



Today's playbook provided by Fair Grounds racing analyst Joe Kristufek, who has an extensive background in the horse racing industry as a handicapper, on-air talent, producer and fan development specialist. He is well recognized for his creative analysis and wagering tactics and he loves interacting with racing fans. **Follow on Twitter @JoeyDaKRacing**

Selections are ranked on an ABC scale from A – top selections (limited to double the number of races on the card), B – tough to toss, and C – use in multi-race wager spreads & minors in intra-race wagers. Subject to change due to track conditions and scratches. Tune into the paddock show for the most up-to-date information. Check program numbers for accuracy.

Joe's 24-25 Top Pick Season Stats thru 3-12-25

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%	WPS ROI	A	A%
410	130	90	42	31.7%	\$1.77	63.9%	\$5.48	201	49%

Thursday, March 13, 2025

	Race Feel	A	B	C
Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	Two schools of thought here – single #4 or TOSS and use B horses.	4	5, 6, 3	2, 1
Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4	SPREAD & PRAY FOR A PRICE.	8, 9, 1	2, 3, 4	7, 10
Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3	#3 solid at the level, Sharp confidence in #6 doubling the tag.	3, 6	2	7, 4, 5, 1
Race 4 – 50-cent PK 5	#1 ran even better than it looks last out & is single worthy BUT #10 trains like a turf route horse & the price will be RIGHT.	1, 10	14, 8	3, 2, 7
Race 5 – \$1 PK6 (15%, no jackpot) Carryover = \$2,916	#5 drops into a win spot plus tactical edge. #3 & #2 both in great form/reliable.	5, 3, 2	7	8, 1, 4
Race 6 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	In Amoss I trust with #11, BUT spread to B not the worst idea.	11	1, 5, 2, 9	8, 10

Race 7 – 50-cent PK 4	#2 crushed tin cans in last but he also has turf form to go back to. #1 should trip out & #5 on a roll.	2, 1, 5		9, 4, 6
Race 8 – 50-cent PK 3	Well-bred #3 strong connections & looks ready for debut in what doesn't appear to be a very strong race for the level.	3	4, 2	5, 1, 8
Race 9	With a well-time move #3 should win. #2 turf bred + blinkers on.	3, 2	4, 11	6, 5
Race 10	#8 wide against inside track last out + headed in the right direction. #3 big threat if pace is hot.	8, 3	1	2, 5, 6

Yesterday's Results: ACBCACBC

Most Likely Winner: Race 1 -- #4 Lick Skillet (4-5 ML)

Best Bet: Race 9 -- #3 Batter Up (9-2 ML)

Longshot: Race 7 -- #2 Flight Control (6-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 2 -- #3 Shelbi's Star (3-1 ML)

