

wagering guide



HOW TO PLAY
OUR PICKS

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Guaranteed Tip Sheet



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INTRODUCTION

The most important thing to understand is that our picks are made days in advance using the morning line odds and racing information. This means that we cannot take into consideration dramatic shifts in odds, late changes such as overweights, jockey changes, medication changes, equipment changes, track condition changes, weather, etc. We assume that the main track will be fast, the turf course firm and the weather clear. It's important for you to always take into consideration the live racing information when implementing our picks into your wagering strategy. While some of these things may have absolutely no effect on the outcome of the race and may not have prompted us to change our picks, we simply ask that you keep these things in mind. What may appear as a good bet two days in advance can suddenly become a questionable bet when the track is sloppy, one of our picks goes from 15-1 to 9/5, a new jockey is on the horse that has never ridden him before, he has Lasix and blinkers added and is +3 overweight. One of the most common questions we get asked is "Please tell me exactly what to bet so I can win all of the payouts you show on the website". While we would absolutely love to be able to do that, there are simply too many live variables to make it feasible. There are literally hundreds of different combinations that can produce the exact same payout, all at varying investment costs. We absolutely do not recommend simply boxing all of our picks or placing blind wagers based solely on the order of our picks or even on the recommended plays shown on our sheets. Use the live racing data in conjunction with our picks to make smaller, more targeted wagers that have a positive expectation. At the end of the day it's also important to use your gut instinct. Don't feel that you are locked in to using only our selections. If you like a horse that we don't have in our top four, don't feel compelled to leave him out of your wagers. We don't get the luxury of being able to see the horses in the post parade, hear the rumblings around the paddock about a particular horse or see when someone dumps a huge amount of money on a horse during the final minutes of wagering because there's a line out on him. Our tips are merely suggestions as to which horses we feel have the strongest possibility of running well based on the information we have at the time. It's important to remember that this is GAMBLING. Always wager within your comfort zone and never get caught up in emotion, regardless of whether you are winning or losing. There are no sure things. Just like with people, any good horse can have a bad day.

Whether you are fairly new to the game and use our picks exactly as listed or a veteran and merely like to use our picks as a guide, these tips never hurt when making your final bets before a race.

NOTATION: In all of our examples, we are using \$2 wagers as our base. Most tracks offer \$1, \$0.50c, \$0.25c and even down to \$0.10c wagering opportunities. Never wager more than you are comfortably willing to lose. You could easily lose every wager on any given day. We certainly hope that's not the case but it's happened to us and it could happen to you.

TRACK CONDITION

As previously stated, we assume that all of our picks will be run on a clear day with fast/firm racing conditions. Due to the high volume of races handicapped and the fact that we handicap all of the races by hand, not simply using computer-based models, we don't have the time to consider what the weather or track condition might be days in the future and make multiple versions of our sheets based on those changes. So, how should you proceed if the track condition has changed and/or the weather is bad? In a word, cautiously.

We offer a full array of past results and stats on our website. This includes YEARS of previous tipsheets as they were originally posted along with the results. You can see which tracks have produced the highest payouts, which tracks do better for various wager types and get a better feel for how we handicap. We keep a running list of our hottest tracks over the last two weeks as well as our BEST BET hit percentages and much more. Take advantage of this information to help you decide which tracks to wager at and which types of wagers to make. We don't hide anything and post our terrible days just the same as our fantastic days. We want you to have the FULL PICTURE and then decide for yourself if our picks are worth playing.

PRACTICE AND FANTASY WAGERING

If you are reading this guide then that means that you have purchased one of our BULK packages which gives you access to all of our picks including every track, every race, every day for at least a month. Use this information to your advantage! If you are new to wagering or haven't used our sheets before, we highly recommend doing some practice (or "fantasy") wagering using sites such as TwinSpires or TVG. While these sites don't allow you to actually place wagers using "play money", you can still write down your wagers, watch the races and then see the payouts. You can use free calculator tools to determine the investment cost of each wager to see if you would have come out ahead or not. This will help you determine which types of bets may work best for you and which tracks provide the best results. Looking at previous sheets and payouts is useful, but nothing is better than actually experimenting LIVE so that you can see how quickly the odds can change and how other live factors affect the results and payouts.

HOW OUR PICKS AND RESULTS ARE PRODUCED

Our sheets and results are produced in part by using statistical and historical information purchased and/or made freely available by Brisnet.com, DRF.com, TwinSpires.com and Equibase.com. This may include past performances, speed index ratings, trainer, owner and jockey statistics, scratches and changes along with results and payouts. This information is taken into consideration and then each race is individually handicapped by a real person. Our sheets are not generated by a computer or application. All data is entered by hand and sometimes mistakes are made. Any duplication of content between our site and those providing our statistical and historical information is not intentional, but may occur due to the very nature of the content being provided. Results are entered automatically via a third-party XML feed. All results may be manually verified via Equibase.com.

HOW TO PLAY OUR BEST BETS

What makes a horse a "best bet"? Each day after handicapping all of the races for a particular track, we go back and examine our top choice in each race and then pick the strongest three that we feel have the best chance at hitting the board. We aren't looking for the best "favorites" and we're not looking for the best "longshot", simply trying to determine which horses have the best chance at making a good run and hitting the board even if they get a less than perfect ride. The odds and/or identification as the "favorite" is not a consideration when picking our best bets as we have no idea what the odds will be on

Gulfstream Park

EXOTICS	POOL TOTALS	WILL PAYS	LATE CH.	WAGER LIST	RESULTS
Main : Fast Turf : Firm	As of 1:49 PM ET	WIN ODDS	Pool Total \$113,342		
Race 1 No changes		1 12 5 51 9 13			
Race 2 [July 04, 2016] #5 R Sweet Exchange has weight change by 1 lbs		2 1 6 62 10 14			
Race 3 [July 04, 2016] #2 is SCRATCHED - SIXTH MAN		3 7/2 7 5 11 15			
Race 4 No changes		4 7/2 8 50 12 16			
ADV. PROGRAM	BASIC PROGRAM	Handicapping	PRINT		
RACE Est. Post: July 04, 2016 2:53 PM ET	\$1 Daily DB / \$1 EX / \$.50 TR / \$.10 SU / \$1 Super Hi 5 \$1 B...				
4 Purse \$15,000 Turf 5 Furlongs, Maiden Claiming Claiming \$12,500	Full Conditions				
stats Turf 5f 3yo+ MD 12500 Purse \$15,000					
1 GUACANAGARI	L118 \$12,500	12	J/T	ML: 10	Panici, Luca
Dkbr.c.3(KY) Harlan's Hol... - That Voodoo Y...	Gabriel, Jr, Leo G				
2 WADDY	L113 \$12,500	1	J/T	ML: 2	Cruz, John
Ch.g.3(FL) Cowtown Cat - Lily's Hope	Dwoskin, Steven				
3 CONTRACTOR JAK	L123 \$12,500	7/2	J/T	ML: 5/2	Meneses, Marcos
B.g.4(KY) El Corredor - Pennymoney	Iadisernia, Giusep...				
4 IT'Z MY VALENTINO	L123 \$12,500	7/2	J/T	ML: 5	Camacho, Samy
Ch.g.4(FL) Johar - Itz All Mine	Palacios Molina, J...				
5 ARCHIVERO	L118 \$12,500	51	J/T	ML: 30	Zapico, Silvia
B.c.3(KY) Archarcharch - Bossi (IRE)	Mejia, Jaime				
6 WISE PATRIOT	L123 \$12,500	52	J/T	ML: 30	Mitchell, Richard
Ch.h.6(FL) Wised Up - Tiffn Chris	Minott, Leon				
7 KEY THE STORM	L116 \$12,500	5	J/T	ML: 7/2	Donis, Alvaro
Dkbr.g.4(FL) Keyed Entry - Missstormyatlantic	Jehaludi, Mohamed				
8 SWEET BEA D J	L118 \$12,500	50	J/T	ML: 20	Vasquez, Miquel
B.g.3(FL) High Cotton - Bea D J	Brownlee, David R				

RACE #4

BEST BET #3 CONTRACTOR JAK

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME
WIN	5/2	3	Contractor Jak
PLACE	2-1	2	Waddy
SHOW	7/2	7	Key the Storm
WILD CARD	30-1	6	Wise Patriot
ALTERNATE 1	5-1	4	Itz My Valentino
ALTERNATE 2	10-1	1	Guacanagari

* EXACTA: 3-2 BOX, 2-7 BOX, 7-6 BOX

* TRIFECTA: 2/3/7 BOX, 2/6/7 BOX

Gulfstream Park

EXOTICS	POOL TOTALS	WILL PAYS	LATE CH.	WAGER LIST	RESULTS
RESULTS OFFICIAL					
RACE 4	Chart	Replays	JOCKEY	Meneses, Marcos	
3 Contractor Jak			9.40	5.40	4.40
5 Archivero				33.80	17.80
1 Guacanagari					6.00
\$1.00 Exacta (3/5) \$128.00 - \$0.50 Trifecta (3/5/1) \$630.85 - \$0.10 Superfecta (3/5/1/2) \$401.82 - Super High Five(CARRYOVER) \$3,550.11 - \$1.00 Double (6/3) \$31.90 - \$1.00 Pick-3 (3/6/3) \$319.10					

As you can see in this example, our best bet was initially set to go off at 5/2 but ended up going off at 7/2. There was another horse at 7/2 plus the favorite at even money. This made for a good W/P/S wager as the odds were good enough to justify the investment and the hope was that the favorite was beaten, which he was. This ended up paying out almost a 5X profit on a WIN wager. Even a show wager paid

RUNNING STYLES

Front Runners: These types of runners want the lead right from the beginning of the race. A beginner may think of this as a good thing, and it can be, but often times horses that are in the lead in the beginning tend to tire themselves out and fade towards the end. Here is an example of one of the best front runners in the game today, The Factor. Notice how he goes for the lead right from the start, and battles hard with the horse beside him to get that lead. He is the #7 horse in this race.
<https://youtu.be/ExHqP9oMYd0>

Stalkers: A stalker likes to be near the lead, but doesn't necessarily have to be ahead to be happy. Typically, a stalker sits within one to four lengths of the lead and waits until the top of the stretch before making their move. If the race lacks a true front running horse a stalker can assume the lead as well. Here is a look at 2011 Horse of the Year Havre De Grace, who is known as a stalker. Notice that she sits patiently, and starts her move at the top of the stretch. She is #6 in this race.
<https://youtu.be/yfP1GmvZxZo>

Closers: The closer is the most exciting style in horse racing. A closer will go to the back of the pack, sometimes as many as 15 lengths off the lead, and then wait and make one big run at the end of the race. Here is a look at the great Zenyatta, who is known as one of the greatest closers of all time. She is #4 in this video. https://youtu.be/ud_XPH6Eix4

Why is this Important?

Many expert handicappers will tell you that determining the "shape" of the race is the most important factor in horse race. "Race Shape" means determining what type of runners are in the field, and how their running styles will set up for them to succeed. For example, if there are four horses in the race that want to be in the lead from the very beginning, it makes sense that those four would wear themselves out early in the race because they are all running hard to get the lead. So in this case you would look for a closer to win that race. However, let's say that you look at a race and determine there is only one horse that has early speed. Then you would bet that horse because he/she will get a nice comfortable early lead, and is likely to not tire himself/herself out too early.

It's important to realize that just like humans, horses have personalities. All horses have quirks about them, and how comfortable they are on the race track during the race makes a huge difference in the outcome. Some horses are versatile and can run with any of these styles, but those are few and far between. So if you ever take a shot at handicapping horse races, determining how the race will shape is the best place to start.

UNDERSTANDING RACE TYPES

Stakes/Derby/Handicap Races

These types of races are for the best of the best. The purses are usually very high for Stakes, Derby, or Handicap races, sometimes up to 5 million dollars at the highest level. There are usually conditions attached to these types of races so not just any horse can enter. The conditions are usually age, gender, and/or earnings acquired. For example, to run in the Kentucky Derby you must be three years old, and you must be in the top 20 in earnings amongst the horses that are trying to enter the race. Stakes, Derby, and Handicap races are broke down into three grades. Grade 1 races account for the elite horses and carry the biggest purses. Grades 2 and 3 races are still extremely good, but do carry smaller purses than Grade 1's. Winning a Grade 1 race is every horsemen's dream. There are