Racing To Profit

Introduction

What follows are some pointers which can be used alongside the daily content.

These pointers look at all handicap hurdles and handicap chases, and with some sort of split by 'field size'. There's a look at Horse Race Base 'Ratings Pointers' , position in the weights, market position, last time out winners and pace/race position. The data refers to the percentage of races won.

Hopefully, you find it a useful reference point when 'puzzle solving', helping you to shortlist or to add some context to your thinking.

Horse Race Base Ratings

Next to any stats qualifier in the Members Daily Posts (section 2 & 3) you may see a red symbol – **H1, H2 or H3.**

These 'ratings pointers' indicate that in today's race, using Horse Race Base Ratings, the horse is either Top Rated (H1), 2nd Top Rated (H2), or 3rd Rated (H3)

The following tables highlight the percentage of races won by the Top 3 rated in Horse Race Base ratings in all handicap hurdles and handicap chases, by field size.

IMPORTANT – This information is a guide for those of you who like using the stats qualifiers as a 'starting point/way in'. I would use them to add context to said qualifier within today's race. Of course, whenever there is a stats qualifier with a Top 3 rating, there could be at least two other horses within the 'top 3 rated' for that race. However, given the quality of HRB ratings (as a guide), I think this information is useful.

Of course, as with any of my content, you are free to use how you please.

Handicap Hurdles

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
H1	26% *of races won*	22%	21%	17%
H2 H3	40%	27%	26%	24%
H1 H2 H3	66%	48%	47%	42%

Handicap Chases

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
H1	23%	18%	18%	14%
H2 H3	35%	28%	27%	23%
H1 H2 H3	58%	46%	45%	37%

Position In The Weights

- excluding any jockey claims
- Includes 'Joint' weights, e.g. joint top weights etc

Handicap Hurdles

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
Top Weight	21%	16%	14%	12%
Top 2 in Weights	38%	27%	25%	20%
Top 4 in Weights	67%	48%	44%	37%

Handicap Chase

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
Top Weight	21%	15%	14%	10%
Top 2 in Weights	38%	26%	24%	17%
Top 4 in Weights	68%	49%	47%	34%

Market Position

- based on Industry Starting Price
- Includes 'joints', e.g. Joint Fav

Handicap Hurdles

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
FAV	36%	30%	28%	25%
Top 2 in market	57%	47%	45%	41%
Top 4 in market	83%	72%	67%	62%

Handicap Chase

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
FAV	33%	28%	26%	22%
Top 2 in market	55%	44%	43%	37%
Top 4 in market	82%	69%	67%	58%

Last Time Out Winners

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
Hurdles	36%	30%	28%	25%
Chases	32%	26%	26%	24%

PACE/RACE POSITION

Handicap Hurdles

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
Led	23%	17%	16%	13%
Prominent	40%	36%	35%	34%
Led or Prom	63%	53%	51%	47%

Handicap Chase

	5-8 runners	8-12 runners	8-16 runners	12-16 runners
Led	28%	22%	22%	19%
Prominent	42%	39%	39%	38%
Led or Prom	70%	61%	61%	57%

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Other Ideas

The daily stats content on the blog, especially sections 2 and 3, are based on trainer data, and do not have any focus on the quality of the horse, or their ability in the context of today's race conditions. When using the information as a 'starting point' we can use some of the ideas above to help – HRB ratings, position in the weights, market position, last time out winners, and Pace/race position.

Considering Pace/race position is the one 'must' when analysing a race – in my opinion anyway. It is the one area of thinking that, if applied, should improve our success. Any stats qualifier that you think may get an easy lead, or race prominently, is worth much closer scrutiny and is a decent way to 'shortlist' a day's contenders.

You could also consider:-

- **Current trainer form.** Using the Racing Post cards and the 'Running to Form' % figure can help. This looks a the % of a trainer's horses who are running to their Racing Post Rating I believe, and can be a more useful measure than just win/place %, for all that such info is also useful.
- **Trainer's track record.** How the trainer has done at the track overall, in handicaps, the race type, class, distance and jockey.
- **Today's jockey.** Do they ride the track well, have a good record on the horse or does their booking look significant?

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