

Dennis Stagliano's Saratoga Tip Sheet



August 5, 2026

1st Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 1 & 2, Pick 3 (\$1) (1-3)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Fil Dor (FR)	8/1	Conor Tierney	158	8 G		Richard J. Hendriks
2	Take Your Seats (IRE)	5/1	Evan Dwan	144	5 G		Thomas Garner
3	St James the Great (KY)	7/2	Stephen Mulqueen	146	5 G		Keri Brion
4	L'Avvocato (FR)	15/1	Jack Power	142	7 G		Katherine S. Neilson
5	Salted Carmel (KY)	12/1	Harrison Beswick	142	5 G		Keri Brion
6	Roja Redemption (KY)	4/1	Freddie Procter	142	6 G		Jack Fisher
7	Smart Uncle (KY)	10/1	Jamie Bargary	142	6 G		Jack Fisher
8	McTigue (IRE)	9/5	Graham Watters	156	7 G		Cyril Murphy

2nd Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Quinella (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 2 & 3 Pick 3 (\$1) (2-4), Early Pick 5 (.50) (2-6)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Promise Me Amelody (NY)	9/2	Jaime Rodriguez	122	3 F	L	Miguel Clement
2	Fabian's Princess (NY)	5/2	Flavien Prat	122	3 F	L b	Horacio De Paz
3	Giovanna Marie (NY)	12/1	Kendrick Carmouche	122	3 F		Bruce N. Levine
4	Midnight Honor (NY)	10/1	Reylu Gutierrez	122	3 F	L	Barclay Tagg
5	Allegro Brillant (NY)	15/1	Dylan Davis	122	3 F	L	David P. Duggan
6	Quiddity (NY)	9/5	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	122	3 F	L	Mark A. Hennig
7	Carmen Amalia (NY)	7/2	Dalila A. Rivera	122	3 F	L b	David G. Donk

3rd Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 3 & 4, Pick 3 (\$1) (3-5) Pick 4 (.50) (3-6)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Empress New Groove (KY)	8/1	Dylan Davis	121	3 F	L	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.
2	Noble Glow (KY)	9/2	Flavien Prat	121	3 F	L	Chad C. Brown
3	Maria Louise (KY)	5/2	John R. Velazquez	121	3 F	L	Todd A. Pletcher
4	Wedelia (KY)	6/5	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	121	3 F	L	Brad H. Cox
5	Reconnected (KY)	20/1	Kendrick Carmouche	121	3 F	L	Anthony W. Dutrow
6	Miss Twitter (KY)	8/1	Manuel Franco	121	3 F	L	Chad C. Brown
7	Slow Kara (KY)	10/1	Tyler Gaffalione	121	3 F	L	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

4th Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Quinella (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 4 & 5 Pick 3 (\$1) (4-6), Mandatory Pay Pick 5 (.50) (4-8)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Relaxx (FR)	7/2	Flavien Prat	126	4 F	L	Miguel Clement
2	Unreasonable (IRE)	3/1	Manuel Franco	126	5 M	L	Miguel Clement
3	Ontario (ON)	8/1	Jose L. Ortiz	126	5 M	L	Joe Sharp
4	Flowers for Me (KY)	15/1	Dylan Davis	126	5 M	L	James T. Ryerson
5	Lady Firefoot (KY)	8/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	126	8 M	L	Steven I. Schauer
6	Power of Destiny (GB)	5/1	John R. Velazquez	126	5 M	L	James Bentley Begg
7	Serendipity (KY)	9/5	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	126	4 F	L	Brad H. Cox

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
8	Purloin (KY)	2/1	Rider TBA	126	5 M	L	Linda Rice
9	Boxed Wine (NY)	4/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	126	5 M	L	Jorge R. Abreu

5th Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 5 & 6, Pick 3 (\$1) (5-7) Pick 6 (\$1) (5-10)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Tripp's Promise (KY)	8/1	Junior Alvarado	123	3 C	L	Dale L. Romans
2	Mr. Hooligan (KY)	6/1	Jose L. Ortiz	123	3 C	L	Kevin Rice
3	Life Is Gravy (IRE)	12/1	Emily A. Ellingwood	121	3 C	L	Chad Summers
4	Ramajay (KY)	5/2	Flavien Prat	123	3 G	L	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.
5	Rochester (KY)	20/1	Manuel Franco	123	3 C	L	Ron Moquett
6	Sharons Beach (KY)	8/5	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	123	3 G	L	Jonathan Thomas
7	Imagine John (KY)	6/1	Jose E. Morelos	121	3 C	L	Jena M. Antonucci
8	Unauthorized (KY)	10/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	123	3 G	L	Rodolphe Brisset

6th Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 6 & 7, Pick 3 (\$1) (6-8) Grand Slam (\$1) (6-9), Late Pick 5 (.50) (6-10)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Shinobu (KY)	8/1	Tyler Gaffalione	123	2 F		Joe Sharp
2	Harpoon (KY)	12/1	Javier Castellano	123	2 F		Mark E. Casse
3	Embouteillage (KY)	12/1	John R. Velazquez	123	2 F		H. Graham Motion
4	Never Gonna Stop (IRE)	6/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	123	2 F		Norm W. Casse
5	Not My Niche (KY)	8/1	Flavien Prat	123	2 F		Chad C. Brown
6	Queenly (KY)	5/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	123	2 F		George Weaver
7	Rockabye (KY)	7/2	Manuel Franco	123	2 F		Miguel Clement
8	Oh Come On (FL)	20/1	Luis Saez	123	2 F		Kinnon LaRose
9	Without Hesitation (KY)	2/1	Jose L. Ortiz	123	2 F		Wesley A. Ward
10	Jolene (KY)	5/1	Rider TBA	123	2 F		Todd A. Pletcher
11	R Kan't Miss (KY)	8/1	Tyler Gaffalione	123	2 F		Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.
12	Saytara (KY)	12/1	Rider TBA	123	2 F		Todd A. Pletcher
13	Seaside Startup (KY)	5/2	Flavien Prat	123	2 F		Chad C. Brown

7th Race

Wager Types: Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 7 & 8, Pick 3 (\$1) (7-9) Pick 4 (.50) (7-10)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	It's Banksy (NY)	12/1	Jose E. Morelos	126	4 G	L	Jena M. Antonucci
2	Implacable (ON)	6/1	Kendrick Carmouche	126	4 C	L b	Chad Summers
3	Camino (KY)	15/1	Christopher Elliott	122	3 G	L	Ron Moquett
4	Holy Dancer (KY)	20/1	Edgard J. Zayas	126	4 G	L	Nicholas P. Zito
5	Lough Currane (FL)	20/1	Jaime Rodriguez	126	4 G	L	John P. Terranova II
6	Mr R T (KY)	15/1	Reylu Gutierrez	126	4 G	L	Roshan Samsundar
7	Draft Riots (KY)	3/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	126	4 G	L b	Miguel Clement
8	Wingfoot (KY)	10/1	Manuel Franco	122	3 G	L	Linda Rice
9	Abrigado (KY)	7/5	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	122	3 C	L b	Brad H. Cox
10	Unbridled Justice (KY)	12/1	Jose L. Ortiz	122	3 G	L	Gregory D. Sacco
11	Fess (KY)	50/1	Dylan Davis	122	3 G	L	Robert Ribaud

8th Race**Wager Types:** Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 8 & 9, Pick 3 (\$1) (8-10)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Ashikidah (FR)	2/1	Tyler Gaffalione	126	4 F	L	Philip Antonacci
2	Gowells Delight (KY)	12/1	Jose L. Ortiz	126	4 F		Kenneth G. McPeck
3	Tirupati (KY)	7/2	Luis Saez	126	5 M	L	Jonathan Thomas
4	Pop Art (KY)	12/1	Kendrick Carmouche	126	4 F	L	Thomas F. Proctor
5	Marketplaceofideas (GB)	8/1	Dylan Davis	126	4 F	L	Chad C. Brown
6	Brisbane (FR)	5/2	Flavien Prat	126	6 M	L	Chad C. Brown
7	Shore War (KY)	5/1	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	126	5 M	L	Amelia J. Green
8	Miss Enchanted (KY)	12/1	Junior Alvarado	126	5 M	L	Dale L. Romans
9	Sailaway (KY)	6/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	126	4 F	L	Gustavo Rodriguez
10	Pronghorn (KY)	5/2	Jose L. Ortiz	126	4 F	L	Steven M. Asmussen
11	Midtown Lights (NY)	15/1	Tyler Gaffalione	126	6 M	L	Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.
12	Bow Draw (KY)	9/2	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	126	8 M	L	Linda Rice
13	Concurrently (KY)	4/1	Flavien Prat	121	3 F	L	Chad C. Brown

9th Race**Wager Types:** Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10), Double (\$1) 9 & 10

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Bam's Bliss Kiss (NY)	6/1	Jaime Rodriguez	126	4 F		Jorge R. Abreu
2	Landed (NY)	10/1	John R. Velazquez	126	5 M		Wesley A. Ward
3	Munnings Express (NY)	8/1	Manuel Franco	124	4 F		Linda Rice
4	Sunday Girl (NY)	15/1	Katie Davis	126	5 M		David P. Duggan
5	With the Angels (NY)	7/2	Jose L. Ortiz	126	4 F		Linda Rice
6	Usha (NY)	6/5	Flavien Prat	126	4 F		Bob Baffert
7	Iron Orchard (NY)	8/1	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	122	3 F		Steven M. Asmussen
8	Naive Melody (NY)	12/1	Dylan Davis	124	4 F		Wesley A. Ward

10th Race**Wager Types:** Exacta (\$1), Trifecta (.50), Super (.10)

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Beau Cheval (NY)	9/2	Jose L. Ortiz	121	3 G	L	Joe Sharp
2	Vitalize (NY)	12/1	Dylan Davis	126	5 G	L	David G. Donk
3	Nonno Joe (NY)	15/1	Edgard J. Zayas	126	4 G	L	Rudy R. Rodriguez
4	Wazey's Charm (NY)	6/1	Luis Saez	121	3 G	L	Amelia J. Green
5	Bourboncentric (NY)	6/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	121	3 G	L b	Thomas Morley
6	Rossbeigh (NY)	5/2	Manuel Franco	126	4 G	L	Miguel Clement
7	Berman (NY)	20/1	Jose Lezcano	121	3 G	b	Timothy A. Hills
8	Portadown Lad (NY)	20/1	Kendrick Carmouche	121	3 C	L	James W. Ferraro
9	Followill (NY)	15/1	Christopher Elliott	121	3 C		Adrianne DeVaux
10	Classic Commander (NY)	7/2	John R. Velazquez	121	3 G	L	Ilkay Kantarmaci
11	Sunshine Bobalou (NY)	50/1	Cesar Gonzalez	121	3 G	b	Amira Chichakly
12	Poppy's Ticket (NY)	6/1	Rider TBA	126	4 G	L	Chris J. Englehart
13	Chris's Song (NY)	3/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	126	4 G	L	Linda Rice
14	Mo Curls (NY)	8/1	Rider TBA	121	3 G	L	Rudy R. Rodriguez

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DENNIS STAGLIANO'S SARATOGA PICKS FOR TODAY

Race 1 – Top 4 Picks: #6 Roja Redemption - #8 McTigue - #2 Take Your Seats - #1 Fil Dor

#6 Roja Redemption looks ready to deliver another top effort in this competitive hurdle after consistently facing quality company. Jack Fisher's gelding has the tactical speed to secure an ideal stalking trip before taking command turning for home. **#8 McTigue** is the class of the field and clearly the one to beat if he reproduces his best form. The highweight has proven ability over hurdles and should launch a strong late rally. **#2 Take Your Seats** ships in with improving form and has enough finishing kick to threaten the favorites if the pace becomes demanding. **#1 Fil Dor** owns plenty of back class and can grab a share with his customary late run despite carrying top weight.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **6-8** • Trifecta **6-8 / 2-6-8 / 1-2** • Superfecta **6-8 / 2-6-8 / 1-2 / ALL**

Race 2 – Top 4 Picks: #2 Fabian's Princess - #6 Quiddity - #7 Carmen Amalia - #3 Giovanna Marie

#2 Fabian's Princess has steadily improved and appears well spotted against fellow New York-breds. Her tactical speed should allow Flavien Prat to work out a perfect trip just behind the leaders before making the winning move. **#6 Quiddity** deserves plenty of respect as the morning-line favorite after a series of consistent efforts that fit well at this level. She figures to be running strongly in the final furlong. **#7 Carmen Amalia** has enough early speed to stay within striking distance throughout and could prove stubborn if left alone on the lead. **#3 Giovanna Marie** offers upset potential at attractive odds and has the pedigree to continue improving with experience.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **2-6** • Trifecta **2-6 / 2-6-7 / 3-7** • Superfecta **2-6 / 2-6-7 / 3-7 / ALL**

Race 3 – Top 4 Picks: #3 Maria Louise - #2 Noble Glow - #4 Wedelia - #7 Slow Kara

#3 Maria Louise gets the nod after showing the steady progression expected from a Todd Pletcher trainee. She has enough tactical speed to secure excellent position and may prove toughest in the stretch. **#2 Noble Glow** exits competitive company for Chad Brown and should appreciate another opportunity to earn her diploma. She projects a comfortable stalking trip. **#4 Wedelia** is a logical contender as the likely favorite after displaying the talent expected from the Brad Cox barn, and she must be respected despite settling for third on our ticket. **#7 Slow Kara** has enough upside to complete the exotics if she continues moving forward.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **2-3** • Trifecta **2-3 / 2-3-4 / 4-7** • Superfecta **2-3 / 2-3-4 / 4-7 / ALL**

Race 4 – Top 4 Picks: #7 Serendipity - #2 Unreasonable - #1 Relaxx - #5 Lady Firefoot

#7 Serendipity has done little wrong in recent starts and appears well placed to add another victory. She owns the ideal combination of tactical speed and finishing kick while representing the always-dangerous Brad Cox barn. **#2 Unreasonable** consistently fires competitive races and should secure a favorable stalking trip under Manuel Franco. **#1 Relaxx** draws the rail and has enough class to save ground before making one late run through the lane. **#5 Lady Firefoot** is the veteran of the group and has repeatedly shown the ability to pick up pieces late against similar company.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **2-7** • Trifecta **2-7 / 1-2-7 / 1-5** • Superfecta **2-7 / 1-2-7 / 1-5 / ALL**

Race 5 – Top 4 Picks: #7 Imagine John - #2 Mr. Hooligan - #6 Sharons Beach - #4 Ramajay

#7 Imagine John gets the slight edge in a wide-open event because his recent races suggest he is sitting on a career-best effort. He should enjoy a favorable pace setup and can finish strongest in the final furlong. **#2 Mr. Hooligan** has proven competitive against similar company and owns enough tactical speed to work out an ideal trip throughout. **#6 Sharons Beach** is the deserving morning-line favorite whose consistency makes him impossible to ignore, while **#4 Ramajay** has enough class and finishing punch to complete the major exotics if he receives a clean journey.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **2-7** • Trifecta **2-7 / 2-6-7 / 4-6** • Superfecta **2-7 / 2-6-7 / 4-6 / ALL**

Race 6 – Top 4 Picks: #6 Queenly - #9 Without Hesitation - #7 Rockabye - #3 Embouteillage

#6 Queenly gets the nod in this competitive juvenile filly event after posting a series of encouraging works that suggest she is ready to fire first time out. George Weaver has excellent success with young runners, and this filly appears quick enough to secure a favorable stalking trip before taking over in the lane. **#9 Without Hesitation** is the logical danger for Wesley Ward. She has displayed plenty of speed in the mornings and should be prominent from the start. **#7 Rockabye** has trained steadily for Miguel Clement and looks capable of making an immediate impact, while **#3 Embouteillage** has shown enough ability in the morning to round out the Top 4.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **6-9** • Trifecta **6-9 / 6-7-9 / 3-7** • Superfecta **6-9 / 6-7-9 / 3-7 / ALL**

Race 7 – Top 4 Picks: #9 Abrigado - #2 Implacable - #7 Draft Riots - #8 Wingfoot

#9 Abrigado looks like the horse to beat after facing stronger company while consistently earning speed figures that fit well against this field. Brad Cox's runner has enough tactical speed to work out an ideal trip and should get first run turning for home. **#2 Implacable** is capable of making things interesting if he reproduces his better efforts and figures to be sitting just behind the early pace. **#7 Draft Riots** is another improving runner with enough consistency to threaten throughout, while **#8 Wingfoot** should appreciate the class relief and can rally late for a share.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **2-9** • Trifecta **2-9 / 2-7-9 / 7-8** • Superfecta **2-9 / 2-7-9 / 7-8 / ALL**

Race 8 – Top 4 Picks: #3 Tirupati - #5 Marketplaceofideas - #6 Brisbane - #1 Ashikidah

#3 Tirupati gets the call in this competitive turf event based on her steady recent form and the likelihood of securing an ideal stalking trip behind honest fractions. She has consistently finished well and appears poised for another strong effort. **#5 Marketplaceofideas** has the ability to improve with the class relief and should be finishing strongly through the lane. **#6 Brisbane** brings proven back class and enough tactical speed to stay within striking distance throughout, while **#1 Ashikidah** draws well and owns enough ability to complete the exotics with a ground-saving trip.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **3-5** • Trifecta **3-5 / 3-5-6 / 1-6** • Superfecta **3-5 / 3-5-6 / 1-6 / ALL**

Race 9 – Top 4 Picks: #2 Landed - #7 Iron Orchard - #6 Usha - #3 Munnings Express

#2 Landed gets the slight edge in a well-matched field because she has the tactical speed to secure ideal position while offering value against the favorite. If she moves forward off recent efforts, she has every chance to spring the mild upset. **#7 Iron Orchard** continues to improve for the Asmussen barn and should enjoy a favorable stalking trip. **#6 Usha** is the deserving favorite whose consistent form makes her a must-use in all wagers, while **#3 Munnings Express** has enough late kick to complete the superfecta if the pace becomes contested.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **2-7** • Trifecta **2-7 / 2-6-7 / 3-6** • Superfecta **2-7 / 2-6-7 / 3-6 / ALL**

Race 10 – Top 4 : #5 Bourboncentric - #10 Classic Commander - #7 Chris's Song - #1 Beau Cheval

#5 Bourboncentric receives the call in this wide-open finale after showing the type of improving form that suggests another forward move is coming. He has enough tactical speed to work out an ideal trip before making his move approaching the stretch. **#10 Classic Commander** has run well against comparable company and should be finishing strongly in the final furlong. **#7 Chris's Song** brings consistent recent form and cannot be overlooked despite the competitive field, while **#1 Beau Cheval** has enough class to grab a share with a ground-saving journey from the inside.

EXOTICS: Exacta Box **5-10** • Trifecta **5-10 / 5-7-10 / 1-7** • Superfecta **5-10 / 5-7-10 / 1-7 / ALL**

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FEATURED PICKS

BEST BET: Abrigado (Race 7)

#9 Abrigado looks like the strongest play on today's Saratoga card based on his class edge, improving form, and ideal pace scenario. Brad Cox has placed this three-year-old in a spot where he should be able to secure a perfect stalking trip before making his move turning for home. His recent speed figures compare favorably with this field, and the presence of enough early pace should allow him every opportunity to unleash his best finish in the stretch. If he reproduces his recent efforts, **Abrigado has an outstanding chance to deliver as today's Best Bet.**

BEST VALUE PLAY: Roja Redemption (Race 1)

#6 Roja Redemption offers excellent wagering value in the opening hurdle. Jack Fisher's veteran has consistently competed against quality jumpers and appears to be rounding back into top form after several solid performances. His tactical versatility should allow him to stay within striking range throughout before taking command approaching the final fences. With much of the betting likely centered on McTigue, Roja Redemption offers a more attractive price while possessing every bit the ability to win, making him today's Best Value Play.

LIVE LONGSHOT: Imagine John (Race 5)

#7 Imagine John has the profile of a runner capable of outrunning his odds in this competitive allowance. His recent races suggest he continues to improve, and today's pace scenario should give him every opportunity to settle comfortably before producing his strongest run through the stretch. While several logical contenders will attract the majority of the wagering attention, Imagine John has enough talent and upside to upset this field if he continues his progression. At what should be generous odds, he is today's **Live Longshot and an excellent horse to key in exotic wagers.**

