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## Guide To Betting Horse Racing

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Anyone who says horse racing isn't exciting hasn't been to a good racetrack yet. Once you

understand the terms and processes in racing horses, betting becomes an intoxicating event. While horse racing has been called the sports of kings, it doesn't take a pile of gold to play and win good money at it. Today, I am going to run over the basic terms in horse racing to get you started.

**Win:** Just as you are thinking right now, WIN means to win the race. This is the horse that finishes first.

**Place:** The horse that comes in second is the place horse.

**Show:** The horse that comes in third is the show horse. The show wager is the safest bet in horse racing in my opinion, but it pays poorly. Usually favorites are low odds horses are not worth betting to show. The show bet should be for longer shots.

**Daily Double:** Got a gift for picking winners? Give the daily double a shot. Simply pick the winners of two consecutive races and you have a winning daily double ticket. Typically the early daily double is the first two races and the late daily double is the last two races.

**Quinella:** Not sure who's going to finish first out of two horses? Bet the Quinella. When you bet a Quinella, you select two horses that you thinking will finish first and second. When they come in first and second (in any order), you win your ticket.

**Exacta:** The Exacta is just like the Quinella, except the order matters. For instance, if you bet a 4-7 Exacta, the 4 horse must win and the 7 horse must places. Since the order matters, the Exacta pays more than the Quinella.

Trifecta: I love hitting Trifectas. I just wish they would happen more often. When you place a Trifecta, you are betting the first three horses to finish in order. For instance, if you place a 2–4–9 Trifecta, the 2 horse must win, the 4 horse must place and the 9 horse must show. The Trifecta usually pays pretty well. It all depends on the odds of the horses involved and the order of finish.

Pick 3: First, there's also a pick 4,5 and so on. However, I'll tell you about the pick 3 since the others are the same just with more horses to select. When you play a pick ticket, you are picking the winners of consecutive races. Different tracks offer different pick tickets. For instance, if the track offered an early pick 3, you would be picking the winners of races 1,2 and 3. Pick tickets can pay off very well.

There you have it. A slew of horse racing terms to get you started. The basics of betting on horse racing is pretty simple once you get the hang of it. Good luck.

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### **Churchill Downs: A Legacy**

**By Sebastien Veilleux**

Any horse racing lover worth his or her weight knows about Churchill Downs. This legendary track is rich with memorable horse racing moments. The track was and is home to top horses from all over the country—even the world. To say that the horse racing action at Churchill Downs is loved by all would be a grave understatement. In the world of horse racing, Churchill Downs is a masterpiece.

Churchill Downs has a slow beginning. The famed Kentucky Jockey Club was formed in 1809. However, some 70 years would pass before the first glorious race at Churchill Downs would actually take place. Even the most casual of horse racing fans are familiar with the Triple Crown. One of the Triple Crown races, the Kentucky Derby, is held each year at Churchill Downs. At a time when race relations in the USA were not the best, it was a bit ironic that jockey Oliver Lewis who was an African American won the very first Kentucky Derby.

Back in 1883, the name "Churchill Downs" first appeared in a newspaper article. However, it would take until 1937 for the track to officially incorporate the soon to be legendary name. To raise fund for the track, Clark—who decided on the final spot for the track—sold 320 memberships to Churchill Downs. These memberships we sold at the whopping cost of \$100 each. At the time, \$100 was a good deal of money.

Today, the Churchill Downs is owned and operated by Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI). They run many horse racing tracks around the country, including: Churchill Downs, Arlington Park, Calder Race

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Course, Ellis Park, Fair Grounds Race Course and Hoosier Park. All of these tracks have one thing in common—they are great horse racing tracks.

Did you know that the Kentucky Derby was first televised in 1952? That's when the famous race really got a boost. It was the 77th running of the Kentucky Derby. The Kentucky Derby has always been a solid race, and today it's one of the biggest. Each year the purse is normally \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. Popular and legendary horse, Smarty Jones, won the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs back in 2004. It was special in that the purse, some \$6,000,000, was double the amount in 2005. It just shows you what an exciting horse can do for the sport.

The Churchill Downs is rich in history. If you have never visiting Churchill Downs, try and make it some day. Betting on the races at Churchill Downs are exciting whether you are there in person or not.

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