

## Off to the Races! - Cal-Expo on Friday, January 12, 2018

Whether you've come for the beautiful horses, great friends or a little gambling, we hope you enjoy your experience at the track today. We even have some fun facts and useful suggestions to help you cash a few winning tickets!



Harness racing is all about preparation, dedication and competition. Each and every race the horses and their owners, trainers and drivers contend for a share of the purse money and the glory of winning. But wait! You can also become part of the action by placing wagers on today's races. Because the track itself has no stake in who wins or loses, when you bet on the harness races you're not playing against the house like with casino gaming, you are playing against all the other horse players at the track and at simulcast locations throughout the country.

**It's time to place your bets!** There are two basic approaches to wagering:

**1) Handicapping** involves studying previous races in order to predict the likely outcome of a race today. Experienced handicappers analyze the information found in the race program, but we've made it easy and done all the work for you!

### The Science of "Handicapped" Bets -

If you like to take a more calculated approach to your wagering, feel confident in the expert recommendations we've laid out below. They are all based on scientific analysis of previous races and modeled after the methods used by top handicappers. In addition to the past performances we also look at the trainers who prepare the horses for the races and the drivers that guide them during the races. Select the wager that's right for you based on the amount of money you're willing to invest and the amount of risk you're willing to take. Play it safe or take a shot at a big score, the choice is yours.

**2) Hunch betting** is perhaps the most enjoyable way for new fans to play the races. Knowledge of racing is not required, but an imagination is!

### The Art of "Hunch" Bets -

There are no right or wrong selections here, and the options are endless! Horse names can make for some great hunch bets, just look for one that you think is particularly clever or meaningful. If you have a favorite color or lucky number, look at each horse's assigned saddlecloth for your pick. The tote board lists odds to win for each horse. Pick high odds if you like long shots and low odds if you prefer favorites. Finally, sometimes the best drivers and trainers can win with horses handicappers wouldn't give a strong chance. Trust in these professionals that know how to get the job done.

There are many types of wagers, but our plays only involve:

- Win** (horse must finish 1st)
- Show** (horse can finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd)
- Exacta Box** (horses must finish 1st & 2nd in either order)
- Trifecta Box** (horses must finish 1st, 2nd & 3rd in any order)



There are **12** races today featuring:

- 96** Different Horses
- 17** Different Drivers
- 33** Different Trainers

*Note: in some cases certain wagers may not be offered due to an insufficient number of horses in the race.*

## WAGERING RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Race 1:</b>	#1 King Of The Swamp has one of the top drivers in the sulky for today's race.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #4 Deweydiddonegood	\$2 to Win on #6 Cowboy Mathis
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 Deweydiddonegood, #6 Cowboy Mathis and #2 Best Dream Seeker	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 Deweydiddonegood, #6 Cowboy Mathis and #5 Silent Rescue
<b>Race 2:</b>	If you like the Green saddlecloth color worn by #4 Lodi Jazz Player consider a wager.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #5 Jk Journey	\$2 to Win on #3 Manley Stanley
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Jk Journey, #3 Manley Stanley and #6 Gravel Girl	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Jk Journey, #3 Manley Stanley and #1 Breezani
<b>Race 3:</b>	Place your bets on Hot On The Pace if #7 is your lucky number.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #3 Winonefordoug	\$2 to Win on #5 Regina Beach
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 Winonefordoug, #5 Regina Beach and #4 Secret Chord	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 Winonefordoug, #5 Regina Beach and #6 Ulysses Blue Chip
<b>Race 4:</b>	If #6 Sweet One looks alert and focused in the post parade, consider a wager.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #3 Surprisingly Sweet	\$2 to Win on #2 Magnifique
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 Surprisingly Sweet, #2 Magnifique and #7 If You Say So	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 Surprisingly Sweet, #2 Magnifique and #4 Cenalta Artistry
<b>Race 5:</b>	#4 Winsom Kelly has been prepared for today's race by one of the top trainers.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #1 Dougs Hobby Horse	\$2 to Win on #2 Silverlode
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 Dougs Hobby Horse, #2 Silverlode and #3 Franky Provolone	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 Dougs Hobby Horse, #2 Silverlode and #7 Franks Best

<b>Race 6:</b>	<b>#2 Dark Prince</b> has raced 262 times. Consider a wager on this horse with the most experience.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#6 I'm Blue Too</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#7 Chip Again</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#6 I'm Blue Too, #7 Chip Again and #3 Hello Sevens</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#6 I'm Blue Too, #7 Chip Again and #8 Who Dat Love</b>

<b>Race 7:</b>	Consider a wager on <b>#1</b> if the name <b>Majestic Lass</b> has a special significance to you.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#10 Pa's Corn Squeezin</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#3 Wizzel Stix</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#10 Pa's Corn Squeezin, #3 Wizzel Stix and #5 Awesum World</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#10 Pa's Corn Squeezin, #3 Wizzel Stix and #2 Alwaysalittlemore</b>

<b>Race 8:</b>	<b>#7 West For Gold</b> could be considered a value bet based on the 8/1 morning line odds.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#1 He Grins Again</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#3 Mucho Macho Man</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#1 He Grins Again, #3 Mucho Macho Man and #4 Mystery Dragon</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#1 He Grins Again, #3 Mucho Macho Man and #5 Western Devil</b>

<b>Race 9:</b>	It has been 5 days since <b>#10 Beacon Of Hope</b> raced. It may be the right time for a wager today.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#2 Art Genta</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#1 Almost Cut My Hair</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#2 Art Genta, #1 Almost Cut My Hair and #4 Baylor Out</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#2 Art Genta, #1 Almost Cut My Hair and #5 Blue Star Maverick</b>

<b>Race 10:</b>	<b>#5 Spikeilike</b> is considered the long shot to win this race. Place a bet if you like the underdog.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#7 Bettor Lady</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#3 Buzz Light</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#7 Bettor Lady, #3 Buzz Light and #9 Real Roknrol</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#7 Bettor Lady, #3 Buzz Light and #8 Crash And Burn</b>

<b>Race 11:</b>	<b>#4 Melodies That Rock</b> has won fewer races than any other. Place a bet if you think things will turn around today.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#1 Windsong Lindsey</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#3 Hare To Eternity</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#1 Windsong Lindsey, #3 Hare To Eternity and #8 Delightfully Wild</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#1 Windsong Lindsey, #3 Hare To Eternity and #6 Smash</b>

<b>Race 12:</b>	<b>#1 Nat-A-katt</b> has the fewest lifetime starts. Consider a wager if inexperience doesn't matter to you.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on <b>#3 Forgivesourzins</b>	\$2 to Win on <b>#2 Little Emma</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on <b>#3 Forgivesourzins, #2 Little Emma and #6 Harry Fredrick</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on <b>#3 Forgivesourzins, #2 Little Emma and #4 Itsgoodtobeking</b>

#### Advanced Wagering Information -

Our recommended plays only touch on the basics of wagering. For those interested, here's a little more information on making wagers.

**STRAIGHT BETS** - When you bet on a horse to Win, Place or Show you are making a "straight bet". The minimum for these types of wagers is generally \$2. However, if you are feeling confident in your choice you have the ability to increase that amount to any level you wish. One common wagering technique is to bet a horse to Win, Place and Show. This is know as betting "across the board" and it's actually three separate bets with a total cost of three times your base amount.

**EXOTIC BETS** - Exactas, Trifectas and all other wagers are considered "exotic bets". The minimum for these types of wagers is generally \$1. The main difference with exotic bets is that you are playing "combinations" of horses instead of just a single horse. When you play multiple combinations of horses in a single bet this is called "boxing" your wager. The more horses you include in a exotic bet box the better chance you have of hitting a winner, but the higher the cost of the ticket.

With an exacta, you must pick the horses that will finish 1st and 2nd in a race. An exacta box consisting of 2 horses carries a cost of \$2, 3 horses and the price is \$6, 4 horses and the price is \$12.

With a trifecta, you must pick the horses that will finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in a race. A trifecta box consisting of 3 horses carries a cost of \$6, 4 horses and the price is \$24, 5 horses and the price is \$60.

Always remember, sometimes it is not profitable to play too many horses in a box because the amount that it costs you may be more than the amount of the payoff. In order to assure this doesn't happen too often make sure you are including a couple long shots in your wagers and avoid playing all the favorites in a race on a single ticket.