

Off to the Races! - Cal-Expo on Saturday, December 9, 2017

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 **11** races today featuring:
92 Different Horses
19 Different Drivers
31 Different Trainers

WAGERING RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Race 1:	#4 Johnny Be On Time 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 #6 Western Devil	\$2 to Win on #7 He Grins Again
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #6 Western Devil, #7 He Grins Again and #2 Lilmessinaround	\$1 Trifecta Box on #6 Western Devil, #7 He Grins Again and #8 Lilbitofmama
Race 2:	If you like the White saddlecloth color worn by #3 Western Fortune consider a wager.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #7 Deweydiddonegood	\$2 to Win on #2 Beacon Of Hope
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #7 Deweydiddonegood, #2 Beacon Of Hope and #4 Dontdoubthelakers	\$1 Trifecta Box on #7 Deweydiddonegood, #2 Beacon Of Hope and #6 Silent Rescue
Race 3:	Place your bets on Hotmones if #7 is your lucky number.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #5 Back Stock	\$2 to Win on #3 Miss Banjolina
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 Back Stock, #3 Miss Banjolina and #1 If You Say So	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 Back Stock, #3 Miss Banjolina and #2 Rockinaroundheaven
Race 4:	#4 He's Done It All has raced 341 times. Consider a wager on this horse with the most experience.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #2 Chip Again	\$2 to Win on #7 Dark Prince
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #2 Chip Again, #7 Dark Prince and #3 King Of The Swamp	\$1 Trifecta Box on #2 Chip Again, #7 Dark Prince and #6 Hot On The Pace
Race 5:	#6 Jump The Shark 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 #5 To The Limit	\$2 to Win on #3 Gorgeous For Real
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #5 To The Limit, #3 Gorgeous For Real and #2 Make It Big	\$1 Trifecta Box on #5 To The Limit, #3 Gorgeous For Real and #7 One And Only

Race 6:	If #1 Awesum World looks alert and focused in the post parade, consider a wager.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #8 Pa's Corn Squeezin	\$2 to Win on #6 Nutmegs Desire
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #8 Pa's Corn Squeezin, #6 Nutmegs Desire and #7 Shez A Swift	\$1 Trifecta Box on #8 Pa's Corn Squeezin, #6 Nutmegs Desire and #3 Lovers Holiday

Race 7:	Consider a wager on #7 if the name I Will Score has a special significance to you.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #9 Harry Fredrick	\$2 to Win on #5 Hot A Rena
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #9 Harry Fredrick, #5 Hot A Rena and #4 Picturethisaleshia	\$1 Trifecta Box on #9 Harry Fredrick, #5 Hot A Rena and #1 Cenalta Snickers

Race 8:	#7 Rockin Repeat 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 #3 Cenalta Call Girl	\$2 to Win on #2 Yeswellnomaybe
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 Cenalta Call Girl, #2 Yeswellnomaybe and #8 Wizzel Stix	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 Cenalta Call Girl, #2 Yeswellnomaybe and #6 Be My Lucky Lady

Race 9:	It has been 6 days since #1 Real Buzz raced. It may be the right time for a wager today.	
	Some Reward Opportunity	Higher Reward Opportunity
\$2 Ticket	\$2 to Show on #2 Kukalaka	\$2 to Win on #5 Swagasaurusrex
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #2 Kukalaka, #5 Swagasaurusrex and #6 Blue Star Maverick	\$1 Trifecta Box on #2 Kukalaka, #5 Swagasaurusrex and #8 I'm Blue Too

Race 10:	#3 Cenalta Eclipse 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 #6 Lil Orphan Elmer	\$2 to Win on #5 Good Citations
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #6 Lil Orphan Elmer, #5 Good Citations and #8 Barbosa	\$1 Trifecta Box on #6 Lil Orphan Elmer, #5 Good Citations and #2 Crusin For You

Race 11:	#7 Who's Dreaming 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 #3 Kiss On The Lips	\$2 to Win on #2 La Madawna De Rosa
\$6 Ticket	\$1 Exacta Box on #3 Kiss On The Lips, #2 La Madawna De Rosa and #5 Moonshinenmonkeys	\$1 Trifecta Box on #3 Kiss On The Lips, #2 La Madawna De Rosa and #1 Surprisingly Sweet

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.