

JEREMY PLONK'S SARATOGA PICKS

Belmont Stakes Saturday – Full Card – June 6, 2026

1	7-4-3-5	Regally bred #7 Crowning Glory not unveiled Belmont Day without reason. Chance to upset #4 Cold Spell exiting a very fast race from Keeneland that's netted mixed results from returnees.
2	9-3-4-5	#9 Senior Officer came back from 1.5 years away as promising as he left, same goes for #4 Incentive Pay. They'll need to be vs. #3 Life and Times, who has dueled elite stakes speed horses.
3	2-8-9-6	#2 Signator (10-1 ML) has been running short on dirt of late, gets back to preferred turf route and makes huge barn change to Cox. Huge fav #8 Intellect 2 nd last 4X, 3 as the chalk. Can be beaten.
4	7-4-2-3	Race sets up for a finisher and #7 Helen's Revenge may not be as classy, but is in raging good form with the right style. Worth price shot. #4 Speightful Lily ran huge fresh in past & lures Prat.
5	2-10-8-9	#2 Eponine has been away since Aug, but won both other kick-offs to form cycle. Jose rides as Irad jumps to #10 Imperatrice, a 3YO vs. elders who gets 6-lb break. Not best value race or trust.
6	7-14-8-6 KEY PLAY	#7 Brightline Bullet 4YO vs. many well-bet 3YOs for Clement barn going well right now. Like the 10-1 ML. #14 Gun Range well-bred + impressed at Kee. Make Brown, Pletcher 3YOs beat me.
7	4-2-3-8	C. Brown owns Just A Game S. (won 8 of last 9). #3 Segesta off G1 wins seems easy. Her past rivals haven't been as strong as expected. French G1 class #4 Mandanaba found a great spot.
8	3-6-8-2	Much respect for favorites #3 Bentornato (early) & #6 Book 'em Danno / #2 Imagination (late). Price hope is that impressive Kee class riser #8 Illuminare may find way into hunt, but tall order.
9	1-10-6-5 KEY PLAY	#6 Ag Bullet-#10 My Boy Prince 1-2 in last year's Jaipur & make case to repeat. Don't think there's a ton of early gas, making 15-1 rail speed w/ Paco #1 Governor Sam upset intrigue/exotic boost.
10	6-2-7-8	#6 Crude Velocity has flashed star talent & Baffert stakes horses are clicking in Ky. 7F should be dynamite trip for #2 Obliteration in very deep race. Don't be afraid to spread in multi-race bets.
11	7-3-1-6	Cut-back runners have had most success out of Spa 1M chute and Californians 2-2 in Met Miles held locally. Hard to get past #1 Nysos and #7 Journalism. #3 Antiquarian value if can split EX.
12	6-3-7-6 KEY PLAY	The American turfers here are milers and stretched to the max at 9F, so 9.5F Manhattan falls into lap of G1/G2 French distance specialist #6 Bright Picture. Pairs with Prat as day's best bet.
13	7-4-9-8	#4 Renegade best on paper, but concern w/ post-Derby recovery time (2 works vs. 3 for others). Jock change #7 Commandment to Sar all-time leader Johnny V key after premature Derby move.
14	3-5-9-10	#3 Winnebago 10-1 ML gets a great draw and pace set-up while making key 2 nd start off layoff that produces improvement. Clement charge capable for hot barn. Favs here have questions.