

DOGHOUSE CONFIDENTIAL

SARATOGA STRATEGIES by **Mr. X**

Travers Day Stakes Special

Saturday, August 25, 2007

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7	6		Cosmonaut	Anyone can win, class, looks longer, best B's, Prado choice
	11		Ballast	Motion, excuse last, wants no rain, +Dom, wants lead
	8		Stay Close	Major chance for shipper, ran with better, beat 11 lost to 6, +JVel, Farish ownr

Exbx: 6-8-11 Tribx: 6-8-11 Tri: 6-11 / 1-6-7-8-9-11 take out 7 if no scratch Pk4: 6-8-11 / 2-3-4-8-9 / 4 / 8

8	8		MostDistinguishd	Won here, good work, good final time, %E, beaten by Tueflesburg 6/9
	2		Spin Master	Sitting on major race, excellent work, but inside, can't duel
	3		Hard Spun	Class, but can't cut back dist yet, owner choice to run, no work here
	4		Tueflesburg	Speedy, turf to dirt here, but may be tired
	9		First Defence	Frankel improving, excellent work, cutting back, may need lead

Exbx: 2-8 Tri: 2-8 / 2-3-4-8-9 Pk3: 2-3-4-8-9 / 4-6 / 6-8

9	4		Street Sense	Can't go past, even B race will beat these
	6		Loose Leaf	Improving, great race here, good closing time %E, McPeek 2 nd with Repent
	5		Grasshopper	Chance for 2 nd , great race here last, but inexperienced

Ex: 4 / 5-6 Ex: 4-6 Exbx: 4-6 Tri: 4 / ALL / 6 saver

It is hard to bet against Street Sense so we need to find the exacta horse. C P West offers no value, and we know he can't beat Street Sense. Sightseeing closes but looks too slow. We want an improving horse like Loose Leaf or Grasshopper. Both have great trainers. However, Ken McPeek almost won with Repent some years ago. Here he comes in with Loose Leaf who ran a great race here (I saw it), and the horse made some nifty, very athletic moves. My major bet will be Street Sense over Loose Leaf. While Grasshopper looks good, he is somewhat inexperienced, although at this time of the year, the fresher horses can do well. His trainer is a master as well, so he could do it. The rest don't offer any value to me. Presuming the weather is okay, and we don't have torrential rains, the bets won't change.

10	8		La Traviata	High speed, set track records, Biancone/Lep, but no work here, leads
	6		Allude	Darley/Albertrani, +Pino, stumbled last, one to beat
	4		Graeme Six	Looks ready to roll, good closing time, needs to stay close, but Luzzi?
	10		Featherbed	Won last for Pletcher on front, won't get lead, no work in 19 days, tired?
	3		Russian Gypsy	Good race here for Dollase, inexperienced but improving, good closing time

Exbx: 4-6-8 Exbx: 6-8 Tri: 6-8 / 3-4-6-8-10

Maybe today is the day to turn it around. Had some winners and exactas on Wednesday, but still lost. Down \$1500. Good luck on Travers Day!

