



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 March 21

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%	WPS ROI	A	A%
463	145	105	47	31.3%	\$1.74	64.1%	\$5.45	229	49.5%

Saturday, March 22, 2025

	Race Feel	A	B	C
Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	Wide open race to kick off the card, but the debuting #8 looks sneaky.	8, 6, 5	4, 9	11
Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4	Not a strong race for the level. #6 has the connections & he's been training well.	6	5, 11	8, 2, 4, 12
Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3	#7 chased a pair of monsters last out. Of the first timers, #10 & #5 intrigue most.	7-10-5	3, 6, 9	
Race 4 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	LOVE the #1. If he runs back to last race, the rest of these are running for 2 nd .	1	7, 8, 9, 2	3, 6
Race 5 – 50-cent PK 4	Looks like a match race, BUT #7 and to an extent #8 may still have upside.	2, 4	7, 8	1
Race 6 – 50—cent PK 3	Many of these exit the same race. Different	8, 9	10, 1, 6, 4	12

	circumstances. Sorted accordingly. Spread to B not discouraged.			
Race 7 – \$1 PK6 (15%, no jackpot)	FUN race. Zeroed in on the pair I like most in A.	8, 14	10, 4, 5	9, 11, 12
Race 8 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%) \$1 million estimated	Scratch of #10 changes complexion, but sticking to my guns with #4 & #11.	4, 11	3, 1, 9	8, 12
Race 9 – 50-cent PK 4 \$1 Bayou/Bluegrass PK5	Despite what the work tab might tell you on paper, #4 is ready. #7 is legit & better than ever.	4, 7	3, 2, 9	
Race 10 – 50-cent PK 3		ABSTAIN	Ownership interest in #2 Johnny's Fireball with Brilliant Racing.	
Race 11	I'm not completely sold on #7 as a monster, but she should win again.	7	5, 3	8, 2, 9, 1
Race 12	WIDE OPEN. Against the favorites and FOR some prices.	7, 10, 5	9	1, 6, 2

Thursday's Results: AAAABBBBX

Most Likely Winner: Race 11 -- #7 Good Cheer (4-5 ML)

Best Bet: Race 4 -- #1 St. Armands Key (3-1 ML)

Longshot: Race 12 -- #7 Vassimo (12-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 7 -- #5 Dapper Moon (7-2 ML)

