



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 3-18-26

Races	Wins	2 nd	3 rd	Win%	WIN ROI	WPS%
421	119	83	52	28.3%	\$1.58	60.3%

Thursday, March 19, 2026

<p>Race 1 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)</p> <p>#9 Clearly Colossal – Failed to menace in a pair of maiden special weight races on turf, but he takes a big drop for his first dirt try for a high % trainer. Pedigree tilts towards main track.</p> <p>Joe's Picks: 9=6-1/10-8</p>
<p>Race 2 – 50-cent PK 4</p> <p>#4 Django – This deep closer always makes a late run and it should be that much more effective at this lower class level.</p> <p>Joe's Picks: 4/6-1-2/3</p>
<p>Race 3 – 50-cent PK3</p> <p>#3 Mamba Out – The winner of two straight at this level and she's never been better than she was last out. Edge to 3-peat.</p> <p>Joe's Picks: 3/2-4/6-7</p>
<p>Race 4 -- 50-cent PK 4</p>

#3 Sight – Takes a significant drop in class fresh for a barn that’s not afraid to put their horses in a position to succeed.

Joe’s Picks: 3-6-1/5-2-4-7

Race 5 – 50-cent PK 3

#5 Calicoco – Third in four consecutive starts at this level, this speedster could benefit from the turf rail back at home today.

Joe’s Picks: 5-6-4-3/7-2-1

Race 6– 50-cent CC 6 (15%)

Carryover = \$3,406

#3 Maximum Promise – This 4-year-old colt never turned out to be a true stakes horse but he’s proven on all surfaces. He’s held his own against some solid competition & fits well here.

Joe’s Picks: 3-4/1-6-2/5

Race 7 – 50-cent PK 5 (15%)

#7 The Great Maybe – Just missed at this level off the bench last out and she didn’t have the cleanest of trips. Tough here.

Joe’s Picks: 7-8/4-9-2

Race 8 – 50-cent PK 4

#2 R T’s Gem – Winless from three previous tries on turf, this gal has run some credible races over it & she’s in top form.

Joe’s Picks: 2-4/6-8-3/7-5

Race 9 -- 50-cent PK3

#4 Orrizonte – A hard charging 2nd in his turf debut last out, this talented late runner returns to dirt with lots of pace to chase.

Joe’s Picks: 4-3-1/2-7/5-6

Race 10

#9 Englishman – Couldn’t have been more impressive than he was on debut in September at CD. Long awaited return today.

Joe’s Picks: 9/5-8/4/2

Race 11

#9 Regatta Bay – Ran some big races earlier this meet & now he returns off a pair of thirds at Delta. Can overcome the post.

Joe's Picks: 9-3-2/5-7/8-4-6

Best Bet: Race 9 -- #4 Orizzonte (3-1 ML)

Likely Overlay: Race 1 -- #1 Clearly Colossal (8-1 ML)

Favorite Against: Race 6 -- #4 Rothko (7-5 ML)

