

TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



149TH RUNNING OF THE TRAVERS STAKES

The Travers Stakes (Gr 1)

1 1/4-Miles

PURSE \$1,250,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Trigger Warning	30-1
2	Wonder Gadot	5-1
3	Gronkowski	4-1
4	Bravaso	12-1
5	Vino Rosso	10-1
6	Meistermind	30-1
7	King Zachary	15-1
8	Mendelssohn	12-1
9	Good Magic	2-1
10	Tenfold	8-1
11	Catholic Boy	8-1

TOP PICKS	
9	Good Magic
5	Vino Rosso
8	Mendelssohn
\$20 Win	
9	(\$20)
\$5 EXACTA KEY BOX	
9	with 5,8 (\$20)
\$.50-CENT SUPERFECTA PART-WHEEL	
5,9	with 5,8,9 with 2,3,4,5,8,9,11 with 2,3,4,5,8,9,11 (\$40)

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A field of 11 sophomores will take aim at the robust, \$1.25 million Travers S. (G1) at Saratoga on Saturday. And what a field it is!

Morning-line choice GOOD MAGIC had an ideal prep for today when waltzing home a superb winner in the Haskell (G1). Chad Brown pupil has never run a bad race and was second on this day a year ago in his debut offering. Champion son of Curlin smoked a bullet five panels most recently and the Kentucky-bred will be forcing the pace from the early stages. Regular rider Jose Ortiz will be in the saddle once again. He will be formidable.

VINO ROSSO has been something of an enigma but could put it all together at a distance that is ideal for the sophomore. Curlin colt, who bagged the Wood Memorial (G2) in the spring, finished a fast-closing third in the Jim Dandy (G2) most recently. Chestnut ran in spots in his local debut but was full of run late, and he will have the chance to rally into a swift and contested pace today. John Velazquez, the only pilot to ride the Todd Pletcher trainee, has the assignment.

Grade 1 victor MENDELSSOHN was last in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and a distant third in the Dwyer (G3) coming into this event. UAE Derby (UAE-G2) romper is given another try by conditioner Aidan O'Brien and we are intrigued by the half-brother to champion Beholder coming to the states for another run at the top level. \$3 million yearling is gate quick and could try to take the field all the way on the front end. The price will be right with money rider Ryan Moore coming back to guide him.

Canadian dual Classic heroine WONDER GADOT, Preakness (G1) and Haskell (G1) runner-up BRAVAZO, Belmont S. (G1) second GRONKOWSKI and recent Belmont Derby (G1) victor CATHOLIC BOY, add to the awesome depth of the field.