

## Helpful tips for choosing a horse and making a bet

### Read the Program

- First step...the program. There's plenty of valuable information printed on the front pages such as tips on how to bet, a key to reading the program, current driver & trainer standings, a handicapping guide and other notes. Please consult the page dedicated to reading a Racetrack Program.
- Here are some key pieces of information handicappers use when making their picks:

### Follow the experts

- Most racetracks have an expert make selections. At Running Aces, Track Announcer Darin Gagne handles this.
- Tips- Rick's Pick sells the sheet here for \$1. He studies the races, then shares his selections each night.
- The tote board/television screens show the latest odds for the current race. Unfamiliar with how odds work, there's a chart in the front of the program showing the approximate payoff for a \$2 wager.

### Betting

- Types of bets - We'll stick to a simple \$2 bet.
  - **Win:** You bet the horse to finish first (\$2)
  - **Place:** You bet the horse to finish first or second – this type of bet gives you two chances for success, but your payout will be smaller because there's less risk involved. (\$2)
  - **Show:** You bet the horse to finish first, second or third – this type of bet gives you three chances for success and again, the payout will be even smaller because there's less risk. (\$2)
  - **WPS (Win/Place/Show):** You bet the horse to finish first, second and/or third in each pool. This is three bets on one ticket (\$6). If the horse wins, the payouts are win, place, and show for the bet. Finish second and its place and show. Third is show only.
- Placing your bet
  - Live tellers - located at betting windows in the racing area of the facility and outdoors, weather permitting. The tellers will gladly help navigate you through betting..
  - There are several betting machines available where you can place a bet. The machines take cash. Note: They do not give change, so if you put in a \$20 bill and only make a \$2 bet, be sure you get your \$2 bet voucher **and** the voucher for your remaining \$18.
- How do you know if you've won?
  - Watch the race, then check the official results with payouts on the tv or infield tote board
  - Take your betting voucher to a teller and have it checked out.

Enjoy the races. Have fun betting. Come back often.

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