

## Off to the Races! - Cal-Expo on Friday, February 16, 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:  
**89** Different Horses  
**16** Different Drivers  
**32** 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 Wizzel Stix has raced 78 times. Consider a wager on this horse with the most experience.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #4 Chilma	\$2 to Win on #3 Be My Lucky Lady
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 Chilma, #3 Be My Lucky Lady and #5 Listentoherheart	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 Chilma, #3 Be My Lucky Lady and #2 Cenalta Cougar
<b>Race 2:</b>	#5 Sweet One 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 #6 Party Hangover Two	\$2 to Win on #3 Directing Traffic
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #6 Party Hangover Two, #3 Directing Traffic and #2 If You Say So	\$1 Trifecta Box on #6 Party Hangover Two, #3 Directing Traffic and #1 Place At The Beach
<b>Race 3:</b>	If you like the Yellow saddlecloth color worn by #6 Therealgoods consider a wager.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #2 Lookslikewemadeit	\$2 to Win on #3 J'slittlesuperstar
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #2 Lookslikewemadeit, #3 J'slittlesuperstar and #5 Got Tone	\$1 Trifecta Box on #2 Lookslikewemadeit, #3 J'slittlesuperstar and #4 Lucky Seven Oflodi
<b>Race 4:</b>	Place your bets on I'm Blue Too if #2 is your lucky number.	
	<i>Some Reward Opportunity</i>	<i>Higher Reward Opportunity</i>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #3 Cenalta Diesel	\$2 to Win on #4 Swagaurusrex
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 Cenalta Diesel, #4 Swagaurusrex and #1 Justabitcrazy	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 Cenalta Diesel, #4 Swagaurusrex and #5 Rusty Carter
<b>Race 5:</b>	If #7 Windsun Galaxie 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 #6 Silverhill Volo	\$2 to Win on #3 The Evictor
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #6 Silverhill Volo, #3 The Evictor and #2 Silverlode	\$1 Trifecta Box on #6 Silverhill Volo, #3 The Evictor and #1 Franks Best

<b>Race 6:</b>	Consider a wager on #5 if the name <b>Spikeilike</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 #3 <b>Mucho Macho Man</b>	\$2 to Win on #1 <b>Kissed The Boys</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 <b>Mucho Macho Man</b> , #1 <b>Kissed The Boys</b> and #2 <b>Johnny Be On Time</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 <b>Mucho Macho Man</b> , #1 <b>Kissed The Boys</b> and #7 <b>Herecomesthethundr</b>

<b>Race 7:</b>	#10 <b>Along Came Jane</b> could be considered a value bet based on the 15/1 morning line odds.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #3 <b>Nightrainovegas</b>	\$2 to Win on #5 <b>Windsun T Bird</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 <b>Nightrainovegas</b> , #5 <b>Windsun T Bird</b> and #2 <b>Windsong Lindsey</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 <b>Nightrainovegas</b> , #5 <b>Windsun T Bird</b> and #8 <b>Magnifique</b>

<b>Race 8:</b>	It has been 5 days since #2 <b>Crusin For You</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 #8 <b>Pancetta</b>	\$2 to Win on #3 <b>Jazzmanian Devil</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #8 <b>Pancetta</b> , #3 <b>Jazzmanian Devil</b> and #1 <b>Dontdoubthelakers</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #8 <b>Pancetta</b> , #3 <b>Jazzmanian Devil</b> and #4 <b>Why Ask Why</b>

<b>Race 9:</b>	#5 <b>Oh Yeah</b> has been prepared for today's race by one of the top trainers.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #1 <b>Good Citations</b>	\$2 to Win on #6 <b>Lumberjack Willie</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 <b>Good Citations</b> , #6 <b>Lumberjack Willie</b> and #8 <b>Who Dat Love</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 <b>Good Citations</b> , #6 <b>Lumberjack Willie</b> and #2 <b>Gene Eugene</b>

<b>Race 10:</b>	#5 <b>Poorlittlerichgirl</b> is the oldest horse in this race. Consider a wager if you favor age.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #4 <b>Rush And A Brush</b>	\$2 to Win on #6 <b>Kiss On The Lips</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #4 <b>Rush And A Brush</b> , #6 <b>Kiss On The Lips</b> and #2 <b>Window Wiper</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #4 <b>Rush And A Brush</b> , #6 <b>Kiss On The Lips</b> and #1 <b>Back Stock</b>

<b>Race 11:</b>	#7 <b>Elvis Paceley</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 #1 <b>Deweydiddonegood</b>	\$2 to Win on #4 <b>Hi Ho Houdini</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 <b>Deweydiddonegood</b> , #4 <b>Hi Ho Houdini</b> and #5 <b>Chip Again</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 <b>Deweydiddonegood</b> , #4 <b>Hi Ho Houdini</b> and #3 <b>Ulysses Blue Chip</b>

<b>Race 12:</b>	#5 <b>Coz And Effect</b> is going down in class today. Facing weaker competition could help this horse's chances.	
	<b>Some Reward Opportunity</b>	<b>Higher Reward Opportunity</b>
<b>\$2 Ticket</b>	\$2 to Show on #1 <b>Stylemaster</b>	\$2 to Win on #7 <b>Twomickeytrip</b>
<b>\$6 Ticket</b>	\$1 Exacta Box on #1 <b>Stylemaster</b> , #7 <b>Twomickeytrip</b> and #8 <b>Best Dream Seeker</b>	\$1 Trifecta Box on #1 <b>Stylemaster</b> , #7 <b>Twomickeytrip</b> and #6 <b>Howtotrainurdragon</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.