

Dennis Stagliano's Saratoga Tip Sheet



Wednesday August 27, 2025

1st Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Givemefive (IRE)	3/1	Gerard Galligan	158	5 G		Cyril Murphy
2	The Insider (IRE)	12/1	Bernard Dalton	142	6 G		Keri Brion
3	Who's Counting (MD)	5/1	Sean McDermott	150	7 G		Sean McDermott
4	Hidden Path (KY)	10/1	Conor Tierney	150	5 G		Richard J. Hendriks
5	Quick Master (KY)	10/1	Graham Watters	144	6 G		Jack Fisher
6	Sweet Will (IRE)	15/1	Freddie Procter	142	8 G		Archibald J. Kingsley, Jr.
7	St James the Great (KY)	15/1	Danny Mullins	142	4 G		Keri Brion
8	Zarak the Brave (FR)	4/1	Evan Dwan	158	6 G		Thomas Garner
9	Jimmy P (KY)	5/2	Stephen Mulqueen	154	7 G	o	Keri Brion

2nd Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Essentially Fast (NY)	20/1	Dylan Davis	118	2 G		Gary C. Contessa
2	Toga Twist (NY)	1/1	Manuel Franco	122	2 C		Jeremiah C. Englehart
3	Fourth and One (NY)	8/5	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	118	2 G		Jeremiah C. Englehart
4	Rumblyoungmanrumbl (NY)	15/1	Javier Castellano	118	2 C		Gary C. Contessa
5	Minorinconvenience (NY)	5/2	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	122	2 C		Amelia J. Green

3rd Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Seaver (NY)	12/1	Dylan Davis	122	6 G	L	Bruce R. Brown
2	I'm Wide Awake (NY)	8/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	124	5 G	L	Norm W. Casse
3	Bosun (NY)	2/1	Kendrick Carmouche	124	4 C	L	Joe Sharp
4	Clancy Fancy (NY)	9/2	Joel Rosario	122	5 G	L	Chris J. Englehart
5	Vacation Dance (NY)	5/2	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	122	5 H	L	Brad H. Cox
6	Russi (NY)	6/1	Javier Castellano	122	5 G	L	H. James Bond
7	Yarrow (NY)	6/1	Manuel Franco	122	7 G	L	Miguel Clement
8	Bostonian (NY)	5/2	Lanfranco Dettori	118	3 G	L	Wesley A. Ward
9	My Man Matty (NY)	4/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	122	7 G	L	Bruce N. Levine

4th Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Wonderful Justice (GB)	5/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	123	5 H	L	Joe Sharp
2	Ruse (NY)	12/1	Dylan Davis	123	7 G	L	Timothy A. Hills
3	Irwin (IRE)	4/1	Joel Rosario	123	7 G	L	Philip Antonacci
4	Johnny's Fireball (KY)	4/1	Jose Lezcano	123	7 G	L	Norm W. Casse
5	Belouni (FR)	7/2	Manuel Franco	125	5 G	L	Chad C. Brown
6	Son of a Birch (KY)	5/1	Flavien Prat	123	5 G	L o	Thomas Morley
7	Tut's Revenge (KY)	9/2	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	123	9 G	L	Michael J. Maker
8	Fredo (KY)	15/1	Christopher Elliott	123	6 R	L	Antonio Sano

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5th Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Discotheque (KY)	3/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	119	3 R	L	Michael J. Maker
2	Grand Gesture (FL)	7/2	Junior Alvarado	119	3 C	L	William I. Mott
3	Fiddling Felix (KY)	4/1	Joel Rosario	119	3 G	L	Fernando Abreu
4	Party With Smarty (PA)	20/1	Lane J. Luzzi	124	5 G		Jaime Gutierrez-Herrera
5	Solutions (KY)	6/1	Manuel Franco	124	4 R	L	David G. Donk
6	Irrelevant (FL)	4/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	119	3 G	L b	Joe Sharp
7	Cultivate (PA)	7/2	Flavien Prat	119	3 G	L	Chad C. Brown

6th Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
3	Noguchi (KY)	7/2	Flavien Prat	118	3 C	L	Chad C. Brown
4	Got Stripes (KY)	8/1	Joel Rosario	118	3 C	L	Cherie DeVaux
1	Prove (KY)	2/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	118	3 C	L	Amelia J. Green
2	Extrasensory (KY)	3/1	Dylan Davis	118	3 C	L	Chad C. Brown
5	The Hero Code (KY)	12/1	Manuel Franco	124	4 G	L	A. Lands Trites
6	Reteko (KY)	6/1	Junior Alvarado	118	3 G	L	Thomas Morley
7	Dark Devil (KY)	15/1	Romero Ramsay Maragh	124	4 G	L	Rudy R. Rodriguez
1AA	Battle Drum (FR)	2/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	118	3 R	L	Todd A. Pletcher
8	Captcha (KY)	12/1	Jose Lezcano	118	3 G	L	Philip Antonacci
2BB	Complex Agenda (KY)	3/1	Kendrick Carmouche	118	3 C	L	Todd A. Pletcher
9	Metatron (NY)	10/1	Javier Castellano	124	4 G	L o	Carlos A. David
10	Last Man Standing (KY)	1/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	118	3 C	L	Linda Rice

7th Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
2	Masterwork (KY)	30/1	Dalton Brown	125	5 G	L	Norman C. Follett
1	Baron of Sealand (NY)	2/1	Kendrick Carmouche	125	4 G	L	Danny Gargan
3	Lou (FL)	8/1	Dylan Davis	120	3 G	L	Joe Sharp
4	Solo Empire (NY)	8/1	Flavien Prat	125	4 G	L	Rudy R. Rodriguez
5	Funny Uncle (KY)	3/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	125	5 G	L	Michael J. Maker
1AA	Freedom Trail (KY)	2/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	125	5 G	L b	John P. Terranova II
6	Hours in a Day (KY)	6/1	Jose Lezcano	125	4 C	L	Linda Rice
7	Az U Chase Me (NY)	8/1	Manuel Franco	125	4 G	L	Chris J. Englehart
8	Mugatu (KY)	9/2	Joel Rosario	125	4 G	L	Steven M. Asmussen

8th Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Blanchett (KY)	7/2	Manuel Franco	118	2 F		H. Graham Motion
2	Time to Dream (KY)	2/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	122	2 F		Todd A. Pletcher
3	Bayou Brigid (FL)	15/1	Junior Alvarado	122	2 F		Heather Smullen
4	Tiz in Sight (KY)	5/1	Dylan Davis	122	2 F		Mark E. Casse
5	Sushi (NY)	20/1	Kendrick Carmouche	122	2 F		Jorge Delgado
6	Devilish Grin (KY)	10/1	Joel Rosario	118	2 F		Amelia J. Green
7	Scratch It (KY)	3/1	Flavien Prat	122	2 F		Brad H. Cox
8	Vernon Valley (NY)	8/1	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	122	2 F	b	Mark E. Casse
9	Americathegreat (KY)	3/1	Dylan Davis	122	2 F		Mark E. Casse

9th Race - Saratoga - Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Catholic Vice (KY)	20/1	Katie Davis	119	2 F		Carlos F. Martin
2	Bella Knows (OH)	6/1	Manuel Franco	119	2 F		Brad H. Cox
3	Doppio Espresso (KY)	5/1	Dylan Davis	119	2 F		Raymond Handal
4	Rudy Up (NY)	15/1	Jose Antonio Gomez	119	2 F	b	Rudy R. Rodriguez
5	American Mink (KY)	8/1	Flavien Prat	119	2 F		Thomas Morley
6	Revel Toast (KY)	7/2	Lane J. Luzzi	119	2 F		Thomas M. Amoss
7	Honor the Numbers (KY)	10/1	Kendrick Carmouche	119	2 F		Michelle Giangiulio
8	Miss Call (KY)	15/1	Luis R. Rivera, Jr.	119	2 F		Kenneth G. McPeck
9	Scorch (NY)	3/1	Joel Rosario	119	2 F		Fernando Abreu
10	Gigi Cake's (PA)	8/1	Christopher Elliott	119	2 F		Melanie Giddings
11	Turkish Pistachio (KY)	8/1	Junior Alvarado	119	2 F		Carlos A. David
12	Oscar Bound (KY)	12/1	Shaun Bridgmohan	119	2 F		Melanie Giddings
13	Rosie Dozie (KY)	8/1	Javier Castellano	119	2 F		Tareq Moubarak
14	Imperia Blue (KY)	12/1	Flavien Prat	119	2 F		Antonio Sano
15	Winrooski (FL)	6/1	Joel Rosario	119	2 F		Fernando Abreu
16	Imminent Risk (KY)	4/1	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	119	2 F		Joe Sharp

RACE BY RACE ANALYSIS**Race 1 – Jonathan Sheppard H. (Steeplechase, 2 3/8 miles)**

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$1 Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three / 50c Early Pick 5

Top 4: **#5 Quick Master, #9 Jimmy P, #8 Zarak the Brave (FR), #1 Givemefive (IRE)**

#5 Quick Master (Fisher/Watters) comes from a powerhouse steeplechase barn; DRF notes the barn wins 66% with local jumpers off 48-day breaks or less, and Cox highlighted the 4-for-6 stat with similar types. **#9 Jimmy P** (Brion/Mulqueen) was a winner of this race last year; Andy left this race blank, but Cox likes him second-off-layoff dropping blinkers. **#8 Zarak the Brave (FR)** (Garner/Dwan) had a troubled trip last out and looks dangerous with a cleaner journey. **#1 Givemefive (IRE)** (Murphy/Galligan) is consistent in jump company and rounds out the consensus Top 4.

Wagers: Exacta 5w9, 5w8; Trifecta 5w9w8, 5w9w1; Superfecta 5w9w8w1

Race 2 – Funny Cide S. (6f, 2yo NY-bred)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$1 Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three / 50c Early Pick 4

Top 4: **#2 Toga Twist, #3 Fourth and One, #5 Minorinconvenience, #1 Essentially Fast**

#2 Toga Twist (Englehart/Franco) won gamely on debut, and DRF notes his pedigree (Tomlinson 376) suggests that effort was no fluke. Andy and Cox both have him on top, making him the strong consensus pick. **#3 Fourth and One** (Englehart/Ortiz Jr.) adds depth from the same barn and brings a sharp speed figure. **#5 Minorinconvenience** (Green/Santana Jr.) crushed in his dirt debut, and Cox notes his outside draw gives him upside. **#1 Essentially Fast** (Contessa/Davis) has yet to show much, but DRF notes he tries dirt for the first time.

Wagers: Exacta 2w3, 2w5; Trifecta 2w3w5, 2w3w1; Superfecta 2w3w5w1

Race 3 – Allowance (1m Inner Turf, NY-bred)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$2 Quinella / 50c Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three / 50c Pick 6

Top 4: **#3 Bosun, #5 Vacation Dance, #1 Seaver, #7 Yarrow**

#3 Bosun (Sharp/Carmouche) won impressively here 7/19 with a career-best figure; DRF notes barn's hot form, and Andy/Cox both include him prominently. **#5 Vacation Dance** (Cox/Ortiz Jr.) has back class and speed, and Andy puts him high in his order. **#1 Seaver** (Brown/Davis) hasn't shown much lately, but Cox highlights trainer's strong turf sprint stat (3-for-4 with similar profiles). **#7 Yarrow** (Clement/Franco) has done his best work locally and Cox notes he runs well fresh.

Wagers: Exacta 3w5, 3w1; Trifecta 3w5w1, 3w5w7; Superfecta 3w5w1w7

Off Turf: 1-2-5-3-6

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Race 4 – Allowance (1m Inner Turf, \$40k claiming option)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$2 Quinella / 50c Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three / 50c Pick 4

Top 4: **#5 Belouni (FR)**, **#1 Wonderful Justice (GB)**, **#7 Tut's Revenge**, **#3 Irwin (IRE)**

#5 Belouni (FR) (Brown/Franco) exits a solid win at this level; DRF notes he's 2-for-3 with Franco and owns a sharp 9:4-2-0 mark at the trip. **#1 Wonderful Justice (GB)** (Sharp/Ortiz Jr.) gets a big rider upgrade and a favorable post shift, Andy includes him high. **#7 Tut's Revenge** (Maker/Santana Jr.) is a hard-knocking veteran with a 50% ITM record off layoffs; Cox highlights his 3:1-1-1 fresh record. **#3 Irwin (IRE)** (Antonacci/Rosario) is consistent at this level and worth using underneath.

Wagers: Exacta 5w1, 5w7; Trifecta 5w1w7, 5w1w3; Superfecta 5w1w7w3

Off Turf: 4-2-6-8-3

Race 5 – Maiden Special Weight (1 1/16m Turf)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$1 Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three / 50c Pick 4

Top 4: **#3 Fiddling Felix**, **#2 Grand Gesture**, **#1 Discotheque**, **#6 Irrelevant**

#3 Fiddling Felix (Abreu/Rosario) ran well when moved up off the claim; DRF notes Fernando Abreu's strong 2nd-off-claim stat (3-for-4). **#2 Grand Gesture** (Mott/Alvarado) debuts with sharp works; Andy has him second. **#1 Discotheque** (Maker/Santana Jr.) has chronic seconditis but reliable numbers; Cox notes his exacta streak. **#6 Irrelevant** (Sharp/Ortiz Jr.) is well-bred and DRF notes Sharp's turf routers fire second off a break.

Wagers: Exacta 3w2, 3w1; Trifecta 3w2w1, 3w2w6; Superfecta 3w2w1w6

Race 6 – Maiden Special Weight (1 1/16m Turf)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$2 Quinella / 50c Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three / 50c Pick 4 / 50c Pick 6

Top 4: **#1AA Battle Drum (FR)**, **#3 Noguchi**, **#2BB Complex Agenda**, **#6 Reteko**

#1AA Battle Drum (FR) (Pletcher/Ortiz Jr.) adds Lasix and blinkers; DRF notes Pletcher's turf routers with Ortiz win at 28%. **#3 Noguchi** (Brown/Prat) stretches out on turf and should improve; Cox notes he's dropping again. **#2BB Complex Agenda** (Pletcher/Carmouche) is a well-bred colt; Andy uses him prominently. **#6 Reteko** (Morley/Alvarado) halves in price and is competitive underneath.

Wagers: Exacta 1AAw3, 1AAw2BB; Trifecta 1AAw3w2BB, 1AAw3w6; Superfecta 1AAw3w2BBw6

Off Turf: 3-6-1-1AA-10(MTO)

Race 7 – Allowance Optional Claiming (1 1/8m Dirt)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$1 Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double / 50c Rolling Pick Three

Top 4: **#1AA Freedom Trail**, **#5 Funny Uncle**, **#6 Hours in a Day**, **#8 Mugatu**

#1AA Freedom Trail (Terranova/Santana Jr.) switches back to dirt with blinkers; DRF notes he ran well in prior dirt try. **#5 Funny Uncle** (Maker/Ortiz Jr.) is consistent at this level; DRF notes Maker's 25% win rate in these spots. **#6 Hours in a Day** (Rice/Lezcano) has been popular at the claim box and is steady; Cox likes him as logical ITM. **#8 Mugatu** (Asmussen/Rosario) drops to a career-low level and has back class (Preakness runner).

Wagers: Exacta 1AAw5, 1AAw6; Trifecta 1AAw5w6, 1AAw5w8; Superfecta 1AAw5w6w8

Race 8 – P.G. Johnson S. (1 1/16m Inner Turf, 2yo fillies)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$1 Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / \$2 Rolling Double

Top 4: **#1 Blanchett**, **#2 Time to Dream**, **#7 Scratch It**, **#4 Tiz in Sight**

#1 Blanchett (Motion/Franco) debuted with late interest, stretches out, and should improve; DRF notes winner of her debut came back to win again. **#2 Time to Dream** (Pletcher/Ortiz Jr.) looked sharp winning first out; \$160k purchase has upside. **#7 Scratch It** (Cox/Prat) adds class from a barn that wins 25% with 2yo turf fillies. **#4 Tiz in Sight** (Casse/Davis) owns steady works and is well-bred.

Wagers: Exacta 1w2, 1w7; Trifecta 1w2w7, 1w2w4; Superfecta 1w2w7w4 - Off Turf: 2-1-4-9-3

Race 9 – Maiden Special Weight (5.5f Turf, 2yo fillies)

Wager Types: \$1 Exacta / \$1 Trifecta / \$1 Superfecta / 50c Super High 5

Top 4: **#6 Revel Toast**, **#9 Scorch**, **#3 Doppio Espresso**, **#13 Rosie Dozie**

#6 Revel Toast (Amoss/Luzzi) has experience and strong pace figs; Cox made her his best bet, noting her versatility dirt/turf. **#9 Scorch** (Abreu/Rosario) was green at the start but showed ability; DRF notes turf pedigree is a question. **#3 Doppio Espresso** (Handal/Davis) debuted with a solid effort and should move forward. **#13 Rosie Dozie** (Moubarak/Castellano) has back-class pedigree and can spice up the exotics.

Wagers: Exacta 6w9, 6w3; Trifecta 6w9w3, 6w9w13; Superfecta 6w9w3w13

Off Turf: 6-9-16(AE)-8-10

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