

How to Read the Tote Board

If you see a single number next to your horse on the odds board, for example, “5,” then the horse is 5 to 1. This means that, for every dollar wagered on that horse to win, the winning ticket holder would win about \$5. Plus, you always get your original bet amount back!

So, for a \$2 winning ticket on a 5-1 horse, you would receive about \$12 (\$5 + \$5 + your \$2 bet = \$12). Sometimes, when a horse is below the odds of 5 to 1, you might see two numbers with a dash between them.

The odds of 9-2 (or 4 ½ -1) or 8-5 are typical examples. In the case of 9-2, this means that, for every \$2 bet, you would get about \$11 back.

The lower the number of “x-1” means the horse is more of a favorite to win, which means a winning ticket will get you less money back.

Approximate Payoffs *(based on a \$2 wager)*

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Payoff</u>	<u>Odds</u>	<u>Payoff</u>	<u>Odds</u>	<u>Payoff</u>
1-9	\$2.20	7-5	\$4.80	4-1	\$10.00
1-5	\$2.40	3-2	\$5.00	5-1	\$12.00
2-5	\$2.80	8-5	\$5.20	10-1	\$22.00
3-5	\$3.20	9-5	\$5.60	20-1	\$42.00
4-5	\$3.60	2-1	\$6.00	50-1	\$102.00
1-1	\$4.00	5-2	\$7.00	99-1	\$200.00+
6-5	\$4.40	3-1	\$8.00		