Inform Racing User Guide.

Speed Ratings Race Card

Here the main Inform Racing race card provides all relevant speed ratings plus draw data, VDW ratings, run style information, links to form guides, advanced search feature and more.

All cards open sorted by race card number but all columns can be sorted by clicking each heading title to bring the best ratings to the top. Each race card gives you a great overview of a horses overall and recent speed ratings form for the race and by using the highlighted ratings to guide you, will show you the most likely winners of each race. The top 3 rated in the Master column provide 50% plus of all winners, year in, year out.

| 3-35 Race 29 | WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W) LH Flat GET GRAND NATIONAL WINNER @ BOOKIES.COM HANDICAP (TAPETA) (0-65) (6) 4YO+ Winner £2,264.15 | | | | | | | | 9 run 7f | VDW Ratings | |

No.	Dr.	Dr%	R/S	Horse	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis	Ability	Form
1.	6	13	2	♀≡ Amenable	79 88	76 6	66 11	73 18	72	151	48	76	35	16
2.	5	12	2	♀≡ Available	80 10	80 10	76 35	73 193	76	156	80	80	35	10
3.	4	12	2	♀≡ Piddie@s Power	76 70	76 70	71 88	70 133	72	148	76	76	28	19
4.	3	13	2	♀≡ Ivy Trump		36 -	49 -	62 -	49	49			0	19
5.	9	7	4	♀≡ Danz Star	71 308	71 308	26 339	60 -	52	123		71	0	14
6.	8	10	4	♀≡ Logans Lad	77 220	76 27	70 48	76 87	74	151	77	66	23	11
7.	7	11	4	♀≡ Admirable Art	76 97	69 38	66 54	75 87	70	146	75	76	21	16
8.	2	12	4	♀≡ Dimitar	71 205	50 35	67 178	71 205	63	134	71	67	31	18
9.	1	10	2	♀≡ All Reddy	74 303	68 10	7 49	49 88	41	115	68	68	0	27

Form Guide (New Window)
Advanced Search (New Window)
Average Class Ratings
In Depth Form Tables (Race Conditions, Run Style, Official Ratings, Race Class) (New Window for Tablets, i-phones etc.)
Last 20 winners run style: **1**, 5%   **2**, 30%   **3**, 0%   **4**, 35%

Key to the race card:

The header shows the race time and race number at the course for the day. Course name, course hand (right handed or left handed, course type (flat, undulating, uphill finish etc.), race title, prize money, number of runners and distance.

No. is the race card number.

Dr. is the draw or stall number for each runner, flat racing only.

Dr% is the percentage of wins from each stall at today's course and distance with the same number of runners as today, plus and minus three.

R/S is the likely run style of each horse with 1 or 2 meaning a more prominent early position and 3 or 4 meaning the horse will probably be held up. (There is more on the run style feature further on).

The two icons before the horse name are where you hover your mouse pointer to reveal the two main form pop up boxes, details of these are below.

The Master column shows the highest rating achieved in the last twelve months.

The Lto column shows the rating achieved in the last race that the horse ran in, with the next two columns showing the rating for the two previous races run.

The small number to the right of the rating is the number of days from today that each race was run.

The Avg column is the average number of the horses last three ratings.

The M+A column is the addition of the Master rating and the Avg rating showing up horses with good previous and current form.

The Cse column is the highest rating achieved at the course in the last twelve months.

The Dis column is the highest rating achieved at the race distance in the last twelve months.

The VDW Ratings combine a class or ability rating and a form rating to help highlight winners in a race. The VDW ability rating is found by adding up all winning prize money won by each horse and dividing this total by the number of wins to give an average winning prize money rating and by dividing all winning prize money by 100 and then rounding up or down, a useable number can be calculated. The form rating is simply the addition of a horses last three finishing positions, using 10 for any position of 10 or worse. So a horse that finished 6th, 14th and 2nd in its last three races would have a form rating of 18.

The links in blue underneath the card are to other features explained later. Below these you have the run style figures for the winners of the last 20 races at the course, over the same distance and with the same number of runners as today, plus and minus three. Due to certain course configurations and distances, many races are won by the same type of running style and this may highlight horses to look out for in a race. An explanation of the run style feature can also be found later on.

Pop Up Box #1

Hovering over the first icon (🔦) reveals a quick view stats box for each horse showing all relevant information for each runner to let you quickly see which horses have a chance in the race and just as importantly, those that don't.

Key to pop up box above:

Last 7 form figures, Horse, Headgear, Age, Weight
Colour, Sex, Sire, Dam
Trainer followed by his details in blue.
Jockey, any weight claim in brackets, followed by jockeys records in green.
Career details including win and placed percentages and course and distance stats.

Official Rating today, amount more or less than its rating last time out in brackets, followed by the rating it last won off and the highest rating it won off. After this the last five official ratings from the right to left with finishing position in brackets.

Details of a horses record going left handed and right handed.

Run Style figures show how the horse began in the early part of a race. (Latest on the right with the last 15 available figures shown for every horse). 1 = Led, prominent. 2 = Tracked, chased leaders. 3 = Midfield. 4 = Held Up, started slowly.

The number of days and runs since the horse has won and the number of days since the horse last ran.

The Days off to win record shows the number of days the horse was off before all of its wins. The horse above has won 14 times so there are 14 numbers showing the days off before each win. The majority of results here show the horse wins mainly after 12 days or less off the track and his 6 days since last run here would be ideal for today. If the horse had had a much longer break then you could question its chances, however some horses are the opposite and prefer to come back after a long break and this feature will pinpoint these also.

Pop Up Box #2

Hovering over the second icon (≡) reveals further informration for each horses form over the main racing categories.

6 R/S	Horse		Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cse	Dis
2	♀≡ Amenable		79 88	76 6	66 11	73 18	72	151	48	76

Going		Class		Dist.		Runners	
GF	2/1/12 (17%)	1	0/0/0 (0%)	1m	0/0/2 (0%)	2-7	2/1/14 (14%)
G	4/2/19 (21%)	2	0/0/4 (0%)	5f	5/2/24 (21%)	8-12	10/9/46 (22%)
SD	5/4/34 (15%)	3	0/0/6 (0%)	6f	8/4/44 (18%)	13-19	2/0/20 (10%)
GS	1/2/10 (10%)	4	5/3/19 (26%)	7f	1/4/13 (8%)	20+	0/0/3 (0%)
S	1/0/4 (25%)	5	5/3/28 (18%)				
HY	1/0/3 (33%)	6	4/4/26 (15%)				
SS	0/1/1 (0%)						

January	2/2/9 (22%)	May	1/0/9 (11%)	September	1/1/11 (9%)
February	0/0/4 (0%)	June	2/2/11 (18%)	October	1/0/3 (33%)
March	0/1/6 (0%)	July	2/1/8 (25%)	November	0/1/4 (0%)
April	0/1/3 (0%)	August	5/1/10 (50%)	December	0/0/5 (0%)

Today: WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W) LH Flat
Previously won at: BEVERLEY RH (Galloping), BRIGHTON LH (Sharp, undulating), CARLISLE RH (Galloping), DONCASTER LH (Flat, Galloping), HAMILTON (2) RH (Stiff finish, undulating),PONTEFRACT (2) LH (Stiff finish, undulating),RIPON RH (Sharp), SOUTHWELL (A.W) (5) LH (Flat

Race Conditions

Here you can see win and place form to number of runs and win percentage and shows how a horse has performed on all goings it has run on, all class of race, all distances the horse has run over and all field sizes the horse has run in.

For example above, the horse Amenable has won twice and been placed once in twelve runs on good to firm going (GF), which is a win strike rate of 17%.   2/1/12 (17%)

You can also see the horse has run ten times in class 4 races or above and has not been placed once and the majority of his wins have been in five and six furlong races, with just one win at seven furlongs and no wins or places from two attempts over one mile.

Monthly Record.

Here you have the same win/place/runs (%) record but for each month of the year and will highlight excellent opportunities not well known about a horse. Many horses peak at certain times of the year and you will be able to see this very clearly on this pop up box as well as being alerted to horses that may not be ready to win or prefer other times of the year to be at their best.

Course Wins

Simply shows all other courses and course configurations the horse has won at before. It is now easy to see if a horse has won only on flat tracks or prefers a stiff uphill finish for example and these can be compared to today's course where the details are also shown.

By switching quickly and easily between pop up 1 and 2 you will be able to see at a glance, the most important pieces of form that you need to make an informed and accurate decision about the chance of a horse in a race.

Is the trainer in or out of form?

Has the jockey a good record on the horse?

Does the horse have a decent strike rate?

Is the horse well handicapped?

Has it a good record going left handed?

Can it win after so many days off the track?

Will it go on the going?

Can it win in this class of race?

All of these and many more questions can be answered just by switching across the two pop up icons and you can go from horse to horse just by moving your mouse cursor up and down the card so you can look at all of the runners form at one go, all from the one race card.

With all races available on the same page for the day sorted by race time, you can go through a whole days racing quicker than ever before.

Rating Form Pop Up

This third pop appears when you hover your mouse over any of the Master ratings or last three Lto ratings and provides details of the run in question allowing you to compare any recent runs and race conditions with today's.

In the pop up above for the rating of 76, 35 days ago, you can see this particular rating was achieved at Wolverhampton over 7 furlongs on Standard going and there were 10 runners.

It was a handicap and the horse had an official rating of 62 and carried 8 stone 8 pounds.

It was a class 5 race worth £3,073 to the winner and the horse came 4th at 12/1.

The horse ran prominently (2), the jockey was Franny Norton and the winner of the race had a rating of 78.

All of this info can be compared with today's race and decisions can easily be made.

This box will help you compare recent conditions with today's and quickly identify horses that are rising or dropping in class and distance and if there is any change of jockey for any particular reason. Just hover your mouse over the last time out rating of the horse at the top of a race card and drag your mouse down the column. The box will change as you go over each rating for each horse, allowing you to check a whole race for a number of important factors in a couple of seconds.

Run Style Figures

Using the in-running comments we turn each run style into a number and show the last 15 run style figures on the quick view race stats box for each horse so you can see at a glance how a horse has been running and is likely to run as in this example:

Run Style: 4.1.1.1.2.1.1.1.1.2.1.1.1

Looking at the key below this shows a horse that has led or been prominent in 12 of its last 13 races and knowing this can be a massive help in a variety of situations when betting on a horse.

1 = Led, prominent

3 = Midfield

2 = Tracked, chased leaders

4 = Held up, started slowly

Want to know where the pace in the race will be? Look for all the horses with predominantly '1's in their form.

Want to back a horse that is well drawn low on an inside rail? Check that it's run style figures are not predominantly '3's and '4's which may negate this advantage.

Like to back in running? If a favourite is likely to be held up then wait until the off for a better price when the horse falls off the early pace, or if you know a horse is likely to get an easy lead, then back it to lay some off as it's price shortens quickly after the start.

Each horse's last available 15 run style figures are shown on the race stats box below so you can see at a glance how every horse is likely to run. Plus all run style figures are shown on the form guide too.

Run style numbers and examples of comments used.

1. Challenged for lead, With Leader (s), Soon Led, Led, Close Up, Disputed Lead, Made All, Made Most, Soon With Leader (s), Made Virtually All, Pressed Leader (s), Pressed Winner, Set Steady Pace, Soon Clear.
2. Prominent, Soon Prominent, Chased Leader (s), In Touch, Soon Chasing Leader (s), Soon In Touch, Tracked Leader (s), Behind Leader (s), Chased Leading Pair, Chased Leading Trio, Soon Tracked Leader (s), Always In Touch, Well In Touch, Chased Clear Leader (s)
3. In Midfield, Mid-Div, Settled In Midfield, Settled Mid-Div, Midfield
4. Behind, Held Up, In Rear, Outpaced, Well Off The Pace, Always Towards Rear, Last, Settled In Rear, Soon In Rear, Soon Last, Soon Outpaced, Towards Rear

Other phrases are used for all categories but many are very similar to those above.

Form Guide

Simple to read form at a glance with all the runners form on one page. Find a horses preferred race conditions with just one click. The example below is sorted by 'wins' (Pos), which are all highlighted in yellow.

Today	KEMPTON (A.W)	RH	1m 2f	10	5	£2264.16			Jim Boyle	Nathan Alison						
Final Delivery																
Date	Course	LH / RH	Dis	Going	No. Run	Draw	Class	Value	OR	Hcp / Non	Age	Trainer	Jockey	Pos.	Run Style	SP	Rating	Code	Days
30/12/2011	WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W)	LH	1m 1f	SD	4	2	6	£1,704	76	NON	2	George Baker	David Kenny	1	2	4/11	69	AWF	46
10/04/2012	YARMOUTH	LH	1m 2f	GS	5	1	6	£1,617	72	NON	3	George Baker	David Kenny	1	4	4/9	62	FLT	83
14/10/2011	REDCAR	LH	1m	GS	7	5	6	£1,704	74	NON	2	Marco Botti	Andrea Atzeni	2	1	5/2	70	FLT	35
14/11/2011	WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W)	LH	1m 1f	SD	9	8	5	£2,386	73	NON	2	Marco Botti	Andrea Atzeni	2	2	85/40	72	AWF	31
24/08/2011	WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W)	LH	7f	SD	9	3	6	£1,704	0	NON	2	Marco Botti	Andrea Atzeni	3	3	22/1	66	AWF	20
09/09/2011	WOLVERHAMPTON (A.W)	LH	1m 1f	SD	12	10	6	£1,909	0	NON	2	Marco Botti	Jimmy Quinn	3	4	9/1	65	AWF	16
25/07/2012	LEICESTER	RH	1m	G	9	4	6	£1,617	66	NON	3	George Baker	Frankie Dettori	3	4	13/8	65	FLT	15
04/08/2012	FOLKESTONE	RH	7f	GS	6	1	6	£1,568	0	NON	2	Marco Botti	Toby Atkinson	4	4	7/1	56	FLT	-
19/06/2012	BRIGHTON	LH	1m	GF	9	7	5	£2,264	71	HCP	3	George Baker	Liam Keniry	4	2	14/1	68	FLT	70
02/08/2012	EPSOM	LH	1m 1f	G	5	3	4	£4,528	66	HCP	3	George Baker	Luke Morris	4	4	8/1	66	FLT	8
18/01/2012	LINGFIELD (A.W)	LH	1m 2f	SD	5	3	5	£2,386	73	HCP	3	George Baker	David Kenny	5	4	5/1	58	AWF	19
10/07/2012	SOUTHWELL (A.W)	LH	1m	SD	10	4	6	£1,704	68	NON	3	George Baker	Pat Cosgrave	5	2	6/1	65	AWF	21
09/10/2012	BRIGHTON	LH	1m 2f	HY	11	13	6	£1,617	61	HCP	3	Jim Boyle	Pat Cosgrave	9	4	12-Jan	19	FLT	68
22/10/2012	WINDSOR	RH	1m 4f	HY	13	8	5	£2,264	57	HCP	3	Jim Boyle	William Carson	12	4	50/1	42	FLT	13

The form guide opens in chronological order with the most recent race at the top and all columns can be sorted to group the information together by clicking the arrows at the top of each header, allowing you to see at a glance, how a horse has performed at a course, a distance, under a certain jockey or whatever you choose.

The days column at the far right shows the number of days between each run. Today's race conditions are shown at the top for each column in red allowing you to easily compare past form with the race in hand.

No other form guide is as simple to use or as easy to manipulate and all the horses in the race are on the same page so you can check every race of the day very quickly. There are hundreds of horses which 'fit' into particular categories of race preferences and you can now see these clearly by sorting the columns in whichever way you choose to find a horses favoured racing conditions with ease.

Big priced winners come in on a regular basis but it is often thought that a 'freak' result has just occurred. This is not always the case. It is just that most punters don't have the necessary tools at their disposal.

Most winners can be found in the form book but who wants to trawl through thousands of pages just to find out if a horse prefers small fields to big ones or left handed tracks to right handed ones? What could literally take you hours, you can now do it in seconds.

<u>Advanced Search</u>

The advanced search feature allows you to drill down for each race and specify any race form criteria to see how each runner has performed under your chosen race conditions.

Horse	Win %	Position (latest on right)	Speed Figure (latest on right)
Bert The Alert	29 (2/7)	2,3,1,4,11,1,4,	70,69,73,64,33,83,77,
Shalambar	18 (2/11)	12,6,10,10,1,2,4,2,1,6,	55,54,64,64,72,69,74,71,76,64,
Sail Home	15 (4/27)	6,3,6,3,8,7,3,6,6,3,	51,75,32,71,71,47,74,66,70,74,
Final Delivery	14 (2/14)	2,1,5,1,4,5,3,4,9,12,	72,69,58,62,68,65,65,66,19,42,
Daffydowndilly	11 (2/19)	2,4,1,5,2,7,1,5,6,4,	75,73,75,65,71,62,71,68,49,64,
Height Of Summer	9 (1/11)	14,4,1,11,13,7,11,11,4,7,	37,73,75,5,55,72,66,54,66,65,
Having A Ball	9 (6/67)	4,1,9,7,7,4,4,3,6,1,	73,77,71,69,63,73,75,72,66,79,
Fairyinthewind	8 (1/12)	6,2,1,12,4,4,13,8,2,2,	59,72,72,32,73,71,59,73,82,79,
Royal Etiquette	8 (2/26)	2,2,10,1,4,0,4,7,14,1,	70,74,57,81,78,1,60,74,56,78,
Guarda Pampa	0 (0/3)	9,9,3,	59,65,63,

KEMPTON (A.W)			1m 2f						10			28/11/2012		
Course		Distance		Going		LH/RH	Class		Runners	Track style		Month		Time Period
BATH	▲	1M	▲	F	▲	LH ▲	1	▲	1 ▲	galloping	▲	January	▲	1 month ▲	Go
ASCOT	▤	1M 1F	▤	FS	▤	RH	2		2 ▤	stiff finish		February	▤	1-6 months	
AYR		1M 2F		G			3	▤	3	undulating		March		1-12 months	Clear
BATH		1M 3F		GD		▼	4		4	sharp		April		Everything	
BEVERLEY	▼	1M 4F	▼	GF	▼		5	▼	5 ▼	flat		May	▼	▼	
										testing					
										stiff fences					
										easy fences	▼				

You can now search the database to cross reference a horses past form using one or a combination of search fields. The page opens showing the win to runs strike rate for each runner, the position for these runs (or last ten if there are more) and the speed ratings achieved for these runs.

To use the feature, click on any item from one of the search fields or hold down the 'Ctrl' key to click more than one, then click 'Go'. The results will show all horses win percentage and number of wins to runs as well as the last ten finishing positions and speed figures that were achieved under these searched conditions. Vital information that is found in seconds.

Today's race conditions are shown above the search fields in red.

As an example you may want to see how all horses in the race have run between 1 mile and 1 mile 2 furlongs on Good ground or softer in March, April and May or any other combination that you wish to check out.

The Advanced Search Facility will prove to be an invaluable weapon all year round and will make a huge difference to your betting success. Find a horse that has a little known preference for one or more aspect of racing and you will be able to turn that information into cash. It takes about five minutes to work through every decent race on the day to find any horses that stand out under today's race conditions, many of which will be 'under the radar' of most punters due to poor recent form, however this recent form was possibly in race conditions that didn't suit. Now you know the conditions favour the horse and can take advantage of this fact.

In racing, as in many aspects of life, knowledge is power and along with the race cards, form guides and more to help you, this feature will put you head and shoulders above all other punters who are regularly losing their bets based on just the basic information and form figures printed in their daily paper.

Be far better informed and you can be a winner starting today with the Inform Racing professional horse racing speed ratings.

In Depth Form Guides

The following tables open in the same window as the race cards in the centre of the screen and can be viewed at the same time as the cards themselves. They are all on one page so you can scroll up and down to see all four tables for each race all at once.

Race Condition Table

See how each runner has performed at today's course, distance, field size and on all goings, all in one place. Figures in blue highlight a strike rate of between 25% to 49%, those in red a strike rate of 50% or better.

This table shows you how each horse has performed at today's course, course hand (left handed or right handed), distance, number of runners plus and minus two as well as on all going descriptions so that you can see how a horse has fared whatever the ground condition on the day as it can often change overnight or even during racing. The going descriptions shown are Firm, Good to Firm, Good, Good to Soft, Soft, Heavy, Standard and Standard to Slow - the last two being on the all-weather courses.

Race Conditions												
Horse	Cse	LH	Dis (7f)	7-11 run	F	GF	G	GS	S	HY	SD	SF
Admirable Art	1/1	3/16	3/13	3/15	0/0	0/4	0/3	1/2	0/3	1/3	2/12	0/0
All Reddy	0/5	0/8	0/3	0/6	0/1	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/6	0/0
Amenable	0/3	9/61	1/13	10/46	0/0	2/12	4/19	1/10	1/4	1/3	5/34	0/0
Available	0/15	3/27	1/14	2/24	0/0	3/14	0/5	0/1	0/0	0/0	1/17	0/1
Danz Star	0/0	0/3	0/1	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0
Dimitar	2/9	2/17	2/11	1/12	0/0	0/2	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/0	1/14	0/0
Ivy Trump	0/0	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Logans Lad	1/14	2/21	0/6	0/12	0/0	1/3	0/2	0/0	0/1	0/0	1/14	0/0
Piddie's Power	0/12	2/31	0/18	1/23	1/2	0/11	1/10	0/1	0/2	0/0	0/14	0/0

Run Style Table

Check out the last 10 run style figures for each runner and what stalls the front runners are running from to se where the pace of the race is likely to be.

Run Style Figure															
Horse	Lto1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Avg 3	Avg 10	Total	Most	Draw	Dr. %
Admirable Art	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	35	4	7	11%
All Reddy	4	4	2	2	4	2	1	2	-	-	3	-	21	2	1	10%
Amenable	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	2	2	18	2	6	13%
Available	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	15	2	5	12%
Danz Star	1	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	9	4	9	7%
Dimitar	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	40	4	2	12%
Ivy Trump	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	2	3	13%
Logans Lad	2	4	2	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	3	3	33	4	8	10%
Piddie's Power	2	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	25	2	4	12%

The run style figures table shows the last ten run style figures for each runner, the average of the last three runs, the average of the last ten runs, the total and the run style figure that appears most. It also shows the stall number for each runner in the Draw column and the draw number success rate for today's course, distance and number of runners plus and minus three.

The horses highlighted in yellow in the Draw column are those that have a 1 or a 2 in the 'Most' column and should highlight horses that are likely to lead or be prominent in a race and the stalls that they are drawn in. This shows you where the pace of the race is likely to come from and in large fields, especially in races of up to a mile on straight courses, this knowledge can be invaluable.

Official Ratings Table

This table highlights runners on a good handicap mark compared to their last and highest winning official ratings, plus the last ten handicap ratings and finishing positions.

Official Ratings													
Horse	To Last	Today	Last	Highest	Lto1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Admirable Art	+1	60	59	60	61/7	61/8	59/1	53/1	55/4	55/6	55/3	55/2	60/3	60/1
All Reddy	-	56			62/9	64/8	67/11	69/6	70/7	71/5	0/4	0/2	0/4	-
Amenable	+1	65	64	84	65/2	67/6	67/8	68/8	68/8	64/1	58/1	58/2	58/2	60/7
Available	-11	65	76	76	62/2	62/4	77/4	78/3	78/6	78/3	78/3	79/4	75/2	62/4
Danz Star	-	63			0/2	0/7	0/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dimitar	-7	57	64	65	59/9	60/6	60/3	63/11	65/8	67/7	69/8	69/4	69/4	64/1
Ivy Trump	-	63			0/8	0/6	0/5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Logans Lad	-1	61	62	62	62/4	62/5	62/2	63/10	65/9	65/7	65/4	65/2	65/3	65/13
Piddie's Power	-9	65	74	74	67/7	68/6	70/6	72/5	72/3	75/5	75/14	78/10	79/7	79/4

This table highlights horses that are well handicapped compared to their last win in a handicap race. In the To Last column, any horse with a minus figure is running with an official handicap rating below that of its last win, suggesting that it may have a chance in today's race.

The table shows today's handicap rating, the last winning rating and the highest ever winning rating , the other columns show the last ten runs with the handicap ratings on the day in blue and the finishing position in red.

So the Last column above shows the last handicap rating that the horse won off and next to this is today's handicap rating. For Bert The Alert, the horse last won off 65 and has a rating today of 70 which means the horse is carrying 5 pounds more today (+5). Height Of Summer on the other hand is carrying 2 pounds less than its last win (-2), so would seem to have some sort of chance. Some horses win at very good prices on the day that they carry the same or 1 pound less than their last winning rating, after coming down the handicap from higher ratings and as such are well worth looking out for.

Catching a horse when it is about to win is the aim and these runners very close to, or just below their last winning rating should be capable of running well at least, taking all other criteria into account such as distance and going etc. Whilst I would suggest looking for horses with a minus figure in the To Last column, horses that are -10 or bigger may have had their chance, being well out of form and continue to be dropped in the handicap without winning.

This being said, it may be that all previous runs have not been under their favoured conditions, so it is worth taking a look at all horses with a minus figure to see if today may be the day and when these really well handicapped horses with a large minus figure do pop in, it can be at a huge price on many occasions.

Race Class Table

Horses dropping in class can run well so this table shows you the last five race classes for each horse, the finishing position and race value plus an average of the last three and last five runs.

Race Class Tables - Today: Class 6 £2K							
Horse	Lto1	2	3	4	5	Avg 3	Avg 5
Admirable Art	Cl: 6 7th £3K	Cl: 6 8th £2K	Cl: 6 1st £2K	Cl: 6 1st £2K	Cl: 6 4th £2K	£2K	£2K
All Reddy	Cl: 5 9th £3K	Cl: 6 8th £3K	Cl: 5 11th £3K	Cl: 5 6th £3K	Cl: 5 7th £3K	£3K	£3K
Amenable	Cl: 6 2nd £3K	Cl: 5 6th £3K	Cl: 5 8th £3K	Cl: 4 8th £5K	Cl: 5 8th £3K	£3K	£3K
Available	Cl: 5 2nd £3K	Cl: 5 4th £3K	Cl: 4 4th £6K	Cl: 4 3rd £5K	Cl: 4 6th £5K	£4K	£5K
Danz Star	Cl: 5 2nd £3K	Cl: 5 7th £3K	Cl: 5 5th £3K	-	-	£3K	£3K
Dimitar	Cl: 6 9th £2K	Cl: 6 6th £2K	Cl: 6 3rd £2K	Cl: 6 11th £2K	Cl: 6 8th £2K	£2K	£2K
Ivy Trump	Cl: 5 8th £4K	Cl: 5 6th £3K	Cl: 5 5th £3K	-	-	£3K	£3K
Logans Lad	Cl: 5 4th £3K	Cl: 6 5th £2K	Cl: 6 2nd £2K	Cl: 6 10th £2K	Cl: 6 9th £2K	£2K	£2K
Piddie's Power	Cl: 5 7th £3K	Cl: 5 6th £3K	Cl: 5 6th £3K	Cl: 5 5th £3K	Cl: 5 3rd £3K	£3K	£3K

The race class table shows the class of race, the finishing position and the value of the race to the winner, for the last five runs for each horse. Horses that drop in class can often win and this table will highlight these 'class droppers'.

Today's class and race value is shown in the header at the top so it is easy to compare this race with recent races. The last two columns show the average race value for the latest three and five runs. A higher value in one of these compared to today's value, particularly the Avg 3 column, would show a horse that has been running in much better races and may now be ready to take advantage of an easier opportunity.

Systems and Methods to use with the Ratings.

Backing Systems

System 1

On the M+A column, top rated horses with a rating that is 3 or more bigger than the next top rated with only one qualifier allowed per race. No Maiden or N H Flat races as there would be too many system qualifiers and many of these will be very short prices. Due to these races also not always having many ratings for the runners and plenty of newcomers, can be races to leave alone.

System 2

Any horse that is top weight in a handicap and also top rated on the Master rating column. The top weight, or joint top weight, is the horse that is carrying the biggest weight in a handicap race and is rated by the official handicapper as the best horse in the race. Allied with also having the best speed rating gives these horses a great chance. Remember this is for handicap races only.

System 3

Note any horse that has the same rating in both the Cse and Dis columns and these ratings are the highest in the race. If these ratings are also the horses Master rating, then this becomes an each way bet as long as the price is 8/1 or bigger. If there are two or more with the same top ratings then ignore the race.

System 4

Any top 3 rated horse in the Lto column whose finishing position for it's last race was 5th or worse. Here you have horses that ran in good races for speed and time but as they finished down the field will often be found at good prices.

System 5

Look at the top 3 rated in the Master column. This is the first three if there are more than 3 highlighted, so a race where you have horses on 78, 78, 77, 76, 76 all highlighted, just the 78's and 77 horses count. If any of these are also highlighted as top 3 in both the VDW rating columns (Ability and Form), then this is a bet. Only a bet if there are no more than two qualifiers in one race and back them both and '0' doesn't count even if it is highlighted.

System 6

Look at all of the ratings for all of the last three runs in a race and note the highest three ratings figures. Any horse that has one of these top three ratings and is 7/1 or better is a qualifier. This 7/1 stipulation is suggested for the system rules but you may decide that you will make this figure bigger or ignore it completely. Horses that have one of these figures at least have this rating in the bag and as it is one of their most recent runs it should be possible for the horse to achieve it again.

No Maiden races or N H Flat races as there would be too many system selections.

System 7

Look for all races that are for four year olds and up. This will be shown by 4yo+ at the end of each race card heading. Of these only back in races that are run over a distance of 5 furlongs, 6 furlongs, 7 furlongs or 1 mile. You will be backing the top 3 or 4 rated in the Dis (distance) column as long as there is only a maximum of 4 highlighted in bold. If a race has more than 4 highlighted in bold type in the Dis column, this race must be watched for any non runners and if a number of non runners brings the highlighted horses down to 4 or less then you will back the top 3 or 4. If there are 5 or more top rated horses in the Dis column at the off then you must leave this race alone. If non runners bring the number of highlighted horses down to less than three, then you will have to find the next top rated horses yourself that are left in a race and always back a minimum of three.

Changing the rules to suit you.
You may wish to back in races for all older horses (3yo+ and 4yo+)
Also any distance or change the distances to suit you.
You may wish to only back in races where a profit is guaranteed where the prices of the three or four you are backing are all more than the number of bets you are placing.

Laying system 1

Flat Racing only
Only races for 3YO+, 4YO+ etc. and no Maiden races or Selling races.
Horses must have run at least 3 times, (have 3 ratings figures shown on the race card).
Horses must have run last time out between 3 and 99 days.
No bet if all horses in the race are 9/1 or less.
No bet if one of the horses last three run speed figures was '1'.

Rules
Take the lowest highlighted (top 3 rated) figures from the Avg column.
Lay any horse in the race whether it has a top 3 average rating or not, that has not achieved this figure or better in any of its last 3 runs.
All horses must be at 8/1 or less at the 'off'. This price limit is simply to make it easier to record results. You may use whatever price you wish to as a maximum or you may wish to use this as a place laying system too.

Example:
If the three figures highlighted in bold in the Avg column are 73, 72, 69 then any horse in the race that has not scored a rating of 69 or better in any of its last three races is a potential qualifier, depending on its price and the rules above.
Many of the qualifiers over 9/1 lose or finish unplaced so this may be an angle you wish to add to this system, especially laying horses to be unplaced.

Laying System 2

Flat, All Weather and Jump Racing

Any Handicap apart from Selling Handicap, Maiden Handicap or a Nursery (which is a Handicap for 2 year olds). Every other type of Handicap – 3YO, 4YO, Novice Hurdle etc. – is ok.

Rules

Only look at horses numbered 1 and 2 on the race card. (The top two horses on the race card).
Qualifiers must have no rating figures as one of the top 3 rated from either the Master column, the three Lto columns, the Avg column, the M+A column or the Cse or Dis columns, highlighted in bold.

Qualifiers must have a Master Rating figure. (Horses that ran over 365 days ago last time out will not have a Master Rating figure.)
Horses must have run last time out between 3 and 99 days.
All horses must be at 6/1 or less at the 'off'.

Laying System 3

Maiden races, especially for 2 year olds only, horses that have not scored 70 or more are often unreliable so any short priced runners that have not rated this high so far are worth taking on and laying. My suggestion is to lay only favourites or horses at 5/2 or less. Horse must have had at least two runs.