

Win, Place or Show

Two minutes to post. The horses are on the track. If you're thinking about placing a wager, now's the time. The question is, who's it going to be? If you know what to look for, you can really help yourself out. And sure, a little luck never hurt, either. There is no "house" in pari-mutuel wagering. In fact, "pari-mutuel" means wagering among ourselves, so learn what to look for when you are ready to pick the winner.

THE PROGRAM

Pick up our easy-to-use guide that provides information that makes handicapping understandable and fun.

THE EXPERTS

Grab a tip sheet provided by the experts, or look for hot tips online or on the monitors at the track.



THE EARS

If a horse's ears are cocked at a 45-degree angle, it's a great sign. A disinterested horse's ears will appear limp and lifeless. Overactive ears suggest the



THE HEAD

Look for horses whose heads are held high with straight necks. They're ready to go.



THE TAIL

Some handicappers look for horses whose tails are moving. They believe active, outstretched tails indicate horses that want to race.

THE POST POSITION

Horses toward the inside of the track usually have an advantage because the distance they travel is actually shorter than the other horses.

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Look in your program to find out how many times a horse has finished “in the money” (top three) compared to how many times it has raced.

THE JOCKEY

Jockeys with winning records know how to get the most out of their horses. Look in the program to find their past records, then pick a winner.

PLACING A WAGER

If you do need help, ask one of our friendly tellers. Also, look for the automated self-service terminal. They're easy to use, and the directions are on the machine.

Select the name of the track - Horseshoe, Indianapolis

Amount of wager - Minimum of \$2

Type of Wager - Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta

The horse's number - say the name of the horse or horses

BETTING BASICS

If you're new to horse racing, these are the bets for you. They're easy to understand and just as exciting as more complicated wagers.

Win - 1st place. Your horse must finish first for you to cash in your ticket.

Place - 2nd place. If your horse finishes first or second, you're a winner.

Show - 3rd place. You're a winner if your horse finishes anywhere among the top three.

BETTING THE EXOTICS

Exacta (also called a perfecta)

This wager requires that you pick the top two finishers in a race in exact order.

Trifecta

A wager in which you must pick the top three finishers in exact order.

Superfecta

This wager is based on correctly selecting the top four finishers in one race.

Daily Double

Select the winners in two consecutive races on the program.

Pick 3

Try your luck at picking winners in three consecutive races on the program.

Pick 4

Take your handicapping skills a little further and try your luck at picking winners in four consecutive races on the program.

Pick 6

Offered once per program, this wager is based on correctly selecting winners in six consecutive races. If there are no winners, then a carryover rolls to the next racing program, offering a chance a bigger payouts.

Grand High 5 (also known as a pentafecta)

An option on select races, select the top five horses in one race.

Box

If you have two or more horses that you think will finish in the top spots, but you're not sure of the order, you can box them. For example, "An exacta box on horses #2 and #6." You'll be a winner if your horses finish first and second, regardless of the order (#2, #6 or #6, #2).

Wheel

In this bet, you pick one horse, then factor in (or wheel) the rest, or part of the field. So if you say, "Exacta wheel #4, with the field," you'll win if the #4 horse wins and any other horse comes in second.