

Top 5 Tips to Win \$100 at the Races

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IT TAKES MONEY to make money so we will assume a \$20 bankroll for each of our strategies. The name of the game is to turn the \$20 into \$100 and have fun doing it. We will start with the more conservative approaches and move to the more aggressive.

1. START A SHOW PARLAY AND HIT AT LEAST FOUR IN A ROW

Betting to Show is low risk with low reward so it is necessary to tie the winning bets together with a parlay to achieve the goal of winning \$100. Just pick the horse other than the favorite with the best chance of running in the money (top three). Consistent horses who usually run in the money but aren't overbet are the way to go here. Let the entire \$20 ride on that first horse to Show and then keep playing the winnings back until you lose or reach \$100. Should take 4 races or so to get to the the \$100 mark with a \$20 start. The larger the field – the better the Show payoff. It's okay to skip very short fields and wait for a better opportunity since you only need four or five races from the entire card.

2. HANDICAP THE DAILY DOUBLES AND HIT THEM

This isn't quite as difficult as some exotic wagers as it requires handicappers to pick winners of the first two or last two races of the day. First you need to handicap the four races and decide which double has more value – hopefully it is the early one so you have the opportunity to play both. Pick a single in one leg of the double and use two horses in the other leg. Try to avoid the favorite in at least one leg and preferably both. Then bet a \$10 daily double part wheel using your key horse with the other two in the second leg. Just reverse it if your single is in the second leg. With the favorite out of the double it almost always pays more than \$20 and to have that 5 times will do the trick. Feeling lucky – go for other doubles on the card but only risk your profit.

3. PLAY THE \$1 ROLLING PICK THREES AND HIT SEVERAL

A little more difficult than the Daily Double but a very fun bet – the Pick Three challenges bettors to select three winners in a row. A good way to attack here is to map out a \$1 Pick Three part wheel using a 'single' leg, a 'double'

leg and a 'fishing' leg where you go five deep in hopes of catching a price. This formula costs \$10 per bet and will allow you two shots for the \$20. Just look at the three races you like best early on the card and try to find those single and double legs in a three race sequence. Also look for one contentious race to 'spread' or fish for a price and pick your five there. Then finalize and play the first ticket. Then start another with the final \$10 on the second best sequence or as soon as the first ticket loses. Hitting one of these when able to beat one or two favorites will return in excess of \$100 easily. The key is to get a price in the five deep leg.

4. PLAY THE \$1 LATE PICK FOUR AND HIT IT

The only bet that is more difficult is the Pick Six but the Pick Four is actually hittable on a \$1 ticket / \$20 play. The best way to attack the Pick Four with a small bankroll is just like the Pick Three – except it usually will be either the first four races or the last four races on the card. Just look for two singles in the sequence and then know that you can use four and five runners in the other two less formful legs. Try to get the singles out of the way quickly so you get into the later legs with live runners. If your singles do not contain the favorite – you could be looking at \$1000 instead of \$100 but this is also a tough bet to hit. One favored single is absolutely fine but two should be avoided.

5. ISOLATE THE LONGSHOT PLAY OF THE DAY AND HIT IT TO WIN AND PLACE

This is probably the toughest thing to do in racing consistently, but also the most rewarding. Pore over the card and find the one runner you absolutely love who will be greater than 8-1 odds. Play \$10 to Win and Place on this runner and if the horse wins – you'll surpass the \$100 target. If it runs second you live to play another day and repeat the process with the remaining races – possibly lowering the odds a tick or two the second time around.



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