

Flat Horse Profiles 2016

Intro

Below you can find 12 unique 'horse profiles' for flat turf horses, unless otherwise stated (there is one AW horse in there).

Horse Profiling is an exciting way to identify handicappers that appear to have a preferred set of conditions for when they perform best. It is that simple. I use my HorseRaceBase (HRB) account and the 'profiler' tool to help me identify these horses.

I first tried this approach last flat season and it was a bumpy ride. Some notable highs (two 20/1+ winners in one day) and a few lows. In essence I think I over-complicated things a bit and tried to cobble together a few too many profiles, relying on too many factors coming together.

So, for want of a better phrase, I have gone 'back to basics'.

My main focus has been on finding handicappers that appear to have a clear CLASS CEILING and/or RATINGS CEILING. Often those two things are linked of course.

My aim has to been to try and find horses that only appear to win when running at a certain class or when dropping below a certain mark. The trainers will be aware of what conditions the horse has performed in and will often attempt to work the horse down the handicap and back into a level they can compete at. The aim here is to spot those horses before everyone else does!

To find these horses I used HRB to create a 'system'. The parameters were:-

- Flat Handicaps ('standard/normal' handicaps- not selling handicaps etc)
- 5-7f
- 3yo+ and 4yo+ Only handicaps
- 3+ Handicap Wins
- 0 wins in class

In essence you can use the 'qualifiers' tab to bring up all those that have qualified against these criteria. This highlights horses running in a class that they have yet to win at – helping me narrow down to a list of horses who may have a profile and need dropping in class. There is no easy way to do this research; you just have to click through a lot of horses and look at their profile, trying to spot patters.

So, I have been through every horse to run against these criteria so far in 2016. It has taken about 3 hours to find the 12 horses below. They are a good place to start.

I will endeavour to highlight these horses on the blog when they are running in what I deem to be their 'ideal' conditions. However, if you wish to follow them, I would advise adding them to a trackers also. I can miss the odd one!

Unless otherwise stated all stats/profiles refer to the horses form in Flat Handicaps.

Clearly I have yet to look at those running beyond 7f and of course this narrow approach to how I set the parameters will have missed plenty of potential profile horses. There is much work still to do!

But, for now, it will be interesting to see how these 12 get on during the rest of the season.

It won't always go to plan. Profiling can make you look silly – a horse may actually still be progressing and win at a class that you thought it couldn't. It happens, and you just have to accept it. Horses will win 'outside' of conditions. That is part of this approach. And of course they do eventually regress on a downward spiral. As long as you get an enough win when getting 'ideal conditions' we should do just fine.

By tracking these horses we can attempt to 'get on' before everyone else realises what is going on and the prices collapse.

These profiles do not cover all of the conditions the horse may need to perform, just the main 'way in'. I would always advise looking at the race conditions – for example a horse may be atrocious on Heavy and it doesn't matter that they have dropped to the right class.

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These 12 horses should give us all plenty of fun and hopefully make us some tidy profits.

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Anyway, that is up to you. You know what value you place on these reports and whether you use the contents etc. Either way, I hope you have enjoyed the read.

Happy Punting

Josh

TO THE PROFILES.... (Presented in the order I found them. Remember all stats etc are for HANDICAPS ONLY...)...

HORSE	Aqua Ardens (8yo)
TRAINER	George Baker
IDEAL COND.	Class 4 or below
FORM	All Flat handicap wins C4 or below.
NOTES	This horse progressed from C6 all the way through to C4 on the turf, where he appeared to hit a ceiling. In 2014 he won 4 on the spin, the final two in C4s. He then had 6 runs on flat and AW at C3. On the seventh run, in Sept 2015, he dropped into C4 and won at 14/1. Since that run he has had 4 runs at C2/3 on flat and AW and hasn't done much. Interesting to watch next time he drops to a class 4. OR 84 his highest winning mark to date. (0/5,0 places C3+) This profile is a bit different to the others in that it isn't so pronounced but I suppose I am banking on a repeat of his most recent pattern – dropping into C4 and winning.

HORSE	Popeswood (4yo)
TRAINER	R J Hodges
IDEAL COND.	C4 or below / OR 80 or below / Soft in going description
FORM	2,1,1,2,6,8,1
NOTES	This one is with a new trainer having left Mick Channon but looks to have a clear preference. In handicaps he is 3/12 OR71-80 and 0/11,1 p OR81+. He has yet to drop to 80 or below for new connections. He is 0/6,1 p class 3 or above. He is 0/12,0 places when GOOD in going description – he needs cut. All wins over 7f also, albeit has gone close a couple of times outside of this. I would be interested when racing with cut, OR80 or below, C4 and even more so over 7f. His run on 21/05 at Chepstow was in near ideal conditions, bar OR82, and he didn't run well. But, his trainer may be getting him back to last winning mark. He has also tended to peak from August onwards.

HORSE	Diamond Charlie (8yo)
TRAINER	S Dow
IDEAL COND.	ALL-WEATHER / Kempton 5f
FORM	1,1,1,2
NOTES	This horse is 3/4, 4 places over 5f at Kempton but he hardly ever races in those conditions. Very strange. Indeed his last career win was his penultimate start over that CD, in Dec 2014. He ran in his 'ideal conditions' 7 starts ago, coming 2 nd , beaten 1.3L. He raced then off OR 75. He has had 3 starts on the turf since, from a lower mark. His last AW run he ran off 73 at Lingfield, beaten under 1 length. I would be very interested next time he runs over 5f at Kempton. May be wheelbarrow time! All wins C4 or below.

HORSE	Blue Sonic (6yo)
TRAINER	Mrs L A Perret
IDEAL COND.	Class 6
FORM	3/9,5 places C6 (0/9,2 places above this)
NOTES	Amanda Perret got this one from Jim Goldie and last year brought up a hat-trick in C6 – going up to a mark of 72. She has had 6 runs since, and did come 3 rd LTO in C5. It could be they get a win from her at a higher level. That run was off 68, 2lb above her last winning mark. Danny Tudhope was on for all three of those wins and hasn't ridden since. All wins were at Ayr, 5-6f. IF/When Danny T gets back on top I would take note, and if that happens to be in C6 I would be very interested. Her wins were in July and August.

HORSE	Ladweb (6yo)
TRAINER	J Gallagher
IDEAL COND.	Class 4 or below / OR 80 or below / 5f-5.5f
FORM	1,4,5,2,1,1,1,6,2,,4,1,1 (6/12,8 places, +48 1 point on all)
NOTES	This one looks to have a clear profile and having missed his two wins in April 2016 it may be a while until he comes into range! All wins at c4 or below, and specifically C4<6k races (there are two bands of C4, the other £6k+ where he is 0/3,1 place – those runs are included in that form line above) Above C4 he is 0/12, 3 places and from marks OR81+ he is 0/12,3 places. He is also 0/4,0 places 6f to date.

HORSE	Bondi Beach Boy (7yo)
TRAINER	J R Turner
IDEAL COND.	OR 80 or below (ignoring claims) / C4<6k
FORM	4,1,1,1,3,1,3,1,1,1,3,4,1,1,6,3,1,5,1
NOTES	This one has a clear profile and returned to win in these conditions this year at 9/1. All wins have come from an official rating of OR80 or below (not taking account of claims) 0/10,2 places OR 81+, 0/15,1 place C4 6k+ and above. He is quite prolific in his conditions and may well go in again this season, but may need his mark to drop again.

HORSE	New Lease Of Life (7yo)
TRAINER	Keith Dalgleish
IDEAL COND.	Class 6, Good to Soft or Soft
FORM	6,4,3,1,1,3,1
NOTES	This horse is 0/11,3 places above C6 and 0/12,3 places on good/good to firm. He is 3/14,7 places good to soft, soft and 3/15,7 places in class 6. When you combine the two you get that form line above. This profile is also for two different trainers. His wins have been over 5-6f and all wins have been from August onwards to date. He hasn't run in his conditions since his last win, now 10 runs ago (inc two runs at Southwell AW). C6 and a bit of cut may seem him bound back into the winners' enclosure.

HORSE	Fredricka (5yo)
TRAINER	T D Barron
IDEAL COND.	Class 5 or below /OR 80 or below
FORM	2,2,6,6,1,1,4,1,7,1
NOTES	This horse is on his third trainer already and I find it odd that his last one didn't try and nab a C5 handicap with him – His last win was in a C5, off OR73. He hasn't run in a C5 since then – and that win was on 6/04/15 – so, over 1 year ago. His last run was off OR83. He is 0/13,5 places above C5 and 0/7,2 places OR81+. Now, he may well win outside of these conditions but I will be interested next time he is in a C5 handicap and closer or below his last winning mark. He has come a shoulder 2 nd , in a C4 off OR80, so he may not need to drop much – but the class ceiling looks interesting.

HORSE	Mime Dance (5yo)
TRAINER	David O'Meara
IDEAL COND.	Class 4 or below / Good – Good to Firm
FORM	2,4,1,6,2,3,1,3,1
NOTES	This one has left Andrew Balding and has had 3 runs for O'Meara, none in ideal conditions as yet. His highest winning mark, including claims, has been OR78 – his last run was off OR77. It will be interesting to see how he gets on if/when O'Meara drops him into C4 on decent ground. On good to soft or worse he is 0/8, 0 places. Above C4 he is 0/10, 0 places. These would appear to be decent indicators. O'Meara has a knack of improving horses and it could be he gets a win at a higher level, or he could have looked at his past form and be planning something...

HORSE	Tumblewind (6yo)
TRAINER	R M Whitaker
IDEAL COND.	Class 4 <6k or below / 5f
FORM	3,1,1,1,1
NOTES	This one looks to have a clear profile and that last win was her first start of this season. Her form in C4 6k+ or more to winner, or above is 0/18, 5 places. She is 4/9,6 places C4 <6k. She is 4/15,7 p over 5f. She has only raced over 5.5f once – and is 0/11,4 places over 6f. Her wins have been on good/good to firm. Her highest winning mark was her last one, of OR82 – she may be getting better, who knows. But, of interest next time she runs in these conditions.

HORSE	Personal Touch (7yo)
TRAINER	M Appleby
IDEAL COND.	Class 4<6k or below
FORM	2,1,5,1,1
NOTES	This one always appears to be highly tried but his record when dropping into this class band is decent. He is on his third trainer and that form line above crosses his first two (Fahey+Dalton). All wins have been over 7f to date. In flat handicaps he is 0/22, 6 places above this class level – inc 0/6 in C4 6k+ to winner. He has won in that C4 band on the sand however. His highest winning mark on turf has been OR77 and his last run was off OR81. I will take some interest when he runs in a C4 <6k and even more so over 7f.

HORSE	Royal Duchess (6yo)
TRAINER	Mrs L B Normile
IDEAL COND.	Class 6, 7f
FORM	2,2,1,1,1
NOTES	This looks like a classic class dropper (cue bolting up in a C3!) who has a specific trip. In flat handicaps she is 3/11, 8 places over 7f – all wins at Ayr. 0/7,1 place at different trips. She is also 3/11,6 places in C6 – 0/7,3 places above this. She may well win at a higher level, but when dropping into C6, and over 7f, you get that decent form line above. Her highest winning mark to date has been OR60 when you include claims (OR65,5lb claim).

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