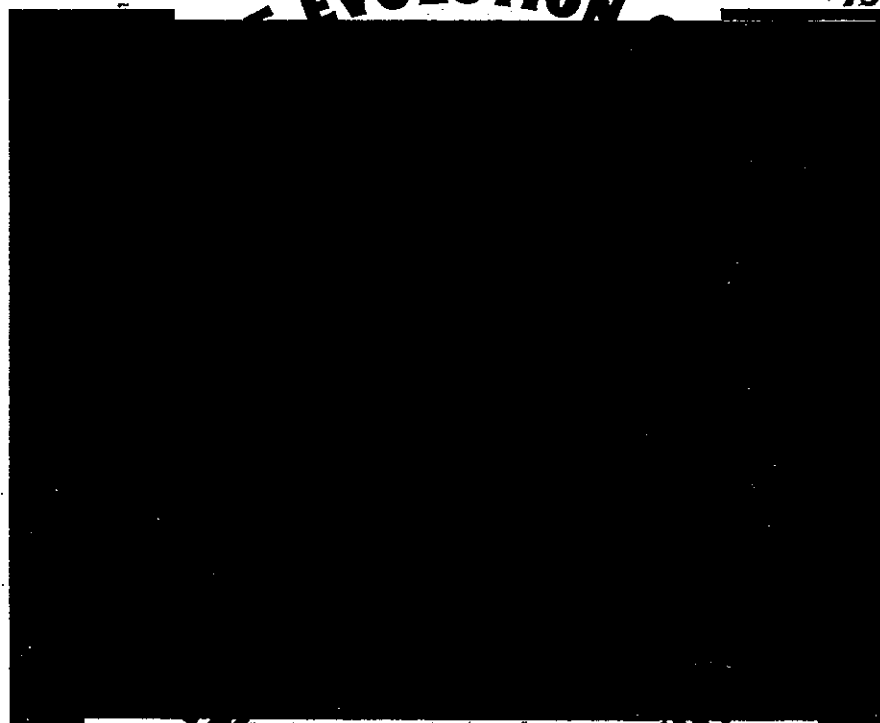


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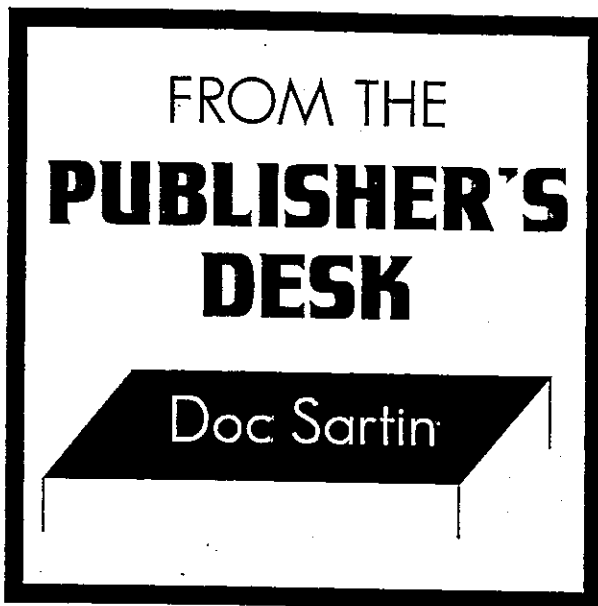
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First, I want to thank *all* of you for the wonderful presents and holiday cards. The messages, all said in the sender's own words, THANKS for all the help and for making both my life and handicapping better. These messages from as far away as New Zealand and Great Britain, Canada and Australia truly warmed the hearts of all of us here at O. Henry House.

One was particularly heart warming. Because helping him in life probably cost us a steady Wagercapper. As I've often said, mine should be

a self destroying practice since it's the job of every psychotherapist to help others, through their own insights gained through therapy, to HELP THEMSELVES.

Hello Howard,

We hope the holiday season finds you and your staff healthy and happy. Enclosed is my photo of Laffit Pincay breaking Bill Shoemaker's record last Friday. I know you will enjoy this.

You know Howard, my handicapping improves every year, thanks, in a large part to the methodology. My problem now is finding time to handicap and play races. A funny thing happened on the way to the window.....I've gotten my life together so much, (thanks again, to the methodology by the way) that I'm now finding little time to handicap and play races.

At least I get to shoot the big races in southern California for both my paper and the DRF (I work with Michael J. Marten whose name even appears on photos I take for him....weird, but it pays the same). The DRF, by the way, sent me to The Breeders' Cup this year in Florida--what fun!!!

In addition, I'm shooting a lot of entertainment assignments for both my paper and my agency--I email them photos and they sell them worldwide on the internet--cool!!! I'm also thinking of teaching a photography class at RCC next semester. What next????

Anyhow, I'm always busy and have never been happier. Thanks again for it was you and the methodology that pointed me in the correct direction.

Have a great New Year !!!

Bestest,

V. Y. CA.

Y2K

Happily neither we nor our clients experienced any real Y2K problems. A few users thought they had problems. The only one with some validity was supposedly with their TrackMaster download. It was a half day glitch: On December 31st, downloading Jan. 1, few experienced it. Aline didn't. On Jan. 1, all red-blooded Americans are supposed to be watching Bowl games, anyway. A couple of clients who bought new keyboards prior to Jan. 1st had some problems with the keyboard chip. Personally, I wouldn't even have any car repairs until 2000 rolled by. Who knows what's in those accessory chips?

This also applies to purchasing a new keyboard for your computer. The only way to determine that it, or a computer itself, is compatible with your handicapping program is to test it on your prospective purchase before you buy.

We've had a lot of people, other than clients themselves, who try to install our programs based on their knowledge - or lack of. They fail and blame it on the program. With the complete set of directions in Follow Up 77 and our free Technical Support line, no client should have to rely on friends or store clerks to install or give incorrect advice.

Incidentally, as I would have expected, we get more handicapping questions on the Tech Support line than technical ones. This has been standard procedure for as long as I can remember. Some clients persist in trying to get members of our support group to disagree with me and agree to some erroneous concept.

The great French philosopher, Rene Descartes (1596-1650), is probably most famous for his statement, "I think, therefore I am." However, in truth he so mistrusted the disagreements among philosophers that he studied mathematics in order to resolve any doubts and to test the TRUTH of any concept. His mathematical tests formed the basis of his own concept that through a mathematical process one could determine "The clearness and distinctness of ideas." In short, he said that the truth of an idea should be "self-evident." He warned against all blind acceptance of the words and dictums of Kings, Clerics or any other voices of authority.

He insisted that if something didn't work, even though expounded as truth by "authoritative experts," it should be discarded. He was berated and scorned by most of his fellow philosophers and was under constant scrutiny and condemnation by the King's legal arm.

His version of what later became known as Epistemology, investigated the origins, structure, validity and methods of knowledge. He did so by subjecting them to a mathematical formulae that was consistent and allowed for no ego-centered deviations.

In 1982, naive as I was about handicapping experts, I suggested that we all form an organization that utilized Descartes concepts in order to prevent the chicanery and misleading dishonesty that dominates the thinking of today's author experts. Of course I was laughed down and discounted rudely. The very idea that "experts" should be subjected to the test of honesty was anathema. It would require them to think and to defend their ideas through constant research. This would have put most of them out of business.

Hence, Cartesianism in handicapping never got off the ground. I, along with Tom Ainslie and, possibly a couple of others, remain the few lonely figures subscribing to it. It never has made me or my family much money but it gets us lots of soul warming mail and that tribute I received in Las Vegas in 1998. To me this kind of response is worth far more than ill-gained profits or sharing any camaraderie with self-proclaimed contemporary experts.

If only handicapping experts were under the jurisdiction of something like the Securities and Exchange Commission, this so-called profession could actually perform a worthwhile service to aspiring handicappers.

By the same token, it would lower our average mutuels considerably.

Self-determinism, another important aspect of Cartesian thinking and of Epistemology in general, is vital. Hence, it is the duty of those who accept and are victims of chicanery, to rise above it and to examine what is true for **themselves**. This is a duty seldom performed. The divine power of "kings" still dominates the thinking of most who call themselves handicappers.



We still have clients who try to adjust their TrackMaster download. One even asked if he should add 6.5 beaten lengths to a horse because he misinterpreted something he got from TrackMaster. NO! If you download from the proper TrackMaster screen all lines are ADJUSTED, EQUALIZED and NORMALIZED.

Let me remind you again that Ellis Starr is the only TrackMaster employee who understands our programs. Other employees, meaning no harm, have given some clients erroneous info, always blaming our programs. This is human nature. Ignore it. Speak with Ellis Starr only - then check with us.



In the last Follow Up issue we published a complete set of instructions for installing, and TrackMaster downloading for all of our programs.

Our Tech Line is being barraged with calls about the simplest of these instructions. Rather than argue with anyone we are taking full responsibility for all problems even though most are the result of *lack of reading the instructions!*

Aline Best, in concert with the rest of us, has taken great care in compiling these instructions. She has written them in the same way that she has always followed them with NO problem.

One client reported that he had his Synthesis for TrackMaster installed by a professional and it often crashed. Sad but true, today's "professionals" are not familiar with the proper way to install into Windows a DOS program containing multiple files. Our own computer "professionals" have been doing it successfully, with NO crashes since the inception of the first Windows program.

Please read these directions carefully. They may not be compatible with what your well-intentioned "professionals" might tell you.

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While Shane is on a Sabbatical and working on a project for us, Aline Best is on the Tech Support line. She's very capable and has been a great help to the clients who have called. If you are having a problem, please call the Tech Support line and speak with Aline.

Netscape Communicator 4.7

For those of you using Netscape, we're sure you've noticed the 'encouragement' to upgrade to Communicator 4.7.

A few clients have had problems with the Smart Download feature of this browser in that it has forced them to have to enter user name and password several times while trying to download from TrackMaster.

If you have not yet downloaded 4.7, you can do so without the Smart Download feature or Smart Download can be removed if you prefer.

Netscape has two web sites which can be of help:

<<http://home.netscape.com/computing/download/smartdownload/ib/about.html>>

or

<<http://help.netscape.com/computing>

The Smart Update feature is used strictly for adding additional features from Netscape to your browser and does not affect general downloading at all.

WINDOWS 2000

As of this writing all the information on Windows 2000 seems to indicate that it will only be a replacement for Windows NT, and should not have any effect on our use of Windows. Until we know more about it, we strongly recommend that you **do not** include it in any plans for hardware or software purchases.

BUYING A PRINTER?

Many of you seem to be considering buying a new printer and have called to ask which one will work with our programs. Since each computer is different, it is not possible to give you a specific answer to this questions. However, there are a few general bits of information that can be helpful:

- It seems that the newer printers are designed to print in Windows far more easily than in DOS. We do know specifically that the new HP printers need an older driver before they will print the DOS programs. If you are having problems with a new HP, call the HP Technical Service line and ask which of the 600 series drivers will work with your model and where you can download it. Changing to the older driver should solve most of your problems.
- Several clients have arranged with the store to bring in their computer with the Sartin programs loaded to make sure the printer works before buying it. In most cases the merchant has cooperated by hooking up the clients computer to their monitor and the printer in question. Just be prepared to buy it if it works properly!
- Make sure, before you make a purchase that you can either exchange the printer for another one or return it for a refund in the event that it does not meet your printing requirements once you have it hooked up at home.

SYNTHESIS MULTI-TRACK CLEAN UP

Some of you may have already noticed that when you calculate races using the Multi-Track program, it creates several files for each race. When using the two cleanup options, the downloaded files are removed and the Wagering Decision Form information is removed but the files created by the program remain in place.

These are small files and should not interfere with the operation of the program or be a problem with regard to space. However, if you wish to remove them, you can do so by using Windows Explorer:

From the Windows desktop, go to START - then PROGRAMS and down to Windows Explorer. Open the file and make sure that you are "Exploring C:\". Click on SMT to display all the files in the SMT Directory. From there, highlight (one click) any of the race files you wish to remove then click on Delete in the Tool Bar or File Box. This will move all the extra race files to the Recycle Bin where they can then be deleted.

REFERENCE BOOKS

For those looking a good computer/Windows reference book, we can recommend two:

The PC Bible published by Peachpit Press

The Big Basic Book of Windows published by Que

The **PC Bible** has more DOS info whereas **Big Basic** is more of a beginners reference book for Windows.

But Gee...

It Ranked Number Three

Several times a week the above cry comes over the Tech Support line.

Our first response is "How much did it pay?" Answers vary but \$19 is the average. The tragedy is these calls come from Follow Up subscribers who, if they read it, know that I've stated more often than I can count, that a number of clients are finding that their double digit payoffs are coming from horses ON TIER 3 of BL/BL and 3rd on the Primary Line Score of Synthesis; sometimes even on the VALIDATOR.

No matter how often I explain the difference between yesterday's top two-itis handicapping and today's WAGERCAPPING, some people refuse to understand. The entire purpose of the Wagering Decision Form is to provide 20 race cycles printed out so that *you* can determine, from your paceline and contender selection, in what Tier or Rank your OVERLAYS appear.

This whole confusion about TOP TWO started 18 years ago when I proved that betting *your* top two choices to win was ultimately far more profitable than betting just one horse. I emphasized "YOUR" top 2, not a numerical ranking top two. I did several dissertations on the power of THREE, including a demonstration on long-term research proving that in our three major corollaries of the time, rankings of 3-3-3 or 3-3-X, (X being any rank under or over 3) were the two foremost predictors of longshots.

The chief reason some people have so much trouble accepting 'three' as a positive indicator is that we are a *linear society*. We think numerically and sequentially. Hence, RANKINGS of one and two must be superior to THREE or more. After all, it works that way in Baseball, Basketball and in Pro Football as teams play their way to the Super Bowl. Hence numerical order must be true in all matters.

But it does not work that way in horse racing. A higher RANKING simply means one horse had more collective corollary points than another. It does not reveal how close or far apart they were. Rankings are always separated by one full numerical point. The difference between a horse ranked ONE and another ranked FIVE may be finite or substantial.

To combat our national obsession with *linear thinking*, I came up with the term 'Wagercapping'. The guidelines for which say to correlate the BL/BL Tier Levels and the Corollary Rankings with the payoff odds.

If one insists on remaining linear, look at it this way. A horse Tiered and Ranked #1 is going to pay \$6.40. Subtract the ONE ranking from 6.4 and get 5.4. A THIRD Tiered or Ranked horse will pay \$18.60. Subtract 3 from 18.6 and you get 15.6. Hence the value of the ONE ranking is 5.4. The value of the THREE ranking is 15.4. Now even the most Linear of minds can easily see that the horse Tiered or Ranked THIRD is the better wager.

This same formula can also apply to 4th or 5th Rankings but fewer clients are having problems here. It's viewing a horse ranked THIRD that disturbs them most.

Ah, but regardless of the Tier Level or Ranking of an OVERLAY, we have a fail-safe device. If we miss on one choice we still have a second chance to recover. This is the beauty of Wagercapping. It is the best of two worlds because when a third or 4th or even 5th ranked Overlay fails to fire, we can fall back on our second win bet that will pay whatever minimum odds you have chosen for yourself. As you know mine are 5-2. Just do the math. If you have \$10 on a horse that would pay \$12 and another \$10 on one that will pay \$7.00, a total of \$20, you get back \$35 on the \$7 winner or \$60 on the \$12 horse. Either way, your **minimum net profit is \$15**. Maximum \$40.

If you will accept a payoff of LESS than \$7, bet 60/40. If your minimum is 2-1 (\$6.00) that would mean a bet of \$12 on the \$6 horse, \$36. Your remaining \$8 goes on the \$12 contender, \$48. The least you can profit is \$16. The most profit, \$28. By accepting LESS than 5-2 win odds you're sacrificing profit. But who knows, maybe you'll make it up with greater VOLUME.

Perhaps the most important factor in successful wagering is learning how to pass races in which the winner offers no value. This is easier said than done. I've written several articles on the subject and another one appears in this issue. Passing, and the ability to predict when a winner will pay less than your self-determined minimum comes from *experience* and *feeling*. For those who **focus** strongly on these two elements, the ability to pass comes quickly. For those who believe that passing can be determined by a set of rules, the art may forever allude them.

The art of proper wagering is less demanding. It can be mastered through aware experience alone.

As Aline Best tells clients who ask her which horse to bet, "Somewhere along the line, YOU must make a decision."

The Validator has minimized the decision making process but cannot eliminate it entirely. Horse race betting is STOCHASTIC, meaning it is governed by variables. Because of this we often find huge Overlays ranked FIRST or SECOND but less often than THIRD or more. Depending on each individual's contender and paceline selection, which we've reduced to merely following directions and using a little sensible discretion, **a pattern will emerge**. This pattern can easily be recognized by keeping records of 20 race cycles and noting which BL/BL Tier Level or Corollary Rankings produce the higher profit and which the most bread and butter winners.

Keeping, visualizing and properly analyzing such records is the purpose of our Wagering Decision Form. Many clients are using one version or another and now swear by it. They say it opened their eyes to non-linear reality and helped them WIN CONSISTENTLY for the first time in their handicapping lives. Change handicapping to Wagercapping, because that is what they're

now doing.

I'm pleasantly surprised by how many clients came out of the "closet" and admitted they'd never made much profit despite years of "Handicapping" experience but suddenly began to profit when they discarded the old conventional "Handicapping" maxims in exchange for what I have dubbed, Wagercapping.

I salute them. It takes moral courage to give up "Old Ways" and accept a NEW frame of reference.

The irony of this has not escaped the new strategies of advertising agencies. Apple Computer started it. Now others are following suite. Dodge Trucks, for example. Their current theme is also "DARE TO BE DIFFERENT." Variations on this melody are now found in many ads including those for clothing, and cosmetics.

Advertising, especially TV advertising, has always been a major influence on public thinking. It was not very long ago that ads stressed conformity, urging us to buy the products that were the most popular, statistically most accepted by the mass. Things like 4 out of five dentists recommend. Now, since APPLE came from virtual bankruptcy to major financial success with their "Dare to be Different" (and the i-Mac) theme, it follows, as night the day, that other advertisers would imitate them.

Suddenly we've gone from a people urged by media to conform, to a population being urged to DARE TO BE DIFFERENT. Fortunately for us, the mainstreamers of handicapping will not "Dare" to be anything except status quo. Not as long as those making presentations at their conventions are screened by a man declaring himself to be a card carrying member of the handicapping mainstream.

Tom Ainslie, first to be invited as a speaker at Expo 2000, declined the offer. He has too much integrity, intelligence and "Dare to be Different" success to participate in such a mainstream event.

Our clients, with some notable exceptions, have *a/ways* dared to be different. Otherwise, why join a group headed by someone who is an admitted and publicly acknowledged iconoclast who openly derides the false and often fraudulent claims of the majority of noted author-experts in this field.

The fact that I openly declare that my goal is to teach **Winning**, not handicapping is anathema to them.

For those who still enter from the Daily Racing Form...

One great improvement made by the new owner/management of the Daily Racing Form is the consistent accuracy of their Speed Ratings and Daily Variant made from 3 year best times.

Therefore, you need only enter 3 year best times for the track you play most frequently. Adjustments from other tracks will be made automatically without you having to look up their 3yb.

Myths that HorsePLAYERS Live By

(1) The Myth of the BEST HORSE

I've discussed this subject once before (*The Best Horse Theory*, this issue) but it's worth repeating because it shows the kind of insight we all should have. One client responded to my "Best Horse" commentary in Follow Up 76. After reading it he had a life-changing epiphany that made him realize the futility of trying to mix mainstream "Handicapping" into the Methodology. After reading my statement: "The first four finishers in the vast majority of horse races often go by the finish line in the blink of an eye; the margins separating finishers is often measured in only hundredths of a second."

He then ceased trying to be a "Handicapper" and became a WAGERCAPPER and is now making a good profit in every 20 race cycle.

The idea that the *best* horse always wins or even *usually* wins is total myth! Favorites win 30+ percent of the time but many winning favorites are often **not** the BEST horses in the race. When they are, they usually pay so little that the BEST "pickers" make very little profit even if they can brag of a 27% win ratio with just ONE horse.

$2.7 \times 5.20 = \$14.04$, or a profit of \$4.20 on \$2 bets, \$20.20 on \$10 bets. Compare that with some of the Wagering Decision Form Cycles I've published in many issues of the Follow Up.

Before you doubt these figures, check the records. The so-called Best horses produce a national average win mutuel of \$5.20. The very best professional one horse to win "pickers" feel lucky to have a seasonal win percentage of 27%.

That is not true for the honest Value bettor who is not a member of this group, or those Wagercappers within our group. An outsider who value bets may only have a 27% win margin but, by recognizing value when he sees it and knowing when to pass, his average mutuel approaches double digits and often more; and he does not confine himself to betting one horse - at least the honest one I know doesn't (Mark Cramer - I really don't know any others but he says he does).

Even wagering on TWO horses to win with just a 9.80 average mutuel you get this: $2.7 \times 9.80 = \$26.46$ minus \$20 bet = an ROI of 32.3% or a minimum profit of \$32.30 every ten races betting \$10 a horse. That's them, not us. Who was that professional handicapper/author who said that an ROI of 20 percent was professional level? And what about the one who said between 8 and 10% profit was optimal? Then he added that "Anyone who tells you different is a liar." I see he's now writing about Blackjack, where that kind of expectancy IS good.

Those who actually believe that the best horse wins more than 20% of the time and who think they have a way of finding that particular animal in a full field and make a profit, should send me information about *their* Methodology. I assure you I'll buy it! We have a number old clients returning. One reason they left us was because they felt my guidelines were too radical and stifled their desire to become "handicappers." I put 'handicappers' in quotes since they are

ego-directed persons who believe that they can pick out one best horse in each race who will win often enough, and pay enough to make them a living. Key words here are ONE and BEST.

If the horse that wins is truly 'best' by classic handicapper standards, it won't pay enough since such animals stand out like sore thumbs. People who are actually consistent winners in horse racing do not seek the one best horse. They're looking for the *best* payoffs among as many as FOUR horses (sometimes even 5 if the price is right). Twenty-seven years of experience has taught me - and these elite few - that in most races worth betting, any one of THREE or FOUR horses has an equal chance of winning. They ignore almost all the reasons the public has for selecting a SINGLE favorite. They Wagercap. They PASS races until they find VALUE. They learn to pass races where there *is* no value. They accept the fact that their method of finding value may differ from another Wagercapper who does just as well.

I've met most of the famous names in this business. I've never met a consistently winning, profit-making "Handicapper." I do know a few, very few, successful Wagercappers. Why so few? In the long run, many who start as Wagercappers resort to becoming "handicappers" through a lack of discipline and patience, plus a need to show-off their ego.

Besides, "handicapping" sells commercially. Wagercapping does not.

After reading this entire article, some who came back may go away again. If they couldn't accept reality then, how can we expect them to do so now? To a "horseplayer," Reality is stepping on a dream.

WAGERCAPPING GUIDELINES (again).

These are guidelines, *not* rules. There are some among you who have neither the desire nor self-discipline to Wagercap. You just want to win some races. That is *your* right. You must remain master over your own destiny even if it costs you money that I hope you can afford. Listed below are my guidelines and those of others following a profitable prescription. It is medicine you do not have to take.

1: Bet any horse from BL/BL, 1 or 2, PAYING 5-2 - \$7.00 or more, *without* any reference to Corollaries.

2: If an overlay appears on BL #4 or 5, bet it only if it's a very BIG OVERLAY (by your definition) and has at least a couple of good corollaries according to your records.

3: Remember, many Turf winners do NOT have LOW Balances but usually DO have good HE and LPR. One client said he couldn't win Turf races. I bet him that all his Turf winners, regardless of their Primary or Supp. Rankings or even BL/BL, would show Rankings of 1 or 2 in HE and LPR. I won the bet.

Another problem then arose because he became overly impressed with these age old Methodology facts I pointed out about Turf Races. Now he *only* bets Turf Races. Unless you're a huge bettor, you'll make money only wagering in volume. At least 5 races a day.

4: What most clients refuse to accept is that once horses that you *won't bet* are HIDDEN, the top three Tiered BL/BL contenders are all the support needed. AFTER HIDES, Only BL/BL 4 or 5 require some positive corollary support. Don't even look at corollaries for the first THREE Tiers

of BL/BL horses. Your decisions should now be based on VALUE alone. Your handicapping has been done. Leave it alone.

5: ALL guidelines and statistical data are based on YOU entering appropriate contenders and pacelines as directed. If you ignore the proven contender/paceline guidelines I've offered for decades, you're on your own and that can be very lonely.

My ongoing guidelines have been reconfirmed by SportStat, a highly respected and reputable statistic gathering organization in Las Vegas.

One client called me and said that he never bet one or two Tiered BL/BL horses with a BALANCE over 10. I've never seen a winning one, two or even three Tiered contender on BL/BL or the Validator Ranking with a balance of over 10. It's virtually impossible when directions are followed for selecting DIRT contenders and pacelines. With **today's** Sartin Methodology programs that's really all you have to do. Put in the proper contenders from pacelines as instructed, reduce to the top 5 and ties as ranked on the Primary Corollary summary for Win only and you WILL win.

I've seen it in action too often for the matter to be in doubt.

For Exotic bettors follow directions about using your BEFORE HIDES screens. Place horses frequently do not appear in the Top 5 & ties.

An occasional Turf Route winner will have a 10 balance. But usually won't be first or second tiered on BL/BL or in the top 3 Validator Rankings. Clients who claim otherwise are not following directions.

They've gone to that lonely place. But they won't be alone. It's where NON winners hang out.

Missing something?

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- Issue #61 ~ Value Wagering and advanced Pace Launcher corollaries, Pace Launcher 4
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FOCUSED

V I S U A L I Z A T I O N

A client called the other day and asked me what I meant by 'focused visualization'. He's no dummy. He's not intellectually challenged. Apparently he has narrowed the scope of his intellectual capacity to exclude the bulk of contemporary literature and nonfiction and even much of what is written on the sports pages.

Our International Championship Women's Soccer Team has stated individually and as a team that they owe their success to focused VISUALIZATION! Before them, the biggest sports stars attributing their success to focused visualization were Muhammed Ali and Michael Jordan.

The women's Soccer Team, Ali and Jordan will all tell you that it takes extended practice. Yet by focusing on what you have already observed and **visualizing** what you **will** observe and experience, you become more and more in tune with vital matters like picking contenders and pace lines and *sensing* which races to PASS.

What some attribute to insight and intuition is nothing more than a combination of focused visualization coupled with **will power**. It is not mysticism that makes it possible for some persons to have the power to sense which contenders to rank from what pacelines and to know when to PASS. It is a power than can be shared by all who will simply focus all their mental powers on visualizing that which has come before and *willing* it to happen consistently.

Happily, many are working on it and are succeeding. Others are more slow to come around but are gradually reaching their desired goal. Sadly, many still dismiss it as nonsense and won't even make the attempt. This is a pity and there is little I can do about it.

The combination of Synthesis, or the Validator, with improved BL/BL and the new Multi-Track Wagering Decision Form (currently for Synthesis TrackMaster only), can be the most effective tools for profits through visualization yet devised—IF USED AS DIRECTED; not just with a laptop at your wagering site as an on-site betting tool. It is most effective as an after-the-fact VISUALIZATION LEARNING TOOL. It was originally designed for this purpose. To focus on and study in order to visualize how you can produce optimal results and profits from your corollaries and, most especially your BL/BL and the Validator.

Using it on the spot at the track or off-site center is a luxury relegated to the few.

At the end of the piece I'll publish a number of Wagering Decision Forms that clients have focused on and visualized with enormous success. I do it. Aline Best does it, Shane and Guy and Dennis and dozens of others are doing it. Those who were already winners are now bigger winners. Those who were NON-winners are now winning profitably. Try it regularly and you'll also be a profitable winner.

We used the term BL/BL TIERS instead of Rankings because we insist that our Tier Levels do not represent RANK. They are lateral, NOT vertical Tiers. Profitable Wagercapping is based not on which horse might actually win but is truly dictated by the amount of the mutuel paid by Overlays. When overlays (5-2 or better) appear in the TOP 3 Tiers of BL/BL, ignore corollaries. I know that this is hard for many who enjoy the illusion that they are "handicappers." But it works profitably. If you just want a few low paying winners, ignore me. It's not my food money and rent you're risking.

When viewing horses in the 4th or 5th TIER of BL/BL, then you look for some Positive Corollaries. How many or how positive depends on the amount of the potential win mutuel. Many clients have missed 4th TIERED winners paying over \$40 that had a 1 or 2 or even a 3 Ranking in FX, FW, SPR or TPP, TS or SPN (NEVER forget the POWER OF THREE).

Let's focus on an exercise that may be anathema to some since they truly believe that winning at the races is a matter of instant gratification based on a combination of luck and some nebulous skill that they cannot identify well enough to describe it.

Concentrating on the following pages with truly focused visualization practiced by those who produced the following forms from actually performing the prescribed exercise. These clients went on to win with the kind of results for which they've been longing ever since they joined us, years ago or last month.

Before they got their computerized Wagering Decision Form, they were trying to isolate "handicapping factors" that pointed to winners. Now, after they narrow a race to FIVE contenders with their corollaries, they base their wagering decisions on BL/BL TIER LEVELS, focusing with concentrated visualization on what they perceive.

Some with laptop computers, do it at the betting site, most do it after-the-fact as a learning tool so that when they do go to a wagering site, they're able to apply what they've been visualizing and WIN both races and money.

As for those who tell me nothin' ain't worth nothin' after the fact, you scoff because you've never attempted it with an open mind.

Too bad.

SARTIN METHODOLOGY
ALL -- WAGERING DECISION FORM -- WIN

	BOTTOM LINE-BETTING LINE TIERS					PRIMARY					SUPP					FRAC					#
	1	2	3	4	5	B	E	L	C	T	H	F	S	E	T	T	E	L	N		
						A	P	P	P	T	E	W	P	N	S	P					
						L	R	R	R				FX	N	T	P					
PHA1229- 7																					
FREER																					1
PHA1229- 6		(19.20)				5	3	1	2	5	3	4	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2
PHA1229- 5																					3
ANOTH																					
PHA1229- 4		(11.20)				4	3	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4
JUSTM																					
PHA1229- 2					(9.00)	8	5	2	4	5	5	5	(2)	4	5	6	6	5	6	5	5
GREEN																					
PHA1227-10			8.80			6	1	5	4	2	5	2	2	2	5	4	4	2	4	4	6
PHA1227- 9																					7
SHAM'																					
PHA1227- 7					(12.80)	7	5	(2)	4	(2)	(2)	5	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	(2)	8
PHA1227- 6																					9
BRIBU																					
PHA1227- 5	(18.80)					5	5	1	1	5	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	2	1	10
PHA1227- 4																					11
SKI S																					
PHA1227- 2	(14.60)					6	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	3	12
BLUMA																					
PHA1227- 1		(7.40)				6	5	1	1	5	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	2	3	1	13
PHA1226- 8																					14
OCALE																					
PHA1226- 7		(30.80)				4	2	4	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
KLASS																					
PHA1226- 6			(21.40)			6	1	4	2	1	3	4	4	3	3	1	1	2	4	4	16
PHA1226- 4																					17
PHA1226- 3																					18
KAREN																					
PHA1226- 2	PASS		4.40			8	3	3	3	1	1	3	6	3	3	3	4	6	4	4	19
SKIP																					
PHA1221-10					LOST	9	6	3	5	5	4	6	5	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	20
TOT																					
WIN	2	4	3		2																
TOT																					
MUT	33.40	68.60	34.60		21.80																
AVE																					
MUT	16.70	17.15	11.53		10.90																
AVE																					
BAL	5.5	4.8	6.7		7.5																

19 BETS - COST \$380
 PASSED - 1
 MISSED (LOST) - 8
 LOST - 1
 WON - 9
 GROSS PROFIT - \$792
 NET PROFIT \$612

SARTIN METHODOLOGY
ALL -- WAGERING DECISION FORM -- WIN

BOTTOM LINE-BETTING LINE TIERS						PRIMARY						SUPP						FRAC						#		
						B	E	L	C	T	H	F	S	E	T	T	E	L	N							
						A	P	P	P	T	E	W	P	N	S	P										
						L	R	R	R				FX	N	T	P										
SILVE																										
PHA1221- 8			(12.00)			4	5	1	2	1	1	4	4	4	2	1	1	4	1	1		1				
LORD																										
PHA1221- 4		(11.00)				7	4	2	3	4	4	2	1	2	1	3	3	2	3	2		2				
PHA1221- 2			MISSED																			3				
UNLIK																										
PHA1221- 1			(16.40)			7	1	5	1	4	5	1	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5		4				
ALISO																										
PHA1219- 9			LOST		7.60	7	3	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5		5				
PHA1219- 8			MISSED																			6				
SPICY																										
PHA1219- 7	(9.00)					5	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		7				
MANHA																										
PHA1219- 5			LOST			7	5	4	6	5	6	5	2	6	4	5	4	5	4	2		8				
PHA1219- 4			MISSED																			9				
GENUI																										
PHA1219- 2				(7.40)		8	1	6	4	4	6	2	1	4	6	2	2	1	2	3		10				
DARK																										
PHA1219- 1				(15.00)		7	4	5	4	4	5	5	3	4	5	3	3	3	3	3		11				
PHA1218-10			MISSED																			12				
POLIS																										
PHA1218- 9				(30.40)		6	5	1	4	2	1	5	6	4	4	4	4	6	4	2		13				
KOHUN																										
PHA1218- 8					(13.00)	6	3	4	3	4	4	4	(2)	3	4	3	3	3	3	3		14				
PROUD																										
PHA1218- 7					(26.80)	8	6	(2)	4	5	(3)	(3)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		15				
PERSO																										
PHA1218- 6			(8.60)			6	6	3	5	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	5	3	3		16				
LADY																										
PHA1218- 5	(10.20)					5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	1		17				
SOULF																										
PHA1218- 4		(21.60)				7	6	1	2	4	1	1	3	2	1	6	5	6	3	2		18				
PHA1218- 3			MISSED																			19				
BLUMA																										
PHA1218- 2	(8.00)					7	2	4	1	1	1	1	5	2	2	3	4	6	4	4		20				
TOT																										
WIN	3	2	3	3	3																					
TOT																										
MUT	27.20	32.60	37.00	52.80	39.80																					
AVE					47.40																					
MUT	9.07	16.30	12.33	17.60	33.30																					
AVE					15.80																					
BAL	5.7	7.0	5.7	7.0	7.0																					

20 BETS - COST \$400

MISSED (LOST) - 5

LOST - 2

WON - 13

Another client who doesn't PASS but whose records allow him to bet any overlay in the top 5 Tiers as one ONE of his 2 win wagers.

20 BETS - COST \$400
 MISSED (LOST) - 5
 LOST - 2
 WON - 13
 GROSS PROFIT - \$947
 NET PROFIT \$547

SARTIN METHODOLOGY
ALL -- WAGERING DECISION FORM -- WIN

	BOTTOM LINE-BETTING LINE TIERS					PRIMARY					SUPP					FRAC					#
	1	2	3	4	5	B	E	L	C	T	H	F	S	E	T	E	L	N			
						L	R	R	R	P	T	E	W	F	X	N	T	P			
GG 1215- 8																					1
GG 1215- 7																					2
WINE																					
GG 1215- 6	21.60					5	1	6	1	2	4	1	5	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	3
MY CU																					
GG 1215- 3				10.00		7	2	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
ANSWE																					
GG 1215- 2					8.20	6	3	4	3	4	3	2	5	3	4	5	5	4	5	5	5
PHA1213-10																					6
DOS A																					
PHA1213- 9		18.80				6	5	1	3	5	2	1	2	2	2	5	2	3	2	2	7
CRUNC																					
PHA1213- 8		29.60				8	3	4	3	1	2	2	6	2	3	3	3	5	3	3	8
PHA1213- 7																					9
PHA1213- 6																					10
PHA1213- 5																					11
CALLI																					
PHA1213- 4		60.60				5	4	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	12
EL RO																					
PHA1213- 3			8.60			5	4	1	3	3	2	4	3	3	1	3	3	4	3	2	13
PHA1213- 2																					14
POLIS																					
PHA1213- 1					8.20	6	2	5	5	5	5	2	1	5	5	2	2	1	2	3	15
P M G																					
GG 1211-10	9.00					6	3	2	1	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	16
SKIP'																					
PHA1211- 9			9.00			5	5	1	4	3	1	5	3	4	3	3	2	4	2	1	17
DUKE																					
GG 1211- 9	17.00					4	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	18
PHA1211- 8																					19
GG 1211- 8																					20
TOT																					
WIN	3	3	2	1	2																
TOT																					
MUT	47.60	109.00	17.60	10.00	16.40																
AVE																					
MUT	15.87	36.33	8.80	10.00	8.20																
AVE																					
BAL	5.0	6.3	5.0	7.0	6.0																

20 BETS - COST \$400
 MISSED (LOST) - 9
 WON - 11
 GROSS PROFIT - \$1,003
 NET PROFIT - \$ 603

This client is not afraid to
 go 4, even 5 deep when there
 is profit. All he needs now is
 to learn to PASS.

I've written many pages on the power of visualization and on Wagercapping. How ironic that one single sentence I penned some time ago turned this handicapper into a Wagercapper.

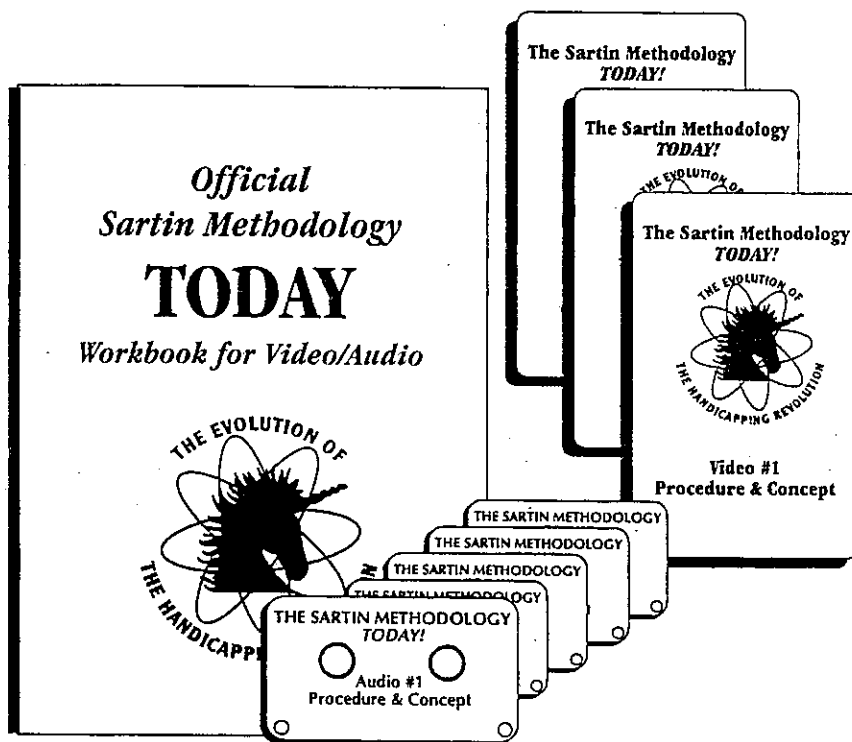
Howard,

"The first four finishers often go by in the blink of an eye." Thanks for an excellent reminder that the margins separating finishers are often measured in hundredths of a second. This is especially useful for me as a Methodologist who hasn't seen a racetrack in two years.

Thanks,
D.B., California

As you can tell, he wagers off-site. He doesn't like racetracks any more than I.

Sartin Methodology Videos & Audios...



Got the tapes and workbooks. Just want to tell you how great they are. Doc has done a first class job on these. If more people would take the time to study these I believe problems would drop drastically!
D.W., Nebraska

Was just doing so-so until I watched your video tapes. Turns out I didn't understand the REALITY as it is today until I watched the tapes. Now I'm really doing great....
G.F. Colorado

3 Videos Set ~ \$99.00

5 Audios Set ~ \$60.00

Includes 3 workbooks

CA Residents add 7.75% for tax!

....thank you for Video Tape #3. The best thing I've ever been exposed to. C.D. Minnesota

Audio tapes are sound portion of videos. The same information is contained in both.

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ALL -- WAGERING DECISION FORM -- WIN

	BOTTOM LINE-BETTING LINE TIERS					PRIMARY					SUPP					FRAC					#	
						B	E	L	C	T	H	F	S	E	T	T	E	L	N			
	1	2	3	4	5	A	P	P	P	T	E	W	P	N	S	P						
REJEC																						
PHA1115- 8			20.20			7	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	1	
SUPER			13.00			4	1	4	3	3	5	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	
PHA1115- 7																						
PHA1115- 6			MISSED																			3
PHA1115- 5			MISSED																			4
TOM A																						
PHA1115- 4	16.80					6	3	1	1	4	3	1	2	1	1	5	5	3	4	2	5	
GUGGE																						
PHA1115- 3	8.20					7	2	3	1	4	3	2	4	1	1	4	5	3	5	5	6	
PHA1115- 2			MISSED																			7
KING'			Lost	5.20		8	3	5	4	2	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	5	6	6	8	
PHA1113-11																						
BM 1113-10			MISSED																			9
CRICK																						
PHA1113- 9			19.00			5	3	2	3	4	3	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	2	2	10	
SURVE																						
BM 1113- 9	8.40					8	2	3	1	2	3	3	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	11	
MAGNI																						
PHA1113- 8			16.60			6	3	1	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	12	
PHA1113- 7			MISSED																			13
TAKE																						
BM 1113- 7			LOST			13	4	6	5	6	6	6	6	5	8	5	7	3	7	8	14	
PHA1113- 6			MISSED																			15
OURLI																						
PHA1113- 5			12.20			4	4	3	4	4	4	4	1	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	16	
BM 1113- 5			MISSED																			17
PHA1113- 4			MISSED																			18
DAVE'																						
BM 1113- 4		33.00				3	3	3	2	5	5	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	19	
TWIST																						
PHA1113- 3			9.60			5	4	2	3	2	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	6	3	3	20	
TOT																						
WIN	3	1	5	2																		
TOT				12.20																		
MUT	33.40	33.00	78.40	17.40																		
AVE																						
MUT	11.13	33.00	15.68	8.70																		
AVE																						
BAL	7.0	3.0	5.4	6.0																		

 = BET

○ = BET

This is a former NON-winner who returned to the fold using the our Multi-Tack Wagering Decision Form downloading from Track-Master. He has not yet learned to pass.

20 BETS - COST \$400
 MISSED(LOST) - 8
 LOST - 2
 WON - 10
 GROSS PROFIT - \$785
 NET PROFIT - \$385

None of these Net Profits were meant to dazzle you. These Forms were chose because (a) they demonstrate consistency, and (b) the curing of Top Two-Itis. None was afraid to go 4 deep, some would go five when the mutuel warranted. ALL need to work on PASSING RACES to up profits.

TOTAL ENERGY NUMBERS

On the Total Energy readouts, the numerical differential is slight. These are **linear numbers**. This prompted a letter from a client saying that the differences seemed so slight that it made him wonder how we could use them in separating the top 5 and ties.

The answer is that the **internal** numerical divisions are calculated from Chaos math and separations are sufficient to the degree that, when directions are followed, the top 5 and ties as ranked produce over 96% of all winners in both Synthesis and the Validator. Some clients do not get this high a return because they choose to disregard directions for contender/paceline selection based on personal handicapping notions that were not employed by the testers of TE.

We're dealing with rankings here, not numbers. Hypothetically if one horse had 177.43 and the next in order 171.20, they would STILL rank 1-2. But that's linear math which we DO NOT USE!

So the ultimate answer to his question is **NO!**

However, the question is valid since the person asking it thinks that the numbers for Total Energy are linear, and compatible with the Chaos math's numbers actually separating Total Energy within the program.

Secondly, and most important., NEVER use the ENERGY GENERATOR ITSELF to determine Total Energy. Go to your Primary Corollary screen, look at the Rankings of the LS (Line Score) Hide all but the horses ranked in the Top 5 and ties. In this grouping you will see the winner 98% of the time if you followed Contender/Paceline selection instructions.

What you see isn't always what you get. However, it's not broke, so let's not try to fix it.

By Timothy Brothers

DO YOU BELIEVE?

It was a lovely day at Ascot and the racing promised to be exciting. My great friend, James, had invited me out for the day knowing my interest in racing and said he had some sure winners! My Sartinised racing brain immediately switched to caution mode and so I knew I could enjoy the day without betting even a £1. James, I feared, was destined for a more traumatic time. Sure enough the first three picks were 3rd, 2nd and 2nd and low odds favourites. I had bet £1 each time just to be friendly, but this only added to James' confusion as he felt responsible for my losses as well.

"You're not happy James..."

"No! Nor would you be if you'd paid a £1200 annual subscription and they keep losing!" he snapped.

"I'm going to stick with it and bet a bit more to cover the losses, I'm bound to have better luck soon."

The next two stormed in, but the whole world and his wife had them, so James was barely even. But he was "up" again.

"Told you my luck would change, we're on a roll now, I'll up the stakes for the last two races and take you out to dinner!"

One of the last two won at reasonable odds putting James about 5% down for the day. Being a lawyer he could afford to lose the money, but he wasn't happy about it and made the usual "coulda, shoulda" noises.

"What did you make of the Follow Ups I lent you, James?"

"I did look at them last weekend" he said, "but the ROI's seem too good to be true."

"James do you really want to be a winner, I mean really?"

"Of course I do" he was agitated now. "Do you honestly think that I, as an intelligent person, a qualified and successful lawyer, would spend all this money and effort just to lose?" He was insulted, and I believed he really did want to win, but I realised there was another problem.....

"James you know I've been winning some money and I've shown you some of the Sartin material, but you are still persisting with the expensive tipster and not even breaking even, - why?"

"I don't know - I guess I don't quite believe it will work."

"When I was in Las Vegas a lawyer showed us a bundle of \$100 bills he had won. As a lawyer yourself, surely you'd believe him rather than a tipster you have never met!"

"I suppose logically, I should. So why can't I?"

James, you have simply learnt from day one of your life that gambling doesn't work, it's a mugs game. Against all that you have been told, plus your own real experience of losing to back it up, you only have me saying it

can work, you can make money. So unless you can really believe Synthesis works, it won't work for you.

"How can I change my belief?"

"Listen to me, look at my results, get the Follow up, read and re read them, get the tapes and listen, ring up the Doc and speak to the man to make it real. Go on a seminar and meet real winners and even go to Beaumont and meet the Father of all winners. Substitute this winning reality for your current losing reality and you will then begin to believe and become a real winner yourself"

James went home in a thoughtful state. He never called his tipster again. He sent off for the Synthesis and a subscription to the Follow up and read a little each day. He had begun to replace all his mainstream indoctrination with a new reality.

He had begun his journey to becoming a winner.

Client Portrait: Timothy Brothers

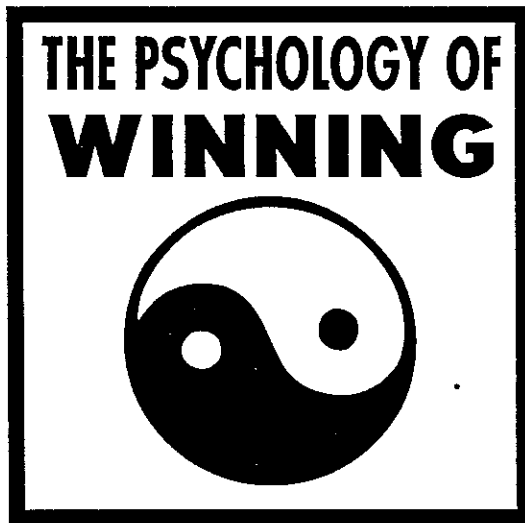
DOC COMMENTS:

As you've no doubt guessed, Timothy lives in England but hesitates to bet even as much as a pound (I don't have a squiggly L on my computer) on the vagaries of English Racing. He wagers via phone or Internet, downloading from TrackMaster. For him racing is like being in the U.S., except for the fog.

Timothy risked his time and money to fly from England to spend a week with me here in Beaumont. He culminated the trip by being one of those paying that marvelous tribute to me last November in Las Vegas (one of the highlights of my life). Thankfully, Timothy has made those expenses back - and more - through his use of Synthesis across the vast expanse of the Atlantic. Now he's recruiting others in Merry Olde, including a "Lawyer." What happened to Barrister and Solicitor?

He has the Multi-Track Wagering Decision Form, which is very welcome. But he didn't end the accompanying letter with "Cheerio," nor has there been an "Old Chap" in any of his missives. My English father, a Lancashire man, who learned his English in London Music Halls, filled my youth with Old Chap's and Cheerio's and other phrases apparently no longer used in the U.K. I miss the old boy, but perhaps it's best he didn't live to see such a day.

However, Timothy understands directions in English, and follows them.



Last issue I described both **WINNING** and **NON WINNING** as habits; behavioral responses to a Stimulus-Response bond.

This was met with a lot of skepticism and some downright denial. I expected this kind of reaction since most persons have not studied human neurophysiology. Therefore, they think that winning is a matter of skill backed by a depth of knowledge. That **NOT** winning comes as a result of lacking such skill and knowledge. A few mentioned luck. If they believe in luck they're going to be out of it if they continue to be aspiring handicappers.

HABIT is based on having your bio-electrons form a consistent synaptic response between certain axons and dendrites. The axon is the sender neuron that goes to the dendrite forming a synaptic response we refer to as a *habit*. That's an abbreviated short cut to one aspect of neurology. Teaching M.D.'s who are specialists in Neurology will find it oversimplified, but they're accustomed to lecturing to med students, not handicappers.

Trauma, in the form of severe disease, especially when surgery is required, can cause synaptic short-circuits. I have stacks of mail from persons who have suffered mental or physical trauma, often involving surgery. When they recovered they were dismayed to find that their former handicapping skills and ability to win had deserted them.

One of their problems lay in the fact that, as a result of trauma, disease and/or surgery, synaptic responses were altered; short circuited. Hence *habits* were broken. During the physical recovery period one can expect neurons with their little electric transmitters to also repair themselves. Sometimes they never do, depending on the severity of the disorder.

Barring extreme cases, it is the working of the mind, or the will if you prefer, that restores the neurological system to proper functioning order. The same process can work in reverse. One who has developed a *winning habit* response can revert to an older, more firmly fixed synaptic response, detouring the winning habit back to an archaic non-winning habit.

This is one of nature's phenomenons: the mind's response to a trauma that may not be severe in a physician's view but is extremely serious to the traumatized individual. Can you imagine going to your M.D. and telling him/her you are suffering from severe trauma because you lost four races yesterday? You'd be laughed out of their office with the advice that "playing" the races isn't a healthy thing to do.

I have one client who has recently acquired the winning habit. Yet he still feels like he's walking on eggs whenever he goes to the betting window. His synapses are in good order when it comes to selecting his *winners*, but they have not yet formed a habit response to wagering.

What he is experiencing is the fact I've dwelt upon so often. Handicapping and wagering are two distinctly different entities. This is why I coined the term **WAGERCAPPING**.

I've repeatedly warned that good, even great "handicappers," are seldom consistent winners. The reason is they are overburdened with "handicapping" information that causes them to select and wager on the horse that "handicapping" logic and principles say is the "BEST" horse in the race. Like CAT THIEF, ridden by the invincible Pat Day, who finished third in the Malibu at Santa Anita December 26, 1999.

Like the author who said in reference to our selection of winners paying double digit mutuels: "By any *sane* or *reasonable* handicapping standard most of the winners selected by Sartin clients could not possibly be a pick."

Upon further investigation of this man's handicapping background, I learned that he *does* believe that we make such picks, he just doesn't understand how or why they defy all sane and logical handicapping standards that have been gospel for generations. He actually meant his statement as a compliment but says he'd **never** use the Methodology because it would rob him of the thrill he gets from occasionally picking winners as a result of his own mental prowess.

He's a very nice chap but I wouldn't want him as a client. His *habit* patterns are too fixed and systematized.

As for feeling like it's walking on eggs every time one goes to the betting window, that's natural in the early stages of developing the winning habit. I know. I had it myself; but as time passed and I got the habit of returning from the payoff window or machine feeling like I was walking on *sable*, the *winning wager habit* took hold. This is a fact that many clients at one time failed to appreciate.

Winning races and winning money are *not* synonymous. Often they are mutually exclusive. They do not stem from the same mental or physiological factors that create habit. Most clients have accepted the stimulus-response factors that have given them the winning habit. Yet, about 15% have yet to accept the procedures that will give them the wagering profit habit. They are not yet Wagercappers.

I see it all too often: the disorder I call Top Two-itis. Persons who wager on the computer's top two while ignoring the fact that their own Wagering Decision Forms prove their biggest overlays come from TIER 3 of BL/BL and are also quite often 3rd ranked on the new Validator. This is stubborn resistance and, in a war on the battle field, may lead to victory. But not in Wagercapping.

In our endeavor it's just plain stupid. Fortunately, the vast majority of our clients have overcome, telling me just how they overcame. They read and re-read the Follow Up and often confer with me on the phone or at the office, finally learning that total acceptance of certain facts, many of which they had never before even considered, is the key to developing the stimulus-response bond that creates the habit of winning both races **and** wagers.

In short, we all have habits; so learn to accept the fact that winning and NON winning are HABITS. Like any other habit you can develop a positive one and break a negative one. It's all in the power of will!

Aline Best

A Follow Up without a report from Aline is like a day without sunshine. She does two things that delight me. She surfs the net for tracks that are paying well and she always boxes three for an Exacta and four for a Trifecta. She also uses the E-L Graph to her advantage. This time she went to GULFSTREAM. She won several other races this day but these three are good examples of her thoroughness. Note that she got three Exactas and two Trifectas through her use of Counter Energy and proper boxing of her choices.

GP0107- 4 8.5D \$30,000

#	PNcNAME	Ld	N	T	LATE EARLY	TOT R
1	1 KINGS3	-5.4			S<-----	158.9 4
2	2 SHEL1p	-10.4			P<----- COUNTER E	159.4 3
3	3 PAL 1	2.5			-----> W	159.8 2
4	8 DECOR1	9.8			----->	161.0 1
5	9 VEGAS4p	0.3				158.9 5
EX-L V-L M-L <E> M-E V-E EX-E						

THE VALIDATOR

PNcNAME LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1 KINGS3	4	4	3	3 S
2 SHEL1p	3	3	2	2 P
3 PAL 1	2	1	1	1 W
8 DECOR1	1	1	4	2 S
9 VEGAS4p	5	4	5	4

Race:	4	Win	Place	Show
1st	3 PAL	24.80	10.20	5.20
2nd	2 SHELTERED BIRD	24.20		11.20
3rd	1 KINGS REASON			7.20
4th	8 DECOR			
\$2 Exacta		3-2	434.60	
\$2 Trifecta		3-2-1	1800.00	

GP0107- 9 8.5T \$45,000

#	PNcNAME	Ld	N	T	LATE EARLY	TOT	R
1	1 QUIDN2	1	2.8		---> P _L -COUNTER ENERGY	165.8	1
2	3 MUSIC2	2	-13.9	S<-----		165.7	2
3	4 TRES 3		-11.5	W<-----		165.2	4
4	7 SICY 4		-8.9	<-----		165.2	3
5	13 AEROB3	2	-14.3	<-----		164.9	5
EX-L V-L M-L <E> M-E V-E EX-E							

THE VALIDATOR

PNcNAME LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R	
1 QUIDN2 1	1	4	5	4	P
3 MUSIC2 2	2	1	1	1	S
4 TRES 3	4	2	2	2	W
7 SICY 4	3	4	4	4	
13 AEROB3 2	5	2	3	3	

Race: 9

1st 4 TRES CORONAS
 2nd 1 QUIDNASKRA
 3rd 3 MUSICAL HALO
 4th 7 SICY D'ALSACE (FR)

\$2 Exacta

\$2 Trifecta

Win

Place

Show

✓ 25.60 11.80 9.00

5.00 4.40

6.80

4-1

✓ 128.20

4-1-3

✓ 944.00

Aline is more thorough than I; she uses all her Validator readouts. I'm publishing just the Validator itself and the E-L Graph which shows Win and Counter Energy. As I've said so often, Win and Show Energy are often the same, while the Place horse is often the Counter Energy contender. While over 25% of all winners run Early at most tracks, the big Overlays are found on the LATE side of the E-L Graph. Those utilizing the E-L Graph know this and are enjoying success similar to Aline's.

GP0107- 6 7.0D \$32,000

#	PNcNAME	Ld	N	T	LATE EARLY	TOT	R
1	2 OFFSH1		5.4		-----> W	169.5	3
2	4 HELLO1		5.8		----->	169.4	4
3	5 WHIST2		0.6		>	172.3	1
4	6 KIT K3		5.8		----->	171.7	2
5	7 GILTY1		-6.7		P< C.E.	168.7	5
EX-L V-L M-L <E> M-E V-E EX-E							

THE VALIDATOR

PNcNAME LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
2 OFFSH1	3	2	3	2 W
4 HELLO1	4	5	5	4
5 WHIST2	1	1	1	1
6 KIT K3	2	2	4	3
7 GILTY1	5	3	2	2 PL

<u>Race:</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Show</u>
1st	2 OFFSHORE TRANSFER	10.20	3.40	2.10
2nd	7 GILTY LOOK		2.40	2.10
3rd	3 DOLLY'S DREAM GIRL			2.10
4th	4 HELLO BERTIE			
\$2 Exacta		2-7		19.80

This race puts me in mind of the client who said that he once thought \$10+ winners were Long Shots but now he considers them average. We still need them, along with \$7 and \$8 winners. Aline has a sixth sense for VALUE gained solely from doing hundreds of races at many different tracks. While this winner pays only \$10.40 and the Exacta \$19.80, once again the PLACE horse is the Counter Energy contender. Many clients are not following instructions when making Exacta or Trifecta wagers. They cling to the old notion that the horse second most likely to win will Place. This happens only 22% of the time. Use your E-L Graph.

In Answer to a Letter About...

TURF TO DIRT – DIRT TO TURF

Dear _____

We have many clients enjoying superb success at Laurel. You've seen some of their results in the Vox Pop section in this and past editions of the Follow Up. These letters are NOT intended as advertisements for myself. They are published to inspire YOU to reach a higher level.

Turf horses get superior purses and usually have longer racing lives. Therefore, Owners and Trainers (especially owners) are reluctant to put them on dirt. Dirt horse owners and trainers would love to have an animal that could adapt to the turf.

When the STARTING GATE is actually on the grass, Turf horses must START more slowly than Dirt horses or they would slip, like treading on water, and lose ground from the beginning. Even when the start is on the dirt, Hidden Energy and Late Pace are the corollaries that win MOST turf races. However, you must examine records from YOUR track(s) to determine the validity of this "MOST" scenario.

What YOU should look for, even as a good owner or trainer does, is:

1: Dirt to turf: A dirt horse with little early speed that does well only when closing, coming from behind but NOT QUITE making it to the wire in time to win.

2: Turf to dirt: Turf horses who seldom if ever win because they try taking the lead but fade toward the finish.

These are general answers to your questions. However, I again remind you that keeping YOUR own RECORDS will show you whether or not this common phenomenon is true at the track(s) at which YOU wager.

Winning clients, when they find outstanding examples of the above, will often ignore surface switches. They will lose occasionally but not as often as those ignoring the running style of contenders making a surface switch.

If you're in DOUBT about horses changing surfaces, PASS the race until you have enough records to bet them with confidence.

Regarding your query about pacelines. Review past Follow Ups. Look under the letter L, designating the paceline used by the person who won the race. You will seldom see a line past 3 back (mostly 1 or 2). If you have problems enter all of the past three lines at a comparable distance, surface and competition level (as determined by Total Energy AFTER hiding all but the top FIVE and TIES from your PRIMARY corollary readout R(ankings)).

ALWAYS HIDE the lines you DO NOT use after determining which line the computer says is best.

There is no such thing as a "CORRECT" paceline. You're looking for the most PREDICTIVE pace line in TODAY'S matchup as determined by the Rankings in your Primary Corollary array. Winning clients get into the HABIT of recognizing this line. Often this habit comes from making INCORRECT decisions for a time, then reviewing records to SEE where they erred. Learning from a few mistakes is the ONLY way to prevent those mistakes.

Go over races you lost because of inappropriate paceline decisions. Use another line within the last three comparable. Learn from this exercise and your problem will disappear.

Best,
Sartin

The Age of Information Overload

I thought I'd send you a copy of this article which appeared in the June 28 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* magazine. It is actually an "article within an article." In this issue, the magazine did a major story on retirement. But within the article they referred to "A study of horse-race handicappers done in the late 1970's by Paul Slovic, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon." In the study,

Slovic asked 17 handicappers to predict the outcome of races already run. Slovic doled out information about the horses a little at a time, each time asking the handicappers to predict the winner and to note their confidence in the predictions. He found that as the amount of information increased, confidence increased, but the accuracy of the predictions did not. Maybe what they are saying here is the more information you receive, the more confusing the situation becomes.

If there is sometime of value here, maybe someone on your staff could take a look at Professor Slovic's study and if worthwhile, put it into book form.

In several past issues of the Follow Up I've published the results of studies more recent than those of Dr. Slovic of the University of Oregon. Each study produced the same result: the more information a Horse Race Handicapper-Bettor tries to use, the lower his/her win percentage and profit. Ironically, according to those handicappers taking the various tests, mass information gave them a greater, but false, sense of confidence.

This is true for the vast majority of Horseplayer/Handicappers today. They seem to truly believe the *more information* they have, the better their chance of winning. Still, most lose and then just purchase more information. It's a vicious cycle. Our own clients were not immune to this phenomenon. Even with the reduction of corollaries to two composite rankings in Synthesis, many clients still had trouble handling the information.

This long term statistical data about information overkill, as it applies to Horse Racing, is the reason for The Validator which, if one chooses, can produce success from one readout alone.

View some races sent by John Long of California. We only used his initials in Vox Populi, but his work is so neat and thorough I think he deserves full credit for his research. All of his races would take up an entire Follow Up. We'll just publish a few. (pg. 67)

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Newcomers, Odds Line & Passing Races

It's a growing phenomenon. Certain unique kinds of newcomers to the Methodology are out Wagercapping old timers in growing numbers. I refer only to those novitiates who never won with any of the systems or methods they tried and lost with prior to joining us.

There were a couple of good examples from newcomers in the last Follow Up. Both sent copies of their winning tickets. One with three pick three's and a double digit winner, the other with a \$37,775.20 Superfecta. Both got my three part Audio-Video series *before* becoming clients. I made those tapes with the intention of clarifying the Methodology and the Psychology of Winning (betting). I guess they worked for them.

Those who have recently joined us who are essentially "horseplayers" looking for a quick fix, are not counted in this treatise. Unless they change their frame of reference, they won't be with us for long.

One reason for this phenomenon is that my concepts have been exploited in print and pirated without mercy. So, some of what was so new and revolutionary in 1982, has drifted into mainstream waters: Not whole, but like pieces of a broken-up ship.

If there's fault in the fact that some veteran clients do less well than certain newcomers, it lies mostly with me, yet partially with the old procedures and outdated computer programs still being employed by some, plus fixed opinions still held by a few seasoned clients. My fault for allowing mixed messages to dominate past seminars. This led some attendees to luxuriate in an influx of opinion over reality. Personality dominates in most seminars, regardless of subject matter. Charisma is supreme in handicapping seminars. When powerful personalities are not all on the same page, as they are in properly managed conclaves,

chaos ensues. "Personality opinions" that appeal to certain individuals will dominate their minds for a long time to come. The "WHOLE" message is ignored. Successful Wagercapping is based on comprehension of the "WHOLE", not the individual parts. Nowhere is it more true than in our field that the WHOLE is not just the sum of its parts. It is truly much more.

My seminars were not properly managed. I allowed "personality" based opinions to flourish in keeping with my possibly misguided bent toward free moral agency and expression.

Thus, I constantly hear long-term clients parroting erroneous messages that may not have even been true at the time they were spoken. But are certainly not true in today's racing. I assure you, this applies only to very few veteran clients. Yet it's questionable whether or not they wish to grow beyond the complacency that seems to prevail over all else in their mind set. They just want to win and accept low paying favorites even if it means losing a little (or a lot) of money. Since I won't give up my belief in free moral agency, there isn't much I can or will do to change their mind set, no matter how smug it is.

The history of the Methodology is dominated by the fact that virtually every client we ever attracted tried us last. It was not until they continued to lose with other procedures, based on mainstream concepts, that they even dreamed of coming to us. They heard we were complex, arcane and revolutionary. While those descriptions of the Methodology are what brought Tom Brohamer, Jim Bradshaw and a few others to my door, they were anathema to most others who applied for membership out of desperation. Like many of today's newcomers, they soon found themselves consistently winning for the first time in their lives.

Then they began to have *opinions* inflicted upon them. Some dropped out claiming they "didn't understand." Others were so intimidated by their "Horseplayer" friends that they had to quit or lose those friends. I think they lacked a certain degree of backbone, since with "friends" like that, who needs enemies? Many others stayed with me by doing some serious record keeping, measuring the predictive power of prejudiced opinion against reality.



Which brings us to mainstream criticism of our "line" in BL/BL. ANY line is only as true as the predictive elements of the handicapping method being used, NOT on the proposition that all methods are created equal. Our research has proven that when appropriate contenders and pacelines are entered, the top FIVE Total Energy horses win 98% of ALL races. The great "line makers" don't even have a formula for Total Energy, nor do they want one.

To answer those purists who demand a 100% line I'll offer this. In narrowing win prospects down to five horses, what are we supposed to do, make them all 20-1 for a 100% line. No way. Not when THREE of them are so close to having an equal chance of winning.

According to the predictive power of Synthesis, used as directed, one horse might be EVEN, another 2-1, a third 5-2. Even equals 50%. 2-1 equals 33.33% 5-2 equals 29.16% That's 112.9 for just three horses. We're already over 100%. What do we do now to make a line for the 4th and 5th Tiered BL/BL horses? Give them a minus 6% chance each?

Nonsense.

The 100, 80 and 120 percent lines are all based on mathematical theory. Their theory does not fit the facts of our Methodology. Einstein may have said, "If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts." That was because the theory was *his*. In this case, since the mathematical theory doesn't fit the facts, change the theory!

Even Mark Cramer suggested I was in error not making a 100% line. He also said of my BL/BL that if it ain't broke don't fix it. Why a man can write books like Kinky and Kinkier Handicapping and still cling to a 100% line is beyond me. But then again he has more "friends" in the world of handicapping than I.



The saddest part of having a Methodology that stands the test of time is time itself. Horse racing statistically appeals to older people. As a result a number of clients who joined me as far back as 1982, have passed on to greater reward. Mortality has claimed more good clients, who also became friends, than any other factor of attrition.

I can say one thing for sure about them. Perhaps because they did become friends as well as clients, they all went out winners.

Today, psychotherapy is dominated by group therapy. It is claimed that patients/clients get well faster when working in a group. I think it's really because a therapist can collect five to seven times as much money for the same hour as can be made from one-on-one therapy. I know for sure from my own experience, that once a client stops trying to con me and becomes a friend, he/she begins to win consistently. There are those on the other hand, who will never give up trying to con me, so personal visits become a game and a waste of time.

Newcomers begin by meticulously following directions and report back with several weeks worth of sensational wins and profit. A month or so later some call and say they no longer enjoy the consistency of their earlier experiences. Under a slight inquisition from me, it turns out that they became so enchanted by winning, usually for the first time in their racing lives, that they fudged on the directions and reverted to some of their old mainstream practices. Usually this reversion is triggered by a few consecutive losses causing insecurity to reign.

Experience proves that most people don't mind losing when they're following some good ol' set of mainstream rules. They go to pieces if they lose a little following non-mainstream directions based only on guidelines. "Horseplayers" don't like the term 'guidelines', they want **rules** that apply to every situation. Since there are no rules, or even guidelines, that apply to every situation, the smart system seller simply makes up rules to fit as he goes along. It sells.

Another fact about newcomers is they are less provincial about being wedded to a given track

or circuit than veteran handicappers. They shun downloading because they've been "using the Racing Form all their lives". Wagering at only one track leads to periods when favorites dominate and if one doesn't bet them, he/she loses money. Our vets are not used to losing money so they shy away from Wagercapping.

Since they tried so many other methods before joining us, newcomers are used to losing money. They take to Wagercapping like ducks to water. They've been schooled by other authors to believe in VALUE. In fact many wouldn't even think of joining us unless our programs made a line. That's because so many authors chided me for not doing so. This despite the fact that most (excluding Cramer) can't really *make* a worthwhile Value Line. Although they sure can write well about it.

My dilemma is that I've handicapped and wagered beside most of these value experts and never saw any of them actually make a line. Even when they verbalized some sort of line for which they could offer no valid explanation, I made more by betting two horses 60/40. Often my 60% bet was on their so-called value horse and I made more profit than they did. Also, more often, since they stayed out of too many races for reasons I STILL don't understand.



First I was criticized by the "experts" for NOT making a line. Then when I did, I received Mainstream criticism of BL/BL because it doesn't make a 100% line.

Even though it's somewhat repetitive, I want to go over that "Line" situation again, especially for newcomers who've been conditioned by the value experts.

The 100% line is based on the fact that, barring a dead heat, only ONE horse can win a race. Ergo, only ONE horse has a 100 percent chance of winning. Some daring experts will accept an 80% line because they don't give a line to ALL horses in a race, just the valid contenders. Then there's the 120% line that presumably allows for the track take.

All three of these formulae are based on "pure" mathematics because their advocates have been taught that all are "pure," which is their first mistake. Their second is presuming that all the multitudinous handicapping methods on the market are created equal and that everyone bets on just one horse to win because, as Dick Mitchell put it, betting two horses to win is a waste of money and a just a psychological ploy. Mark Cramer and even that famous Black-Jack expert, Barry Meadow, often recommend betting TWO (even three) horses to win.



Now I'll go over the BL/BL line and, hopefully demonstrate how to use it to help you to PASS races where low paying favorites are most likely to win. Or, if you're not into Value, using the information to bet them at virtually any price.

Here's an example:

DMR0811- 7 8.5T \$125,000
BOTTOM LINE -- BETTING LINE

HIDE#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	PR	BAL	LS	TIE	ODDS	TRKDIST	M/L	DAYS	AGE
P (3)	3 TUZLA2		94	95	5	22.8		EVEN	GG 8.0T	1/1	25	5
W (5)	5 HAPPY1		91	91	5	18.8		5-2	DMR 8.5T	12/1	18	4
(1)	1 SAPP2	1	92	91	3	18.3		5-2	HOL 8.0T	7/2	66	4
S (2)	2 ISLE 3		91	87	10	16.5		3-1	HOL 9.0T	9/5	25	4
(4)	4 GREEN2	1	89	91	6	12.8		9-2	HOL 8.0T	12/1	66	5
(6)	6 NIJIN1		89	90	10	9.0		6-1	HOL 8.5T	20/1	47	4

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS																PRIM								SUPP							
#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	B	L	T	PRIM				SUPP			FRACT			ESP	SCBL	E	L	C	T	H	F	F	S	F	L	T	T	
				A	S	O	LS	R	LS	R	E	L	N	P	P	P			T	E	W	X	P	X		S	P		S	P	
1	1	SAPPH2	1	92	3	5	2	19	3	11	2	3	3	3	SUS	2.0	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	
2	2	ISLE 3		91	10	2	5	24	4	17	3	2	4	4	LAT	2.0	4	4	3	4	4	4	1	4	1	4	3	5			
3	3	TUZLA2		94	5	2	3	14	1	7	1	1	2	2	SUS		2	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	3			
4	4	GREEN2	1	89	6	4	4	27	5	22	4	5	5	5	SUS	2.0	5	5	5	1	2	5	4	5	4	5	4	4			
5	5	HAPPY1		91	5	3	1	18	2	11	2	4	1	1	LAT	3.0	6	1	4	3	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	1			
6	6	NIJIN1		89	10	1	6	30	6	28	5	6	6	6	S/P		1	6	6	1	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6			

SCBL Calculated by Program to Conform to Today's Pace
FRACTALS WEIGHTED: E=Early L=Late N=Normal

0153 — SEVENTH RACE. 1 1/16 miles on turf. Purse \$125,000. Fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up. Palermo Handicap. Grade III Gross Purse \$134,750.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To \$1
Happyanunoh (NZ), Blanc	6	3 1/4	2 1/2	1st	1 1/2	13.40
Tuzla (Fr), Nakatani	3	2nd	4 1/2	3 1/4	2 1/4	0.60
Isle De France, McCarron	2	1 1/2	1 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/4	2.50
Sapphire Ring (GB), Flores	1	4 1/4	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	9.10
Nijinsky's Passion, Ramsmy	7	6	3rd	5	5	17.50
Green Jewel (GB), Gomez	5	5 1/2	—	—	6	13.90

Scratched — Cyrillic.

6—Happyanunoh (NZ).....	28.80	5.60	2.10
3—Tuzla (Fr).....		2.40	2.10
2—Isle De France.....			2.10

Time—24.88, 49.38, 1:12.66, 1:35.51, 1:41.28. Clear and fast.
Winner — 4 YO dk b f, Yachtie-Easter Queen Tr: R. Frankel. O: Amerman Racing LLC.

\$1 Exacta (5-3) \$39.50
\$2 Quinella (3-5) \$10.20
\$3 Pick Three (5-3-5) \$322.60
Pick Three Pool \$ 79,239 \$322.60
\$1 Trifecta

TUZLA is projected at EVEN. It goes off at LESS than even. Whenever you see a horse with near-closing odds about the same as its BL PROJECTED odds, you can pretty well discount it for WIN. Remember, BL/BL's heading is "Win Odds Only."

HAPPY is projected at 5-2. Its TRUE odds are 13.40-1. BUT, by the power of our Method it ought to be 5-2. Therefore it's an Overlay and an automatic WIN bet. In a larger field I might also bet it to Place, even across the board. But not in a field of SIX. SAPPH is also 5-2 and an overlay. It's also #2 in Total Energy. It was my second WIN bet, although it only came in 4th. ISLE DE FRANCE is projected at 3-1. It goes off at a little less than 3-1 (2.5-1). Because both its PROJECTED and ACTUAL odds are so close and its BEFORE HIDES corollaries a bit weak, I won't bet it. NOT in a six horse field. ISLE is also only 5th in Total Energy. GREEN and NINJA are projected lower than their actual odds but they don't have enough BEFORE HIDE corollary support to warrant betting consideration.

Any horse not in the first THREE Tiers of BL/BL must have some good corollary support. More in a six horse field than a full field. Follow your memory back to the race when CIGAR was beaten by DARE & GO. CIGAR ranked second in a six horse field, DARE & GO, first. Long Shots winning in short field should be in the first TWO Tiers of BL/BL. When they're not, they seldom, if ever, win (all this is predicated on you following contender/paceline directions).

Now if HAPPY and SAPPH both had closing odds close to 5-2, along with TUZLA being LESS than even odds, I would have passed the race. But since HAPPY was second Tiered BEFORE HIDES and FIRST Tier, after Hiding TUZLA, it was the most logical bet. Had TUZLA won I'd record a MISS for HIDING it. The \$143 return for a \$10 win bet was sufficient enough reward to take the risk.

Now, here's another example. It is also a six horse field. Bear in mind that what may apply in six and seven horse fields is not necessarily applicable in FULL FIELDS. We've all seen races in which EVERY contender EXCEPT the favorite is an overlay. I've even see rare cases in which ALL entrants are overlays.

In either case demand that the favorite have the majority of corollaries (1's & 2's) in its favor. It still may NOT win. Larger fields with the most near-closing odds overlays produce the most longshots.

Unfortunately these are guidelines that seem to work most of the time at MOST tracks. Don't let the occasional exception breed panic. Most important, use the internet and seek tracks with a lot of winning Overlays. This is not difficult. Just surf as you would for anything else that interests you. Above all, don't be provincial and just play your "own" track because it's there. Those who never quite learned the art of PASSING learned this sad lesson at Del Mar.

DMR0728- 2 6.0D \$21,000

BOTTOM LINE -- BETTING LINE

PNCNAME	LQNT	SR	PR	BAL	LS	TIE	ODDS	TRKDISTS	M/L	DAYS	AGE	
6 MAURA2		83	77	2	23.5		EVEN	HOL 6.0D	9/5	23	3	W
3 MISS 1		74	77	6	22.8		EVEN	HOL 6.0D	4/1	39	3	S
2 AVENI1		71	79	4	22.0		3-2	HOL 6.0D	5/1	20	3	P

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS

#	PNCNAME	LQNT	SR	L T		PRIM										SUPP										FRACT			ESP	SCBL
				S	O	R	L	C	T	H	F	F	L	S	F	E	T	T	L	S	R	L	S	R	E	L	N			
1	2 AVENI1		71	3	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	3	17	3	3	3	3	2	2	13	3	2	2	2	2	2	E/P	2.0		
2	3 MISS 1		74	1	3	3	1	2	2	1	3	2	14	2	2	2	1	3	3	11	2	3	3	3	3	3	PRE	5.0		
3	6 MAURA2		83	2	1	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	11	1	1	1	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	E/P			

FRACTALS WEIGHTED: E=Early L=Late N=Normal

VELOCITY, DECELERATION and Y/DC

TOTAL ENERGY

PNCNAME	LQNT	TR-R	VELOCITY				DECELERATION				V/DC	R
			BPV-R	MPV-R	LEV-R	TVL-R	EDC-R	MDC-R	LDC-R	TDC-R		
2 AVENI1		2	3	3	2	3	(1	3	(2	3	328.75	3
3 MISS 1		3	2	(1	2	2	2	(1	(1	(1	332.63	2
6 MAURA2		1	(1	2	(1	(1	3	2	3	2	335.83	1

- (1) EVEN BEFORE HIDING THE OTHER CONTENDERS, THESE THREE HORSE WERE 1,2,3 IN TOTAL ENERGY.
- (2) MAURA HAS AN ADJUSTED SR 9 POINTS HIGHER THAN MISS, 12 POINTS HIGHER THAN AVEN. THEY WERE THE THREE HIGHEST SR'S IN THE RACE.
- (3) DEPENDING ON ML ODDS TO MAKE HIDES CAN CAUSE AS LOT OF TROUBLE AS YOU CAN SEE HERE. MISS & AVEN BOTH HAD ML ODDS THE INDICATED OVERLAYS. THERE ARE MANY SOURCES OF ACTUAL RUNNING ODDS ON THE INTER-NET. IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACCESS THEM, CALL.
- (4) NOTE THE DISTRIBUTION OF 1,s and 2,s AMONG THESE TOP 3.

3-E \$21,000 6.0D ET Cloudy PFT=110.7 PR=77 TV=4

ACTUAL ODDS

6-MAURA'S DIAMOND	4	1.70	2	0.10	1	0.00	1	0.00	77	0.80
2-AVENIDA LA CRES	1	0.00	1	0.00	2	0.10	2	1.00	76	3.80
3-MISS BALLET	6	1.90	5	2.60	4	2.70	3	1.50	76	3.40
1-WICKED ILLUSION	3	1.60	4	1.10	3	2.60	4	5.00	72	17.90
5-HERESTHATRAINYD	2	0.10	3	0.60	5	4.20	5	5.50	71	26.80
8-BOURNE ROYAL	5	1.80	6	3.60	6	12.20	6	18.50	57	7.30
TIMES:		22.6	46.1	111.2						

SCRATCHED Donttanglewithme, Dixie River

6-MAURA'S DIAMOND	3.60	2.40	2.20
2-AVENIDA LA CRES	3.20	2.60	
3-MISS BALLET		2.40	

Next an example from a 8 horse field at Saratoga. It was a route but all entrants were sprinters and had to be projected. The guidelines change if one of the First Three BL/BL horses were an overlay. But the first three TOTAL ENERGY horses are underlays and there is no corollary support for LODGE, Its highest ranking is a 4. It showed.

SAR0806- 2 8.0I \$41,000

BOTTOM LINE -- BETTING LINE

73											
PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	PR	BAL	LS	TIE	ODDS	TRKDISTS	M/L	DAYS	AGE
5 RUMSO1	2	85	73	2	24.0		EVEN	BEL 6.0T	6/1	19	2
10 PARAD1	2	83	73	4	22.5		EVEN	BEL 6.0T	5/2	19	2
9 KACHE1	1	84	73	6	21.8		8-5	BEL 6.0T	5/1	20	2
1 LODGE1	1	70	73	10	9.0		6-1	BEL 6.0T	8/1	20	2
8 MAJES1		71	71	10	7.0		8-1	LRL 5.0D	12/1	20	2
7 CONTE1		70	68	10	5.0		10-1	ELP 5.5D	4/1	29	2
4 HIGH 1		61	68	13	0.0		20-1	ELP 6.0D	20/1	23	2

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS

#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	L T		PRIM										SUPP										FRACT			ESP	SCBL
				S	T	E	L	C	T	H	F	F				S	F	E	T	T				E	L	N				
1	1	LODGE1p	1	70	6	4	6	4	6	4	4	4	5	33	4	4	5	4	4	4	21	4	5	4	3	SUS	3.			
2	4	HIGH 1p		61	4	7	7	6	7	6	7	7	4	6	7	7	7	7	7	35	7	7	7	5	SUS	7.				
3	5	RUMSO1p	2	85	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	SUS					
4	7	CONTE1p		70	5	5	4	7	5	7	7	6	4	40	6	6	4	6	5	5	26	5	4	5	4	S/P	2.			
5	8	MAJES1p		71	7	6	5	5	4	5	5	5	6	35	5	5	6	5	6	6	28	6	6	6	6	S/P	3.			
6	9	KACHE1p	1	84	1	3	1	3	2	3	3	3	3	18	3	3	3	3	3	15	3	3	3	2	SUS					
7	10	PARAD1p	2	83	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	15	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	2	2	1	SUS	1.0				

FRACTALS WEIGHTED: E=Early L=Late N=Normal

VELOCITY, DECELERATION and V/DC

PNCNAME	LdNT	TE-R	VELOCITY				DECELERATION				V/DC	R
			EPV-R	MPV-R	LPV-R	TVL-R	RDC-R	MDC-R	LDC-R	TDC-R		
1 LODGE1p	1	4	5	4	2	4	1	3	1	4	324.20	4
5 RUMSO1p	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	348.28	1
7 CONTE1p		5	1	5	2	5	5	5	5	5	311.67	5
9 KACHE1p	1	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	3	334.15	3
10 PARAD1p	2	2	4	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	342.80	2

\$41,000 8.0T FM Clear PFT=138.2 PR=73 TV=-6

10-PARADE LEADER	5	5.00	5	1.70	3	0.20	1	0.00	72	1.35
5-RUMSONONTHERRIVE	2	0.50	2	0.50	2	0.10	2	1.50	71	2.20
1-LODGE HILL	6	6.50	6	1.80	4	1.70	3	3.30	69	15.60
7-CONTENTION	1	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00	4	4.30	68	4.70
9-KACHEMAK BAY	3	2.50	3	1.50	6	3.30	5	7.30	66	1.70
8-MAJESTIC GHOST	4	3.00	4	1.60	5	3.20	6	8.80	64	15.40
4-HIGH NOTE	7	8.00	7	7.80	7	11.30	7	15.30	59	43.75
3-SHAGWONG	8	20.00	8	15.80	8	26.30	8	0.00	0	17.60
TIMES:		48.0	112.4			137.3				

SCRATCHED Silver Phantom, Hendler, Fortunate Winds,
With the Gatsby, Onerous.

10-PARADE LEADER	4.70	2.90	3.60
5-RUMSONONTHERRIVER		3.90	3.40
1-LODGE HILL			5.20

Exacta	10-5	17.00
Quinella	5-10	9.60

The important factor in the preceding race is that the first 3 Tiers on BL/BL show projected odds that approximate actual odds. Two EVENS and an 8/5. No real Overlay worth considering. I PASSED.

Had one of the first two Tiered horses been a big Overlay, I probably would have taken a chance. I would have lost since PARADISE pays \$4.70. Don't just look at Tier levels, pay very close attention to BL "ODDS." These are the program's PROJECTED odds based on the power of the program when directions are followed. You'll note that in this race, we went back only ONE line pacelines selection.

Look at other Follow Up races. You seldom see a line used more than 3 back.

Next BL/BL's PROJECTED odds, the odds at which the horses *should* be going off based on the power of Synthesis, are similar to the previous race but the ACTUAL odds are not.

This next race features a full field of nine.

Our TWO entrants that are BL projected at EVEN have actual odds of 4:3-1 and 3:2-1. Our third Tiered BL/BL horse has REAL Odds of 5-1. This is one of those races in which there are NO underlays. As often happens, the first Tier horse, S.S. FINESSE, shows. The 2nd Tier does nothing, THIRD TIER horse pays \$12 and according to instructions is an automatic WIN bet. The other bet is NETWORK who is still running.

However, for Exotic Bettors who wish to analyze, (Velocity-Deceleration screens) the Place Horse, LADY, has the MOST Late Pace Velocity (LPV), and the LEAST deceleration EARLY. (EDC) This means nothing unless one cares to analyze figures. Most do not. The Show horse is obvious.

The SUPERSCREEN does a marvelous job of getting winners when all directions are followed and appropriate HIDES are made. However, the work-in-progress Velocity-Deceleration screen had readouts that are more predictive of place and show for the benefit of exotic bettors.

SAR0806- 5 8.5T \$31,500

BOTTOM LINE -- BETTING LINE

		82											
PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	PR	BAL	LS	TIE	ODDS	TRKDIST	M/L	DAYS	AGE		
1 S. S.3		90	80	2	24.0		EVEN	GP 8.5T	4/1	14	3	S	
5 NETWO3		82	81	5	22.8		EVEN	BEL 8.5T	5/1	29	3		
2 HER H2		77	84	5	17.3		5-2	BEL 8.5T	9/2	29	3	W	
4 PRETT2		78	83	9	15.5		7-2	BEL 8.0T	8/1	34	3		
10 THE L2		74	84	8	12.0		9-2	BEL 8.0T	6/1	61	3	P	

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS

				L T		PRIM										SUPP										FRACT				
#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	S	O	E	L	C	T	H	F	F			S	P	C	T	T			E	L	N	ESP	SCBL				
1	1 S. S.3		90	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	SUS					
2	2 HER H2		77	5	3	4	2	4	4	3	3	4	24	3	3	4	3	3	3	16	3	3	2	2	SUS	2.0				
3	4 PRETT2		78	3	5	2	4	3	5	5	4	2	25	4	4	2	4	4	5	19	4	4	4	5	S/P	3.0				
4	5 NETWO3		82	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	14	2	2	3	2	2	2	11	2	2	3	3	S/P	1.0				
5	10 THE L2		74	4	4	3	5	5	3	4	5	5	30	5	5	5	5	5	4	24	5	5	5	4	S/P	4.0				

FRACTALS WEIGHTED: E=Early L=Late N=Normal

VELOCITY, DECELERATION and V/DC

OLD READOUT-REPLACED BY VAUDATOR

PNCNAME	LdNT	VELOCITY					DECELERATION				V/DC	
		TE-R	EPV-R	MPV-R	LPV-R	TVL-R	EDC-R	MDC-R	LDC-R	TDC-R		R
1 S. S.3		1	5	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	350.93	1
2 HER H2		3	4	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	329.31	3
4 PRETT2		5	1	4	2	4	5	4	5	4	322.24	4
5 NETWO3		2	2	3	2	2	2	5	4	2	336.06	2
10 THE L2		4	3	5	1	5	1	3	3	5	320.33	5

5 CL 3F \$31,500 8.5T FM Clear

2-HER HALO	7	5.70	3	0.20	1	0.00	1	0.00	82	5.00
10-THE LADY IS A B	8	8.20	7	2.40	2	0.10	2	0.10	82	9.50
1-S. S. FINESSE	6	3.70	4	1.70	3	1.10	3	3.60	80	4.30
7-ROANOKE LADY	3	1.00	1	0.00	4	1.60	4	8.30	76	3.00
4-PRETTY SKY	5	1.20	6	2.30	6	4.10	5	8.40	76	8.70
6-MAYICUTIN	9	8.30	9	6.90	8	5.20	6	8.60	76	31.75
5-NETWORK NEWS	2	0.50	2	0.10	5	2.10	7	10.90	74	3.20
9-LISTEN TO ME	1	0.00	5	1.80	7	5.10	8	13.60	72	20.80
3-M' LADY'S HONOU	4	1.10	8	5.40	9	9.70	9	18.60	68	13.30
TIMES:		47.5	111.8					143.0		

SCRATCHED Maggie May's Sword, Sedate

2-HER HALO	12.00	6.60	4.30
10-THE LADY IS A BOMB		10.00	6.70
1-S. S. FINESSE			4.50

Exacta	2-10	101.50
Trifecta	2-10-1	551.00

Here for the benefit of those who are a bit sketchy about relating odds to percentages is the classic Bookmaker's Percentage Table. From this no one should have a problem discerning Overlays and Underlays.

BOOKMAKER'S PERCENTAGE TABLE

ODDS	%	to\$1	ODDS	%	to\$1	ODDS	%
1-100	99.01	0.01	1-5	83.33	0.20	1-1	50.00
1-50	98.04	0.02	2-5	71.43	0.40	2-1	33.33
1-40	97.56	0.025	3-5	62.50	0.60	3-1	25.00
1-30	96.77	0.033	4-5	55.56	0.80	4-1	20.00
1-20	95.24	0.05	6-5	45.45	1.20	5-1	16.67
3-20	86.96	0.15	7-5	41.67	1.40	6-1	14.29
7-20	74.07	0.35	8-5	38.46	1.60	7-1	12.50
9-20	68.97	0.45	9-5	35.71	1.80	8-1	11.11
11-20	64.52	0.55	11-5	31.25	2.20	9-1	10.00
13-20	60.61	0.65	12-5	29.41	2.40	10-1	9.09
17-20	54.05	0.85	13-5	27.78	2.60	11-1	8.33
19-20	51.28	0.95	14-5	26.32	2.80	12-1	7.69
21-20	48.78	1.05	16-5	23.81	3.20	13-1	7.14
23-20	46.51	1.15	17-5	22.73	3.40	14-1	6.67
27-20	42.55	1.35	18-5	21.74	3.60	15-1	6.25
29-20	40.82	1.45	19-5	20.83	3.80	16-1	5.88
31-20	39.22	1.55	21-5	19.23	4.20	17-1	5.56
33-20	37.74	1.65	22-5	18.52	4.40	18-1	5.26
37-20	35.09	1.85	23-5	17.86	4.60	19-1	5.00
39-20	33.90	1.95	24-5	17.24	4.80	20-1	4.76
41-20	32.79	2.05	1-4	80.00	0.25	21-1	4.55
43-20	31.75	2.15	3-4	57.14	0.75	22-1	4.35
47-20	29.85	2.35	5-4	44.44	1.25	23-1	4.17
49-20	28.99	2.45	7-4	36.36	1.75	24-1	4.00
8-15	65.22	0.533	9-4	30.77	2.25	25-1	3.85
3-11	78.57	0.273	11-4	26.67	2.75	26-1	3.70
1-10	90.91	0.10	13-4	23.53	3.25	27-1	3.57
3-10	76.92	0.30	15-4	21.05	3.75	28-1	3.45
7-10	58.82	0.70	17-4	19.05	4.25	29-1	3.33
9-10	52.63	0.90	19-4	17.39	4.75	30-1	3.23
11-10	47.62	1.10	1-3	75.00	0.333	35-1	2.78
13-10	43.48	1.30	2-3	60.00	0.667	40-1	2.44
17-10	37.04	1.70	4-3	42.86	1.33	45-1	2.17
19-10	34.48	1.90	5-3	37.50	1.67	50-1	1.96
21-10	32.26	2.10	7-3	30.00	2.33	60-1	1.64
23-10	30.30	2.30	1-2	66.67	0.50	70-1	1.41
27-10	27.03	2.70	3-2	40.00	1.50	80-1	1.23
29-10	25.64	2.90	5-2	28.57	2.50	90-1	1.10
1-9	90.00	0.111	7-2	22.22	3.50	100-1	0.99
2-9	81.82	0.222	9-2	18.18	4.50	150-1	0.66
1-8	88.89	0.125	11-2	15.38	5.50	200-1	0.50
1-7	87.50	0.143	13-2	13.33	6.50	250-1	0.40
2-7	77.78	0.286	15-2	11.76	7.50	300-1	0.33
3-7	70.00	0.429	17-2	10.53	8.50	400-1	0.25
1-6	85.71	0.167	19-2	9.52	9.50	500-1	0.20

EXPOSING THE FALLACY ABOUT OPENING DAY...

and Other Myths

Granted, with the advent of the **Validator** we have moved closer and closer to turning our computer Methodology into a Black Box. A few years back I abhorred this idea. I truly thought that any person seeking to augment or make a living through Wagercapping would certainly know at least as much as I about horse racing itself. This seemed logical since when I began I knew nothing. Many of our clients are better informed than I about salient horse racing information, per se. They're immune to some of the commentary in this article.

By the same token we still have clients who are afraid to wagercap on the opening day of any track. All of those Turfway Park races in the last Follow Up, done by Aline Best, were from opening day. I didn't realize that when I published them so no mention was made of the fact.

The reason they use for being "afraid" of opening day is that they have no Model or Track Profile. I keep writing it, but continue to be ignored. The old concept of Modeling and Profiling (to which I once adhered) is no longer valid or valuable when using the computer programs of TODAY'S Sartin Methodology.

The "Profile Concept" was always suspect. The Model was useful with Phase III back in the 1980's when there were only three (later four) factors to model. Even then it was subject to daily vagaries that perplexed many clients. This year I went with Aline Best to Santa Anita's opening day at a nearby off-site wagering center. Since I haven't thought about profiling or modeling in years all I used of our readouts was the second page that contains the Validator. I didn't even look at the first page of printouts containing BL/BL and Superscreen. I probably never will again. That doesn't mean you should follow my example.

One of the problems Aline has encountered when talking to clients is that they don't completely *believe* in the output of their programs. If this were a church they'd be excommunicated. By the same token we had a few recent Validator users say that they hope we don't sell too many because they think it's so good, mass sale would lower their mutuels.

Not to worry. Nothing I've ever contributed to the art and science of handicapping has EVER had mass appeal.

As an aside, I think that a goodly part of the reason comes from the fact that the average IQ of the United States population has dropped 17 points since 1947. What was once an IQ of 83 is now the standard average of 100. Those who measured 100 in 1947 now test at 117. The rigged the questions, making them easier. This is a tragedy for the nation but a boon to Wagercappers who can follow directions: your pari-mutuel competitors are not as bright as they once were. Maybe this is why favorites pay less now than they did in 1937, as documented in Follow Up 78.

They even pay less than in the early 1980'S when I first started studying the subject. The good news is that so-called Long Shots, on which our winners diet, pay more.

December 26th is Boxing Day in England. It's the day they give gifts to their "Tradesmen," British for Post Persons, Milk Deliverers, Mechanics and all others who perform services during the year. It is also the opening day of racing. Santa Anita has always observed this great English custom and opens its season on Boxing Day. For some strange reason I had never Wagercapped Santa Anita on opening day until January 1, 1999. As I said previously, this year I did but not Santa Anita itself. I dislike going to any track. Since I never go to the paddock or look at horses in the Post Parade or do any of the things that so many of my acquaintances seem to think necessary, I prefer the short ride to San Bernardino or Perris to bet off-site.

Recently I received an e-mail from a client who wanted to know if the Validator would work the first "Pre-Profile" period at Gulfstream since they altered the surface of the track to make it "lightning fast" for Breeders' Cup, '99. This came from a very intelligent man who has been with us for a long time.

He shall remain anonymous but he should know that since the inception of Breeders' Cup, every host track has re-tailored its surface to be faster, smoother and, to the best of the track-keeper's ability, without any kind of post position bias. The success of the Validator is in NO WAY related to the surface of ANY track and works equally well at all. Judging from its win percentage, it also doesn't seem suffer any negative effect if a horse has kidney sweat.

I can honestly say that in the past I've been to the races with all the famous Body Language, Paddock and Post Parade experts except Trillis Parker. The late Bonnie Ledbetter was the first I met and, unlike the rest, she was blatantly honest. She said she only bet on races once a year, when she met with Tom Ainslie, her coauthor on their Body Language book. Her bets never exceeded \$20 and, in her own words, she lost half of them. When dear Bonnie died, our little world lost one of its few honest authors.

One of today's top "examine-the-horse-before-it-runs" experts is a man. When the horse or horses his observations predict as being superior but fails to finish in the money, he curses loudly, and proclaims to all within earshot that the Trainer told the Jockey to "Stiff" the horse; or he comes up with some other excuse.

He's no exception. The Mainstream seems now to be like an "ol' boy" network of entrepreneurs whose veracity might be somewhat suspect. It seems that today's definition of an expert is someone whose concepts are in agreement with those of James Quinn.

One of the most famous names in our so-called business, Len Ragozin, defied Quinn's protocol at Expo '90 and was never invited back. I also disagree with much of Ragozin's offerings but I respect his right to be right to those to whom he IS right. That includes a lot of SHEET users who swear by him and make him and themselves rich. Quinn, along with The Daily Racing Form, is the force behind Handicapping Expo 2000 and all previous Expo conclaves. When invited to speak at Expo 2000, Tom Ainslie declined to accept. Incidentally, Tom was the first person asked by Steve Crist to perform at Expo 2000. Crist is the Editor-Publisher and nominal owner of the Daily Racing Form for which Tom stopped writing for reasons you should be able to guess. I mention this since so many of you have called my daughter Mary asking why I was not going to be a presenter.

Now for opening day at Santa Anita:

Santa Anita Charts

Results of Sunday, Dec. 26, at Santa Anita Park, Arcadia. Day 1 of an 87-day thoroughbred meeting.

3001 — FIRST RACE. 1 1/16 miles. Purse \$21,000. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming prices: \$16,000-\$13,000.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Fun Meeting You, Garcia	9	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/4	12	2.00
I Wood Be A Winner, Puglisi	8	3 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4	25	12.10
Cannon, Berrio	2	2 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	7.50
Power Wing, Baird	7	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	11.80
Blade Ae, Nakatani	7	3 1/4	3 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	14.00
Don't Blame Rio, Flores	7	10	10	7 1/4	6 1/4	5.20
Wiston Cheese, Alvarado	6	4 1/4	4 1/4	6 1/4	7 1/4	13.10
Isle Of Man, Blanc	10	6 1/4	7 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8.00
Rare Catch, Pincay	4	5 1/4	5 1/4	8 1/4	9 1/4	4.90
Sword Arm (GB), Valdez	5	8 1/4	6 1/4	10	10	71.40

9—Fun Meeting You.....6.00 4.60 3.40
 8—I Wood Be A Winner.....9.40 5.80
 2—Cannon.....4.60

Time—23.57, 47.95, 1:12.07, 1:36.84, 1:43.54. Clear and fast.
 Winner — b.g.4, General Meeting-Super Fun. Tr-Douglas Peterson. Own-Ronald and Susie Anson.

\$1 Exacta (9-8) Paid \$34.30
 \$1 Trifecta (9-8-2) Paid \$175.10
 \$2 Quinella (9-8) Paid \$47.20

3002 — SECOND RACE. 6 1/2 furlongs on turf. Purse \$53,000. 3-and-older. Claiming: \$80,000-\$70,000.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Sam's (Arg), Gomez	9	4 1/4	4 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	17.60
Naninja, Stevens	11	5 1/4	5 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4	3.20
Carlacho (Arg), Ramsammy	10	10 1/4	10 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	6.80
Wrekin Pilot, Delahoussaye	3	3 1/4	3 1/4	7 1/4	4 1/4	16.30
F J's Pace, Puglisi	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	5 1/4	4.50
Moonlight Meeting, Nakatani	8	7 1/4	6 3/4	2 1/4	5 1/4	9.00
Gracious Prize, P.Valenzuela	2	6 1/4	7 1/4	9 1/4	7 1/4	25.70
Ray Of Sunshine (Ire), Flores	10	3 1/4	2 1/4	6 1/4	8 1/4	4.50
One Man Army, Desormeaux	6	2 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	9 1/4	21.70
Bottle Of Rum, Pincay	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	11	10 1/4	21.70
Fleming West, Blanc	7	9 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	11	7.30

9—Sam's.....37.20 12.40 7.80
 11—Naninja.....5.20 3.60
 4—Carlacho.....4.20

Time—22.02, 44.05, 1:07.28, 1:13.60. Firm. Winner — br.h.6, Lode-Samira Bay. Tr-Ronald McAnally. Own-Lajos Kengye.

\$1 Exacta (9-10) Paid \$90.80
 \$2 Daily Double (9/9) Paid \$95.60
 \$1 Trifecta (9-11-4) Paid \$821.90
 \$2 Quinella (9-11) Paid \$48,990.00

3003 — THIRD RACE. 6 1/2 furlongs. Purse \$35,000. 3-year-olds and up. Claiming prices: \$32,000-\$28,000.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Sing Because, Nakatani	7	5 1/4	2 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1.20
Grady, Desormeaux	5	6 1/4	4 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	7.70
Klinsman (Ire), O'Say	8	1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	3 1/4	2.60
Island Caper, Solis	3	4 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	4 1/4	4.60
Nor-easter, P.Valenzuela	3	2 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	5 1/4	7.00
Wide Of The Mark, Scott	4	7 1/4	7 1/4	6 1/4	31.60	
Hurricane's Eye, Martinez	1	3 1/4	5 1/4	6 1/4	7	53.40

Scratched — Bold Capital, Dynamic Deed, Plumazo.
 8—Sing Because.....4.40 3.00 2.20
 5—Grady.....5.20 2.60
 6—Klinsman.....2.40

Time—21.75, 44.66, 1:08.77, 1:15.14. Fast. Winner — br.g.6, Seattle Song-Little Hailey. Tr-Julio Canani. Own-Terry Straeter.

\$1 Exacta (8-5) Paid \$11.40
 \$1 Trifecta (8-5-6) Paid \$33.90
 \$2 Quinella (8-8) Paid \$14.40
 \$1 Pick Three (9/9/7,8) Paid \$112.60

3004 — FOURTH RACE. 6 1/2 furlongs. Purse \$45,000.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Toqueville, Pincay	11	5 1/4	5 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	28.80
Battle God, Desormeaux	10	1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	9.20
Lytle Creek, P.Valenzuela	7	4 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4	2.10
Like The Prospects, Gomez	1	7 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	4 1/4	11.40

Jedi Teddy, Flores	5	9 1/4	8 1/4	7 1/4	5 1/4	9.30
Strollin, Ramsammy	12	2 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	6 1/4	6.60
Ladir, Solis	6	12	12	9 1/4	7 1/4	4.30
Call Me Again, Stevens	3	11 1/4	12	10 1/4	8 1/4	8.80
L.A. Bull, Nakatani	4	10 1/4	9 1/4	8 1/4	9 1/4	30.70
True Confidence, Day	8	1 1/4	4 1/4	6 1/4	10 1/4	13.60
It's Factual, Garcia	2	8 1/4	10 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	83.50
Forty Thieves, Delahoussaye	9	6 1/4	7 1/4	12	12	34.10

Scratched — Senor Billy.
 11—Toqueville.....59.60 24.00 10.20
 10—Battle God.....9.80 6.20
 7—Lytle Creek.....3.40

Time—21.81, 44.71, 1:09.65, 1:16.13. Clear and fast. Winner — b.c.2, French Deputy-Kate Elder. Tr-Neil Drysdale. Own-David and Jill Heerensperger.

\$1 Exacta (11-10) Paid \$260.90
 \$1 Trifecta (11-10-7) Paid \$1,605.20
 \$2 Quinella (10-11) Paid \$163.60
 \$1 Pick Three (9/7,8/11) Paid \$1,413.30

3005 — FIFTH RACE. 1 mile on turf. Purse \$54,000. Allowance. 3-year-olds and up.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Central Lobby (Ire), Nakatani	8	4 1/4	4 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	4.70
Awake (GB), McCarron	4	11	11	7 1/4	2 1/4	2.20
Passinetti, P.Valenzuela	5	7 1/4	6 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	6.00
Frank Leboeuf, Solis	5	5 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	39.10
Riverside, Stevens	9	10 1/4	10 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	2.30
Dandy Dancer (GB), Flores	1	10 1/4	10 1/4	8 1/4	6 1/4	18.30
Hexagon (Ire), Delahoussaye	3	1 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	7 1/4	8.10
Bujones, Berrio	2	3 1/4	3 1/4	5 1/4	8 1/4	45.00
Chosen Prize, Enriquez	7	6 1/4	7 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	27.80
Svenska, Garcia	9	8 1/4	9 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	88.10
Regal Battle, Martinez	11	2 1/4	1 1/4	11	11	114.30

Scratched — Dexter Drive, Macward, Sky Champion.
 8—Central Lobby.....11.40 4.80 3.60
 4—Awake.....3.60 2.60
 5—Passinetti.....3.80

Time—23.13, 46.69, 1:11.79, 1:23.93, 1:36.01. Clear and firm. Winner — ch.c.4, Kenmare-Style Of Life. Tr-Robert Frankel. Own-Juddmonte Farms.

\$1 Exacta (8-4) Paid \$19.80
 \$1 Trifecta (8-4-5) Paid \$109.80
 \$2 Quinella (4-8) Paid \$15.80
 \$1 Pick Three (7,8/11/8) Paid \$571.30
 \$1 Superfecta (8-4-5-6) Paid \$1,056.50

3006 — SIXTH RACE. 7 furlongs. \$200,000 Malibu Stakes (Grade I). 3-year-olds.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Love That Red, Gomez	5	5 1/4	5 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	4.20
Straight Man, P.Valenzuela	4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4	17.60
Cat Thief, Day	7	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	1.90
Five Star Day, Solis	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	4 1/4	5.80
Desert Hero, Stevens	6	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	5.00
Prime Timber, Flores	1	7 1/4	7 1/4	5 1/4	6 1/4	7.70
Painter (Arg), McCarron	2	2 1/4	2 1/4	7 1/4	ESD	4.90

5—Love That Red.....10.40 5.20 3.20
 4—Straight Man.....12.80 4.40
 7—Cat Thief.....2.80

Time—22.36, 44.33, 1:08.99, 1:22.06. Clear and fast. Winner — br.g.3, Highland Park-Pat's Lady Red. Tr-Leonard M. Duncan. Own-Terry D. Wells.

\$1 Exacta (5-4) Paid \$85.50
 \$1 Trifecta (5-4-7) Paid \$340.70
 \$2 Quinella (4-5) Paid \$90.40
 \$1 Pick Three (11/8/5) Paid \$1,778.10

3007 — SEVENTH RACE. 6 1/2 furlongs. Purse \$54,000. 3-and-older. Allowance/optional claiming: \$62,500.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Lake William, Solis	1	3 1/4	3 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1.80
Haffinger (Chi), McCarron	4	7 1/4	7 1/4	4 1/4	2 1/4	16.30
Cape Canaveral, Pincay	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	3 1/4	1.10
Windstrike, Pincay	4	4 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	4 1/4	10.40
Love All The Way, Pedrosa	3	8	8	7 1/4	5 1/4	12.60
One Hundred Sews, Al'do	7	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	31.40
Proud Louie, Valdivia	8	2 1/4	2 1/4	3 1/4	7 1/4	33.40

King Crafty, Nakatani	6	5 1/4	4 1/4	8	8	9.40
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Scratched — Funny Tom.
 2—Lake William.....5.60 4.00 2.80
 5—Haffinger.....9.20 4.00
 6—Cape Canaveral.....2.60

Time—22.24, 45.03, 1:09.15, 1:15.41. Clear and fast. Winner — br.c.3, Salt Lake-Sol De Terre. Tr-Richard Mandella. Own-Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Moss.

\$1 Exacta (2-5) Paid \$31.50
 \$1 Trifecta (2-5-6) Paid \$72.00
 \$2 Quinella (2-5) Paid \$40.40
 \$1 Pick Three (8/5/2) Paid \$92.60
 \$1 Superfecta (2-5-6-3) Paid \$312.00

3008 — EIGHTH RACE. 1 mile on turf. \$75,000 Blue Northern. Fillies, 2-year-olds.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Minor Details, Solis	2	2 1/4	2 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	2.00
Meadow Peace, Nakatani	3	5 1/4	4 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	3.90
Burning Hope, Day	8	1 1/4	1 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	6.60
Bold Feet, Blanc	5	8 1/4	7 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	6.70
Millie's Quest, Pincay	7	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	1.90
Annual Rainfall, Flores	5	8 1/4	7 1/4	5 1/4	6 1/4	2.00
Qui's Fair Lady, Jauregui	3	4 1/4	5 1/4	8 1/4	7 1/4	59.30
Passion Flower (GB), Gomez	2	3 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	8	21.40

Scratched — Inez, Star Of Windsor, Trust Your Heart.
 1—Minor Details.....6.00 3.00 2.60
 5—Meadow Peace.....4.80 4.00
 8—Burning Hope.....3.80

Time—24.49, 48.25, 1:13.05, 1:24.91, 1:37.10. Clear and firm. Winner — br.f.2, General Meeting-Sparkling Star. Tr-Richard Mandella. Own-Golden Eagle Farm.

\$1 Exacta (1-5) Paid \$12.60
 \$1 Pick Three (5/2/1) Paid \$53.60
 \$1 Trifecta (1-5-8) Paid \$61.00
 \$2 Quinella (1-5) Paid \$14.20

3009 — NINTH RACE. 1 1/16 miles. Purse \$24,000. 2-year-olds. Claiming prices: \$40,000-\$35,000.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Nates Colony, Flores	11	7 1/4	5 1/4	2 1/4	1 1/4	23.00
High Honor, P.Valenzuela	3	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4	7.30
Major Pallet, P.Valenzuela	4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	3 1/4	3.10
Good Actor, Pincay	12	8 1/4	6 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	24.30
Herb's Birthday, Enriquez	10	5 1/4	4 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	20.50
Tahoe Affair, Solis	10	10 1/4	10 1/4	1 1/4	6 1/4	15.60
Cuff Link, Blanc	8	3 1/4	3 1/4	8 1/4	7 1/4	29.20
Suchart, Steiner	2	4 1/4	7 1/4	5 1/4	9 1/4	61.40
Crypto Charge, Nakatani	6	2 1/4	2 1/4	5 1/4	9 1/4	2.50
Simonsaysomango, Riza	1	6 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	10 1/4	6.90
Norske Star, Jauregui	9	11 1/4	10 1/4	1 1/4	11 1/4	5.10
Naughty Pine, Valdivia	7	12	12	12	12	62.20

Scratched — Let's Bail
 11—Nates Colony.....48.00 18.60 12.60
 3—High Honor.....8.80 6.40
 4—Major Pallet.....4.80

Time—23.12, 47.07, 1:11.84, 1:38.15, 1:44.58. Clear and fast. Winner — b.g.2, Pleasant Colony-Devil's Flirt. Tr-Craig A. Lewis. Own-Robert E. Englekirk.

\$1 Exacta (11-3) Paid \$240.60
 \$2 Daily Double (1/11) Paid \$120.20
 \$1 Trifecta (11-3-4) Paid \$995.10
 \$2 Quinella (3-11) Paid \$231.00
 \$1 Pick Three (2/1/11) Paid \$202.50
 Pick Six Winning Numbers: 11/8/5/2/1/11
 Pick Six Pool \$388,638
 1 Ticket with 6 winners Paid \$217,147.60
 28 Tickets with 5 winners Paid \$3,323.60
 \$1 Pick All Nos: 8/9/11/5/7/8/10/11/
 4,8,10/4,5/2,5/1,5/3,11
 Pick All Pool \$40,906
 No Tickets with 9 winners
 20 Tickets with 8 winners Paid \$1,632.50
 \$1 Superfecta (11-3-4-12) Paid \$82,691.50

On-Track attendance: 44,018. On-Track handle: \$5,604,302.
 Inter-Track attendance: 21,514. Inter-Track handle: \$6,285,076.
 Out of State attendance: N/A. Out of State handle: \$5,262,744.
 TOTAL attendance: 65,532. TOTAL handle: \$17,152,122.

At Santa Anita we only handicapped the first six races. I passed two races, lost two and won two. Aline passed three lost one and won two. Our big hit was at Golden Gate.

The first SA race was won by a favorite whose PP's were so bad Aline didn't even enter it. It was the pick of many newspaper selectors and went off at 2-1. We STILL don't know why it was the favorite. Having such doubts we passed the race.

The 2nd Race I lost. Bet GRADY win and place and RAY to win. GRADY placed, paying \$5.20 and Ray to win only. Aline passed, felt she didn't have clear choices.

Aline passed the third. I lost my win bet. The Place and Show horse were MY wagers. I did back the Place horse with a bet doubling my win bet so I broke even on the race which I suppose is like a pass.

No question about passing the 4th, a two year old maiden race.

The 5th we won It paid \$11.40. Aline bet win. I bet win and place.

Now the 6th is very interesting. They brought Pat Day out from the Midwest to ride CAT THIEF, the winner of the mile and a quarter Breeders' Cup race. Earlier that day I heard a radio program on which the "experts" said that the twenty million dollar renovation of Santa Anita included an extremely "Fast" surface. Look at the winning times, they're NOT all that fast.

CAT THIEF, going 7 furlongs today ran on "lightning fast" Gulfstream so to the majority, including most alleged experts, it would be the obvious winner in the Malibu Stakes. It came up 3rd on our readouts and finished third. As you'll see the horse that was #1 on Validator won and paid \$10.40. Aline and I bet it to win and place.

I jokingly told Aline to bet one thousand dollars to Show on CAT THIEF. She said she didn't have a grand on her so she passed up a sure fire opportunity to make \$400. So did I.

The coup de grace came from Golden Gate. I don't know whether it was her genius for picking the one value race of the day or happenstance. Aline is too modest to say. But she picked the value race of the day, the 3rd at GG to handicap. The winner, PRIMETIME, paid \$50.80 to win, \$11.40 to place but just a mere \$3.80 to show. The Exacta only paid \$67.60. The Trifecta \$261.60. Both surprisingly low when combined with a \$50.80 winner.

In our printout I include the names of the jockeys and trainers for each horse. My reason is to show that is was not ridden by Russel Baze nor trained by Hollendorf. In the Bay area a lot of people believe that this combination of rider-trainer can win every race. In truth the jockey was named Arriga whose current win record is only 8 of 74. That's 10.8%, less than average. The trainer's present record is 5 wins in 35 starts. That's 14.8%, less than average. The BEST trainers win as much as 21% in a season.

As an example for those still having problems picking pace lines, here is the Daily Racing Form's PP's for PRIME and our reason for using the third back which at \$50.80, the mass public didn't agree. Another example of why I have no mass appeal.

Primetime Prospect

Own: Para Dice Acres

\$25,000

DL: b or br p. 4 OBSAPR37 \$22,000
 Sire: Fortunate Prospect (Northern Prospect) \$10,000
 Dam: Baylita (L1st)
 Br: Farnworth Farms & M & M Bloodstock (Fla)
 Tr: Specht Steve (38 5 6 12 .13) 99: (282 43 .15)

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Lt	35	6	5	3	\$115,246	D.Fst	12	0	1	2	\$6,503	70
1999	13	0	3	1	\$28,435	Wrt	10	3	2	1	\$43,368	100
1998	11	5	1	1	\$78,760	Turf	13	3	2	0	\$65,375	93
GG	0	6	2	1	\$40,550	Dist	0	0	0	0	\$850	83

ARRIAGA J (96 11 13 19 .11) 1999: (809 107 .13)

10Dec99-7GG fsl 1	:222	:454	1:104	1:352	34	Cim	32000	(2-30)	68	2	4	55	912	914	917	Meza R Q	LB 117 fb	33.10	78-17	Wgotohvrt1173	AlmostGoldn1172	Windy'sHlo1171	Svd grnd to no avail	9
9Oct99-58M fm 1 1/4	:232	:472	1:112	1:422	34	Cim	25000	(25-225)	71	9	4	32	42	573	610	Carr D	LB 117 b	9.20	83-06	HundredDollkiss1174	JdePgod1191	HogsnAlley1193	Slkd 3-4w, empty	9
25Sep99-48M fm 1	:23	:464	1:103	1:362	34	Cim	32000	(2-30)	83	6	4	32	43	53	52	Carr D	LB 117 b	4.40	89-03	AvengingEgle1173	ClassicRenown1174	HogsnAlly1171	Chased, weakened	10
16Sep99-78M fm 1	:242	:484	1:124	1:38	34	OCim	80000	N	82	3	6	74	74	86	85	Arriaga J	LB 120 b	42.40	78-16	SrtogSvn1204	MoonlightMting1204	HighNoonMting1163	Rail trip, wknd	9
18Jly99-10Sof fsl 1	:234	:472	1:111	1:37	34	OCim	40000		69	5	6	64	67	54	510	Carr D	LB 120 fb	13.60	86-11	MoonlightMting1202	JustRuh1134	WtStlrlMlon1202	Failed to respond	6
19Jun99-5GG fm 1 1/4	:232	:481	1:12	1:424	44	Cim c-	(25-23)		58	10	3	42	76	1013	1018	Castro J M	LB 117 b	3.00	77-05	Splendid Splinter1173	Meatball1173	High Drama1171	Stkd 3w, empty	11
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29May99-5GG fm 1 1/4	:233	:483	1:123	1:442	44	Cim	25000	(25-23)	93	7	3	21	24	14	24	Castro J M	LB 117 b	17.80	86-14	Almuhimm1174	PrimetimeProspect1173	WryRun1174	Bid 2w, outdueled	11
25Apr99-5GG fm 1 1/4	:231	:472	1:112	1:434	44	OCim	40000	N	79	6	7	77	95	95	86	Barton J	LB 117 b	12.40	83-02	B. Mr. Lucky1171	Troysend1174	Maleyev1174	Empty stretch	10
11Apr99-3SA fsl 1 1/4	:472	1:112	1:364	1:50	44	Cim	50000	(31-45)	70	3	2	21	21	54	513	Valdivia J Jr	LB 118 fb	2.50	72-14	Adorjinsky1184	Lago1184	Take A Left1164	Stalked, retreated	5
19Mar99-78M yl 1	:243	:493	1:143	1:40	44	OCim	40000	N	87	7	2	14	23	14	23	Barton J	LB 118 fb	7.80	73-26	Pinflorin1184	PrimLimProspect1184	IntgridDisc1184	Dueled 2w thruout	11

WORKS: Dec19 66 4 fsl :512 H 44/M Nov26 66 7 fsl 1:282 H 2/3 Nov19 66 7 m 1:312 H 1/1 Nov12 66 5 fsl 1:04 H 2/27 Nov5 66 4 fsl :50 H 2/21 Oct3 66 4 fsl :51 H 33/4

Today's race is a TURF race. PRIME's last was its first after a layoff and was on the DIRT. It was a race purely for exercise and the fact that it was beaten by 17 lengths is meaningless. In the race before the layoff, the one that caused the layoff, it was beaten by 10.5 lengths but has a speed rating of 83. In its 3rd back it was beaten 2 and 3/4 lengths with a speed rating of 85. The competition in this race was such that this race gave the horse a 3 ranking on BL/BL and the Validator. My guidelines have always said that if a 3rd ranked horse is going to pay an overlay price, bet it. If anyone doubts that \$50.80 is an overlay price they should see a psychiatrist.

I have a friend of 9 years whose overlays are almost always ranked third in both Synthesis and the Validator. Yet he consistently bets his top two choices and loses. As you might guess he's as stubborn as a mule. Yet he's an excellent handicapper and I often use his readouts. On days when we go to the races together and I win fairly large amounts betting his 3rd ranked horse when it's an overlay, he loses. This is not an exclusive situation. A lot of good handicappers lose because they "Model" corollary rankings instead of odds.

As with a few of our clients the public insists on "handicapping" instead of WAGERCAPING.

Here are the readouts for the 3rd at Golden Gate and the 6th at Santa Anita. To publish other win readouts would be like carrying coals to Newcastle.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The \$50+ winner at GG is ranked 4th on BL/BL but **THIRD** on Validator. Remember my instructions: The Validator Rankings take precedence over any other readout!

GG1226- 3 9 (OT) \$23,000

#	PNCNAME	Ld	N	T	LATE	EARLY	TOT	R
1	1 HUNDR2	-14.9	P				166.3	1
2	2 KANGA3	-12.2					164.5	6
3	3 PUISS3	-15.3	S				165.9	2
4	4 PRIME3	-4.7	W				164.9	4
5	6 MARRA2	5.3					165.9	3
6	8 MY PA2	-3.4					164.8	5
EX-L V-L M-L <E> M-E V-E EX-E								

THE VALIDATOR

PNCNAME LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1 HUNDR2	1	1	1	1 P
3 PUISS3	2	2	2	2 S
4 PRIME3	4	3	3	3 W
6 MARRA2	3	4	5	4
8 MY PA2	5	4	4	4

PN	FTS	M/LN	NAME	JOCKEY	R	W	W%	TRAINER	R	W	W%
P1		2/1	HUNDR	WARRENJR, R	92	12	13	SUMJA, BREN	36	7	19
2FH		9/5	KANGA	MATIAS, JAV	60	7	12	ROBERTS, TO	20	4	20
S3		3/1	PUISS	BAZE, RUSSE	65	21	32	HOLLENDORFE	80	29	36
W4		20/1	PRIME	ARRIAGA, JO	74	8	11	SPECHT, STE	35	5	14
5		30/1	A PIR	HOWARD, EDD	3	0	0	MCDANIEL, D	2	0	0
6FH		6/1	MARRA	GONZALEZ, R	101	12	12	VIENNA, DAR	17	1	6
7		15/1	GALIA	LOPEZ, ADAL	99	11	11	HARRIS, CLI	7	0	0
8		20/1	MY PA	MIRANDA, AL	55	4	7	LAGE, ARMAN	43	6	14

3 CL 3+ \$23,000 9.0T SF Clear PFT=149.9 PR=86 TV=9

4-PRIMETIME PROSPECT 50.80 11.40 3.80
 1-HUNDRED DOLLARKISS 3.20 2.40
 3-PUISSANT (GB) 2.60

SCRATCHED (NONE)

Exacta 4-1 67.60
 Quinella 1-4 54.60
 Trifecta 4-1-3 261.60
 Daily Double 1-4 179.80
 Pick 3 6-1-4 351.70

SA1226- 6 7.00 \$200,000
BOTTOM LINE -- BETTING LINE

SANTA ANITA

PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	PR	BAL	LS	TIE	ODDS	TRKDISTS	H/L	DAYS	AGE
5 LOVE 2		98	95	6	24.0		EVEN	SA	6.00	4/1	22
3 FIVE 2		94	94	6	20.3		9-5	GP	6.00	4/1	21
7 CAT T2x		91	91	6	18.3		5-2	TP	9.00	5/2	50
4 STRAI1		89	89	9	14.5		7-2	HOL	7.00	15/1	22
6 DESER2x		86	91	7	9.3		6-1	HOL	8.50	6/1	161
1 PRIME3x		84	90	8	6.0		9-1	DHR	8.00	5/1	64

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS

											FRACT			PRIM SUPP															
#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	B	L	T	PRIM		SUPP		E	L	N	ESP	SCBL	E	L	C	T	H	F	F	S	P	X	F	Z	T	
							LS	R	LS	R																			P
1	1	PRIME3x	84	8	2	5	36	6	30	6	5	6	6	PRE	8.0	5	5	6	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
2	3	FIVE 2	94	6	4	2	18	2	11	2	2	2	2	E/P	2.0	1	4	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	
3	4	STRA11	89	9	6	3	26	4	20	4	3	4	5	EAR	3.0	2	6	4	2	6	3	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	
4	5	LOVE 2	98	6	1	1	9	1	5	1	1	1	1	PRE		3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
5	6	DESER2x	86	7	3	6	32	5	24	5	6	5	4	SUS	14.0	6	2	5	5	3	6	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	
6	7	CAT T2x	91	6	5	4	23	3	15	3	4	3	3	S/P	7.0	4	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	2	3	3	3	

SCBL Calculated by Program to Conform to Today's Pace
FRACTALS WEIGHTED: E=Early L=Late N=Normal

PN CNAME COMMENT

2 7PAINT No NA lines - all prior races on turf - won all

SA1226- 6 7.00 \$200,000

#	PNCNAME	Ld	N	T	LATE	EARLY	TOT R
1	1 PRIME3x				2.0		168.8 5
2	3 FIVE 2				6.5		172.9 2
3	4 STRAI1				10.5		171.4 3
4	5 LOVE 2				-1.2		175.0 1
5	6 DESER2x				-9.7		168.0 6
6	7 CAT T2x				-0.4		170.8 4

EX-L V-L M-L <E> M-E V-E EX-E

THE VALIDATOR

PNCNAME	LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1 PRIME3x		5	5	5	5
3 FIVE 2		2	2	3	2
4 STRAI1		3	4	4	4
5 LOVE 2		1	1	1	1
7 CAT T2x		4	3	2	3

3006 — SIXTH RACE. 7 furlongs. \$200,000 Malibu Stakes (Grade I). 3-year-olds.

Horse and Jockey	PP	1/4	1/2	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Love That Red, Gomez	5	5 ²	5 ²	1 st	1 st	4.20
Straight Man, P.Valenzuela	4	3 ²	3 ¹	3 ¹	2 nd	17.60
Cat Thief, Day	7	4 th	4 th	4 th	3 rd	1.90
Five Star Day, Solis	6	6 th	6 th	2 nd	4 th	5.80
Desert Hero, Stevens	6	6 th	6 th	6 th	5 th	5.00
Prime Timber, Flores	7	7 th	7 th	5 ²	6 th	7.70
Painter (Arg), McCarron	2	2 nd	2 nd	7 th	ESD	4.90

5—Love That Red.....	10.40	5.20	3.20
4—Straight Man.....	12.80		4.40
7—Cat Thief.....			2.60

\$1 Exacta (5-4) Paid \$85.50
\$1 Trifecta (5-4-7) Paid \$340.70

THE BEST HORSE THEORY...again

Owners and "horseplayers," even some handicappers, are the most guilty of the 'Best Horse' theory. With owners it's based on pride of ownership and ego identification with their property. HorsePLAYERS seem to refer constantly to their particular choice in a race as the 'BEST horse,' usually phrased by the term "my horse."

Trainers and Jockeys refrain from such nonsense. They might assert that a horse has been training well enough to be in the best condition of its life and should be able to win over today's field. But looking at trainer-jockey win stats, they're incorrect far more often than correct. At best this is around 20% of the time. After a horse has won a jockey will say that he had a great horse under him today; clearly the best in the field, but always giving gratuitous credit to the jockey and horse that finished close behind, saying, they too ran a great race.

"Best" horses invariably come from Stakes. Secretariat was a "Best" horse, though beaten twice. Horses like Affirmed and Alydar qualified as "Best," usually finishing less than a neck apart. Seattle Slew, Cigar and a few others in our time might be considered "Best," even when they were beaten.

But true WAGERCAPPERS do not make consistent, day to day profits on Stakes horses. Our money comes from bread and butter Claimers and Allowance runners. Their winning consistency offers little proof to anyone but a confirmed horsePLAYER that one of them is "BEST."

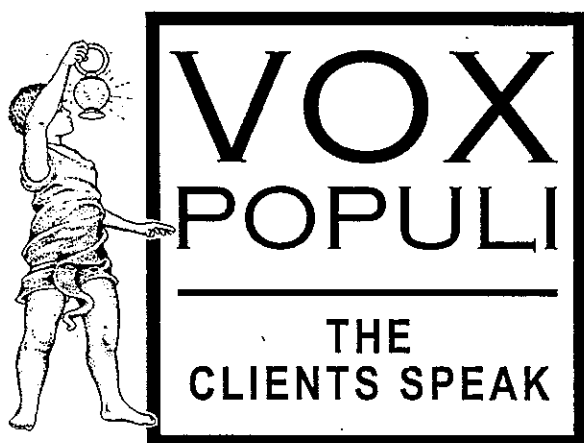
This is the reason I challenge you to stand at the finish line and blink your eyes once and then open them and find that three, even four horses are already past the finish line.

I've met very few horsePLAYERS who will accept this fact. When their "Best" horse does NOT win, which is most of the time, they'll offer a multitude of excuses, blaming jockey, trainer, bumping, or the most ubiquitous, "Racing Luck."

Accepting the fact that there is so seldom a BEST horse in any race, long range statistics have proven conclusively that betting two horses to win, from the top three or four computer BEST is a far more profitable way to wager. In so doing, one can profit by proportioning Win bets to include a lower priced winner *and* the most likely Overlay.

For the pure "Value" bettor, wagering on the two horses in our computer program's top 4 is the most profitable. However, this requires an innate ability to PASS races in which low priced contenders are the most likely winners.

Since these contenders often PLACE, Exacta bettors need to consider such contenders even when passing on them for WIN.



Hi Everyone:

Please find enclosed the discussed readouts from the Validator. I have decided to go with the initial (separate) Validator readout since most of the long shots are found there. I correlate it with the Early graph and the BL/BL printout. Seems to work quite well. Thanks for everything - this is truly Serious Fun!

J.L., California

Doc:

Regarding your comments on the "Big Hit" in FU #78 Psychology of Winning, you're right on the money again. I'm no psychologist, but I do know the 'Big Hit' dream that keeps non-winners going and the potentially destabilizing feeling that comes from a "big score".

And just as in those famous fishing stories, the ones that got away were not as big as is told. For example, let's take someone who 'almost' hit the Pick 6 (or any other large Exotic). If the payoff was \$50,000 and only 1 person won it, then the woulda/shoulda dreamer could have won only \$25,000 because of the need to split the winnings with the other winner(s). Of course, if the woulda/shoulda could get the Pick 6 its likely that others would also and the payoff would be even lower still.

This analysis pertains to all wagers, as the payoff is dependent on the number of winners.

One might say that...

on any single wager,
winners are paid off, not by the losers,
but by taking money from the other winners.

Fiat Lux,
P.B., California

Dear Doc & the Rest,

Hope your holidays were great and that you found that you were Y2K compatible, like the rest of us.

My goal for 2000, as it relates to the track, was to start testing myself with real money at the windows. I felt that this would point out the areas that I needed to work on and re-study. I WAS CORRECT. The little things that I overlooked or was not prepared for turned what should have been a winning experience into a slight deficit. SYNTHESIS with TRACKMASTER DID PERFORM GREAT!! I DIDN'T, BUT WILL!!!

I think the Follow Up's (back issues ordered) will certainly help along with more study.

W.S., Texas

DOC COMMENTS: More indication that successful Wagercapping is more in the mind and emotions than in mere skill.

Doc -

Just wanted to drop a note and thank you for sending along a copy of the Validator program. I've installed it and have already run a couple of cards and it's quite good. Last night I decided to quickly run through the entire day's Gulfstream card and do some two-horse win betting, making two mythical two hundred-dollar win bets on every race. One of the races had a prohibitive legitimate favorite, but I still played the race by making exacta bets instead.

I didn't pass any races and ended up betting a mythical total of \$5400 on the card. The return was \$10,660 for a profit of \$5260...almost a one hundred percent return!

...My best to you and the family, and I hope to see you very soon.

Warmest regards,

Peter Tolan

DOC COMMENTS: Peter fell in love with Quad Rater and has been most cautious about using any program since. As he did with Synthesis, he makes at least 20 straight paper bets with any new program. Since he bought the old Arden Estate in Pasadena, using a cow as his personal logo, I guess we can use him as a 'Bell Cow' for any new development. His approval of the Validator is most gratifying.

Hello Shane,

Happy New Year!

I just wanted to let you know that I have been doing great. I just sent in 3 more DWF sheets. Also, yesterday 1/7/00, I had a \$62 winner at Philly Park. It was in Tier 1 before hides, but the funny thing is when I hide one of the high balance horses in Tier 5, the horse becomes tied with the horse who placed (Tier 2 before hides) and the favorite was Tier 6 and he's still running.

OK. Just wanted to say hello and to let you know that everything is working great.

Thank you

B.V., New Jersey

Shane:

I just wanted to say thanks. I was having trouble with the Y2K date rollover and remembered that you addressed that problem in Follow Up #76. I looked up the instructions, followed them, reset the date the way you illustrated and everything works like a charm. I didn't know I could do that until I read it there.

Thanks again. You guys are more help than you realize.

T.M., Arizona

Dear Howard & Mary,

When the wise man was asked what to do or say to show extreme gratitude, he replied, "Have you ever thought of a simple THANK YOU???"

I agree that a meaningful THANK YOU would be proper under ordinary circumstances, but not nearly enough for your great insightfulness in helping to fulfill a need that had become more than a wish: so I will say -

THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!

D.C., California

...The Balance is an amazing parameter. It allows me to throw out Tier 1 favorites (under 7) with no hesitation if their BAL is too high. Often get a race down to 3 horses using it and following directions.
D.A., Maryland

DOC COMMENTS: Don't rely solely on Balance, especially in Turf races and longer routes.

Dear Sir:

As a new user I wish to upgrade my knowledge by purchasing the following 8 back issues of "The Follow Up" numbers 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65 & 66.

I am off to what I feel is a good start having won 7 out of 11 races. My first win was at Philadelphia Park, a 9 to 1 shot by the name of Soulful Wind. The horse stood out with 7 out of 8 one's on the composite printout (PL4) and paid 21.60. Needless to say I was thrilled. My post analysis on the races that I have lost indicates that I must enhance my education as to what type of races to skip. I am following, as best as I could, your contender/paceline suggestion to use the best of the last three lines at a comparable distance, surface and competitive level and I must say that so far in my brief experience with this methodology it is paying dividends.

Best Regards,
E.B., Florida

Hey Doc,

Hope you and the family had a nice X-Mas. This is the first time I am writing to you. I have been a client for about six months and really love the program. However I have the winner in top five corollaries readouts, but some how always manage to make the wrong play. Doc, I need serious help in my Wagercapping and interpreting the readout and graphs specially for Place and Show horses and separating win contenders by corollary rankings.

Doc, one thing does kind of confuse me. In Follow Up #77, From the Publisher's Desk, you write that the corollaries make every track equal, and those profiling modeling and alleged track bias were living in a pre-1992 era where these things were said to be of major importance? Doc, what does one need to do to keep accurate Win Early & Late Energy *Pars for certain tracks.

Need some of your pearls of wisdom for the New Year, Doc!

Thank you,

PS I would very much appreciate a session with you or Shane...

P.A., California

DOC COMMENTS: He's welcome anytime he makes an appointment. We'll answer his query about E-L Energy, alleged *Pars, of which there are none. Also, I don't publish things that are not of major importance.

Dear Dr. Sartin:

Enclosed you will find my check for the purchase of the Validator. I have been a subscriber to the Sartin Methodology for one year now having begun about last December. Since that time, I have been working with Synthesis and learning the proper way to use it. I was not able to devote as much time as I would have liked in the beginning that had made my development come a bit slower. However, in the past two months I have observed a noticeable improvement in my use of Synthesis and in my decision making.

I can verify for you that the improvement has been 100% psychological. First, I achieved a level of confidence in my ability to select the proper pace lines. The key word in your instructions has been "comparable". Once that adjective sunk in, my selection of pace lines has improved dramatically. Pace line selection goes to the heart of the decision making process. As my skill at this selection improved, the second psychological hurdle was crossed. That hurdle was the confidence in Synthesis. There is no better confirmation of your decision making than observing the results. The development of confidence in these areas has improved my performance. I still have a great deal of improvement to make and a great many of the intricacies to learn but I can sense better results will be coming.

I reread every copy of the Follow Up that I have received at least once every three months.

One aspect of the analysis that has made immeasurable improvement for me has been the use of "fractals". I check the fractals in every analysis as a whole (i.e. 2-1-2) rather than as segments such as observing early or late only and I have observed how often the winner affirms what the fractals described.

Thank you for the opportunity to use this methodology. Psychologically, the experience of wagercapping is more enjoyable and affects your spirits outside of racing. I hope I will have even better stories to tell you in the future. Happy holidays to you and to your family.

L.F., New Jersey

DOC COMMENTS: Just to think that Jim Q. said if I mentioned fractals or entropy, 3/4 of the Expo '93 audience would walk out! Validator incorporates both fractals and entropy in the V/DC rating.

Seasons greetings to all of you at O. Henry House. I hope that all of you are having a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Doc - I have not communicated with you for at least a year, in fact not since our brief visit with you in Vegas a year ago November. The Follow Up continues to be an ongoing "gift" from you to me (I feel that you write it just for me) right? Your energy seems to have no boundary, your innovation no end. Thank you.

I continue to do very well with Synthesis at all tracks. On the odd occasion, I seem to go off on a tangent. However, after a couple of losses where I'm "out to lunch" I go back in and correct my pace line selection and away we go, back to the Pay Window. (It's always pace line selection that gets me into never never land.)

Your final gift to me for Xmas was:

Race 5 Fairground Dec. 24 #1 BL/BL Pd \$74.20

From Churchill Downs in May to Fairgrounds in December the Big ones just keep on coming. I know that I'm not a handicapper but I have become a good "picker and user" of a genius inspired computer program. Thank You Doc.

Peace, Health and Happiness for the New Year.
L.S., Canada

Dear Dr. Sartin and Family,

Enclosed is my check for the Validator.

Thank you for all your hard work on our behalf. I value greatly the lessons and way of looking at things your teachings have given me. I find they assist me greatly not merely in the evaluation of horse races, but have as well broadened and expanded many other areas of my life.

Best wishes for you and yours in the year to come.
T.H., Texas

Hi Shane

Couldn't get through on the phone so thought I should e-mail. I received a renewal notice for the Follow Up. However I had already sent my check as always to renew in December. The check has cleared my bank so I figured no problem. Is this a miscommunication or am I missing something. Please let me know - the Follow Up is key to what I do as is the Synthesis program I use for income.

Thank you

J.O., Washington

Dear Dok:

Here in Russia we are limited to wagering on the donkey races run by the gangs and black marketeers. Needless to say, it is very dangerous to 'win' there. Luckily, I now have an internet connection, so I can increase my pile of dollars on races run in Amerika and Canada. This will allow me to leave here very soon.

Thanks for sewing your latest and greatest computer program into the lining of the Old Navy jacket you sent. Now the nanushkas are crazy about me and I'm winning more too. The Old Navy jacket really makes me look handsome and keeps me warm. The VODKARATER is just spectacular at simplifying the decision making process so I can win more money at the races. It also quenches my thirst and makes the mediocre vodka available here taste better. (How does it do that?)

Per your instructions I have reread Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, and Pushkin. I am also listening to Shostakovich and Stravinsky and whatever jazz records I can get (just found some Lester Young). This has made a Big difference. Stravinsky has really inspired me to win many longshots.

See you swoon,
Bestov Lastre

Doc,

Hello from New Jersey. I just wanted to drop you a quick note to thank you for all your help in how to properly hide horses! Your guidance and helpful hints to me are starting to really pay off at the WINDOWS! I have had a VERY PROFITABLE 2 weeks at Fairgrounds and Sam Houston. Today at FG I had a 87 dollar horse and a 30 dollar horse. Thanx again for your help in getting me going with PL4T. My corollaries for each track are helping me get a lot of nice prices. I am also following your guidelines and hiding the horse with odds too low to bet. I will try to call Mary and set up an appointment to talk to you soon! ...Please give my regards to Mary Jr. and Shane. God Bless you and your family,
R.P., New York

Hi Doc:

I never get sick... but this flu bug really got me this year. Right after Xmas it hit me hard. I've been down and out since then - that's over 3 weeks!!

Hope you are getting along OK. Say hi to everyone.

Just got Journal issue #78. Your idea of providing a link via notes to the new program (validator) is a GREAT improvement for us. When I handicap any given card I always start with a clean sheet of paper for notes. Some races may have anywhere from 1 to 3 or 4 important ideas that I need to reference prior to arriving at my betting strategy for any given race. Consequently, this new version is one that will clean up a lot of sloppy record keeping for me and provide a 'clean' appraisal for my "wagerhandicapping".

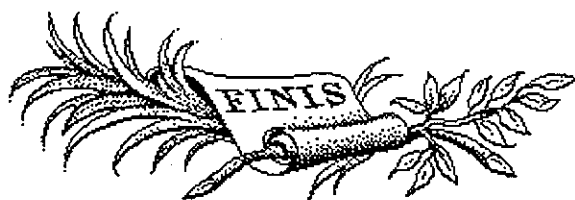
So, to say the least, I'm looking forward to its use.

Best,
D.F., Washington

Dear Doc, Shane, Mary, Aline,
Greetings from snowy N.Y.

Thought you would like this info since I asked about low paying favorites way back. Been using Validator for 2 weeks now and what success. Average 2/3 double digit winners a day at Big A, GP, PHA and even once at Tampa Bay. Also been tracking exacta and triple results. I soon will return to exacta play and will keep triples on hold for just a while (never been a triple player). Also love Comment section, really helps remind me of why I made contender or not. You are also correct about win percent not the most important thing (profit is). Now when low paying favs win, it doesn't bother me because I know good paying horses are coming.

Hope I've brought a smile to all your faces.
Thanks for all your help.
T.G., New York



When EARLY or LATE is just an *Illusion*

The information herein applies to all North American tracks and distances. I'm only using the current Santa Anita Winter Meet for convenience since I get the results each morning.

Many clients are still confused about what constitutes Early. A couple of clients don't even want me to use the term LATE; they want me to say "Sustained." The correct definition in this Methodology differs from LATE in that it demands a degree of EARLY for a horse to sustain into the final segment of a race.

Our EARLY-LATE graph is a tool, from which I can happily report, clients are now benefiting increasingly since the advent of the Validator. It denotes DEGREE of Late in stages. <>=Virtually Even. M-L = Medium Late. These two best represent "Sustained." V-L and EX-L are Very Late and Extremely Late respectively and usually represent horses whose maximum Energy was expended in the final fraction.

The formula for our E-L graph is complex and is exclusive (still) with this Methodology. It takes precedent over any and all forms of visual perceptions of Early-Late. As Sam Wada reported in a Follow Up a couple of years ago, it is a tool that can mean the difference between large profits and just making do.

We constantly receive messages from users who claim their *perception* of EARLY, based on Position Calls, is winning most of the races. Cognitive Psychology deals quite unkindly with the innate errors and incorrect conclusions drawn from visual perception. I won't dwell on it again here. The subject has been explored in previous issues.

Suffice it to say that the Racing public depends largely on visual perception and 95% of them lose on any given day.

The only precise way to measure the degree of Early, Sustained or Late that is actually winning is through a mathematical procedure that measures ENERGY EXERTION by SEGMENTS of a race. Combine this precision with the mutuel payoffs relative to that degree of Energy Expenditure and you have a tremendous advantage over the public.

While it is clear that many sprints run more Early than Sustained or Late, it is important to know the average win mutuels of these horses. It is even *more* important to know under what conditions and exact distances where a degree of LATE actually dominates and pays higher mutuels. We have the tool to make such determinations. The mainstream racing public does not. Hence, they are surprised, sometimes to the extent of being shocked when winners, most paying big overlay prices, win, counter to their visual perception.

The point can be driven home with just a few examples. Let's look at some races and do some profit-loss bookkeeping.

In the 1st example, WILD is the winner. It goes wire-to-wire. Is it running Early?

7296—FIRST RACE. 1 mile on turf. Purse: \$49,000. 3-year-olds.

Index	Horse and Jockey	Wt.	PP	ST	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	To \$1
(7083)	Wild N Golden, I Puglisi	116	1	2	1 1½	1hd	1 1	1½	1½	3.80
7176	Dillonair (GB), Nakatani	116	4	4	2 1	4 2½	3 1½	2 1	2 2	1.30
7104	Maybe Special (GB), V Espinoza	116	5	3	3 ½	3hd	4 1½	3 1	3 1½	5.50
7135	Crusading Pro, E Ramsammy	116	6	5	4hd	2 3	2hd	4 2	4hd	4.40
(7129)	Camelback, I Enriquez	116	3	1	6	6	6	6	5½	12.90
7129	Flannigan, P Toscano	116	2	6	5 2	5hd	5 2	5hd	6	6.10
1—WILD N GOLDEN										9.60 4.20 2.80
5—DILLONAIR										3.00 2.20
6—MAYBE SPECIAL										2.80

Off: 1:01 Time: :25.75 :50.07 1:12.92 1:36.61 Track: Clear & Firm.

Late/Early Difference Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 1 8 1

#	NAME	LN	N	DIF	LATE	EARLY	TOTAL	R
1	WILD	1	1	-15.0			166.46	1

The Incremental times: are on the chart. NO beaten lengths. The answer: EARLY or LATE = LATE-Definitely so. But now let's look at its EARLY LATE POTENTIAL: 77.71 EARLY, 77.70 LATE. Many clients are not using these graphs, especially the POTENTIAL relationships. Yet they swear to me they're following directions religiously.

Early/Late Energy Potential Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 1 8 1

#	NAME	L	N	EARLY	R	LATE	R	TOTAL	R	BAL
1	WILD	1	1	77.71	1	77.70	1	166.46	1	2

BAL COLUMN: LOW = BEST

Here's a tip for Exacta-Trifecta bettors: If the winning horse goes wire-to-wire running LATE, it is quite obvious that all horses behind it also ran Late.

Now a longer race, 9 furlongs. The winner is never behind by more than a length at any point. The crowd says EARLY; what do you say?

7303—EIGHTH RACE. 1 ¼ miles on turf. Purse: \$43,200. Maiden. 3-year-olds and up.

Index	Horse and Jockey	Wt.	PP	ST	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	To \$1
7089	Merhy, C Nakatani	117	3	3	4 2½	4 2	3 2	2 1½	1hd	3.60
7068	Spice Guy, D Flores	116	8	1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1½	2 5	6.50
7190	Shackelford, E Delahoussaye	116	4	7	3 1	2 1	2½	3 6	3½	1.90
7154	French Chopper, A Solis	123	5	10	9 1½	9hd	8hd	4hd	4 5½	7.00
7154	Slew O' Aces, R Valdez	123	7	6	6½	7 5	7 2½	5 2	5 5	25.70
7062	Boss Ego, J Valdivia Jr	115	9	9	7 2½	6hd	6 1	7hd	6 1	3.90
6464	Runaway Kidd, N Rodriguez	116	1	4	10	10	9 1½	9 5	7 1	59.70
7145	Wild Choice, I Enriquez	115	2	2	2hd	3½	4½	6 1	8 1	53.70
7154	Cactus Creole, V Espinoza	114	10	8	5 1	5 1	5 1½	8hd	9 7	36.00
6630	Nationalore, J Steiner	123	6	5	8 2	8 3	10	10	10	12.70

Scratched — Ability, Asian Blue, Continental Red, Importation

3—MERHY 9.20 6.00 4.20
 8—SPICE GUY 9.00 5.80
 4—SHACKELFORD 3.00

Off: 4:38 Time: :23.65 :47.43 1:11.41 1:35.33 1:47.71 Track: Clear & Firm.

NO! LATE. Ironically the same degree of LATE as WILD in the 1st race. BUT, with .13 *greater* Early Potential than WILD.

This phenomenon was carefully explained in the directions for using Synthesis, as well as in several Follow Ups. The more POTENTIAL a horse shows for running either Early or Late, the

more able it is to handle the Match-Up of the race, regardless of what it may appear to be; or the alleged Track Bias, however perceived.

Now, look at the 2nd race. 6 fur. Dirt. Winner TRI X. Beaten lengths and position calls: 5th, beaten 2.6 lengths, 4th, beaten 4.10 lengths, 3rd at the stretch, behind 2.5 lengths, wins the race.

Late/Early Difference Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 8 9 1

#	NAME	LN	N	DIF	LATE	EARLY	TOTAL	R
1	MERN	1	2	-15.0			165.19	1

Early/Late Energy Potential Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 8 9 1

#	NAME	L	N	EARLY	R	LATE	R	TOTAL	R	BAL
1	MERN	1	2	77.33	1	77.19	1	165.19	1	2

BAL COLUMN: LOW = BEST

Those looking at position call would say closer, or Late. Focusing on Beaten lengths others may say, Presser. But in truth the horse runs EARLY!. In fact, quite Early: 8.8.

Despite those Position Call and Beaten Lengths, TRI X is decidedly an EARLY running horse. But the public, your competition for the pari-mutuel dollar, will never believe it. Look:

Time of Race : :21.95 :15.15 :57.83 1:11.43
7-TRI XACTA 5 2.60 4 4.10 3 2 50 1 0 00

Late/Early Difference Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 2 6 D

#	NAME	LN	N	DIF	LATE	EARLY	TOTAL	R
1	TRIX	1	3	8.8			167.16	1

Early/Late Energy Potential Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 3 6 D

#	NAME	L	N	EARLY	R	LATE	R	TOTAL	R	BAL
1	TRIX	1	2	78.94	1	75.98	1	167.28	1	2

BAL COLUMN: LOW = BEST

78.94 Early against 75.98 Late. If this running line is typical of the horse, it is far more likely to improve EARLY; seldom, and more likely never, will it do well trying to run late.

SUMMARY: You will lose more races than you should if you try to determine Early-Late bias and/or a horse's Running Pattern if you try determining Early-Late by position call and/or Beaten Lengths.

All profiles I've seen in magazines or offered for sale, determine E-L by this outdated procedure. We're the only Methodology that actually measure Early-Late and everything in between, by Energy Exertion. This gives us a tremendous edge. USE IT!

Familiarizing yourself with the power of Early-Late POTENTIAL will answer many of the problems in determining proper contender/paceline selection and serve as a big help in passing races. Let's look at race #4 on June 9. The winner's odds are LESS than even. If we can predetermine his likelihood of winning, we can easily pass the race.

7299—FOURTH RACE. 6 furlongs. Purse: \$12,000. Fillies and Mares, 4-year-olds and up, bred in California. Claiming price: \$10,000-\$9,000.

Index	Horse and Jockey	WL	PP	ST	¼	½	¾	Str.	Fin.	To \$1
7200	Serena's Ruhl, I Puglisi	121	4	3	1½	2½	-	11½	11¾	0.90
7191	Maui Bopper, C Ambey	121	8	7	8	7hd	-	6½	2½	2.50
6293	Glens Falls, D Flores	118	5	4	2hd	3½	-	31	32	7.40
7088	Intoxicant, C Black	118	2	8	42½	44	-	42	42	4.90
7224	Sisterbull, B Blanc	118	6	1	6hd	63	-	74	5hd	33.10
7167	Princess Malia, M Garcia	118	1	8	5hd	51	-	5hd	6nk	37.40
7200	Bean Sum Fun, R Valdez	114	3	5	32½	1hd	-	21	75	24.90
5221	Fifty Six Diamonds, M Olivarez	118	7	2	78	8	-	8	8	84.30

5—SERENA'S RUHL.....3.80 2.80 2.20

8—MAUI BOPPER.....2.80 2.40

6—GLENS FALLS.....3.00

Off: 2:37 Time: :22.21 :45.30 :57.52 1:11.22 Track: Clear & Fast.

Despite the fact that Result Chart data is less meaningful than selected Past Performance lines, circumstances originally dictated that in this instance we use results. I don't feel too bad about it. Every single handicapping "method" prior to ours was built on RESULT CHART DATA rather than viable use of Past Performances.

Through the courtesy of Ellis Starr of TrackMaster, just before deadline, we were able to get Past Performances even after they were taken off the internet. So we'll be able to show you those as well.

So let's see what less-than-even-odds SERENA has that would suggest we pass this race. First just the Energy Generator.

FPS AND ENERGY -- ATM

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FPS

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HOL 6-9-99 14 6 D
ENERGY ->

#	NAME	L	N	T	TOT R	DEF	F1	F2	F3	SC	F1	F2	F3	MED-E
1	SEREN	1	1		167.62-1		59.46	57.37	50.78	58.39	35.47	34.23	30.30	69.70
2	MAUL	1	4		167.07-3	0.55	56.94	58.16	51.98	56.71	34.08	34.81	31.11	68.89
3	GLENS	1	2		167.25-2	0.37	59.37	57.29	50.59	58.21	35.50	34.25	30.25	69.75
4	INDOX	1	3		166.91-4	0.71	58.90	57.65	50.36	58.12	35.29	34.54	30.17	69.83

HI/LO Difference = .71 Average = 167.21

As we roam through the various readouts and graphs, we see that SERENA is FIRST in all categories except TT, HE and LPE. Even in these rankings it is a solid second.

CHAOS FORMULA POWER AND LONGSHOT RATINGS COMPOSITE -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 14 6 D

#	NAME	L	N	T	SR	POH-R R	LS/P R	W/W	EP R	TOT/S R	T/PP R
1	SEREN	1	1		83	137.73-1	105.07-2		58.39-1	93.22-1	95.79-1
2	MAUL	1	4		81	136.99-3	109.76-1		56.71-4	92.97-2	95.73-2
3	GLENS	1	2		81	137.12-2	99.77-3		58.21-2	92.90-3	95.63-3
4	INDO	1	3		79	136.57-4	105.07-2		58.12-3	92.62-4	95.47-4

QUAD-RATER

Por/Poh--ATM

#	NAME	F 1	F 2	F 3	S C	SC/BL	POR-R	POH-R	LS/P-R
1	SEREN	59.46	57.39	50.77	58.41		147.88-①	137.73-①	105.07-②
	POH	59.46	57.37	50.78	58.39	0.10			
	PCT	100.00	99.97	100.03	99.97				

When a horse ranks 1st in both POR and POH, is #1 on the Chaos line graph and is less than even odds favorite, it is wise to pass.

The Place horse, MAUL, is the Counter Energy horse, the only one of the chief contenders that runs LATE.

When a contender dominates EARLY and is no worse than Second in all aspects of Hidden and Late, it is a highly positive sign. Further, on the QUANTUM RATER Cigar Graph, it ranks FIRST from start to finish.

Late/Early Difference Graph -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 14 6 D

#	NAME	LN	N	DIF	LATE	EARLY	TOTAL	R
1	SEREN	1	1	13.8			167.62-	1
2	MAUL	1	4	-3.5	CE PL		167.87-	3
3	GLENS	1	2	14.8			167.25-	2
4	INDOx	1	3	15.8			166.91-	4

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QUAD-RATER GRAPHIC -- ATM

FACE	H	I	EP	R	FINISH	R
SEREN (1)	0.00-	1			0.00-	1
MAUL (2)	-1.68-	4			-0.49-	3
GLENS (3)	-0.18-	2			-0.37-	2
INDOx (4)	-0.27-	3			-0.68-	4

And on the all-important CHAOS GRAPH that limits the field to only the TOP five contenders, it also ranks FIRST.

CHAOS Formula Rating

	94%	95%	96%	97%	98%	99%	100%
SEREN1	100.00	+	+	+	+	+	+
GLENS1	99.55	+	+	+	+	+	+
MAUL 1	99.46	+	+	+	+	+	+
INDO 1	99.16	+	+	+	+	+	+

INCREMENTAL MATCH-UP -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 14 6 D

#	NAME	1F	2F	3F+TOTAL PACE
1	SEREN	1->	3->	1->
2	MAUL		1->	2->
3	GLENS	2->	4->	3->
4	INDO	3->	2->	4->

And on BL/BL it has a 3.7 Line Score advantage and is projected EVEN. Always measure the BL/BL Line Score DIFFERENCES between contenders.

WIN ODDS ONLY
ATM

BOTTOM			BETTING		
	NAME	LS	ODDS	BAL	
NO					
1	SEREN	23.5	EVEN	3	
2	MAUL	19.8	2-1	5	
3	GLENS	19.8	2-1	5	
4	INDOX	19.3	2-1	7	

SYNTHESIS POWER RANKINGS AND FRACTALS

#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	B	L	T	PRIM		SUPP		FRACT			ESP	SCBL	PRIM							SUPP				
				A	S	O	LS	R	LS	R	E	L	N			P	P	C	T	H	F	F	S	F	E	T	T
				L	P	T																					
1	2	PRINC1	75	7	2	4	20	3	19	4	4	4	3	E/P	6.0	3	3	4	1	1	4	4	4	4	3	4	4
2	5	SEREN3	83	3	3	①	13	①	8	①	2	①	2	EAR		①	2	①	2	3	①	3	①	3	2	①	①
3	6	GLENS1	77	5	4	2	20	3	14	3	1	3	4	EAR		2	4	3	3	4	2	2	3	2	4	2	3
4	9	MAUI 2	81	4	1	3	17	2	9	2	3	2	1	PRE	7.0	4	1	2	4	2	3	1	2	1	1	3	2

SCBL Calculated by Program to Conform to Today's Pace
FRACTALS WEIGHTED: E=Early L=Late N=Normal

Bear in mind that I did not say to pass other races where all these factors do not exist. Odds below even are quite typical in Stakes and other higher class races, as well as in some Maiden Races with 1st time starters. Study the unique qualities of *this* race before making generalized conclusions about passing. And let us never become so naive as to not believe in the existence of "Smart Money."

For those of you who have found value in races by hiding this kind of favorite, this race is an exception for several notable reasons that are at least semi-unique.

- 1) The other potential favorite HEIDI was scratched, even though there is no indication of that on the Form. The money on HEIDI was redistributed with SERENA getting the biggest share
- 2) It is a bottom of the barrel \$10,000 Claiming race (important)
- 3) The next lowest odds horse is the Place horse, MAUL. Exacta bettors would get back a whopping \$4.70. MAUL's odds were barely 5-2
- 4) All the high odds overlays had nothing to recommend them
- 5) This situation is unlike many others where the dominant horse fails and an Overlay wins. Please do not confuse the singular circumstances of this race with others where Hiding the low odds horse produces a substantial profit. In this race the top two favorites produce a substantial profit. In this race the top two favorites dominate the readouts and GLEN shows no ability in HE, LPR or L/EP to overcome the EARLY dominance of SERENA, plus its 2 ranking late.
- 6) Perhaps the most important point that separates this low class claimer from other races where one horse seems to dominate is the combination of ODDS and corollaries.

7) The public is generally unaware of the fact that in low class Claimers only (not in Stakes, Allowance or higher class claiming races), the crowd alone does not entirely dictate the odds when they're below even. When odds go below even in this kind of race, there are reasons that supersede the wisdom of the public. Scratching HEIDI was one; below even odds on a \$10,000 claimer is another. You can draw your own conclusions as to the source of the extra wagering.

All I can tell you is that the combination of factors existing in this race say to PASS IT.

SYNTHESIS Composite -- ATM

HOL 6-9-99 14 6 D

#	NAME	L	N	T	SR	EPR	LPR	CPR	TT	HE	FW	FX	LS	RANK	FX	Σ	TS	T/PP	R
1	SERENI	1			83	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	10	1	1	2	1	95.79	-1
2	MAUL	1	4		81	3	1	2	1	1	3	3	14	2	3	1	2	95.73	-2
3	GLENSI	2			81	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	18	3	2	3	3	95.63	-3

A Note from O. Henry House...

First, a BIG THANK YOU to all who renewed their Follow Up subscription at the First Class level. This makes a big difference to us as the Bulk Mail labels have to be sent off site due to Postal regulations. This means a lot of extra work and we hope to eliminate the Bulk Mail option altogether soon.

Second, we want to take this opportunity to tell you about a cause we support, and we hope you will too.

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TWO HORSES TO WIN BETS WIN AMOUNTS BY ODDS

Some well-intended client recently told me that there was no profit in a race when the two horses he bet went off at odds of 2-1 and 5-2.

WRONG!

This combination produces a \$10 profit if the 2-1 wins. A \$15 profit if the 5-2 wins.

It becomes a question of **Risk/Reward**. A question that can really be answered only by you! You're betting the same \$20 as you would if the odds on the two horses were 5-1 and 8-1. With those kinds of odds the reward becomes more than worth the risk.

A lot of people seem to be reluctant to do the simple math that answers all questions about the amount of profit they would make based on various ODDS COMBINATIONS.

So, here they are: Starting at 2-1 and going up to 5-1. Pick any combination of TWO that you like. Weigh the **risk** vs. the **reward** and make your own decision.

I didn't go past 5-1 because after that you don't have to worry.

BASED ON \$20 PER RACE. \$10 ON EACH OF TWO HORSES-

IF THE WINNER PAYS:

1: 2-1 GROSS = \$30 - NET - \$10

2: 5-2 GROSS = \$35 - NET - \$15

3: 3-1 GROSS - \$40 - NET - \$20

4: 7-2 GROSS - \$45 - NET - \$25

5: 4-1 GROSS - \$50 - NET - \$30

6: 9-2 GROSS - \$55 - NET - \$35

7: 5-1 GROSS - \$60 - NET - \$40

So the least you can profit, betting \$10 each on any of the above combinations is \$10.

The most \$40.

VALUE BETTING has been the subject of many more books and articles in the past year than ever before. Unfortunately the persons writing this material (with the exception of Mark Cramer), are using less than optimal handicapping procedures. This is easy to discern since good handicapping is seldom mentioned and the word SELECTION is disdained. My term, WAGERCAPPING involves both proper selection and intelligent wagering. If not intelligent, at least mathematically accurate.

Most of these VALUE authors bet ONE horse only, despite the fact that for 25 years it has been proved consistently, that betting TWO horses to win is considerably more profitable. One horse bettors think this is an ego game in which they must choose a single winner.

If you can handicap, (i.e. use your program well enough) to consistently land on any TWO of the above combinations, you'll profit. The more profitable the combinations, the more profit.

Aspects of Value That Are **OVERRATED**

This article is in no way intended to demean the brilliance of Mark Cramer's book, *Value Handicapping*. Nor to discount certain writings of others who stress betting only on Overlays, such as Frank Cotolo, Dick Mitchell, et al.

For regular and easy access, Frank Cotolo's column titled *The Turf Investor*, appearing regularly in *American Turf Monthly*, is very valuable (no pun intended). For the year 2000 he intends to produce a mechanical procedure for passing races. Cotolo is ATM's best writer by far. In the latest issue, he stresses the need to pass races and bet VALUE. To sum up the wisdom of that article: FIRST LEARN TO PASS. Second, learn to recognize the races in which there IS VALUE.

However, for many people, Value Handicapping, per se, is highly overrated because it will work only for those who truly recognize VALUE and, most especially, those who know when to pass races. In the case of most clients, it works well when one of their two horse bets is a VALUE overlay and the other bet is on a lower priced horse offering just a reasonable payoff. This way they get the best of both worlds. Worlds that one-horse-to-win bettors deny themselves only because their own egos demand it. We have proven time and again that betting two horses to win - with our method - produces a higher R.O.I. For the masses the VALUE concept doesn't work at all! Why? Because no mainstream author has yet written anything about VALUE and making a Personal Odds Line that is truly understandable to the mass mentality. Everything penned tells us that we should make a personal odds line; NEVER specifically HOW.

I have scanned the texts and articles of all the well-known VALUE authors and throughout the content of each one comes phrases like: "If you FEEL that a horse SHOULD have odds of ????" or if you THINK that a horse should be going off at ?????—". In other words they leave it up to the feelings or thoughts of the individual to determine what the odds of their top choice should be. From these odds one is supposed to build a true 100 odds line. Assigning odds to all the other horses in a race that must add up finally to 100.

This kind of thinking is naive at best. It makes good reading but no sense. When you have fairly intelligent people calling to California from Oklahoma asking such questions as, can a 5.5 furlong horse go 6 furlongs at *their* track, how can you expect them to make a 100% Odds Line based on their THOUGHTS or FEELINGS?

These writers are basing their advice on a faulty premise. It is one of the chief reasons I dwell more on the psychological aspects of what we do than the mechanics of handicapping and wagering.

Building a mind-set capable of thinking uncluttered by the huge pile of mainstream garbage out there, along with an emotional set capable of contacting a true feeling for the process of making correct decisions in a stochastic event, cannot be done by merely using the words 'THINK' and 'FEEL'.

As long as others believe in this faulty premise, those of us who have explored into the depths of Cognition and Emotion, will have an edge in the pari-mutuel wars that exceeds the value of any literature on the subject of making a Personal Odds Lines or Value Betting.

Furthermore, all these authors assume that their readers have a system or method that can and does produce a positive win expectancy before using their advice on proper money management.

Very few such procedures do produce anything close to a positive expectancy. So we must assume these authors are writing for a maximum of FIVE PERCENT of the racing public. That's okay, I write for at most one tenth of one percent. The difference is I know it and don't intend to be understandable to a sufficient number of persons to earn any money from writing alone. These other authors do make money from their offerings. Yet the percentage of "Horseplayers" profiting from all their words has actually decreased since 1937. I use that year because Fred sent me a copy of a 1937 TURF & SPORTS DIGEST.

Favorites paid more then than they do now. The reason: The current information overkill, much of which is on the Internet and is actually dominated by MISinformation. Some of it is well intended, but most of the handicapping instruction is downright fraudulent.

The way most of the "Value Boys" allegedly get around the bevy of "underlay" mutuels that often prevail, especially at higher class tracks, is to say that they can make a line that will determine when a 6-5 horse is an OVERLAY! They claim they can still bet favorites and CALL it value.

That old bridge from Manhattan to my birthplace in Brooklyn is still there. Anyone want to buy it?

With no one actually telling us exactly *how* they make their personal Betting Odds Line, we're in a quandary about accepting these kinds of favorites. Apparently VALUE authors have some subjective secret code they don't wish to share. I do know one thing for sure: they all seem to presume that the rest of us are as savvy about betting as their written offerings claim they are.

I can state unequivocally that it is easier to write for certain highly literate individuals than for the majority. These Value authors, including good 'ol Mark Cramer seem to assume that their readers are among the literati: the one in three Americans who do NOT have a reading problem. Also, they don't maintain a Follow Up service where several times per hour they must explain their Value and Odds Line concepts and practices.

That's the statistic: ONE IN THREE AMERICANS have a reading problem.

Of course this stat refers to the English language only and does not include the foreign born who may be highly proficient in their own language. Yet we hear it announced on Radio and TV daily: about two out of three having this reading problem.

However, since this two out of three is a majority, I'm not picking on any minority, just stating the facts, ma'am. Besides, since 80% of our clients are winning with a profit relative to the amount of their wagers, only ONE out of OUR FIVE may have the problem. These are the clients who don't (won't) follow directions.

Here are two examples. The first is from a man who has mastered the skill of passing races and when he does make a wager it is the prescribed amount. He bet a total of \$260 on 13 races, or \$20 per race as I've recommended.

O = BET-AFTER HIDES
 WAGERED - 13 RACES ✓
 PASSED - 7 RACES ✓
 MISSED - 8 RACES ✓
 WON - 5 RACES ✓

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SARTIN METHODOLOGY
 ALL TRACKS -- WAGERING DECISION FORM -- WIN

	BOTTOM LINE-BETTING LINE TIERS					PRIMARY	SUFF	IFRAC	
	1	2	3	4	5	BIEILICITIHIF	ISIEITITIEILIN		
	GP1106-10	GP1106-8	GP1106-7	GP1106-6	GP1106-5	GP1106-4	GP1106-3	GP1106-2	GP1106-1
CAT4	B.C.								
GP1106-10	CLASSIC	41.20				4:2:2:2:3:2:2	3:3:3:3:1:3:3:2		
TANEE	B.C. JUVENILE		62.60			7:5:2:5:3:2:3	5:5:3:4:1:5:4:5		
GP1106-8	B.C. FILLES-MARES TURF								
GP1106-7	MISSED								
TART		9.40	B.C. SPRINT			4:4:1:2:5:2:3	1:2:1:1:1:2:1:1		
GP1106-6									
TSIL		16.40	B.C. TURF			5:3:1:3:1:1:3	3:2:1:3:1:3:3:3		
GP1106-5	B.C. JUVENILE								
GP1106-4	KILLIES MISSED								
AQ1106-4	MISSED								
GP1106-3	B.C. DISTANCE								
GP1106-3	MISSED								
AQ1106-3	MISSED								
CR1030-10									
HALL									
LA1030-9	2.60					4:1:3:1:1:2:1	4:1:4:1:1:1:1:2:1		
AQ1030-9									
LA1030-8									
AQ1030-8									
LA1030-7									
TRIAL									
CR1030-7	4.20					4:3:1:1:1:1:3	3:1:1:1:1:1:3:3:1:1		
LA1030-6									
TKING									
LA1030-5						6:2:3:4:4:4:4	2:4:4:4:1:2:3:3:1		
EZ3									
CR1030-3				5.40		8:3:2:3:2:2:3	4:3:3:4:1:4:3:3:1		
ENT									
LA1030-1				7.20		4:3:2:3:3:2:3	2:2:3:3:1:2:2:2:2		
TOT									
WIN	1	1	2	1	1				
TOT									
MUT	4.20	9.40	57.60	71.60	62.60				
AVE									
MUT	4.20	9.40	28.80	71.60	62.60				
AVE									
BAL	4.0	4.0	4.5	6.0	7.0				

WAGER - 260

RETURN - 1006

R.O.I. 3.86

NET - \$746

You can see that K.M. passed 7 of 20 races, missed 5 that were won by low paying horses. He only won 5 of 13 but capitalized on them for a gross return of \$1,006 and a net profit of \$746. An R.O.I of 3.86.

Now another report from a very fine individual who has anxieties that are quite normal. The kind most clients have.

BET 13 RACES @\$20 = TOTAL \$260
MISSED 5, ODDS TOO LOW
PASSED 7
LOST 3
WON 5 = \$393

NET PROFIT = \$133

He also passed 7 of 20 races, missed 5 when underlays won. He bet a total of \$260 for a gross return of \$393, A net of only \$133. He passed on winners paying \$9.40, \$7.80 and \$9.00. At \$10 per horse, he would have grossed and additional \$131, and netted an additional \$71 for a total net of \$264. He would have almost made as much profit, had he bet those 3 previously mentioned winners on which he failed to capitalize, along with the low paying favorites when they were in BL tier one or two, Plus his highest paying overlay. Betting that way he still passed 7 races but missed only three. He again wagers \$260 for a gross return of \$522 or a NET of \$262. A \$2 loss, but a small price to pay for avoiding all anxiety.

Here's the twist. In the first example the client bet at FIVE different tracks, Gulfstream, Sportsman's, Aqueduct, Calder and Latonia. The client in the second example confined himself to ONE track, Bay Meadows. Neither of them bet by phone. They wagered at tracks that were in their copies of the Daily Racing Form.

Recently Mark Cramer dubbed me as one of the "Value Boys" because of that profit I made him and the Maryknoll Fathers from those two multi-cycle tests he gave me. I'm not one of them. For openers, I've never read in any of their writings examples like the two above. Never any warning that strict Value Betting requires being able to spot value and jump on it only when it exists and pass all other races. Even K.M. missed 8 races in which no value horse won. He usually misses less but not in this report.

If one of these value experts doesn't miss at 8 of 20 and profits more per dollar than K.M., I'd like to see it done. Except for Cramer they say that they bet only ONE horse. Since they don't have to personally answer to their readers, I think much of what they write is hyperbole. That's just a nice word for lie.

I have to answer client queries and account daily for my statements. If I tried to lie I'd get caught. Beside my wife and daughter won't let me anyway. So for those who want to duplicate the success of our documented Value Bettors, here are some tips.

(1) Learn to Pass races with no value but avoid being so timid that you pass virtually all the races.

(2) Cure yourself of top two-itis. The highest paying overlays often appear in BL/BL Tier 3. The \$41.20 Breeders' Cup Classic winner is a good example. (report 1).

(3) Focus more on learning when a favorite is destined to win before you pass or miss the race because you failed to make your second win bet on an overlay. Some concede favorites as winners even when they're *false* favorites. In other words, learn to recognize **false favorites**.

(4) If accepting no less than 5-2 odds puts a strain on you, lower your goal to horses paying \$6 or more but still pay close attention to contenders in BL/BL 3, even 4, AFTER HIDES, as your second win bet.

(5) If you insist on wagering at only one track, learn to accept the possibility that you may have only one or two legitimate wagers per day. This is especially true at major tracks when favorites dominate.

(6) Above all, heed Andy Beyer's message: By his own admission in the Washington Post, he lost badly in 1996 (maybe he was using the Racing Form Beyer Figures). No, that wasn't it. At first he said that maybe racing was passing him by. Then he correctly attributed his losing year to the fact that he was confining his wagers to only ONE track. When he started multitrack wagering, he once again had a winning year. To his credit he does not use the Beyer Numbers published in the Daily Racing Form.

Andy does not base his win/profit percentage on a day at the races. He calculates by the meet, even the entire year. I know none of us, myself included, have that kind of persistent patience. If I ever had a losing twenty race cycle I'd take the gas pipe. I've made as little as \$16 in 20 races without jumping off a bridge, and as much as - well a lot - without it turning me hypomaniac.

Emotional equanimity is the key to success.

I say it again, as I have in past Follow Up editions. Value betting is not for the anxiety prone no matter what you may read in books, I learned as far back as 1975 that TWO HORSES TO WIN wagering tended to completely compensate for normal anxiety and kept me and other clients from long losing streaks that escalate anxiety.

Two horses to win bets add up to greater long-term profit despite the higher wager required because you win more often and keep your equanimity when betting. I know lots of persons who go berserk after losing three in a row. The average one horse bettor frequently suffers seven or more losses in a row. Two horse wagering also gives you the opportunity to win when lower paying horses come in and when those big overlays win. It's been proven many times over for 25 years despite the criticism from certain well-know experts with an agenda of their own dedicated to opposing me while at the same time importuning much of my work.

PROGRESS REPORT

THE VALIDATOR

(1: A SCRATCHED HORSE.

Most of you know that when I go to the races with Aline Best, she downloads and prints the readouts. What has apparently surprised many of you is that I only ask Aline for the SECOND sheet of the readouts; the one containing only the Validator and the E-L Graph. A number of clients have expressed some shock that I no longer use the Corollaries or BL/BL. This doesn't mean you should follow suit. You should use all the tools. I created the program so I have greater insight into its power. Pride of creation is a powerful thing. So is coming up with something better when so many others told me I couldn't.

Viewing the Validator alone almost got me into trouble on December 26, Opening Day at Santa Anita. On the Validator printout the **winner** was nowhere to be found. Then came word that the #5 ranked Total Energy horse, MACWARD, had been scratched. I asked Aline what horse was 6th in Total Energy since it would move to 5th with the scratch. The horse was CENTRAL LOBBY, going off at 4:7-1.

Knowing how the Validator program works internally, I knew that CENTRAL would now have a higher Validator Ranking than the scratched MACWARD who ranked 3rd. By mainstream logic this would make CENTRAL, taking MACWARD's place, also third. No, it moved up to second on the Validator, a fact we confirmed when we returned home and reran the race. So, from being UNRANKED, nowhere to be seen on the Validator, CENTRAL moves up to second ranked and an obvious bet. It paid \$11.40 and helped make our day. The same day we had the \$50 winner at GG and the \$10.40 winner in the Mailbu Stakes at Santa Anita.

Here I would like to stress the fact that none of these or ANY OTHER winners you see published in the Follow Up, resulted from skillful *handicapping*. No attention was paid to any handicapping factor except Late Energy in the 5th race which was on the Turf. We had no idea who would take the lead or who eventually did. We did not look at workouts or days since last race or post position, body language, trainer, jockey or class, except for Total Energy.

In short we paid no attention to what is classically known as PACE or any other handicapping factor. I've kept no Profile or Model since 1992

I can tell you one thing for sure, which few will believe: Every handicapping maxim is like a two sided coin. So-called handicappers would WIN or LOSE just as much if they used the other side of the coin, did just the opposite as dictated by the maxim.

Let there be more handicapping conclaves, books and articles. Each one contributes positively to our being able to find higher payoffs; just as they contribute so richly to no profit \$5.80 winners

#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	B L	A S	T O
1	1 RIVER1	2	84	6	1	2
2	4 AWARE1		89	4	2	1
3	5 PASSI2		85	7	6	3
4	6 FRANK1	2	80	8	5	4
5	8 CENTR3		88	8	3	6
6	10 MACWA3		90	9	4	5

SCRATCHED

#	PNCNAME	LdNT	SR	B L	A S	T O
1	1 RIVER1	2	84	5	1	2
2	4 AWARE1		89	4	2	1
3	5 PASSI2		85	7	5	3
4	6 FRANK1	2	80	7	4	4
5	8 CENTR3		88	7	3	5

IN

THE VALIDATOR

PNCNAME	LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1 RIVER1	2	2	2	4	2
4 AWARE1		1	1	1	1
5 PASSI2		3	4	2	2
6 FRANK1	2	4	5	5	4
10 MACWA3		5	3	3	3

SCR- OUT

SA1226- 5 8.0T \$54,000

#	PNCNAME	Ld	N T	Turf	LATE EARLY	TOT R
1	1 RIVER1	2	-29.6			166.6 2
2	4 AWARE1		-15.8	P		167.1 1
3	5 PASSI2		-4.0	S		165.9 3
4	6 FRANK1	2	-18.5			165.8 4
5	8 CENTR3		-2.5	W		165.5 5

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THE VALIDATOR

PNCNAME	LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1 RIVER1	2	2	2	4	2
4 AWARE1		1	1	1	P 1
5 PASSI2		3	4	3	S 3
6 FRANK1	2	4	5	5	4
8 CENTR3		5	3	2	W 2

IN

3005 — FIFTH RACE, 1 mile on turf. Purse \$54,000. Allowance. 3-year-olds and up.

Horse and Jockey	PP	%	%	Str.	Fin.	To\$1
Central Lobby (Ire). Nakatani	8	4 ⁴	4 ⁶	1 ¹	1 ³	4.70
Aware (GB). McCarron	4	11	11	7 ⁴	2 nd	2.20
Passinetti, P.Valenzuela	5	7 ²	6 ²	3 ¹	3 ¹	6.00
Frank Leboeuf, Solis	5	5 ¹	5 ⁴	4 nd	4 nd	39.10
Riverside, Stevens	9	9 ¹	9 ¹	6 nd	5 ¹	2.30
Dandy Dancer (GB). Flores	10	10 ²	10 ²	8 ⁴	6 ⁴	18.30
Hexagon (Ire). Delahaye	3	1 nd	2 ²	2 ¹	7 ¹	8.10
Bujones, Berrio	2	3 ¹	3 nd	5 ¹	8 ⁴	45.00
Chosen Prize, Enriquez	7	6 nd	7 ¹	9 ⁴	9 ⁴	27.80
Svenska, Garcia	9	9 ⁴	9 nd	10 ³	10 ⁵	88.10
Regal Battle, Martinez	11	2 nd	2 nd	11	11	114.30

Scratched — Dexter Drive, Macward, Sky Champion.

8—Central Lobby	11.40	4.80	3.60
4—Aware		3.60	2.60
5—Passinetti			3.80

Time—23.13, 46.69, 1:11.79, 1:23.93, 1:36.01, Clear and firm.
Winner — ch.c.4, Kenmare-Style Of Life, Tr-Robert Frankel, Own-Juddmonte Farms.

\$1 Exacta (8-4) Paid \$19.80
\$1 Trifecta (8-4-5) Paid \$109.80
\$2 Quinella (4-8) Paid \$15.80
\$1 Pick Three (7,8/11/8) Paid \$571.30
\$1 Superfecta (8-4-5-6) Paid \$1,056.50

(2) JOHN R. LONG.

In Vox Populi we used only his initials. However, his work with the Validator earns him name credit for his insight and research. To quote him exactly, "I have decided to go with the separate Validator readout since most of the longshots are found there." Along with his note he sent a package of enough races with Validator and download printouts to fill two full issues of the Follow Up. Since the downloads take about 4 pages each, in the interest of space I'll just print his Validator Readouts and results as space allows.

An interesting note about John's readouts. He enters as many as 9 horses per race. As a result many of his longshot winners are 3rd ranked on the Validator. If he'd use fewer contenders and/or HIDE more non-qualifiers, these horses ranked 3rd would become 1st or 2nd. However, he's adapted to using 3rd ranked horses when the odds are right so his use of too many contenders has not seemed to hurt him.

Another thing he's learned through experience and reading the Follow Up is that when the Validator ranks a horse higher than its Tier Level on BL/BL, the Validator ranking is superior. It was thus on ALL his readouts as it has been on all of Aline's and mine

SA0120- 1 8D \$42,000

THE V A L I D A T O R

#	NAME	L	N	T
1	win p	2		
2	erinp	1		
3	aly p	1		
4	goldp	1		
5	kal p	2		

TOT-R
5
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4
2

TPV-R
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1
1
3

TDC-R
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3

V/DC-R
P 2
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1
1
W 3

W/22.00

SA0121- 1 8D \$37,000

THE V A L I D A T O R

#	NAME	L	N	T
1	de p	1		
2	reno	3		
3	hyra	1		
4	ron p	1		
5	pri	1		

TOT-R
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3

TPV-R
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2
1
3
3

TDC-R
5
3
1
4
2

V/DC-R
3
2
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4
W 2

W/38.20

SA0123- 7 8T \$56,000

THE VALIDATOR

#	NAME	L	N	T	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1	gam	2			2	2	2	P 2 P
2	car p	1			4	3	4	S 3 S
3	sul	2			5	3	5	3
4	lid	1			3	3	3	W 3 W/14.00
5	arr	3			1	1	1	1

SA0123- 8 7D \$100,000

THE VALIDATOR

#	NAME	L	N	T	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
1	PENN	1			3	3	5	W 3 W/32.20
2	CLA	2			5	2	2	3
3	MEAN	1			1	2	4	2
4	CASH	4			4	2	1	1
5	GLI	2			2	1	3	1

ROBBIE ROBINSON

SA0112- 1 6.0D \$23,000

THE VALIDATOR

PNCNAME	LdNT	TOT-R	TPV-R	TDC-R	V/DC-R
2 FLORE1		5	4	5	4
3 MELO 1		2	2	3	2
4 FEMME1		1	1	1	1
5 PETAL3		4	3	4	3
6 WIND 1		3	2	2	2

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Another Tool

from The 'Capper

Let's begin with a little story. Our star in this story is, to be sure, a race track denizen. Let's call him "Sure Thing " Sherm. Sherm is always looking for a new angle, or even better than that, some INSIDE information. He spends a lot of pre-race time in the

paddock area watching for something, anything. Sherm is looking for a TIP that will GIVE him a winner.

On one particular day Sherm notices a priest in the paddock area. Sherm remembers that he has seen this priest around the horses on other occasions. He decides to watch and see what happens. In each case the horse the priest stops in front of and speaks to gets up and wins the race. Sherm is ecstatic, certain he has found the ANSWER to riches at the race track.

Sherm has decided to make a major investment on the next horse the priest talks to before the race (he is going to plunge on this one). He goes to the bank and takes out some extra money for this bet, thinking about how he will spend his winnings. He gets to the track and spots the priest. Sherm follows this man of the cloth to the paddock area, ready for a sure winner. True to form the priest stops with one of the owners and then spends a few moments talking to the horse. Glancing at the tote board Sherm notices the odds on this horse are 45 to 1. True, the priest has not had a winner this big before, still they have all won. Sherm presses on with his plan. He goes to the windows and purchases the biggest win ticket he has ever seen, much less bought himself. He then hurries out to a spot along the rail close to the finish line wanting to be close to the action as his "Sure thing" crosses the line first.

The gate opens and they are off. Sherm listens for the call. He does not hear his horse's name. He looks at the tote board and cannot see his horse's number. They turn for home and still no sound or sight of the sure thing. It finishes just this way with Sherm holding onto the most expensive track memento he has ever bought, and his horse finishing far up the track.

Sherm is devastated and goes looking for the priest. He finds him and asks what went wrong with this horse. The priest answers Sherm in a matter of fact tone saying, "Son, you have to know the difference between a blessing and the Last Rites".

After poor Sherm's story, the question for each of us becomes—"Where are you as a handicapper?" When you picture yourself as a handicapper what do you see? A Sherm? A winner? A loser? A Methodologist? A Methodologist who uses the program but cannot resist tampering with it? The next question then is are you satisfied with where you have just seen yourself? And, lastly, what are you going to do about it if you are not accepting where you see yourself today as a handicapper?

Now, if you are not content, what are YOU going to do about it? The first place to begin is with your records. Your records are the validation of your answer for where you are as a handicapper or as a successful wagercapper, or for where you need to improve.

Here is another tool. Using a technique from the self-help and counseling arena is an approach which may be used to assist us in looking at where we can make some changes or do some fine tuning. It may also assist in getting a feel for the program readouts. The technique is called journaling. It is nothing more than writing down your thoughts, insights and feelings at certain times or when certain events occur. I suggest you take your records, specifically the twenty race cycle, and incorporate this technique of journaling into them. Most of these entries will be of a subjective nature. They go to the heart of your approach to the parimutuel challenge. I have found that after each race if I jot down a few notes it is extremely helpful to me later when I review the entire day or couple of days. I am looking for insights into habits I may have fallen into whether positive or negative. I am looking for races which create anxieties that create indecision. I am looking for which pacelines I select that inflate today's performance or pacelines that will down grade today's chances. I am seeking non-numerical data about how I am currently seeing the past performances in selecting pacelines and contenders.

It is hard to say how bad habits creep into our successful endeavors but they do. Journaling has become another tool I use to keep myself on track, to keep my good habits in the winning mode. I do not worry about running times, track bias, distance, or surface. What I am interested in is how I used the Synthesis readouts; how did I interpret the results from a series of running lines; how are my entered contenders faring. Also, I should note that in this review of my journalized twenty race cycles I am not looking for one time deviations. I am seeking consistency in my selection of winners. I am looking for patterns of perfection or disaster.

To many it seems like trying to organize chaos, therefore impossible. It may seem chaotic to them; however, I know that even in randomness and chaos there is predictability. I use the journaling technique to help me see if the pacelines I select are the ones that are predicting the winners. Remember, it is the pacelines that provide the data the programs use to create the tiers of contenders.

Of course, all of these techniques and guidelines are of little help if the goal is forgotten. Your goal should be consistent with how you see yourself as a handicapper.

In a recent issue of the Follow Up we have seen the goals and results from a pair of Methodologists. Their goals are reflected in their approach and results. Peter Tolan has shared with us not merely his winning monster trifecta tickets but that the trifecta to him is a seldom used wager. He waits for the time when the programs show him the contenders will provide an acceptable return for him. He is not chasing every trifecta race on the card. It is obviously working for him. And then we have Terri Owens who reports a 42% win percentage but is selective enough to still show a profit. Here are examples from two wagercappers who KNOW where they are as handicappers AND what their goals are. They keep both their goals and their method in their minds eye as they successfully wagercap.

I do not know about you but I am not looking to exist on rumors and tips for my success at the track. I look to be successful long after the Sherms and the priests have taken their leave.

The 'Capper here with a race day reminder....work the plan, be profitable.

'Til next time.

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