoga is a meeting that everyone points too, jockeys, trainers and owners; let us take a look at how those races played out last year. In the jockeys standings last year the winner by 17 wins was Ramon Dominguez. He won at 24% last year and was in the money over 55% of the time. However, in January of this year he was in a bad spill at Aqueduct's inner track where he suffered a head injury. He announced his retirement on June 13th, 2013 because of those injuries and will be missed at the Spa this year. Javier Castellano, who was second in last year's standings with 51 wins was 16 wins ahead of third place finisher Jose Lezcano with John Velazquez and Joel Rosario rounding out in 4th and 5th place. This year without Ramon and John Velazquez healthy and Joel Rosario in career form it should be a good race for top jockey. Some jockeys to look for that might come in a bit under the radar would be Junior Alvarado who had a great Belmont Spring/Summer meeting and Rajiv Maragh, who has rejuvenated his career under a new agent. Hall of Famer Edgar Prado, knows how to ride this track and should be one to watch especially at solid odds.

Last year's trainers title went to Todd Pletcher when he finished with 36 wins and defeated Chad Brown by 7 wins. He finished with a 24% winning percentage and just missed coming in the money 50% when he checked in with 48% in the money. He is top with two year olds and is expected to win another title. He will have a tough competitor in Chad Brown who had 29 wins for a 31% winning percentage and an excellent in the money percentage of 66% and he looks like the only trainer that would have a chance to dethrone Pletcher. Linda Rice whose horses always seem to take money up here might be overbet as well as David Jacobson who had a record breaking Belmont Spring/Summer meeting. Keep your eye on those two barns and how they start out and adjust accordingly.

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ASSURED VICTORY: Five year old gelding showed good early speed last out after breaking from post 10, set a solid pace over a muddy track into the lane and held safe for the win, handles both turf and dirt and must be given a look right back.

BARREL OF JOY: Got a relatively easy lead last out, looked like she might take them all the way but tired in the drive to finish fourth at 5-2; is better sprinting and may get that chance up at Saratoga.

COALTOWN LEGEND: Hard hitting eight year old gelding, usually drops back early on and then comes with a solid late run, was outrun some early on last out but did pass a few late to check in fourth at 7-1, just needs some pace up front.

GIMME CREDIT: Hard hitting ten year old gelding, stalked the leaders from fourth last out, moved outside into the lane and closed to finish second to a runaway winner who scored by more than eight lengths; fits with optional claimers right back.

GOOD FENG SHUI: Was sent hitting to the lead last out when dropping in class to \$15k claimers, set a solid pace throughout and then dug in through the lane to score by more than two lengths, respect this runner right back off that effort.

KING OF GOLD STREET: Two year old colt was sent off at 19-1 in his debut, was outrun early on racing in fifth and checked in fifth after racing evenly, needed that race and is bred for the turf, look for that surface switch next out, tab.

LITTLE GABBY GIRL: Three year old filly broke her maiden against statebred maiden claimers two back, tried winners last out over a muddy track, was outrun some early on before putting in a solid late run to score by more than three lengths, can continue win streak at Saratoga, tab.

ONE MORE CHIEF: Hails from a low profile barn but was coming into his debut off a solid workout, showed good early speed battling head to head for the lead through solid splits, was still there into the lane and just missed late checking in a solid third, tough right back.

OVERWHELMING: Well bred three year old colt broke his maiden two back when dropped into a maiden claimer, moved up to face off against NW1X allowance foes, raced wide for most of the backstretch and into the lane but couldn't finish it off checking in a solid fourth at 24-1; adds to your exotics right back.

SWEET AND LOVELY: Four year old filly was outrun some early on last out behind solid early fractions and closed strongly to just miss the win by a neck, can stretchout and has run well over the Saratoga turf course.



4★ SPECIAL: SKY BLUE PINK: Was outrun some early on last out racing in 10th, started to move into the lane but ran into trouble and had to alter course checking in fifth late at 7-1; give this six year old gelding another look at a solid price right back.

LONGSHOT: LUIGI P: Hard to endorse a horse that is 2 for 43 but this eight year old gelding ran very well two back and tried to stretchout in distance, moved into contention on the turn but flattened out to sixth at 34-1; the price will be right up at the Spa.

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ALIENATE: Was making nice strides since graduating, but was in over her head at \$16k when skipping a condition to compete in a n3L. Take note.

DREAMING OF NENO: His early speed is a great asset. Big effort second start off the break; gets the money.

FOREVER HAPPY: Took a small step forward with the switch to grass. Been facing tougher in special weights; wait patiently for a drop to maiden claimers.

PICTURE BOOK: Finally broke through with a runaway maiden win in an off-the-turfer at 11th asking. Can put them back-to-back.

RUNNIN THUNDER: Has failed to take the next step versus winners since graduating at \$25k in April. Capable of better; may just need a confidence booster to get back on track.

VISION OF ROMANCE: Showing signs of breaking out in her last two tries, including a recent third. Six-year-old is overdue to get her picture taken.



4★ SPECIAL: DEVINING: Ran away and hid from \$12.5k taggers to graduate in style in her second attempt off a lengthy layoff. Can handle tougher.

LONGSHOT: BEST OF: Yet to hit the board in 12 attempts, but has gotten a little bit closer in his last two. Toss in the gimmicks at a big price.

MONMOUTH

JERSEY KISS: Was a big winner two back, chased the pace outside on the turn, came wide into the lane but just didn't have the kick in the lane checking in third late at 2-1; was claimed out of that race and should be very tough with similar right back.

KLUKI: Stayed in an off the turf race last out which was just a field of four horses, chased a bit early on but didn't do any running thereafter and checked in fourth and last beaten more than 40 lengths, is solid over the turf and can offer some value off that poor dirt try, tab.

MORE VEGGIES: Five year old gelding took a drop in class last out into a \$10k statebred maiden claimer, saved ground early on, moved off the rail into the lane and came running in between horses to get up for the win, was claimed by sharp Moya barn and look for big improvement.

PASTA LOVER: Loves this track with all three of his turf wins coming over this course, was returning from an October layoff, chased the pace early on but couldn't go with the leaders in the lane tiring to finish sixth at 6-1, should be all set right back.

ZULBABY: Was away in third early on last out, chased the pace early on from third and finished up well to finish second to the wire to wire winner at 14-1; respect this runner right back with NW2L \$40k claimers.



4★ SPECIAL: TACTICAL SAENZ: Was coming off a layoff from the end of March, was outrun some early on to the top of the lane and passed a few horses in the drive to check in fourth at 7-1; was claimed by the Ramon Moya barn and should be all set in the second start off the layoff.

LONGSHOT: DAN THE IRISHMAN: Moved up off the claim last out to try tougher, came out running from the start, battled head to head for the lead but couldn't finish it off checking in second behind the two favorites in a good effort, follow right back in current form.

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ANY GIVEN JERRY: Dropped to MCL ranks off MSW debut, and could only chase and weaken to sixth in off-the-turf dash; flashed front-running speed in debut after breaking last of 11, so give another chance.

BET ON JACK: Has been a touch flat in each of his last two, with a sixth- and more recently fifth-place finish, but has solid overall credentials; can bounce back.

CLOUDWATCHER: Rated, rallied, and proved best by 1 ½ lengths when making her first start since March 2012 most recently; stays sharp in right spots.

DRINK IN MY HAND: Chased in third throughout when favored for his racing debut; should improve for J. Carroll barn, and turf could be an option, also.

KID CANUCK: Rallied gamely inside but could only finish sixth of 10 in his latest; proven veteran with \$350k banked now has three races in him since back from December-layoff, and can jump up.



4★SPECIAL: EASTERN ATLANTIC: Overcame a slow break to race in range of the pace and survive a stretch duel for a one-length score in her latest; another win in sight.

LONGSHOT: SILENT LOVE: Evened out when it counted in acceptable sixth of 11 finish at restricted stakes level most recently; 3YO filly worth following on turf or synthetic surface.

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PHILADELPHIA (PARX RACING)

BRIEF HOLIDAY: Five year old mare chased early on and tired a bit late to finish third two back, chased the pace again last out, was still there into the lane but tired some late again to finish fourth about six lengths off the winner at 28-1; tab.

MR MOXIE: Four year old gelding came out running from the rail last out, dropped back to trail the field from seventh, started to move into the lane and finished well for third at 30-1; has been improving lately, and offers value right back.

SUMMER SEAVIEW: Three year old filly was away in fourth last out, moved into third as they moved into the lane but couldn't get to the top two in an improved effort checking in third at 63-1; respect this one right back with NW2L \$7.5k claimers.

THELADYOFWINTERFEL: Three year old filly broke her maiden three back, tried winners two back but didn't run a step after chasing the pace, put in a much improved effort last out, chased the pace from third throughout and held on to just miss by less than a length checking in the show spot.

TURNTOTRAVIS: Was outrun early on when coming off a four month layoff, started to move into the lane and finished very well to just miss by a nose while eight lengths clear of the show horse, stay close.



4★SPECIAL: BOLT ACTION: Broke his maiden three back against \$10k maiden claimers, tried two starter allowances thereafter with a fifth and sixth place results, most recently at 24-1; needs a drop into a NW2L claiming race, follow closely.

LONGSHOT: VALLEY KING: Was claimed two back out of a win against NW2L \$10k claimers, moved up to face off against starter allowance foes, got away in fifth, made a solid move to get into second past the 3/4 mark and stayed on well for third, about eight lengths, behind the favorite at 44-1; must respect.



PENN NATIONAL

BARBICONIZ: Lagged early and gained plenty late to finish a narrowly beaten second in his latest; takes measure of NW2L claiming crew for trainer T. Hooper (22% wins this year).

COP A TUDE: Has returned from a November-layoff in fine form for strong G. Motion barn, first with a second-place finish at DEL in May and most recently a score here on July 11; takes another.

FISHING CREEK: Showed improved speed in showing the way early and ultimately giving out to fourth in his second lifetime start most recently; dangerous with similar maiden group next time.

VIANNEY LANE: Chased pace from a distance and could only manage third of four in sloppy track dash most recently; prefers fast footing.

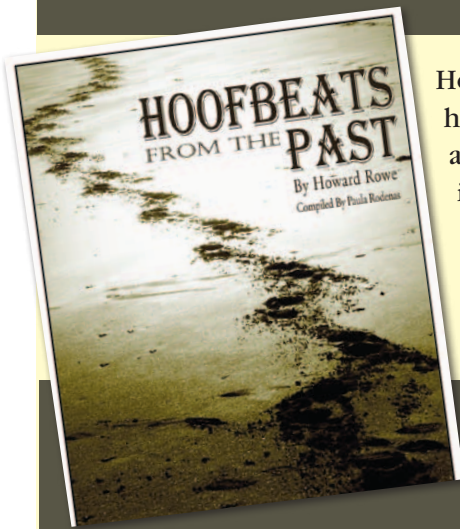
WELL LIT: Gave a more than acceptable account for fourth when moved up to restricted allowance level for her latest; worth following for upcoming third start of current form cycle.



4★SPECIAL: WILLY D'ROCKET: Was taken up late and fourth under the wire, but third by DQ of rival in is latest; can improve off initial experience versus winners.

LONGSHOT: FORTUNATE RUN: Chased and weakened to third in a fair try most recently; gelding figures much sharper next time, having turned back from turf route to sprint on dirt in his latest.

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owners gear up for in the months leading into the meeting. Last year's winner was Repole Stable who 13 wins and scored with 25% of his starters and was in the money 57% of the time. He has most of his horses with Todd Pletcher and expect to see him have another solid meeting. Ken and Sarah Ramsey who finished third with 9 wins last year are positioned for a run at the title. Michael Dubb and Stonestreet Stables should have a good meeting as well and Drawing Away Stables, who won the Belmont Spring/Summer meeting will also have a shot. It will be a great meeting with everyone trying to win which should make for some good betting opportunities.

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ARLINGTON PARK

ANNIE BELLUM: Had trouble with the rail draw and got off a step behind, then never got back into the fray and finished far back. Deserves one more chance if able to get off the rail draw.

AUTUMN SPLENDOR: Got squeezed back at the break when wanting to show more speed and fell too far behind a loose lone speed runaway winner. Can improve upon the third-place finish.

BONNIE: Got bumped around in a rough start in return from a six-month layoff, but did well to close from last to finish second behind only the lone speed wire-to-wire winning favorite. Looms large vs. cheapies in continued return from the sidelines.

GIANT CAT TALE: Bobbled at the start to fall further behind early than what she wanted, then had to chase a slow pace with no opportunity to gain on the loping leaders. Can rebound in next.

HE'S BONAFIDE: Set a fast and pressured 1 1/8-mile pace and held on well for second after the other front-runners tired badly.

LISA'S MAD AGAIN: Got caught in an extended four-length-gap speed duel and drew off to win. In top form now and can repeat.

ROWDY MISS: Got hooked in a four-length-gap speed duel and held on well for second behind only the perfect-trip closing winner. Still looms a threat to shake loose up front.

SMOKIN GLOCK: Worked his way into contention until getting caught up in traffic in mid-stretch before getting running room and finishing willingly in a z-pattern fourth-place finish. Just needs a clean trip.

YOU BOUGHT HER: Broke last and ran a big race to close for second behind a lone speed wire-to-wire winner. Finished eight lengths clear of the third horse and it'll be her turn next time.



4★SPECIAL: DANCE WITH KITTEN: First-starter broke slowly, but overcome the trouble and won going away in impressive first start. Looks live for a repeat up against allowance foes.

LONGSHOT: HURRICANE ELVIS: Broke slowest in a 12-horse field from the rail draw and actually ran a solid race to be fourth with a late closing run. Getting off the rail will help out of the gate in next.

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ELLIS PARK

BARONESS ROSE: Rated in range, split foes, and drove clear to a three-length score in her racing debut for solid M. Maker barn; juvenile daughter of Curlin worth following.

BLUEGRASS AFFAIR: Didn't get much tote play in racing debut, but turned in respectable run to gain fifth of nine; should move up off experience, and may appreciate some added ground.

ESPLENDO: Saved ground and managed third in his first local try having previously raced at CD and KEE; likely to find the right group of local maidens to handle for score.

JAYPEEZEE: Set the pace but proved no match for a 10 ½-length winner when favored for his latest by way of CD; likely to handle similar NW2L crew before long.

LA STUPENDA: Chased wide and managed a distant third as the slight betting choice in her latest; B. Cox barn winning at nearly 30% clip this year.

MISS ZIGGY: Rallied for second in her latest, and veteran has now been on the board in 59 of 93 lifetime starts; don't ignore 8YO mare for W. Stinson Jr. barn (29% wins with limited starters this year).

VICTORY COLORS: Showed improved early and overall interest when a distant fourth in his second career start; note, debut came on turf at CD, and he figures more competitive here on dirt.

WINGS OF FORTUNE: Returned to turf and fired a good shot to finish second in spite of less than ideal journey ("steadied early, four wide") in his July 14 start; next time.

ZOEBEAR: Pressed the pace, led by a length in the stretch, and came up second-best by way of HAW for his first start since early-April; primed now.



4 SPECIAL: ROYAL WARRIOR: Should only continue to move forward, having fired his best shot yet with second-place finish in his latest; has only run twice since last-November's debut, so plenty of upside.

LONGSHOT: BAHIM: Gained for fourth from wide spot under seven-pound "bug" rider most recently; horse and rider benefit from the journey.

LOUISIANA DOWNS

CAPTAIN BUDDY L: Prefers to be involved from the outset, and didn't have the best circumstances from a rail draw ("bumped start, shuffled 3/8's") when sixth in his latest; had cut back in distance for effort, and figures sharper next time.

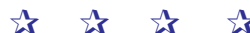
MEETMEATCAJUNS: Settled for seventh when fractious at gate in well-bet debut run, but improved plenty when getting to turf for MSW score in her latest; right back for trainer M. Nicks.

RUSTON KITTY: Fought on the early pace, dropped back, rallied again to reach stretch contention, and ultimately weakened to finish third in her latest; can fare better.

SURPRISETHE DEVIL: Pressed the pace and weakened to finish fourth behind a repeat winner in her latest; respect solid overall turf credentials.

TOGA'S STORM: Shot free on the pace, held a four-length stretch lead, but could not match winner late when moved to dirt in first start for trainer D. White most recently; deserves another tumble.

XIANO: Didn't have the best racing luck ("waited ¼, steadied 3/16") when third as the betting favorite in trying to gain into soft pace in her latest; veteran atones.



4 SPECIAL: MY DOGS ARE BARKIN: Showed improvement when with the pace and third on switch to turf when in from EVD for her latest; juvenile set for diploma run now for trainer C. Deville.

LONGSHOT: EL OTRO: Took noteworthy class drop for his latest, but was hung wide and couldn't rally in seventh-place effort; capable gelding benefits from race over the course.

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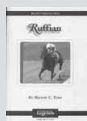
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DEL MAR

ANOTHER FLASHBACK: Set a pressured pace and held on best of the speed horses for third behind a pair of perfect set-up closers. Worth another shot.

BRANDING: Bumped and broke slowly to start 10 lengths in back of the field early, but rallied strongly in the stretchrun for a closer fourth-place finish, and may have been closer if not caught in traffic when full of run nearing the wire.

COMPARI: Got caught in an early battle for the lead and ran on well for second behind only the perfect-trip winning 4-5 favorite.

GINGERTAP: Broke slow, but passed a lot of horses for third in a race ruled by a loose lone speed wire-to-wire winner. Don't overlook.

IMPERIAL FORTUNE: Got an awkward start from the rail and had to hustle into contention. Ran a nice race for second, beaten less than a length by the odds-on favorite while 5 lengths clear of the rest of the field.

JUSTA GUSTA: Pressed a fast two-turn turf pace and lost to the favorites as a result. Chance to surprise when she is able to be up front on a more moderate pace.

LIAR LIAR LIAR: Ran late for second beaten 2 lengths by the loose wire-to-wire winner while 7 lengths clear of the rest of the field. Can win in return from the three-month layoff.

MADAME FORBES: First starter outran 28-1 odds for third despite breaking slowly and chasing in 7F career debut ruled by front-runners. Won't be a maiden much longer after she stretches out.

MAYAN EYES: Stumbled badly and lost his best chance at the start en route to a fourth-place finish in a 5F dash. Toss out that race and try again.

RICH IN TRADITION: Chased a pair of favored front-runners and closed the best of the rest for third. Can continue improvement in a better spot next time.

SCARY FAST: Needed a race off more than a year layoff, and finished third but just missed beaten a head and a neck. Ready to win in return from the sidelines.

STAR ROCKER: Shook loose from a three-way, four-length-gap speed duel and drew off to graduate in 2013 debut. Should win up at the next level in continued return from the sidelines.

WINNING RHYTHM: Closed from far back to be second, which was about as good as possible behind a loose lone speed runaway winner. Looks good back in a similar spot.



4★SPECIAL: CURRAHEE: Chased a wire-to-wire winner and just missed by a head in return from an eight-month layoff. Sitting on a win.

LONGSHOT: HONOUR FAMILY: Had a wide trip and finished with interest in sprint prep return from a five-month layoff. Prepped and ready for Del Mar.

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DIAMOND TOUCH: Needed one off the layoff in June, then responded with a big third at 30-1 when stretched out in distance. Sitting on go.

EVIE JO: Resurfaced from a brief hiatus with a solid fourth-place finish in a starter allowance. Likes getting her picture taken; stay close.

FAR OUT: Won for fun off a long layoff in April, and has followed with a pair of fourth-place finishes versus tougher. Expecting a better effort from him at the Fairs.

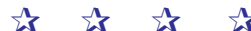
FOGGY DEW: Took a step backward in latest, but turned in a pair of solid third-place finishes in her two previous attempts. Sneaks in under the radar.

HALO LA: Graduated at third asking at PLN, then handled herself quite well versus winners at SAC. Can build off third-place finish.

POP A TOP AGAIN: Ran some big ones on the dirt last summer before hitting the sidelines. On the comeback trail.

PRIVATE RECRUIT: Appears to be on his way with racing experience and added distance. Goes one better.

RED RACHEL: Sidelined after her Santa Anita maiden win in January, this filly has been training up a storm at Golden Gate since June. Fires fresh off the bench.



4★SPECIAL: ARCH YOUR BACK: Has done little wrong in three subsequent attempts since exiting SoCal. Swallow the short price.

LONGSHOT: FALANA: Lost all chance after checking at the start in her unveiling. Worth another shot at the right price.

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