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(S) Own: Cash Is King Lic 9/2 Green, Multi-colored Crown, Green Shamrocks On White CASTELLANO JAVIER (0 0-0-0 0%)	B. f. 3 FTMSEP 2014 \$30k Sire: Street Boss (Street Cry (IRE)) \$12,500 Dam: Sheave (Mineshaft) Brdr: Robert T Manfuso (MD) Trnr: Servis John C (0 0-0-0 0%)	
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13 Land Over Sea (S 1) Own: Reddam Racing Llc  5/1 White, Purple Belt, White Band On Purple Sleeves, Purple GUTIERREZ MARIO (0 0-0-0 0%)	Ch. f. 3 OBSAPR 2015 \$130k Sire: Bellamy Road (Concertor) \$7,500 Dam: Belle Watting (Pulpit) Brdr: Jack Swain III (KY) Trnr: O'Neill Doug F (0 0-0-0 0%)	Life: 8 2 · 4 · 1 \$472,000 97   Fst (107) 7 1 · 4 · 1 \$430,000 97

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#### SARATOGA STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Grade	Purse	Restrictions	Surface	Distance
Friday, Jul 20	Lake George	III	\$150,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/16
Friday, Jul 20	Schuylerville	III	\$150,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
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Saturday, Jul 21	Diana	 	\$500,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/8
Saturday, Jul 21	Sanford	Ш	\$150,000	2YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Sunday, Jul 22	Coaching Club American Oaks	I	\$300,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Monday, Jul 23	Caress		\$200,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	5 1/2
Wednesday, Jul 25	Honorable Miss Handicap	П	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
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Thursday, Jul 26	A. P. Smithwick Memorial (Steeplechase)	1	\$150,000	4&UP		2 1/16
Thursday, Jul 26	John Morrissey (NYB)		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Friday, Jul 27	Curlin		\$100,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Saturday, Jul 28	Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap	I	\$350,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Jul 28	Amsterdam	III	\$200,000	3YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Jul 28	Bowling Green	II.		4&UP	Turf	1 3/8
	9		\$250,000			
Saturday, Jul 28	Jim Dandy	II	\$600,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Jul 29	Shuvee Handicap	Ш	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Monday, Jul 30	Coronation Cup		\$100,000	F3YO	Turf	5 1/2
Vednesday, Aug 01	Shine Again		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
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hursday, Aug 02	Birdstone		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 3/4
riday, Aug 03	National Museum of Racing Hall Of Fame	II	\$200,000	3YO	Turf	1 1/16
Saturday, Aug 04	Fasig-Tipton De La Rose		\$100,000	F&M 4&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Saturday, Aug 04	Fasig-Tipton Lure		\$100,000	4&UP	Turf	1 1/16
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Saturday, Aug 04	Fasig-Tipton Waya	III	\$200,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/2
aturday, Aug 04	The Longines Test	I	\$500,000	F3YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 04	Whitney		\$1,200,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Aug 05	Alydar		\$100,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Sunday, Aug 05	Troy Handicap		\$200,000	3&UP	Turf	5 1/2
Nonday, Aug 06	NYSS Cab Calloway Division		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Vednesday, Aug 08	Quick Call		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	5 1/2
hursday, Aug 09	NYSS Statue of Liberty Division		\$100,000	F3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Friday, Aug 10	Tale of the Cat		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 11	Adirondack	II	\$200,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 11	Fourstardave Handicap	I	\$500,000	3&UP	Turf	1 Mile
Sunday, Aug 12	Saratoga Special presented by Coors Light	II	\$200,000	2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
Monday, Aug 13	Saratoga Dew (NYB)		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Vednesday, Aug 15	Bolton Landing		\$100,000	F2YO	Turf	5 1/2
hursday, Aug 16	Union Avenue (NYB)		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
riday, Aug 17	Skidmore		\$100,000	2YO	Turf	5 1/2
Saturday, Aug 18	Alabama	1	\$600,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/4
Saturday, Aug 18	Lake Placid	II	\$300,000	F3YO	Turf	1 1/8
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Sunday, Aug 19	Summer Colony		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Nonday, Aug 20	Evan Shipman (NYB)		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Vednesday, Aug 22	John's Call		\$100,000	3&UP	Turf	1 5/8
hursday, Aug 23	New York Turf Writers Cup	1	\$150,000	4&UP	Turf	2 3/8
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hursday, Aug 23	Riskaverse		\$100,000	F3YO	Turf	1 Mile
riday, Aug 24	Albany (NYB)		\$250,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
riday, Aug 24	Fleet Indian (NYB)		\$200,000	F3YO	Dirt	1 1/8
riday, Aug 24	Funny Cide (NYB)		\$200,000	2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
riday, Aug 24	Seeking the Ante (NYB)		\$200,000	F2YO	Dirt	6 1/2 Furlongs
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riday, Aug 24	West Point presented by Trustco Bank		\$150,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
riday, Aug 24	Yaddo (NYB)		\$150,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
aturday, Aug 25	Forego	I	\$600,000	3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
Saturday, Aug 25	H. Allen Jerkens Memorial	1	\$500,000	3YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
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aturday, Aug 25	Ketel One Ballerina	1	\$500,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	7 Furlongs
aturday, Aug 25	Personal Ensign		\$700,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
Saturday, Aug 25	Sword Dancer		\$1,000,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/2
Saturday, Aug 25	Travers		\$1,250,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/4
, ,		II.				1 1/16
aturday, Aug 25	Woodford Reserve Ballston Spa	II	\$400,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	
iunday, Aug 26	Smart N Fancy		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
Monday, Aug 27	Better Talk Now		\$100,000	3YO	Turf	1 Mile
Vednesday, Aug 29	With Anticipation	III	\$150,000	2YO	Turf	1 1/16
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hursday, Aug 30	P. G. Johnson		\$100,000	F2YO	Turf	
Friday, Aug 31	Lucky Coin		\$100,000	4&UP	Turf	5 1/2 Furlongs
aturday, Sep 01	Glens Falls	III	\$250,000	F&M 3&UP	Turf	1 3/8
Saturday, Sep 01	Saranac	III	\$300,000	3YO	Turf	1 1/8
aturday, Sep 01	Spinaway	I	\$350,000	F2YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs
aturday, Sep 01	Woodward		\$750,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/8
lunday, Sep 02	Prioress	II	\$250,000	F3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Monday, Sep 03	Bernard Baruch Handicap	ii II	\$250,000	3&UP	Turf	1 1/16
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Monday, Sep 03	Hopeful		\$350,000	2YO	Dirt	7 Furlongs



#### AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous full Saratoga meet: July 21, 2017 through September 4, 2017

#### **AVG. WINNING ODDS:** 5.35 - 1

**FAVORITE WIN%: 33% FAVORITE ITM%: 70%** 

PAYOFF
34.89
88.28
91.13
547.58
658.14
3,259.30
32,095.64
4,620.02
38,066.53
88.31



#### **TRACK BIAS MEET (07/21 - 09/04)**

# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
58	41%	Е	Outside
50	22%	Е	Rail/Ins
49	22%	Е	Rail
59	27%	E	Outside
83	20%	E/P	Inside
42	21%	E	Rail/Ins
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#### **TRACK BIAS WEEK (08/29 - 09/04)**

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	9	11%	E/P	Outside
7.0fDirt	14	29%	Е	Middle
1 1/8mDirt	8	13%	S	Inside
Turf Sprint	5	40%	E/P	Outside
InTf Routes	11	18%	Р	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	7	57%	Е	Rail/Ins

#### WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'16-'17 Win %
Gullo Gary P.	6	3	3	0	3.85	0	18%
Ward Wesley A.	7	3	0	2	8.01	1	22%
Baffert Bob	3	2	0	1	3.13	1	28%
Amoss Thomas M.	4	2	1	0	2.98	0	26%
Wilkes Ian R.	6	2	1	0	12.21	0	14%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'16-'17 Win %
Velazquez John R.	36	10	3	1	4.55	7	20%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'16-'17 Win %
Casse Mark E.	19	0	4	0	8.17	3	17%
Hennig Mark A.	13	0	1	2	16.44	0	11%
McPeek Kenneth G.	12	0	0	3	22.61	0	14%
Zito Nicholas P.	12	0	1	1	33.65	0	8%
Bond H. James	11	0	3	0	14.54	1	12%
Jacobson David	10	0	2	1	13.95	0	17%
Metivier Richard	10	0	0	2	60.44	0	6%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	′16-′17 Win %
Santana, Jr. Ricardo	14	0	0	0	20.12	1	15%

## 69 STAKES OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT SARATOGA RACE COURSE

by Ed DeRosa

The most prestigious summer race meeting in the world kicks off on Friday, July 20, and each of the 40 race days through Labor Day, September 3, at Saratoga Race Course features at least one stakes race.

Fillies on turf and dirt take center stage on opening day with males on both surfaces closing the season, and every division in between will also be represented.

Of course, a couple of showpiece Saturdays will garner the most attention with the \$1.2-million Whitney Stakes part of a \$2.1-million day on August 4, and the \$1.25-million Travers Stakes part of a \$4.25-million day on August 25 that also includes 5 other Grade 1 races.

The older male division could go through Saratoga with the aforementioned Whitney and/or the Woodward Stakes on Saturday, September 1. Mind Your Biscuits is expected for the Whitney while Suburban winner Diversify could run in the Woodward.

The Travers is unlikely to have implications on the three-year-old male championship picture, as undefeated Triple Crown winner Justify has pretty much locked up that Eclipse Award by virtue of his sweeping the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and Belmont Stakes. Still, Travers day with its septet of graded stakes races, million-dollar guaranteed pools, and all-sources handle approaching \$50-million, is a highlight of many a horseplayer's summer.

While not quite the lock Justify is for an Eclipse Award, Kentucky Oaks winner Monomoy Girl could widen her lead in the three-year-old filly division with a fourth Grade 1 win in the Coaching Club American Oaks on Sunday, July 22. Looking to catch her will be Alabama Stakes hopefuls (and Kentucky Oaks also rans) Midnight Bisou and Wonder Gadot.

The first earnest 2018 Breeders' Cup Juvenile and 2019 Kentucky Derby talk is also likely to commence around the Saratoga meeting, as loaded maiden special weight races for two-year-olds help support one of the most robust juvenile stakes programs in the world.

The action commences on opening weekend with a pair of Grade 3s: the Schuylerville for fillies on opening day and the Sanford for males on Saturday, July 21. The mid meet two-year-old features are the Grade 2 Adirondack on August 11 and the Grade 2 Saratoga Special presented by Coors Light on August 12. It all culminates in a pair of Grade 1 races on closing weekend: the Spinaway for fillies on September 1 and the Hopeful on closing day, September 3.

The two-year-old stakes action also includes a pair of inaugural races going 5 ½ furlongs on turf as a prep for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint: the Bolton Landing for fillies on August 15 and the Skidmore on August 17.

The stakes slate also includes 9 stakes races for New York-bred horses, including a New York-bred showcase day on Travers eve, Friday, August 24, with 5 stakes worth \$1-million.



## HANDICAPPING SARATOGA WITH BRIS ALL-WAYS DATA

by Ed DeRosa originally published in 2017

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:

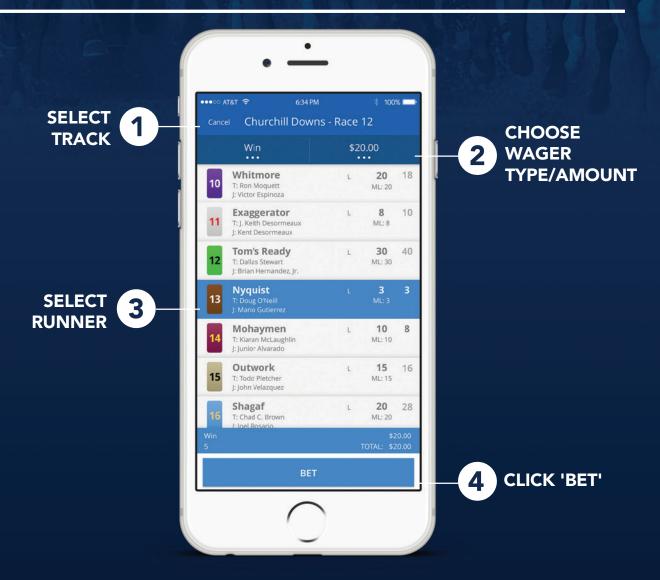
CATEGORY	DIRT SPRINT	DIRT ROUTE	TURF SPRINT	ALL RACES
Speed	24	30	24	26
Class	28	26	16	24
Prime Power	27	37	16	27





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