

DOGHOUSE CONFIDENTIAL

SARATOGA STRATEGIES by **Mr. X**

Monmouth Park

Saturday, October 27, 2007

#	Horse	Odds	Jockey	Wgt	A/S	M/E	Trainer
1	Lawyer Ron (KY)	5/2	John R. Velazquez	126	4 C	LA	Todd A. Pletcher
2	Street Sense (KY)	3/1	Calvin H. Borel	121	3 C	L	Carl A. Nafzger
3	Any Given Saturday (KY)	4/1	Garrett K. Gomez	121	3 C	LA	Todd A. Pletcher
4	Curlin (KY)	3/1	Robby Albarado	121	3 C	L	Steven M. Asmussen
5	George Washington (IRE)	20/1	Michael J. Kinane	126	4 C	L	Aidan P. O'Brien
6	Awesome Gem (KY)	30/1	David Romero Flores	126	4 G	L	Craig Dollase
7	Diamond Stripes (FL)	15/1	Cornelio H. Velasquez	126	4 G	L	Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.
8	Hard Spun (PA)	8/1	Mario G. Pino	121	3 C	LA	J. Larry Jones
9	Tiago (KY)	12/1	Mike E. Smith	121	3 C	LA	John A. Shirreffs

A very interesting classic filled with terrific three year olds. All have raced against each other more than once. Then we have some very good older horses in Lawyer Ron and George Washington.

I can't bet George Washington who is a very good turf horse and the other two also rans: Awesome Gem and Diamond Stripes. That leaves us with six contenders.

Any of the six can be in the top four to make the Superfecta, so one of my bets will be to box all six in the new 10 cent Superfecta for a total of \$36 for 360 combinations.

Lawyer Ron doesn't look to be a legitimate 10 furlong horse so I will bet against him to win. Great at nine, but never won at 10F. I don't think Curlin likes the track after his losing performance in the Haskell at 9F, so even though he is better at 10F, I don't think he can win. Hard Spun is always a fighter and may surprise, but he has been beaten by too many of these, so I don't think he can carry his speed all the way. I will not bet him to win.

That leaves **Tiago**, **Any Given Saturday**, and **Street Sense**. **Tiago** is dangerously improving on the West Coast, and his trainer says that he is growing up and getting better. He has good energy distribution numbers but doesn't have the right style to win at Monmouth, so we will timidly bet against him to win. **Any Given Saturday** looks to be improving, won big here in the Haskell drowning Hard Spun, but still is yet to win at 10F even though he has only raced at the distance in the Derby. His record, however, is superb, and with Pletcher, I think he will continue to improve and will be a legitimate threat to win. **Street Sense** is again the horse to beat. Working great and Calvin is very confident, almost too confident. Hopefully, he will have him closer to the lead, as he will need to be at Monmouth. He is no lock in a very tough race. Rain is okay.

Here is my safe bet:

\$2 Exacta Box: 2-3 / 1-2-3-4-8-9 = \$40

Here is what I will bet:

\$0.10 Superfecta Box = 1-2-3-4-8-9 = \$36

\$10 Exacta: 2-3 / 1-2-3-4-8-9 = \$100

\$10 Exacta Box: 2-3-9 = \$60

\$1 Tri: 2-3 / 2-3-8-9 / 1-2-3-4-8-9 = \$24

Total \$220

Good luck to all! Mr. X