



e-Reports From LPC

Handicapping Gems From the Masters

Background

Several good, informative racing guides have been written over the years by a number of accomplished handicappers. Liberty Publishing Company was the publisher of many of these titles, most of which are no longer available. But it can be said that *every* book has its share of “gems.” Here are a few.

David B. Fogel made several key observations in his book, *The Mathematics of Horse Racing* (Liberty Publishing, 1990), including these significant points:

- In 3-year-old races, winning (or losing the last race by 4 or fewer lengths) suggests a good effort in today’s contest;
- In 4-year-old and up races, winning the last race by 2 or more lengths is a big positive;
- At all ages, racing at a new distance in today’s race (i.e., sprints vs. routes) is a significant negative factor;
- At all ages, racing after a layoff of 25 or more days is a big negative.

William L. Quirin in his book, *Thoroughbred Handicapping* (Wm. Morrow & Co., 1984) suggested that racing fans look for “fillers” in races with small fields of 5, 6, or 7 horses (sometimes). These are entries that should not be in the race and handicappers should ignore them. These are often horses that have been entered by trainers only as a favor to the Racing Secretary in order to “fill” the race.

The late Danny Holmes, author of *Ten Steps to Winning* (Liberty Publishing, 1989) devised an excellent rule when handicapping maiden races: Look at the “class” of the entries and then identify the horse that ran closest to the winner. “Mdn” and “MSW” horses are deemed much higher in “class” than “Mdn Clm” horses.

For example, following this rule in a maiden race, a horse that ran 6 lengths behind the winner in a prior MSW race is a better choice than a horse that ran 2 lengths behind the winner in a Mdn Clm race.

As for betting, Danny favored Dutch Wagering his top two or three selections whenever the horses offered odds of 7:2 or better at post time.

Andy Beyer author of one of the first “best-seller” handicapping titles, *Picking Winners* (Houghton Mifflin, 1975), is a big proponent of “track bias.” His bias analysis essentially takes three forms:

- Does the track favor front-running horses?
- Is the inside part of the track harder and faster than the outside?
- Is the inside part of the track deep and slow?

In the first case, most of the speed horses have an advantage. In the second case, the speed horses leaving inside post-positions have an advantage. And in the third case, speed horses with inside post positions often lose.

The late Joe Finley, aka William L. Scott, author of *How Will Your Horse Run Today?* (Liberty Publishing, 1992), observed that first-time starters, or any horses with a layoff of 21 or more days, need good workouts – and, most importantly, at 5 furlongs or longer. He called this necessity the “fabulous” five-furlong workout.

David L. Christopher, author of *Advanced Speed & Pace Handicapping* (Liberty Publishing, 1994 ... and *e-Book*, 2007), is known for saying: “Horses that run well on the dirt almost always run well on the turf; but horses that run well on the turf do not necessarily run well on the dirt.” This is usually due to the shape of the horse’s hoof and its conformation.

One of his favorite “spot plays” is finding a “green baby” in 3YO races early in the year. This play involves identifying a 3-year-old that has competitive numbers currently, but they were established when he was a 2-year-old.

Christopher is also a firm believer in the golden rule, “Speed horses need a SLOW pace, and closers need a FAST pace.”

Steve Davidowitz, author of *Betting Thoroughbreds* (E.P. Dutton, 1983), believes that “the best way to watch a race is to concentrate on the turn. Most races are won (and lost) on the turn.”

Dave Rosenthal, author of *The Complete Guide to Racetrack Betting* (Liberty Publishing, 1990), said: “I don’t like to play horses with front bandages.”

The handicapping pro also advises, “Claimers don’t usually win when moving up to Allowance races.”

Finally, Rosenthal also watches for races being run on a soft turf where he favors the “come-from-behind” horses.



A Special e-Report

Exotic Betting for Profit

David L. Christopher

Summary

Exotic Betting for Profit, introduced recently, is the third Special "e-Report" published by LPC within the past three years. Like the two guides before it, this detailed e-Report was written for both users and non-users of the popular speed/pace program, *Winning at the Track*.

Exotic Betting for Profit has one primary objective: To help the racing fan recognize a meaningful profit opportunity when he or she sees it, and to bet the race intelligently and correctly.

Among the topics discussed...

To Play or Not To Play

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Finding Value and Spotting an "Overlay"

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Readers of this e-Report will also discover new and profitable ways to identify a "key horse," explore several common betting scenarios, and appreciate the risks that bettors assume when making "insurance" wagers.

Other topics include...

Looking for a "Pace Advantage"

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The Mathematics of a "Key Horse" Overlay

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This easy-to-read guide examines one 10-race card at Gulfstream in early 2010 (both dirt and turf racing) and shows which races to play and why, and then presents the highlights of the day's handicapping.

And most importantly, this was not a day filled with obvious, easy-to-see "chalk" selections.

We expect many, if not most, readers of *Exotic Betting for Profit* to see this provocative subject in an entirely new light.



A Special e-Report

The Win/Place Parlay

David L. Christopher

Summary

Without any doubt, the parlay is the most promising, yet least understood, profit opportunity at the racetrack. With this method, it is possible to enjoy boxcar profits in just one afternoon! Accomplished handicappers will discover this method to be a low-risk, high-reward approach to racetrack wagering.

Cashing a *place* ticket for \$3.80 is nothing unusual. In fact, the *average* place ticket at many tracks pays \$4.00 or more. So, if you wager \$40 on a place ticket and parlay your successful selections *five* consecutive times at \$3.80 per winning ticket, how much money will you have at the end of the day?

Go ahead... Guess...

The answer is ... Almost \$1,000 !

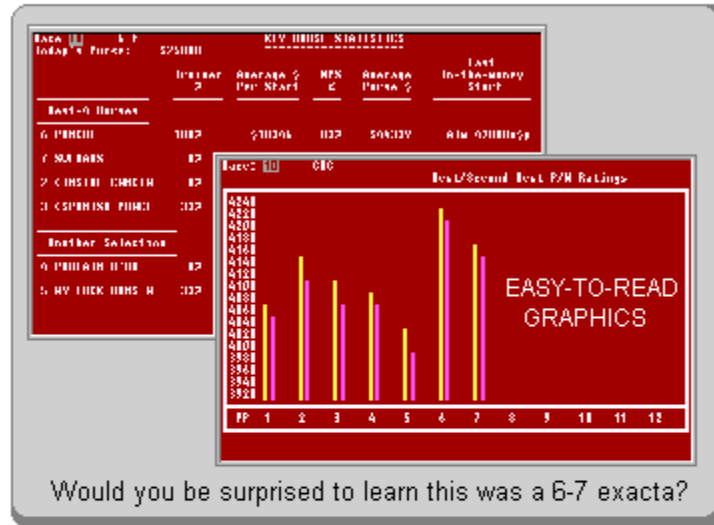
If you can handicap a place horse three or four times consecutively, this approach could be a potential moneymaking opportunity. Of course, you are not necessarily looking for the "next Secretariat" in each contest, but you need to be *consistently correct* as a handicapper.

David L. Christopher's recent e-Report, *The Win/Place Parlay*, explains in detail how you can apply this method profitably. This full-color, extensively illustrated guide explains it all. Among the topics discussed:

- How to calculate and use the "multiplier."
- How a place ticket payoff is calculated.
- How much should you wager at any given time?
- When should you NOT bet?
- When should money be taken off the table?

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