

Betting Basics

Some essentials to get you started with making a wager.



1 How to wager



Place your bet by visiting a teller, or using a self-serve terminal.

There are just 5 things you need to know:

- 1 Name of racetrack (choose from any track in the simulcast feeds)
- 2 Number of the race
- 3 Amount of your bet (e.g. \$2)
- 4 Type of bet (see step 2 below)
- 5 Horse's number (see step 3)

2 Types of bets



Single horse bets (minimum \$2.00 bet is required)

Bet type	Level of difficulty	Explanation and expectation
Show	U	Your horse must finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd; modest payoffs.
Place	UU	Your horse must finish 1st or 2nd; payoffs better than to show.
Win	UUU	Your horse must finish 1st; payoff determined by the win odds.

Exotic multiple-horse bets

Bet type	Level of difficulty	Explanation and expectation
Exacta*	UUUU	Your horses must finish 1st and 2nd in exact order; riskier bet that can pay a little or a lot, depending on the horses' odds.
Daily double	UUUUUU	Pick the winners of two designated consecutive races.
Pick 3, Win 4, Pick 5, Pick 6	UUUUUUU	Select the winners of a designated set of consecutive races. The wager must be made prior to the start of the first race in the multi-race wager.
Tractor*	UUUUUUUU	Your horses must finish 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in exact order; can be expensive to play if you use a lot of horses.
Superfecta*	UUUUUUUUU	Your horses must finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; big payoff possible.

* Exotic bets require the horses to finish in the EXACT order you select, unless you "BOX" the bet, in which case your selections can finish in any order.

3 Choosing your horse



How to read the program

1 **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **10** **11** **12**

1 Mountain Echo **\$20,000**

B m. 8 (Mar 15, 2006) (KEE NOV BRDG 06 \$30,000) Life: 63 17 7 12 \$322,283 Dirt: 62 17 7 12 \$321,904
 Tempered Appeal (Valid Appeal) - Miss Continental (Flying Continental) 2014: 6 2 1 0 \$28,705 Wet Dirt: 1 1 0 0 \$7,804
 Br: Mary H. Caldwell & Larry Bollman (OR) 2013: 7 3 0 0 \$31,417 Turf: 1 0 0 0 \$379
 Own: John K. Caulfield FE Dirt: 17 11 0 1 \$114,307 Wet Turf: 0 0 0 0 \$0
 Tr: Steven Cathcart (42-5-4-4 12%) 31% Distance: 26 5 5 7 \$139,286 Synthetic: 43 6 6 11 \$198,147

3-1 MARTIN R. RAMIREZ (104-15-23-15 14%) 51%
 Fluorescent green, purple "B3", purple sleeves, green cap

26Aug14 FE8 ft 6½16 :2323 :4682 1:1927 31[E] Stk - PsseroMmCp - 30k 103-70 3 5 31½ 21½ 44½ 411 Ramirez M R 120 fL *2.00 Sandys Hurricane1185 Cinder Tyme1171 RingsfortheGirls1185 factor, leveled off 8
 15Jul14 FE8 ft 6½16 :2316 :4666 1:1921 31[E] Aoc 20000 (20-18)nw2/x 88-88 3 1 32 31 11 11 Ramirez M R 118 fL 1.55 Mountain Echo1181 Srit Fit116½ Sky's Legacy122½ 3-5 path, proved best 6
 24Jun14 FE7 ft 6F35 :2247 :4554 1:1101 31 Aoc 16000 (16-14)nw1/x-c 100-71 3 1 1hd 2hd 32½ 49½ Robinson K 118 fL 2.00 Seething121½ Milwaukee Mixer1185½ Murrays in a Hurry118½ 5-path, gave way str 5

Claimed by Caulfield John K. from Davis Richard M. for \$16,000. Davis Richard M. - Trainer

27May14 FE7 ft 6½16 :2348 :4594 1:1682 31[E] Aoc 16000 (16-14)nw1/x 72-101 2 1 1½ 11½ 14 16½ Robinson K 120 fL *1.40 Mountain Echo120½ Evangeline's Hope1182½ Silver Shasa1181 widened light handling 6
 28Feb14 Lrl6 ft 5½55 :2244 :4608 1:0508 41[E] Aoc 40000 (40-35)nw4/x 91-40 4 6 43 44½ 712 722½ Strandberg M 1125 L 14.50 Do Somethin122½ Red's Round Table1205 Exclusive Warrior120hd failed keep pace 7
 01Feb14 Lrl8 ft 6F60 :2333 :4734 1:1217 41[E] Aoc 25000 (25-20)nw2/L/x 77-89 1 4 21 2hd 2hd 21½ Strandberg M 1159 L 3.70 Frivolity120½ Mountain Echo1152½ Thicker Than Water1241½ rail bid, dueled, sharp 6
 24Sep13 FE2 ft 4½48 :2227 :4489 :5107 31[E] Str 10000 89-89 2 2 21½ -- 14 16½ Strandberg M 1175 L *.20 Mountain Echo1174 Samantha Royale1202 Adventurous Night122½ clear, much the best 5
 27Aug13 FE3 ft 6½16 :2268 :4557 1:1688 31[E] Stk - PsseroMmCp - 30k 88-91 7 3 21 1½ 13 17 Strandberg M 118 L *.55 Mountain Echo1187 Silver Shasa1161½ Flashy Zee1101 tracked, proved best 7

Work(s): 10 Aug 14 FE 5F ft 1:02.40 b 1/2 20 May 14 FE 4F ft :50.80 b 8/8 10 May 14 Bow 3F ft :39.20 b 7/8 27 Apr 14 Bow 4F ft :52.80 b 11/11 24 Mar 14 Bow 3F ft :37.20 b 1/1

Scratch(es): 29 Mar 14 CT8 4½F sy Stk - VioletH-35k; Veterinarian

Trainer (Last 365 days): All: 94 9% \$0.82 Dist/Surf: 57 11% \$0.99 Claiming: 71 8% \$0.70

Mith Jockey: 4 25% \$1.28

All of the numbers and letters in the program might seem confusing or overwhelming at first, but focusing on these sections makes choosing a horse simple.

- 1 Horse's number in the race
- 2 Horse's saddle cloth colour
- 3 Morning line odds
- 4 Jockey silk colours
- 5 Horse's name
- 6 Jockey's name (number of races - 1sts - 2nds - 3rds win%) in the money %
- 7 Claiming price
- 8 Horse's colour, gender, age (Foaling date) (Last sale price at public auction)
- 9 Pedigree
- 10 Horse's Breeder, Owner, Trainer
- 11 Lifetime, current year, and previous year race records
- 12 Lifetime race records over different surfaces
- 13 Past performance information from horse's previous races

4 The odds



Odds are also important to consider when choosing your horse. Horses that are thought to have a better chance of winning will typically have lower odds.

Morning line odds

Odds listed in the race program are the "morning line" odds. These are predictions of how the public will bet on the race. They are set by the track's handicapper when the race program is published, before the wagering starts.

The actual odds will be posted on the **Television** or in-field on the **Tote Board** before the race; they change up until post time, depending on how customers are betting on each horse in the race.

Calculating a \$2 win prize

To calculate a win prize, find the Odds of a horse on the **Television** or **Tote Board** (in-field board).

Multiply the first number by 2, then divide that number by the second digit (if there is one), and then add \$2. Simple as that!

Odds	1/2	2/1	7/2	5/1	10/1
Pays	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$22.00

Helpful facts for betting

- Some racetracks have a television simulcast commentator who tries to identify winning horses (handicaps) between the races. Listen and see if you can pick up any good tips to bet on.
- A good betting method is to choose horses with current odds two to three times higher than their morning line odds.

3 Tips to remember

WIN BETS on the FAVOURITE pay 32% of the time
 PLACE BETS on the FAVOURITE pay 53% of the time
 SHOW BETS on the FAVOURITE pay 67% of the time

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