



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**

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Joe’s 25-26 Top Pick Stats thru 2-7-26

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
258	69	53	36	26.7%	\$1.58	61.2%

Saturday, February 14, 2026

<p>Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)</p> <p>#4 Yaudacity – Ran huge sprinting on turf at Keeneland, but broke thru the gate when entered into a stakes. Excuse.</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: 4-3-6/1-2</p>
<p>Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: #7 Deep Flame – Blue blood Juddmonte homebred has trained well at Payson in advance of this. Bred to sprint.</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: 7-2-1/8-7</p>
<p>Race 3 – 50-cent PK 3</p> <p>#5 Usually Wrong – Defeated several of these quite handily in the Kenner and looked good doing it. Rails are down. SPEED.</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: 5/6-7-3-2-1/8-4</p>
<p>Race 4 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)</p> <p>#1 Island Flower – Solid sprint pedigree on the dam’s side & she should be ready off the works for Cherie & Jose.</p>

Joe's Picks: 1-2-6/8-5-7-10

Race 5 – 50-cent PK 4

#9 Good Family – Intriguing turf pedigree top to bottom and Cox can certainly know how to get a first timer ready.

Joe's Picks: 9-6-1/12-3-8

Race 6 – 50-cent PK 3

#7 Attache – Ran even better than his recent 2nd place finish looks and now returns off the claim for Maker. Square price.

Joe's Picks: 7-5/9-1-12-8

Race 7 – 50-cent CC 6 (15%)

Carryover = \$46,455

#10 Silver Shot – Trouble from the start last out & still managed 4th behind an advantage, gate-to-wire winner.

Joe's Picks: 10-4-7/2-3-1

Race 8 -- 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

\$1 million estimated pool

#4 Expensive Queen – Euro import ran a huge race off the boat & Keeneland & she broke through the gate in the G1 Gamely.

Joe's Picks: 4-1/3-2/9-5-8

Race 9 – PK 4

#6 Hit Show – Taking the exact same successful path to the Dubai World Cup that he did last year. Class of the field.

Joe's Picks: 6/5-2-4-3-6/1

Race 10 – PK 3

#2 Brilliant Berti – Class of the field is just getting started, but he has an advantageous inside post & can win off the bench.

Joe's Picks: 2-7-9-6/5-8/1-4-10

Race 11

#5 Powered by Family – Won an off the turf maiden special weight route for fun as an MTO last out. Alternative option.

Joe's Picks: 5-3/1-6-4-7/2

Race 12

#4 Paladin – Won the G2 Remsen at the nine furlong distance & was immediately pointed to this spot by Chad Brown.

Joe's Picks: 4/7-2-5/1-3-8-6

Best Bet: Race 6 -- #7 Attache (9-2)

Likely Overlay: Race 1 -- #4 Yaudacity (8-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 4 -- #6 Goodall (5-2 ML)

