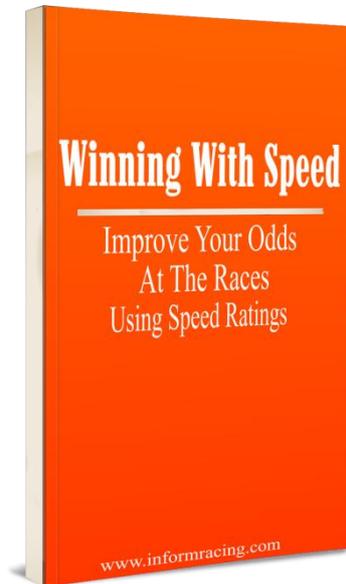


Inform Racing Speed Ratings



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Introduction

The idea behind speed ratings is simple:

The easiest way to measure one race horse against another is by how fast it runs and a speed rating translates performance into an easy to use number.

How fast horses run is the single most important factor in finding your winners and is the only place to start when looking at a race.

Normal ratings are compiled using judgement and basic opinion, using outdated and unreliable pounds per length as the variant.

Speed ratings on the other hand are measured by the actual time the horse took to run the race, using time to determine the beaten horses and is an absolute measure of a horse's ability that can be accurately compared to all the other runners in the race.

What's more, Inform Ratings are compiled manually by hand, using an old fashioned calculator, pen and paper as well as human experience and understanding, allowing for any discrepancies regarding goings, track conditions and race class etc. all ironed out at source and applied to the final ratings.

Most other speed ratings available are calculated using a computer programme, feeding in race times and basic track conditions and simply cannot be as accurate because it is the understanding of everything other than the clocked time that makes the rating so valuable.

Speed Ratings allow you to compare horses in a race that have run on different goings, (firm, good to firm, soft, etc.) at different courses and over different distances and this allows for a quick and reliable comparison.

Again normal ratings just rate the performance and take no account of course, distance and going etc..

If every horse ran over a standard surface at the same distance we could compare their speeds simply by looking at their finishing times and normally comparing these horses would be practically impossible but the use of this one speed rating number that encompasses everything required about a run, now allows you to do this.

For example, a horse that rates 80 over seven furlongs should theoretically run 80 going over a mile, assuming it can handle the extra distance and a horse that rates 76 over five furlongs on good ground at Sandown should theoretically get a similar rating over five furlongs on soft ground at Epsom, assuming the horse can handle the easier surface.

A speed rating of 77 from Windsor represents the same level of ability as a speed rating of 77 from York or anywhere else and so numbers can be compared.

You can now use identifiable and profitable patterns in the ratings to find value bets every day because they take into account how each rating in the past was run with regards to trip and track etc., allowing you a deeper look at the ratings and the race in question in an effort to predict what kind of rating the horse will run today.

Given the huge variety in British racecourses and goings throughout the year, most horses show preferences for some conditions and speed ratings are the best tool for uncovering these.

Some years ago I looked into all sorts of methods and systems to help me find winners in British horse racing and finally came across speed ratings.

Underused then and incredibly to me now still underused today, the most effective way of making it pay for me since then has always come from my speed ratings.

Over the years I have found ways to make my speed ratings profitable and every successful and professional punter I have come across at race meetings or those I know from the media, all use speed ratings as one of their main betting tools and that should inspire you to look into using the speed ratings already available or even begin to compile your own.

Initially I read all the books on the subject by Nick Mordin, Andy Beyer and other US books etc. and was immediately fascinated by the subject, I decided to set about mastering my own way of rating horses by speed.

I created my own methods after studying these books and I incorporated the main points of the various angles, especially those suggested by Beyer and at the end of the process I had a method for producing my own unique speed ratings, which I believe are as accurate an assessment of a horse's performance available.

I believe that anyone can pick a winner but it is difficult to keep on doing so and extremely hard to grind out a profit year after year but by using the ratings to find stand out bets especially – those 3 or more clear on the ratings, first suggested as a method by Andy Beyer – along with other recognised patterns a profit can indeed be made long term.

Bearing in mind 98% of punters lose over the long term, breaking even or just losing a small percentage can be called an achievement these days when the average punter loses up to 20% of their bank every year according to reports.

Inform Racing speed ratings give subscribers a unique angle and an edge to use throughout the year and many have been ongoing members right from the beginning, back in 2003.

This offers genuine proof of how useful the speed ratings really are and while nothing can be guaranteed, it must be said that an intelligent use of the ratings can certainly put the odds in your favour.

“I use IR (Inform Racing) stats every day and base my betting regime around the LTO figures which have proved profitable over the year for me.” Mark

“My betting using your M+A ratings is going great guns and I’m already in profit to the tune of over £600 in 4 days.” Mike

“The LTO (last time out) ratings with a clear rating of 7+. Since Sun 15/02/15 have virtually doubled my bank using these ratings.” Brian

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If you wish to improve your betting, there is a 12 month discount subscription offer for you at the end of this e-book.

So read on to learn more about speed ratings and how they can help you make money and win, then save money on your subscription today.

ABOUT THE RATINGS

So speed ratings allow us to analyse a horse's particular performance in a race simply and easily, without having to worry about what course the race was run at, or what the condition of the ground was during the race.

First however the calculation has to be made.

1. The first part we have is called the raw speed rating. This is simply calculated using the finishing time and the distance of the race. These are compared to standard times and par figures to determine how fast or slow the winner of the race actually ran.
2. The second adjustment to the raw speed rating is the going allowance which compensates for different surfaces through from hard/firm ground to heavy which can even vary during a meeting as conditions change, as well as having different goings on different parts of the same course.

It is not uncommon for example for the five furlong straight at Sandown to be quite different from the round course or the hurdle course at Carlisle not to be the same as on the chase course.

These factors combined together now produce a single figure which is the final speed rating.

Average Speed Ratings or 'Par' Figures

Every race type for each age group has a par figure or average winning speed rating which is the average rating required to win a race of that grade and helps us narrow down the field in an effort to find the selections with the best chance of winning the race.

Determining if a horse has previously raced to the par figure will immediately eliminate those that cannot win and is the simplest way of narrowing down a field to those that will be competing at the finish.

Looking at all past ratings for each horse, super quick to see using the form guide link for each race, allows you to compare a horse's best speed figure with the par for that race.

Par times help reveal certain patterns that evolve and understanding these patterns is a simple skill that will help make you a much more successful punter.

The ratings are either going up revealing an improving horse, or they are going down showing a horse that maybe going out of form.

In the main you want to find horses that are on an improvement cycle, and not a declining one, again all very easy to see for all runners on one page using the form guide link.

Many professional punters use speed figures to quickly identify the real contenders in a race, those horses that will run close to the average winning times, (par times), for that race.

Below are three of the Inform Racing class pars for mature horses on the flat showing the difference between the highest and lowest rated horses.

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Many horses will have won a Class 4 Handicap before but not rated close to 80 before, whilst a horse that has only won in Class 5 company or lower may have regularly rated at 80 or above.

And this is where you can use the ratings to highlight those horses that have a better chance of winning, at a far bigger price than they should be, than most punters or experts would have you believe.

“Just couldn’t believe a top rated speed figured horse could go off at Betfair 24.19 in a 5 horse race, almost all the indicators screaming back me! Nova Princesse at Lingfield (Won 16/1). Paid the subs and then some. Your figures just keep on producing, get in.” Roger

“Hi Ian I had a good day other day backed Last Supper @80/1 also had others so a good day sticking with the M&A (column).” Andy

“Just a quick email to thank you for the brilliant ratings as Surf and Turf stormed in at 33/1 and one look at the c/d ratings tell you that’s the one to be on. Top drawer.” Andy

I think yesterday’s start on 2 non handicaps producing 40/1 & 33/1 winners says it all. Best site I’ve ever found.” Lee

Standard Times

The first thing we need to establish when compiling our speed ratings are our standard times for each course and distance.

A horse running over the downhill five furlongs at Epsom will run a faster time than one running over the same distance on the uphill finish of the Rowley Mile at Newmarket so a different standard time for each course and distance is needed to level things up for the differences of each course.

The standard time is the median time from a large, constantly updated number of races, that have been run over a given course and distance on good or good to firm going.

It would be easy of course to just use the Racing Post standard times but I have found many discrepancies over the years with these and often no allowance is made when a rail is moved or the distance of a race is changed as it is on quite a few occasions which may surprise some.

Calculating the ratings manually allows me to take all of these changes into account and the more race times you include the more effective the standard times will be.

It's a time consuming process, but incredibly worth the effort and all standard times are updated throughout the year to make the ratings as accurate as possible.

The Going Allowance

The second piece of the puzzle is to calculate the going allowance.

Some tracks are inherently fast or slow, for instance Bath is a track that is a notoriously fast and is one of the few that will have the going as Hard during the course of a season, so a horse that runs five furlongs in sixty one seconds at Bath would have to have his figure adjusted downward to compensate for the fast track he is likely to be running on.

Likewise, a horse running on a Heavy track at Ffos Las for example would have his figure raised in compensation.

By taking the difference between the race times to standard times and pars you end up with an initial allowance for each race at a meeting.

It is normally the case that the fastest and slowest races on the day are discounted and an average of the remainder is used as the going allowance but this is not always the case.

I prefer to take what on paper were the most competitive and quite often this will be the handicap races for older horses.

Races closest to a mile on the flat and competitive chases over three miles over the jumps are often the most truly run in my experience.

So rather than just mechanically looking at the results it is well worth delving a little deeper to see what type of race you are rating the days racing against.

You also need to look at certain courses where you will have different goings on different parts of the course and factor this into the calculations and final ratings.

As well as different goings for the Chase course and the Hurdle course on occasions there will also be differences on the straight course or round course at some tracks too.

Speed ratings give you a far better understanding of the going too as you will find that good going at one course means something different at another and I have also seen how often the official going is 'wrong' compared to my final going allowances on the day and is one thing I would like to see improved by the racing authorities.

For example I have seen my going allowance at a meeting end up at -0.23 seconds per furlong, generally good racing ground, supposedly be called Soft as the official going.

Weight

Inform Racing ratings take no account of weight. All of the material and literature I came across in the early days ignored the weight carried and this is the way I have always gone.

In a survey I once came across, a large number of horses were looked at to see the affect that weight had on their speed figure performances for every pound more or less they carried on the previous run.

It turned out that for every one pound extra the horse ran a slower figure of 0.4 but interestingly for every one pound less that was carried the horses ran slower again but by 0.3.

Horses running round a tight track can win carrying more weight because they are slowing down more often round the bends than those running on a flat, straight, speed track.

Horses are also very different in size and like humans can carry more or less weight because of their build and factoring any of this into a rating would be nigh on impossible.

Wind

There are some people who ask whether a strong headwind will slow down the horses or speed them up if it is coming up the straight behind the horses and if I make any allowance for this.

Well if there is any difference - and I think it would have to be a hell of a wind to make any difference in the first place - it is actually factored into the going allowance automatically if you think about it.

WINNING USING THE RATINGS

The good thing about speed ratings is that they are used less frequently by punters here in the UK. This means that they are not factored into bookmaker's odds to the same extent as other ratings.

Therefore those who do use them correctly can gain a definite edge over other punters and value prices in many of the bets that they place

A genuinely high speed figure represents a fast performance irrespective of the conditions on the day, but one high speed figure should not be taken as evidence that the horse can run to this level every time, however if the horse in question has run only a couple of times a very good speed rating can often be relied upon.

Backing the top rated or top three rated horses is a good place to start and from these many good winners will be found.

The Inform Racing top rated horses win an average of 24% of the time, nearly one in every four races and the top three rated win over 50% of all races so if you want a quick method of narrowing down the field then this is certainly as good a place to start as any.

The top rated horses are taken from the Master column and if you bear in mind that this is simply the best rating for each runner from the last 12 months, irrespective of the course, distance and going where the rating was achieved and we can still achieve these excellent strike rates, then I'm sure you can see how successful you can be if you take a little time to look a little deeper into the ratings.

By weeding out those that shouldn't be winning or by following some of the patterns we suggest that you look out for on the following pages you will soon be able to see some improvement in your betting

For example, speed ratings will highlight horses to you that the general punting public will not be looking at. Horses that ran down the field in fifth or worse perhaps but still ran a good speed rating will largely be ignored but these horses are a real potent source of winning bets, especially if they are one of the top three rated horses last time out too.

In fact the last time out figure (Lto), or latest rating for the horse is often considered to be the most relevant rating as it shows the current form of the horse, its well being and how fit it is, especially when the rating was from a recently run race.

If this latest rating is close to or above the par for this type of race and the horse has earned these high figures under similar conditions they will be encountering today, such as going and distance then this horse will certainly be worth a closer look and more than likely win.

As you can already see when used properly, speed ratings can help make a very positive impact to the fortunes of the shrewd punter.

"I have tried about everything on the market and nothing compares to the accuracy of the ratings. This is now going to be my only source of information regardless. Week in week out the ratings remain constant. I will definitely be renewing my membership when my subscription expires." Malcolm

The overall picture

Ideally you need more than just one single speed figure to give an overall picture of how the horse gained its ratings over the past year or from its full career.

This will give a far clearer picture and allow you to see whether the horse has preferences for a particular type of going, specific courses, field sizes, length of time between runs, class levels and race distances to name a few factors.

Some sites only provide one figure but it is helpful to have a full database of speed ratings which stretch back over at least one season for them to be most useful.

Inform Racing provide the full career ratings for every horse running and a quick check can be done on a whole race or even a meeting in a matter of minutes.

Having a full set of speed ratings will enable you to see if there are any patterns in the horse's speed ratings and will make your decision on whether to back the horse much more informed and more valuable.

As I have said before you may see a horse who regularly has ratings in the low 70's that is racing against runners in supposedly the same class but are always rating in the high 70's or 80's and you can confidently throw this lower rated horse out.

On a positive note, when a horse is consistently producing superior speed figures and its lowest rating from the last three runs is better than the best figure of the competition it will win a very high percentage of the time.

Andy Beyer noted this as one his favoured early methods and it still picks good winners today. In some races it will be relatively easy to separate the contenders from the non-contenders, but in other races you will not be able to separate them no matter what you do.

You will find there are just too many horses in the race that are capable of running similar figures, or you have over the half the race within two or three for their Master rating.

You can look for one that stands out on its latest rating, or try to separate them using the better jockey or trainer or some other method but there is no shame, indeed it is good practice, to give the race a miss.

If you are able to reduce the contenders in a race to a reasonable number, you can then look into the past speed figure patterns and look for something that wouldn't be obvious to other punters, otherwise you can bet your two or three contenders all to win or in a forecast or tricast bet that will make you a profit.

Digging deeper into past ratings

Sometimes a horse will have scored a high rating in the past at today's distance and class but the rating is buried back in the past performance lines by recent races in which the horse was running at the wrong distance or on a disliked going or even with a poor jockey on board perhaps.

Sometimes it takes some digging to discover these horses but they can be great winners at great prices and well worth the effort.

Good speed ratings recorded by three year olds with only a few starts can be very deceiving and if I were to suggest any races to avoid it would be for this age group, especially early in the season.

These horses can and do improve dramatically as they mature and step up in distance plus it is these three year olds who have now run three times and get into handicaps for the first time and knowing how they will perform can often be anyone's guess.

Lifetime best ratings, especially last time out, recorded by older horses with established form in the book are much more reliable as an indicator of how a horse may now perform.

Interestingly I am quite keen on two year old form as these horses seem to run to form in their first season and do not step up or down so dramatically in distance as they do when they become three year olds, however be wary of horses or indeed races where this is only a small amount of form to go on.

Sometimes unusually high or low ratings will be hard to explain but in many cases the horse is simply going through its normal form cycle. These form cycles, which are many and varied, can be uncovered through deeper analysis of the speed ratings.

I find among mature horses that after three improving ratings in a row such as 65 68 72, the horse will often post a lower speed rating. After all, how long can a horse keep improving before peaking and declining in form?

An improving horse does not mean that the horse has finished 4th, then 2nd and then 1st, it may be that the finishing positions were 5th, then 2nd and then 6th.

In fact I would personally rather back the horse with the second form lines than the one that had won its last race after three improving ratings.

It is the same if the horse has poor finishing positions but a high Average figure on the Inform Racing race cards, (the Avg column shows the average of the horses last three ratings), as whilst the horse has shown good recent form with its speed ratings, the form lines will often put most punters off and allow those using the ratings a decent value bet on this horse.

If time allows, analysing the overall pattern of a horse combined with a deeper look at how each rating was achieved will give you some amazing insights into the form, how the horse is likely to run and some excellent betting opportunities too, often in races that would normally be left alone on first inspection.

In fact I can often spot a false favourite a mile away using the ratings and this gives me a value edge on the other runners in the race.

Those who take the the time to understand the ratings and how each horses patterns and cycles evolve will uncover one value bet after another. These bets won't always win however but they will win often enough to make you a profit.

PACE AND RUN STYLE FIGURES

Is the pace of the race, or how the race will unfold an important part?

Well the answer is yes and to help you see just how the race is likely to unfold, Inform Racing provides Run Style Figures for every runner and this number shows how a horse ran in the early part of a race.

We take the in running comments and turn this into a number that shows a 1 if the horse led or was prominent, a 2 if it ran behind the leaders, a 3 if it ran in midfield and a 4 if it was held up or slowly away.

A race where you have just one likely front runner, a horse with a majority of 1's and maybe the odd 2, running against horses with mostly or all 3's and 4's, is likely to suit this one horse.

If you have more than one of these front running horses then they are likely to make it a fast pace and this can suit the held up horses much more because the front runners are going to take each other on, run too fast too early and burn themselves out, allowing the horses who started out the back at a steadier pace to come through and win.

On the race card the R/S column gives the most likely run style figure for each horse so you can see at a glance how each horse will be positioned in the race.

You can also see all Run Style Figures on the form pop up box, the form guide or In Depth Form Tables too.

If you find a top or highly rated horse that is either a lone front runner or the only horse likely to be held up then you have an excellent bet as the ratings suggest a good horse and the pace of the race that is likely to suit.

I am sure you have seen both the scenarios when a few front runners lead and then weaken quickly as the horses from behind run through to take the lead close home, as well as a well timed ride by the jockey on a lone front runner who is given an easy lead and is allowed to dictate the pace and win almost unchallenged.

This is all down to the pace of the race and the Run Style Figures will highlight a number of value betting opportunities for you, day in, day out.

If you can find a favourite that is unlikely to have the pace of the race to suit it's normal run style, there is a good chance it will not be able to replicate its best speed figures and because most other punters will not know this you can look for another solid, value betting opportunity elsewhere in the race.

Most of the talented punters and professionals in this country are very adept and skilful with speed ratings and you should be too.

As you have seen there are many ways to use the ratings depending on what time you have available but there is so much to this fascinating subject that will give you a massive betting edge over other punters and a profit to your betting.

EXAMPLES

Whilst re-writing this e-book, I noted a few of the winners that won either by simple stand out figures or by one of the methods given to subscribers to help use the ratings to their best advantage.

Here are some of these below, all found simply by looking at the race card. With a little form reading and delving deeper into the figures as explained above, you will find these sorts of winners and more almost daily.

4-00		WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W) LH Flat DOWNLOAD THE LADBROKES APP APPRENTICE HANDICAP (0-65) (6) 3YO+										11 run		
Race 21		Winner £1,940.70										7f		
													VDW Ratings	
No.	Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto		Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form		
4.	10	7	Burnhope	79 ¹⁷	79 ¹⁷	68 ⁵⁹	70 ⁸¹	72	151		79	35	8	
2.	8	9	Munaawib	77 ³⁰²	57 ³¹	59 ⁴⁹	72 ²⁹¹	63	140	77	77	21	20	
3.	5	11	Logans Lad	77 ⁹⁸	67 ⁷	70 ³²	69 ⁴⁹	69	146	77		23	13	
5.	2	10	Milly's Secret	76 ¹²⁵	62 ¹⁷	62 ³⁵	66 ⁴⁸	63	139	66	66	29	22	
8.	6	11	Look Here's Al	74 ¹⁷⁴	67 ¹¹	66 ²⁸	63 ³²	65	139	67	69	29	27	
1.	4	11	Shotgun Start	73 ⁷	73 ⁷	66 ⁻	69 ⁻	69	142	73		21	10	
7.	11	5	Telegraph	73 ⁵⁹	52 ²²	69 ³⁹	73 ⁵⁹	65	138		59	19	14	
9.	3	11	Ambella	71 ⁴	71 ⁴	66 ¹⁵	63 ⁴⁷	67	138	58	58	0	16	
11.	9	7	Myjestic Melody	67 ⁶⁸	63 ³⁶	67 ⁶⁸	48 ¹⁵⁰	59	126		63	0	17	
10.	7	10	Grey Destiny	62 ¹⁷¹	62 ¹⁷¹	45 ²⁴⁴	45 ⁻	51	113		62	0	26	
6.	1	9	Omanome	56 ³²	56 ³²	47 ⁴⁹	56 ⁻	53	109	56	47	32	28	

Munaawib, joint second top rated and top combined Course and Distance ratings, now running back at Wolverhampton over 7 furlongs, conditions he had won over on two previous occasions.

WON 25/1

1-00		WARWICK LH Sharp LEWIS BADGES NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (0-135) (3) 4YO+ Winner £6,498.00								9 run 2m		VDW Ratings	
No.Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto		Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form		
1.	-	Top Gamble	86 ²⁶	86 ²⁶	1 ²⁶⁷	1 ³⁰⁵	29	115		86	31	21	
2.	-	Jumps Road	85 ²⁸⁵	73 ¹²	73 ³⁶	77 ²⁵⁰	74	159		75	66	17	
6.	-	Such A Legend	82 ²⁵⁰	65 ²⁴	77 ²³¹	82 ²⁵⁰	75	157		66	28	6	
8.	-	Hit The Top	81 ²⁴³	1 ²¹	64 ³⁹	49 ⁴⁹	38	119		49	42	18	
7.	-	Gone Too Far	79 ²³⁴	64 ²⁴	1 ³³	79 ²³⁴	48	127		64	35	18	
5.	-	O Maonlai	78 ³⁰	78 ³⁰			78	156			0	4	
9.	-	Arthur's Oak	75 ³⁰⁵	74 ²⁶¹	75 ³⁰⁵	51 ³²⁹	67	142			45	8	
3.	-	My Oh Mount Brown	74 ²⁸³	1 ³⁰	70 ²²²	74 ²⁸³	48	122			26	18	
4.	-	Dresden	74 ²⁷²	1 ²⁰⁸	72 ²¹⁴	74 ²⁷²	49	123		74	26	21	

Top Gamble, simply 8 clear on the last time out rating which was also its best rating and the best distance rating for the race.

WON 4/1

3-10		TAUNTON RH Sharp STABLES BUSINESS PARK CLIENTS DAY OUT HANDICAP CHASE (0-120) (4) 4YO+ Winner £3,898.80								7 run 2m 1f		VDW Ratings	
No.Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto		Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form		
1.	-	Un Anjou	82 ³³⁸	81 ¹³	66 ²¹	81 ⁴³	76	158		81	55	6	
4.	-	Come On Annie	79 ³¹⁷	41 ¹⁴	1 ²⁵⁰	59 ²⁶⁶	34	113	79	41	31	19	
7.	-	Faustina Pius	77 ²²³	60 ²⁹	71 ⁴²	5 ⁶⁶	45	122		75	0	13	
3.	-	Mr Muddle	73 ³²²	54 ²²⁰	70 ²⁵⁵	42 ²⁸⁶	55	128			26	19	
5.	-	Money For Nothing	73 ¹⁹	73 ¹⁹	54 ⁴⁰	66 ²⁴⁰	64	137		73	0	17	
6.	-	Unforgettable	69 ¹⁰⁸	48 ³⁹	59 ⁶⁰	61 ⁷³	56	125		61	31	10	
2.	-	Tribulation	42 ³³¹	1 ³⁶	42 ³³¹	46 ⁻	30	72		1	0	27	

Un Anjou, clear top rated, 8 clear last time out, 21 clear on the M+A and top Distance rating, beat the 13/8 favourite Money For Nothing whose ratings were far less impressive.

WON 9/2

2-20		SOUTHWELL (A.W) LH Flat LADBROKES HANDICAP (0-75) (5) 4YO+ Winner £3,234.50										8 run	
Race 10												7f	
												VDW Ratings	
No.Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form	
3.	8	11	Kung Hei Fat Choy	84 ²⁵³	83 ⁴	77 ¹⁰	77 ¹⁹	79	163	84	84	32	9
2.	1	9	Sakash	82 ²⁵⁹	65 ⁸⁴	73 ¹¹³	71 ¹³⁵	70	152	75	82	27	14
7.	6	15	Illustrious Prince	80 ²⁰⁶	75 ¹⁰⁵	74 ¹⁴⁴	71 ¹⁵⁰	73	153	68	80	25	16
6.	3	15	Be Royale	79 ⁴⁹	77 ³⁶	78 ⁴³	79 ⁴⁹	78	157	79	79	16	9
5.	5	14	Burnhope	79 ⁴⁹	63 ¹⁰	75 ¹⁸	77 ²¹	72	151	79	79	30	12
1.	2	10	Red Primo	79 ²⁸⁰	67 ¹⁹	70 ⁹⁰	67 ¹³⁸	68	147	79	78	23	22
4.	7	10	Best Tamayuz	78 ¹⁰	78 ¹⁰	70 ²¹	78 ⁴²	75	153	78	76	21	6
8.	4	16	Madame Mirasol	75 ¹⁴⁸	54 ¹⁸	66 ³⁹	49 ⁴⁶	56	131	54	75	22	26

Kung Hei Fat Choi was the favourite and clearly had better ratings than all of the other runners here but what stood out was the 83 rating last time out as it was only two less than the highest ever par rating for a class 5 all age handicap. It was also from just 4 days ago and clearly the horse was going to run well and win.

WON 7/4

1-40		TAUNTON RH Sharp ANNUAL MEMBERS 2015 MAIDEN HURDLE (5) 5YO+ Winner £2,737.60										7 run	
Race 3												3m 1f	
												VDW Ratings	
No.Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form	
2.	-	-	Georgie Lad	78 ⁹¹	1 ⁶⁴	78 ⁹¹	61 ²⁵⁰	47	125			0	17
4.	-	-	Rathlin Rose	76 ²⁷	76 ²⁷			76	152	76	76	0	2
3.	-	-	Local Show	62 ³²	62 ³²	58 ⁵³		60	122			0	5
1.	-	-	Castle Cheetah	60 ⁹⁰	60 ⁹⁰	56 ³²⁵	56 ³⁴¹	57	117			0	20
5.	-	-	Riversbridge	51 ²⁰	51 ²⁰	39 ⁵⁶		45	96			0	15
6.	-	-	Stickers	5 ³⁴	5 ³⁴	33 ⁻	1 ⁻	13	18			0	27
7.	-	-	The Chuckmeister									0	

Rathlin Rose was well clear on the last time out rating, 14 higher than the 2/1 favourite Local Show.

WON 9/2

1-00		KEMPTON RH Flat, sharp WILLIAM HILL - DOWNLOAD THE APP HANDICAP CHASE (0-140) (3) 5YO+ Winner £6,498.00										5 run 2m 5f		VDW Ratings	
No.	Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form		
1.	-	-	Lost Legend	88 ¹⁷⁵	88 ¹⁷⁵	82 ²⁰²	85 ²³⁴	85	173	88	88	85	5		
2.	-	-	Cocktails At Dawn	84 ²⁷⁰	1 ³⁸	67 ⁷⁰	76 ²⁶⁴	48	132	84	84	58	14		
4.	-	-	Cold March	83 ²²	83 ²²			83	166			0	3		
5.	-	-	Key To The West	72 ³²	57 ²²	72 ³²	1 ⁵⁶	43	115			34	16		
3.	-	-	Ostland	63 ²⁸	63 ²⁸	19 ⁻	49 ⁻	44	107			53	21		

Look at the ratings and tell me how Lost Legend was allowed to go off at 12/1! Massive, consistent figures compared to the rest of the field in every column yet was fourth favourite of five.

WON 12/1

3-55		WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W) LH Flat DAILY ENHANCED "MAGIC MULTIPLES" AT UNIBET HANDICAP (DIV II) (TAPETA) (0-52) (6) 3YO+ Winner £2,587.60										9 run 5f		VDW Ratings	
No.	Dr.	Dr%	Horse	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form		
3.	6	12	Quality Art	80 ³	80 ³	69 ²⁴	66 ³⁹	72	152	75	80	30	10		
2.	8	7	Two Turtle Doves	79 ¹⁵⁷	64 ¹⁶	73 ²⁴	65 ⁶⁸	67	146	73	79	23	21		
5.	5	11	Rat Catcher	76 ¹⁶	76 ¹⁶	68 ²⁴	72 ⁵⁹	72	148	76	76	26	8		
6.	2	13	Spic 'n Span	76 ²⁹³	60 ³⁸	58 ⁵⁹	66 ⁸⁹	61	137	72	76	20	21		
4.	9	8	Saved My Bacon	71 ³⁰	67 ⁸	71 ³⁰	63 ⁵²	67	138	63	71	0	12		
7.	4	12	Helloini	69 ²¹⁵	61 ⁷⁶	51 ¹⁵⁴	54 ¹⁹⁰	55	124	61	69	0	24		
8.	7	11	Equita	68 ¹⁰	68 ¹⁰	62 ⁴⁴	60 ⁵¹	63	131	68	68	0	20		
9.	1	14	Penalty Scorer	68 ¹⁶⁴	58 ⁷⁷	65 ⁷⁹	58 ¹⁰⁶	60	128	65	68	0	17		
1.	3	13	Ability N Delivery		76 ⁻	80 ⁻	71 ⁻	76	76			24	7		

A competitive handicap but top rated Quality Art was clear on Lto, M+A and Distance ratings but his 80 last time out was equal to the best par rating for an all age, class 6 handicap and having achieved this rating just three days previously, proved his fitness and duly won at a more than decent price bearing all of this in mind.

WON 9/2

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