

THOROUGHBRED RACING

# WAGERING GUIDE





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**HOW TO THOROUGHLY ENJOY THOROUGHBRED RACING**

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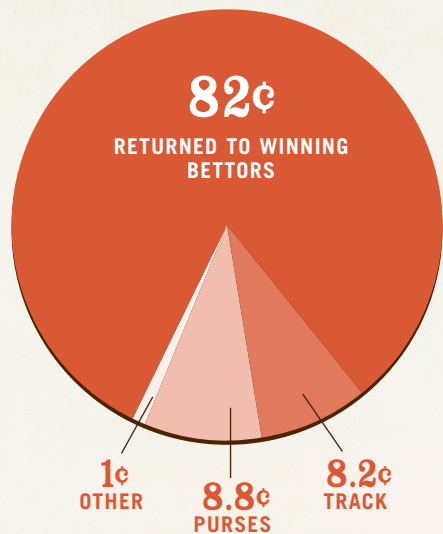
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You can enjoy a day at the track without ever approaching the betting window: Magnificent thoroughbreds pounding around our manicured oval. The brilliant colors of the riders' silks. The pleasure of friends' company on a sunny summer afternoon. It's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



**YOU'RE UP AGAINST OTHER  
BETTORS, NOT THE TRACK.**



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WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

**AM I PLAYING AGAINST THE HOUSE?**

Pari-mutuel wagering means “wagering among ourselves.” Payoffs are based solely on the amount of money bet on each horse. Finger Lakes Racetrack 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.

## TALK LIKE A HANDICAPPER.

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When you bet on a horse to **Win**, you collect only if your horse wins. Simple enough.

But if you bet your horse to **Place**, you collect for a first- or second-place finish.

And if you bet to **Show**, you collect if the horse finishes first, second, or third.

Of course, payoffs for Place and Show are generally lower since there are more chances to collect.



BETTING INTUITIVELY

## DETERMINING YOUR WAGER?

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Whether you make your picks after a careful study of the horses, the track, and the weather conditions, or if you just pick your favorite numbers, how you place your wager is the same.

Later in this guide we'll explain exactly how to place your bet with a teller. It's a quick and simple exchange in which you identify the track and race number, the type and amount of your wager, and, of course, the number(s) of the horse(s) you're betting on.



**\$2.00 WIN PAYOFFS CHART.**

<b>ODDS</b>	<b>PAYS</b>
1-9	\$2.10
1-5	\$2.40
2-5	\$2.80
1-2	\$3.00
3-5	\$3.20
4-5	\$3.60
1-1	\$4.00
6-5	\$4.40
7-5	\$4.80
3-2	\$5.00
8-5	\$5.20
9-5	\$5.60
2-1	\$6.00
5-2	\$7.00
3-1	\$8.00
7-2	\$9.00
4-1	\$10.00
9-2	\$11.00
5-1	\$12.00



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 'LOCK' AND A 'SNOWBALL'S CHANCE'

**WHAT ARE THE ODDS?**

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.

**A TIP TO THE WISE**

Keep an eye and ear to the in-house televisions. Track handicappers will be offering up-to-the-minute insights throughout the day.

## MORE WAYS TO WAGER.

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Along with Win, Place, and Show, you can place a bet in the following ways (as the degree of difficulty increases, the payoffs generally follow suit):

**ACROSS THE BOARD:** Equal bets to Win, Place, and Show on a single horse.

**EXACTA:** Pick the horses that come in first and second in a race in exact order.

**TRIFECTA:** Pick the first three finishers in a race in exact order.

**SUPERFECTA:** Pick the first four finishers in a race in exact order.

**DAILY DOUBLE:** Your horses must finish first in each of two consecutive designated races.

**PICK 3:** Pick the winners of three races in a row.

**PICK 4:** Pick the winners of four races in a row.

**PICK 5:** Pick the winners of five races in a row.

FIG. 36: WAGERING TERMINOLOGY



ACCURATE SPEECH - ACCURATE WAGER

## HOW DO YOU PLACE A BET?

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Although you can wager on a race right up until the 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 and race number (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.





YOUR PROGRAM PAYS OFF

# HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES.

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 to the right of it. You'll need the official number to make a wager.

**1** ALLOWANCE **EXACTA \* TRIFECTA \* SUPERFACTA \* DAILY DOUBLE (Races 1-2)**

Win Place Show No.

equibase.com/QR

**Purse \$19,200. (PURSE INCLUDES \$4,100 N.Y.S.T.B.D.F.) For foaled in New York State and approved by the New York State-Bred Registry Fillies And Mares Three Years Old and Upward Which Have Never Won A State Bred Race Other Than Maiden, Claiming, Optional, Or Starter. Three Year Olds, 120 Lbs; Older, 124 Lbs Non-winners of a race at a mile or over since July 15 Allowed 2 Lbs. Such a race since June 15 Allowed 4 Lbs. (Races where entered for \$15,000 or less not considered in allowances). One Mile And Seventy Yards**

**Track Record:** Neverbettercity (3), 1:17 lbs; 1:38.99 (11-24-07)

Program #	Odds	Pace	Speed	Weight	Jockey	Class	52.28	Life:	33	5	7	5	\$169,403	Dist:	12	1	0	3	\$31,391
<b>1</b>	<b>2-1</b>				Owner: M. Anthony Ferraro Silks: White, Royal Blue Ball Sash, Red Sleeves, White Dots Trainer/Owner: (127-26-16-15) 1:44.88% (186-35-23-23) 43.55%														
<b>Red</b>					<b>Kelly's Prize (L)</b>		<b>110</b>												
<b>P.P.1</b>					Dk/B; Br.m.5 Pure Prize - Miz Lynne Kelly by Langfuhr - Bred in New York by Allen Hallett & Brings Cromartie (Apr 10, 2011)														
19Jul16 3PM	ft	470	5093	1:15M 1:45S 3HE	Clm 5000w2/Am	61	71	31	313	314	119	Gallardo A J	121	4:30	Kelly's Prize12119My Ann's Kitchen1211Miss Tinkie Tees1214 strong urging	7			
23Jun16 6FL	ft	8f	2295	46M 1:13R 3HE	Clm 5000w3/y	35	33	1	75	79	783	715	Davila, J. A	120	bl. *50Underthemoonlight120Jazzy Disco Diva12214M4 Brassy120 never involved	1			
29May16 8FL	ft	170	48	1:13R 1:4717 3HE3A	Alw 18200w1/d/x	88	13	3	21	21	511	525	534	Davila, J. A	120	bl. 1:00 Andromeda's Child120Stoney's Honor120Aerhythmic1204 2p12.dxxx: 5/16	5		
11May16 1FL	ft	5f	2382	47R 1:09H 4HE	Clm 7500w4/L	16	61	1	32	42	22	113	Davila, J. M	120	bl. *.30 Kelly's Prize120UPortada120Busted Handle1201 rail tm, going away	5			
28Feb16 9 Apr	ft	CO	178	4933 1:14R 1:40H 4HE	Clm 1000w-c	76	68	4	32	413	493	611	Suez G	116	bl. 14.10 Just Catty120Bonita Luna11515 She Hot108R1 tracked 2p, tired	8			
					Owned by Ferraro M. Anthony from <b>Equibase!</b> Paul M. for \$10,000. <b>Scratches</b> - Trainer														
					Clm 12500	61	68	1	65	64	591	491	493	Suez G	110	bl. 13.00 Just Catty12016 She Hot11414 Just Catty11414			
					Clm 10000	48	1	3	52	60	461	461	461	Suez G	110	bl. Franky and Ann1134Miss A...			

## TYPES OF WAGERS

Betting options other than Win, Place, or Show for this race.

## CLASS RATING

Calculated on a scale of 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.

**TRAINERS** 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.

**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.



# SEE WHAT YOUR HORSE HAS BEEN UP TO PAST PERFORMANCE NOTATIONS.

## TRACK CONDITIONS

Some horses perform very differently, given the conditions.

- FT = FAST
- GD = GOOD
- WF = WET FAST
- MY = MUDDY
- SY = SLOPPY

## 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.

Program #	Odds	Pace	Speed	Weight	Jockey	Class	Earnings		Performance	
1	2-1			110 <sup>10</sup>	Alexis Valdes	52.28	Life: 33 5 2 5 \$148,493	Dirt: 12 1 0 3 \$31,391		
Red P.P.1							2016: 7 2 0 1 \$17,475	Wet Dirt: 6 1 1 1 \$31,220		
							2015: 12 1 1 1 \$40,355	Synthetic: 1 1 0 0 \$6,000		
							FL Dirt: 3 1 0 0 \$8,091	Turf: 13 2 1 0 \$78,082		
							Dist: 4 1 0 0 \$7,960	Wet Turf: 1 0 0 1 \$1,800		
<p>Owner: M. Anthony Ferraro          Silks: White, Royal Blue Ball Sash, Red Sleeves, White Dots          Trainer: Owner (127-26-16-15) 44.88% (186-35-23-23) 43.55%</p> <p><b>Kelly's Prize (L)</b>          Dk B/ Br.5 Pure Prize - Miz Lynne Kelly by Langfuhr - Bred in New York by Allen Hallett &amp; Briggs/Cromartie (Apr 10, 2011)</p>										
19 Jul 16	3 Pld	ft	170	:5023 1:1524 1:4525 31E	C1m 5000w/279m	61 71 1 31 31 11 11	Gallardo A A	121 bl	4.70	Kelly's Prize 121 <sup>10</sup> Mary Ann's Kitchen 121 <sup>10</sup> Miss Twinkle Toes 121 <sup>10</sup> <b>strong urging</b>
23 Jun 16	6 FL	ft	6f	:2295 :4694 1:1380 31E	C1m 5000w/3/y*	35 33 7 75 7 75 715	Davila, Jr. M A	120 bl	*.90e	Under the moonlight 120 <sup>10</sup> Dizzy Disco Diva 122 <sup>10</sup> Wild Brassy 120 <sup>10</sup> never involved
28 May 16	8 FL	ft	170	:48 1:1383 1:4717 31E	Alw 19200w1/b/x	88 13 3 21 21 511 525 534	Davila, Jr. M A	120 bl	1.80	Andromeda's Child 120 <sup>10</sup> Stormy's Honor 120 <sup>10</sup> Arrhythmic 120 <sup>4</sup> 2p1/2, done 5/16
11 May 16	1 FL	ft	5f	:2362 :4762 1:0041 31E	C1m 7500w/4/L	16 61 1 1 32 42 22 11 1/2	Davila, Jr. M A	120 bl	*.30	Kelly's Prize 120 <sup>10</sup> Portada 120 <sup>10</sup> Busted Handle 120 <sup>10</sup> rail trn, going away
28 Feb 16	9 Aqu	ft	170	:4933 1:1468 1:4607 41E	C1m 10000-c	76 66 4 32 41 1/2 43 1/2 58 61 1/2	Saez G	118 bl	14.10	Just Gatty 120 <sup>10</sup> Bonita Luna 115 1/2 Is She Hot 106 1/2 tracked 2p, tired
<p>Claimed by Ferraro M. Anthony from Giacobelli Paul M. for \$10,000. Sciacca Gary - Trainer          170 11E C1m 12500          C1m 10000          61 68 1 65 64 56 1 49 1/2 49 1/2 Saez          66 68 1 3 52 66 1 46 1/2</p>										

## DATE OF RACE

## 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.

## RACE NUMBER/ TRACK

## TYPE OF RACE/ CONDITIONS

- MSW = MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT
- MCL = MAIDEN CLAIMING
- CLM = CLAIMING
- STR = STARTER ALLOWANCE
- ALW = ALLOWANCE
- HCP = HANDICAP
- STK = STAKE

## POST POSITION

## HORSE'S POSITION WITHIN 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.

## THE JOCKEY

## COMMENT

## TOTAL HORSES IN THE FIELD

## TOP THREE FINISHERS

Small number next to name reflects the margin in front of the next finisher.



### COST OF BOX WAGERS\*

EXACTA	\$1 UNIT	\$2 UNIT
2-HORSE BOX	\$2	\$4
3-HORSE BOX	\$6	\$12
4-HORSE BOX	\$12	\$24
TRIFECTA		
3-HORSE BOX	\$6	\$12
4-HORSE BOX	\$24	\$48
SUPERFECTA		
4-HORSE BOX	\$24	\$48
5-HORSE BOX	\$120	\$240

\*There is no limit on 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.



### ADVANCED WAGERING OPTIONS: EXOTICS

### BOXING.

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 in which you would like to bet (\$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.



ADVANCED WAGERING OPTIONS: EXOTICS

## WHEELING.

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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 eight-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 wanted the 1 to finish first, the 3 to take second, and were unsure about the remainder of a eight-horse field, you could wager a "\$1 Trifecta Wheel, 1 with 3 with all" for \$6.



ADVANCED WAGERING OPTIONS: EXOTICS

## PART-WHEELING.

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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.





FINGER LAKES GAMING & RACETRACK

## FUN FACTS

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- 1.** Finger Lakes is the first racetrack in the nation with a horse adoption center on the premises. The Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program (otherwise known as Purple Haze) is a non-profit organization that cares for retired race horses while helping to arrange for their adoption.
- 2.** Prior to each race, the horses will come down the chute and parade around the paddock. It's important not to make any loud or sudden noises, because the horses can be easily startled.
- 3.** The horses are given a saddlecloth with a number. The number generally corresponds to their starting position, which is randomly selected prior to a race.

**4.** When you hear the track announcer call "post time," that means it's time for the race to start.

**5.** Jockeys typically weigh under 100 lbs but they are highly conditioned world-class athletes.

**6.** Bred and trained for racing, thoroughbreds are aged typically between 2 and 10 years old. Most live on the backside where you see the stables and barns.

**7.** By becoming a Player Extras Member, you can earn points on your wagers, just like you would on the Gaming Floor. Points can be redeemed for free programs, food, and merchandise. Best of all, Members are eligible to participate in contests, giveaways, and drawings held throughout the year. Sign up at the Player Extras booth located on the Gaming Floor!

**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.

FIG. 98.2: TYPES OF RACES IN ASCENDING ORDER

**GLOSSARY**

**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 (i.e., 1 and 1A). A wager on one part of the entry automatically constitutes a wager on other part(s).

**FURLONG**

1/8 of one mile.

**MORNING LINE**

An educated projection of how the public will wager.

**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.

**POST PARADE**

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

FIG. 98.3: THOROUGHBRED RACING TERMS



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