

Off to the Races! - Cal-Expo on Friday, January 5, 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:

- 92** Different Horses
- 20** Different Drivers
- 34** 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:	If you like the Red saddlecloth color worn by #1 Claudia Antonia consider a wager.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #6 Gravel Girl	\$2 to Win on #5 Manley Stanley
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #6 Gravel Girl, #5 Manley Stanley and #2 Jk Journey	\$1 Trifecta Box on #6 Gravel Girl, #5 Manley Stanley and #3 Breezani
Race 2:	Place your bets on Messin It Up if #4 is your lucky number.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Lilbitofmama	\$2 to Win on #2 Cordees Fantasy
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Lilbitofmama, #2 Cordees Fantasy and #3 Hf Card	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Lilbitofmama, #2 Cordees Fantasy and #1 Cenalta Snickers
Race 3:	#4 Tame The Dice has one of the top drivers in the sulky for today's race.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Windsun Galaxie	\$2 to Win on #6 The Evictor
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Windsun Galaxie, #6 The Evictor and #3 Leave Your Mark	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Windsun Galaxie, #6 The Evictor and #7 Itzaziam
Race 4:	If #3 P L Jalapeno looks alert and focused in the post parade, consider a wager.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #7 Ff Bigshow	\$2 to Win on #6 Swagasaurusrex
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #7 Ff Bigshow, #6 Swagasaurusrex and #5 Blue Star Maverick	\$1 Trifecta Box on #7 Ff Bigshow, #6 Swagasaurusrex and #1 Lil Orphan Elmer
Race 5:	#2 Lilmessinaround has raced 53 times. Consider a wager on this horse with the most experience.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #7 Real Rognrol	\$2 to Win on #3 Hes A Navajo
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #7 Real Rognrol, #3 Hes A Navajo and #5 Harry Fredrick	\$1 Trifecta Box on #7 Real Rognrol, #3 Hes A Navajo and #6 Cenalta Cougar

Race 6:	#2 Lucky Seven Ofodi has been prepared for today's race by one of the top trainers.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #4 Feeling Fancy Free	\$2 to Win on #3 A Tributeto Katie
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 Feeling Fancy Free, #3 A Tributeto Katie and #7 Very Western	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 Feeling Fancy Free, #3 A Tributeto Katie and #1 Got Tone

Race 7:	Consider a wager on #1 if the name Rss Express has a special significance to you.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #4 Winsom Kelly	\$2 to Win on #2 Silverlode
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 Winsom Kelly, #2 Silverlode and #3 Franky Provolone	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 Winsom Kelly, #2 Silverlode and #6 Dougs Hobby Horse

Race 8:	#6 Smash could be considered a value bet based on the 9/2 morning line odds.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #3 Delightfully Wild	\$2 to Win on #4 Shesamysterytome
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 Delightfully Wild, #4 Shesamysterytome and #5 Sparkin Your Fire	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 Delightfully Wild, #4 Shesamysterytome and #1 If You Say So

Race 9:	It has been 6 days since #4 Miss Banjolina raced. It may be the right time for a wager today.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Place At The Beach	\$2 to Win on #1 Shark Festival
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Place At The Beach, #1 Shark Festival and #3 Cenalta Artistry	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Place At The Beach, #1 Shark Festival and #8 Nighthtraintovegas

Race 10:	#6 Majestic Lass 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 #10 Magnifique	\$2 to Win on #1 Shez A Swift
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #10 Magnifique, #1 Shez A Swift and #2 Soul Diva	\$1 Trifecta Box on #10 Magnifique, #1 Shez A Swift and #5 Rockinaroundheaven

Race 11:	#1 Art Genta has won more races than any other. Consider a bet if you think the trend will continue.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Bettor's Promise	\$2 to Win on #6 Almost Cut My Hair
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Bettor's Promise, #6 Almost Cut My Hair and #2 Baylor Out	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Bettor's Promise, #6 Almost Cut My Hair and #3 Sapient Hanover

Race 12:	#1 Genuine Desire 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 Silent Rescue	\$2 to Win on #2 Fire On The Water
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Silent Rescue, #2 Fire On The Water and #3 Laissezmoipicoler	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Silent Rescue, #2 Fire On The Water and #7 Chief Saratoga

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.