

STEVE FIERRO'S RACEDAY USA BETTING LINE

Today's Racing Digest now features a betting line. A betting line is the second quarter of a complete handicapping/investing process. The betting line is applied following contender selection. This is outlined in Steve's book *"The Four Quarters of Horse Investing"*.

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The betting line is simple and easy to use. It is designed to point out the value opportunities in a race.

Here are the recommendations or "best way" to use the betting line:

1. The top contender is offered at odds higher than listed on the betting line (overlayed). This is the strongest feature of the betting line.
2. If two contenders are overlayed, start at the top. The contender listed closest to the top is the play. If the two are above 8/1, play them both.
3. If three contenders are overlayed the race is a pass. The race is chaos and long term this is a losing situation.
4. Legitimate favorites: If the betting line lists the top contender at 3/2 or less and the betting public sends this contender to post at 3/2 or less, this race must also be passed. This is a strong contender. The other contenders become "false overlays" because of the heavy action on the "legitimate" favorite. They do win, but long term they pay far too little to produce a profit.

Exotics: The betting line is a "win oriented" service. It is an excellent tool in constructing doubles, Pick 3's, and 4's, from a value standpoint.

CHURCHILL DOWNS - June 19th, 2005

1st race

Late Lunch	2/1
Gatabesneaky	4/1
World Cruiser	6/1
Gray Beauty	6/1

There is no early speed in this race. If Martin can get Late Lunch loose on the lead, they can win this gate to wire.

2nd race

Mystic Speed	5/2
Artabee	7/2
Gilded Touch	5/1
For and For	6/1

Barnett heads to the bottom level claimers with Mystic Speed. They may have enough gas left in the tank to get the win on the drop.

3rd race

Island Saga	8/5
Fall Fantasy	5/2
Fleetmoon	6/1

Vance still likes his claim of two races back with Island Saga. He keeps this gal above the original claiming price.

4th race

S S Winifred	5/2
Tressel	4/1
Diamond Miss	5/1
Bergen	5/1

S S Winifred heads to the turf for the second time. It may be the race that will produce the maiden win.

5th race

Jake's No Angel	9/5
Mr. Spock	7/2
Haley's Buddy	7/2

This could be the rare Amoss overlay opportunity. Jake's Angel could be 5/1 or better once again.

6th race

Time to Jet	9/5
Alydelta	3/1
Southern Wolf	4/1

There appears to be enough early speed signed up to set it up for a late runner. If he fires it could be Time to Jet.

7th race

Lunargal	3/2
Best Mom	3/1
Luvin Duvin	6/1

This one may be a pass. Lunargal will be hammered at the windows. 3/2 or less and I will wait for the next race.

8th race

Conservationist	8/5
Delta Charlie	3/1
Nine Chimes	5/1

I like the four works since the last race that Conservationist was in. The running line from that race will help the closing price today.

9th race

Deputy Strike	2/1
Good Job	2/1
Prodigus	6/1

We have two excellent runners to choose from here in the ninth. The best price between Deputy Strike and Good Job is it.

10th race

Seductively Smooth	8/5
Silky Chanteus	3/1
Ruby's Prize	5/1

Seductively Smooth was a little short in her debut race. I don't think that will be the case today. The right price may be difficult to come by.

BELMONT PARK - June 19th, 2005

1st race

Lady Byar	5/2
Our Miss Jones	5/2
Semichi	3/1

Lady Byar looks like underlay material. I think the value play will be Our Miss Jones. Let's wait and see.

2nd race

Bred Winner	8/5
Tiverton	7/2
Jonathan Quick	7/2

Bred Winner receives a solid 8/5 betting line here in the second race. They may have made him the favorite one race too early.

3rd race

Philosopher King	2/1
Extra Bend	5/2
Winning Minister	4/1

Philosopher King is a son of Grand Slam that has Bailey up while taking his lessons from Pletcher. He is a solid first call.

4th race

Be My Prince	2/1
Chestertown Slew	5/2
Bestowed	4/1

Be My Prince posted a nice comeback win for Penna last race. Chestertown Slew is a solid second contender. I still will side with Be My Prince.

5th race

Theatrical Glory	2/1
Look No Further	2/1
Volatility	6/1

Between Theatrical Glory and Look No Further, I think the latter will be the better price when it counts. They are both solid players in this one.

6th race

Lady Bi Bi	5/2
Cat's Roar	3/1
Buck Mountain	6/1
Sabellina	6/1

Lady Bi Bi exits a key race. The winner and the second place finisher from that race both came back to win. I think she is next.

7th race

Flagstaff	5/2
He's Hurr Cuelee's	5/2
Taking the Redeye	3/1

The toteboard will have to separate the three listed runners in this one. I have no preference between them other than price.

8th race

Beebe Lake	5/2
The Lamp Is Lit	3/1
Fait Accompli	6/1
Ihavedate	6/1

Beebe Lake has had a good deal of success over this turf course (4-6 in the money). She may be one of the better plays on the card.

9th race

Mutamayazz	8/5
Stash the Boots	3/1
Holy Panache	5/1

It's hard to look passed Mutamayazz here in the finale. This is no secret. We may be playing Stash the Boots if offered 7/2 or better.

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