TRACK PHANTOM

HOW TO READ THE ANALYSIS

PHILOSOPHY — FINDING VALUE, NOT JUST WINNERS

Track Phantom strives to identify winners, but the greatest emphasis is uncovering information the betting public may overlook. The objective is to look beyond obvious statistics to troubled trips, hidden form, pedigrees, pace scenarios, trainer patterns, key races and historical trends. The goal is to identify runners whose chances may be better than their odds suggest.

UNDERSTANDING THE A–B–C–D RANKINGS

Inspired by Steve Crist's multi-race wagering, horses are grouped by their perceived winning chances:

- **A — Primary contenders:** Our strongest win candidates.
- **B — Serious threats:** Legitimate contenders who can win with the right circumstances.
- **C — Secondary contenders:** Less likely winners worth considering for deeper coverage.
- **D — Outsiders:** Horses we consider unlikely to win and generally exclude.

WHY PICK 4 & PICK 5 TICKETS ARE LARGER

Suggested multi-race tickets intentionally offer broad coverage and can carry higher total costs. It is easier for players to subtract horses from a proposed ticket to fit within the budget than to guess which overlooked contenders should have been included.

For example, a $400 Pick 5 using four horses in one leg could become a $100 ticket by singling one horse in that leg. Tickets are starting points—not required wagers—and adjust to your budget.

PICK VS. VALUE — AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

PICK: The horse believed most likely to win with an eye on higher priced runners were achievable.
VALUE: The horse whose odds may underestimate its win chance; not necessarily the second choice.

A 3-5 favorite may be a most likely winner, while an 8-1 contender could be the more attractive wager.

A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

Morning-line odds are not fair-odds estimates; value depends on the price available when you bet. Pay attention to the commentary, not just the rankings—the strongest insights often concern overlooked longshots or vulnerable favorites. Track conditions, scratches, pace and trips can change an opinion.

Independent handicapping opinions, not guarantees. Wager responsibly and within your budget.