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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 6, 2022, 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 10 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 Caesars Saratoga Derby Invitational (G1), the \$500,000 Longines Test (G1), the \$250,000 Glens Falls (G2), and the \$135,000 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

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RACE No. 5: FASIG-TIPTON LURE STAKES

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD
\$135,000

OVERVIEW:

Let's get the stakes action going with the Fasig-Tipton Lure, a staple of the Whitney Day card. This field looks to be pretty evenly matched, so we might be looking to go deep with our multi-race tickets.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: *Duke of Hazzard, Somelikeithotbrown*

Pressing Speed: *Safe Conduct*

Stalkers: *Public Sector, T D Dance*

Closers: *South Bend, Dynadrive, Sifting Sands*

They won't be blazing, but Somelikeithotbrown always makes things interesting up front and he might try to rush up early breaking from this outside post. Otherwise, it shouldn't be blazing.

TOP CHOICE: #1 PUBLIC SECTOR

We'll give Public Sector one more chance after finishing a solid third last time out in the loaded Forbidden Apple Stakes (G3) on Saratoga's opening weekend. This race is much easier than that and he seems to be getting better with each start this season. A repeat of that effort will make him tough to beat here, plus we know he likes this course after winning 2 local graded stakes last year.

MAJOR THREATS: #2 Safe Conduct, #5 Dynadrive, #8 Somelikeithotbrown

Safe Conduct was a close second last time out in the Monmouth Stakes (G3). Dynadrive pulled off a major upset last time out, showing solid improvement running first time for Tom Morley. Somelikeithotbrown is very classy and should set the early pace.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 Duke of Hazzard

This horse has been facing tougher so far this year, so it's possible he could jump up and pull a mild upset. Jose Ortiz jumps aboard, which is another good sign, and this will be his third start off of the layoff in this spot.

OTHERS: #3 South Bend, #6 T D Dance, #7 Sifting Sands

This one could become wide open if a couple of the top horses don't show up with their best races. Horses from this group have a shot at making an impact today, so don't be afraid to play someone you like from this group.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #1 Public Sector - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #8 Somelikeithotbrown - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #2 Safe Conduct - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1,2,8 BOX

TRIFECTA: 1,2,5,8 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 1,2,5,8 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,2,5,8

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #1 Public Sector

EXOTIC WAGER: \$2 Exacta BOX 1,2,8



Race No. 7:

Glens Falls Stakes (G2)

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

OVERVIEW:

The Glens Falls features the second race of the season for War Like Goddess, who won this last year with absolute ease. She should be a strong favorite once again this year; however, reigning top trainer Chad Brown looks to pull the upset with an improving mare.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

Pure Speed: NONE

Pressing Speed: *Key Biscayne*

Stalkers: *Temple City Terror*

Closers: *Virginia Joy, Petricor, Flanagan's Cove, War Like Goddess, Treasure Tails*

This looks like a typical New York turf race going long, with absolutely no speed signed on to run. Look for them to be pretty bunched up throughout this race.

TOP CHOICE: #6 WAR LIKE GODDESS

Simply put, this girl is a total monster. Last year, she came to Saratoga and dominated this race before taking home the Flower Bowl Stakes (G1) to end the meet. This year, she returned to the races with an easy win at Keeneland, which should have her sharp for this race. She won't have much of a pace setup and there's a worthy challenger to face her, but neither probably matters. She is a beast!

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Temple City Terror,
#2 Virginia Joy

Temple City Terror can win in this spot but must rebound from a poor effort last time out at Delaware Park. Virginia Joy has some solid wins this year and was competitive against a top-notch field in her last start.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Petricor

This filly has run well against stakes company, which gives her a shot to hit the board in a race like this one. It's extremely top-heavy; however, after the top two, she fits in well with the rest of these horses.

OTHERS: #4 Flanagan's Cove, #5 Key Biscayne,
#7 Treasure Tails

This race looks to be a little top-heavy, which will make it tough for any of these to make an impact. Key Biscayne is the one that makes the most sense if she can get out to a nice early lead.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 War Like Goddess - Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #2 Virginia Joy - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #1 Temple City Terror -
Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 2,6/1,2,6

TRIFECTA: 2,6/1,2,6/1,2,3,6

SUPERFECTA: 2,6/1,2,6/1,2,3,6/1,2,3,6

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 2,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$50 Win on #6 War Like Goddess

EXOTIC WAGER: \$5 Exacta 2,6/1,2,6



Race No. 9:

LONGINES TEST STAKES (G1)

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

OVERVIEW:

The Test is always a fun affair at Saratoga, and this year's running looks no different. The ultra-talented Matareya looks for her fifth straight win in this spot; however, there is a solid field waiting to try and take her down.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Elm Drive, November Rein, Hot Peppers*

Pressing Speed: *Matareya, Wish You Well*

Stalkers: *Chi Town Lady*

Closers: *Sterling Silver*

With plenty of speed signed on to run in this spot, there's no doubt the pace is going to be hot. The ability for one or two of the speed horses to sit off the front-runners is probably the trip you will see from the winner.

TOP CHOICE: #1 MATAREYA

The big horse is back looking for her fifth straight victory and her second straight in a Grade 1. She made short work of her competition in each of her prior 4 wins while most of the time never being asked to do much running. This looks like it could be her toughest race yet; however, she should be up to the task. Expect more of the same from this monster here.

MAJOR THREATS: #6 Hot Peppers

This filly looked solid winning the Victory Ride Stakes (G3) at Belmont Park last time out and should be the one who's most prepared for the new challenge today. We still don't think she'll match up against the big favorite; however, she seems to be the most likely upsetter.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 November Rein

We'll see if she can build off of a nice victory last time out against Belmont Park allowance runners. This is a difficult step up, but she gets Irad Ortiz Jr. aboard, which is a pretty good sign. Look for her to run a solid race.

OTHERS: #2 Sterling Silver, #3 Elm Drive, #4 Wish You Well, #7 Chi Town Lady

These look to be filler in this spot as the heavily favored Matareya might just be too fast for the rest of these. Even if she falters, we prefer others just a bit more.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #1 Matareya - Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

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

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #5 November Rein - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

EXACTA: 1/5,6

TRIFECTA: 1/5,6/5,6

SUPERFECTA: 1/5,6/5,6/2,3,4,7

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$50 Win on #1 Matareya

EXOTIC WAGER: \$10 Exacta 1/5,6



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Race No 10: Whitney Stakes (G1)



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

OVERVIEW:

The Whitney is always one of the marquee events of the Saratoga season, which is saying something when you look at all the great races here. Last year, the winner of this race won the Breeders' Cup Classic, and that could definitely happen again this season.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

Pure Speed: *Life Is Good*

Pressing Speed: *Hot Rod Charlie*

Stalkers: *Americanrevolution, Olympiad*

Closers: *Zoomer, Happy Saver*

Anytime Life Is Good is in the race, you can expect a fast pace; however, that doesn't seem to faze him. He'll get out to the front like normal and tell everyone else in the race to come catch him on the front end if they can.

TOP CHOICE: #6 LIFE IS GOOD

This horse has been an absolute monster for his entire career, including a dominating score in the Pegasus World Cup over last year's Whitney and Breeders' Cup Classic winner, Knicks Go. Yes, he was disappointing in Dubai; however, he came back with a monster effort last time out at Belmont Park to win the Nerud Stakes (G2). This field is fantastic, but we'll stick with Life Is Good, who has given us some great moments throughout his career.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 Americanrevolution, #2 Hot Rod Charlie, #4 Olympiad

Americanrevolution improved greatly last time out after a dull 2022 debut and could be ready to put his best effort forward if he doesn't scratch; his owners also own Life Is Good. Hot Rod Charlie should improve in his second start back after running in Dubai. Olympiad looks for his sixth straight victory in this race.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Happy Saver

You have to respect this honest horse who has hit the board in all 10 career starts so far, 6 of them in Grade 1 or Grade 2 stakes. He's faced some heavy hitters as well, but he usually comes up short in the biggest races. He'll show up with his normal effort here, that's for sure.

OTHERS: #3 Zoomer

Simply put, he has absolutely no shot of winning this race. It would be more of a shock than Rich Strike winning the Kentucky Derby.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 Life Is Good - Confidence Level: 4.5 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #4 Olympiad - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #2 Hot Rod Charlie - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 6/4

TRIFECTA: 6/2,4/2,4

SUPERFECTA: 6/2,4,5/2,4,5/2,4,5

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 4,6

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$40 Win on #6 Life Is Good

EXOTIC WAGER: \$10 Exacta 6/4



Race No 11:

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

CAESARS SARATOGA DERBY INVITATIONAL STAKES (G1)

OVERVIEW:

The last stakes race of the day happens to also be the best betting race on the entire card. This 3-year-old turf division has been wide-open all season long, which is something that shouldn't change with this contest.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

Pure Speed: Main Event, Emmanuel, Classic Causeway

Pressing Speed: Royal Patronage

Stalkers: Annapolis, Ethereal Road

Closers: Grand Sonata, Nations Pride, Stolen Base, Sy Dog, Stone Age

Don't expect a blazing pace in this spot, but don't expect Classic Causeway to get loose on the front again, either. We'll see some other speed here.

TOP CHOICE: #6 ANNAPOLIS

It was nice to see him return to top form last time out, dominating rivals by multiple lengths in the Manila Stakes over a track that he could handle. This is going to be a big test, but he seems ready for the challenge as he makes his third start off of the layoff. If he gets a little pace to run into, then this horse will be difficult to hold off down the lane.

MAJOR THREATS: #4 Nations Pride, #7 Royal Patronage, #8 Sy Dog, #10 Stone Age

All 4 of these horses exit the Belmont Derby (G1), where they had zero pace to chase. Nations Pride was second, Stone Age third, Royal Patronage fifth, and Sy Dog sixth. These runners will all have a much better chance of winning here if the pace plays out how it looks on paper.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Main Event, #9 Classic Causeway

Main Event got back on track last time out at Delaware Park, winning the Kent Stakes (G3) in impressive fashion. Classic Causeway made his turf debut a winning one with a big upset in the Belmont Derby. If he is allowed loose on the lead again, then he can make it 2 in a row.

OTHERS: #2 Grand Sonata, #3 Emmanuel, #5 Stolen Base, #11 Ethereal Road

It's not out of the question for anyone to win this one, which has been the case within this division all year long. However, it would be a big upset to see one of these horses win.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

BET TO WIN: #6 Annapolis - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

BET TO PLACE: #4 Nations Pride - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY: #10 Stone Age - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

EXACTA: 4,6,10 BOX

TRIFECTA: 4,6,7,10 BOX

SUPERFECTA: 4,6,7,10 BOX

MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES: 1,4,6,7,8,9,10

STRAIGHT WAGER: \$10 Win on #6 Annapolis

EXOTIC WAGER: \$.50 Trifecta BOX 4,6,7,10

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Race 1: 4-2-6-5

#4 Mullingar should improve switching to the turf today. **#2 Alexis Zorba** should enjoy this stretch out in distance. **#6 Moonflyer** and **#5 Red Route One** are first-time starters with fantastic pedigrees.

Exacta: 2,4,6 BOX

Trifecta: 2,4,5,6 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,4,5,6,7

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,4,5,6

Race 2: 4-8-5-6

#4 She Caught My Eye runs for Mott for the first time. **#8 Tekila** takes a drop in class after competitive races in her last 2 starts. **#5 Mostly Harmless** should like moving back to the dirt. **#6 Afilada** has been close against better horses.

Exacta: 4,5,8 BOX

Trifecta: 4,8/4,5,6,8/4,5,6,8

Multi-Race: 4,5,8

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 4,8/4,5,6,8/4,5,6,8

Race 3: 2-7-8-3

#2 Khali Magic tries for 2 in a row after a nice win last time out. **#7 Mosienko** was second to our top choice in her last start. **#8 Beautiful Karen** can win with her top effort. **#3 Quality Stones** was a solid second last time out.

Exacta: 2,7,8 BOX

Trifecta: 2,3,7,8 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,7,8

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,3,7,8

Race 4: 2-1A-3-5

#2 Good Governance, another Brown runner, will also be tough. **#1A Dream Works** makes his United States debut for the red-hot Brown barn. **#3 Ocean Atlantique** runs second off of the layoff and should improve. **#5 Famished** moves back to the turf after a win on dirt.

Exacta: 1,2/1,2,3

Trifecta: 1,2/1,2,3,5/1,2,3,5

Multi-Race: 1,2

Suggested Bet: \$20 to win on #2 Good Governance

Race 6: 1/1A-3-2-5

#1A Point Proven and **#1 Crupi** both debut for Pletcher and look ready to run. **#3 Perform** and **#2 Disarm** should improve in their second starts. **#5 Wadsworth** debuts after several nice recent workouts.

Exacta: 1/1A,2,3 BOX

Trifecta: 1/1A,2,3,5 BOX

Multi-Race: 1/1A,2,3,5

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

Race 8: 8-3-6-7

#8 Saint Tapit debuted like a monster for Pletcher and the runner-up broke his maiden last weekend. **#3 Scilly Cay** was second in a similar race last time out. **#6 Hometown** moves to the Atras barn for this race. **#7 Money Supply** is another interesting Chad Brown runner.

Exacta: 3,6,8 BOX

Trifecta: 3,6,7,8 BOX

Multi-Race: 3,6,8

Suggested Bet: \$20 to Win on #8 Saint Tapit

Race 12: 2-6-7-9

#2 Your Mission runs second off the layoff after finishing a solid second last time out at this level. **#6 Excursionniste** has speed figures that stand out amongst this group. **#7 Walk Em Down** debuts for Brown, always a dangerous angle. **#9 Biondi** has finished no worse than fourth in 4 tries at this level.

Exacta: 2,6,7 BOX

Trifecta: 2,6,7,9 BOX

Multi-Race: 2,6,7,9

Suggested Bet: \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,6,7,9



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MULTI-RACE ANALYSIS & PLAYS

RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,4,5,6,7 with 4,5,8 with 2,7 with 1,2 with 1,2,5,8 = \$120

RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

4,5,6,8 with 2,7,8 with 1,2 with 1,2,5,8 = \$48

RACE 5: \$0.50 PICK 5

1,2,5,8 with 1,2,3,5 with 2,6 with 3,6,7,8 with 1 = \$64

RACE 6: \$0.50 PICK 4

1,2,3,5 with 2,6 with 3,6,7,8 with 1,6 = \$32

RACE 8: \$0.50 PICK 5

3,6,8 with 1 with 4,6 with 1,4,6,7,8,9,10 with 2,6,7,9 = \$84

RACE 9: \$.50 PICK 4

1 with 4,6 with 1,4,6,7,8,9,10 with 2,6,7,9 = \$28

