



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 2-17-26

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
296	80	58	39	27%	\$1.54	59.8%

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

#7 Naykesh – Has shown slow but steady improvement, finishing 2nd behind a much the best winner last out.

Joe's Picks: 7-2-5/3

Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4

#5 Lil Bro Coop – Surprising live on the toteboard last out at this level, he would finish a troubled 2nd. Should handle these.

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

Race 3 – 50-cent PK3

#2 Avery's Gem – Has held his own in recent starts against tougher competition. Takes a class drop & Jose stays aboard.

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

Race 4 – 50-cent CC 6 (15%)
Carryover = \$69,387

#6 Flamingproposition – Claimed for \$30K out of a game turf win two back, he held in his in a 1x in the slop. Back on turf.

Joe's Picks: 6-1-3-11-8-5

Race 5 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

#2 Reagan's Honor – 3-year-old takes on elders off a professional maiden win in his route debut. Can win right back.

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

Race 6 – 50-cent PK 4

#10 Ad Hoc – A \$17K RNA as a weanling, this intriguing first timer should fly under the radar in what is a wide open race.

Joe's Picks: 10-6-3-8-5-4/11

Race 7 – 50-cent PK3

#4 Original Sin – Has improved significantly since adding blinkers. Faces a field full of question marks off a solid win.

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

Race 8

#1 A Passive Nobody – Claimed for \$20K nine weeks ago, he adds blinkers for the first time from the rail draw. Price shot.

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

Race 9

#2 Speed Skater – Homebred daughter of the \$7,500 sire Keen Ice drops in turf to dirt & adds blinkers for Cox. Edge for me.

Joe's Picks: 7-5/3-6

Best Bet: Race 5 -- #2 Reagan's Honor (3-1 ML)

Likely Overlay: Race 8 -- #1 A Passive Nobody (10-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 3 -- #5 F T W Slam (4-1 ML)

