

# EXPERT SELECTIONS



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Joe Kristufek returns for his second season as Churchill Downs' paddock host. He has an extensive background in horse racing and wagering and has been instrumental in the creation of and hosting fan education programs at the premier racing events at racetracks coast to coast. A native of Chicago, Kristufek is the morning-line odds maker for several racetracks, including his hometown Arlington Park. He is also the racing writer and handicapper for the Daily Herald newspaper in Arlington Heights, IL. Joe is well recognized for his diversified handicapping skills and suggested wagering tactics and he loves interacting with all racing fans - from beginner to expert.

### Joe's '16 Stats through Sunday, Sept. 18

Races	Wins	2nd	3rd	Win%	WPS%
404	117	64	47	28.9%	56.4%

Sunday, September 25, 2016

#### Race 1

#4 Shifty Kitten – Drops + blinkers + tough team.  
#5 Cape Caroline – Proven on turf; finishes with energy.  
#2 Purr – Gets rare turf test; sneaky good form = price.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-5-2**

#### Race 2

#1 Mascherato – Popular at the claim box; turf form converts.  
#6 Sidearm – Finds clear sailing; stalks speed & pounces.  
#3 Doc Almon – Solid 2nd here in May; rates with A-game.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-6-3**

#### Race 3

#5 Persuasion – Claimed out of dull debut; drops for win.  
#3 Since Forever – Has run some respectable race w/better.  
#2 Ostentation – Cuts back on dirt off turf routes; finishes?  
#4 Saturday Fun – Sliding down the ladder; gimmick player.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-3-2-4**

*Selections subject to change due to scratches, off the turf, etc. Tune in to the [twinspires.com](http://twinspires.com) pre-race paddock show for the most up to the minute information. Check program numbers for accuracy.*

#### Race 4

#5 Speightsong – Freshened for this; edge in crapshoot.  
#3 Double Ours – Consistent sprinter fires a fresh shot.  
#4 Navarez – Claimed out of clunker; has an excuse.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 5-3-4**

#### Race 5

#4 Friend of Liberty – Respectable runs; experience counts.  
#3 Gris Gris – Tossed morning hints; placement makes sense.  
#5 Choctaw – Sneaky team; must use in multi-race wagers.  
#1 My Four Funs – Pedigree says route; rail post is tricky.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 4-3-5-1**

#### Race 6

#8 O T B Bob – Always runs his race; conditions suit to a tee.  
#3 Bellarmine – Returns home for Sharp barn; watch tote.  
#2 Back Lite – Dull efforts last couple; capable of much better.  
#7 Stormy Pacific – What you see is what you get; gimmicks.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-3-2-7**

### Race 7

#8 Aiken's Alley – Deceivingly good runs; edge in tough call.  
#10 Pharaoh's City – Solid debut run; fits like a glove here.  
#1 Betweensatsheets – Big trouble in debut; under radar.  
#6 Langdarma – Plenty of chances; gets over the hump?

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 8-10-1-6**

### Race 8

#2 Christie's Ready – Deceivingly good run at KD; coin flip.  
#7 Dynazar – Has done her best work at CD; pointed for this.  
#3 Queenofthepalace – Begging for a fast pace to kick at.  
#4 Anusara – Forwardly placed; fights for every yard.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 2-7-3-4**

### Race 9

#6 Tarpys Zapper – 3rd in key Saratoga allowance; has upside.  
#8 Goats Town – Has held his own with tough rivals; danger.  
#10 Flash Trading – Veteran on top of this game; finishes.  
#2 Pinson – Just missed to chalk here two back; gimmicks.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 6-8-10-2**

### Race 10

#1 Ultra Arumba – Dull form of late; awakens on the drop.  
#4 Atruevision – Stepped up on grass; form should convert.  
#9 Counton Claire – Usually runs her race; gimmick player.  
#7 Suits My Fancy – Passes tired horses; too little, too late.  
#10 Venetian – 1 for 19; best of what's left, gimmick stretch.

**Joe's SELECTIONS – 1-4-9-7-10**



## KK's Play of the Day

By: Kevin Kerstein

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**Race 2:** This race kicks off the early pick 5. I will be centering my wager on #1 Mascherato. Even though this horse may be a short price in the win pool, I will use this horse as a single in the pick 5. After just missing in his last race at Indiana Grand, Mascherato switches barns to Keith Bourgeois and should transfer his form from the turf to the dirt.

**Suggested Play:** #1 Mascherato

