



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 2-27-26

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
323	86	65	42	26.7%	\$1.53	58.8%

Saturday, February 28, 2026

<p>Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)</p> <p>#6 Rising Inflation – If not for a troubled trip, she could have defeated open company foes last out. Runs on anything.</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: 6/1/2/3-4</p>
<p>Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4</p> <p>#1 What Love – Took a major step forward to finish 2nd behind the odds on favorite when stretched out for the first time.</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: 1-2/7-8-4</p>
<p>Race 3 – 50-cent PK3</p> <p>#3 Skipper’s Pride – Has been somewhat competitive against much better on turf but he’s a three-time winner on the dirt.</p> <p>Joe’s Picks: 3-1-10-6/4</p>
<p>Race 4 – 50-cent CC 6 (15%)</p> <p>Carryover = \$93,497</p>

#8 Twinklee – Got bet on debut sprinting on turf. Stretched out on dirt last out & ran better. Turf family & ready to step up.

Joe's Picks: 8-12-4-6-7-1

Race 5 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

#1 Just Bluffing – Could not have been more impressive than she was on debut & the horse she beat returned to win.

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

Race 6 – 50-cent PK 4

#2 Allnight Moonlight – A tough trip cost him a real shot vs. open company last out. The Louisiana king of this division.

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

Race 7 – 50-cent PK3

#1 Wherethehitsare – Bet down on debut sprinting, he finished a compromised 3rd. Stretched out to a mile in the follow up start, he romped by nearly a dozen lengths. Off two months, but perhaps with this race as a target. Price should be fair.

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

Race 8

#5 Touch of Fire – Could not have been more impressive than he was on debut & now tackles stakes company for Cox.

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

Race 9

#4 Braken Poppa – Has improved with every start and has won twice around two turns in the process. The one to beat.

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

Best Bet: Race 7 -- #1 Wherethehitsare (5-1 ML)

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

Favorite Against: Race 5 -- #5 Trust Fund Philly (5-2 ML)

