



SARATOGA RACE MEET

BETTING GUIDE

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SARATOGA STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Grade	Purse	Restrictions	Surface	Distance
Friday, Jul 21	Lake George	III	\$150,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/16
Friday, Jul 21	Schuyerville	III	\$150,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Jul 22	Diana	I	\$500,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/8
Saturday, Jul 22	Sanford	III	\$150,000	2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Sunday, Jul 23	Coaching Club American Oaks	I	\$300,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Monday, Jul 24	Caress		\$200,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	5 1/2
Wednesday, Jul 26	Honorable Miss Handicap	II	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Thursday, Jul 27	A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Steeplechase)	I	\$150,000	4&UP	Turf	2 1/16
Thursday, Jul 27	John Morrissey (NYB)		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Friday, Jul 28	Curlin		\$100,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Saturday, Jul 29	Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap	I	\$350,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Jul 29	Amsterdam	II	\$200,000	3YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Jul 29	Bowling Green	II	\$250,000	4&UP	Turf	1 3/8
Saturday, Jul 29	Jim Dandy	II	\$600,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Jul 30	Shuvee Handicap	III	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Monday, Jul 31	Coronation Cup		\$100,000	F3YO	Turf	5 1/2
Wednesday, Aug 02	Shine Again		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Thursday, Aug 03	Birdstone		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 3/4
Friday, Aug 04	National Museum of Racing Hall Of Fame	II	\$200,000	3YO	Turf	1 1/16
Saturday, Aug 05	Fasig-Tipton De La Rose		\$100,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, Aug 05	Fasig-Tipton Lure		\$100,000	4&UP	Turf	1 1/16
Saturday, Aug 05	Fasig-Tipton Waya	III	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/2
Saturday, Aug 05	The Longines Test	I	\$500,000	F3YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 05	Whitney	I	\$1,200,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Aug 06	Alydar		\$100,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Aug 06	Troy Handicap		\$250,000	3&UP	Turf	5 1/2
Monday, Aug 07	NYSS Cab Calloway Division		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Wednesday, Aug 09	Quick Call		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	5 1/2
Thursday, Aug 10	NYSS Statue of Liberty Division		\$100,000	F3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Friday, Aug 11	Tale of the Cat		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 12	Adirondack	II	\$200,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 12	Fourstardave Handicap	I	\$500,000	3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Sunday, Aug 13	Saratoga Special presented by Coors Light	II	\$200,000	2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Monday, Aug 14	Saratoga Dew (NYB)		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Wednesday, Aug 16	Bolton Landing		\$100,000	F2YO	Turf	5 1/2
Thursday, Aug 17	Union Avenue (NYB)		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Friday, Aug 18	Skidmore		\$100,000	2YO	Turf	5 1/2
Saturday, Aug 19	Alabama	I	\$600,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/4
Saturday, Aug 19	Lake Placid	II	\$300,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/8
Sunday, Aug 20	Summer Colony		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Monday, Aug 21	Evan Shipman (NYB)		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Wednesday, Aug 23	John's Call		\$100,000	3&UP	Turf	1 5/8
Thursday, Aug 24	New York Turf Writers Cup	I	\$150,000	4&UP	Turf	2 3/8
Thursday, Aug 24	Riskaverse		\$100,000	F3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Friday, Aug 25	Albany (NYB)		\$250,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Friday, Aug 25	Fleet Indian (NYB)		\$200,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Friday, Aug 25	Funny Cide (NYB)		\$200,000	2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Friday, Aug 25	Seeking the Ante (NYB)		\$200,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Friday, Aug 25	West Point presented by Trustco Bank		\$150,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
Friday, Aug 25	Yaddo (NYB)		\$150,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
Saturday, Aug 26	Forego	I	\$600,000	3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 26	H. Allen Jerkens Memorial	I	\$500,000	3YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 26	Ketel One Ballerina	I	\$500,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 26	Personal Ensign	I	\$700,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Saturday, Aug 26	Sword Dancer	I	\$1,000,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/2
Saturday, Aug 26	Travers	I	\$1,250,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/4
Saturday, Aug 26	Woodford Reserve Ballston Spa	II	\$400,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
Sunday, Aug 27	Smart N Fancy		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Monday, Aug 28	Better Talk Now		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Wednesday, Aug 30	With Anticipation	III	\$150,000	2YO	Turf	1 1/16
Thursday, Aug 31	P. G. Johnson		\$100,000	F2YO	Turf	1 1/16
Friday, Sep 01	Lucky Coin		\$100,000	4&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Sep 02	Glens Falls	III	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 3/8
Saturday, Sep 02	Saranac	III	\$300,000	3YO	Turf	1 1/8
Saturday, Sep 02	Spinaway	I	\$350,000	F2YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Sep 02	Woodward	I	\$750,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Sep 03	Prioress	II	\$250,000	F3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Monday, Sep 04	Bernard Baruch Handicap	II	\$250,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
Monday, Sep 04	Hopeful	I	\$350,000	2YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs

TOP JOCKEYS AND TOP TRAINERS OF PAST 3 YEARS

SARATOGA JOCKEYS 2016

JOCKEY	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN %	EARNINGS
1. Jose Ortiz	296	65	35	35	22%	\$4,687,298
2. Irad Ortiz Jr.	314	57	51	50	18%	\$5,192,978
3. Javier Castellano	261	51	50	36	20%	\$5,352,617
4. John Velazquez	212	44	24	23	21%	\$4,325,363
5. Joel Rosario	192	30	18	30	16%	\$3,604,530
6. Luis Saez	234	28	31	40	12%	\$2,394,020
7. Manuel Franco	261	22	29	25	8%	\$1,803,295
8. Jose Lezcano	121	20	16	15	17%	\$1,468,959
9. Ricardo Santana Jr.	192	14	20	21	7%	\$1,215,489
10. Junior Alvarado	162	12	29	17	7%	\$1,630,086

SARATOGA JOCKEYS 2015

JOCKEY	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN %	EARNINGS
1. Irad Ortiz Jr.	284	57	39	46	20%	\$4,576,929
2. Javier Castellano	296	54	45	42	18%	\$6,868,409
3. John Velazquez	239	45	39	24	19%	\$4,992,917
4. Jose Ortiz	260	38	43	35	15%	\$3,452,628
5. Luis Saez	238	35	27	27	15%	\$2,822,630
6. Joel Rosario	185	28	30	21	15%	\$2,703,698
7. Junior Alvarado	188	23	23	24	12%	\$2,114,482
8. Eric Cancel	178	18	20	15	10%	\$1,227,934
9. Jose Lezcano	160	16	17	21	10%	\$1,795,877
10. Kendrick Carmouche	160	16	14	15	10%	\$1,260,314

SARATOGA JOCKEYS 2014

JOCKEY	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN %	EARNINGS
1. Javier Castellano	246	58	43	35	24%	\$5,292,324
2. Irad Ortiz Jr.	260	53	44	34	20%	\$4,531,676
3. John Velazquez	217	38	39	25	18%	\$4,295,593
4. Joel Rosario	200	33	27	31	17%	\$3,411,211
5. Jose Ortiz	215	31	25	27	14%	\$2,596,798
6. Rajiv Maragh	162	21	23	24	13%	\$2,821,011
7. Junior Alvarado	138	18	27	15	13%	\$2,359,329
8. Cornelio Velasquez	123	18	14	14	15%	\$1,619,507
9. Jose Lezcano	144	17	17	21	12%	\$1,645,304
10. Rosie Napravnik	103	17	10	17	17%	\$1,352,573

SARATOGA TRAINERS 2016

TRAINER	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN %	EARNINGS
1. Chad Brown	164	40	35	23	24%	\$4,889,285
2. Todd Pletcher	149	31	20	23	21%	\$3,039,098
3. Kiaran McLaughlin	64	13	12	7	20%	\$2,251,175
4. Rudy Rodriguez	85	12	9	9	14%	\$823,227
5. Mike Maker	65	11	8	5	17%	\$630,289
6. Steve Asmussen	77	10	13	9	13%	\$1,026,983
7. Mark Casse	54	10	11	9	19%	\$1,021,438
8. George Weaver	74	10	11	14	14%	\$824,852
9. David Jacobson	49	10	8	9	20%	\$596,799
10. Linda Rice	49	10	10	7	20%	\$593,030

SARATOGA TRAINERS 2015

TRAINER	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN %	EARNINGS
1. Todd Pletcher	173	34	29	24	20%	\$4,605,360
2. Chad Brown	142	31	21	23	22%	\$2,655,834
3. Bill Mott	92	16	19	17	17%	\$1,742,692
4. Christophe Clement	60	15	10	6	25%	\$1,407,358
5. Rudy Rodriguez	81	15	15	10	19%	\$1,031,365
6. Kiaran McLaughlin	54	13	9	8	24%	\$1,740,966
7. George Weaver	68	12	13	6	18%	\$800,113
8. Jeremiah Englehart	44	11	5	4	25%	\$605,436
9. David Jacobson	74	9	9	18	12%	\$621,966
10. Shug McGaughey	40	8	7	3	20%	\$1,435,673

SARATOGA TRAINERS 2014

TRAINER	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN %	EARNINGS
1. Todd Pletcher	131	28	25	16	21%	\$2,971.99
2. Chad Brown	98	23	15	14	23%	\$1,905,604
3. Bill Mott	81	13	13	10	16%	\$1,748,326
4. Mike Maker	59	12	9	7	20%	\$706,740
5. Graham Motion	68	11	9	8	16%	\$1,378,541
6. Rudy Rodriguez	74	11	9	14	15%	\$848,165
7. George Weaver	54	11	6	9	20%	\$674,349
8. Bruce Levine	43	10	6	5	23%	\$536,238
9. James Jerkens	28	9	5	2	32%	\$1,828,126
10. Kiaran McLaughlin	46	9	8	4	20%	\$988,177



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AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous full Saratoga meet: July 22, 2016 through September 9, 2016

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 5.29 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 36% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 68%

EXOTICS	PAYOUT
Quinella	27.59
Exacta	86.75
Daily Double	97.61
Trifecta	531.51
Pick 3	732.28
Superfecta	3,218.11
Pick 6	29,930.50
Pick 4	6,629.95
Pick 5	78,018.14
Grand Slam	153.62



TRACK BIAS MEET (07/22 - 09/05)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	64	30%	E	Mid/Out
7.0fDirt	42	21%	E	Outside
1 1/8mDirt	53	26%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	58	28%	E	Outside
InTf Routes	84	21%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	39	5%	S	Rail/Ins

TRACK BIAS WEEK (08/30 - 09/05)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	9	56%	E	Middle
7.0fDirt	10	20%	P	Inside
1 1/8mDirt	6	0%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	7	29%	E	Outside
InTf Routes	16	31%	E/P	Inside
Turf Routes	11	18%	E/P	Inside

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'15-'16 Win %
McGaughey III Claude R.	10	4	0	1	7.09	1	19%
Bond H. James	7	3	0	0	10.83	2	14%
Arriaga Antonio	2	2	0	0	6.03	0	9%
Baffert Bob	4	2	1	0	5.91	1	24%
Fout Paul Douglas	4	2	0	0	9.98	0	13%
Barbara Robert	6	2	0	1	6.52	0	13%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'15-'16 Win %
Ortiz Jose L.	49	16	7	2	6.21	3	20%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'15-'16 Win %
Contessa Gary C.	27	0	1	2	15.77	1	10%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'15-'16 Win %
Cancel Eric	20	0	2	0	25.77	0	10%
Bravo Joe	14	0	1	2	11.61	1	15%
Torres Jomar	13	0	0	1	32.78	0	5%

BETTING GUIDE - GRADED STAKES SCHEDULE

by Alastair Bull

It's one of the great social events in New York State, and one of the great spots for fans of the horse. Most of all, Saratoga is home to some of the best racing, and betting, in the world – even if it's got the deserved reputation as the "Graveyard of Champions" following defeats to outstanding gallopers like Man o'War, Secretariat, and American Pharoah.

Saratoga hosts 35 graded stakes races during its summer meet, including 16 Grade I races – 13 on the dirt track and three on turf.

The richest race at the carnival is the \$1.25 million **Travers Stakes** on Aug. 26, the traditional midsummer highlight for 3-year-olds. Many top sophomores who've contested the Triple Crown target this Grade I race, but it's also a race where horses that missed the Triple Crown can put themselves forward for 3-year-old championship rankings – it was the Travers in which Arrogate announced his presence last year with a record-breaking victory.

The **Jim Dandy Stakes (G2)** July 29 is an important lead-up, and is set to be the summer starting point for many top 3-year-olds, including Preakness winner Cloud Computing.

Three-year-old dirt track fillies get two chances at Grade I honors at Saratoga – the **Coaching Club American Oaks** July 23, and the **Alabama Stakes** Aug. 19. Outstanding filly Songbird won both last year.

The best older horses aiming toward the Breeders' Cup Classic have some rich targets at Saratoga, most notably the \$1.2 million **Whitney (G1)** Aug. 5 and the \$750,000 **Woodward**

Stakes (G1) Sept. 2. Top races for the older females heading toward the Breeders' Cup Distaff include the **Personal Ensign (G1)** Aug. 26.

Saratoga also provides great opportunities for dirt sprinters, most notably the **Alfred G. Vanderbilt (G1)** July 29 and the **Forego Stakes (G1)** Aug 26. Three-year-old sprinters have one of their most notable targets of the year, the **H. Allen Jerkens Memorial Stakes (G1)** (formerly the King's Bishop Stakes) Aug. 26, while there are Grade I races for 3-year-old sprinting fillies (the **Test Stakes**, Aug 5), and fillies and mares of all ages (the **Ballerina**, Aug 26).

Watch also for the earliest Grade I tests for juveniles in the eastern states, the **Spinaway Stakes** for fillies Sept. 2 and the **Hopeful Stakes** Sept. 4.

Saratoga also features three Grade I turf races. The richest of these is the \$1 million **Sword Dancer Handicap**, over a mile and a half. It usually attracts one of the best turf fields of the season, and in the past two years was won by the outstanding Flintshire.

Some of the best turf fillies and mares in the land contest the **Diana Stakes (G1)** July 22, and turf milers are catered for in the **Fourstardave Handicap (G1)** Aug 12.

With so much quality racing, there's no shortage of great wagering opportunities. It will be a great meeting.



SARATOGA SYNONYMOUS WITH 2YO RACING

by James Scully

Connections point their promising youngsters, whether regally-bred or conceived on a modest budget, toward the boutique meet in upstate New York and future standouts emerge every year from Saratoga's excellent 2-year-old program. Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming and Belmont Stakes hero Tapwrit are recent examples of major race winners who competed as juveniles at Saratoga.

Along with an abundance of maiden special weight events, Saratoga offers three graded events for each gender on dirt along with state-bred and turf stakes during the six-week session.

Let's look at some notable 2-year-old performers so far this year who may be pointing toward Saratoga, listed by trainer:

Todd Pletcher

A 12-time leading trainer at Saratoga, Todd Pletcher had a six-year run snapped by Chad Brown in 2016. With Brown's forte being turf racing (he led Pletcher by a 26-8 margin last year), Pletcher needs to significantly outpace his rival in 2-year-old races in order to wrest back the crown. His advantage was 15-5 last year and Pletcher will be looking to add to his juvenile win total in 2017 with an arsenal of more than 50 horses, including many who haven't started yet. Here are some with experience to watch for:

ADMIRAL JIMMY: Gulfstream debut maiden winner exits third in June 9 Tremont at Belmont. Jimmy Creed colt nominated to July 22 Sanford (G3).

BAL HARBOUR: Second-time out Gulfstream winner, First Samurai colt nominated to Sanford.

BERNADETTA: Bernardini filly romped at Gulfstream when unveiled in early July.

CLASSY DANCER: Captured initial attempt on Gulfstream turf and Speightstown filly will look to rebound from fifth as favorite in July 1 Brave Raj on dirt.

EARTH: Won at first asking on Gulfstream turf in mid-June. Orb colt nominated to Sanford.

PURE SILVER: Easily defeated New York-bred foes at Belmont. Daughter of Mission Impazible nominated to July 21 Schuylerville (G3).

SCRAPPER: \$600,000 Orb colt just missed when debuting at Gulfstream in early June, finishing second as 4-5 favorite.

STAINLESS: Impressive first-out winner at Gulfstream in late May, Flatter filly appears headed to Schuylerville.

SUGAR QUEEN: Belmont debut winner exits fourth as favorite in June 8 Astoria. Gemologist filly nominated to Schuylerville.

WHAT A CATCH: Smashing first-out winner at Belmont, Justin Phillip colt continued to impress leading wire-to-wire in recent New York-bred stakes.

Steve Asmussen

The leading trainer at the spring/summer Churchill Downs meet, Steve Asmussen wins plenty of 2-year-old races. Hall of Famer has conditioned numerous champions and captured 2-of-3 legs of the Triple Crown, with the Kentucky Derby being one of the few omissions on his resume. He has finished second twice, including Lookin at Lee this year, and we have the chance to see some of his early candidates for the 2018 Run for the Roses as Asmussen figures to be well-represented in both juvenile divisions at the Spa.

BAFFIN: Drew off smartly in June debut at Churchill and Justin Phillip colt is targeting opening-weekend Sanford.

BUY SELL HOLD: First winner from Violence, gray filly defeated males in Kentucky Juvenile at Churchill the second-time out. Will try to make it three straight in Schuylerville.

COPPER BULLET: Terrific maiden winner second time out but immaturity cost him as he recorded an eventful runner-up in Bashford Manor (G3). More Than Ready colt could target August 13 Saratoga Special (G2).

DIRECT DIAL: Texas-bred son of Too Much Bling crushed open foes at Keeneland and exits a respectable second in Tremont. Will bring high speed to Sanford.

LAUDATION: Convincing odds-on winner the second-time out at Churchill in late June, Congrats filly is nominated to Schuylerville.

RERIDE: Caught the eye blistering maiden foes at Churchill Downs. Candy Ride colt hasn't worked since mid-June so status is unknown.

SHE'S A JULIE: Elusive Quality filly rolled first-time out at Churchill in late May and will look to rebound after unplanned effort in Debutante on sloppy track.

Mark Casse

Mark Casse has raced both of his 2-year-old Breeders' Cup race winners, Classic Empire and Catch a Glimpse, at Saratoga and will try to improve upon last year's 10-win total with an expected solid roster of juveniles.

BLUEBLOOD: City Zip colt 2-for-2 on Woodbine's Tapeta, winning Victoria Stakes most recently, and Fox Hill Farms colorbearer eligible to try a Spa stakes.

FLAMEAWAY: Rolled to a front-running score at Woodbine in late May and Scat Daddy colt training at Saratoga for second outing.

MO DIDDLEY: Debut Churchill winner was flattered when fourth-placer Shangroyal captured salty Belmont maiden next out. Uncle Mo colt nominated to Sanford.

SNOWFIRE: \$500,000 Tapit filly rolled to four-length tally at Churchill first-time out in late June. Nominated to Schuylerville.

Wesley Ward

Wesley Ward is well-known for his prowess with young runners and Saratoga is a typical destination. But it won't be a surprise to see him ship out for a Del Mar stakes given that the Breeders' Cup will be hosted by the seaside oval this year.

ARAWAK: Runaway Belmont debut winner didn't handle turf at Royal Ascot. Uncle Mo colt has returned to the worktab.

PRINCESS PEGGY: Scat Daddy filly is back working after unplaced turf try at Royal Ascot, nominated to Schuylerville. Impressive first-out winner at Belmont in late May.

SCHIANTI: Cruised to a three-length decision at in career bow, leading wire-to-wire at Monmouth in early June. Distorted Humor nominated to Schuylerville.

SHANGROYAL: Shanghai Bobby colt displayed high speed and held on to defeat a nice group of rivals second-time out at Belmont in July.

Dale Romans

Dale Romans sent out a trio of first-out maiden winners late in the Churchill Downs meet and has nominated all three colts to the Sanford.

DAK ATTACK: A son of Ghostzapper, \$625,000 purchase drew off nicely late in front-running score.

FREE DROP BILLY: By Union Rags, he rallied to win going away by three lengths.

HOLLYWOOD STAR: \$550,000 son of Malibu Moon overcame a troubled start to prevail.

Kenny McPeek

Kenny McPeek sent out a nice pair of stakes winners on Churchill Downs' June 30 closing-day program.

SUNNY SKIES: First North American winner for Animal Kingdom, Debutante heroine has rolled to convincing wire-to-wire tallies in a pair of starts.

TEN CITY: By Run Away and Hide, savvy \$12,000 purchase improved to 2-for-2 in Bashford Manor. September 4 Hopeful (G1) an option later in the meet.

Christophe Clement

BEST PERFORMANCE: First-out maiden scorer exits runner-up in Astoria, Broken Vow filly nominated to Schuylerville.

Jeremiah Englehart

I STILL MISS YOU: New York-bred debut winner made seamless transition to open company in Astoria, scoring by 2 1/4 lengths. Majestic Warrior filly nominated to Schuylerville.

Horacio DePaz

HE HATE ME: Algorithms colt Improved to 2-for-2 with 3 1/4-length Tremont win, waiting for his return to worktab.



HANDICAPPING SARATOGA WITH BRIS ALL-WAYS DATA

by Ed DeRosa

As a multi-race player, finding winners is the most important output of my handicapping process, and there's no meeting where finding winners is at a premium more than Saratoga Race Course.

i.e. everyone wants to be right at Saratoga.

Unfortunately, being right can come at a price because Saratoga is one meeting where popular angles get hammered because the more casual players are only familiar with popular angles (like Speed Ratings, Prime Power, etc.).

Brisnet.com's proprietary data in Ultimate Past Performances can help you find winners.

Going back to the 2007 season, which covers 3,907 races in my Brisnet.com ALLWAYS database, there have been 411 races with a horse with an edge of at least 10 in prime power, and 169 of those horses have won for a gaudy win percentage of 38.93%, but the ROI is just an OK -6% (beats the takeout, but hardly profitable, and really unlikely to be profitable because these horses are typically short priced.

A best last-out Speed Rating by more than 10 points fares a little better in that the ROI is only -3% despite a fewer percentage of winners with 141 winners from 393 horses for a 35.88% strike rate.

However, when combining the two angles (a horse ranked on top of both Prime Power and last-out Speed by at least 10 points in each category), you get 73 winners from 162 horses for a win percentage of 45% and an ROI of a super impressive +16%.

Unfortunately, this angle only shows up about 1-2 times/week at Saratoga, but it's practically money in the bank when using Brisnet.com Ultimate Past Performances.

Here is how often the top-ranked horse in each of these Brisnet.com stat categories won their respective races in 2016 at Saratoga Race Course:

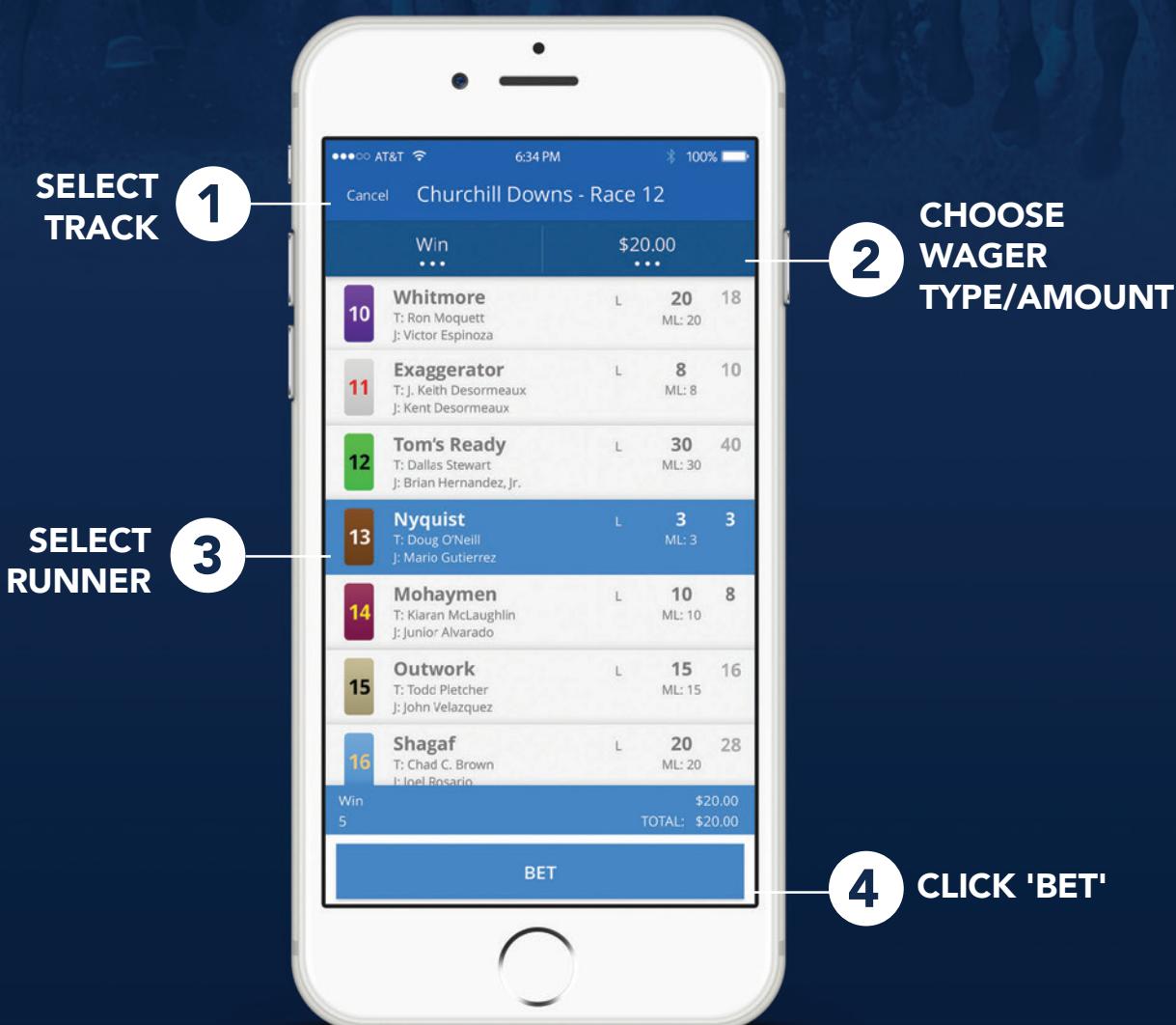
CATEGORY	DIRT SPRINT	DIRT ROUTE	TURF SPRINT	ALL RACES
Speed	24	30	24	26
Class	28	26	16	24
Prime Power	27	37	16	27



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