

Off to the Races! - Cal-Expo on Saturday, February 17, 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:

- 88** Different Horses
- 15** Different Drivers
- 28** Different Trainers

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

WAGERING RECOMMENDATIONS

Race 1:	#3 Nevermissabeat has raced 266 times. Consider a wager on this horse with the most experience.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #2 Cenalta Eclipse	\$2 to Win on #4 Mattador D
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #2 Cenalta Eclipse, #4 Mattador D and #1 King Of The Swamp	\$1 Trifecta Box on #2 Cenalta Eclipse, #4 Mattador D and #7 Vow To Win
Race 2:	If you like the Yellow saddlecloth color worn by #6 Surprisingly Sweet consider a wager.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Bettor Lady	\$2 to Win on #1 Cenalta Diamond
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Bettor Lady, #1 Cenalta Diamond and #4 Smash	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Bettor Lady, #1 Cenalta Diamond and #3 Cenalta Call Girl
Race 3:	Place your bets on Messin It Up if #4 is your lucky number.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #2 Pay Dirt	\$2 to Win on #3 Prideofthesierras
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #2 Pay Dirt, #3 Prideofthesierras and #5 I Will Score	\$1 Trifecta Box on #2 Pay Dirt, #3 Prideofthesierras and #1 Cenalta Dragster
Race 4:	#6 Hf Card has one of the top drivers in the sulky for today's race.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #1 My Hearts Conquest	\$2 to Win on #3 Hes A Navajo
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 My Hearts Conquest, #3 Hes A Navajo and #2 Major Jesse	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 My Hearts Conquest, #3 Hes A Navajo and #5 Itsgoodtobeking
Race 5:	#5 Delightfully Wild has been prepared for today's race by one of the top trainers.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #4 Blue Note	\$2 to Win on #2 Sparkin Your Fire
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 Blue Note, #2 Sparkin Your Fire and #1 Shesamysterytome	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 Blue Note, #2 Sparkin Your Fire and #3 Getter Queen Flush

Race 6:	If #3 Laissezmoipicoler looks alert and focused in the post parade, consider a wager.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #1 Cowboy Mathis	\$2 to Win on #2 Fire On The Water
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 Cowboy Mathis , #2 Fire On The Water and #5 Barbosa	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 Cowboy Mathis , #2 Fire On The Water and #4 Lincoln

Race 7:	Consider a wager on #10 if the name Alwaysalittlemore has a special significance to you.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #4 High Bet Hanover	\$2 to Win on #2 Nutmegs Desire
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 High Bet Hanover , #2 Nutmegs Desire and #5 Little Emma	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 High Bet Hanover , #2 Nutmegs Desire and #3 Awesum World

Race 8:	#6 Mystery Dragon could be considered a value bet based on the 5/1 morning line odds.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #9 Machabyebaby	\$2 to Win on #3 He Grins Again
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #9 Machabyebaby , #3 He Grins Again and #2 Crash And Burn	\$1 Trifecta Box on #9 Machabyebaby , #3 He Grins Again and #5 Western Devil

Race 9:	It has been 7 days since #1 Cantholdmebackmack raced. It may be the right time for a wager today.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #7 I'm An Athlete	\$2 to Win on #3 Allmyx'sliventexas
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #7 I'm An Athlete , #3 Allmyx'sliventexas and #2 One And Only	\$1 Trifecta Box on #7 I'm An Athlete , #3 Allmyx'sliventexas and #8 Bettor's Promise

Race 10:	#7 Totally Racy is the youngest horse in this race. Consider a wager if you favor youth.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #1 Perfect Pitch	\$2 to Win on #3 La Diva De Rosa
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 Perfect Pitch , #3 La Diva De Rosa and #2 Moonshinenmonkeys	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 Perfect Pitch , #3 La Diva De Rosa and #4 Hi Fidelity

Race 11:	#6 He's Done It All is the oldest horse in this race. Consider a wager if you favor age.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #7 Lucky IVan	\$2 to Win on #3 Musician
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #7 Lucky IVan , #3 Musician and #1 Mr Rightnow	\$1 Trifecta Box on #7 Lucky IVan , #3 Musician and #4 Shez A Swift

Race 12:	#1 Santanna Sam is considered the long shot to win this race. Place a bet if you like the underdog.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Mint To Cruise	\$2 to Win on #2 Art Genta
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Mint To Cruise , #2 Art Genta and #8 Walker Meister	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Mint To Cruise , #2 Art Genta and #7 Lil Orphan Elmer

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.