



# The WATT Wizard

## A Guide for WATT Handicappers

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Handicappers using the **Winning at the Track** online program should now be familiar with the "WATT Wizard Selection" feature, recently added to the program's Race Card screen. For many years users of the original Classic Stand-alone program relied on the "Contender" suggestions, which are based on a simple formula. Now, online members can consider both for every race.

So, what's the conclusion? Never ignore these proprietary suggestions.

It is not unusual for the WATT Wizard Selection to identify a key horse (first or second) 75% of the time. They are, of course, the favorites much of the time – but not always.

The next example was a very good day at Philadelphia recently – an excellent day for parlays. The winner appeared among the Best-3 PM Ratings in every race on the card and the WATT Wizard Selection correctly identified six of them. All were sprints and two were on the turf, but the distance shouldn't be deciding factor. Route races play equally well.

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It's also worth noting that among the top three PM-rated horses, two were in the exacta five out of nine times. More than half the time is not unusual at most tracks.

This is how the entire 9-race card unfolded:

Parx Racing PA	Race 1	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 4, 3	Contenders: 4, 8	Wizard:4A

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
3	Twenty Percent	4.00	2.40	2.10
4	Leothelion		2.80	2.20
8	Kodiak Kody			2.10

Parx Racing PA	Race 2	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 7, 1	Contenders: 7, 8	Wizard:1A

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
1	Danny Ocean	4.80	3.00	2.20
6	Jet Alley		5.80	5.00
7	War of Honor			2.40

Parx Racing PA	Race 3	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 4, 5	Contenders: 1, 6	Wizard:6B

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
2	Malibu Bluff	14.80	6.40	3.40
3	Sunny Mills		4.40	2.60
1	Hampden Fiveone			3.40

Parx Racing PA	Race 4	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 3, 2	Contenders: 1, 3	Wizard:3A

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
3	Kid Brown	5.20	3.00	2.40
5	Superling		4.20	2.80
1	Lover's Dream			2.20

Parx Racing PA	Race 5	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 4, 6	Contenders: 4, 5	Wizard:4A

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
4	Cast a Doubt	5.80	2.80	2.60
6	Synchronous		3.60	3.20
2	Park Avenue Appeal			5.20

Parx Racing -Turf	Race 6	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 2, 9	Contenders: 2, 10	Wizard:2A

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
2	Billy the Bull	4.60	3.60	2.60
1	Agonistic		4.20	3.00
9	Brannaman			8.80

Parx Racing PA	Race 7	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 2, 8	Contenders: 4, 2	Wizard:8A

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
8	Devil's Purge	10.20	6.00	4.20
6	Barlovento Tiger		7.20	5.60
7	Bred to Boss			4.60

Parx Racing -Turf	Race 8	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 1, 2	Contenders: 9, 1	Wizard:9B

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
9	Steel Sky	5.60	3.40	2.60
5	Stock		3.60	3.00
6	C'Mon Boys (GB)			3.80

Parx Racing PA	Race 9	August 01, 2015
Pacesetters: 10, 4	Contenders: 10, 9	Wizard:10B

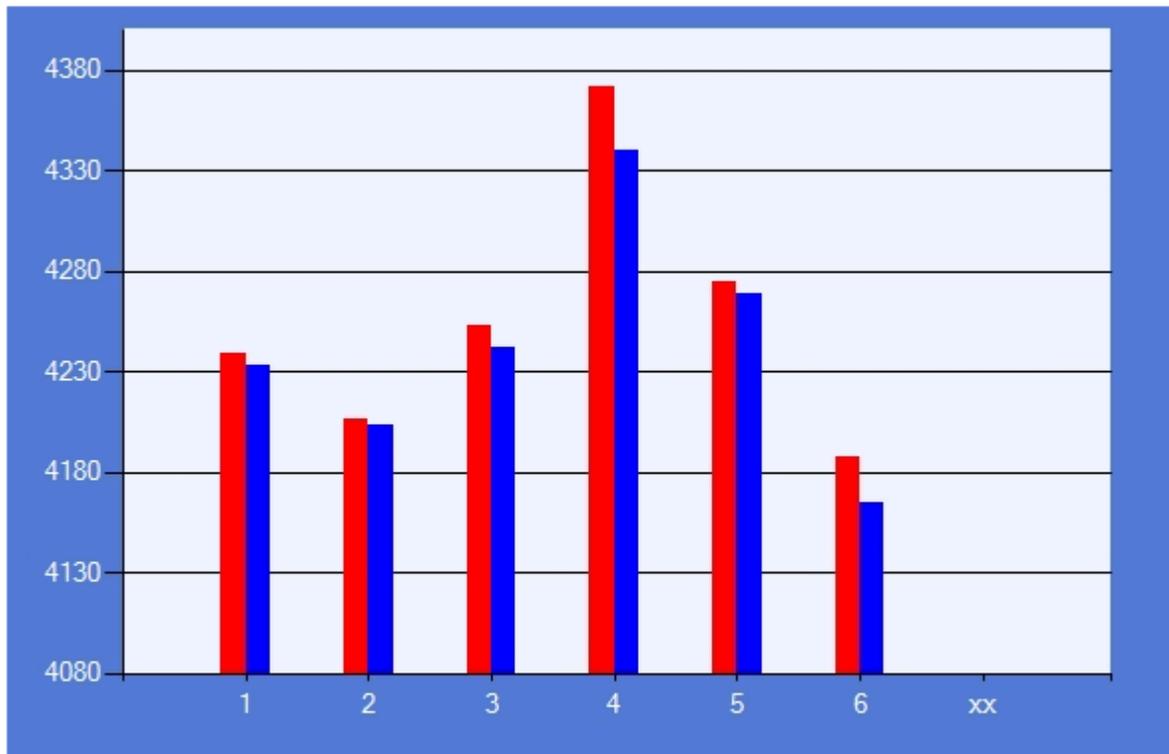
Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show
6	Bold Gabby	14.00	6.00	4.80
2	Aleandria		3.20	3.00
7	Fiery Gizzard			4.80

Looking back over the card, in Race 5 the dominance of #4 *Cast a Doubt* proved to be the bet of the day. He had a 5-length pace advantage over the other pacesetter, #6 *Synchronous*, and had no trouble putting him away with a 45:2 at the half.

	Best Sprint/Route	\$		LS
4	CAST A DOUBT	PRX	6f → 99/190	811
5	CITY STEEL	PRX	1 mile 85/191	798
6	SYNCHRONOUS	PRX	6f 94/182	794
2	PARK AVENUE APPEAL	PRX	6f 87/191	792
3	RAPID ROUGE	MTH	6f 95/188	790

Although *Cast a Doubt* was the favorite, he was a clear value at just under 2 to 1.

### Best/2nd-Best PM Rating



PACESETTERS: 4, 6

Risk Profile: Poor Fair Good

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
30Jun15 <sup>6</sup> PRX <sup>4</sup>	4	Cast a Doubt (Alvarado, Jr., Roberto)	2	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	1.90*	vied inside, edged off
11Jul15 <sup>6</sup> PRX <sup>7</sup>	6	Synchronous (Hernandez Ortega)	1	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/4</sup>	2.30	dueled, outfinished
3Jul15 <sup>6</sup> MTH <sup>6</sup>	2	Park Avenue Appeal (Caballero)	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	3 <sup>5</sup>	3 <sup>Neck</sup>	15.50	rail early, drifted out
21Jun15 <sup>5</sup> PRX <sup>1</sup>	1	Caliparty (Acosta, J.)	6	6	6	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup>	2.90	step slow, closed well
30Jun15 <sup>6</sup> PRX <sup>5</sup>	5	City Steel (Vaz, Eri Luis)	4	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	7.20	outside, gave way
31May15 <sup>3</sup> MTH <sup>6</sup>	3	Rapid Rouge (Rivera, Edwin)	5	5 <sup>5</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	6	6	6.30	weakened steadily

Fractional Times: 22.50 45.43 57.84

Final Time: 1:11.21

### Conclusion

Having a key horse that is notably superior to the rest of the field can sometimes dictate the way a race is wagered. This one unfolded exactly as any experienced speed/pace handicapper would have anticipated. Granted, it doesn't always play out precisely as it should, but it is very satisfying when it does.

## For New Members

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