You can enjoy a day at the track without ever approaching the betting window. Magnificent thoroughbreds pounding around our manicured oval. The brilliant colors of the riders’ silks. The pleasure of friends’ company on a sunny summer afternoon. It’s all good.

But if you want your pulse to race, try putting down a wager on your favorite filly. This little book is designed to help you improve your odds.
Pari-mutuel wagering means “wagering among ourselves.” Payoffs are based solely on the amount of money bet on each horse. Finger Lakes Race Track has no interest in which horse finishes first.

In fact, out of every dollar bet, 82¢ is returned to winning bettors. The remaining 18¢ is distributed amongst the horsemen (in the form of purse money), the racetrack, the New York State Breeding and Development Fund and, of course, taxes.
Some people have an emotional approach to wagering. They pick a horse based on its name, number or color. If that’s your style, just use the example below to tell the cashier your choice.

“Finger Lakes, the amount you wish to wager to win, place or show (minimum is $2.00), on the number 2 horse.”

Check your ticket before leaving the window and hold it until race results are final.

1. We discuss wagering and advanced wagering later.
2. The number can be found in the official program and on the saddlecloth the horse wears.
The odds listed in the program are the morning line odds and will change as bets are placed. Payoffs will be determined by the odds that stood as the race began. Watch the tote boards (located in the paddock and infield of the track) or the in-house television for the latest odds.

**What are the odds?**

The difference between a “lock” and a “snowball’s chance”

**And now a word from Dave.**

Approximately 15 minutes prior to each race, Dave Mattice, Finger Lakes’ resident handicapper, talks about the upcoming race and gives his selections via the in-house television system.

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### $2.00 Win Payoffs Chart

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To figure payouts above 5-1, just double the first number and add 2.
Although you can wager on a race right up until the final moments before the horses leave the gate, it’s best to leave plenty of time to place your bet comfortably.

To place a bet, tell the mutuel ticket seller:

1) The track (simulcasts from other tracks are run throughout the day, so this is important)
2) The amount you wish to wager (minimum $2)
3) The type of wager you are making (see the adjacent page)
4) The number(s) of the horse(s) you are betting on

Check your ticket before leaving the window.
Hold your ticket until the race results are official.
Horses can be disqualified.
The Finger Lakes Official Program provides a complete rundown of the participants in each race. Here you’ll find the necessary statistical information to make an informed wager.

**RACE NUMBER AND TYPE**
Race classifications in ascending order are Maiden, Claiming, Allowance, Handicap and Stakes.

**DISTANCE** Check past performance lines to see how the horse did in races of similar length. Some horses like sprints (races less than one mile), while others prefer routes (longer than one mile).

**OFFICIAL NUMBER** This is the official program number of the horse, with the morning line odds listed underneath it. You'll need the official number to make a wager.

**EXACTA * TRIFECTA * DAILY DOUBLE (7-8)**

**TYPES OF WAGERS** Betting options other than Win, Place or Show for this race.

**SCRATCHES** Horses withdrawn from any given race are announced throughout the day and can be found on the infield message board and in-house television system.

**TRAINER** Some trainers win a remarkable percentage of their races. Their record is in parentheses. You’ll also find a listing of Finger Lakes’ most successful trainers in your official program.

**CLASS RATING** Calculated on a scale from 50 -100. It represents an average of the class for a horse’s last 10 races. The higher the number, the better the horse has run recently.

**PAST PERFORMANCES** Indicates how a horse has performed in recent outings. See next page for explanation.

**JOCKEY** The best jockeys usually ride the best horses and win the most races. The jockey's performance stats—the number of races, and first, second, and third place finishes—are shown in parentheses. There's a chart comparing top Finger Lakes jockeys in your official program, as well.
**SEE WHAT YOUR HORSE HAS BEEN UP TO**

**PAST PERFORMANCE NOTATIONS.**

**LEADERS TIMES**
Race leaders’ time at specific intervals of race. Final entry is winning time for that race.

**PACE NUMBER**
The higher the pace number, the quicker the overall pace of the race.

**SPEED NUMBER**
(Computer-generated, not MPH.) The higher the number, the faster the horse was running.

**HORSE RECORD**
- Number of races; first, second and third place finishes; total earnings of the horse.
- Performance on specific track surfaces; earnings under these conditions and distances.

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**Program #** | **Owner** | **Weight** | **Jockey** | **Trainer (Current Meet) (Prior Meet) (YTD)** | **Class Rating**
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1 | Pamela Quinter | 117 | Michael Davis | Darrin Erb (14-1-2-2) (134-22-16-25) (16-1-2-3) | 78.1

**Horse: Pending Prospect (L)**
- **Type of Race/Conditions:**
  - MSW = MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT
  - MCL = MAIDEN CLAIMING
  - CLM = CLAIMING
  - STR = STARTER ALLOWANCE
  - ALW = ALLOWANCE
  - HCP = HANDICAP
  - STK = STAKE

**Track Conditions:**
- FT = FAST
- GD = GOOD
- WF = WET FAST
- MY = MUDDY
- SY = SLOPPY

**Date of Race:**
- 07Jun01: 7f at 4f 5f 6f 7f 8f 9f 10f
- 09Mar01: 6f at 6f 7f 8f 9f 10f
- 03Dec00: 6f at 6f 7f 8f 9f 10f

**Race Number/Track:**
- 27Feb01: 2f 5f 6f
- 15Mar01: 4f 5f 6f
- 08Mar01: 3f 4f 5f

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**Length of Race:**
- An “f” means furlong (which is 1/8 mile) and the small number next to the “1” indicates how many fractions of a mile past one mile the race was.

**Post Position/Total Horses in the Field:**
- The smaller number is the number of lengths the horse was behind the leader at that point. If the horse was winning, it reflects how far ahead of the next horse it was.

**Total Weight Carried:**
- Including jockey, saddle, etc.

**Comment:**
- **Top Three Finishers:** Small number next to name reflects the margin in front of the next finisher.
Box wagers, available in $1 units, are very popular when selecting more than one horse, as in an Exacta, Trifecta, etc. When you box a bet, you collect if your selected horses finish in any order among the top positions that your wager covers. For example, an Exacta Box 1-2 is a winner with the 1 and 2 finishing first and second in any order. Likewise, a Trifecta Box of 1-2-3 collects as long as the 1, 2 and 3 horses all finish in the top three in any order.

To place a boxed bet, say the dollar unit you would like to bet in ($1, $2, etc.), the type of bet, box, and the numbers. (i.e. “Finger Lakes, Race 2, $1 Exacta box 1 and 2.”) Total cost is $2.

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*There is no limit as to the number of horses that you may box in a race. Your cost is determined by the number of combinations covered in your wager multiplied by the dollar unit bet. $1 unit bets pay 1/2 of the regular payoff.
Wheeling is another option available in $1 units. A wheel allows you to combine the horse(s) you like with the rest of the field. A “$1 Exacta Wheel #7 with all” in an 8-horse field would cost $7 ($2 unit bet would cost $14), and cover all possible Exacta combinations with #7 winning. You could also wager for any horse in the field to finish first, with the #7 second. That would be “Exacta Wheel, all with #7.”

In a Trifecta, if you liked the 1 to finish first, the 3 to take second and were unsure about the remainder of a 8-horse field, you could wager a “$1 Trifecta Wheel, 1 with 3 with all” for $6.

If you eliminate horses from contention, part-wheeling allows you the flexibility of choosing as many combinations as you want, without wagering on the entire field.

In a Trifecta, for example, if you feel the 1 or 7 will win the race or finish second, and the 5 or 6 will finish third, you could make your wager as “$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel, 1,7 with 1,7 with 5,6” for $4. ($2 unit bet would cost $8)

Just as with any exotic wager, your cost is always determined by the dollar unit of your bet, multiplied by the number of combinations it covers. All exotic wagers can be wheeled in similar fashion.
**Glossary**

**Maiden Race**
A race exclusively for horses that have never won.

**Claiming Race**
Horses entered are eligible to be purchased (claimed) by an accredited owner for the claiming price listed in the program.

**Allowance Race**
Horses competing in Allowance races are generally more accomplished than those in Maiden or Claiming races. Keep that in mind when comparing past performance.

**Handicap Race**
A race where the Racing Secretary has assigned each horse to carry varying amounts of weight, essentially “evening the playing field.”

**Stakes Race**
The highest class of race reserved for the best horses. Owners typically pay an entry fee to nominate, enter and run their horses. The Kentucky Derby is an example of one of America’s greatest stakes races.

**Entry**
When two or more horses in the same race have common owners or trainers, they may be required to compete as a coupled entry (ie: 1 and 1A). A wager on one part of the entry automatically constitutes a wager on other part(s).

**Paddock**
Where horses are prepped and jockeys mount their rides before entering the track.

**Post Time**
The starting time for a race.

**Purse**
The prize money distributed to owner, trainer and jockey. Generally, the higher the purse, the better the race.

**Morning Line**
An educated projection of how the public will wager.

**Post Parade**
Horses going past the stands on their way to the starting gate.