

Dennis Stagliano's Saratoga Tip Sheet



SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

1st Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Mystik Bayou	2 C		123	Elliott Christopher	McPeck Kenneth G.
2	Mystrix	2 C		123	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Gargan Danny
3	Livid	2 G		123	Lezcano Jose	Pletcher Todd A.
4	U. S. S. Valor	2 C		123	Franco Manuel	McGaughey III Claude R.
5	Tap Our Way	2 C		123	Prat Flavien	Brown Chad C.
6	Gold On Black	2 C		123	Zayas Edgard J.	Mott Riley
7	Credit	2 C		123	Davis Dylan	Pletcher Todd A.
8	Implied Open	2 C		123	Castellano Javier	Walden William
9	Belzoni	2 C		123	Alvarado Junior	Mott William I.
10	Spencer's Angel	2 C		123	Lopez Paco	Clement Miguel

2nd Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Howard's Hope	2 G		122	Lezcano Jose	De Paz Horacio
2	Liam's Law	2 C		122	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Pletcher Todd A.
3	High Official	2 C		122	Prat Flavien	Pletcher Todd A.
4	Bold Leadership	2 C		120	Franco Manuel	Pletcher Todd A.
5	Perfect Dream	2 C		122	Sutherland Chantal	Delgado Jorge

3rd Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Blown Cover	5 H	L	126	Silvera Ruben	Rodriguez Rudy R.
2	Funny Factor	3 C	L	122	Alvarado Junior	Walden William
3	Ardagh Red (IRE)	4 G		126	Hernandez Moreno Omar	Henry Neville
4	Highlands Way	4 G	L	126	Franco Manuel	Pletcher Todd A.
5	Thirteen Colonies	4 G	L	126	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Antonacci Philip
6	Shirl's Soul Town	4 C	L	126	Lezcano Jose	Rice Linda
7	Favorable Scenario	6 G	L b	126	Prat Flavien	Brown Chad C.
8	Cuando	5 G	L	126	Rider TBA	Levine Bruce N.
9	Chillax	4 G	L	126	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Jacobson David
10	Swaging	5 G	L	126	Elliott Christopher	Potts Wayne

4th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Factually Correct	6 G	L	126	Elliott Christopher	Samsundar Roshan
2	Stewie	5 G	L	126	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Friedman Mitchell E.
3	Bold Fortune	4 G		126	Davis Dylan	Weaver George
4	Three B's	4 C	L	126	Lezcano Jose	Rice Linda
5	Party in the Army	3 C	L	123	Alvarado Junior	Englehart Jeremiah C.
6	Ten Cent Town	6 G	L	126	Franco Manuel	Cox Brad H.
7	B Thedonald	3 G	L	123	Prat Flavien	De Paz Horacio
8	Antonio of Venice	5 G	L	126	Silvera Ruben	Rodriguez Rudy R.
9	On the Hill	7 G	L	126	Zayas Edgard J.	Bond H. James

5th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Christopher Vedder	2 F		123	Franco Manuel	Cox Brad H.
2	Joy of Life	2 F		123	Alvarado Junior	Mott William I.
3	Get My Good Side	2 F		123	Castellano Javier	Green Amelia J.
4	Help a Girl Out	2 F		123	Lezcano Jose	Pletcher Todd A.
5	Rum Twist	2 F		123	Lopez Paco	Hennig Mark A.
6	Aerial Affair	2 F		123	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Antonucci Jena M.
7	Stefania	2 F		123	Elliott Christopher	Gargan Danny
8	Secret Wish	2 F		123	Prat Flavien	Brown Chad C.
9	Flightress	2 F		123	Zayas Edgard J.	McGaughey III Claude R.
10	Naughty Nancy	2 F		123	Davis Dylan	Schultz Lindsay

6th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Wynstock	5 H	L	123	Lopez Paco	Sharp Joe
2	Urban Planner	4 G	L	123	Silvera Ruben	Jacobson David
3	Tuscan Sky	5 G	L	123	Prat Flavien	Pletcher Todd A.
4	Doc Sullivan	5 H	L	123	Franco Manuel	Green Amelia J.
5	Reasoned Analysis	5 G	L	121	Davis Dylan	Brown Chad C.
6	Kinetic	5 G	L	123	Zayas Edgard J.	Kantarmaci Ilkay
7	Donegal Surges	6 H	L	123	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Pletcher Todd A.
8	Otello	5 H	L	123	Gonzalez Silvestre	Kantarmaci Ilkay

7th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Free Legal Advice	2 C		123	Worrie Andre Shivnarine	Summers Chad
2	Floyd the Barber	2 C		123	Davis Dylan	Weaver George
3	True Essence	2 C		123	Franco Manuel	Cox Brad H.
4	Mischief Time	2 C		123	Castellano Javier	Pletcher Todd A.
5	Pops Novo	2 C		123	Zayas Edgard J.	Beckman D. Whitworth
6	Electro	2 C		123	Prat Flavien	Pletcher Todd A.
7	Champagne Coast	2 C		123	Lezcano Jose	Mott Riley
8	Jackpot Rocket	2 C		123	Alvarado Junior	Mott William I.
9	Pharocity	2 C		123	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Asmussen Steven M.
10	D. C.'s Army	2 C		123	Elliott Christopher	McPeck Kenneth G.

8th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Pass On By	2 C		123	Lezcano Jose	McGaughey III Claude R.
2	Katz in the Cradle	2 C		123	Worrie Andre Shivnarine	Summers Chad
3	Artemis Two	2 C		123	Castellano Javier	Cox Brad H.
4	Vintage Velocity	2 C		123	Elliott Christopher	McPeck Kenneth G.
5	Related Party	2 C		123	Prat Flavien	Brown Chad C.
6	Stock Rising	2 C		123	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Pletcher Todd A.
7	Rapidly Royal	2 C		123	Davis Katie	Ferraro James W.
8	Christopher Wool	2 C		123	Alvarado Junior	Mott William I.
9	Lithos	2 C		123	Zayas Edgard J.	Beckman D. Whitworth
10	Framer	2 C		123	Davis Dylan	Pletcher Todd A.

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
11	Renegade Spirit	2 C		123	Franco Manuel	Clement Miguel
12	Squadron	2 C		123	Rider TBA	Mott William I.
13	Motawaali	2 C		123	Rider TBA	Mott William I.

9th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Anyway	3 C	L	123	Prat Flavien	Rice Linda
2	Grunge	3 C	L b	123	Lopez Paco	Clement Miguel
3	Ortley Avenue (IRE)	4 C	L	126	Castellano Javier	Weaver George
4	Imagine John	3 C	L	123	Morelos Jose E.	Antonucci Jena M.
5	Money Makes Money	5 G	L	126	Lezcano Jose	Diodoro Robertino
6	Virtuosity	4 G	L	126	Zayas Edgard J.	Trombetta Michael J.
7	Global Asset	4 G	L	126	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Antonacci Philip
8	Brightline Bullet	4 G	L	126	Franco Manuel	Clement Miguel
9	After Taxes (IRE)	4 G	L	126	Davis Dylan	Brown Bruce R.
10	Oil Capital	4 C	L	126	Lezcano Jose	Rice Linda

10th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Discotheque	4 G	L	126	Morelos Jose E.	Sweezy J. Kent
2	Papa Yo	5 G	L	126	Castellano Javier	Rice Linda
3	Courting	3 R	L	122	Prat Flavien	Pletcher Todd A.
4	Lion of Justice	4 C	L	126	Franco Manuel	Cox Brad H.
5	Preside	3 C	L	122	Davis Dylan	Asmussen Steven M.
6	Hop Sing	5 G	L	126	Worrie Andre Shivanine	Summers Chad
7	Iron Dome	4 C	L	126	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Asmussen Steven M.
8	Annexperience	4 G	L	126	Lezcano Jose	Englehart Jeremiah C.
9	Universe	3 G	L	122	Elliott Christopher	McPeck Kenneth G.
10	Gulfy	3 C	L	122	Zayas Edgard J.	Rodriguez Gustavo
11	Commerce	3 C	L	122	Alvarado Junior	Mott William I.

11th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Bandmaster	2 F		122	Lezcano Jose	Barrera III Oscar S.
2	Summer Starlet	2 F		122	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Asmussen Steven M.
3	Cha Cha Baby	2 F		122	Sanchez Mychel J.	Reid, Jr. Robert E.
4	Stress Relief	2 F		122	Alvarado Junior	LaRose Kinnon
5	Girvy Girl	2 F		122	Husbands Micah J.	Joseph, Jr. Saffie A.
6	Harper's Corner	2 F		122	Lopez Paco	Lynch Cathal A.
7	Angel of Kirk	2 F		122	Franco Manuel	Cox Brad H.
8	Life Changing	2 F		122	Prat Flavien	Pletcher Todd A.

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12th Race

PP	Horse	A/S	M/E	Wgt	Jockey	Trainer
1	Salt Princess	3 F	L	122	Silvera Ruben	Donk David G.
2	Hidden Presence	5 M	L	126	Davis Dylan	Noda Orlando
3	Ori	5 M	L	126	Prat Flavien	Nevin Michelle
4	Saratoga Snow	4 F	L	126	Lopez Paco	Dini Michael
5	Sweet Dutchess	7 M	L	126	Santana, Jr. Ricardo	Abreu Jorge R.
6	Bertrille	5 M	L	126	Davis Katie	Shivmangal Lolita
7	Griselda (FR)	4 F	L	126	Franco Manuel	Brown Chad C.
8	Hauntress	5 M	L	126	Rivera Dalila A.	Arriaga Antonio
9	Racing Colors	7 M	L	126	Harkie Heman K.	Follett Norman C.
10	Y'allreadyforthis	3 F	L	122	Elliott Christopher	Arriaga Antonio
11	Lotus Petal	4 F	L	126	Morelos Jose E.	Antonucci Jena M.
12	Sarir	5 M	L	126	Lezcano Jose	Rice Linda

DENNIS STAGLIANO'S SARATOGA PICKS FOR TODAY

BEST BET — RACE 12 — #7 GRISELDA (FR)

#7 Griselda (FR) gets the Best Bet designation in the Saratoga finale. Manuel Franco takes the mount for Chad Brown on this four-year-old filly, giving her a high-quality rider-trainer combination. She draws post seven in the 12-horse field and carries 126 pounds. Franco's experience and Brown's presence make her an attractive horse to build the final-race wagering around. The field offers several alternatives from respected barns, but **#7 Griselda (FR)** is our preferred win play.

BEST VALUE PLAY — RACE 5 — #8 SECRET WISH

#8 Secret Wish is the Best Value Play in Race 5. Flavien Prat rides the two-year-old filly for Chad Brown, and she breaks from post eight in the 10-horse field. Prat's presence is particularly attractive with a young horse because he gives his mounts every opportunity to secure a favorable position. Brown adds further appeal to a filly who deserves serious wagering consideration. **#8 Secret Wish** is our preferred play in Race 5 and an excellent horse to use prominently in the exotics.

LIVE LONGSHOT — RACE 8 — #8 CHRISTOPHER WOOL

#8 Christopher Wool is our Live Longshot candidate in the eighth race if the tote board delivers an attractive price. Junior Alvarado rides this two-year-old colt for Bill Mott, an accomplished Saratoga combination. He draws post eight in a large field, giving Alvarado some flexibility as the race develops. The size of the field could help create a worthwhile wagering opportunity, particularly if attention gravitates elsewhere. **#8 Christopher Wool** becomes especially appealing at a square price.

RACE 1

TOP 4 PICKS: #5 TAP OUR WAY – #3 LIVID – #7 CREDIT – #9 BELZONI

#5 Tap Our Way gets the opening-race call with Flavien Prat aboard for Chad Brown. The Prat-Brown combination makes this two-year-old colt an immediate player from post five. **#3 Livid** has Jose Lezcano aboard for Todd Pletcher and is the main danger. Pletcher also sends out **#7 Credit**, this time with Dylan Davis in the saddle. **#9 Belzoni** completes the Top 4 for Bill Mott and Junior Alvarado. This juvenile field brings together several powerful Saratoga barns, and we'll give **#5 Tap Our Way** the edge while using the other three prominently underneath.

EXOTICS: EX: 5-3 – TRI: 5-3-7 – SUPER: 5-3-7-9 / ALL

RACE 2

TOP 4 PICKS: #3 HIGH OFFICIAL – #4 BOLD LEADERSHIP – #2 LIAM'S LAW – #1 HOWARD'S HOPE

Todd Pletcher sends out three of our four primary horses in this compact five-horse field. **#3 High Official** gets Flavien Prat and is our preferred win play. **#4 Bold Leadership**, with Manuel Franco aboard, gets second billing and carries 120 pounds. **#2 Liam's Law** has Ricardo Santana Jr. aboard and gives Pletcher another serious threat. **#1 Howard's Hope** draws the rail for Horacio De Paz and Jose Lezcano and completes the ticket. With only five runners entered, the emphasis should be on getting the finishing order right rather than spreading too deeply.

EXOTICS: EX: 3-4 – TRI: 3-4-2 – SUPER: 3-4-2-1

RACE 3

TOP 4 PICKS: #7 FAVORABLE SCENARIO – #6 SHIRL'S SOUL TOWN – #4 HIGHLANDS WAY – #2 FUNNY FACTOR

#7 Favorable Scenario is our top choice with Flavien Prat riding for Chad Brown. **#6 Shirl's Soul Town** gets Jose Lezcano for Linda Rice and rates as the principal challenger. **#4 Highlands Way** gives Todd Pletcher and Manuel Franco a strong presence in the race and belongs on the exotic tickets. **#2 Funny Factor**, with Junior Alvarado aboard for William Walden, rounds out the Top 4. The leading selections represent several of Saratoga's strongest connections, and **#7 Favorable Scenario** is the horse we'll use on top while respecting the other three underneath.

EXOTICS: EX: 7-6 – TRI: 7-6-4 – SUPER: 7-6-4-2 / ALL

RACE 4

TOP 4 PICKS: #7 B THEDONALD – #6 TEN CENT TOWN – #4 THREE B'S – #5 PARTY IN THE ARMY

#7 B Thedonald gets the call with Flavien Prat riding for Horacio De Paz. The three-year-old carries 123 pounds and draws toward the outside of this nine-horse field. **#6 Ten Cent Town** is the second choice with Manuel Franco aboard for Brad Cox and deserves serious consideration. **#4 Three B's** brings together Jose Lezcano and Linda Rice and fits nicely in the exotic mix. **#5 Party in the Army**, ridden by Junior Alvarado for Jeremiah Englehart, completes the Top 4. This is a competitive group, so we'll key **#7 B Thedonald** while keeping the other three involved underneath.

EXOTICS: EX: 7-6 – TRI: 7-6-4 – SUPER: 7-6-4-5 / ALL

RACE 5

TOP 4 PICKS: #8 SECRET WISH – #1 CHRISTOPHER VEDDER – #2 JOY OF LIFE – #4 HELP A GIRL OUT

#8 Secret Wish gets top billing for Flavien Prat and Chad Brown and is our Best Value Play. **#1 Christopher Vedder** draws the rail with Manuel Franco aboard for Brad Cox and is the second choice. **#2 Joy of Life** brings Junior Alvarado and Bill Mott together and deserves inclusion in all the major exotic combinations. **#4 Help a Girl Out** completes a formidable group with Jose Lezcano riding for Todd Pletcher. Four accomplished barns are represented in our Top 4, but **#8 Secret Wish** is the filly we'll put on top.

EXOTICS: EX: 8-1 – TRI: 8-1-2 – SUPER: 8-1-2-4 / ALL

RACE 6

TOP PICKS: #3 TUSCAN SKY – #5 REASONED ANALYSIS – #7 DONEGAL SURGES

#3 Tuscan Sky gets the top call with Flavien Prat aboard for Todd Pletcher. The five-year-old gelding carries 123 pounds and draws post three in the eight-horse field. **#5 Reasoned Analysis** represents Chad Brown with Dylan Davis aboard and carries 121 pounds, giving him a two-pound advantage over most of the field. **#7 Donegal Surges** gives Pletcher another dangerous entrant with Ricardo Santana Jr. riding. The strength of the connections makes all three serious contenders, with **#3 Tuscan Sky** the horse we'll key on top.

EXOTICS: EX: 3-5 – TRI: 3-5-7

RACE 7

TOP 4 PICKS: #6 ELECTRO – #3 TRUE ESSENCE – #8 JACKPOT ROCKET – #9 PHAROCITY

#6 Electro is our first choice with Flavien Prat riding for Todd Pletcher. **#3 True Essence** has Manuel Franco aboard for Brad Cox and is the principal alternative. **#8 Jackpot Rocket** brings together Junior Alvarado and Bill Mott and deserves a spot in the trifecta and superfecta combinations. **#9 Pharocity** completes the Top 4 with Ricardo Santana Jr. aboard for Steve Asmussen. These two-year-old colts represent several major barns, but we'll make **#6 Electro** the key horse and work the other three underneath.

EXOTICS: EX: 6-3 – TRI: 6-3-8 – SUPER: 6-3-8-9 / ALL

RACE 8

TOP 4 PICKS: #5 RELATED PARTY – #8 CHRISTOPHER WOOL – #3 ARTEMIS TWO – #6 STOCK RISING

#5 Related Party gets the top call with Flavien Prat aboard for Chad Brown. **#8 Christopher Wool**, ridden by Junior Alvarado for Bill Mott, is our second choice and could become particularly attractive if the tote board offers a worthwhile price. **#3 Artemis Two** represents Brad Cox and Javier Castellano and belongs prominently in the exotics. **#6 Stock Rising** completes the Top 4 for Todd Pletcher and Ricardo Santana Jr. This is a deep 13-horse juvenile field, making broader exotic coverage worthwhile while keeping **#5 Related Party** in the key position.

EXOTICS: EX: 5-8 – TRI: 5-8-3 – SUPER: 5-8-3-6 / ALL

RACE 9

TOP 4 PICKS: #1 ANYWAY – #8 BRIGHTLINE BULLET – #5 MONEY MAKES MONEY – #3 ORTLEY AVENUE (IRE)

#1 Anyway gets the call from the rail with Flavien Prat riding for Linda Rice. **#8 Brightline Bullet** is the second choice for Miguel Clement and Manuel Franco and deserves plenty of respect. **#5 Money Makes Money** has Jose Lezcano aboard for Robertino Diodoro and takes the third spot. **#3 Ortle Avenue (IRE)** rounds out the Top 4 with Javier Castellano riding for George Weaver. **#1 Anyway** is our preferred win play, and the other three give us enough coverage to construct exacta, trifecta and superfecta combinations around the rail horse.

EXOTICS: EX: 1-8 – TRI: 1-8-5 – SUPER: 1-8-5-3 / ALL

RACE 10

TOP 4 PICKS: #3 COURTING – #4 LION OF JUSTICE – #5 PRESIDE – #2 PAPA YO

#3 Courting is the top selection with Flavien Prat aboard for Todd Pletcher. The three-year-old carries 122 pounds against several older rivals carrying 126. **#4 Lion of Justice** is a dangerous second choice for Brad Cox and Manuel Franco. **#5 Preside** gets Dylan Davis for Steve Asmussen and earns third billing. **#2 Papa Yo** completes the Top 4 with Javier Castellano riding for Linda Rice. There is considerable strength among these four connections, and we'll lean on **#3 Courting** as the win horse while using all four in the deeper exotic combinations.

EXOTICS: EX: 3-4 – TRI: 3-4-5 – SUPER: 3-4-5-2 / ALL

RACE 11

TOP 4 PICKS: #8 LIFE CHANGING – #7 ANGEL OF KIRK – #1 BANDMASTER – #4 STRESS RELIEF

#8 Life Changing gets top billing with Flavien Prat riding for Todd Pletcher. **#7 Angel of Kirk** is the main threat with Manuel Franco aboard for Brad Cox. **#1 Bandmaster** draws the rail with Jose Lezcano riding for Oscar Barrera III and earns the third position. **#4 Stress Relief**, with Junior Alvarado aboard for Kinnon LaRose, completes the Top 4. This eight-horse juvenile filly field gives us a strong top pair in **#8 Life Changing** and **#7 Angel of Kirk**, and those two will form the foundation of our exotic wagering.

EXOTICS: EX: 8-7 – TRI: 8-7-1 – SUPER: 8-7-1-4 / ALL

RACE 12

TOP 4 PICKS: #7 GRISELDA (FR) – #3 ORI – #12 SARIR – #5 SWEET DUTCHESS

#7 Griselda (FR) is our Best Bet and gets the call for Manuel Franco and Chad Brown. **#3 Ori** is the second choice with Flavien Prat riding for Michelle Nevin. **#12 Sarir** represents Linda Rice with Jose Lezcano aboard and must overcome the outside post in this 12-horse field. **#5 Sweet Dutchess** completes the Top 4 for Jorge Abreu and Ricardo Santana Jr. The finale gives us a solid group for the exotics, but the main wagering position is straightforward: **#7 Griselda (FR)** is the horse we'll build around to close the Saratoga card.

EXOTICS: EX: 7-3 – TRI: 7-3-12 – SUPER: 7-3-12-5 / ALL

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