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This **Inside Track to the Whitney Stakes** wagering guide gives you an inside look at the five stakes running at Saratoga on August 7, 2021, including the \$1 million Whitney Stakes (G1), a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge Series event for the Longines Classic.

The Racing Dudes have been at it for over 9 years, offering daily handicapping picks and analysis for every track across the country. For this year's **Inside Track to the Whitney Stakes**, our lead handicappers have been scouring through the card at Saratoga in search of winning tickets on this loaded day of racing.

Along with the Whitney, the other stakes races Saturday at Saratoga are the \$1 million Saratoga Derby Invitational (G1), the \$500,000 Longines Test (G1), the \$250,000 Glens Falls (G2), and the \$120,000 Fasig-Tipton Lure.

But that's not all! Along with the five major stakes races, this Inside Track to the Whitney Stakes wagering guide also includes race-by-race analysis, betting suggestions, and multi-race plays for Saratoga's entire Saturday card.

For each of the five stakes at Saratoga, you will find the following:

FULL PREVIEW FOR THE RACE, including:

- ♦ Race Overview
- ♦ Race Shape and Pace Analysis
- ♦ Top Selections
- ♦ Major Threats
- ♦ Longshots to Use

You will also find specific wagering under the "Picks and Plays" section, which includes:

- ♦ Win Bet
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- ♦ What to Play on a Straight Wager
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Each Win, Place, Show, or Across the Board wager comes with a confidence rating so that you can see how strongly we feel about each pick.

Finally, always remember to wager responsibly and never wager more than you can afford.

Good luck today!



RACE No. 6:

FASIG-TIPTON LURE STAKES

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$120,000

OVERVIEW:

A competitive group will duke it out on the turf in this spot that attracted entries from several of the top connections on the grounds. It seems like a classic "box 'em up and call 'em home" type of event, where several different horses will have a shot to win. Let's see if we can catch a price in this spot.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Flavius*

Pressing Speed: *Tell Your Daddy, Fighting Seabee*

Stalkers: *Value Proposition, Guildsman, Dreams of Tomorrow*

Closers: *South Bend, Ballagh Rocks, Tacitus (MTO), Delaware, Midnight Tea Time, Temple*

Like most New York turf races, you can expect a pretty slow pace in this one. None of these horses are what you would call "need the lead" types.

TOP CHOICE: #3 VALUE PROPOSITION

He was a tough-luck loser last time out in the Forbidden Apple (G3) after stalking a lonely leader and just missing by a 1/2-length. This pace will be just as soft, but he'll be placed on or near the front, instead of sitting off the lead. If he can just repeat his last effort, which also came over this course, then he should get the victory. Trainer Chad Brown is starting to heat up at Saratoga.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Delaware, #5 Flavius, #11 Dreams of Tomorrow

Delaware and Flavius also appear for Brown in this spot, and either one has a big shot to get the job done. Dreams of Tomorrow has won 2 straight coming into this event, including a nice-looking allowance victory at Belmont Park.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #12 Temple

Temple runs first off the claim for Tom Morley and gets Tyler Gaffalione aboard; he's riding on fire at this meet so far, seemingly making all the right moves, and this horse has shown talent in the past, which makes him dangerous at a price.

OTHERS: #4 Fighting Seabee, #6 Midnight Tea Time, #7 Tell Your Daddy, #8 Guildsman, #9 South Bend, #10 Ballagh Rocks, #1 Tacitus (MTO)

Many of these can make an impact, but overall, this field came up really tough. It will take a big effort from anyone in this group to pick up the win. Tacitus is the only one worth playing from this group, but he'll only race if it's taken off the turf, which seems unlikely.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #3 Value Proposition - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #5 Flavius - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #2 Delaware - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,3,5 BOX

TRIFECTA: 2,3,5,11 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 2,3,5,11 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,3,5,11

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #3 Value Proposition

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 2,3,5,11



Race No. 7:

GLENS FALLS STAKES (G2)

1 1/2 MILES (TURF)
FILLIES & MARES 4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$250,000

OVERVIEW:

You can always count on these long turf races to produce some interesting longshots, and this race is no different. Several interesting price horses entered here, so it's just going to be about picking the right ones. We should see a very competitive race that comes down to the wire.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: *Dalika*

Pressing Speed: *Call Me Love*

Stalkers: *Temple City Terror*

Closers: *War Like Goddess, Orglandes, My Sister Nat, Lucky Money*

A slow pace is normal for these long turf events. They'll need to be careful to not let Dalika kick clear early.

TOP CHOICE: #5 MY SISTER NAT

This mare always can be counted on to give a nice effort when she enters these long turf events. Last year, she won the Waya Stakes (G3) at this track and distance before a solid second in the Glens Falls. She enters this year's edition off of a solid third in the New York Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park, where she lost by 2 lengths to the talented Mean Mary, who won gate to wire.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 War Like Goddess, #4 Orglandes, #6 Dalika

War Like Goddess runs off a bit of a layoff but has won 2 straight Grade 3 events. Orglandes is the "other" Brown runner. She must improve off of her last effort. Dalika won in gate-to-wire fashion last time out and could get a similar setup here, which makes her dangerous.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Call Me Love

This one seems dangerous after 2 straight victories including the River Memorial Stakes, run at the same distance as this race. She'll likely sit in second with a solid trip here and could pull off the upset if she shows up with her best race.

OTHERS: #2 Temple City Terror, #7 Lucky Money

Both of these horses are more than capable, but against this tough of a field, they'll need to elevate their game in a big way to have a shot to win.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #5 My Sister Nat - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #6 Dalika - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #3 War Like Goddess - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,5,6 BOX

TRIFECTA: 5,6/3,4,5,6/3,4,5,6

SUPERFECTA: 3,4,5,6 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,4,5,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #5 My Sister Nat

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 3,5,6



RACE №8: LONGINES TEST STAKES (G1)

7 FURLONGS (DIRT)
FILLIES 3-YEAR-OLDS
\$500,000

OVERVIEW:

The 3-year-olds have put on quite a show at Saratoga so far this year. We'll see if the female sprinters can keep that trend going. This event drew a very strong field, like normal, so there's a good chance that we could see some fireworks. At most other tracks, this would be the main attraction.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Bella Sofia, Illumination, Always Carina*

Pressing Speed: *Zaajel, Souper Sensational*

Stalkers: *Make Mischief, Search Results*

Closers: *Obligatory*

We'll see a swift early pace in this spot, with three true speed horses signed on to run. It's hard to see any of these horses going gate to wire, so sitting off the speed will be the best approach to win.

TOP CHOICE: #7 SEARCH RESULTS

It's hard not to pick Search Results. Her resume is nearly flawless, with her only loss coming by a neck in the Kentucky Oaks (G1). She seems to be better going one turn and this 7-furlong distance suits her very well. Finally, she'll be able to sit off all the speed in the perfect stalking position and get first run on the leaders turning for home.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 Zaajel, #4 Obligatory, #5 Always Carina

Zaajel turned around her form last time out, winning the Mother Goose Stakes (G2) in impressive fashion at Belmont Park. Always Carina looked like a star for Chad Brown before losing to Zaajel last time out. Obligatory is a nice horse to use underneath, as we know she'll be coming with a run in the late stages of the race.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 Souper Sensational, #8 Bella Sofia

Souper Sensational won the Victory Ride Stakes (G3) last time out, but this is a much tougher spot. She'll need to continue improving. Bella Sofia has tremendous early speed and will try to take this group gate to wire.

OTHERS: #1 Illumination, #6 Make Mischief

Baffert is back at Saratoga with Illumination, but she looks overmatched here. Make Mischief is the same way; she's a nice horse, but this is a very tough spot.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #7 Search Results - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #5 Always Carina - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #3 Zaajel - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 3,5,7 BOX

TRIFECTA: 3,4,5,7 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 3,4,5,7 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 3,5,7

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #7 Search Results

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 3,4,5,7



Race No. 9:

SARATOGA DERBY INVITATIONAL STAKES (G1)

1 3/16 MILES (TURF)
3-YEAR-OLDS
\$1,000,000

OVERVIEW:

It's a classic USA vs. Europe clash in this year's Saratoga Derby, which drew a strong field of 3-year-old males. So far, the overseas shippers have been very successful when coming over to run in this country, and that trend will likely continue here. Other than Domestic Spending, we just seem to be way behind the Euros this season.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: Cellist

Pressing Speed: Yes This Time

Stalkers: State of Rest, Du Jour

Closers: Secret Protector, Solider Rising, Flashiest, Cadillac, King Fury, Belshoi Ballet, Palazzi

Once again, this looks like it should be a slow pace early on paper. Cellist will likely take to the front and shouldn't get much pressure, which might make him dangerous.

TOP CHOICE: #7 SECRET PROTECTOR

The Europeans seem to have this race locked down, so it's just a matter of which one you want to take a swing with on top. We'll give it a shot with Secret Protector, who comes to the United States after a solid third at Royal Ascot in his last start. Trainer Charlie Appleby has been on fire with shipping horses over here to run and Mike Smith comes in to ride.

MAJOR THREATS: #4 Cadillac, #6 Bolshoi Ballet, #9 State of Rest

Cadillac shipped to the United States last year to finish fourth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1). Bolshoi Ballet won the Belmont Derby (G1) last time out in impressive fashion. State of Rest boasts a solid overseas resume.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 Du Jour, #5 Yes This Time, #8 Cellist

These are the American horses who have the best chance in this spot, but it's a tall task. Du Jour and Cellist lost to Bolshoi Ballet last time out in the Belmont Derby, so they'll have to up their game. Yes This Time must move up in class in a big way for this one.

OTHERS: #1 Soldier Rising, #3 Palazzi, #10 Flashiest, #11 King Fury

It's hard seeing anyone from this group winning this very tough spot. The Europeans have invaded with some nice horses.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #7 Secret Protector - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #6 Bolshoi Ballet - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #9 State of Rest - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 6,7,9 BOX

TRIFECTA: 4,6,7,9 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 4,6,7,9 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 4,6,7,9

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #7 Secret Protector

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 4,6,7,9



Race No 10: Whitney Stakes (G1)



1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$1,000,000

OVERVIEW:

Wow, this should be the race of the year so far in the Classic division. It's a small field, but the superstars are out for this Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" for the Classic. This race is great every year, but Saratoga has outdone itself this time, potentially giving us a race for the ages.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Knicks Go*

Pressing Speed: *Swiss Skydiver*

Stalkers: *Silver State, By My Standards*

Closers: *Maxfield*

On paper, it looks like Knicks Go could be all alone on the front end. Nobody has his type of speed early on, with Swiss Skydiver being the only one close, but we doubt she runs with him early.

TOP CHOICE: #4 KNICKS GO

Who is going to run with this horse early in the race? That is the major question mark, and what will ultimately decide this race. If left alone on the lead, the rest will be hard pressed to catch him, which makes him the one to beat. There does not look to be much other speed in this race, which adds to the intrigue, and the horse has earned two speed figures that are higher than anyone else in this group going this distance.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Silver State, #5 Maxfield

Silver State has won an eye-catching 6 straight races coming into this one, including the Met Mile (G1) last time out. Maxfield is currently the #1 ranked horse in the older male division. He was ultra-impressive last time out in the Stephen Foster Stakes (G2) at Churchill Downs.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 By My Standards, #3 Swiss Skydiver

By My Standards was second in this race a year ago and comes into this year's contest off of a strong second in the Met Mile. Swiss Skydiver beat the boys in last year's Preakness Stakes (G1) and is working out well over this track.

OTHERS: NONE

That's right, for the first time in nearly 10 years of doing previews, I see zero true throw outs in the race. It might only be a five-horse field, but all five are very good, which should make for an awesome event.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #4 Knicks Go - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #2 Silver State - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #5 Maxfield - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 4/2,5

TRIFECTA: 4/2,5/2,3,5

SUPERFECTA: NONE

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,4,5

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$20 Win on #4 Knicks Go

EXOTIC WAGER: \$10 Exacta 4/2,5

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Race 1: 1-3-7-5

#1 Gooch Go Bragh is a well-bred first-timer for Todd Pletcher with Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard. **#3 Morning Thoughts** gets Jose Ortiz for his debut race. **#7 Steal the Cash** runs first out for the red-hot Mike Maker. **#5 Boston Flagship** ran well on debut.

Exacta: 1,3,7 BOX

Trifecta: 1,3,5,7 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,3,5,7

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,3,5,7

Race 2: 6-3-7-8

#6 Alkhaatam takes a big class drop here and also gets Flavien Prat to ride. **#3 Zoomer** also gets a class drop and a rider upgrade to Joel Rosario. **#7 Shotski** won at this level last time out. **#8 Grumps Little Tots** always shows up with a solid effort.

Exacta: 3,6,7 BOX

Trifecta: 3,6,7,8 BOX

Multi-Race: 3,6,7,8

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 3,6,7,8

Race 3: 2-5-3-4

#2 Tuggle is easily the most consistent horse in the race. **#5 Dream Bigger** should runner well off the layoff and with Luis Saez aboard. **#3 Newbomb** must bounce back from a poor effort. **#4 Stage Left** must do the same.

Exacta: 2,5/2,3,5

Trifecta: 2,5/2,3,4,5/2,3,4,5

Multi-Race: 2,5

Suggested Bet: \$20 to win on #2 Tuggle

Race 4: 9-10-5-7

#9 Shutters makes his debut for Chad Brown in this spot. **#10 Hot Doctor** runs first off the claim for Linda Rice and gets Jose Ortiz aboard. **#5 Ruse** has been close to winning in his last 2 starts. **#7 Dreampoint** has been consistent at this level.

Exacta: 5,9,10 BOX

Trifecta: 5,7,9,10 BOX

Multi-Race: 5,7,9,10

Suggested Bet: \$10 to win on #9 Shutters

Race 5: 6-2-5-7

#6 Vodka Mardini has fantastic connections for first-time starters. **#2 Brigadier General** ran a solid second on debut. **#5 Big Skipper** has outstanding breeding for this distance. **#7 Stellar Tap** looks like a solid 2-year-old for Steve Asmussen.

Exacta: 2,5,6 BOX

Trifecta: 2,5,6,7 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,5,6,7

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,5,6,7

Race 11: 1,1A-5-2-3

#1 Danny Californina and **#1A Musical Heart** both look tough in this spot. **#5 Empty Tomb** drops back down in class for this start. **#2 Superfecto** is the most consistent horse in the race. **#3 Risk Taking** takes a nice class drop for this one.

Exacta: 1,2,5 BOX

Trifecta: 1,2,3,5 BOX

Multi-Race: 1,2,3,5

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,2,3,5

Race 12: 11-7-10-3

#11 Miner's Queen has run very well since moving back to the turf. **#7 Time Limit** won last time out and her trainer has been hot at Saratoga. **#10 Bay Storm** was solid when breaking her maiden last time out. **#3 Sussex Garden** should improve in her second start in the United States.

Exacta: 7,10,11 BOX

Trifecta: 3,7,10,11 BOX

Multi-Race: 3,7,10,11

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 3,7,10,11



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RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

1,3,5,7 with 3,6,7,8 with 2 with 5,9,10 with 2,3,5,6,7 = \$120

RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

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RACE 9: \$0.50 PICK 4

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