



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 Jan. 11

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%	WPS ROI	A	A%
156	59	29	10	37.8%	\$1.94	62.8%	\$5.54	87	55.7%

Saturday, January 11, 2025

	Race Feel	A	B	C
Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	With only one answer, this race is filled with questions. Why else would I use 4 A's in a 6-horse field?	4, 6, 3, 1	2	5
Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4	#2 is the one to beat, even on dirt. The tote will tell you if the #3 is live.	3, 2	6	8, 7
Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3	In one of the day's most competitive races, I like #2 on the stretch out. #6 is the one to beat & #3 ran even better than it looks last out.	2, 6, 3	1	5, 7
Race 4 – 50-cent PK 6 Carryover = \$6,861	Based on the pedigree & his works on dirt, I had a strong feeling that #2 would stay in. He's the most talented horse in this field, by far.	2	11	3, 1, 7, 4
Race 5 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)	Even off her visually impressive allowance	4, 1	2	5, 3

	win, #4 will fly somewhat under the radar. #1 had trouble in her local debut & she probably needed the race.			
Race 6 – 50-cent PK 4	#1 gave the legit favorite/winner of the LA Juvenile a bit of a scare, and if not for some traffic on the turn, he may have pulled the upset.	1	7, 5	4, 8, 6
Race 7 – 50-cent PK 3	Admittedly, I was surprised to see #5 stay in. He has the speed, but has never run on dirt. Consider the ALL button.	10, 6, 5	4	
Race 8	Not only is #3 speedy, he always breaks alertly, which limits his chances to not perform at his best. Main threat #6 scr.	3	5, 2	8, 1, 7
Race 9	#2 has run two very races against stakes competition this meet. Squarely her race to lose, although #10 may have a tactical advantage.	2	10	5, 1, 7

Thursday's Results: BXABAAABAB

Most Likely Winner: Race 9 -- #2 Clearly a Test (9-5 ML)

Best Bet: Race 6 -- #1 Hay Jude (7-1 ML)

Longshot: Race 3 -- #2 Diamond Eyed Jack (6-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 1 -- #6 Cascade Cruiser (5-2 ML)

