Beginning Matchers

My strongest suggestion for those just starting out.

1) Download Jim Bradshaw’s “5 step approach” found here in this forum. Read and reread it several times. Then practice races using ONLY those guidelines for 60-90 days. Take NOTES.

2) Move to the ‘Mind’s Eye” series of threads. There you will find Mr. Bradshaw’s EXACT initial steps he had me do after familiarizing myself with the basics (5 step approach etc). Take your time and read the opening headers to the threads SEVERAL times. It is THERE you will see EXACTLY what he had me do. Start with the first Mind’s Eye thread. Spend at least a month working races in that fashion. Take NOTES.

Then drop me a line.

***** If you do NOT give yourself at LEAST 4-6 MONTHS of focused work on these fundamentals you have no chance of success. *****

This gives one the BEST chance to learn and RETAIN things that will help him matching. That is what Mr. Bradshaw wanted.

All the best

Richie

09-01-2008, 10:07 AM

I have a question about what to label a horse like this.

Is it an E/P with the 1’s, 2’s, 3’s in its PPs, or is it labeled a need to lead “E?” If there’s another faster “E,” is it eliminated?

thxs mike
09-01-2008, 02:45 PM
Styles : 1st call positions only

1) All his wins are wire-to-wire.

1a) can pass horses: can break from 2nd or 3rd before the quarter and get the lead at the 1st call

1b) Comfort zone: needs at least 1/2 length lead at 1st call

1c) If challenged, not proven he can fight, at least, for the lead

2) Line 1 - won wire-to-wire

Line 3 - won wire-to-wire

Line 4 - fought for the lead at the 1st call, didn’t get it

3) When 2nd or 3rd at the 1st call, was not pressing, was fading and showed no success at it, maybe except maybe one race, and was fading at that one.

3a) When 2nd or 3rd at the 1st call, he is not passing horses, no power moves.

If he does not get the lead, he becomes Other-Than-Early, he does not win as an Other-Than-Early.

With his recent performance in last few lines, I would say he is Early, must go wire-to-wire.

Corrections humbly welcomed.

VoodooFan

*** Excellent!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Now what is his 1st fraction when early Voodoo?? Complete your “picture” of this guy. Really good work. *** Richie

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Styles vary widely depending on whom you ask. It’s all good imo.
I’d go with the very first impression you had of the horse when you opened the race and saw him for the first time.

Quick story from the Hat that might help regarding styles.

Most folks don’t know that Jim owned, trained, raced and bet on horses that ran on what he called “Outlaw tracks.”

No timer
No judges
No grandstand

Nothing but a dirt surface and some rough characters betting, scheming to take others cash. I’m pretty sure Dick (Socantra) would know of some of these spots down there in Okie country! I think he also might have told Bill about this.

Hat told me about this Appaloosa he had. He told me that sucker would blow everyone away when the gate popped. He raced him and cashed nice betting on real short races. Problem was after a real short time the horse would stop like he was shot (his words!).

He told me any and EVERY time another horse put a body on his horse, it was curtains for his Appy. That is where his definition of “pressing” came from. Racing at the outlaw tracks.

Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s E/P definition:
A horse 2nd or 3rd who is 1/2 length or closer to the leader at the FIRST call.

Hope this helps someone. True story.

I use the Hat’s “within one length” for Early. All others are OTE.

So I ask myself this question: What position has it shown it can win from??

Early with a 1c of 23.
Thumbs Up!

That is EXACTLY what you are supposed to do! Ask questions as you “look all around” at the horses past performances.

Charlie I know you are beginning here. What you just posted is VERY good work and I’m very serious.

My “eye” sees exactly what you see in this animal.

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09-01-2008, 06:20 PM

Originally Posted by RichieP

*Now what is his 1st fraction when early Voodoo?? Complete your “picture” of this guy.*

The only other thing to add, is what Charlie said:

1) He can only win with 23 or slower.

2) He can only win if no other horse challenges him for the lead

3) He can only “fight” at a 23 or slower

4) At a 23 or faster, he can fight, but cannot get the lead.

5) At a 23 or faster, he can fight, but cannot win (needs 1/2 length lead “*comfort zone*”)

VoodooFan

By the way, your response turned this into a fine good exercise.

Complete picture of a horse like THE HAT would sometimes say, “I know what he’s gonna do...” or “in your mind, you have a complete picture of what this horse can do....”

*** Excellent. This is very good. Very good.*** RichieP
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Hope this helps?? ?? Are you kidding?? ?

That’s a FANSTASTIC definitive piece of HAT history AND solid, clear way of identifying what an Early Presser is!!

Perfect for the title of this thread “Beginner Matchers.”

Always some grey area to me about this, almost gettin it, maybe 90% to 98% of the time, but not always entirely sure.

With this perfect picture and story in mind, some of us can proceed with confidence in classifying and identifying Early Pressers. Win, lose or draw, we KNOW we made the right call as of running style. This would be one of the ground basics we got locked and loaded in our pocket.

Damn, it’s like Christmas morning to see what’s posted next in “Hat Check.”
The Howard G. Sartin Methodology, wow, what’s better, cause I haven’t seen it yet, and doubt I will.

VoodooFan

09-01-2008, 06:50 PM
Charlie’s 4th sentence in post #6 here is exactly what the Hat wants us to do when going through a horse’s pp.

Charlie asked questions of the horse he was evaluating: Can he win running OTE?

When he runs and wins (or just misses for example), what 1c does he need to do it?

What comfort zone of a lead does he need?

Remember that “weird thread” about taking a picture of a horse? That is the same thing that Charlie is doing when he asked questions of a horse and then used the pp’s to get answers.

1) Get a projected pace following Jim’s outline in the 5 step approach.

2) Once you have that 1c-2c proj pace move to the 1 horse and start asking questions of the horse in front of you. Prioritize pace lines run against your proj pace or faster. Those are the lines you ask the most questions about.
Five Step Approach To The Match-Up
Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw

THE MATCH UP

A horse race is a match up of horses running against each other from the starting gate to the wire. In learning to handicap a race, it is necessary that you understand that the race does not start at the half-mile, it starts when the gate opens. The race does not end at the second call, but at the wire.

The winner of a race will be determined by how the horse distributes his energy throughout the race, not whether one fraction is greater than the other. This is the reason that horses with the best final time do not always win.

To win the race it is essential that you understand all phases of the Match-Up. Once you understand each phase you must link them together to decide the outcome of the race.

1. Mark the Match-Up Tandems.
2. Select the running style of all horses in the race.
3. Project today’s pace.
4. Match running lines against projected pace. [Horse vs Projected Pace – eliminate horses that can’t match projected pace.]
5. Match each horse against each other. [Match horses not eliminated in Step 4.]

Make sure you understand each phase before moving to the next phase.

TANDEMS

Tandem races are where horses, in their past races, have run against each other. The Tandem concept is a good indicator of how the horses will perform in today’s race. The Tandem concept works best if the Tandem race was at today’s track, and today’s distance, but is viable for any race anywhere in the past performances.

These are handicapping questions that should be taken into consideration:

1. Why did a horse win the last Tandem race, and
2. Why did a horse lose the race?

The Tandem procedure is one of the best methods in locating today’s contenders, and pace lines. Many horses may be eliminated based on their performance in the Tandem race.
Here are a few guidelines for determining when to use Tandems:

1. Look at the Tandem horses. If the winner’s time for the Tandem was five-fifths (one full second) slower than today’s pace at both the second call and finish then eliminate all of the horses in that Tandem.
2. If the horse was beaten five or more lengths at the finish and did not gain at least five lengths (or positions) from the second call to the finish, or he was not in contention at the second call (1st, 2nd, 3rd, or within 5 lengths) he may be eliminated.
3. Determine the running style of the Tandem horses in today’s race.
4. Why did a particular running style win in the last Tandem?
5. Will the same running style win today’s race, or will a horse with a different running style prevail?
6. How many repeat winners are there at the track you are playing?
7. A horse that did not win in a Tandem may be a “Need to Lead Horse,” and was unable to get the lead, but he may be able to get the lead in today’s race.

The Tandem concept is a valuable tool, and should be used to increase your handicapping skills.

**RUNNING STYLES**

When handicapping a horse race, determine the running styles of each individual horse. These styles help to answer the important question, how is this race going to run? A race is a ‘herd on the move’ and all horses are characterized by one of the following four designations; Early Horse, Early Presser, Presser and Sustained Presser.

There are three main running styles that figure in a horse race. In most instances these styles are determined by the position where the horse likes to run, rather than how fast the horse runs.

1) **EARLY** - Is a runner whose very best races are on or near the lead, or within a length while attempting to get the lead. A winning effort is accomplished only in this manner, and is usually a wire to wire effort.

2) **PRESSER** - Is a tactical runner that lies just off the pace, comes on in the second and third fractions. These horses may force the early horses to exert their energy to maintain the lead. These horses are usually up close to the early runners, but are not affected by the early pace.

   a) Early Presser is the horse that takes dead aim at the leader but prefers someone else lead. They sit next to the leader and hope that at some point in the race the front runner tires so that they may go by. These horses do not lead and if they get the lead, will not win. Early pressers may put pressure on the early horse and, most likely, will never go by. In a herd environment, these horses are observed
positioning themselves as close to the early horse or the ‘boss’ but never brave enough to lead or become ‘boss.’
b) Sustained Pressers are the most exciting of the running styles. The Sustained Presser likes to stay way behind and hopes that there is a fast pace and all the Early, Early Pressers and Pressers have expended all their energy and tire so that their stretch run gets them to the front *in time*. In a herd, these horses will be observed lagging behind and are fair game to whatever is chasing the herd. Sustained Pressers have the least reliable of the running styles and rarely win races.

3) LATE (Sustained) - Is a runner that comes on late in the race, often after the early runners, and pressers have exerted all their energy. They are habitually in the back of the pack, and win by catching the leaders in the third fraction (3F.)

**PROJECTING PACE**

Pace is The Match-Up and through pace analysis and projecting the probable pace of today’s race you can find the pace a horse can win against and the pace they fail against. Each horse’s running line and running style will be matched against the others, fraction by fraction, to find the line to use in today’s race.

The fractional times used are the first call (the quarter mile in sprints, and the half mile time in routes), the second call (the half mile in sprints, and the six-furlongs in routes), and the third fraction (the difference between the second call and final time).

There are two ways to project pace.

1. First, decide the horse that is likely to take the lead. In picking the horse that is going to take the lead, find a horse that has truly been in the lead at the first call. In the event none of the horses definitely had the lead, use a time where a horse tried for the lead or was up close.
2. Next, find a horse that was in the lead at the second call. Use the same procedure explained in finding the first call. Next, find a final time that matches the first two calls, and you have the projected pace of today’s race. Never add beaten lengths to any of the fractional calls. Horses that do not match today’s pace will have difficulty winning.
3. Find the horse that has run the best against the fastest pace in his last race, at today’s track, and at today’s distance. Tandem races are good to use in this procedure. If none of the horses have run at today’s distance consider any fast sprint, or any fast route line. This horse is the pace horse that all the other horses will be matched against.

This race from the pace horse will be used as the initial projected pace of today’s race. All the other horses in the race must be able to run against this pace. Match every horse
in the race, with the initial projected pace. Any horse that doesn’t match today’s pace will not be considered as a win contender.

MATCHING RUNNING LINES

Pace line selection is one the most important components in handicapping. If you can select the true running line, you can win most of your wagers.

Remember, this is a horse race, and you must abnegate all prejudices to make the Match-Up work. The horses run the race, not the jockeys or trainers.

The track has very little influence on the outcome of the race. The winner of the race is found by how the contenders in today’s race match up against the other horses in the race.

Sure, there are times that a horse may “wake up,” and run better than he has ever run. A horse may take the lead that has never showed that he wants the lead. This is out of the blue behavior that can happen in horse racing, and will rarely be influenced by the trainer, jockey, or the track. In isolated cases these three components may decide the outcome of the race. If you insist on relying on these elements, it is impossible to learn the Match-Up.

In establishing the true contenders, and proper pace line, you need to make a complete analysis of all horses’ past performances. The last race is very important and we should view this race in determining current form. We do not need to use this line, but do not readily forgive bad races. Learn to be flexible and decide what the horse can do against the other horses in the race. It is meaningless how a horse ran in his last good race, because it must face a totally new situation today.

The horse has never faced this match up before, and will never run this race again. How is today’s race going to run? How is this horse going to run?

Most of the time, when you have found the true contenders, you will have the winner in your top three or four horses. It is necessary to eliminate horses that do not have a chance of being in the money. The more contenders you have, the more difficulty you will have “picking” the winner.

The selection of the line that best predicts how the horse will run in today’s race is the “key” in using the Match-Up. Look at the total past performance to decide the best line that matches the pace and represents the running style of the horses in today’s match up.

What follows is a unique way of picking running lines and contenders. Draw lines through races that do not represent the horses’ ability. Draw lines through the past performance of the horses. These lines are based on distance, surface condition and running style. In most instances the only lines left open are sprint lines, because today’s
distance is a sprint. We can use internal fractions in a route, but if we have a good sprint line we will use the sprint line. We want to know how the horse can perform in a sprint.

This gives us a clear picture of the horse’s chances in the race. All horses are given lines, but we can readily see that very few are really contenders. Writing down the selected line is a good way to view the pace line match up and finding the winner.

Later you will need to do this exercise mentally, so you can keep your form clean.

MATCH THE HORSES

After you have learned the first four steps it is now time for the “nitty gritty” of The Match-Up.

1. Apply the tandem concept and match each Tandem against today’s pace. This procedure will eliminate slower horses and non-contenders. Pay close attention to Tandems at today’s distance and at today’s track.

2. Apply today’s projected pace and Match each horse’s running lines with the other horses in the race. Horses that do not Match-Up are eliminated. This procedure should get the field down to three or four true contenders. It is necessary to eliminate horses that do not have a chance of being in the money.

3. The selection of the line that best predicts how the horse will run in today’s race is the ‘key” in using the Match-Up. Look at the total past performance to decide the best line that matches the pace and represents the running style of the horses in today’s match up. Match each horse’s running style against each other: Early against Early, Presser against Presser and Late (Sustained) against Late. Pick the best of the three styles. Now you have the fastest horses in today’s race.

4. Now let’s pick the winner of the race. Is the race going to run early, or other than early? This question is best answered by the running style of the horses. Look at the early horses. Can the early horse go wire-to-wire? Can the early horse pass horses if they do not get the lead? To decide if an early horse can pass horses look at the position call before the first call, remember the race starts, when the gate “pops.” If it is decided that the early horse can not win, will a presser prevail? Check the pressers and see if they can run fast enough to pass tiring early horses, or did they exert their energy attempting to stay in the race? If the pressers have exerted their energy early, then and only then will the late horse win.

That’s All Folks
RUNNING STYLES

The past performance lines show the type of pace that is best for the horse. To arrive at this conclusion, one must establish the running style of the horses in the race. To establish the running style look at all lines in the horse’s past performance. We must understand, and be able to identify, the three main running styles that are in a horse race.

I usually label running style “Early” or other than Early and use positions to determine where the horse will be in a race. Sometime individuals forget that a horse has run a quarter of a mile before a time is given, and we are at the mercy of the chart maker to know the true position of the horse.

A horse running second may be a need to lead horse that didn’t get the lead, but pressed the first fraction and wins. Look at all running lines to determine if the horse usually goes wire-to-wire. If not he is a presser.

Here is my interpretation of running styles:

Early: 1st at all calls.
Early Presser: 2nd at first call.
Presser: 3rd at first call.
Sustained Presser: 4th, or 5th at first call.
Sustained: at 6-9 at first call.
Late: 10th, or more at the first call.

The Hat
I’ll start a Match-Up Beginners class. I will not be able to have races posted until I start go back to the track. Use races that are posted to learn the early steps.

I. Learn to identify the running style of horses. The running style is essential in learning the Match-Up. The three styles were names E, P, S.

E -- are horses whose past performance shows that they are early pace horses. Their position at the first call identifies their early running style. These horse’s run wire-to-wire.

P--are tactical runners that press the early pace. This running style is where the horse has an up close position at the first call, and is up close or in the lead at the second call. Pressers either run in the second or third position.

S -- are horses that come from off the pace. They are horses that win from way back, and are horses running behind the pressers. They are late runners that win when the early runners have exerted their energy.

The last two running styles are Other Than Early. This is used to decide how today’s race will set-up: Early, or Other Than Early.

Lesson II

Early is a runner that can go wire-to-wire, without a challenge from any other runner in the race. If this is true the race will run Early. Otherwise, the race is going to run Other Than Early. There are certain things to look for before making deciding how the race “sets” up.

Evaluate the runners in today’s race and decide the running style of all runners. Next, look at the Early Runners and evaluate them and ask yourself the following questions:

1. Look at the first fraction and see which horse will have the lead.
2. What type of lead does the runner need: Open lengths, or can the runner fight?
3. What happens if he is challenged?
4. Are there any early challengers in today’s race?
5. Is the runner a quitter?

If there isn’t a horse that has the lead at the first fraction, look at horses that are close to the lead and gain the lead at the second call. Give these horses the lead by default. Most of these races run Other Than Early.
Lesson III: ENERGY DISTRIBUTION

Energy distribution is the key to understanding The Match-Up. Acceleration and deceleration will decide the winner of today’s race. In most races the horses accelerate from the starting gate to their highest velocity. This early acceleration generates a constant deceleration and causes toxic build up and energy exertion. The Match-Up determines what influence the pace of the race will have on the competitors in today’s race.

The ability to understand pace is an essential fundamental of successful handicapping. No horse can run at top speed the entire distance of the race. If a horse has to run a fast early pace, he slows, and he may not be able to win the race.

To win the race it is essential that we recognize how the race is going to run. You must look at the first call of the race and find the horse that is most likely to get out of the gate first and take the lead. Then ask yourself, can the horse go wire-to-wire, or will he be forced to run faster to establish the lead in today’s race? If this is true find the horse that is up close. Can he take over when the Early horses fail? If an Early horse cannot win the race, the race “sets” up to run Other Than Early. In reality there are only two running styles: Early and Other Than Early.

The winner of a race will be determined by how the horse distributes his energy throughout the race, not whether one fraction is greater than the other. This is the reason why horses with the best final times do not always win. Every fifth of a second faster the horse has to run at the start costs two-fifths of a second at the finish. The same applies if the horse is able to run slower at the beginning of the race.
Sprint to Route

Jim,

Can you give me some guidelines on how to use a 6F paceline for today’s race at 8F? The horse in question has never run a route. I’m having problems matching sprint to route. Occasionally a sprinter does win his first time in a route race.

Pino

Sprint To Route

When looking for sprinters that can stretch out, do not look for sprinters that fade in their sprint race. Look for fast sprinters, because fast sprinters beat slow routers.

Add two-fifths of a second to the first call, and use the second call and final time of the sprint line. Two-fifths of a second are added to these times. The beaten lengths will not be changed. Next, we must devise a new final time. There are two ways this may be accomplished. Look for the Router in today’s Program that matches the new sprint times and use this as the new final time, or add 6.2 seconds for each half furlong from the sprint final time.

The Hat
Matching up correctly

I knew I was NOT applying Jim’s stuff correctly. Mixing software with this and that, gaining ground nonsense, etc., etc., etc.

Got a “tune up” and steered in the CORRECT direction.

I was going to show a race from CD yesterday but this race from EvD last night is even easier and pays well.

First let me show the pp’s for the field. I am going to show ORIGINAL pacelines using Specpa as the vehicle. But we are NOT going to use software at all to work the race and make decisions.

Evangeline - Race 9 - 8f dirt

NOTE: See Evangeline Downs, 5/27/06, 9th Race.

Projecting Pacesetter

Now we have to find the “boss” early. It’s the # 5 - Madison’s Pride.

I have marked 2 lines - the 3rd back is at this distance:
1c - 48.8 - on the lead
2c - 114.8 - 2nd - 1.5 lengths off

The last race is at 8.3f. I see the 2nd c here is 114.5. I work EvD every night and for some reason to ME these 8.3 f races run faster than the 8f races. An anomaly I notice a lot:
2c - 114.5

I used this last line only to kind of solidify in my mind that I wanted to use the 114.8 2c time at this distance as my time to match the others.

I made the pace calls (1c and 2c) to match pacelines for the rest of field:
1c - 48.8
2c - 114.8
Finding a final time to match 1c and 2c pace

Ok so we have our projected 1c and 2c:

1c - 48.8
2c - 114.8

Now Jim says in his 5 steps to find a paceline with a final time that matches the first 2 calls.

Looking at the field we find an exact match. Guess who it is? Yes the heavy 4/5 favorite # 6:

1c - 48.7
2c - 114.7
ft - 141.1 - and this is a WIN line.

So I am VERY confident I have down these steps right.

Here is the screen shot of the # 6 with the line marked:

I start with the # 1 horse trying to find lines MATCHING the projected pace:

1c - 48.8
2c - 114.8
ft - 141.1

Here is the #1 horse.

Looking down to line 5 he exactly matches the projected pace and finished 2nd less than a length. He is in reasonable form looking at his last couple of lines so we add him as a contender.
Here is horse # 2.

This is the ONLY horse I made a call on and it’s because of that 8.3f line in the last race. I did NOT buy that line:

1c - 47.5
2c - 113.6

BOTH the calls are MORE than one full second faster than the projected pace. If you buy that line there is no one else in the race to consider.

I didn’t buy the line and here is WHY. Lines 2 and 3 are both from TODAYS distance of 8f. Look at 2 back. Horse blows the field away and earns the SAME EXACT speed rating as the last race with that crazy high pace.

Pace from the 2 back 8f blowout:

1c - 49.5
2c - 115.4

Much too SLOW against today’s projected pace.

Anyway, I tossed him as a contender based on that fact.

He raced up close early on and totally COLLAPSED before they even got to the far turn. TOO SLOW.
Contender.

Final grouping

You can look at all the other horses. NOBODY other than the 6 -1 - 3 can match the projected pace set by the 5.

Check it for yourself.

Here is the screen shot of the ORIGINAL pacelines of the contenders including the projected pace setter #5.

LOOKING at the lines the 5 figures to set the pace and collapse by the 2c.

There is NO other early speed here so a closer should NOT win this race. GOODBYE #3.

Win should go to an early presser type who sits close to that 5 and takes over. That leaves the #1 and #6.

We are supposed to begin matching the horses at the FIRST call. So in this race, if we are looking for early to win, of the #1 and #6 who is best at 1c?

The #1. We can carry across this matching up of the 1 and 6 but first we should know that these races showing for the 1 and 6 are the SAME race. It’s a tandem where the 6 beat the 1 at the finish by 1/2 a length.

These are the only 2 horses in the race. 1 and 6 - 1 and 6.

Odds at 2 mtp?

1 - 8/1
6 - 3/5

See how we did this? NEVER looked at readouts - just matched up the horses and determined how the race should go.

Screen shot of the contenders:
My Bets

I took a $4.00 win bet on the # 1 and then took a $4.00 Quinella 1-6.

The 1 beats the 6 in the shadow of the wire paying $18.40.

For not a lot of money the result was pretty good. I’ve been practicing using bets of $8.00- $10.00 a race. When I get better my bets using this method will increase.

I have to bet because otherwise it’s not real to me.

Hope this made sense. I had an unreal day yesterday after my “tune up.”

Richie
Result chart

Here is the result chart of the race.

Notice we have the final time NAILED perfectly. 1c pace very close. 2c pace went in 114. Set by whom? Yes the #5 like we thought. And he died just like we thought.

Also that #2 who had that crazy last race from 8.3f collapsed under the pace he faced tonight.

Richie
Richie,

Why doesn’t Salty Nite’s third back qualify him as a contender?

Final time on that race is 141.3 (converting to fifths).

Our projected paceline is:

48.8 - 114.8 - 141

Final time is too slow on that paceline, 3/5 of a second too slow.

Richie

OK, I can live with that, but I think that is cutting it pretty close. Are you looking for exact matches, close matches, how are you drawing the distinctions?

Another question is how did you think the race would run. Presser or sustained?

Salty Nite and Brickly Bear are both sustained horses, are they not? I probably would have bet them both to win at those prices.

Correct any mistakes I made, please.

I called Brickly a Presser. In the line used he ran like E/P Presser. Satty I didn’t include so it didn’t matter.

Looking at the screen with the original lines I made a call that sustained had no shot. By sustained I mean a deep closer way back at 1c. That’s why I threw the 3 out. So if I threw the 3 out being too late, threw the pacesetter 5 out cause he would collapse at 2c that only left 2 horses, the 6 and 1.

Then I am supposed to match those horses one against the other starting with the first call. That’s how to get it down to 1 horse. I started at the 1c and the 1 was better than the 6, although by a small bit. Then I realized the race was a tandem where they raced against
each other. Saw the finish where they were separated by 1/2 length, saw 4/5 on the 6 and 8/1 and the 1 and immediately fired. The odds made the race easy to bet.

IF however the odds on both the 6 and 1 were very good I would have bet both for sure. I have to practice a lot more getting down to 2 horses THEN matching them heads up before I start betting one horse in EVERY race.

The ODDS helped a lot here.

05-28-2006, 05:22 PM
Thanks Richie.

I’m curious about something. I’m wondering how they would have matched up if you had used the adjusted times instead of the raw times. I’ve been playing AP and there are a lot of different distances and shippers, so I’m trusting Speculator’s adjusted times. I can adjust, but it’s a lot of work and easy to make a mistake.

But I’ve been using adjusted times only, and the results aren’t that bad. I have a lot of problem areas to be sure, but the adjusted times seem to work well for me.

Here is something else I’ve been doing. I pick pace lines for each horse, sometimes multiple lines, and then I look at those pace lines on the pace line screen so I can see them all next to each other. The early horses are highlighted by color next to the raw times, which is nice. Then I try to get it down to one line for each horse, project the pace, and then try and determine how the race is going to be run. Once I’ve done that it’s just a matter of picking the best horse(s) out of the remaining contenders. Easier said than done, but that’s how I’m going about it.

Maybe I’ll download that EvD card and work it the way I’ve been doing things just for practice.

Thanks for the posts.

05-29-2006, 01:20 AM
I’m not answering for Richie but I know he’ll tell you this same thing. Don’t use the adjusted times. In a lot of cases they are way off. Do the work. Use the raw times and adjust manually for BL and distance. It works. The more you do them manually the less likely you are to make mistakes. You will get to the point where it becomes intuitive and it won’t be nearly as much work as it was when you started. I am getting results that are leaving me with my mouth open in amazement.

Today I worked the Belmont 1st and 2nd race. Had to adjust six out of eight horses in the first race for distance and BL manually. In some cases I used both an 8F and 6F paceline
as only two horses had a 7F paceline which was today’s distance. I was really stubborn and did all that work. I arrived at the 2-7 to win, the 7 won and paid $37.60. I made the win in the first race and coupled it with a win in the second for an $84.50 double. My current win percentage is up to something like 75% and I still have tons to learn about this. But my accuracy and understanding of pace are improving dramatically thanks to the information that Jim and Richie have been posting up here.

Thanks guys, I appreciate the help. And my bank account is really going to appreciate it.

05-29-2006, 03:37 AM
It’s possible I’m doing everything wrong, but here is how I analyze the same race.

I started with 16 pace lines. I usually pick three or four lines for each horse and look them all over right next to each other. I analyzed them all and tried to determine the most representative line for each horse. A lot of back and forth. So I’m left with seven lines. (Except for Madam I have two, which I’ll explain later.) On top are the raw numbers and below are the adjusted.

Now from the top screen it’s easy to see who had the lead at any call in the race because it’s highlighted. Since no horse ran wire to wire in any of my selected pacelines, and using adjusted times, I took Madison’s first call time of 48.5, Madam’s second call time of 115.7 and Bluey’s finish time (the fastest final time) of 147.7 (After reading Richie’s post it could very well be I’m selecting the final time incorrectly, but this is how I’ve been doing it in cases like this.)

My adjusted projected pace is 48.5 115.7 141.7.

Like Richie, I felt the speed horse was weak and would die, plus he ran a very poor race. That leaves a horse coming from off the pace. But will it be presser or sustained?

First the sustained horses:

Paris is too slow at all three calls.

Satty is OK at the first two calls and a little bit slower at the finish.

Now the pressers:

Brick is 4/10ths slower at the first call, faster at the second call and tied for the finish.

Madam is too slow at all three calls.

Bluey is tied with Brick.

Bayou is slower at the first and third calls.
At this point is where I have been having my biggest problems. How will the race run? If it’s sustained, throw out the pressers, if it’s presser, throw out the sustained. This race is a little bit easier than many, because like Richie said there is only one weak speed horse and two good pressers. So if you go with a presser then you have two horses who not only ran good races but very closely match the projected pace. If you go sustained you lose. It gets tougher when you have one or two sustained horses who also match or exceed the projected pace. Or if you have two or three speed horses. Having two or three speed horses doesn’t always mean it will run sustained. I’ve also seen pressers go wire-to-wire and leave a couple of speed horses in their wake. Sometimes the speed horses never even go for the lead. And I’ve also seen a speed horse win with several other early horses in the race. Like I said, this is my biggest stumbling block.

As you can see, using the adjusted times didn’t hurt in this race. I haven’t seen where it hurts that much in other races either. Believe me it gets complicated when you have horses coming from 7 furlongs, 6.5 furlongs, 1 1/16 and several other tracks. In this race all of the horses had raced at EVD and run at this distance. Let me ask you this: what would you do with a shipper in this field coming from an AP 1 1/16 race? It’s even harder when you don’t have the three-year track records or the DRF speed ratings so you can construct your own. Using the adjusted times I don’t have to worry about it, assuming of course the software handles these situations within a certain degree of accuracy. I’m just trusting Speculator to be close enough often enough to get me in the ballpark. If it proves to be way off, then it’s back to the drawing board, but so far it hasn’t been a problem. Like I said earlier my biggest headache is deciding how the race will run.

Also notice how it solved the problem of the #2 horse. I left in the 8.3 distance paceline of the two to show that the adjusted speed rating is much slower for that race even though the pace of the race comes out faster. So for the two I just chose his race at today’s distance, which is also the fastest speed rating and final time.

I could go on and on, but I talk too much. Feel free to comment.
I didn’t do this race and I don’t have the card so it’s hard to answer some of the questions. But let’s take that 2 horse and look at him differently. Here’s the two pacelines with the adjustment for BL which are not in your numbers now and for distance.

Madam(1) 48.8 114.1 142.2 I adjusted call and final for BL and dist.
Madam(2) 49.7 115.4 141.9 adjusted for BL.

I think the speed rating is using final time as a measurement. In final time there is only 3/10ths separating the two lines. Probably why they both have a 75 speed rating. If you look at the whole race (remember, it starts at the gate), the pacelines are very different.

Send me your email address and I’ll send you out something that will help you understand better why to work the race manually.
Jim’s 5 Step Approach in Action

Date- Sunday May 14th
Track- Belmont Park
Race - 8th race
Distance - 9 Furlongs on Belmont’s Inner Turf course

The following is Jim’s analysis and complete breakdown of the race.

First I am going to post screen shots of all the horse’s past performances. When I get them all posted then I will post Jim’s analysis and breakdown of the race.

Very cool Jim!

Belmont May 14th 8th Race

Here is the PDF of the race’s past performances.

Please note that the numbers 11-12-13-14 are scratched.

NOTE: See Belmont Park, 5/14/06, 8th Race. Scratch #11 - #14.

Jim’s Race Analysis and Breakdown / Step by Step

Here is Jim’s analysis and step by step approach to this race.

Please NO questions about software and this race in this area. Jim is not into software of ANY kind and relies and teaches strictly based on past performances from the Racing Form.

I would appreciate it if we all can respect his wishes. Thank you. 😊

Here is Jim’s 5 Step Approach in Action!

Thanx Hat!
Five Step Approach In Action

There are numerous horses in this race, so it is crucial we eliminate the horses that are non-contenders. In order to do this we must follow the Five Step Approach. The race is One and One Eighth on the Turf at Belmont Park. Spite the Devil, Touch Down Kid and Tergesti are scratched from the race, leaving 11 horses for us to Match-Up:

1. Mark the Tandems.
2. Select the running style of all horses in the race.
3. Project today’s pace.
4. Match running lines based on projected pace.
5. Match each horse against each other.

There are quite a few Tandems in the race. You may mark them all, but I will mark the main Tandems, which are:

1. FOREVERNESS
2. RETRIBUTION
3. CHILLY ROOSTER
4. DAVE

The second step is mark the running style of each horse in the race:

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The third step is to project today’s pace:

We will use Retribution’s fourth line back, because it best represents the pace of today’s race. The pace horses for today’s race are Unnerving and Retribution. The projected pace for today’s race is:

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  23.2  47  110.3  135.2  147.4
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The fourth step is Match running lines based on today’s projected pace.

We will start with Tandems and eliminate slow tandems. The Foreverness Tandem is slower than the projected pace, so let’s get rid of Pa Pa Da, Charimount and Foreverness.

The following horses are eliminated, because they are slower than today’s pace.
Irving’s Doers: Slow
No Parole: Came from the Chilly Rooster Tandem, but there are better Sustained horses in the race.
Chester Town: Shows little in his last two turf tries and is too slow to win today.
Dynergy: Dirt races are slower than today’s pace. Look at the Wellgiven Tandem for confirmation.

Now we are down to the true contenders in the race: Unnerving, Golden Commander, Dave and Certifiably Crazy. The fifth step is to match each horse against each other, which we did to find our true contenders. Now we will match the true contenders. We may still use some of the non-contenders to eliminate horses.

Take a look at the running style of the horses and ask yourself, can an early horse get the lead and go wire-to-wire. My answer is no. Unnerving and Retribution will contend for the lead and kill each other’s chances in the race. These two are eliminated.

The race is setting up to run sustained. The only problem is with Certifiably Crazy. He won coming as an E/P, but his last two races shows he is still trying for the lead. What do we do? Let’s take a look at the third back. He stumbled at the gate, so he pressed trying to catch up. The fourth back he was beaten by Dave, a live horse in the race. Certifiably Crazy is eliminated. This leaves us Golden Commander and Dave two sustained horses, with a chance to win the race.

Match these horse line to line and you can see Dave is the choice to win the race.

05-16-2006, 07:24 PM
Race Results

Here is the Result chart of the race

NOTE: See Belmont Park, 5/14/06, 8th Race results chart.

05-17-2006, 01:32 AM
Everyone, Richie, Jim

Sorry to be a ball breaker but I’m going through this 5 step document a line at a time and found a couple of corrections necessary. The first is here.

There are quite a few Tandems in the race. You may mark them all, but I will mark the main Tandems, which are:

5. FOREVERNESS Today’s distance at Aqueduct
6. RETRIBUTION One Mile at Aqueduct
7. CHILLY ROOSTER One Mile at Aqueduct
8. DAVE Today’s Distance at Saratoga
THERE IS NO HORSE CHILLY ROOSTER IN THIS RACE.

The paceline for Retribution, four lines back in the PDF with the PP’s I have the following times.

47 110.3 135.2 147.4

I don’t see the 23.2 time on the PP that is in the 5 step document. Where did that come from?

I’m not trying to nit pick but like I said, I am really going through this and some of the errors had me confused for a while. That’s really not a hard thing to do.

I was more confused when I looked at the original pacelines in VAL3 and then in Spec and even though they use the same Trackmaster data file, the original pacelines didn’t agree with each other for 1st Call, 2nd Call and Final.

I’ll post that one up on another section of the site.

05-17-2006, 02:02 AM
Jim, Richie,

Maybe I’m missing something. I probably am. In the Match-Up action doc:

Irving’s Doers: Slow
No Parole: Came from the Chilly Rooster Tandem, but there are better Sustained horses in the race.
Chestertown: Shows little in his last two turf tries and is too slow to win today.
Dynergy: Dirt races are slower than today’s pace. Look at the Wellgiven Tandem for confirmation.

I can’t find a Chilly Rooster Tandem or a Wellgiven Tandem. Where am I not looking?

05-17-2006, 07:57 AM
The ‘Chilly Rooster’ tandem is 28Apr06 4AQU won by Chilly Rooster (not in today’s race), but Dave, No Parole and Retribution return today.

The ‘Wellgiven’ Tandem was 25Jan06 8AQU (won by Wellgiven) with Charimount and Dynergy (who was scratched today).

The PDF version of the race I originally created for display here did not show the ‘company’ line which makes it much easier to spot Tandems. I didn’t appreciate that that would be an integral part of Jim’s steps (though now I remember all those old seminar
tutorials!). Here is a link to the race again, scratching Dynergy and this time showing the ‘company’ lines for easier identification of the Tandems.

05-17-2006, 08:40 AM
About seeing a 23.2 first quarter for that 9f race. Jim happened to show me this earlier so I can explain it. He likes to really gauge horses from the very start of the race. He wanted to see a quarter time for the race so what he does is pick a quarter time from another of the horse’s races which he thinks is comparable to what it might have done in the race. That 23.2 was taken from the 3rd race back Charlie. If you look that 1/2 times are almost identical so Jim just grabbed that quarter time.

Hope this helps
Rich

05-17-2006, 10:07 AM
Richie and Ted answered your question, but I will elaborate.
1. Tandem races do not need the winner in today’s race.
2. The race for the projected pace was a 9 furlong race and first call is the half mile. So I fudged and used the first call from the third line.

The Hat

05-17-2006, 01:52 PM
**Adjustments**

This seems to be a very, very difficult part of the Match-Up. When should an adjustment be made? Horses are changing courses a lot these days, turf and dirt. Jim, what would you recommend to really feel confident about making adjustments? Dirt racing seems a lot easier than turf. And now we have polytrack where stakes horses run 46 and 1:11 times in 6f races! I have read the Match-Up but adjustments are always the hard part. Thanks for any help for all of us.

05-17-2006, 02:30 PM
Jim,

The first PP sheet did not show the tandems. It was hard to track the tandems without being able to see them. The second PDF showing the tandems is a lot easier to track. I understand that the tandem winner does not have to be in today’s race.
The projected pace for the race we are working is:

23.2  47  110.3  135.2  147.4

The Foreverness Tandem 1 1/16 distance was:

23.4  49  113.4  143

From that we eliminated Pa Pa Da. But if we go four back on Pa Pa Da, same dist, we get:

46.4  110.1  134  145.2

So why do we give more weight to the tandem race and eliminate him as a win contender?

Ok,

I’ll try to answer the two questions at the same time.

Adjustments are not part of the Five Step Approach. The Five Step Approach is to learn the steps of The Match-Up. Most of the time the Tandem, Matching Running Lines and Matching Today’s Pace will take care of any adjustments. Try learning the Five Step Approach, without making it more difficult.

Pa Pa Da was beaten 14 1/2 lengths on the 9 furlong race at Belmont, which is enough to eliminate him. Besides he is a Presser and can’t win the race.

Jim I have a question. When determining running styles for horses, what if a horse shows 2 different styles? For example, he has 2 good races and one is a sustained style and the other shows early.

These are dangerous horses. If there isn’t any speed in the race they could get the lead. I look at the total past performance and usually put more weight on the most recent line.

Jim
Thank you, Jim, for your analysis. It’s much appreciated. I studied this race for two full days before I looked at the explanation and results. I wanted to see if I could get to the nitty gritty of this race without any help. I suggest to all following these threads that if Jim is kind enough to post any more races that you go through this process as well. It will help your handicapping immensely. And don’t just say, I think I’ve got it figured out. Actually get in there and study it until you are as sure as you can be. It will be well worth the effort.

At first glance I thought this race was very hard. There were a lot of different distances and many different tracks and surfaces. It hurt my head just thinking about all of it. I thought it was very hard.

After struggling for a long time with the projected pace I ended up picking the wrong projected pace line. Even so my final two horses were Dave and Retribution. I had taken a completely different route. Then I took a peek at the explanation... Retribution four races back. Damn.

I couldn’t believe I overlooked this. I tried using three different projected pace lines for this race, but when Jim said this is the race to use it then became painfully obvious where I made my mistake.

So then I went back to studying the race from that point forward, and I’m happy to say I got it down to the winner (Dave) and Retribution again. (Yes, I know Retribution was eliminated, but I still felt he was a contender.)

So here is my problem. I don’t see that Unnerving will bother Retribution on the front end. I can see where he might bother him to the first quarter, but it looks to me like Retribution will be all alone at the half and 3/4 marks. In other words, Unnerving isn’t nearly as fast going to the lead. I can understand throwing them both out if you think they will bother each other most of the way, but I don’t see that they will.

Here is the projected pace:

23.2  47  110.3  135.2  147.4

And here are the last three lines for Unnerving:

1Aqu yld 1 1/16 T :23.4 :48.4 1:14.3 1:47.1
7Aqu fm 1 T :23.2 :47.1 1:12.1 1:37.2
10Bel fm 1 1/16 T :24 :48.4 1:12.4 1:42.1
I have Retribution well ahead at the half and 3/4.

Why do you think these two horses will fight tooth and nail for the front end? Why won’t Retribution be able to “put away” Unnerving?

05-18-2006, 02:58 AM

I Answered My Own Question--Partly

I just thought of one answer to my own question. Unnerving is a part of a coupled entry with a sustained horse, so it seems only logical that they will send him in order to help set up the race for Golden Commander.

However, I’d still be interested in hearing Jim’s answer to my original question assuming Unnerving and Golden Commander were not part of a coupled entry.

05-29-2006, 08:11 AM

True Early Horses

Here’s my theory.

1) Doc Sartin always said a horse’s 1st fraction, regardless of form, tells you how the horse is feeling....with that said...
2) In Unnerving’s last 4 races, he broke no less than 2nd before the quarter mile.
3) For “True” Early horses (horses that either Need-to-Lead, or 2nd within 1/2 length), check past performance of old races. Regardless of days off, you will notice that if an Early horse either gets the lead, or is 2nd by a Head, or maybe even 2nd within 1/2 length at the 1st call, in his very next try he will “break” for the lead when the gate opens. Whether he gets it or not at the quarter, he’ll run hard at the break, most likely “Heading” the horse before the quarter, NO MATTER HOW FAST THE FRACTIONS ARE!!!! He’ll run “Real Hard” at the “break” before settling for 2nd at the 1st call, if he doesn’t outright get the lead at the first call anyway. This will “cost” him and any other Early horse valuable energy at the end of the race. Picture it. If you run as fast as you can humanly run for just a few seconds, then settle into a pace, you will not have the kind of energy you need to finish the race strongly had you had an “Easy going” start at the “break.” Check old racing forms to verify this “Match-Up” theory. The Match-Up can answer questions no other methods can usually answer. As “the Hat” says, trust in the Match-Up, it is the “Reality” of horseracing. Hopefully, Mr. Bradshaw can verify this or explain the correct answer.
Matching without adding beaten lengths

Here is a race from Mountaineer last night.

The winner is only gonna pay 6 and change but the exacta here is EASILY gettable and that pays almost 50 dollars.

I am using Trackmaster’s pdf past performances which show fractions in tenths so I will reduce to normal fifths in describing fractions.

We will do the race based around a projected pace of the # 3 horse’s last race at this track and at this distance.

1c - 22.3  
2c - 46.2  
ft - 111.2

NO beaten lengths are added to fractions. We will identify running styles and then pick lines where the horse was competitive against the pace shown or quicker. The horse who ran COMPETITIVELY against the faster pace of race will be our choice assuming his running style is NOT disadvantaged by today’s pace scenario.

We are also gonna use Tandems to help us match and have Jim’s words help us here.

Tandems:

FIRST thing I noticed was that our projected pacesetter #3 comes out of a tandem race with the #7 “Bob’s Stories.” The 7 beat our pacesetter #3 by 2 and a half lengths in that tandem so we have to answer Hat’s question from his 5 step approach:

“3. Determine the running style of the Tandem horses in today’s race.  
4. Why did a particular running style win in the last Tandem?  
5. Will the same running style win today’s race, or will a horse with a different running style prevail?”

-Jim Bradshaw - 5 Step Approach to the Match-Up

Running styles in the tandem:

#3 - Early - had an uncontested lead and collapsed. If there are other FAST earlys here he will be compromised.

#7 - Presser - good style and the tandem winner.

#2 - defeated by 8 lengths in the tandem by the #7 with NO excuse. He is GONE from consideration.
Shippers:

We see there is 1 new face at the Mountain for the race and it is the #4 horse “Windsor Dickens” coming from Delaware.

Running style - 1000 % EARLY need to lead at FIRST call to win.

Is he FAST ?

Last race at wet fast track condition

1c - 22.4
2c - 46.3
ft - 112.2

As far as being COMPETITIVE he came 3rd beaten 9 lengths. Guess that’s ok but notice 2 things:
1) he can go faster early
2) seems to be declining in form NOTICEABLY. He has been stopping on his OWN.

The presence of THIS guy seriously compromises our projected pacesetter #3 who stopped on his OWN on an uncontested lead last race.

To ME this makes the tandem winner #7 - Bob’s Stories” a very serious WIN contender as his style will NOT be hurt by the presence of the shipper 4 horse. It very well might be helped.

Now the question becomes:
Can anyone knock off the #7?

To do it they are going to have to have a NON-early style as it appears that the 3 and 4 are destined to clash and BOTH have been stopping on their own.

Pace of RACE for the #7
1c - 22.3
2c - 46.2
ft - 111.2

FORGET beaten lengths. He IS competitive against this pace. That’s all that counts.

Does anybody “knock him off” with BOTH a faster Pace of RACE (being competitive) and NON early style? Let’s see.

Running styles and the field
Horse 1 - laid off for 6 months coming into today’s race. Shows SIX sprint races and has NEVER even hit the board. OUT

Horse 2 - got DESTROYED in the tandem by the 7 with NO excuse. OUT

Horse 3 - our projected pacesetter and tandem LOSER. Conditions do NOT look good for him reversing the tandem finish with the 7 due to the presence of the shipper 4 horse.

Horse 4 - the pure early shipper who has been stopping on OWN - declining form wise - 2nd choice in the betting

Horse 5 - HELLO - Running style- Sustained/presser - last race was first back off 90 day layoff - finished 3rd beaten less than 3 lengths

Pace of RACE
1c - 22.3
2c - 45.2
ft - 111.4

Here is where matching fraction by fraction WITHOUT adding beaten lengths comes into play.

Let’s match this line with our # 7 horse fraction by fraction PACE OF RACE.

1c:
7 - 22.3
5 - 22.3 SAME no edge either horse

2c:
7 - 46.2
5 - 45.2 a full one SECOND edge to the 5 man, or 5 “fifths” if you please.

ft:
7 - 111.2
5 - 111.4 a 2 fifths advantage to the 7 here. HOWEVER he has to make up a FIVE fifth disadvantage to the 5 from 2c. Two-fifths does NOT do it here.

We HAVE found a horse that not only compares to the tandem winner #7 but BEATS him squarely. He also has backup as his lines 9 and 12 are even faster and this guy is in form judging by his last race.

So right now we have the following:

# 5 - TOP DOG
# 7 - 2nd best and tandem winner
Let’s continue on with the rest of the field.

Horse 6 - a FAST horse looking at line 4. His style is definitely early/early press which will HURT him in THIS match up.

Horse 7 - our tandem winner.

Horse 8 - a pig - OUT.

Horse 9 - a SLOW horse – OUT.

Horse 10 - a router showing NO sprints – OUT.

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Decision time:

We have the following:

Horse 5 - fastest horse with perfect style.

Horse 7 - tandem winner with perfect style and clear runner-up to the 5.

Horse 6 - fast horse with WRONG style for THIS match up.

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Here are the horses’ past performances and at the end I will post the full result chart.

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PURPOSE in posting this:

1) Worked a race while NEVER using beaten lengths other than determining competitiveness in considering a line as valid.

2) Using Pace of RACE to match final contenders going fraction by fraction.

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This ain’t “voodoo.” This is the Match-Up.

I love learning new things and take this quite serious 😊

Hope this made some sense.

Richie
Here are the pp’s - horse 1:

5 MOUNTaineer PARK - MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006

For three Year Olds and Upward Which Have NOT Won a Race Since December 26, 2005. Three Year Olds, 114 lbs.; Older, 121 lbs. Claiming Price $5,000.

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4 Windsor Dickens

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  - Bred: Bowling & Dodd (FL)
  - Ownership: Bart Volokhin
  - Thoroughbred Lifetime: 20006 F 0 0 2 93

5 Legendary Traitors

- **L 119**
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  - Bred: Tollracing, Inc (KY)
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  - Thoroughbred Lifetime: 20005 3 0 0 1 2

6 Paulinpaul

- **L 120**
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  - Sire: Black Moonshine
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06-27-2006, 02:08 PM
Great Job Rich,

Makes sense to me. I worked the race before reading your comments and came up with the #5. I then read your comments and at first was afraid you were gonna pick the #7. Great job. Keep up the good work.

Jim
Early Runners

E -- Runners that show in their best races that they are on, or near the lead, or within a length attempting to get the lead. A winning effort will be achieved only in this manner and is usually a wire to wire effort.

Many individuals identify early speed using the second call, or add beaten lengths to the first call. All we need to look for are positions at the first call. During a seminar in Toronto Sandy Hawley revealed that he was not a handicapper, but if he saw ones at the first call he knew the horse was a front runner. This makes it easy to identify early horses, but determining if the early horse can win is the big question.

Today early speed is the name of the game, and is an extensive factor in North American racing. The winner of a race is decided when the gates open. One horse goes for the lead all of the others try to catch him. The ability of a horse to conserve his energy is crucial in a horse race, especially for front runners. If a horse is forced to run faster early he will go into oxygen debt and can’t extend his energy the full distance.

Everybody that reads the Daily Racing Form can see if a horse ran wire-to-wire in his last race and most of the time is made the betting choice. In most instances these horses are destined to fail, because of other unidentified early horses in the race.

Horses with hidden early speed are where the Match-Up finds horses that are overlooked by most handicappers. To identify these horses it is necessary to explore the total past performance of the horse.

Glad that the Master of the Match-Up is back. Every time you speak on the Match-Up, I find something I didn’t know that I thought I understood. I have a few questions that can be answered now or whenever.

In a lecture you did, you said, “the Match-Up hasn’t changed that much. But you added new teaching illustrations/wrinkles to understanding the Match-Up such as:

1. Positions: Paceless race - Other-than-early horses that “Head” each other at the 2Call, setting up for a Sustained or Late to win the race.
2. Positions: at 6½f, an early horse breaks 1st or 2nd before getting the lead at the 1st quarter at 21.3. But two races at 6f, the horse breaks 4th to 5th position before the quarter, and doesn’t get the lead at a 22. You concluded that this horse can’t normally run a 21.3 AND needs a “boost” coming out of a chute.
3. Positions: Other-than-early horses that need-the-lead at the 2nd call to win.
4. Positions: Other-than-early horses that need-to-lead at the stretch to win the race.
5. Positions-Horse A normally needs to sit about 3rd (1st call, 2nd call?). The best he can get today is 6th. He needs to pass 3 horses to get his normal position, which is going to cost him 3 units of energy at the end of the race. Are there any new wrinkles to the Match-Up? From your recent example on this post, which I appreciate tremendously, I found I still did not understand ESP. To my understanding, you have
   a. Need-To-Lead early horses
   b. Early Pressers Type 1: will sit 2nd no matter what fraction: 2hd 2hd, 2nk 2nk, 2 1½ 2 1½, 2 ½ 1hd, 2nk 1no, 2 1½ 1nk, etc.,
   c. Early Presser Type 2: no less than 3rd: 3 1½ 2hd, 3 hd 1hd, 3 ½ 2 ½, etc.
   d. Sustained Presser: Any position at 1st call within about 3½ lengths, 2nd call position no less than 3rd within 1 length.

05-23-2006, 08:53 AM
Position is very important in a horse race. The “break” is where the race starts and if you look at the past performance you can see where the horse needs to take over the race to win. If a horse is “Headed” at the first call, we don’t know how far he had to run, fighting to get the lead, but it costs him units of energy and his energy is depleted and he falls back.

I made the statement; “for every unit of energy (fifth of second) a horse depletes early it costs him two units at the end.” This statement was later verified by Huey Mahl.

07-23-2006, 01:54 AM
Above you gave an abbreviated answer on what happens when a horse is headed. Is it possible to expand on that?

For example, how do we know how many units of energy the horse has used to keep its position?

07-24-2006, 03:12 PM
I call early horses that are headed at the first call hidden early, because they are fighting for the lead. In many instances this horse may have won if the other horse wasn’t in the race. Look at the past performances and verify that the horse is early and if he can go wire-to-wire.

To determine how much energy this cost the horse, look at the final beaten lengths and you can see how many units of energy was used fighting for the lead.

The Hat
Hi Jim. I have completed the first 2 steps and projected the pace. When I compare the projected pace to the horses, what kind of variance do you generally allow before eliminating a horse. Also does this start at the first call, and if the horse is close then you go to the second call or do you primarily look at the finishing time.

Match running lines of each horse on projected pace, use the complete past performance, before you eliminate the horse. Comparing the lines starts at the first call, second call, stretch and then the final time.

Jim

How do you handle a presser or sustained type horse that has been running against faster times than today’s projected time? For example, if I project the early horse to run 22.2 and 46 and I have a presser who can run 2 lengths behind a 22 and 45.2. What will the presser do today? Will it go for the lead during the second fraction and run the 45.2 or will it tend to run its usual style and be 2 lengths behind the 46? Is it unwise to use the pace line where the leader went in 22 and 45.2? Should I try to find a pace line closer to the 22.2 and 46?

It is very difficult to answer a “what if” question, but usually a horse that runs two lengths behind the lead horse will do so regardless of the first call in today’s race. There is the possibility the presser could take over at some stage in the race. It is best to find the pace that could be run today.
The "Shilee" horse

What do you do when the horse you figure as the projected pacesetter also has run an opening quarter mile that nobody in the field has, PLUS he did it while FIGHTING for the lead???

Answer: you run to the window and trust the Match-Up.

Here are the pp's for the whole field from last night at Mrn - race 5 at 8f.

The 1 horse was the only scratch in the race.

Here are the race conditions and the pp's for the 2 horse:

The 3 and 4 horse:
4 - Almost President

**47**

**Owens, Dale Bodd**

**PP:** 4

**Sr:** 3-1

**DK U/T** 3-5-0-0-3 (Mar)

**Oft H/T** Turf N Ch 116

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**Breeders' Cup Million Pkt:** 3-278-78-67

**Jockeys:**

**Walter Bodd, Jr.**

**2003-06:**

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- 1424-6.
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**WORKOUTS:**

- **May 8 Mth:** 1st: 51 D 2:01.22.5
- **May 2 Mth:** 3rd: 371 D 1:19.11.3
- **May 7:** 1st: 380 D 1:07.66
- **May 6:** 1st: 380 D 1:07.66
- **May 4:** 1st: 380 D 1:07.66
- **May 3:** 1st: 380 D 1:07.66

**5 - Ritzy Trick**

**Owens, Katherine L, Vickers-Smith**

**PP:** 5

**Sr:** 8-1

**DK U/T** L 116

**Off H/T** Turf 178

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**Breeders' Cup Million Pkt:** 3-0-1-0-0-0

**Jockeys:**

**Walterm P L.**

**2002-02:**

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**WORKOUTS:**

- Jul 12 Mar: 3rd: 371 D 1:07.51
- Mar 31 Mar: 3rd: 371 D 1:07.51

6 - Those Bailee Blues

**Owens, Kathy L, Weisman**

**PP:** 4

**Sr:** 9-2

**DK U/T** 1-0-1-0-4 (Mar)

**Off H/T** Turf 110

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Projecting pace is easy. The 8 “Shilee” from the last race at 8.3f:

1c - 48.3
2c - 115.0
ft - 147 - to get to a mile time subtract 4.2 to get us to 142.3 for 8f.

Using that pace, let’s start tossing the field.

The 2 and 3 are history:
Let's deal with the 4 one on one - he shows a fast pace to 2c BUT then completely folds tent.

Now LOOK at the first quarter mile for him - 24.1 first by a head.

LOOK at the 8 “Shilee” first quarter - 23.4 in first by a head - He’s FIGHTING in a much faster time than the 4 PLUS NO horse in the field can match this quarter, forget about even having any kind of ability to fight.

Shilee also went on and drew out after doing this fighting. End of story.

08-01-2006, 09:45 AM

The 5 and 6:

08-01-2006, 09:47 AM
The 7 who went off as even money favorite.

Can someone please explain that to me??? Are they serious??

The 9 horse.

08-01-2006, 09:57 AM

I hope this makes sense. If you look at the pace of race 2 lines back, this horse beats the 8. HOWEVER, what I am learning is that the horse is gonna show basically the same style - SUSTAINED against almost any pace it faces.

So while it looks great on paper, the reality very well might be he is gonna have this position even against a slower pace.

So if you look for a line closest to today’s pace, say line 4 which has BOTH a 23.4 first quarter and a 2c somewhat in the ballpark of the 8 when matching line for line against the 8, you see the 8 KILLS him off.

This is one of the biggest things I am learning recently - to let my mind “see” that horses like this are going to assume comfortable places in the pack based on their style and that will be against paces of all different types.
This is BIG as it explains a lot of things that confused the hell out of me.

This horse btw ran 2nd to the 8 Shilee.

**FIFTH RACE**

Mountaineer July 31st, 2008

1 MILE. (1.269 M) CLAIMING. Purse $10,400 FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 114 lbs.; Older, 121 lbs.; None allowed if run in Fiberglass on or after June 30, 2008. Each horse at $50,000. Each horse at $50,000.

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**Match-Up heaven.**
ALL of this makes a lot more sense when we begin analysis of the race at the FIRST call.

1. Running styles
2. “Reactions” to various paces
3. Ability to “fight”
4. Ability to identify these “suck along” horses who really just follow whatever pace is being set while having a ZERO impact on the race itself.

While everyone is busy “looking right” on the pp line (speed ratings, variants, finish position, etc), a change of focus to “looking left” (1c, break, style, etc) might bring some added profits. VERY few are doing this. NOT “in vogue.”

Safe day,
Richie
Wow!

This is a race from Calder on Saturday that I lost.

I lost my win bet. I had the horse that placed at 18/1.

Jim worked the race with me afterwards and he showed me something that I HAVE to share here with you.

It is so far out of the realm of conventional capping it’s ridiculous. I called him up and asked if it was ok to post the race and try to explain what he showed me. He said “go ahead Rich.”

I promise I will do my best to explain this concept. THIS is one of those things he does that can’t be explained and people then label with a creative name like “voodoo” or “witchcraft.”

I am going to show the pp’s for every horse in the race right after supper and then lay it out.

This ain’t voodoo man. It’s the Match-Up. I LOVE this.

Richie

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This is the race conditions and distance. Also the pp’s for the 1 horse:

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- **Calder Race Course**: 71st Day 12/19 - ALLOWANCE Purse 534,000 (includes up to $1,000 FGA - Florida Owners Awards), FOR FILLIES THREE YEARS OLD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES, WEIGHTED. 1 1/16 M. Exacta / Trifecta / Superfecta / Daily Double

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**Calder Saturday 8/19 Race 12**

Here are the race conditions and distance. Also the pp’s for the 1 horse:
The 2 horse:

2 - Suggestion Lisa

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3 - Miss Malakia

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4 - Dixie Flash

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Workouts:
- Miss Malakia: July 29 4f fist: 558 B 811
- Dixie Flash: May 19 4f fist: 558 B 1128
- Suggestion Lisa: May 23 4f fist: 558 B 1128
- Miss Malakia: June 16 4f fist: 458 B 938
- Dixie Flash: Apr 11 3f fist: 548 B 811
- Miss Malakia: May 20 4f fist: 537 B 811
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### Lifeline Record: 2 1 0 0 $12,285

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| 2005 | 0 0 0 0 | 58 | Wet | 0 2 0 0 |
| 2004 | 2 1 0 0 | $12,265 | Dust | 0 0 0 0 |

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### Lifeline Record: 1 2 1 1 $2,760

| 2006 | 1 2 1 | $2,760 | Turf | 0 0 0 0 |
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### Lifeline Record: 1 2 0 1 $19,015

| 2006 | 1 2 0 | $19,015 | Turf | 0 0 0 0 |
| 2005 | 0 0 0 0 | 58 | Wet | 0 0 0 0 |
| 2004 | 1 2 0 | $19,015 | Dist | 0 0 0 0 |

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56
Starting off we scroll the horses and identify running styles. To me there are two of them.

1 horse - line 4 - 22.1 - 45.1 - 111.0 (from the Meadowlands, a faster surface than Calder)

4 horse - line 2 - 22.4 - 46.0 - 112.4 - 127.4 (Today’s track and distance)

I know that the Meadowlands line is faster BUT feel the 1 is definitely gonna be the lead horse today. The gap between him and the 4 at the 1c - 2c and STRETCH call are too great in my mind.

The 1 is the lead horse (although NOT sure HOW fast the race will go. HONESTLY). I do NOT refer to track records, par time charts etc., etc. Gotta go by “feel” and what my mind is telling me.

The 4 is now history and removed from consideration.

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**Lifeline Records:** 5 1 0

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80-22-2006, 05:37 PM
Ok, the 4 is gone. Let’s get rid of some others now.

Since the rest of the horses are Calder guys the 2 fastest INCLUDING pace of race and Position and beaten lengths are the:

6 horse - last line - 21.4 - 45.3 - 112.4

8 horse - last line - 22.0 - 45.3 - 112.2 - 119.3

Let’s keep them.

Eliminations:

2 horse - destroyed by the 8 horse in tandem 2 races back - out

3 horse - too slow and deep sustained style - out

4 horse - eliminated by the 1 in “battle of the earlies”

5 horse - ridiculously slow - out

7 horse - slow roach - out

OK, left with the:

1 - Early

6 - Presser

8 - Presser

The styles on the 6 and 8 can vary to sustained presser I guess. To be honest, this is what I had and thought the 1 was a cinch. Bet him and watched him run 2nd at huge odds to the 6. LOSS - sonofabitc*

Here is the pp’s for the 1 horse one more time - focus on his running style - pure need to lead early showing NO ability to FIGHT a horse if headed.

Please REMEMBER that last bit - if it is HEADED it shows nothing in its pp’s to show it will FIGHT. It NEEDS an open lead to WIN.
Keep an open mind NOW

Here are the pp’s for the winning 6 horse again. Look at his 1st fraction from the race - 21.4. Now look at the leading 1 horse’s 1st fraction - 22.1.

Hat’s description of what happens now:

1) The 6 horse has a 2 tick advantage at the 1st call over the 1. Subtract those 2 ticks from the 6’s POSITION at the 1st call of HIS race and what POSITION does that put him in TODAY? Position - 5th take away 2 ticks - Position TODAY at 1st call - 3rd at worst.

2) Now, using the 6’s paceline, what did he do from his 1st call to 2nd call POSITIONALLY? Went from 5th to 3rd - gain of 2 POSITIONS - if he is 3rd TODAY at 1c give him his 2 position gain and apply to TODAYS race.

1c- 3rd
2c - gain of 2 POSITIONS so is moving to the leader (the 1 horse) NOW

3) Now we HAVE to remember from earlier that the leading 1 horse has NOT proven himself a FIGHTER. At the 2nd call he is being attacked by the 6 horse. Now move to the 6 horse’s POSITION at the stretch call of the last race. He moves from 3rd at 2c to 2nd at stretch right? A GAIN of 1 position.

Apply that gain to today’s scenario and lo and behold the 6 at the STRETCH call has fought and PASSED the 1 horse.

The 6 in its race goes on to win and projecting to today it is projected to WIN today’s match-up over the 1.
The 8 horse

If you take the remaining contender and do the same matching you will see he does NOT match up like the 6 did.

TRY it.

Here is the result chart. Look how the race actually ran POSITIONALLY compared to what Jim described.

I am sitting here with kinda chills typing this because for ME a light bulb went on when he did this with me. That’s why I had to ask him if I can try and post it. I HAVE to attempt it.

THIS “thing” is at least one of the things he does that makes folks shake their heads and attach all kinds of words to it.

I have to practice this a LOT more but I actually SEE a bit of it.

This ain’t voodoo. It’s Jim’s match-up and now I am STARTING to see it. I can’t believe it.

Jim, I hope I made some kind of sense in describing the technique you are teaching me. **** I HAD to try and explain it out of RESPECT and appreciation for all you have done for me!

Sonofabitch, if I saw this before the race I am still counting the cash, Hat.

Richie
Richie, thanks to you and the Hat for making that available to us. Also, great pick on your part as well. Did you hit the ex or did you pay goo d?

No I had a $5.00 win bet on the 1 horse and that was it big bro. I would show the ticket but that was the day I went to the Meadowlands and wagered there.

It wasn’t until today that in going over races Jim showed me this. Absolutely blew my mind. THIS is at least part of his working of a race that nobody understands. I had to try and explain. Hope I did right by him.

Rich
Great job in describing the race. You explained the race as I explained it to you. You make me proud.

Sure the 1 horse paid more to place than the 6 horse paid to win, but you throw away a ticket if you bet the 1 to win. Ask Rich.

By the way this isn’t something made up, because I bet the 6 horse to win.

The Hat

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Originally Posted by RichieP

3) Now we HAVE to remember from earlier that the leading 1 horse has NOT proven himself a FIGHTER.

Good refresher.

Horse, really, has NEVER had the lead in PP’s, except breaking 1st out the gate, but fought for the lead.

Looks like different stress on a horse fighting in 2nd by a head/neck for the lead vs ACTUALLY HAVING the lead and fighting OFF another [want-to-lead] horse.

Being pressed vs being the presser.

2nd by a head is FIGHTING for the lead, NOT having the lead....there may be a pronounced difference.

Fighting for the lead, but not actually having it = on the Offensive.

Having the lead and fighting off want-the-lead horse = on the Defensive.

The best defense is a good offense? Defense wins championships?

Drafting, like bicyclist?

Harder when you are on top vs chasing something that’s already established....maybe something to think about.

Like I said, lots of study material here with old MatchUp post.

It’s only “old” if you have truly and thoroughly mastered it.
Reading THE HAT’S comments never gets tiring.
Jim has been teaching me NOT to go back and review races that I lost.

Yes you read that right. Flies in the face of almost everything we are “taught” when we learned about handicapping the horses.

Jim’s feeling is that by looking back a sort of second guessing takes place that spills over when working a live race. “What if I did this” or “what if I had done that” are thoughts that will only HURT my matching horses when it comes time to work a race that hasn’t run.

The Match-Up relies heavily on FIRST IMPRESSIONS. The stuff that comes in our head right away. This is where second guessing and/or indecision becomes a killer.

I had the opportunity to work last Tuesday’s (9/12/06) Delaware card with the “Hat” before the results were known. He would let me start the working of the race and after like 30 seconds he had his horse. I told him several times “are you serious?” He said “yes Rich. What is the first horse that hits your mind? When you get him he becomes the horse to beat. Then just start throwing the other’s out 1 at a time by matching. If no one can take him down he is the horse you bet. This doesn’t take as long as you think IF you trust your INITIAL instincts about a race and the horses in it.”

He NEVER second guesses himself. EVER. He works fast and acts IMMEDIATELY on an initial impression of something.

I was talking with him last night on the phone and asked him if NOT looking back on races was something he could afford not to do cause he was so adept at what he does.

I told him while he is a 50-60 % one horse bettor I am 29-30% right now. He said he knows exactly where I am at and that NO I should NOT go back and review lost races. Keep looking forward is his constant message. Trust who I am and what I am doing.

Jim went 8 for 9 on the Delaware card betting one horse. He had like 4 or 5 cold pick 3’s betting one horse in each leg. He had been telling me for 2 months to play Delaware. Do I listen? NOOOOO. I will now.

“Capetosto” - stubborn as a mule in Italian.

Richie
The “suck along horse”

Here are the pp’s from a horse at Belmont. Showing only his 1st 2 calls in this screenshot.

Look at his position and beaten lengths for the 9 races shown. Facing 1/2 mile times varying from 45.1 to 48.1 his POSITIONING in each of the races at the 1st and 2nd calls are remarkably similar.

Position
7-7
6-5
6-6
4-4
6-4
8-5
5-4
4-5
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It just gets comfortable in its positioning in the race and then sucks along NEVER impacting the pace of ANY of its races.

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Now I am gonna show the complete running line for the same horse including stretch call and finish.

In a few of the races you see the horse made a deep stretch move and placed or showed. NEVER headed a winner at any call in any race.
There is NO kind of fight whatsoever present in this horse.

A true “suck along.”

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Now here is what happened in the race when it tried to get involved and “mix it up” with the field before deep stretch.

See what happened? See the trackman’s comment? “Brave Robin raced up close early and was outfished.”

He tried being a FIGHTER. Something he certainly is not and got destroyed.

Screenshot of results from yesterday’s race:
Off At 5:11 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.

**$2 Mutuel Prices:**

- **$2 EXACTA 7-10 PAID $43.00**
- **$2 SUPERFECTA 7-10-5 PAID $225.50**
- **$2 TRIFECTA 7-10-5 PAID $61.00**

The last time it was on the dirt it fought early - got passed at the ½ - then gained BOTH position and beaten lengths fighting back at the stretch call. Something Jim has been telling me is a telltale sign of gameness in a horse.

The “Fighter” 😊

Screenshot of winner’s pp's:
Hey Mr. Bradshaw, In general, can you give an example of how and/or when to take away the position call/beaten lengths for horses gaining or backing up? For example, if a horse’s past performance shows at the 1st call he was 5th-3 lengths off at a 22, and TODAY’S 1st call projects to be a 22.2, what’s his NEW position and lengths? Is it 5th-1 length, 3rd-3 lengths, 3rd-1 length, or 3rd-3 lengths? Thanks for contributing to this forum.

I will try to answer this the best I can without an example:

If today’s pace is 22.2 the horse that is 5th has the chance to gain 2 positions, which would change his position to 3rd. In all probability his beaten lengths would still remain one length, or less.

Now, can the horse make a move on the second call and the stretch call? If the second call is equal the horse could possibly move up and move ahead of the leader at the stretch.

It is difficult to give a complete analysis without an example.

The Hat

I think I understand. You and Doc taught horses are creatures of habit. Are you saying, in general, depending on the horse and his past performance, the horse’s running style and when and where he likes to make a move, and with the type of fractions the horse can move against, that some horses’ LENGTHS will “definitely” improve, while other horses will not improve that much? Like some Late, Sustained or Sustained Presser horses, whose position could improve, but still like to stay back, and may even back up if they get closer than they are accustomed to? Or like RichieP’s recent example of “suck” horses, horses that just run back no matter what the pace? If a horse always likes to run 3rd, does the beaten lengths behind only tell how vigorously he makes his move, and/or what fractions he can move against?

A horse feels comfortable in a certain position. Always look and find the position where a horse does his best.
The horse in the above example has two horses ahead of him and beaten lengths to make up, but he has two units of energy left. It will cost him units of energy to pass one horse and one unit of energy to catch the lead horse. He can make a move and pass both horses only if the second calls of the two horses in front are slower. Remember, it takes one unit of energy to gain position and one unit of energy to gain beaten lengths.

There is always a danger of other horses that have gained positions passing all three.

Richie is one of my best students and what he says does apply, we have spent hours on the phone and we have gone over many races. Richie’s posts in this area are something we have discussed and are a good tool to learn The Match-Up.

The Hat

09-23-2006, 09:25 PM
Thanks again, Mr. Bradshaw

The relationship between a horse’s position call and lengths behind seems to be a very deep part of the Match-Up and key to Pace Analysis of the horse, which gets me in trouble. In what position/pace does a horse do his best? Or how he has liked to win in the past vs what shape he’s in TODAY vs what he’s facing today? Hope ya keep teachin Richie....he’s a very good Match-Up tutor..........wonder what’s “his” hat size........???

Any approximate date or month the MatchUp book is ready? Thanks again.

Here are the pp’s from a race yesterday at Belmont. The Hat will take it from there.

Rich

NOTE: See Belmont Park, 9/26/06, 6th Race. Scratch #3.

09-24-2006, 04:12 PM
Balancing Position Call With Beaten Lengths

Balancing position call with beaten lengths is not really that difficult, but is an important phase of understanding The Match-Up.

The Sixth Race at Belmont, which was run 09/23/06 is a good example. I will go through this race, step by step.

First I will establish the pace of today’s Race:
I will use the first two calls of Guns Drawn’s mile race to establish the first and second call. I will not use the Churchill Downs first call of 21.4 on Barbados, because Churchill Downs has a weird first call, but I do use his final time of 110.3 from his last line.

Today’s Projected Pace is: Pace: 22.2 45.2 110.3

The 3 horse Scratched and I eliminated the 1a, 4, 5, 7, & 8 because they are slower than today’s projected pace. This leaves me with four horses for win consideration.

Here is my analysis of the race:

I used the last line on the 1, 2 & 9, but used the six furlong portion from the third line on the 6 horse. Guns Drawn is the pace horse in the race and will take the lead. The 2 horse should not improve positions, because he does his best in the lead. He will not get the lead today and is eliminated. The 1 horse is one fifth of a second slower than today’s pace and will lose positions and beaten lengths, and he is eliminated. The 9 horse will gain one position from fourth to third, but using his beaten lengths he will be third at the second call and his final time is slower than today’s pace, so out he goes.

The 6 horse is an outstanding horse, his position will change from fourth to third and with no other horse in front of him he will gain position and beaten lengths and will take the lead at the second call, because his second call is faster than today’s projected pace. Santa Anita is about two fifths of a second faster than Belmont, and after adding the five beaten lengths to the 108.3 he runs a 109.3. I add a couple of fifths to this time for track to track, which makes it 110. He is an Early Presser and will destroy this field.

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The Result

Result Chart of the race

NOTE: See Belmont Park, 9/23/06, 6th Race.
Here is a word document from Jim on energy distribution. Feel free to download it and reference it.

Note** - In the last paragraph Jim uses the term “Match-Up races.” This is his term for tandem races. When he first started the Match-Up that’s what HE called them. “Match-Up races.”

Next I will upload some pp’s for a race and ask a couple of questions based on Jim’s write-up. Try not to peek at the result before working the race.

Please post any questions/comments about the race. Then Jim will come on and comment and/or answer them.

This is an extremely cool race.

Here is Jim’s attachment

Energy distribution is the key to understanding The Match-Up. Acceleration and deceleration will decide the winner of today’s race. In most races the horses accelerate from the starting gate to their highest velocity. This early acceleration generates a constant deceleration and causes toxic build up, and energy exertion. The Match-Up determines what influence the pace of the race will have on the competitors in today’s race.

The ability to understand pace is an essential fundamental of successful handicapping. No horse can run at top speed the entire distance of the race. If a horse has to run a fast early pace, he slows, and he may not be able to win the race.

To win the race it is essential that we recognize how the race is going to run. You must look at the first call in the race and find the horse that is most likely to get out of the gate first and take the lead. Then ask yourself, can the horse go wire-to-wire, or will he be forced to run faster to establish the lead in today’s race? If this is true look at the Pressers and determine the horse that is up close. Can he take over when the Early horses fail? If the answer is no, then and only then look for a sustained horse to win the race. If an Early, or Early Presser can not win, the race “sets” up to run other than Early. To determine the running style of the horses in today’s race, use running lines where the horse runs his best races.

The winner of a race will be determined on how the horse distributes his energy throughout the race, not whether one fraction is greater that the other. This is the reason that horses with the best final time do not always win. Every fifth of a second faster the horse has to run at the start costs two-fifths of a second at the finish. The same applies, if the horse is able to run slower at the beginning of the race.

First, decide the horse that is likely to take the lead. In picking the horse that is going to take the lead, find a horse that has truly been in the lead at the first call. In the event none
of the horses definitely had the lead, use a line where a horse tried for the lead or was up close. Next, find a horse that was in the lead at the second call. Use the same procedure explained in finding the first call. Next, find a final time that matches the first two calls, and you have the projected pace of today’s race. Never add beaten lengths to any of the fractional calls. Remember, a horse that is second by a head was not in the lead, but was running behind the horse in the lead. Horses that do not match today’s pace will have difficulty winning.

Find the horse that has run the best against the fastest pace in his last race, at today’s track, and at today’s distance. Match-Up [Tandem] races are good races used in this procedure. If none of the horses have run at today’s distance consider any fast sprint, or any fast route line. This horse is the pace horse that all the other horses will be matched against.

NOTE: See Belmont, October 4, 2006, first race.

10-05-2006, 11:09 AM
The Hat

Here is the first thing Jim says to look for (see screenshot).

So in this race which horse or horses are most likely to get out of the gate FIRST and LEAD?

If you find just one horse then we look and see if that horse can expect any PRESSURE from another early or early presser at the 1c and/or 2nd call.

What does this race look like? How does it “set up” to be won?

Are there a lot of early/early pressers that might set it up for a sustained to win?

Is there little or no early pressure that would point to early/early pressers having a BIG edge?

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Jim is teaching me that when a horse is headed - a neck or head in the pp’s - it uses up units of energy because of the PRESSURE the horse feels when another comes alongside it.

He also points out that this “battle” often goes on for an extended period of time in a race while we just see the “point of call.”

He says “Rich sometimes this battle can go for over a quarter mile. THIS horse, if he does not have to face such pressure today, will have ALL KINDS OF LEFTOVER ENERGY TO USE.”

Jim will come on and comment on any questions asked about this race.

There is only 1 horse that breaks on top, or is on the lead or right near: Red Zipper. No others even care to press early. In his last race, he may have been ‘headed’ and used up a bunch of energy keeping this position, thus fading finally. But if no one wants to run with him today, will he conserve this same energy and thus have it in reserve to fend off the late runners?

I don’t play Bel, but after I talked to Richie on the phone, I FORCED myself to play a few races. The posted PP’s was 1 of the races.

Race #1 offers one of the basic ideas of the Match-Up, (and I missed). TANDEM RACES.

For any Match-Up student, Bel race #1 is a study case.

I would have to say that Red Zipper seems to me the pacesetter in this Match-Up. Other than that the August 8 Tandem race with Banrock, Be My Prince, Deelites Gold, Drinkwater, and Of All Times is the race I was looking at.

My initial impression is that out of that Tandem Race, Drinkwater looks strong in this race.
I have a question about running styles. The 1 horse shows a couple of different styles. Mr. Bradshaw, what would you consider this horse’s style to be?

I believe the 2 horse could apply pressure on the front end.

Not feeling well

Hi Jim and Rich

I want to say the Match-Up has been working like magic. It has turned my confidence to a high level. Richie has been a great help. Almost every day I have a great report in the few races I have been able to work. Many more races will be needed to practice on but it’s a very profitable future that I will gladly invest the time in.

This is a very hard race, to be totally honest. I would wimp out and never try such a race. The three tandems are freaking me out. I feel much of the indecision Doc talks about. I feel blocked and I start to doubt myself. I am struggling with the tandem step. I feel like I should bet the horses that lost in the Tandem race. This is a big problem.

Anyway, not to be a wimp I worked the race. Hey, I can only lose it once. I would bet the 7 and the 1.

I would go with either the 1 or 8. I think the 9 could show speed as well.

This race to ME has a lot going on relating to learning the Match-Up

1) Turf Race

2) Shippers

3) Tandems
   a) Fast and slow
   b) Multiple

4) WINNING running style Issues
5) 1st call positional stuff

Jim is gonna show us some REAL solid matching techniques. Also want to thank him for making that Energy document available to us here.

Richie

10-06-2006, 12:36 PM
The Belmont Turf Race is a great example to explain match up procedures. Mark the Tandems and running styles of the horses in today’s race. The two major tandems are the King Glacken and Incredible Speed tandems. The Incredible Speed tandem is a fast tandem from Saratoga. I know it was fast, because Be My Prince ran in both Tandems and ran similar in both. The Tandem concept works best if the Tandem race was at today’s track, and today’s distance. It is viable for any race anywhere in the past performances, but it is best to give preference to the Tandem at today’s track at today’s distance.

To determine running styles look at all of the races in the past performance and find where the horse runs his best. Always start with the first call to determine the running style. This procedure will assist in deciding how the race will run.

Most of the horses in the race are Sustained runners, or show no consistent running style. The only horse that shows consistency is Red Zipper, who is both an Early and an Early Presser. Red Zipper is a lone early in this race. Red Down South shows speed three lines back, but has changed, or altered his running style. The same applies to Of All Times. Even if Red Down South or some other horse gets the lead Red Zipper will be able to catch and pass them. Red Zipper will have units of energy to fight off any challenge.

Do not get caught up in the theory that only Sustained horses win turf races. Red Zipper is an Early turf horse and shows he can win running early. This is what you look for to reverse tandems. Red Zipper was beaten in his last race, because he challenged a front runner and energy exertion caused him to lose the race. This Early horse he fought with is not in the race today and he should have energy to spare. The other horses from the Tandem are Sustained runners and will not be a factor in today’s race, because Red Zipper is a lone Early.

The Hat
I have been noticing things while learning the Match-Up’s foundation of projecting pace for today’s race.

This is going to make NO sense at all but if you keep an open mind long enough to try it some really weird stuff might show itself at the tracks you play.

FOCUS on races where you CAN project an “ON THE LEAD” 1c and 2c pace by a horse or horses.

Take your 1c “on the lead” pace and starting with the first horse go all the way to the BOTTOM of his pp’s. Now here comes the **** that makes NO sense.

1) Look at every race starting from the bottom up where the 1c matches today’s projected. FIRST CALL.

2) FOCUS on the horse’s BREAK and 1c positions in those races and then moving from 1c to 2c-stretch call-finish FOCUS on how the horse REACTS to that 1c pace. Just watch him and see what he does.

Does he COMPETE well?
Does he FIGHT if he runs early?
Does he ATTACK from 1c to 2c?
Does he get discouraged or outrun and just give up?

By taking some REAL time on this and THEN moving to the rest of working the race some stuff gets planted in our heads that might help us come final decision time.

It’s really weird man. Oh, and NOTHING works all the time.

Richie

Here is a race to throw out there. It is a 6f race.

The 1c on the lead pace is kinda easy. Last line on the 1 horse at 22.0. He also has the 2c on the lead at 44.4. For a final time that matches the 1’s last race is 6.5f. Let’s use the stretch call in that last race which gives us a 6f time of 1:10.00.
Projected pace:
1c - 22.0
2c - 44.4
ft - 1:10.00

I am gonna list each horse’s pp’s from the racing form which is easy to see. If you are interested just scroll thru the horses’ 1c times and when they match or are very close (within 1/5) make some mental notes on them from the START of the race going forward.

What do they do at the BREAK?
The 1c?
The 2c?
The stretch call?

AFTER that then look at the pace of race times for those races that match BOTH 1c and 2c projected pace.

Now when you get to matching or comparing the times maybe some little “mental notes” about their reactions come up.

It really is fascinating me so that’s why I am throwing the race out there.

I am a total novice with this but take my Match-Up work seriously. Throwing this race and my weird observations “out there” will hopefully help me in the long run, ESPECIALLY if feedback comes opening my mind even more.

We have our projected pace - small field - here are the pp’s:

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Richie

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Richie
ACTUAL pace of race

In case anyone is following this the ACTUAL pace of yesterday’s race:

1c - 22.00
2c - 45.00
ft - 1:10.1

Now look at the projected pace. Scary ha?

See what happens when we “backed up” the 1’s last line to the stretch call 6f time?

I’ll put the result chart up tonight.

Happy Father’s Day

Rich
How did this horse win Mr. Bradshaw?

Wander Time is a need-to-lead horse. To win, his past performance shows he must “break” no less than 2nd out the gate, get the lead at the first call and then go wire-to-wire. Way to the Top will get the lead, Wander should be dead. Is this horse a “default” winner? How did this horse win the race? Thanks.

Here is some Voodoo for you.

Here is the way I would match this race:

New York Token is an Early horse and should take the lead in 22.

Way To The Top is an Early horse and should be second.

Wander Time is Early, but has three lines showing were he can Press. His break position also shows that he can pass horses. (Look at the third line.). I used his second line back and have him third behind the two front runners.

The 5 & 7 horses are sustained and show nothing is their recent races. They are eliminated. Skip Fighter is a Sustained Presser and should be fifth, which eliminates him from win contention.

We are left with three horses up front. Wander Time is in third position, but will move to second position, as the two Early horses kill each other Early. I don’t believe the half mile will be run in a 44.4, because of the fight for the lead in the first call. I give Wander Time a 109.4 from the six furlong time of his six and one half furlong race. This makes him faster at the final time and has a chance to win the race.

Thanks for Match-Up insight into Pace Analysis, Mr. Bradshaw

Wow, Absolutely Unbelievable!!! That was excellent “Voodoo” Mr. Bradshaw. This is the kind of race that makes me wonder why I am not progressing with the Match-Up. You gave this NEED-TO-LEAD horse a “shot” because he Pressed 3 times and was in the money each time.....so are you saying to “look” for this ability in wire to wire winners and that this type of horse shows that he can press, stay up close, possibly pass horses, and be “in the money” at the end, with, of course, the right fractions. This looks like one of those races where you can predict or “Voodoo” when a horse is gonna change his style. Many Thanks again. I’ll be practicing hard and studying on this insight.
Match-Up Information

Richie or Jim: from what I gather from your posts on the Match-Up the only information you really need from your Racing Form or whatever else you use is the Distance of the race, the fractional times of the race, the running position of the horses involved, and, of course, the program number of the horse involved, and company lines for tandems.

When you are doing the Match-Up what you do not use are the Jockeys, Trainers, Recency, Man-made class levels, work-outs, earnings, pedigree, etc.

I was wondering if I would be accurate in the above statement.

I am not trying to post here just for the heck of it, but I thought it might be helpful to get your opinions on this. Thanks.

Your statement is absolutely true. I do not use any of the traditional handicapping procedures you mentioned. If fact, I do not know how to use some of these procedures. The other day I was working a race with Rich that I had won. Rich came up with the same horse and later noticed we had used a running line from 2004.

All I want to know is how the horse is going to perform in today’s match up. In order to do this it is best to concentrate on the running lines of all horses in the race and ignore all procedures used by the traditional handicapper.

The Hat
Current form and paceline selection

Jim, I’d like your thoughts relating current form/condition to the Match-Up. I know this is a somewhat broad question but I have always wondered if you have ever asked if the horse can run to the paceline you have selected today.

Many thanks for your thoughts on this.

10-12-2006, 07:55 AM
This is a very difficult question for me to answer, because I’m not sure of the meaning of form and condition. If a horse’s last couple of running lines are horrible, I’m not sure if he is out of form, or is just an “ugly” horse.

I never second guess myself in the running line I have selected. If the horse does not run to this line, or I lose the race, then and only then do I question the line I have selected. In reality I pick the horse and not a running line.

Jim

10-12-2006, 12:42 PM
Thanks Jim. Yes I meant ugly lines or out of form and if you do indeed consider that. I also read Richie’s post and it has helped me a lot. Caught in fact a 23 dollar winner at HAW yesterday.

Many thanks again

10-12-2006, 12:10 PM
Hi Jim.

Jim, how do you compare horses that have just started running in the fall when the pace of the races is much slower, with horses that having been running in the Spring and Summer time when the pace of the race was much faster.

E.g. horse A: runs in the summer and his best times are 22 45 111
     horse B: starts running in the fall and his best times are 23 46.2 112.3

Is there any special way that you handle this situation?
I use all of the lines in the horses past performance and never rely on only one line.

The Hat
Running styles and energy distribution - Practice Race

Gonna post up this race. GOOD example of:
1) running styles.
2) 1st call projected pace.
3) energy distribution relating to units of energy used when a horse is headed.

This time I am gonna post the pp’s how Jim “sees” them. It’s time to really FOCUS on how HE matches.

1) there will be NO ml odds
2) there will be NO dates on races shown

I mean, shoot, if we are gonna practice let’s remove ALL conventional stuff from the picture. lol

PLEASE feel free to work the race HERE. ALL are welcome. I will leave it up for a couple of days.

The “Hat” method:
1) Identify running styles
2) Identify 1c projected pace
3) Identify tandems
4) Find a “style” that might be favored to win TODAY’S match-up based on “mix” of running styles and 1c projected pace.

** Tip** - as you are identifying your “early” runners, mentally note the 1c time for them. WHY? Because you might have a race with say 3 early horses where running style wise you might leap right away to looking at “other than early” for the win. But if one of the earlies is DEFINITELY faster than the others at the FIRST CALL, the picture changes.

The distance of today’s race is 8.5f on the dirt.

NO need to work the race fast. Jim slowed my ass down a bit a couple weeks back.
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Remember today’s distance is 8.5f on the dirt.
The Practice Race

Running styles:
#1 S
#2 S
#3 S
#4 P
#5 E
#6 E
#7 S
#8 S

The Tandems are: 2, 3, 8 Poco Bueno
2, 3, Criminal Mind
2, 6 Seeking the Show
3, 6 Esclarecido

The 1ST call Projected Pace is 47.3.

The way I see the race is that 6 should take the lead and wire the field. Because in his last race he ran head and head for the first two calls at a 47.1 and he still managed to get 2nd. The #5 can not do better than a 47.3.

The only two horses that I am afraid of are the #2 horse because he beat the 6 in the tandem race. But, the #6 did not get the lead in that race.

The other horse I am afraid of is that Sprinter the #7 horse. He looks to be the fastest horse in here, but his last 4 races were REALLY BAD.

Where the streets have no names

Here is my attempt at this practice race.

For Running styles
1. NF= No Form Sprinter
2. SUS
3. NF
4. SUS
5. Early
6. Early
7. NF
8. Sus
For first call Proj time = 47.4 or 1 (it’s hard to see the numbers on my screen shot).

For tandems horse 3 and horse 6 but it’s hard without the names to be sure.

I see the 5 and 6 as early but not too good. I would enter them into my program then match up the best of the four Sus runners and bet the best two.

10-16-2006, 07:25 AM
Sustained 4 Horses 1-2-3-4
Presser 1 Horse 8
E/P 1 Horse 5
Early 1 Horse 6

Poco Bueno tandem 2-3-8 keep 8
Escalercido tandem 3-6 keep 6
All the horses kind of suck.

Contenders 5-6-8

Projected time 47.1 113

#5 line 3
time 47.4 113
pos 1 1

#6 line 1
time 47.1 113
pos 1 1

#8 line 3
time 47.3 113.2
pos 6 3

If we use units of energy we have
#6 on the lead at 1st call
#5 4 BL Behind
#8 8 BL behind

#6 on the lead at 2nd call
#5 4 BL behind
#8 7 BL behind

The rest of the field will suck air.
Here’s my shot at the race

1. 1)-sustained
2. 2)-sustained
3. 3)-sustained
4. 4)-sustained
5. 5)-early and early presser
6. 6)-early-need-to-lead
7. 7)-early and early presser
8. 8)-sustained
9. out the gate should be a 23.4
10. looking at the #5’s performance at a 48.2, the #6 can run slower
11. The Esclarecido tandem is faster than Poco Tandem - the #6 is the best in this tandem.
12. The Seeking the Show tandem, the #2 did the best, coupled with his last good sprint at a fast pace.
13. The #5 horse likes either to go wire-to-wire or press and take the lead at the 2nd call. His recent performance leads me to believe he will be 2nd, but will not give the #6 horse sufficient pressure or head him.
14. The #6 horse will not be pressed to run as fast as he did in his last race.
15. I think the race is going to run Early (#6) - with the #2 and #8 horses in the money.

Here is the result chart of the race.

Looking at the #7 he appears to have changed his running style in last 4 races.

The pace of race fractions on the #6 last race:
23.0 - 47.1 - 113.0

Comparing the earlies (#6 last line with #5 line 3):

The #6 has a FIVE length lead over the 5 at first fraction 23 compared to 24
The #6 has an ADDITIONAL 3 length lead at the 1c - 47.1 compared to 47.4

That is EIGHT lengths - a CRUSH in favor of the 6.

On top of this the 6 also has stored EXTRA units of energy because of the “HEADING” at the 1c and 2c. Talk about gilding the lilly 😊

At this point the race is OVER and a sauntering to the betting window is called for.
EIGHT length edge over the ONLY other early PLUS extra units of stored energy because of the heading that happened at 1c and 2c.

How fast can you say "SPOT PLAY EARLY"? 😊

Result chart shows the CRUSH clearly.

“Take these all day long Rich. All day long.” - "The Hat"

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*... Actual Betting Favorite.

OFF AT 7:57 Start Good. Won handily. Track Fast.

TIME:231/2, 477, 1:121/2, 1:373/4, 1:443/4
(23.38, 47.38, 1:12.70, 1:37.91, 1:44.33)

S2 Mutuel Prices:

- 8-TAME THE MANE ($(8)$) 7.40 4.00 3.40
- 8-BRINKLEY $(8)$ 3.40 3.20
- 3-MR MAJOR $(3)$ 10.60

S2 EXACTA 8-6 PAID $28.40
S1 TRIFECTA 8-6-3 PAID $278.80

Boy Gelding, (Ap), by Subordination - Mr's Hat by Sheikh Albadou (GB), Trainer Di Donato S. Bubba, Bred by John J. Jacob(Oh).

TAME THE MANE, under firm control on the lead inside, drew off into the stretch and finished mostly in hand. BRINKLEY settled unhurriedly toward mid track, bid nearing the quarter pole, angled to the inside entering the stretch and settled for second best. MR MAJOR, shuffled back early, settled off the pace outside, started a drive into the lane, was shut off steadyng soon after and flattened out from there. SKIPJACK COVE rated close two deep, lost considerable ground leaving the final turn then drifted in weakening. RYMAR, unhurried off the rail, eased out into the lane and passed biting rivals. MIAMI STAR rated off the pace inside, was shuffled back on the rail in the upper stretch and gave way from there. ATOMIC ENERGY was outrun saving ground. PHISH rated off the early pace toward mid track, saved ground through the final turn and had nothing left in the lane.

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10-16-2006, 08:30 PM
I have to admit I completely missed this, but the example and explanation points me to the errors of my ways.

Thanks, Richie, much appreciated.

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10-16-2006, 08:59 PM
It's cool. I miss **** too.

One of the things I can tell you to help picking things like this up is FOCUS on the LEFT side of the running line. While most look to the right of the running line (finish, speed
rating, track variant, adjusted times, etc., etc.) the Match-Up JIM’S way looks LEFT for it’s hidden power.

1) Break  
2) 1st fraction in routes  
3) 1c  
4) 2c  
5) Running styles based on 1c POSITION  
6) Understanding that a gain or loss of POSITIONS involves units of ENERGY  

Of this I am CERTAIN.
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These last 2 races involve early PATTERNS on very STRONG horses. I can not tell you how important it is to get these races in your “HEAD.” I am serious.

**Tip** - Handicap every race the SAME way. Whether a 4.5f DIRT race at CT to an 11f TURF race at Belmont. Work every race the SAME way.

Do they always win? We know the answer is no.

However, I have never had a game plan so CLEAR in my mind. This comes from working hundreds of races with Jim and seeing him do the same process regardless of distance or surface.

Richie

10-16-2006, 10:11 PM
Rich, well I blew that one. Have a question though. I looked at the 6’s 1st line but it was on the slop. So I take it you and Jim use these lines???

Thanks for the race, it was fun!

PS: Wondering how do you and Jim feel about using off-track lines??
I use ALL the lines in the pp’s so YES I use off track lines.

BTW you didn’t “blow” the race. We just learned something! That’s EXACTLY what Jim tells me when I miss so I “pass it down the line” to you!

We learned something.

Stay cool,
Rich

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**Question for Richie**

Hi Richie.

1) Break
2) 1st fraction in routes
3) 1c
4) 2c

Richie I have always known that the First Fraction in a Route is at the Half mile call. Is this what you mean? Or do you mean at the 1/4 mile. Because I notice that you did use the 23 and 24 time of horses #5, #6.

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The first fraction in a route is the 1/4 mile time. The first call is the 1/2 mile.

YES I always look at the first fractions in routes. That’s what I was taught to do.

You nailed the practice race with your FIRST impression. NICE!!

I’m at the track typing this so lemme get back to the races.

Rich

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**Good drill, Richie**

Good practice race Richie. You are keeping us FOCUSED on the basics: the break position, 1st call Position to Determine Running Style, Identifying Tandems and Running Styles. If we are unsure and cannot nail races like this, this shows us we need to
REALY nail the basics. I was still unsure of the #5, what he will do TODAY. THESE are the kind of drills we need, constant PATTERN RECOGNITION. We should not cheat ourselves ‘cause we’re so anxious to go the window. I like the way you present it “AS THE HAT GOES AT THE FORM,” and as “THE HAT SEE’S RACES.” If we are to attempt to develop BRADSHAW type skills, we need to nail this. PICKING HORSES FIRST THEN PICKING PACELINES, helped me with this exercise (bring more drills of this). Also, more drills on not using beaten lengths. Good, Good teaching material Rich.
Practice race from “The Hat”: “other than early” Match-Up

Jim picked this race himself and asked me to post it up.

This is a “Hat Special.” 😊

Again we will “see” the pp’s like he does:
NO dates
NO ml odds

He asked me to tell you “Remember to identify running styles and project your pace from the FIRST call.”

EVERYONE is welcome to post their working of the race here. Jim asked me to leave it up here for a few days and give folks a chance to work it and see it.

The distance of TODAY’S race is 8f on the dirt.

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- #4) early and early presser (need-to-lead at 2nd call)
- #5) sustained
- #6) early and presser
- #7) early and early presser
- #8) early/need-to-lead/gate to wire

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The 8 horse to complete the field:

- #1) early
- #3) sustained presser
- #4) early and early presser (need-to-lead at 2nd call)
- #5) sustained
- #6) early and presser
- #7) early and early presser
- #8) early/need-to-lead/gate to wire

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TODAY’S distance is 8f on the dirt

10-18-2006, 02:50 PM

A toughie

1. #1) early
2. #3) sustained presser
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4. #5) sustained
5. #6) early and presser
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1. The #8 horse likes to lead at the first two calls and will at least get it, but he cannot fight off pressure after 2nd call; recent race leaves his condition suspect, also.

2. The #4 pressing recently, get the lead at the 2nd call in a 114, and still faded. He will not get the lead over the #8 horse at the 2nd call, he’s out.

3. The race seems to set up “other than early.” The #6 will be third, passing the #4, but recent race shows his condition is suspect.

4. Between the #3 and #5: the corporate ladder tandem, the #3 will not have those horses in front of him. The #5 beat #3 as a Late horse, and #3’s position should improve today.

5. The #3 will win the race, with #5 in the money.

10-18-2006, 03:35 PM
Projected pace 22.4 47 112.3 143.3
All horses best pacelines are taken at 1.7 mile.

Early 5 horses 1-4-6-7-8
Sust 2 horses 3-5

#1 line2 time 24.0 47.3 112.4 143.4 OUT too slow
position 1 1 1 1

#3 line6 time 22.4 47.0 112.3 143.3 Contender
position 6 3 2 2

#4 line2 time 23.1 47.2 112.2 144.2 OUT slow 3th fraction
position 1 1 1 1

#5 line4 time 24.0 47.4 112.4 143.4 OUT too far behind
position 11 10 4 2

#6 line2 time 22.4 46.2 112.4 143.0 Contender
position 3 2 1 1

#7 is a sprinter OUT

#8 line5 time 22.4 47.0 112.3 143.3 Contender
position 1 1 1 1

1st. call
#8 1st
#6 3rd
#3 6th
Too much early so I look for an early presser or presser.

I project the pace off of the first two calls of the 8 horse, and the final time of the six horse - 22.8 46.4 1:43 (in tenths--about a 1:38 or 1:39 mile.)

The six horse has won as an E, EP and Presser - a dangerous animal. The six horse also won the race in 1:43 from which the early pace is projected.

The six is the only horse in the race with the proper running style that can run to the projected pace.

(If you look closely you can see that the six doesn’t do well with a slower pace unless he can get the lead all by himself, in which case he has wired the field.)
The Main Tandem horses are #6 and #8 (the fastest).

You can throw out all the other horses and match #6 and #8.

Or you can do it the other way. #1 and #8 both are need to lead horses. They will both do battle up to the half. All the others will be too slow except the #6. The #6 should win the race.

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10-19-2006, 10:47 AM
**Good Race Example**

This is another good example. I will give it a try. My initial impression is we have a lot of early types in this Match-Up, also a horse or 2 that are NL type of early horses.

#1 Early horse  
#3 Looks like a presser to me with these horses.  
#4 Early, also NL type of horse.  
#5 Sustained for me in this Match-Up.  
#6 E/P a versatile horse.  
#7 Presser (does not seem fast enough).  
#8 Early.

I am projecting a pace of around 47.3-112.4-139.3. I suspect the race to be won by an Early or E/P type. Which Early horses can I eliminate that will not get the lead today?

To me by virtue of his versatility, how this horse can win on or near the lead, and considering the projected pace I would go with **#6** as my *win* contender.

I see several of the other Early horses trying to expend too much Energy trying to stay with each other. For that reason if I was looking to hook #6 in an exacta I would use #5.

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10-19-2006, 05:53 PM
Here is my work:

For running styles:

1. E  
2. SP  
4. E  
5. E  
6. both E and SP  
7. EP  
8. E
For times I figure 23.4 47.2 112.4 139.3.

Tandems are too tricky; for this guy they are a big problem. For me, the edited PPs are messing me up even more. I am struggling big time.

I figure the 6 and the 2 would be good win bets.

10-19-2006, 06:25 PM
Hi Rich,

I love these posts that you are quarterbacking, they’re just great. My simple analysis:

The 1 horse can set a pace and finish with a final time that only the 6 horse can match on several occasions. I would choose the 1 and 6, and if I had to split hairs and select one horse, I would choose the 1 horse.

Thanks to you and The Hat for trying to increase our proficiency.

10-19-2006, 07:48 PM
Thanks for jumping in. Doing this helps me with my proficiency too.

Last night was the worst matching I did in the 2 and a half weeks since Jim outlined a “spot play” game plan for me. I have posted up on that in another thread.

I went 1 for 5 at the Meadowlands (betting 1 horse) and that winner only paid me $4.40 after being bet down from 2/1 at 2 mtp.

But I stuck to my plan, wagered Belmont today and went 2 for 3 with win prices of $15.60 and $9.60.

This race is a goodie. I will leave it here for a couple more days and the put up the result chart. Then Jim will explain a few things about the race the way he did with me when he had me work it.

I forget sometimes who the heck I am talking to when we chat on the phone. He is very, very soft-spoken but cool at the same time. He spends quite a bit of time with me and I have to give back out of pure respect.

I run EVERYTHING by him before I post up here to get his ok. He is an excellent teacher. I just pass HIS instructions and ideas “down the line.”
Hi Rich,

Keep your chin up, the hard work will pay off. What you’re attempting to do - get rid of software, speed/pace figures, mainstream handicapping, etc. - and handicap directly (and only) from the past performances is a very difficult and attractive proposition. Imagine being able to walk into ANY racing establishment in North America, purchase the pp’s, and win consistently with only the tools in your mind! Now that is something worth working for.

Believe in your teacher, believe in yourself, and work your ass off. You are obviously a very bright and talented handicapper. You will get what you’re after.

My analysis of this race has the 1, 4 with the early lead with the 6 pressing. 6 closes for the win. My exacta bet would be 6/1345.

Looking forward to the results.

1 E lead or nothing
3 SP
4 E
5 S
6 EP
7 EP
8 E lead at all costs; pace of race line 5 22.4-47-112.3-143

8 takes lead and beats off the rest of the early types, probably gets pressured by one or more of the e-e/p’s. #6 (line2) pounces in stretch to win easily, #5 from way off for 2nd or 3rd

6 Win
8 Place
5 Show
Here is the result chart of the race. A LOT of folks have the race nailed!

Jim will come on tomorrow and post up a few thoughts about the race. He is off to the casino today for some wagering

NOTE: See Delaware, October 8, 2006, third race chart.

I posted this in another thread but want to repost it here please. It is THAT important to matching horses “The Hat” way. It is transforming. Here it is:

ANYONE seriously matching Jim’s way that comes from a “value oriented” background like me HAS to make every attempt to lose the EXPECTATION of payoff when working and matching a race. The difference is startling.

SERIOUSLY

HIDE or somehow IGNORE the ml odds. HIDE or somehow IGNORE the ml odds.

All the best
Richie

I am going to interject a thought here, and anyone can correct me if I’m wrong.

When matching up horses a lot of people are also picking place and show horses. Very often, if properly executed, the Match-Up will find the winner, but other contenders will usually run out.

I believe Jim has even said that the Match-Up is for “picking winners.”

I also don’t see anything wrong with betting two horses to win now and then - price permitting, especially if you have two horses you can’t separate.

However, exactas might be a tough proposition using the Match-Up. If you can’t separate two horses, and bet both of them to win - it is much more likely that you will have the winner and an also ran - or two also rans, but not the exacta.
In my own personal experience you will get a cold exacta now and then when the race sets up for two distance horses, but more often than not you won’t.

Bottom line: be very careful using the Match-Up for exactas.

Now daily doubles and triples is a whole nother ball of wax.

Everyone recognized that the race would run other than early. I played and won this race, realizing that the race would run other that early. The five is a Sustained runner, the six an Early Presser and the seven is an Early Presser.

I can see the eight and the one will fight for the lead and the other early horses will lose interest in running when they can not get the lead. I do not have any problem eliminating all of the early horses, or slow horses, because “fast horses” win races. The seven is slower than the five and six, out he goes. This leaves the five and six as the main contenders for win consideration. The six is faster and will be ahead of the five the entire race.

I do not play exactas, because I usually eliminate the place horse. In order to play exactas and trifectas, you must first find the winner. Then and only then look for the place horse.

The Hat

Is there a special way to handle a 7 furlong race? I am having problems with this distance because there are a mixture of sprinters and Routers (that don’t look fast).

On Sunday in the 10th race at WO there was a horse that wired the field and had a line of 21.4 44.1 111.1. It was the fastest sprinter in the race. And a Router who also had wired his field with times of 23.4 47.2 112 145.2. The Router that looked very slow compared to the sprinter won this race.

I know that nothing works 100%, but I was wondering if there is a special way of doing a 7f race because of the mixture of horses that it contains.
I assume you are talking about two different races, if so this brings up a number of questions.

Was there a fast sprinter in the second race? If this answer is no, then the router has a chance.

Is the horse an Early horse?

Ask yourself these questions about routers entered in a sprint race:
• Did he win the six furlong part of his route race?
• Is the horse a lone Early, or will the race run other than early?

If the answer is yes on the last three questions, then the internal fraction of the router will give the horse a shot. These are the questions I ask myself as I match all races. I match all distances the same, but I do look at the configuration of the track for all distances. The location of the starting gate tells you why the first quarter is faster, or slower at some distances and tracks.

The Hat

Pace Analysis of the Horse

Mr. Bradshaw, can you elaborate on what kind of Horse the #6 (the winner) is? At fractions of 46.2 and 46.4, he presses well. But at 47 and change, he either hangs, fades badly or wires the field. Based on his last race, I assumed he was not in condition. Also, can you elaborate on the kind of horses who seem to do well ONLY with a fast or extremely fast pace. What kind of Horses are these and what makes them tick?

Concerning your other question:

Fast horses like a fast pace and slow horses like a slow pace.

The Hat
Here is this week’s race, gang. Hand picked by Jim.

The distance of the race is 8.5f going around 1 turn at Belmont.

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Okay,

I didn’t find anything useful in any tandems.

Pace of race: 23.2-47-111.2-143.2

- 1c from #7 L1,
- 2c from #7 L5;
- 6f from 1a, L1 &2, but a possible 111.1 from #3 line 3 (but he collapsed off that);
- final time from 1a @ 143.3, L1 based on 111.2 @ 3/4, but there is support for this final time in a couple of other places;

It looks like 1a can overcome the lead of probably the 3 and 7. #7’s best time looks to have come off a 112.1, so if he has to go faster, he’s cooked; #3 line 3 projects at about 143 by interpolation.

#8 can track 47.2 and 111.4, but this pace being a little hotter kicks out #8.

#7’s line from one turn Belmont is probably a few ticks faster than the 2 turn times of the 1a, so I like 3 to win, with #1a to place.

Wow, this is tuff. Either the 1a or the 8, 8 seems to have an edge over the 7 (the other ep) but the 1a seems to have the tactical speed (sp) at the wire.

The way I see this race

#1A EP
#2 S
#3 P
#4 SP
#5 S
#6 SP
#7 EP
#8 EP

The pace of this race should be: 23.3 47.2 111.4 143.4
There are 3 ways of seeing this race. The 1st way is looking at the fastest tandem race. Here we have #7, #4, and I could throw everything else away. When I compare the #4 and #7, I think that the #7 has the right running style to win and is also a faster horse. In their only match up the #7 did beat #4.

The second way is: #8 & #1A, will take the lead and #8 should have the lead to the 2nd Call. The #7 should be running 3rd at the first call and should be moving up at the 2nd Call and should be in the lead when they hit the top of the stretch and win.

The third way is: Since the pace will be 23.3 47.2 111.4 143.4 you look at the last race of each horse and see who ran the BEST in the fastest pace. Since #7 ran the best, you compare him with all the rest of the horses that have the right running style and #7 should be the winner.

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The only way I could match this race:
Pace 23.3 46.4 110.1 143.2

Compare #7 last line to the best lines of the field.
#7 line1 23.2 46.3 110.3 135.3 (8f)
#1 line5 23.3 47.4 112.1 136.0 (8f) OUT too slow
#2 OUT
#3 line2 23.1 46.4 112.0 144.3 (8.5F) OUT 112.0 at 2call
#4 line5 23.0 46.0 110.1 143.2 (8.5F) IN match with #7
#5 line8 23.2 46.2 111.3 145.0 (8.5F) OUT 145.0 final too slow
#6 line4 23.2 46.4 112.2 144.2 (8.5F) OUT 112.2 at 2call
#8 line5 23.3 47.2 111.4 135.2 (8F) OUT 47.2 111.4 too slow

At this point I would scratch my head and try to figure #7 or #4

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The 7 and 4 ran in tandem race (the last race for both).

You still scratching now? 😊

Ciao
Richie 😊
#7 beat #4 in the tandem. A nod for the #7 to win, but I still love the #4, call it intuition.

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Running Styles

1a EP or P
2 S
3 P
4 P
5 P
6 P or S
7 EP
8 EP

Use #7’s last line as pace of race: 23.2 46.3 1:10.3.

No one really needs the lead and 8 is slower than 7 (if in form at all), therefore 7 gets the lead, no one will pressure it, and can possibly run a bit slower, say 23.2 47 1:11, conserving energy.

#1a has never won against this pace, so probably won’t today either; also since it has won its last 3 races, it may have peaked.

#3 could be threatening, but its best line 2 was not as fast pace as #7s last; it will not seek the lead and will suck behind the 7’s more relaxed pace today.

#4 was in a tandem last with #7 but certainly didn’t exert itself much: can’t see any threats to win.

The rest of the horses are just slower.

I don’t see why #7 doesn’t wire the field.

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1. 1a) sustained presser
2. 2) Late
3. 3) Presser and Sustained
4. 4) sustained
5. 5) sustained presser
6. 6) sustained  
7. 7) early presser  
8. 8) early presser  
9. The #8 will be forced to take the lead, being headed by #7 who never takes the lead.  
10. The 24.1 out the gate will make #1a run earlier than he wants. He will be 3rd out at the gate, he’s out.  
11. The #7 will be heading #8 thru out the race and will pass him, but will tire pressing him.  
12. The #3 will be pressing the #7, pass him.  
13. The #3 will win, with #7 and #8 in the money.

10-24-2006, 10:40 PM  
You have the race down to the 3 and 7. Now match them up one on one using FAST lines.

I am gonna put up those 2 horses now - match em - Note both running styles and pace of race.

Here is the # 3 horse. That 3rd line back is FAST (check the mile time).

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And here is the #7 horse’s last race - that’s FAST also.

Hope this helps a bit. You are right there with the contender selection man.

Now FOCUS on your 2 final guys - Positioning and pace of race.

Who is going to be ahead of the other around the track? That’s who you want. This is how Jim teaches me.

Rich 😊
Thanks Richie. You’re right. I wasn’t sure about that last line, looked too good and didn’t know if he could run near that again, looking at his other lines. That was my next question to Mr. Bradshaw. If we are going to pick THE HORSE first then find lines, I think we need the ability to pick out aberrant lines, genuine trouble lines, how the horse runs normally, default lines; like when The Hat has you cross out certain lines. THEN, we can really and truly see THE HORSE, then pick pacelines. Thanks Rich.

10-25-2006, 09:12 AM

If we are going to pick THE HORSE first then find lines, I think we need the ability to pick out aberrant lines...

NO.

After identifying running styles and projecting pace we determine whether the race runs:

1) Early
2) Other than Early

Once we do that we throw ALL the horses out from the “wrong style” immediately and FOCUS on the “right style” group. Once we isolate the running style group we are looking to for the win, ALL the past performance lines are USABLE. There is NO such thing as aberrant lines. Match horses using FAST lines.

1) Match the contenders using FAST lines. Jim’s saying “Fast horses win races” is our guide here.

2) From your final contenders pick the horse that is closest to the lead horse as your bet. Once again, Jim’s instructions. I have seen him do HUNDREDS of races both before and after the fact. THIS is what he does.

You are RIGHT THERE with your work and contender mix! Keep it going strong.

Hope this helps
Richie
Initially, I thought this was a hard race, and I think it is harder than the last race, but after some thought I approached it this way:

It is “kind of” a paceless race. In which case out go the sustained type runners, and sustained pressers.

(It’s helpful for me to know how many horses are in each race, but unfortunately that information is hidden. I use this to help with determining where a horse is sitting at the first two calls in relation to the number of entries. Sixth by 2 at the first call in a six horse race is different than sixth by two in a twelve horse race.)

There aren’t really any dominant wire to wire runners in this field.

When projecting the pace I always look for a horse(s) that actually had the lead. So I project the pace from the first two calls of the 8 horse. 23.6 47.4 (I convert everything to tenths out of habit.) I then look for a horse who has won (or run the best) against the projected pace of the first two calls. The one horse won his last race in 23.4 47.4 143.6 Almost a perfect fit. So the projected pace is 23.6 47.4 143.6.

I now look for other horses who can also run to this projected pace. No others fit except the 7. There is a tandem with the 4 and the 7, but the 4 lost by 12 3/4 lengths, so I eliminate him. That “tandem” race transposes to a 23.4 46.6 142.4 (I added 4 tenths to the final time for deceleration.) Adjusted for beaten lengths it would read 23.4 46.7 142.8.

The one horse is a sharp animal, but he isn’t quite as fast as the 7. His second call time is a little slower as well. The one is also too far back at the first call. Not lengths wise, but position wise.

In fact, most of these horses (except the 7) are too far back at the first call. Since it is a paceless race the 7 can run a little slower and possibly wire the field. He may or may not head the 8. I suspect he’ll closely press and pass him at the second call. He is the only horse that shows a propensity to run up close, fight, and try to take the lead. He could very well have the lead alone at the second call, and if he does I think he’ll win.

Even though I think the 1 is a good fit, I’m going with the 7 for all of the aforementioned reasons.

However, I am not as confident in my decision as I was in the last practice race.
Richie:

In my original analysis I considered the 1a because of lines from Monmouth. I thought that it was a two turn mile track. Is this correct? In any event I will definitely get a list of 2 and 1 turn tracks for future use.

My question: Early Sartin cautioned the comparison of 1 and 2 turn mile times because of the longer straight run before the 6f time. If I remember correctly the 1 turn miles had 6f times about 5 ticks faster and final times about 8 ticks faster.

Does Jim factor any of this into the comparative process and if so, how?

Great write-ups Richie, keep up the good work.

What Jim teaches is to look in the form for horses that have raced at both 1 and 2 turn routes. From that he makes a comparison on the times. So YES he definitely does do some comparing.

Richie

Can you quantify that a bit

Richie:

Sorry to be a pest. I was looking for a little quantification on the topic of 1 and 2 turn mile times. In this week’s lesson the 1a’s races were 2 turn races and application of any significant part of the 5 tick/8 tick adjustment would or could change the comparison of the fastest times and ultimately the projected winner because the 1a being an invader from outside the Bel/Aqu/Sar circuit in this race.

I understand that we have not addressed track class or recent track records into the discussion either (and may not), so if this subject is too tangential for current consideration, so be it. I was just trying to integrate the old with the new.
Jim told me to speak frankly and honestly about what I do so here goes.

When I FIRST started learning the Match-Up 6 months ago Jim sent me a track to track adjustment chart.

I asked him if HE used it and he said “Rich, I rely on my mind to recognize differences in track speeds. Patterns repeat and then become firmly part of our mind when we work races going forward. NO I never look at anything written.”

I promised myself from day ONE that if this man was gonna teach me I HAD to do ONLY what he does.

So I deleted the chart without ever referencing it.

What I do is look at shippers and trust what comes into my mind. Sometimes I am wrong but with experience I am “making calls” on horses better and better. It is totally a FEEL thing Bill. I honestly do NOT quantify anything.

One thing I DID “see” in this race when Jim had me work it was the 1a shows a Belmont 8f line in his pp’s - when I matched that with the # 7`s last line it was no contest. I favor of the 7 horse. PLUS the running styles in BOTH races was the same - Early Presser, so I felt doubly confident in the 7 and QUICKLY threw out the 1a.

THAT is one of the BIG advantages of matching “The Hat” way. We use the WHOLE past performances on the horses to help us compare and match-up. It did seem strange at FIRST but with practice it is so POWERFUL and natural NOW it’s crazy.

Hope I am not coming across like some kind of expert or whatever cause that’s not how it is. I DO know what Jim does and follow ONLY what he tells me to do. NOTHING extra is added.

He works EVERY race the SAME exact way Bill. From a 4.5f race at Charlestown to a 9f Turf race at Santa Anita.

From this comes REPEATING PATTERNS and that is what is starting to happen with me. Jim tells me part of intuition is recognizing patterns that REPEAT.

Hope this helps and sorry if I rambled on a bit.

Richie
10-25-2006, 05:45 PM

**Late**

Sorry I’m late.

Running styles:

1. A. Pres
2. SUS
3. EP
4. Sus
5. S/P
6. Sus
7. EP
8. Pres

This one has me. The 7 looks like the pacesetter but not really much else is up there except some company with the 1a and the 3.

I would take a shot with the 6 and the 2. I’m looking forward to the lessons for this race.

Thanks Jim and Rich.

I would bet the 2 and the 6.

10-27-2006, 09:03 AM

**Result Chart**

Result chart of the race.

**NOTE: See Belmont Park, 10/8/06, 1st Race results chart.**

10-27-2006, 10:28 AM

**Best time to hcp**

Hi Jim: How are you??

Since most of us are Rookies with the Match-Up what do you advise? 1) Do the hcp before we go to the track. 2) Hcp each race as it goes by.

The reason that I am asking this is because I noticed that if I hcp a night before and the next day I go to the track, in some races, there will be scratches and I have to re-hcp the
race again. The last 3 times that I did this, the horse that I picked the night before WON the race but because of the scratches I went on another horse.

10-27-2006, 11:15 AM
Arrive at the place of action early, because you must be ready to attack. This is a new day and must be faced with confidence and a positive attitude. Any negative attitudes or thoughts should be cast aside. Make sure you have everything needed for today’s battle.

Here are reasons for early arrival:

1. Locate a comfortable, quite well lighted area.
2. Locate the betting machines and obtain a voucher, because if there are long lines you don’t want to get shut out.
3. Get early scratches, track conditions, and if races are off the turf.
4. If attending a simulcast outlet, locate the monitor for each track.
5. Review races to play and ones to disregard.

Handicap in advance as much as possible, because once the action has started it is possible to become uncertain and make mistakes.

Tips for Advance Handicapping:

1. Divide your Racing Program into segments for each track.
2. Identify the running style of all horses.
3. Place a mark by early pace runners with pace figures that show the inability to gain or maintain the lead.
5. Place a mark by all horses that are not contenders.
6. Place a mark by the contenders.
7. Never underline the pace line.

The Hat

10-27-2006, 11:44 AM
RichieP

Going back and seeing that the 1a had run a 1 turn mile that could not match the 7 shows a really important point to me. 1st- by using ALL the pace lines you don’t have to make adjustments. This also shows why computer programs don’t work. Most use 1 or 2 lines to make the calculations and that just doesn’t work.

Hat
Great to see you helping people on this forum. I still use my Aodds 98 program when I do have a chance to wager and I want to ask:

1. Can I use the pace of race that the program calculates? This doesn’t depend on one line, does it?
2. It comes up with usable tandems and I assume that is still correct?
3. It also shows running style for the horses - this is based on all lines, isn’t it?

If these things apply it then this makes it easier to do the remainder of the Match-Up.

I will start my education with the next practice race.

Thanks to RichieP for your time and effort! Glad I found this site!

Hat

How will we be able to order your new book? Will it be from you?

To win the race it is essential that you recognize how the race is going to run. You must look at the first call in the race and find the horse that is most likely to get out of the gate first and take the lead. Then ask yourself, can the horse go wire-to-wire.

The race is an example illustrating the process used to project the pace in a pace-less race. Once we project the pace, the horses will be matched against this pace to decide if they are contenders.

None of the horses in this race are Early horses. In their past performances, some of the horses have gone for the lead, but their first calls are extremely slow. This race is classified as a pace-less race, but someone must take the lead. In a pace-less race look for an Early Presser as the horse most likely to take the lead.

There are two Early Pressers in the race: (3) Artist Blush and (7) Pay Attention, but the 7 horse runs closer to the pace. The 7 will get the lead by default and go wire-to-wire.

The Hat

10-27-2006, 11:59 AM
An Interesting Tandem Race

When I saw this race I immediately thought of Binder. This is the type of race I used to encounter frequently when I was playing at Longacres back in the 80s and 90s. They gave me headaches then. They shouldn’t be as much of a problem now, but this race was a puzzle, so I passed.

The fact is I didn’t know what to do. I felt like I should be able to figure it out without too much problem. When I saw all of those tandem horses, I thought “yummy.”

So, some things to think about. Do you throw out all of the tandem horses and go with someone else? Or, do you pick one of the tandem horses--if yes--which one? Five horses came from a last race tandem. And there are other tandems as well.

Everyone who would like to work the race go ahead. All comments are welcome. Have a question? Ask away. Give and take is how you learn. I’ll post some comments and the result chart on Monday or Tuesday.

Of course I would love to hear The Hat’s comments as well.

Good luck,

Steve

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Steve,

Just a quick look.

If today’s race runs as the Tandem, I would pick #8 to win.

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Here is my look:

1 - Tandem winner -in
2 - slow -out
3 - slow - out
4 - early - will push the 5 - they cancel one another - out
5 - early - will be pushed by the 4 into 22 and change - 45 and change - out
6 - in
7 - in
8 - I know Emd is faster than No Cal track - not sure by how much but this is enough to call him slow - out
9 - pig - out

That leaves 1-6-7 as final mix.

I want to bet the horse closest to the lead from these.

The 6 is now gone - positions of 9-7 and 7-6 (below) leave him farthest out so he’s gone - out.

Down to 1 and 7:
1 is super solid - Position 3-3-1 from last.

7 is farther out in last but shows 3 races from below where positionally he can be at least as close as the 1. The 8th race back beats the 1 positionally: 3-2-1 and that race was from 110 2c pace.

I would pass the race as I am basically guessing now tween the 1 and 7. I don’t bet races like this anymore.

PASS

Rich
Steve I have no clue. I am doing bad with tandems. I see them, they freak me out and I have a mental block. If anything they are taking away any edge I had before. I could probably work with some other tools like APV and the VDC readout if I was doing the race live. This format of showing the race “Hat style” is what it is.

This one is a pass.

The 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 tandem race was run and won by presser. The 5 was the lead horse and was pressed too hard to hold on.

The pace of today’s race - I’ll pick what the tandem ran.
22.3 45.9 110.2 144.2

Running style 1-P, 2-P, 3-P, 4-E/P, 5-E/P, 6-S, 7-P, 8-S, 9-S.

The 2, 3 and 9 are too slow.

8 has never seen this fast a pace. I’m taking him out.

This leaves 1, 4, 5, 6, 7.

The question is can the 5 hold on this time over the 1, 6, 7 or will the 4 press him enough to make him fold again?

4 has two lines:
   line 2- 23.3 46.5 110.5 from this line it doesn’t look like it but
   line 9 22.5 45.5 110.6

This is against the 5’s 22.3 45.9 110.2. It looks like the 5 will have early pressure from the 4 then be facing 3rd call pressure from the 1.

This race looks like it runs exactly like the tandem did before, with the 4 & 5 trying for the lead and the 1 again winning.

The tandem rule I learned was since the 1, 5, 6, 7 were so close last race, bet on the highest odds horse or horses. If the race sets up differently then these horses become the value bet. I don’t believe that is the Hat’s tandem strategy.
I looked at this race a little bit differently. The five got a nice easy lead last time out with no apparent pressure and still spit it out. So I didn’t like him to wire this field. If he couldn’t wire it last time with no pressure, why would today be any different? I didn’t see the four as a fast enough horse to bother the five on the front end. I made the four a presser, not an early. I felt the five would run the same type of race as last time getting out all by himself.

I liked the one, obviously, but I didn’t want to make him my choice for no other reason than only 12% of tandem winners repeat. 12% is about 7.5 to one, and he was nowhere near that. In other words he was very vulnerable and not a good enough price, but I didn’t see how I could throw him out.

That left the 3, 6 and 7. The 3 got beat by too many lengths in the tandem leaving the 6 and 7. I just couldn’t separate the 1, 6 and 7, although I liked the 7 a “little bit” better than the six because he ran closer to the pace, as Richie stated.

In the end I was just too confused to bet.

Two questions for Richie and others:

1. Why do you think the four will go with the five? Why do you call the four an early horse? He doesn’t usually get the lead and the five looks to be just enough faster to shake him off. Pressers don’t normally set the pace, but rather follow the pace setters. Unless you think he is just going to push the five faster than normal. I just don’t see it this way.

2. Since in your analysis you seem to have it narrowed down to two horses, why not bet them both to win if they are both over 5/2? I know you’re only betting one horse now if you’re getting 3/2 or better, but is there anything wrong with dutching as long as both horses are 5/2 or higher? Isn’t it approx. the same thing?

Thanks,

Steve

PS If Jim would care to say something about this race, I’d love to hear his analysis. I’ll wait until after he comments to put up the result chart.

1) the 4:
Line 3 sprint - 22.3 - 2hd - fighting to get the lead in a 5.5f race
Line 9 route - 22.2 - 45.2 - 1c on the lead - 2c- 2hd fighting for the lead
2) I do NOT bet 2 horses. I bet using Jim’s “Okie Math.”

Matter of fact I do EVERYTHING Jim tells me to do. He’s not God but his **** works. I have a large ego but have LEFT it at the door to learn the Match-Up.

An example of this was my wagering Saturday.

1) Aqueduct - I bet and lost ALL 5 races there. 0 for 5. Shutout - zippo.

2) Keeneland - bet 6 races and won 4
   6.40
   7.20
   14.40
   20.80
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   $48.80

Overall
Bet 11 races - won 4

Bet ($2.00 unit)
$ 22.00

Ret
$48.80

ROI - about 120% - THAT IS OKIE MATH

Rich

10-31-2006, 11:55 AM
Steve

This is a very difficult race to match, because of the Tandem and the mix and match of other horses in the race. It is very difficult for me to read past performances on the computer. I would have passed the race before the Tandem and I can see no reason why I wouldn’t pass now.

The Hat
Thank you, Jim. It is also very difficult for me to read PPs on the computer. I have to squint, and sometimes I have to take out the magnifying glass. I’m wondering if there is a way to make the PPs any bigger without using too many resources.

There are so many races that come up like this, that’s why I posted it. What’s interesting about this race is that neither the five nor the four went for the lead, but it was the one who tried to steal the race.

I’ve attached the result charts.
This week we go to Philly Park. I am going to show the horse’s name which will also bring in the dates. This way tandems will be readily identified.

Couple of folks had problems seeing tandem horses when I removed the dates last race. Now it’s fixed.

Today’s distance is one mile.

Rich

Btw - The track announcer there is Keith Jones. A true class act who loves racing. He returns tomorrow to his job after months on the sidelines recovering from SERIOUS neck operation. Very cool.

Philadelphia Park
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The 7 horse:

6 in a hand ride, like the pattern as well as the match up.

If odds were acceptable, I would take the rubber band off the bankroll and bet it ALL on the 5 and 6 horses. If I had to bet only one horse, I would have to go with the 6 based on their tandem performance.

Thanks for the practice races.

The way I see this race

#1 S
#2 E
#3 S
#4 EP
#5 E
#6 E
#7 S

The pace of the race should be 22.3 46.2 112.1 138.1

This race gives the illusion that it is filled with speed. But it is not.

#1 is a slow horse that needs to lead at the 2nd call with time of no faster than 47.2 (he is out).
#2 is another slow horse. He could lead with a 2nd call time of 50 (he is out).

#3 is another slow horse. He won his last two races with the half time of 115, and 115.3 (he is out).

#4 This is probably what the Hat calls an ugly horse (he is out).

#7 Another slow horse (he is out).

The only tandem in the race is #5 and #6. And this tandem is faster than all the other horses.

I figured that the #5 and #6 will do battle again from the start of the race and the #6 will beat him again.

The #6 should win this race.

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The next practice race

1 - P/SP
2 - EP
3 - S
4 - P
5 - EP, TANDEM WITH 6
6 - E, TANDEM WITH 5
7 - S

PACE: From Tandem race @ 1mile -70yds, 22.3-46.3-112-144.4, which I converted to a mile by dropping 4 seconds from the final time;

So pace is 22.3-46.3-112-140.4 (in fifths).

Tandem race shows that the six will fight for lead and in the tandem he bested the 5. The 5’s latest race, while not quite the fractions of the tandem, show that the five can run 141, give or take (but he needs slower fractions).

The 1 can’t press a 112 and is out.

All the routes for the 2 say that he can’t keep up with the pace, but adding two fifths to the sprint fraction in race 2 yields 22.2-45.3-111.3 +2 half furlong increments from 6 to 8 furlongs x 6.2, plus perhaps a smidge more for deceleration and you get a mile time of 137.2 (+ the beaten 4 lengths) or 138.1. I think this is an aberration because even the projected mile time from the 7f race where the 6f time would be 112.1+ 6 lengths, shows that this horse cannot press the pace setter and with a last fraction of 13.3 or 13.4 (which
is more than 6.2 x 2 - the suggested starting projection additions) the final time is over 141. This horse is out.

The best the 3 can do is 140.4, but he’ll be even further back than normal - out.

The 4: Won in 142 and change and in line 5 tried to go wire to wire on a 49-114.1, with a final time that equates to 140.3. If he tries to press the 112 pace, he’s cooked. Out.

5 and 6 should go head to head, with the 5’s 2nd race back showing some improvement, which I think is just enough improvement to soften the 6.

The 7, my favorite kind of line. 7 is SP and while it will be S in this race he gains on the projected pace from 11-8-7, and note that the -7 at 6f is only 1 tick slower than the projected 112; the final time even beaten 8.75 L is 138.3 + the beaten lengths or 140.2.

7 is the projected winner by 2 and more if the pace duel develops and weakens the 5 and/or 6.

10-30-2006, 04:56 AM

Philly

Have to keep working as my confidence level is falling fast

Running styles
1. EP
2. E but will just be chasing the tandem 5 and 6
3. Late
4. NF
5. E
6. E
7. EP

The 5 and 6 tandem looks like it goes to the lead.

The 1 and the 7 will follow behind them and get around the 2 at some point. The 3 might find his way home if they go really crazy.

Win bets 1 and 7.

And something on the 3 as program cost payer.
10-30-2006, 01:18 PM
1. #1) sustained presser/Needs to Lead at 2nd call-----OUT
2. #2) sustained--runs well at 114----OUT
3. #3) sustained
4. #4) early presser & sustained presser--runs well at 114 & 115-OUT
5. #5) early presser-needs to lead at 2nd call
6. #6) early presser
7. #7) early presser--runs well at 113.3 &114----OUT
8. No one else can run the pace of the Barefoot Tandem
9. The Tandem will not reverse itself - the #6 should win the race.
10. With the other bad lines of the other horses, the #6 should be the favorite or 2nd favorite.

10-30-2006, 02:22 PM
This race looks too easy so I probable have it wrong!

POR is tandem 22.3 46.3 112 141 since it is shorter.

Running style-all are S except two tandem horses which are E/P.

All horses are out because too slow for this POR.

This race will run the same as the tandem race with the 6 winning again! Since this looks too easy it probably pays $5 if it wins.

10-30-2006, 11:00 PM
The match-up is fascinating. At first glance I liked the three (Edgar). He has some fast 1 mile times, but it appears that he needs a very slow early pace to achieve his best results. (Isn’t that unusual for a sustained horse to need a slow early pace??)

I was at a loss as far as projecting the pace was concerned, but then I think I figured it out.

I came up with a projected pace of 22.6 46.6 144.8 (or about a 140.2 mile). Isn’t that an awfully slow mile?

I used the first two calls of the five in his fourth race back, and the final time of the six two races back, which matches perfectly. In fact it’s the same race - a tandem.

I was lost in this race until I figured out the projected pace. I believe this makes the six a clear winner. He’s a fighter, and most of the other horses are too slow to compete.
Here is the Result Chart of the race. Jim will come on in a day or so and show a few things.

Richie

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S2 EXACTA 6-4 PAID $138.00  S2 TRIFECTA 6-4-8 PAID $828.80


BAREFOOT LADY set the pace inside, (re)ushed a challenge and broke away again. PERSIIAN PURSUIT raced wide all the race and rallied but was no match for the winner. HERE’S TO ALL forced the pace outside, drifted wider on the final turn and tired. EDGER was outrun early then rallied wide without threatening. UNACCOUNTED GIFT raced inside and steadily weakened, TRUE CALLING raced outside and looked a rally. MOM’S MISSILE far back throughout, was eased in the final stages.

All of the horses in the race are other than early, except (5) Here’s To All and (6) Barefoot Lady. The Barefoot Lady Tandem is the key that wins this race. In the past performances I used to win the race, Barefoot Lady was in the lead at the quarter mile and Here’s To All takes over at the half mile and the six furlong, but Barefoot Lady fought all the way. Here’s To All quit and Barefoot Lady took over and won the race.

My prediction was a wire-to-wire win for Barefoot Lady.

The Hat
Hi Jim. How are you??

I’d like to let you know that with your help and Richie’s help my hcp has improved from 10% to about 35%. (THAT’S PICKING 1 HORSE TO WIN WITHOUT USING ANY COMPUTER PROGRAM).

My question: Is there any special way of projecting the line of a Grass Sprinter from the 6.5f Down Hill at SA to a Route?

I know how to do it with horses on the dirt but those from the Down Hill Turf at SA, the horses are REALLY FAST. And when I do project them they are faster than all the routers. Some of these Sprinters have times of 21 43 112 for 6.5f.

I wouldn’t try to project those 6.5 downhill lines. That downhill race is an entity unto itself. What I do is try to find another line from say HOL, GG etc.

Projecting or trying to project from that distance on that downhill is not a good thing.

Congrats on your improvement! I’m still using Aodds Gold 98 but I can do all the projecting as well as changing the prob pace calls and such. Making progress here too but not a one horse better all the time (except those lone E types).
Jim doesn’t know I am posting this.

I had the chance to work many races with him from yesterday. Tracks all over the joint. To say he crushed the races would be a severe understatement.

He told me earlier because there were so many freaking maiden races he was gonna SPOT PLAY win bets at
1) Delaware
2) Churchill
3) Calder

He used SPOT PLAYS and hit more double digit winners than I have ever seen him hit in 1 day. Trust me, that is saying a lot.

For those interested go back and REVIEW the practice races that were laid out. They were shown for SPECIFIC reasons in the order done.

Jim is a teacher with a master’s degree. He knows what the heck he was putting up on the board.

Jim does EXACTLY what is shown in those races. EXACTLY.

If you think spot playing lone early horses gets chalk look at the 1st race at Belmont Saturday. I got 3 messages from:
1) Emilio
2) Bill
3) Ted

all of whom nailed the lone “E” winner - $ 28.00 BOMB.

There was more yesterday. Part of the “Hat rampage.”

1) Review the practice races.
2) Get the “SPOT PLAY EARLY” especially firm in your head.

Now go racing “live.”

3) Multi track and pass over the maidens.
4) With the PATTERNS of the practice races FIRMLY in your head - FOCUS on SPOT PLAYING your way to profits on live races.

Richie
Sounds good. The “**Art of knowing when to pass a race,**” and when to capitalize and recognize spot play opportunities is something I underestimated. Glad you keep us on track with this post. I did what you said and looked over past posts, mostly studying the practice races, and looking at all 10 lines trying to verify why Mr. Bradshaw will call a horse Early, Early Presser and Presser.....some are easy (NTL/2nd or 3rd by a hd or nk), some you can see a horse was both Early and Early Presser, but recently in last 2 or 3 races stayed with being Early or Early Presser, and some I was not quite sure, that is , to solidify a pattern in my mind of what is E, EP, P, SP.

In another practice race, I found what you wrote *interesting*; “ok the # 7 is a Lone Early for sure. So now we are looking for ‘Early’ to win here **IF** we can find a line for him. This is what Jim is talking about on his post.”

So, “if” we are unsure about the horse, his lines or other horses in the race, its better to pass the race, focus on easy pattern recognition to solidify “spot” play patterns, then as we develop, can go to harder races......right? Spot play Early, do you mean “Lone Early” or just Early?

I think UK racing, Hong Kong racing and other places are lucky they don’t have the Daily Racing Form format of 1st, 2nd, stretch and finish with accompanying times......otherwise The Doc and The Hat will “crush” races worldwide and Rule the World and Planet Earth of horseracing.

**11-14-2006, 09:27 PM**
YES pass the race when unsure.

“Spot play Early” is when you project a wire to wire win for a horse. Period. Now that can happen 1 of 2 ways:

1) The ONLY need to lead in the race

2) There are more than 1 need to lead BUT ONE of them totally stands out from a pace standpoint (FIRST CALL especially) which renders the others to an early pressing mode.

Rich

**11-15-2006, 12:49 AM**
Sounds like good advice. Thanks Richie. Great observations. Keep your head surgically implanted over The Hat’s shoulder......you help us improve our “Hat Scan” program.
Here are examples of both types of Early.

1) The ONLY early in the race - “The Hat” on Energy Distribution/ Example Race.

2) More than 1 early BUT ONE completely dominates the others starting at the FIRST call - rendering the others to NON earlies - The race Emilio, Bill and Ted hit on Saturday at Aqueduct - here is the link to see the pp’s - what is shown is RAW unadjusted data - Nov 11, 1AQU Claiming 35K.

Hope this helps
Rich

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11-15-2006, 01:27 PM

**Again, Good Job Richie**

Thanks for confirming that. To me the standout example races are the Shilee race, the Red Zipper race and the Storm n Lightning race. I’m gonna stick to looking for races like those and work on running styles to firmly implant those in my head. Didn’t realize it, but **SPOT PLAY EARLY** and Running Styles are almost like a pre-school Match-Up teaching system Mr. Bradshaw devised.

The Match-Up seemed to not have a particular starting point, besides “find the horse who ran the best the fastest.” Even this is sometimes surrounded with the Match-Up premise of “Intuition” and “Feel.”

But with the above example races, “Spot Play Early” is easy to recognize....these horses are either “Lone Early” or noticeably much faster in their first 2 calls than any other early horse in the race.

I’m gonna stick to this for a while and work on mastering the Running Style of the horses. This Spot Play Early is a great system for implanting this pattern in your mind. When you can do this all the time, Intuition and Feel fall right in line, at least with “this” spot play.

Until this basic of Running Style and Spot Play is mastered, not gonna worry about the “other” parts of the Match-Up, for it would be futile. If I don’t see this spot play, I’ll pass the race.

Thanks for the example races Richie, good explanations, especially the constant reminder of a horse to “Fight” or be a “Fighter.”
I’m gonna work on this basic until a automatic pattern forms in my mind.......the kind of pattern that forms like ring around your forehead......formed by a “Hat” being on your head.
Nov 11, 1AQU Claiming 35K

Here is an interesting race from yesterday Nov 11 at Aqueduct. Race #1 8f Claiming 35,000. I’ll show how I analyzed this race in RDSS, using some of the Match-Up tools as well as energy analysis. (Scratch the 1A)

First I scanned all the horses’ Past Performances looking for Early horses. Along the way, I assigned Running Styles (though I am still learning that, I’m better at it than the program is right now).

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Here’s the other Early, though it wins also as an EP. Though Perceptor ranked its last line as the best, I picked all 4 of its winning route lines to see what 1st and 2nd call times it handled.

Matching the #9 and the #8 to the #5, these Early horses cannot get the lead from #5, so I’ll eliminate them in subsequent screens.
Now for the rest of the horses. #1 is a Sustained sprinter, an unlucky combination, but pay attention to the very fast POR times it ran against.
#2 is an Early Presser, not wild about recent form...
#3 is an Early Presser or Presser. Though not his best line, I think he’ll more likely run like his 6th line, so I used that to represent him.
#4 a Presser.
#6 ran in 3 Tandems, as shown by its Tandem screen. Both times it beat #7. Once it was beaten by #2. I’ll use Tandem #2 to represent #6 (and also #7).
#7 A Presser of some kind. Tandem screen shows it was beat twice by #6 and once by #2.
The Analyses screens give an overview of the contenders as well as a (somewhat) familiar energy distribution analysis. On the Original screen (upper), the Running Style column (RS) shows what collection of runners we have. The E horse #5 can get the lead from the other Earlys, slow down a bit, and no one else can catch him: he may go wire to wire. The #1 Sustained Sprinter against faster POR than the Early horse may be given some energy credit for the positions he gained. The Tandem numbers next to the track code remind us that the #6 and #7 ran against each other. The highlighted horse names are links back to each horse’s Past Performance for further investigation.

If the BL/BL screen were working, we’d look there, but it’s not yet, so the Perceptor screen shows some of the same thing. Different from Speculator, I show the horse owning the best (or 100%) number in any factor column as 0.0, so we can more easily see how close or far away its competitors are. Same information, different presentation. The Perceptor Total Rank is the same. Here we see the #5 and #2 are the 2 most Early energy distribution, while the #1 is the counter-energy. The same information is shown in raw form on the Primary factors screen (TPRs), also showing that of the 2 earliest energy horses, the #5 had much the better Total Energy, or CPR.

Interesting confirming evidence of the Match-Up from an energy distribution analysis angle.
Here is the final result - a most satisfying one. I have more work to do yet on the various factor screens, adding more ranks, some color-coding and some graphs, where useful. So far, I’m enjoying the summary of the horses’ running styles and its ability to help me see race shape.

Thanks for reading, and please feel free to ask any questions or make comments.

Ted
Ted:

Excellent work with your great program. I hope to be able to work with it soon. Here are the happy results from your Val2006. MY bets were 5 and 7.

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Ted:
Ted,

I don’t understand why you used early lines for the 6 and the 2 when you defined them as pressers or early pressers.

Correct me where I’m wrong, but shouldn’t you have used lines defining their running style rather than lines showing them taking the lead?

Perhaps you’re right that it is more rigorous to choose a paceline demonstrating its predominant running style. In my own handicapping, I make use of the incremental energy information shown by Primary Line Score (i.e. BL/BL or Perceptor) and Early/Late energy, in addition to what I’m learning about matching horses to identify contenders, so I wanted to use the best line for those 2 horses, as identified by Line Score.

In this match up, it probably would not have made much difference using a 2nd best line, demonstrating their typical running style, but in this collection of screen shots I also wanted to show the Tandem screen and how the #6 was brought into contention by its Perceptor ranking.

I recall something like that as my thought process, but others’ mileage will vary...

Yours,
Ted
La Mafia che paragona i cavalli da corsa

Bill Varone
Charlie Rescigno
Giuseppe Ledda (Pino)
Richie Pizzicara

The “Italian Mafia” is really working hard on the Match-Up. Jim’s 5 step approach is the foundation we are all using.

I have asked the “Mob” if they would come and post individually:

1) something that is HELPING them Match-Up wise.
2) something that is HURTING them Match-Up wise.

I ran this by Jim and he thinks it’s cool.

For ME:

Positives:
1) Really focusing on the FIRST call helps me a lot. From here everything else flows: Projected pace - Running styles - Positioning - Eliminating slow horses in bunches

2) Tandems help: when they are fast I can often throw the whole rest of the field out. When they are very slow those guys get tossed quickly.

Negatives:
1) I have to pay more attention to the running style of the horse when it WINS or runs extremely well. I am losing races betting horses based on running styles that are DIFFERENT from their WINNING style. Big difference between a style that wins and a style that runs third by 6 lengths, for example.

2) I am losing races because I still go against my first instinct about a race and horse. HAVE to get better here if I am gonna get my win % up. HAVE TO. Jim calls these losses “screw ups” cause there is no damn way I shoulda lost them. But I did.

I am really looking forward to getting my hands on the new book too! Should be a blast.

Richie
Hello fellow Match-Up students.

For me, the biggest hurdle is the tandem step. Most of the tandems I can deal with. I'm finding that many times I see a race where in an 8 horse field there is a tandem where two of the horses finished close, like 2nd and 3rd or something similar. These races make the match up easy. Many times these two horses are the win bets for the race.

My problem is like what happened in race two from the Meadowlands Friday night, opening night 9/29. The 1 horse, 4 horse, 8 horse, and 9 horse all came from the same race last time. Also, the 2 horse ran against these guys a few races back. This type of race is very troubling for me, especially since the order of finish in the tandem race was:

The 8 horse won, the 1 horse placed, the 4 horse ran third, and the 9 with Joe Bravo riding this horse this time ran fifth.

Speed ratings were:
74
73
71
68

The trouble was none of the tandem horses looked better. I knew it was the 1, 4 or 8. Since I could not break the Match-Up I bet the 8 to Win/Place, kind of figuring if my eight didn’t win, Joe Bravo, the favorite on the 9, would probably win. The 4 won, I lost.

A big positive is the ability to narrow a race down to the best Early, the best E/P, the best Presser and the best Sustained horse, based on picking lines from the projected pace of the race then entering them into Energy. Entering only four horses is a breeze and Energy is a great program.

Thanks,
Bill

First of all, if I might interject here: what does the jockey and the speed ratings have to do with the Match-Up? Just a question, not a criticism.

From Pace Makes the Race
Advanced Concepts
Howard Sartin
The amazing effectiveness of the tandem procedure comes from two sources. First, our research reveals that winners repeat a win their next race (within 30 days) an overall average of 18% of the time. The figure ranges from 15% in lower class horses at secondary tracks, to 27% for handicap and stakes horses, or those posting wins by four or more lengths…at tracks like Santa Anita, Del Mar, etc., winners repeat on an average of 24% of the time.

We also found that horses who come in second last race, win next out 10% more often than winners. In fact, over 50% of all races are won by horses who finished in the money, last effort. About 60% are won by horses finishing no worse than fourth in their last race.

[Now here is the interesting part]

But in a tandem race, these figures are skewed. Winners repeat a maximum of only twelve percent of the time. Horses that placed in a tandem win 30% more than normal: horses that showed, came in fourth or within 3.75 lengths, win 40% of the time. (All of these statements are contingent on having two or more of today’s qualifiers from the tandem race, and the best tandem horse scoring in the top three (and ties) TPRs (total pace ratings) in today’s race.)

Steve

10-22-2006, 06:16 AM
Hi Steve

Thank you for your help.

I posted my true feelings from a race that I bet and lost.

You are correct about jockeys, trainers and speed ratings having nothing to do with the Match-Up.

My feelings about Joe Bravo and his horse being the favorite and the speed ratings of his horse compared to the three horses in the 1 - 4 - 8 tandem had more to do with my betting decision. I felt at the time of the original post that rather than bet two horses I would bet only one of these three Win and Place to take my shot against the Fav with no readout support.

So here was my thinking. Taking into account that this was one of the very first races I ever did with out software, without Mr. Bradshaw or Rich around and live at the track with its built in distractions, I found myself very troubled by the tandem. I posted my true feelings that without software I questioned myself as to why I left the favorite out and went to the 8 win/place instead.
The post was made about 1 month ago. I feel that with Mr. Bradshaw and Rich’s help, I have improved my tandem race skills. I am still freaked out by tandems but I want to win and feel that honest posting about actual races where I bet my money helps me the most.

Thank you again for your help. I truly appreciate it.

10-02-2006, 06:45 PM
Positive
I’m able to read PP’s with a clear understanding of what I’m looking for. I can define contenders and select pacelines with more confidence, devoid of mainstream race analysis. Just Times and Positions.

Negative
Beaten Lengths in a paceline. That does mess me up. Contender or Not? Interpretation of Units of Energy by positions and BLs. Not able to pass a race when there are too many contenders. Obstinately, I have to find the winner, and I lose all the time.

I have some more but I’m running out of time. Mountaineer is calling me, good card tonight.

Pino

10-03-2006, 12:10 AM
I don’t mind saying that I interpreted the message header as Cavatelli, Parmagiana and figured with some Broccoli Rabe and Sausage I could make myself hungry. Let me not forget a loaf of Italian Bread........

I’ve been working on the Match-Up for about five months now. I don’t always get as much time as I would like working the races but I am definitely progressing. When I started I used to write down every paceline. When I got better at it I just wrote my contenders down. Now I’m at the point where I don’t have to write anything down and work from my projected paceline, matching the contenders in my head. The tandems help tremendously in limiting the contenders.

At this point the only time I write anything down is when a race is loaded early. I have trouble juggling five or six horses with close first and second calls in my head. I’ll probably get better at it but not there yet.

When I started I was only able to do three or sometimes four races before getting tired and having to stop. Even that took well over half an hour per race. Now I can do an entire card and I am a lot quicker at it without getting fatigued.
I usually hit about 50% of the races I play. I play a one win bet, always looking for doubles and pick 3’s. I went 3 for 4 tonight at MNR with one exacta. Real strong lead horse so I was just looking for place.

I haven’t used a computer program in five months. It’s all working from the PP’s manually matching the horses. It’s like an exercise for the mind, the more you do it, the better and faster you get at it. I work off the computer screen using the Post Time Daily files. I find that I can see those better than the printed PP’s.

Shortcomings
I still am not getting the focus and concentration level that I think will come as I keep working the Match-Up.

I still have some trouble with races loaded early.

I definitely have trouble when there isn’t a clear pace horse.

I am not nearly as accurate as I want to be. Would like to get to 3/5 or even 4/5 on a regular basis.

I still get rocked when I completely miss. Last Friday I missed all three races in a pick 3 bet. It definitely rocked me. Had no confidence at all the next day.

I have very little experience with the different tracks. I sometimes don’t know when a paceline from a shipper is valid or not for the track I am working.

The biggest positive of the Match-Up for me is having the ability to evaluate and successfully pick a winner manually using proper evaluation of the pacelines. It’s much more satisfying than pumping the numbers into a computer program. Much more satisfying!

My biggest problem with the slew of programs out there is that they apply a fixed set of rules to come to valid contenders. You still have to evaluate those contenders to pick a winner. That being the case I prefer evaluating the pacelines and working the race manually allowing my intuition and experience to select my contenders. After going through this process it’s usually clear which horse is going to win.

Charlie

10-03-2006, 09:24 AM
I agree with Charlie, the more you work on the Match-Up, the more you develop an intuition about the race. Call it Voodoo or whatever, it works.
With Richie’s guidance, I’m now able to pass races that don’t make any sense, races where there are at least 5 contenders, or races where I can’t define the pace, or horse’s racing style.

Last night at Mount was a good night. Me and Richie had great time.

Thanks Richie,
Pino

Update - 3 weeks later

Positive:

1) HIDING the ml odds when working a race.

The difference between working a race matching just HORSES rather than matching then seeing an EXPECTATION of payoffs is unreal. I don’t know how the hell Jim saw this in my play but he did.

ANYONE seriously matching Jim’s way that comes from a “value oriented” background like me HAS to make every attempt to lose the EXPECTATION of payoff when working and matching a race. The difference is startling.

SERIOUSLY

Nuff said,
Rich

5 weeks later - update

About 2 weeks ago I started getting some “feedback” from that little voice in my head before a few races.

I would be all ready to “mark” a horse (“Marking” is my trigger to BET a horse if 3/2 or higher AND to realize this is no doubt the horse and NO returning to the race to review if a loss occurs) and this doubt would come into my mind, questioning if this really was the horse. It would come out of nowhere BUT it was clear and loud in my mind.

Over the first 5 days this happened 4 or 5 times. I bet the horse each time. Every time the horse lost.
I mentioned this to Jim and told him from that day forward I would not bet the horse when this happened. He suggested I track the results of this. He said it was part of my intuition coming out after 6 months of HARD focused work on the Match-Up.

Since that day 8 horses have given me this negative mental feedback. I stopped betting on them. NONE have won.

Horses making BIG moves POSITIONALLY going from 1c-2c or 2c-sc need serious focused attention. Gaining positions is gaining UNITS OF ENERGY according to Jim. This being true these FAST MOVERS early in the race can be given units of Energy to work with against the other contenders. They usually make their move a bit premature in the paceline.

After giving them the proper units in today’s match-up (and that line makes him a FAST horse in today’s match-up), look to see if they might be a bit closer to the leader in OTHER races showing on the pp’s. You don’t have to worry about pace of race in those other lines. Focus on POSITION.

If they do you might have uncovered a BOMB waiting to blow up the other competitors in today’s race. The 2 biggest priced horses I have seen “Matching” (over $60.00) have this in common. The public can NOT see this.

I am using a 1/1 ratio (1 unit available for every 1 position gained) and it is working pretty darn good. Spectacular results in a couple of races.

Definitely something to watch for and consider when matching in my opinion.

I just want to thank Jim here.

He has taught and is still teaching me things regarding both horse racing AND life that will serve me for the rest of my days. He is a mentor and a friend who gives of his time and energy when there are other things in his life he could be doing.

I can never express in words how cool these past 6 months have been. Truly a humbling experience.

Thanx “Hat”
Richie
Clarification of patterns of gain

Richie:

When you speak of this positional gain are you referring to a pattern of consistent gain like 8-6-4-2, 7-5-3-2 or can the can pattern be more like 8-8-5-3, or 8-8-8-4 or are both of these types okay? Are there less desirable patterns of gain like perhaps 8-8-5-5 or like when a horse gives up a position like 9-6-7-3? Is going backward after a gain the kiss of death or do you just not give this kind of horse any energy points?

Patterns from Breeders Cup races today
Juvenile winner: 7-6-4-1-1
Juvenile place: 5-5-7-4-2 (note regression from 5-7)

Sprint winner: 2-2-2-2 (another point to be asked later)
Sprint place: (2nd L -not the one I used) 8-8-3-3

Distaff winner: 3-3-2-2-2 (2nd line)
Distaff place before DQ) 6-6-5-1-1

Classic Winner: (L3) 2-2-2-2-1
Classic Place: (L4) 3-4-4-1-1

When a horse is naturally near the lead the opportunity for position gain is limited, so what kind of guidelines keep these horses in the mix or allow them to gain energy points?

In the case of a dominant wire to wire type an increase in winning margin from stretch to finish might be considered a near parallel (yes?)

Thanks for your help

Bill:

The #1 horse (last line) in the Juvenile whose line you posted is the ONLY Winner’s line shown that has move I described.

That line was (1c-2c-sc) - 6-4-1. Then he lost at the finish finishing 3rd.

Based on the projected pace and a race shape which should go “Other than early,” the horse now becomes a horse to seriously study the pp’s on.

Key is considering these movers in races where “other than early” is the preferred style.
For clarity:
1) Early - is a race where a horse is projected to go WIRE TO WIRE.
2) Other than Early- ALL other races

Rich
Picking Horses vs Picking Pacelines

Mr. Bradshaw, I heard you say that before. Can you expound on this a little more? This seems to be a very important point you stressed before. How strong of a point is this in relation to the Match-Up? I hope in the future you or Richie can show a race with ONLY this example of Picking Horses vs Picking Pacelines. Also, how does Picking Horses dovetail into finding the horse that has run the best in his last race, at today’s distance and today’s track? Thanks.

When checking running styles I find a lone Early, but there isn’t any line showing where the horse won the race, but his first two calls indicate that he is a very fast horse and will get the lead in today’s race. This is the horse I pick to win the race.

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The Hat

I am gonna post a race Jim asked me to work from Belmont on Sunday.

This is exactly how I did the race with Jim before knowing the result. Before I start Jim has me matching turf races using turf lines. PERIOD. ALL other lines do NOT exist.

The pp’s I use gives me a filter where I can show only turf races and block out the dirt lines. I use this feature ALL the time so that is what I am going to post. I will show both route and sprint turfs even though I can filter the routes out too if I wished.

I am gonna post the pp’s and NOT the result chart. Identify running styles of the horses shown in turf sprints. Use the FIRST call please.

We can do this as kind of an interactive learning race. ANYONE wanting to post up RUNNING STYLES based on FIRST call turf sprints, feel free to do so.

These are the pp’s EXACTLY as I use them to work the races, including HIDING the ml odds. Let’s just match HORSES.
RUNNING STYLES first. Then we will go on.

Don’t look at the results if you are serious about learning. You won’t believe this, man. Serious.

I will wait a day to let anyone post that is interested then we go to next step. But first things first:

Identify each horse’s RUNNING STYLE based on POSITION at FIRST CALL please. Remember today’s race is at the SPRINT distance.

**NOTE:** See Belmont Park, 10/8/06, 8th Race. Use filter to show only turf lines. Scratch #8, #13-#16.

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10-12-2006, 07:22 PM
Hey Rich, ok I’ll try here here goes:

Wave the Baton-definite S type at this dist.
Behind the screen-SP
Rob's. FTS (first time starter)
Mohegan Sky - I’d say SP
Megatrend – S
Storm Lighting - E (LONE E HERE!)
FastIzaTurtle - S but I’d say more like a LATE here
Ima Yankee - only one start but an S against a fast pace

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10-12-2006, 08:13 PM
#1 Wave----> Presser
#2 Behind----> Early
#3 F. Cat----> Presser
#5 M. Sky--> Presser
#6 Mega----> Presser
#7 Storm----> Early
#9 Fast-----> Sustain
#12 Yankee--> Presser

2 Early
5 Presser
1 Sustain
Ok Rich, here are my running styles

Wave the Baton S
Behind the Screen S
Fiddlers SP
Mohegan Sky SP
Megatrend S
Storm N Ligtning E (Lone Early Horse)
Fast Iz A Turtle S
I’m a Yankee SP

Hello Jim and Rich

1. Pres.
2. S/P
3. Pres
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5. E/P
6. Pre
7. Ear
8.---
9. SUS
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11.---
12.S/P

OK, the #7 is a Lone Early for sure. So now we are looking for “Early” to win here IF we can find a line for him. This is what Jim is talking about on his post.

We Can. The sprint line for the winning #7 shows 22.1 - 45.0 1st and 2nd calls. BEST part of this is that he has the lead and is FIGHTING at BOTH calls.

Now go look at Jim’s “energy distribution” thread where he says that this fighting costs the horse units of energy. Well if #7 FOUGHT at TWO calls, still went on to win the
race, and today figures to have NO pressure up front through the 2 calls, what does this
tell us about his chances? Pretty strong for the win to say the least.

This race is a perfect PATTERN of a SPOT PLAY “EARLY.” Please go and revisit the
thread “Up win % by 10 points.” All this ties together.

This horse is a “lock.” Even if it doesn’t win it is still a “lock.” Do you see this? Who the
hell else can possibly beat the 7 BEFORE the race runs? NOBODY. THESE races are the
ONLY types Jim wants me to bet.

Now there are also “other than early” PATTERNS which happen regularly. I will post up
one of those later to show it. Races where a “lock” also shows itself BEFORE the race
runs.

REPEATING PATTERNS & PATTERN RECOGNITION. Keys to matching races and
also a reason why Jim does a FULL card of races in 10 MINUTES. WE can learn this
too.

I bet these “spot play” horses at 3/2 odds and higher at 2 mtp. Jim’s instructions. PASS
lower odds.

Oh, and if that race looks so EASY that the #7 probably was chalk, well....

Here is the result chart:
NOTE: See chart for Belmont Park, 10/8/06, 8th Race.

What was just posted is Jim’s “Spot Play Early.” I will show other patterns including
“Spot Play Other than Early.”

If you are following this thread please do me one favor.

Go LOOK at the pp’s for tonight’s 3 “races of the week.” Do you see ANY of those races
looking like “a piece of cake” from a running style/positioning point of view? I do NOT.

There is no way I bet any of those races with CASH. Sure I can and maybe I hit, maybe I
lose. Those are the “guessing” races Jim talked to me about that I have to stay out of until
I develop more matching skills.

Wanna up YOUR win % by at LEAST 10 points even when just starting out and are
LEARNING the Match-Up?

Listen to “The Hat” and SPOT PLAY.

Richie
Hi Jim

After we project the pace of the race, we look for the horse that ran the best against the fastest pace in its LAST RACE.

Could we use a horse whose last race was 6 months ago?

Use any line that will project the horse as your winner. If you can’t find a running line, use the fastest.

The Hat

WOW, WOW, WOW and Holy Freakin cow! Thanks Mr. Bradshaw and Richie. These posts in the last few days are incredible, and that is NOT an exaggeration. These are the deepest revelations of the Match-Up yet, thanks to Mr. Bradshaw and Richie. Position out of the gate, Need-to-Lead horses that show they can pass horses out the gate and en route and press and be successful (beaten Early/hidden Early/headed Early), Units of Energy used or saved in Position calls, checking for “fighters” (thanks for the emphasis on that Rich), Picking Horses first, then picking pacelines (the most important point yet), solidifying Match-Up definitions of running style, ........this “Hat check” is growing into a HUGE tool chest into the serious study of the Match-Up, Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw style. Anyone NOT excited and awed by the recent posts either needs to check his pulse for signs of life or rethink their dedication to the serious want and learning of understanding and beating the true reality of horseracing. This will be excellent supplementary learning material for the New Match-Up manual. After reading Mr. Bradshaw’s and Richie’s answers and responses, I am flat out simply blown away. Thanks for emphasizing mastering the basics Richie, this is constantly needed for us to be reminded of....other phases of the Match-Up should not be worried about until we master the basics. Great, Great job, man, I just can’t say enough....just incredible. Gentleman, we have lots of study and practicing to do.
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I don’t know if I’ll ever be able to handicap a full card in 10 minutes, but I was able to do this race in about three or four minutes. My biggest problem right now is that I’m slow, but thorough.

I can see where learning all of these spot plays will help me to pick up the pace.

Great thread, Richie and Jim.

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The Hat

Five Step Approach To The Match-Up #2) Select the running style of all horses in the race. I believe the Picking Horses method above should be.... #2b). When Richie said he started “seeing” things in the Match-Up, I said to myself I wanted that to happen to me for a long time. Mr. Bradshaw used to tell people to Graph it, when they did, they started “seeing.” It didn’t work for me........ ‘TILL I READ THE ABOVE EXPLANATION OF PICKING HORSES FIRST then pacelines. Just a few practice runs on past races without looking at the result is incredible, to say the least. Then Richie comes in with an example and polishes “The Hat’s” explanations to a candy gloss. When I did the Picking Horses routine as described, I started seeing the horses. Your eyes start “hungrily looking” for the Tandems, automatically. You go thru the races more quickly. It is so easily to get excited, just by doing this, but one MUST remain disciplined and methodically master each step of the 5 step Match-Up with Picking Horses then pacelines.
as “The Hat” and Richie described. When Picking Horses then Pacelines, I find I do not care about tracks, or adjustments or getting confused with “what if’s” and “but what about that line.” Finally, some light is piercing thru the cloud. Hope it keeps goin. **People, do not underestimate this Picking Horses then Pacelines.** Very Powerful stuff. You try it on some past races that you don’t know the results of, just as Mr. Bradshaw described above and Richie explains. Also, the Need-to-Lead horse that won’t get the lead today, but shows he can press and pass horses is another very important post that should be thoroughly studied to no end. Good God, man, tell me you are not excited about this? Put your finger under your neck and check your Carotid Artery for a pulse... this is classic stuff. Besides Pirco, “The Hat,” and “The Italian Mafia,” you’ll never find anything now or in the future to bust the reality of horseracing... unless they ‘steal’ from one of these sources. This is just too much. Keep soakin’ it up, Richie. At this rate, you’re gonna be a 72 Degree Black Belt Shotokan Priest in the Match-Up. Batman had Robin, Yip Man had Bruce Lee, Doc Sartin got Jim “THE HAT” Bradshaw, now “The Hat” has RichieP and the Italian Mafia.....’nuff said.

10-15-2006, 01:19 AM
**Good example, Richie**

Richie, I just read your post again about focusing only on the first call to identify running styles. **Excellent** piece of work. The Match-Up is so exciting and revealing that we get “too anxious” to want to start tearing into the form and tear up the track that we lose the basics, believe me. Something as simple as Running Styles can throw off everything if not mastered correctly. Ask me how I know. I believe advanced portions of the Match-Up should not be worried about until total mastery of the basics is achieved. We are so quick to move on to the next step. I’ve read the Follow-Up, Brohamer’s books, listened to seminar tapes, etc., and when ESP/Running Styles comes up to identify the horse, lots of debate ensues, i.e. Computer generated Energy expenditures vs the Visual Running positions of Horses in the Racing Form. Not getting this NAILED will hamper further Match-Up development and leave you wondering why you cannot get it to work. Each step should be mastered, as the 5 steps says, otherwise, you’ll have a long and hard time trying to make other Match-Up techniques work. I type this to keep saying this to myself ‘cause its so easy to want to just tear into the races. Sometimes, the Match-Up sounds so simple, you think you got it, then move on, when there is a deeper understanding for such simple statements. Again, excellent emphasis on the first call.
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**The Hat**

1) I’m very slow doing races practicing the Match-Up. But I’d rather do 4 races doing my best than 10 doing sloppy work and repeating mistakes.
2) Mr. Bradshaw once said that when Doc stated that horses are creatures of habit, this really turned him around. For me, the above quote is REALLY turning me around in my progression with the Match-Up.
3) When I correctly nail the horses running styles “TODAY” and follow the above quote, I can pretty much nail the race. Everything else just falls in line, like Richie said.
4) Most of the time, adjustments take care of themselves.
5) Pace Analysis of the “HORSE” is what I need to advance. Some examples:
   a) A Need-to-Lead horse, from gate to wire.
   b) Need-to-Lead horse that needs to be 1st at the quarter, but shows he doesn’t need to be first out the gate, showing he can **PASS** horses.
   c) Need-to-Lead horse that shows he can **FIGHT**.
   d) An Early horse that shows he can **FIGHT**.
   e) The type of fractions the horse “used” to run and do “well” **VS** what the horse can run “TODAY” **VS** determining if he’s fit or has a legitimate excuse **VS** interpreting or disregarding races and/or lines that don’t apply TODAY **VS** what he’s facing TODAY
6) I believe that the new Match-Up Manual can help in this. As Rich mentioned, The Hat had him draw lines thru races that don’t apply. Some are easy, like today’s, a 6 furlong sprint and the line is from a 1 3/8 mile steeple chase. But others require judgment, so I won’t use this method without further study and counsel.
   a) Determining “when” a horse **changed** his style.
b) Knowing, for a fact, what is Early, Early Presser, Presser, Sustained Presser, Sustained and Late, and those with multiple running styles.

7) Next to Doc Sartin’s preaching that Horses are creatures of habit, THE ABOVE QUOTE BY MR. BRADSHAW IS RIGHT THERE WITH DOC’S. Mr. Bradshaw has continually elevated, not only his teaching and generously imparting to us his knowledge and absolute Mastery of the Match-Up, but continually taking the Match-Up to a High Art and Supreme Science.

8) Many thanks goes to the ITALIAN MAFIA for this forum and getting’ Mr. Bradshaw and Doc Sartin here. You guys are doing GOOD WORK.
I don’t usually post anything but I thought I would share this race with those who are using or studying the match up.

Aqueduct Dec 17 2006
Race 1 @ 6F

Tandems - #3, #5, #8 19 Nov Aqu @ 5.5F 22.2 46.2 111.4 (convert to 6F)

1A and #9 were in a tandem but the 1A was scratched.

ESP Key Race #1 22.2 45.3 58 111.3

#1 Wisdom E 22.2 45.3 58 111.3 ln 1
#2 Mama EP 22.2 46.2 58.4 111.4 (from 5.5F) ln 1
#3 Charm S 22.4 46.3 58.4 111.4 (from 5.5F) ln 1 tandem
#4 Judy S closes best against slow times – out
#5 Quiet S 22.4 46.3 58.4 111.4 (from 5.5F) ln 1 tandem
#6 Miss L NCF no current form - need race(s)
#7 Holy NCF no current form slow pony
#8 Precise S 22.4 46.3 58.4 111.4 (from 5.5F) ln1 tandem
#9 Two Turn E 22.2 45.2 111.0 (created from line 4) horse needed 2/5s slower to be on lead at 6F portion of 6.5F race.

It should be obvious but the #9 won. Paid 25.60. Figured him to wire the field and he did. Overlooked because he looks like primarily a router I suspect. This guy is what I refer to as a “RENT PAYER” since my income is earned at the track.

I sorry but I don’t use a computer so don’t have any screen shots to show but those who work the track probably had this one also.

Have used the match up as my weapon of choice for the past 6 years. Began my study of everything Jim has written starting with Vol 1 of the Follow-Up and tons of practice. It only fails me when I fail “to see the race”.

His latest book is the clearest written guide to the match up yet. Well that’s my 2 cents on the joys of matching horses.

Joe O.
Hi Joe

That race was a bonus. I used the internal fraction of the 9th line. Which gave me a line of 22 45.2 110.4.

No one could touch him. Even using the 4th line which he lead to the half was 22.1 45. No one could come close to this line too.

I wish we could get races like this at FG. So, far, I would not have bet on any races that we handicap at FG, even though my second choice came in twice. (Jim told me not to guess when I pick a horse. At FG I didn’t have any choice but to guess because I have to pick a horse.)

Handicapping those bad races at FG has been a GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR ME. I have learned which races to say away from.

Emilio

Figured somebody out there had him. I used line four to keep him in a sprint distance and relatively current. If you have Jim giving you hands on advice, follow it cuz it is gold. Also will save you some bucks.

Joe
Maiden Wins

Mr. Bradshaw,

What is your reasoning for not liking Maiden wins for evaluation or as a contender? What about 2 yr olds who break their maiden?

As I read thru the text, this was one of the first questions that I formulated as well. I think that there are a lot of justified, and perhaps, built in prejudices about winning maiden lines and their use in subsequent races, but I also feel that getting Jim's input on this subject is important. Sometimes you have to use them, but I would be interested, both pro and con, in hearing Jim's views on the subject often raised in the book.

This is a very difficult question to answer. Sometime I use maiden wins and sometimes I don’t. The same applies to other lines. Remember, in the match up there aren’t any hard fast rules. I look at all lines showing for all the horses in today’s race, but for the final analysis I use lines that shows what a horse can do in today’s race. If a horse has failed a few time after a maiden win I want to know why before I use that line.

The Hat
I now have added a 4th SPOT PLAY to my Match-Up arsenal.

This is something Jim taught and showed me MONTHS ago and it is FREAKY man! I am dead serious.

Look there are many ways to win at the races. Racing is a big umbrella in that regard.

Having said that, when he showed me this I almost fell off the chair. I remember saying over and over “Are you serious? Where and HOW the hell did you ever think to do THESE races like this Jimi?”

He would just laugh, tell me to “hush up Rich” and make me do races in the manner I am gonna lay out.

I KNOW it’s time to lay it out because when my CONFIDENCE in something taught is so great that I call the teacher and show races before they run and the horses WIN consistently that SPOT PLAY has “arrived.”

THAT is what has been happening this week at tracks from East Coast to the West Coast.

I am gonna gather and show TWO races run in the last 3 days. Full pp’s and then lay out Jim’s EXACT process.

One winner will pay $17.00 and the other will be $4.80. As you will see they really are the SAME HORSE just with a different name.

I’ll start posting up tomorrow.

Once again please keep an OPEN MIND on what you are about to see. It’s REAL man.

This is a TRUE Spot Play in every sense of the word.

Thanx Hat for letting me share with others what you have shared with me.

In Cherokee language - WAYA!
Richie

NOTE: See Gulfstream Park, 2/25/07, Race 5 past performances
For this Spot Play we have FOUR keys to work with.

1) We are going to work TODAY’S race as if the distance is 8f. We are going to adjust the pp lines for the horses to make them all 8f to match today’s virtual distance.

Do NOT adjust the pace calls of the races. Only the final times please.

2) We are going to use 6.2 seconds (in fifths) to adjust each 1/2 furlong on pacelines to get them to the 8f distance.

For example if the pp line you are looking at is from 8.5f and the final time 1:42 subtract 6.2 seconds to get an adjusted race time of 1:35.3 for the 8f.

For example if the pp line you are looking at is from 9f and the final time is 1:48 subtract 6.2 seconds TWICE or 12.4 to get an adjusted race time of 1:35.1.

3) We are going to use the stretch call of the marathon distance races in the pp’s which is 8f. We will stop those marathon races THERE.

4) Once we do the above we are then going to use POSITIONING and pace of race and match up the horses to find the horse that will be leading at 8f.

THAT is the horse we will bet.

**Important**

I would strongly suggest going back and reading and re-reading the POSITIONING post in the 8 month update thread. THIS is vital to work these races and a clear understanding of POSITIONING is needed.

I am gonna wait a day or 2 to show who the winner is of the race.

Take your time. Equalize some pacelines. Go SLOW and find the FAST horse at the mile who is ALSO closest POSITIONALLY to the lead during the race.

THIS is Jim Bradshaw’s method of working marathon distance races.

Richie
Here is the result of the race.

![Result chart]

Example race # 2

Here are the pp’s for the next race, this one from Santa Anita at 10f on the turf.

NOTE: See Santa Anita, 3/1/07, Race 3 past performances
Here is the result of the race:

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OFF AT 2:08 Start Good. Won driving. Track Firm (Rail at 30 ft).
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2 PHAR TO WIN .................. 4.60 3.20 3.00
7 PETER AND ZOE ............... 6.00 4.60
4 CHURCH SERVICE .............. 5.60
S1 EXACTA 2-7 PAID $13.30
S1 SUPERFECTA 2-7-4 PAID $64.70
S1 TRIFECTA 2-7-4 PAID $164.40
Bay Gelding, (Mr.), by Avenue of Flags - Dousette (IRE) by Night Shift. Trainer Bell, II Ray Thomas. Bred by C-Punch Ranch Inc. (CA).
PHAR TO WIN sped to the early lead, set the pace inside, turned back the bid of BIG JON in the stretch and held on gamely under urging.

Summary

Jim's thinking in these long races is that to WIN a horse has to have taken control of the race at the mile mark.

He feels that most of the energy has been exerted by the field at that stage and for someone to overcome a bunch of horses AFTER the mile mark is just too difficult to do, with the horses' energy having been depleted by that stage.

So he started picking the winner at the 8f point of the races. It's amazing in its basic SIMPLICITY and POWER in my opinion.

This is Jim Bradshaw's method of working marathon distance races.
“Waya”
Richie and Jim:

I read the first of these posts yesterday. Today on the local racing program the SoCal announcer came out with these stats.

The last 31 Big Caps – 1¼ mile - were won by horses that were first or second at the stretch call (i.e. the mile).

41 out of the last 44 Kentucky Derbys (these nos. may be slightly off, it took awhile to put the info into reference) were won by horses that were first or second at the mile call, with Grindstone 4th and Giamcomo 6th - forgot the 3rd non-conformer.

In light of subject matter of this post, I thought this was an amazing set of stats, seemingly perfectly conforming to THE HAT’s observations.

Nice!
O.T.E. race from the Hat

Jim showed me this race he hit Sunday at Fair Grounds.

He has been working on “Other than early” races with me a bit so I want to pass it along here.

This race WINNER also HAS another “key point” that has been discussed in the Hat check.

This is the 5th race on the card and produces a nice $15.20 winner.

I am gonna post up the result last so if you do NOT want to see it til you work the race stop at horse 10.

NOTE: See Fair Grounds, 3/25/07, 5th Race.

Race Result

Nice $15 buck winner.

OFF AT 2:35 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.
TIME: :21.3, :44.4, :57.3, 1:03.3

$2 Mutuel Prices:

2- SECURE LINE .............. 15.20 7.40 5.80
9- SMILE AWAY ............. 12.20 9.00 5.00
6- G. W.'S JAZZ ............ 14.00
The second race at Fair Grounds is a race I won. I decided the race was a good race to have Rich work. I have taught Rich that there are only two running styles. These styles are Early, and other than Early, which makes it rather easy to determine how the race will “set up.” The first step is to decide the horse that will take the lead in the first quarter mile. The nine horse Smile Away can win only if he can go “wire to wire,” and will have the lead in today’s race at 21.4. Now, can he go wire to wire today? The answer is no, because the one horse Tricky Devil has also run a 21.4 and also needs to go “wire to wire.” So the race will run, other than early.

Now, which horse is closer to today’s pace? The two horse Secure Line has won from the second position in a 21.3, from the fifth position and from the third position. Secure Line is a great selection to win in a race that will run other than early.

This is the procedure Rich used to match the race. Great job “Match Up Guy.”

The Hat

Jim,

Why wouldn’t you think this race would go lone early? The 2 was only 1 length off a 21.7 and was on the lead at the half mile in a 45.2. Lately none of these other horses have not been able to meet those fractions.

Richie,

Since it's your race I would like to see you post your thoughts as well.

Hello to everyone on this forum. I registered today and although waiting for The Match-Up 2 to be delivered, I own and have read the original book The Match-Up. This forum has been very helpful in better understanding the methodology but still I have a long way to go and have some basic questions that will hopefully be covered in the new book.

As to this race, or any for that matter: when selecting either the projected pace calls or pacelines for comparison of legitimate contenders is it necessary that the race in question was a winning race and if not a win then a very close-up finish (let say within 3L or so)? For example, Secure Line’s selected race(s) for comparison with the projected pace and race shape were all win races. In addition, should we insist on similar surface (dirt vs. grass).
Thanks for now. I am sure I will have many more questions as I attempt to use this methodology in my handicapping process.

03-31-2007, 09:59 AM
1) I ALWAYS scroll the horses and locate the fastest pace from last race. Here that belongs to the 2 and 5.

POSITIONALLY the #2 is much closer and shows in his pp's he can win from the following positions at the FIRST call

2nd
3rd – twice
5th

IF this race goes “Other than early” THIS is my horse.

2) Now I look for the early pacesetter.

I see the #1 is early at 1st call and shows on the lead times
21.4 - needs OPEN lead
22.0 - needs OPEN lead
21.4 - needs OPEN lead
In none of those races did he FIGHT and win. He needs an OPEN lead to win.

I scroll and get to the #9 and see he is also early at the first call. I see
21.4 - gets beat but has OPEN lead
22.0 - wins but has OPEN lead
21.1 - abberant race

Now I LOOKED and saw they cancel one another out so now I shift my focus to the winner being “other than early” and from the work I FIRST did when opening the race described above the horse to BET assuming odds are ok is staring me right in the puss.

They don't all work out this way BUT they do enough times to show a REPEATING pattern we can have a bit of confidence in.

I can NOT be afraid to lose a race betting only one horse. Otherwise NONE of this works. As long as I bet races where the BET is so CLEAR that even when the horse loses I KNOW I made the right bet.

LOOK at the screenshot I posted up for today's GP race 4 that has NOT run yet in the other area. That is a complete lone early runner who is TWO call fighter. Win or lose this particular race THIS type PATTERN is so clearly etched in my mind and profitable that
even if he doesn't come through for me there is absolutely NO reason to EVER have to look back on the race.

Hope this answered your questions.

Richie
I spoke with Jim yesterday morning before he left for the races. He told me he was concentrating on Philly because they started first. He said he was going to play EVERY race and asked me to do the same. Then we would compare notes after.

I just got off the phone with him after spending over an hour comparing notes and hearing Jim show me some things in the races I lost.

I asked him if I could post up the pp’s for the races HE won and asked if after a few days he could comment on the races as far as
   1) early /other than early
   2) tandems

He said “go ahead Rich but let folks look at the races on their own for a few days.”

So here goes. Btw this is going to take a while because he hit SEVEN out of the first eight races, missing only race 2.

I will put the races up one by one excluding race 2 because he NEVER looks back or analyzes races that he lost. NEVER.

Any comments are most welcome. Jim will post up in a few days some things about the races he feels will help folks.

Richie

NOTE: See Philadelphia Park, 4/29/07, Races 1, 3-8.

Race 8

This race was a crusher for me. Little 6 horse field and all holy hell breaks loose.

I LOVED a horse in here and he ran 2nd at BIG odds. Jim has the winner also at BIG odds. His description of what he did really needs an OPEN mind to understand his thought process. I still do not get it fully though his talk in a few days will help.

MOST INTERESTING RACE
Hi Jim and Richie.

Since I play only spot plays, my play was in the 8th race. The horse I liked was #6 Paradise Peak. He won his 2nd race back at FG on the lead at 21.3 45.1 111.2. I cannot see ANY OTHER HORSE BEATING HIM. Jim, I am really interested in finding out why this horse lost the race. The only thing I didn’t like about the #6 is that he shows that he starts too fast too soon at the first call. But, that didn’t stop me from betting him because he was faster than anyone else. So, I really got my mind open to learn something NEW HERE.

Emilio

05-06-2007, 10:42 AM

A couple of times a month I go to the Cherokee Casino, located at Will Rogers Downs and play the simulcast because of the selection of tracks. I enjoy playing Philadelphia and Delaware, which isn’t offered at Fair Meadows.

Philadelphia starts at 11:25, so this is the first track I select to Match-Up. I usually work four races from each track and am ready to place my wagers at 11:20. Sunday, May 29 I played six different tracks. I concentrated first on Philadelphia, then Aqueduct and Delaware.

Here is how I matched the races at Philadelphia: I use the “papers” from the Casino and the time may be different than time on the posted races.

Race 1 -- I determined that Conquistador Lad is a lone Early. I can’t find a horse that can keep him from going wire-to-wire and he was my choice for win consideration and the “key” for the double and pick three.

Race 2 -- I lost the second race. I never look back at a race I lost, nor do I discuss them.

Race 3 -- This race is loaded with sprinters I matched all horsesin the race as sprinters. I decide that the one horse Nuppstar would take the lead in 22.3, but his last few races indicates that he will stop on his own. I always determine today’s pace using only the first “call,” then the second call. The race will run Other-Than-Early. As far as I am concerned there only two running styles. These styles are Early, and Other-Than Early, which makes it rather easy to determine how the race will “set up.” I liked the third, fourth and fifth races back on the three horse Mystic Bay and considered him the best other than early horse in the race.

Race 4 --The one and seven scratched. Matching this race I used horse number three, Don’takememints as the pace horse, but the 23.2 is rather slow and there are faster horses.
The race will run Other-Than-Early. I didn’t give the 2 horse a shot in winning the race. I eliminated the 3 and 4 horse from the Ms Janelle tandem. The six horse is slow and the best Other-Than-Early horse is the five horse Hill Brae.

Race 5 –The tandem match up helped me get the winner in the fifth race. In the second race back, the two horse Goodie’s Jet ran and beat the one horse Jorkat Slew, and the third race back, the 6.5 furlong race, convinced me that he (the two horse Goodie’s Jet) could come from behind if need be. The only horse that ran a good race in the Greeley Prospect tandem was the four horse Hanky Pank, but that is the best he has run in the last five. I thought Goodie’s Jet could come from the first, second, or third position and beat the one and four. If the six horse tries to run Early he can’t win and if he runs Other-Than-Early he can’t win.

Race 6—The one and three scratched. The only horse that has ever been close to the lead is the eight horse and he should get it today. In this situation I usually look for an Other-Than-Early to win the race. The best Sustained horse is the number 4 Steamroller Blues. His two spring lines are good fast lines and I select him to win the race.

Race 7 –With three Early horses in the race I believed the race would run Other-Than-Early. There are two or three lines that show the 5 horse, Miss A.G. can run Other-Than-Early. The seven horse was a late scratch, but I still went with my selection.

Race 8 –Another Other-Than-Early race. The 6 horse will go to the lead, in a 22.1, but his last race indicates he will stop on his own. The two horse will run behind the lead horse, with the 5 horse, Flying Chipper setting third. Regardless of the second call, I believe the 2 and 6 take each other out of the race and the five horse, Flying Clipper, will win.

Race 9—I did not match this race.

The Hat
“The Hat’s” Power Lines

Let’s start this in a few days.

We will cover power lines:
1) What they are
2) How to use them

Richie

Jim Bradshaw’s “Power Line” - What is it?

A “Power Line” is the fastest pace of race showing where the horse finished competitively. Regardless of track or where it is in the past performances.

Here is an example race from yesterday at Delaware Park which also will deal with a couple of other things relating to matching up the “Hat” way, reversing a tandem being one of them.

But let’s show the power lines for the horses first. Power Line(s) will be checked to the left of the pp line.

NOTE: See Delaware, 7/15/07, 11th Race.

Power Lines:
#1 – 16Jun07
#2 – 16Jun07
#3 – 16Jun07
#4 – 16Jun07
#5 – 6Apr07
#6 – 16Jun07
#7 – 16Jun07
#8 – 14May07
#9 – 21Apr07

Take your time and check the lines that are marked as the power lines. This race is fairly simple as far as the lines being recent.
In other races the power lines can be deep in the horses’ pp’s. Then a few things or “checks” have to be done to justify getting to that line but for now let’s handle the race shown.

Jim will come on in a day or so and explain what he does with them.

A “Power Line” is the fastest pace of race showing where the horse finished competitively. Regardless of track or where it is in the past performances.

Richie

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07-16-2007, 01:44 PM

Your statement “A ‘Power Line’ is the fastest pace of race showing where the horse finished competitively. Regardless of track or where it is in the past performances” is straightforward enough. The immediate problem that I have is what happens when the horse has not run at today’s distance, especially if it is an early runner? Or if the horse has run at several distances. Would you just utilize the competitive race at today’s distance (I would think so)?

I know that you and JB do not like to use too much adjusting but in the case of regulating the pace call times for different distances what is the best approach?

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07-16-2007, 05:44 PM

Use Jim’s 6.2 seconds (in fifths) per 1/2 furlong to equalize distances. Here is the adjustment dealing with 8.3f distances.

8f to 8.3f - add 4.2 seconds
8.3f - to 8.5f - add 2 seconds

Going back from 8.3-8 and 8.5-8.3 the numbers would be subtracted.

Do NOT get tied up with focusing only on today’s EXACT distance when looking for power lines, ok? DO NOT.

Consider Hat’s “universal adjustment” when mixing distances within the structure (sprint/route). It is part of this amazing thing called Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up. Virtually NOBODY will do this.

Richie
As an addendum to my previous post on what is the best way to adjust the half mile/pace call time of a given Power Line for distances different from today’s (Route to Sprint or reverse). You had given me before a final time adjustment for different distances 6.2 as a solid and proven figure to adjust final times. I am using this and thank you for that. I wonder if this would apply to adjusting the ½-mile time in a Power Line for different distances but of course a fraction of it. I am thinking maybe a half to one-third of the 6.2 seconds.

I was NEVER taught to adjust the 2nd call based on anything other than observing tracks that were either very fast or very slow. These adjustments are made mentally and rely more on “feel” or “instinct.”

The advantage of matching Jim’s way is that you have TEN pp lines to look at to evaluate. That often allows one to focus on more than ONE line and instead see the “whole picture” of the horse.

Folks do not like to hear that as it is not concrete/set in stone stuff but it’s real. That’s how I was taught and I am passing it along.

Richie

I’m following along in the racing form. I’m with you so far except for the 9 horse. I picked the second race back instead of the third.

They were both competitive races. The second line has better early fractions. The only advantage the third line has, that I can see, is the final time. Is final time the reason you went with the third line?

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I hope you do not mind my jumping in here.

As to the 9th race the 3rd line, the line that Rich picked as the Power Line, shows the horse handling the pace much better. That is position wise he is closer and position wise again moving against the pace in question better then in the 2nd race back.
Three other questions:

1. None of these horses have ever gone 1¼ miles. So I’m assuming you use races where horses have gone 1 1/8 miles for comparative purposes--if possible. In other words, do you give precedence to horses that have run the longer races?

2. Projecting pace: this presents a problem to me because of the distance. Some of the horses are going to have a fast pace because they ran 1 1/16 or 1 mile races. Others have gone 1 1/8. I’m assuming you use a 1 1/8 race to project the pace.

3. None of the power lines selected show a horse taking the lead. Even though there are a couple of earlies in the race, especially the 6, Indian Vale. This horse will most likely go to the front.

In that case why wouldn’t you use a power line that has at least one of the horses taking the lead? Or does that even matter? What am I missing?

A “Power Line” is the fastest pace of race showing where the horse finished competitively. Regardless of track or where it is in the past performances.

Let’s SEPERATE the other stuff and FOCUS on WHAT is a Power Line.

No problem. What about my other question on the nine horse, which relates directly to what is a power line, and how do you select it?

I would NOT use that as a Power Line as he lost BOTH beaten lengths and position 1c-2c.

Jim will see this and answer.

Rich

1) I showed Jim the 9 horse’s pp’s. He would NOT use line 2 as a power line for the reason I stated. He WOULD consider lines 3 and 4 as power lines.
2) “Once we have established power lines for all the horses in the race then each horse’s power line is matched against each other to eliminate non contenders in today’s race.” - The Hat

Jim will come and lay out a few things of interest about the race shown.

Then we will go into some things to watch for when looking at power lines DEEP in the horse’s pp’s. Jim showed me this a while back and it really is pretty cool.

Richie

07-19-2007, 10:21 AM
**Power Line deep in past performances**

PERFECT example of when NOT to use a Power Line when it is deep in the horse’s past performances.

I got an email early this morning from a friend I worked with a bit regarding the Match-up a few months back. He sent me this horse from yesterday at Del Mar that he had tossed immediately.

1) The Power Line for the horse is line 6 (checked on left side).
   21.1 - 44.3 - 57.0 - 110.0 - Positions 1 1 1 2

2) Running style when he wins or runs 2nd - Early (on the lead)
   his 1st call times in those 3 races
   22.0
   21.1
   23.0

One of the questions we have to ask and then answer when considering a “deep” Power Line is:
   a) has he changed his running style?

   Answer is YES he has. LOOK at the last 3 lines please. What is his POSITION at the 1st call?
   5th
   4th
   7th
   the 1st call pace of race in these 3 races
   21.3
   22.0
   21.4
Now check those against the 3 races when he WAS “winning.”

Is this the same horse? NO
Has he changed his running style? YES

Now here is how the Hat taught me in HIS words:

“Rich look to see if an early horse can get on top of fractions in his recent races that he HAS been able to in the past. If he can NOT he has become a SLOW horse. THROW HIM OUT.” - Jim Bradshaw

THIS is ONE way of determining NOT to consider a horse’s Power Line when it is DEEP in the past performances.

Screenshot of the 3 horse who went off favorite and was up the track.

More to come.
In the first group of three the 21.1 is different, and in the second group of three they are all different from the RDSS screen. It doesn’t sound like a big deal, but what am I missing here?

07-19-2007, 03:13 PM
The fractions shown on the RDSS screen are in tenths. The fractions I posted are converted to fifths.

I can convert them quickly in my head so it is no sweat. I was taught in fifths. I match in fifths.

So the 21.1 (fifths) I listed shows up on RDSS as 21.3 (tenths).

07-19-2007, 02:25 PM
“Rich, look to see if an early horse can get on top of fractions in his recent races that he HAS been able to in the past. If he can NOT he has become a SLOW horse. THROW HIM OUT.” - Jim Bradshaw

As to the Match-Up this is a great factor to consider when measuring or considering current form or basic ability/speed deterioration in a contender from months past. In the case of the #3 horse it looks like the trainer tried in vain to drop the horse consistently in class, but no matter. It never showed the ability to run successfully early as previously shown in the power line race. At first, when looking at this horse’s pp’s, I was thinking perhaps he was just out of form but the steady drops in class with no sign of any early speed seemed to suggest that there is something else going on here. Would you or JB think that sometimes it could be a case of out of form versus a horse becoming an inherently slower animal now?

07-19-2007, 03:19 PM
This is gonna sound unreal but it is true. In 13 months of learning Jim’s Match-Up I have NEVER heard him use the word “form” or the term “is he in form?”

I am SERIOUS! I don’t think he knows what that is.

He ALWAYS uses terms like
a) slow horse
b) changed his style
c) can NOT get “on top” of fractions he previously could

See that last one? THAT is something he FOCUSES on big time.
Trying to put you guys “in his head” so to speak. Really consider FOCUSING on “c.”

Richie

07-19-2007, 05:09 PM
Thanks Rich. I will concentrate on “c” as you suggest. In any case, after looking at #3’s race again I overstated the class drops.

The horse is slower and since he could not get on top of previous faster run fractions, out he goes as to today’s Match-Up. The horse will have to prove to me in future races that he can match the previous good early foot or establish a new early foot time, even though it will most likely be slower than in the past, but perhaps as to a new race match up sufficient.

07-24-2007, 10:00 AM
Power Line And Power Moves

Rich has explained the meaning of “Power Lines” and has marked them for all of the horses in the 11th at Delaware. It just happens that the last line is the is the “power line” for most of the horses in today’s Mile and One Quarter race, but the “power line” may be anywhere in their past performance.

I used the “Power Lines” on all the horses to match them in today’s race and very quickly see that the One, Six and Seven are Early, because they only win on or near the lead. The race will run “other than early.” The Nine was scratched and I eliminate the Early horses, but I use the One horse’s “Power Line” for today’s pace.

The One, Two, Four and Nine are from the same Tandem. The four horse is ahead of the Two throughout most of the race, so I eliminate the Two. I eliminate the Three and Eight, because they are slower than today’s pace. This leaves me with the Four and Five. The “Power Line” for the Five is from a one turn mile, which is hard for me to use. The One horse’s pace of 110.4 is equal to the 110.4 on the Five and should be ahead of him.

“Power Moves” are moves that horses make during the race that show they can overtake other horse. Many horses show more than one “power move” during a race. (Example 9-4-1-1.) The Four horse moves from fourth to second position and gains lengths. Although, I like better “Power Moves” the race is longer today and the Four horse should win the race and reverse the Tandem.

The Hat

NOTE: See Delaware Park, 7/15/07, 11th Race results chart.
In an honest effort to try and understand the final analysis and win selection for the race in question and as it relates to the “power move,” I would like to offer you my thinking and please tell me if and where I am wrong.

I cannot see directly from the power/pace lines chosen how the 4 horse is better then the 5 horse outright. But, as to the Match-Up, if the 5 horse goes after the race pace horse (#1) as he should by the half mile of the race (being that he is an early presser) he should be negatively affecting his ability to finish. That is, the #1 pace horse is faster to the ½-mile than the #5 horse and the latter will be using himself up trying to catch him. In the meantime the #4 horse, who has shown ability to come off the pace while making a power move against today’s projected half mile of 110.4, will just blow right by the #5 horse who would probably still have an in the money finish.

Even if I am so lucky to be somewhat right as to my above thinking on this subject I have no confidence that I could think that clearly cold.

Jim mentioned as he explained the “Power Move” for the #4 horse that he usually likes better “power moves” but since the horse was stretching out in today’s race that he should win. If possible can we have an example of a preferred type of “Power Move?” The preferred type of power move can then be used as a model of what to look for while also providing some guidance in which way it can best be shaded to accept something like the #4 horse had.

Thanks to you and “The Hat” for all that has been graciously offered already.

WHY NOT?
You just described basically how Jim himself did the race with me before it ran that day.

He saw the 1:10.4 for the 1 turn mile on the 5 and told me quickly the 1 is a faster horse running the 1:10.4 around 2 turns.

You just said the same thing.

This thread is not done yet. We need to look at more Power Lines and Power Moves.

PATTERN RECOGNITION. That is Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up.

07-25-2007, 03:09 PM
Well, thanks Rich. I was just lucky and in any case everything was handed to us as to what power lines to use initially, appropriate analysis, evaluation of early/late, the only remaining contenders to consider, and the projected pace of the race. I know as of now I could never do a race like that from scratch but would like to think that I can learn to at some time in the near future.

You are right. We need more practice recognizing solid Power lines and especially Power Moves. As you also say, it is all about pattern recognition. I look forward to continuing on this learning path towards someday being able to confidently use the Match-Up Methodology as a sole source for selection or at least be competent enough to us it as a very good tool in evaluating the top contenders in today’s race.

As to Power Lines vs. Power Moves, it is obvious that many times they are one and the same, or perhaps as to evaluation they must be used as one. That is, you cannot pick a power line to establish the race contenders and another pace line, the Power Move, to evaluate any remaining contenders after early/late has been established. I am guessing or thinking out loud here since it seems that it should really depend on the projected pace for today as to what Power Line to use (so it sounds like I have just contradicted myself). The Match-Up Methodology is such an interesting way to handicap a race. It seems that once you have truly learned how to use it that you have this insight as to not only who is going to win but exactly how. Software programs cannot do this for me; they in fact remove me from the flow/feel of the race.

08-13-2007, 01:42 PM
First of all I apologize for the late posting. I finally got some quiet time yesterday to work my way through the analysis and I was confused on a couple of points.

1. With respect to the elimination of the 3 and the 8 for being slow. No problem with the 8. However, the match up pace was from the #1 horse and was: (in tenths) 47.5 - 110.9 - 136.3 - 149.4.
The power line from the #3 was 47.3 - 111.2 - 136.2 - 149.1 (see attachment). Only the 2c is slower than the match up pace, all other fractions are the same. I recognize that #3 is either SP or S, but does the 2c time alone determine this horse’s ability to compete in this race? #3 gained both position and lengths at the 3 calls prior to finish. I need help here. This appears to be a very finely distinguished analysis of slow vs. fast, one that I cannot logically make at this time. Jim or Richie, can you shed a little more light on the analytical progress that’s going on here? Or, perhaps more precisely, where the #3 effectively loses contact with the other contenders?

2. 2nd point of confusion. In discussing the relationship between 1 turn miles and 2 turn route times I understand the logic because 1 turns are usually faster. However, the comparison was stated as being made to each horse’s Power Line and the Power Line from the #5 is from a 2c of 109.4, but it appears that Jim’s analysis is now using paceline 1 with a 2c of 110.4. Did we switch power lines in the description of the analysis somewhere?

Thanks for the clarifications

08-15-2007, 04:13 PM

The Three horse is slower at the second call and will be behind the pace of today’s race, and behind the winner today. Competitive, yes. Able to win, no. I am looking for winners not competitors.

Yes I changed running line to evaluate Ice Cool Kitty but I did look at the “Power Line.” As stated I have a hard time using the one turn mile time. Regardless, I did not like the horse’s chance in the race, especially if the last race is more at today’s pace. He will be behind the winner every call regardless of the running line used.

The Hat
Voodoo and the Power Move/ Power Line

Assumed - The lines showing are the right lines to match the horses for this race.

The 3 horse wins the race and pays a nice $11.00 ticket.

1) LOOK at the matching earlies at the 1st call for the 6, 7, 8. There is this SPOT PLAY again.

2) The winning 3 also shows his last race running early with the same time but LOOK at his POWER LINE taken from Aqueduct against a 22.1 - 45.4. WINS running other than early with POSITIONS of 5-3-1-1. So he CAN run other than early and WIN.

RELAX.

Look at this first screenshot.

This screenshot shows the 3 matching earlies (6, 7, 8) removed as well as the 3’s power line from Aqueduct.

This way we have the remaining contenders all matched using Ct bullring lines.

Time for a bit of Voodoo.
1) The LAST line for the winning 3 shows us he CAN handle the 23.3 (23.7 in tenths shown) FIRST CALL.

Let’s look at the screenshot now.

07-26-2007, 06:21 AM

Voodoo and the Power Move/ Power Line - con’t

In this screenshot I removed the early last line for the 3 horse.

But we REMEMBER the 23.3 projected 1st call for today CAN be handled by the 3.

We are now down to 3 other than early contenders. ALL 3 have a POWER MOVE in their pp line man! ALL 3 are fast!

We want the one who MOVES FIRST toward the lead.

1) Eliminate the 5 horse. He shows POSITIONS 7-7-4-1. MOVES too late compared to others. OUT.
Voodoo and the Power Move/Power Line - con’t

Now down to 2 contenders after removing the 5.

Time for a little Voodoo.

The 3 shows 2 lines. The POWER MOVE 4-1 from 1c to 2c comes from the 6.5 line. But the 1st call in that race is a 24.0 and we project a 23.3 right?

No problem. Because we KNOW that the horse CAN handle the proj pace, we “Voodoo” the 2 lines showing.

1) Use the pace of race from top line on the 3

23.3 - 47.4 - 114.4

2) Use the POSITIONS and POWER MOVE from the 6.5f line

4 - 1 - 2

3) COMBINE THEM and make a VOODOO line.

Horse 3 - 23.3 - 47.4 - 114.4 Positions 4-1-2
Horse 4 - 23.3 - 48.1 - 115.0 Positions 4-4-1

WHO is ahead of the other? WHO makes the POWER MOVE first?

THAT is our BET.

THIS is Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up, guys. THIS is how HE “Voodoo’s” lines when I work races with him. He does this ALL the time.

This is the Hat’s way of Matching horses.
YOU can do this.

More to come.

Voodoo and the Power Move/ Power Line - con’t

The result chart.

While the 3 wins running wire to wire, we don’t know this BEFORE the race runs. We cap them from the past performances!
Deja Vu all over again. Power Move

From yesterday at the Spa.

Once AGAIN 3 matching earlies SPOT PLAY. This time on the grass sprinting.

Screenshot of initial “Look.”

Deja Vu all over again. Power Move

Removed the 3 earlies for this shot leaves 2 contenders for the win.

Things I noticed quickly:
1) The pace of race 1c and 2c are respectively 3 ticks and 1 tick FASTER on the 8 horse matched against the 9 horse.

8 horse - 22.0 - 45.3 - 57.3
9 horse - 22.3 - 45.4 - 58.0

So on the first 2 calls we have 4 tick advantage on the 8 to work with.

2) While the 8 lost a position and ½ beaten length 1c to 2c, to me it “looked” like there probably was a crowd of horses there bunched together. He then separates from the crowd with an awesome POWER MOVE going 7-2 from 2c to stretch call.
Deja Vu all over again. Power Move

Now I was taught early on that we could “move up” a horse 1 position for every 5th of a second he faced a faster pace of race IF he demonstrated the ability in his pp’s to actually run closer.

So regarding the 8 can we legitimately put him running well CLOSER to the lead from his pp’s?

Here are the pp’s and the answer without question is YES.

Look at the line from 149 days back. 22.2 - 45.2 runs and WINS wire to wire!
Deja Vu all over again. Power Move

So now we CAN alter or “Voodoo” #8’s line from Belmont turf by placing him 1 position closer for every 5th of a second he is faster pace of race wise.

He has 3 tick edge 1c over the 9.
He has 1 tick edge 2c over the 9.

So his original pace of race and positions are

22.0 - 45.3 - 57.3 Positions - 6 - 7 - 2 - 2

We will now subtract 3 positions starting at the 1st call based on his pace of race edge. So the 6 becomes 3.

Now he loses a position during the actual pp line but gets it back for the additional 1 tick edge over the 9 at the 2nd call.

So if his new “Voodoo” position at 1c is 3 instead of losing a position (to 4) he maintains position based on his pace of race edge. So now he is 3-3.

We have 3-3 now as the 8’s 1st 2 calls. His original line shows a 4 position gain 2c-sc. So when we give him that now he rockets to the lead at the sc.

3-3-1 is new positions

Did I lose you? This is some heavy **** man BUT with some practice we can grasp some of this.

So now we have:

8 horse - 22.0 - 45.3 - 57.3 Positions 3 - 3 - 1
9 horse - 22.3 - 45.4 - 58.0 Positions 8 - 4 - 2

Who is ahead of the other? THAT is our bet.

Result chart of the race.

Richie
PS - to keep things real this was my betting on the card yesterday at the Spa.

Race 1) Bet the 3 - leading in mid stretch - breaks down - Loss

Race 2) Pass. 2 yr old fts.

Race 3) Bet the 1. Gets killed. Loss. Hat LOVED the winner at 15.20 btw.
Race 4) Bet the 8. Win $14.80.

Race 5) Bet the 8. Has the lead deep stretch and gets nailed by the rat 11. Runs 2nd. Loss.

Race 6) Bet the 4. Loved the horse. Takes the lead deep stretch and gets nailed late by the 1 who is impossible for me to see. Runs 2nd. Loss.

Races 7-8-9-10 Passed. Life gets in the way.

Total bet 10.00.
Total ret 14.80 1 for 5 with a breakdown and 2 seconds.

Rich, just when I thought you have given us so much already you come back again with another big time WOW:

“Now I was taught early on that we could ‘move up’ a horse 1 position for every 5th of a second he faced a faster pace of race IF he demonstrated the ability in his pp’s to actually run closer.

“So now we have:
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“Who is ahead of the other? THAT is our bet.”

This is truly great stuff and while I know I have to practice a lot to get comfortably confident with all of this new material, your clear demonstration of the methodology in action has greased the wheels towards my expected early success.

07-26-2007, 01:17 PM
Hi Richie. I just want to make sure that I got everything right. At the Spa I bet the #8 to win, too. But, the reason that I came up with that winner is because 1) I threw all the horses that did not have a TURF LINE (this included the fast early #5 that showed he wired the field at 21.4 44.1 109.2).

2) I threw out the Early turf horses because I projected it was going to run OTE.

And than I match the 8 and he was the best of the rest.

My question is should we throw out Dirt horses when they run on the Turf? In this situation it worked out well for me. Or else I would have bet the #5 because he was faster than any other horse in that field.

07-26-2007, 01:37 PM
I worked that race exactly as you described. That big power move 7-2 from 2c-sc and the faster pace of race than what was projected sealed the deal for me.

Regarding dirt horses in turf races Jim taught me to NOT make any rule but instead go by “feel” or intuition and deal with them on a race to race basis. Sometimes we are going to be right and sometimes we are wrong.

While this requires some patience and discipline, I think it is something for you to consider. You have posted that you are focusing and betting almost exclusively “early” races.

CONSIDER watching for OTE races with proven matching earlies that can be tossed. Look to the OTE for the win just like you did in THIS race. hat was GREAT WORK!

Now you have another “weapon” in your wagering arsenal. One that you will see produces consistently GOOD win prices. By FAR my favorite SPOT PLAY.

Richie
Make the call

Assumed - These are the right lines to match the horses for this race.

Make the call.

“Hat Helper’s”

a) Power Moves
b) Ability to “get on top” of fractions from previous races

I will post the result chart tomorrow morning. This track is QUICKLY becoming my favorite, surpassing even Mountaineer.

| # 4 horse is taking the lead (if these are the only contenders) seemingly as the lone early. But, based on our most recent learned information, the #2 horse will collar it at the ½-mile and proceed onward to win the race. The #2 horse shows greater speed in each call of its sprint race call times (¼, ½, 3rd fraction) and shows a sustained “Power Move,” picking up positions to the finish and even picking up lengths into the stretch on the leader (extra credit). Since it shows that it can run a faster ¼ and half mile one can adjust the given race’s position to show that it will be first to the ½ mile when comparing directly the #4 and #2 (I say half mile because it is designated as a sustained presser). In addition, it looks like the #2 horse was a little short in the second race back (since it did not win) so the trainer entered the horse in a route race in which the horse again showed a Power Move to the top of the stretch and again against faster call times in which it picked up both positions and lengths on the leader. |
I say the #2 over the #4 with the #4 maybe or most likely hanging on for second place money.

You know Rich, even if I am not right here it is surely much more fun when one tries to handicap in this way. You just have to make the time to do the proper analysis or get so good (as “The Hat”) to do this within minutes.

07-28-2007, 09:22 AM
Big mistake as to thinking route race was following the very good sprint race. Still I would say the route race by itself was enough reason to pick #2 as a win contender because of the super fast (by comparison) 22.2 first call against a projected race first call of 24. More importantly there was that sustained Power Move from the start of the race to the top of the stretch, picking up both positions and lengths on the leader. Rich I am thinking you and “The Hat” would still have picked the #2 as your win contender even if it did not have that nice 6.5F race deep in the PP’s.

Hi Richie. What I see here is that the #2 has a route line that is faster than all the sprinters. And His sprint line also is much faster than all the other sprinters. So, what we have is a ROUTER that is running with SLOW sprinters.

07-28-2007, 07:54 AM
Make the call - Result Chart

Here is the result. Good work on a runaway BOMB winner
Hat Helpers help

That is a great definition and bullet points, “Hat Helpers.” Based on the “Hat Helpers,” looked like you can just “throw out” horses before getting to the nitty gritty of the Match-Up. The 4 “used” to be an Early fighter, but has turned into a “quitter,” having an “easy” lead but getting headed at a much slower call - failed according to “Hat Helper” (b). The 3 was next “position” horse and seemed to be consistent. The 7 “would” be the next position horse, but he failed, miserably, going from 4th to 8th, running way worse, at a much slower time with no excuse, according to “Hat Helper” (b). The 2 and the 3 were the most consistent, and the 3 on his best line couldn’t Match-Up with 2 on any track, on any continent, on any planet in the solar system. Looked like the 2 and the 3 were the Match. “Hat Helper’s” = great summary and simplified reminder for The Power Line, Power Move tools.

Repeating Pattern

LOOK at the result chart. Who went off the 6/5 heavy favorite who I did NOT even have as a contender??

The 5 horse right? Remember the post about Jim saying to watch out for horses who:
a) can not get on top of fractions they could previous;  
b) have changed their running style and become a SLOW horses.

Remember the horse shown who went off the chalk and did nothing in that race?

Well here are the FULL pp’s for the 5 in THIS race. LOOK. Same pattern of changing style, becoming SLOW and going NOWHERE!

LOOK. Check the 3 lines I have marked to the left.

See it?

Deja vu all over again in my opinion. Unreal.

How do we recognize these guys?  
1) By LOOKING for them.  
2) Practice.

This is Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up.

Now here are the WINNER’S full pp’s.
WHY did I IGNORE the CT routes? Because they are around THREE (3) turns. Today’s race is 2 turns.

Why did I INCLUDE the PHA route? Because that is around TWO (2) turns, same as today’s race.

You can even use the Penn route above it around 2 turns and he stands out.

Here we have a POWER LINE deep in the horse’s past performances. Here it makes sense to consider it.

THREE (3) lines make this beast a standout. THREE (3) lines show, if we are right, he blows the field away.

He wins by FIVE (5) LENGTHS in a complete blowout at 11/1.

Hat’s Match-Up gets some big payers along with the shorter ones.

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07-28-2007, 11:38 AM
Hi Richie. I assumed that there were 2 or 3 early horses that you threw out and then you started looking for OTE. And the #2 is the fastest of the other horses.

07-29-2007, 12:16 PM
When I started working races with Hat I would select a horse. Then after “looking around” a lot of times I would change the pick to someone else.
I can’t tell you how many times the ORIGINAL horse won the race and Hat would say to me “why the hell did you change Rich? You had the horse and let him go. WHY?”

Almost all the time I started “seeing things” that were not really there.

Hat told me “Rich, trust your first instinct about what you are looking at. Do NOT second guess yourself with the Match-Up.”

I listened and now NEVER look back or 2nd guess. If I am right I cash. If I am wrong I lose and MOVE ON.

Why am I posting this NOW? Because I “feel” that is something you guys and others struggle with.

You saw the screenshots. You made the WINNING call. Yet after the result is shown the 2nd guessing/questions start. If I was doing a race with 3 matching earlies I would NOT have left the 4 in the screenshot. Follow?

You WON the race. FOCUS on the screenshot (YES you do look back on WINNING races).

That pattern shown will repeat itself MANY times. MANY times.


Take care,
Richie

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07-29-2007, 02:31 PM
You guys lost me on this one. CT is a bullring. I don’t understand how you can compare PHA and CRC to CT time wise without making adjustments.

Plus the 4 doesn’t have a sprint race anywhere in its PPs.

Do you just accept the times and that’s it?

I wouldn’t have had this one, and I’m still scratching my head. Normally I’m better with OTE races than E races.
The 4 has two sprint lines showing on the screenshot Steve. THE question that has to be answered is this: Is the race going to run early (the 4) or other than early.

Richie

Let’s start there. Is the 4 the only speed?

If yes, why can’t he wire it?

Starting right off the bat--yes the #4 in the lone speed IMO.

Rich, I will take a crack at it.

Forgetting about bull rings, adjustments, etc and just going by the given contenders and power lines chosen:

The #4 horse in its line 4 showed the best speed to both the first call and the half mile in a sprint and IMO would be the lone early for this race. [Actual race proved that.]

The #2 horse in both power lines shown demonstrated that it can overtake the best of what the #4 horse had shown in its power lines. It did so both in a sprint and I guess more importantly in a route. In the route the #2 showed two power moves: one into the half mile of the race and the other into the top of the stretch. Both PM’s were done against faster times then what #4 has shown in its chosen power lines and especially significant (IMO) since it was a route. Now in the sprint, again #2 showed two PM’s with one in the top of the stretch and the other in the stretch itself, both times either picking up positions and lengths on the leader, or as to the stretch drive, improving position. All against a much faster half mile of the race then anything the #4 horse has shown.

Because of the Match-Up analysis of the #2 horse versus the assumed lone speed of the race #4 - generally as predicted - the #2 horse started to move on the #4 horse after the half and was able to pass him going into the stretch because it was truly a faster horse. [Actual race proved this late move capability to be a well grounded assumption.]

I believe adjustments/Voodoo could have been done to at least one of #2’s power lines to show that it would be faster to the half mile then the #4, but I did not do this since it was pretty obvious the #2 horse was faster.

I am certainly no expert in the Match-Up Methodology but strictly adhering to “The Hat’s” concepts without interjecting outside noises (type of track, variant, track to track adjustments, etc.) one can seize such a nicely valued winner.
I hope I explained my thoughts on this particular race satisfactorily. [I wish my handicapping using the MU Methodology could be so clear going forward as this one is when now looking back.]

07-30-2007, 07:57 AM
Richie,

I appreciate all that you’re doing, but I’m confused by a very specific thing here. Let’s see if we can get to the bottom of it.

OK, I dug out the racing form for this race and looked at it all in context.

I can see why you like the two, and I can also make a case for him. In fact, after reading the posts and looking at the screen shots, and reading others analyses I like him a lot.

In his last two races he didn’t get on top of HIS fractions, but an excuse can be made because those were 1 1/8 mile races. OK.

But I’m still confused about something.

My biggest problem lies with the four. He is the only speed. Isn’t that something we look for? Lone earlies. Only speed. I grapple with these kinds of horses. The first question you must ask yourself is can the four wire this race? Well, he has in the past. Four races back he did. It looks like in his last race he got bothered. Is he all of a sudden a quitter now? The two got the lead one time in his PPs and that was in a route race. So you wouldn’t think the two would bother him on the front end - he has to press to win the race.

So are you saying because the two is a faster presser that will negate the four’s early speed? Is it because the two will be right on top of the four making him run even faster and therefore causing the four to quit? I can understand that. Does that also mean that if the two wasn’t in the race that the four would win?

But horses who look like this four do win races - they do run wire-to-wire. Four races back he wired a 7 furlong race at CT where he was 1st by a head at the first fraction - a fighter.

If I don’t think the four can wire the race, then I can definitely see that the two is the next best horse - making him the best horse. But in all honesty I can also see where I might have overlooked him - because of his last three races. (It’s a little easier when you are looking at the proper pace lines of all the contenders together. It becomes a bit more problematic when you have to look at everybody’s PPs in context.)
It’s horses like the four that give me my biggest headache using the Match-Up. When will they wire the race and when will they quit - or just flat out get beat?

Do you see my problem?

Thanks

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07-31-2007, 03:47 PM

Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP:

This is gonna sound unreal but it is true. In 13 months of learning Jim's matchup I have NEVER heard him use the word “form” or the term “is he in form?”

I am SERIOUS! I don’t think he knows what that is.

He ALWAYS uses terms like
a) slow horse
b) changed his style
c) can NOT get “on top” of fractions he previously could.

See that last onet? THAT is something he FOCUSES on big time.

Trying to put you guys “in his head” so to speak. Really consider FOCUSING on “c.”

Richie

I think you need to focus on this quote. You asked the right questions: is it Early or Other Than Early? and Look for the horse who “Needs-to-Lead.” Can he go wire to wire TODAY???? ANSWER:NO, WHY?....

1) He WAS a Fighter, not anymore because...
2) He had an UNPRESSURED, EASY LEAD at much slower fractions, and FAILED MISERABLY, NO EXCUSE.
3) The Power Line concept says, he has become a slow horse ‘cause he cannot get on top of fractions he previously could.
4) I forget sometimes, too, but Mr. Bradshaw, to paraphrase, said, “....Lone Early DON’T always win. A Lone Early that can maintain it ’till the end of the race wins.”
5) With just (2) races, one being his Power Line, HE’S getting worse, slower, can’t fight off ANY pressure, backs up with an EASY lead at much, much slower call and going backwards in form.
6) To continue the paraphrase of Mr. Bradshaw, “....that’s an On-the-Lead SLOW horse. A presser will get behind him and press him all the way to the barn. He’d wish he had his oats right now, ‘cause he won’t be able to eat’em later. He’s gonna go into oxygen debt.”
7) To paraphrase again, “....if a horse goes around a TURN FASTER than a horse going straight, who has the best speed?”

8) Only a few tracks have, according to Mr. Bradshaw, distance peculiarities. Read the chapter titled “The Match-Up Guys” to quiet your mind about track to track and adjustments. As Mr. Bradshaw says, “A horse is a horse.”

9) To paraphrase the Master again, “......that horse had better be running in MUD UP TO HIS NECK before you talk about adjusting him and putting him in your computer....That’s a SLOW horse!! Slow horses beat slow horses.....fast horse’s WIN races.”........ “yeah, adjust him,.....adjust him OUT of the race!”

10) Tom Brohammer once said, “compare apples with apples.” Any track, doesn’t matter. A (1) turn mile going against a (2) turn mile. Either use another line, or did the (2) turn miler run as fast as the (1) turn miler? If Micheal Jordan played a college basketball player, on any gym at any country, Jordan would demolish the dude, no adjustments are necessary. Only if the dude, say, can dribble on a “muddy” gym floor or 2 feet under water, he may have a chance against the skywalker.

11) Once you have determined he is a slow horse, Lone Early or not, throw him out like Richie does, then look at your contenders who are left.

12) We all experience in some manner, what you experience...too much information and/or conflicting information to focus on the race.

13) Rich says, “Quiet your mind.” Also, not only don’t look back on lost races, but don’t look back at what “used” to happen when you “did” or “didn’t” bet “this kind of horse” or “this kind of race” or “these shippers,” etc.,

08-06-2007, 04:39 AM
Power Move

Quote:
Originally Posted by RichieP
A “Power Line” is the fastest pace of race showing where the horse finished competitively. Regardless of track or where it is in the past performances.

- Richie, you clearly defined Power Line. The above quote is a good one. When you get the chance, can you define “Power Move.” From your examples, I’m thinking a “Power Move” is a line a where a horse finished competitively, AND the move or biggest move that gets him CLOSEST to the lead at any call, with Pace of Race competitive with TODAY’S projected pace.
- And horses with MULTIPLE Power Moves, which one to choose. Thanks Richie.

08-06-2007, 10:38 AM
A Power Move is a QUICK gain of POSITIONS between calls.

Power move here is 2c-sc with a move of 6-2.
08-06-2007, 10:39 AM
**Power Move**

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08-06-2007, 12:03 PM
**Good Examples**

Very nice examples, Richie. Thank You. From that last example, I can see the horse doesn’t necessarily have to FINISH competitively, “IF” that’s ALL the horse has available, I suppose. Clear illustrations.
Here is a race from today where the Power Move is the icing on the cake: Woodbine Race 7.

Spot Play - 3 matching earlies.

Winner #1 is Fastest pace of race and Power Moves QUICKLY. Has 3 lengths 1c and 4-6 lengths 2c to work with over the earlies.

Winner pays $5.60 so no big bragging rights. Just a super solid SPOT PLAY that had EVERYTHING.

Here is the Woodbine PDF in case you want to view the whole races pp’s. The card is finished.

NOTE: See Woodbine 08-16-07 PPs.pdf.

Hi Richie. I did have #1 as the winner but how do you figure that he is the pace of the race? I thought that you had to look at the LAST LINE to get the horse that ran in the fastest pace.

I thought #5 had the fastest pace of the last race. 22.1 45.1 111.2

#1 was in a blazing race in his 2nd line and also had a good power line. That’s the reason why I played it.
I meant the winner was the fastest pace of race among the contenders. I liked him for all the reasons you posted!

3 Matching Earlies - Deja Vu All Over Again

Want to know WHY my “3 matching earlies” is my favorite spot play? See the Woodbine race where the winning 1 horse paid $5.60?

Well look at this screenshot from Charlestown last night. WHO would you prefer in THIS matchup? After tossing the 3 earlies I thought the 9 horse looked pretty darn good.

Reminds me of the 1 horse at Woodbine a bit. Well this time when the 9 wins they pay at 17/1.

“Deja vu all over again” – Yogi
3 Matching Earlies - Deja Vu All Over Again

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OFF AT 9:28  Start Good. Won driving.  Track Good (sealed).

$2 Mutuel Prices:

9. Liana Ariel          37.60  14.80  9.20
5. Getaway Island       6.20  5.20
7. Classical's Encore   9.20

08-17-2007, 06:18 AM
The nine lost lengths and position. Are you saying he was the best of the rest?

08-17-2007, 08:04 AM
Here is the screenshot after removing the earlies.

The 9 GAINED a position from 1c-2c with the 2c time being a full SECOND faster pace of race than anyone else. A full SECOND faster.

The crowd jumped on the 3 - a 48/116 horse while the 9 is 48/113 horse. Amazing. Three SECONDS difference at the 2c and the 9 GAINS a position into the 113.
You know something? I’m an idiot. Since I started doing this in earnest, I’ve been using the SECOND FRACTION in route races as the second call. So when you said the 9 is 1 full second faster at the SECOND CALL I looked at the SECOND FRACTION of 48.1 and said to myself, “what the hell is he talking about?” At that point I got up and took a walk.

Then after about 15 minutes it dawned on me.

I have NEVER looked at the SECOND CALL in a route race (the third fraction)--ever. I’ve always looked at the first and second fractions just like I do in a sprint.

I mean is that dumb or what. Wow. I can’t believe I did that. Now I’ve got to rethink some things.

Richie, if I missed this, I apologize, but can the leader turn in a power move?

I’m thinking the moves Lawyer Ron made in both his last two races - on the lead, but a sudden burst and draw off seems important.

Jim shows me these on the lead Power Moves just as you posted.
Today is a route (dirt or turf).

“Rich when there are sprinters present in the race it is EXTREMELY difficult for an early route horse to wire the field. Look for the winner to run “other than early.” - Jim “the Hat” Bradshaw

Happy Fathers Day.

Here is the FAVORITE in Arlington’s 8th race that just ran 5 minutes ago.

Pure 100% EARLY.

Here is the EARLY SPRINTER Jim talks about in the opening post.

LOOK at him and his first call.

Spells doom for the 7 who is heavily backed.
Now here is the WINNER of the race paying a FAT $22.00.

Check the sprinter 11’s first calls where he ran well.

22.2
22.3

Now LOOK at THIS guy’s good races going OTHER THAN EARLY. Check the FIRST CALL.

See it?

1) FAST SPRINTER with Other than early style (preferred here).

$22.00 winner came like a freight train and mowed em all down LATE.

Thanx Hat.
Richie
NOTE: See Arlington Park, 8/1/07, 8th Race results chart.

Arlington pp’s

Here are the full Pdf pp’s for the card for anyone wanting to look at the race.

NOTE: See Arlington 08-01-07 PPs.pdf.

Rich:

I was surprised that the #11 horse did not cook the favorite #7’s goose early on since he was a winner from on the lead only as demonstrated in his only win races. The #7 horse was weak in two areas: he will lose if forced to fight for the lead early and he will lose if pressed closely, especially if the presser can challenge him at the top of the stretch. The #11 horse ran an early pressing race, maybe not so good for him since he really shows no Power Move race late in a race but good enough to weaken the favorite. The winner #4 had the perfect running style, presser/sustained presser, with the necessary speed and very strong late Power Moves after the half and top of the stretch.
Sometimes things happen the way we figure and we win; sometimes things happen somewhat different then we figured and we still win; and sometimes we just lose.

08-01-2007, 08:23 PM
So I take it you just ignored the fact that the 4 had never run on the turf.

08-02-2007, 08:30 AM
If I may show you something. The 4 has no “common ground” on the grass with any horse as he has never been on it.

He DOES have “common ground” on the dirt, having raced at same track (Keeneland) and distance structure (sprint) with the 3 horse (who placed).

Here are the 2 lines shown together to match. WHO is the bet if the race is down to these 2 horses?

This is why we use the ENTIRE past performances for the horses. We use them to HELP us match horses WITHOUT using variants/adjustments.

This is how I was taught by The Hat and I am passing it along.

We NEED an open and relaxed mind to do this.

Hmmm. You’ve mentioned the phrase “common ground” several times now.

The 3 has raced on the turf. The 4 hasn’t. They have both raced at Keeneland, but not against each other.
So are you saying that because the 3 has raced on the turf successfully, and the 4 matches up well with the 3 even though the 4 has never raced on the turf, that he will do well on the turf because they have both raced at Keeneland?

Hmmm. You’ve mentioned the phrase “common ground” several times now.

YES I have Steve.

It is something that is VERY important to matching horses “Hat Style.”

There are very few people who will do this. It is easier to know about “common ground” than to have to worry about track-track adjustments.

THIS is Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup way to making adjustments.

Richie

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I am saying the 4 will beat the 3 on ANY surface/ Any distance UNTIL he proves he can NOT.

This is Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup.

Richie

OK, fair enough. One last question on this subject. Polytrack. Do you just treat it like any other surface? Do horses on Polytrack matchup just like horses on dirt or turf?
It is not about who has raced on the dirt or not or turf or not or even route vs. sprint. It is all about who is the faster horse today and the Match-Up Methodology gives you the tools to figure that out. You can use Tandem and Common Ground and Power Lines and Power Moves and while doing that use all of the pp’s available which is in most cases 10. The DRF has 12 or more so I wonder if that would be better.

It would seem to me that in the end if you can not get past the differences in distances or surfaces then insist on high odds. You may miss a few but at least you would not be going against your long held feelings on the subject.

The part that makes me happiest is that once you do have a race with contenders that are perfectly matched as to distance and surface how powerful the Match Up Methodology must be then.

I am sold hook, line, and sinker,

Richie, I usually like to bet fast sprinters in routes where I see that the Sprinter is faster.

My question is You can use two lines to pick your horse: power line which is the fast times and power moves which shows his fast positional moves in a race.

Is this what Jim means when he tells me that he always uses more than one line to pick his winner?

YES, YES, YES, amigo.

Now watch this.

WHEN it helps you take the Power Move from one line and use THAT for your POSITIONS with the Power Line.

So in the above case use line 2 as the pace of race Power Line. Use the Power Move from line 3 and COMBINE them into ONE line in your head.

21.2 - 44.2 - 108.1
Positions 9-8-3-1

Btw, the winning POSITIONAL move by the 4 from the result chart?
10-8-5-1
9-8-3-1
Amazing, ha?

This is Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup guys.

THIS is what the Hat does ALL THE TIME.

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08-02-2007, 05:40 PM

**Question**

*Quote:*

Originally Posted by **RichieP**

*Here is the EARLY SPRINTER Jim talks about in the opening post here.*

- Are you specific about this: FAST Early sprinters and/or FAST Early Pressers?
- Lines 3, 4, and 5 the winner’s past performance shows he like’s 46’s.
- Line 2, he did well against 44’s.
- Last line, he tanked against 45’s.
- So did you DISREGARD that last line because his NORMAL is 46?
- Did you also DISREGARD Line 2 because he simply OVERAchieved in that race and those are not his normal fractions? I probably would have MIS-applied the “Hat Helper” because of that last line BASED on Line 2. Thanks Richie.

08-02-2007, 06:06 PM

It looks like the 4 had problems at the start in that last race. I am attaching the pp’s with the comment.

Having said that it would not have mattered to me if there was no trouble.

In THIS race I needed a FAST O.T.E. horse.

I happened to catch the matching lines from Kee on the 3 and 4, saw the 4 killing off the 3, then noticed the FIRST CALL times of the 4 when he ran well (lines 2,3,4), and I had my horse.

I got to THIS race and THIS horse quickly for ONE reason:

I LOOK for these races along with my other spot plays. I LOOK for them.

When I look through cards of races I quickly PASS races that “have not run before POSITIVELY in my mind.”
When I DO happen upon a race with that “good feeling” I now have more time to FOCUS on things I have been taught to look for and do. Things I have posted here in this forum.

I do EXACTLY what I have posted here Voodoo.

When Hat finally got me to understand looking O.T.E. in THIS race type and I hit a couple of real nice winners “it was on” so to speak. It was added to my spot plays and it has paid off.

Yes I do look foolish when an early wins and I toss him BUT only betting ONE horse allows me to get back in the mix QUICKLY with a double digit winner.

The other side of the coin is I throw horses OUT immediately who would be top rated contenders by the vast majority of cappers and who have NO chance to win the race.

Here is the screenshot of the 4’s pp’s including comments on lower half.
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08-02-2007, 10:36 PM
Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP
I LOOK for these races along with my other spot plays. I LOOK for them.

When I look through cards of races I quickly PASS races that “have not run before POSITIVELY in my mind.”

THAT takes Discipline. Learning the Match-Up, we just want to tear into races. Should be looking at races for the above quoted reason; to solidify patterns, looking at race cards as an INTERACTIVE learning lab. As I write this, trying to get my mind wrapped around doing just this, consistently, but boy, it’s hard.

- But keying in on races you KNOW you can win is the elementary step to Match-Up confidence. You are an example of that, Richie.
- Also, DEEPER analysis of a horse is necessary. I see that that LAST line was, in fact, a GOOD race. The horse is NORMALLY 6th to 9th position. He maintained POSITION and BEATEN lengths against a pace he doesn’t normally handle, in addition to PASSING horses against 109’s and finishing 5th. TODAY, we are looking for the best Other-than-Early. Good insight, Richie, Thank You.
Match with “The Hat” at Saratoga

I spoke with Jim and he likes the idea.

He went to the casino yesterday and told me he was going to focus on Saratoga. He did not stay for the full card but did quite well on the races he did bet.

When he got back he asked if I had worked any races there and I told him no as I was tied up with family stuff. I had no clue as to results.

He gave me FOUR races to work that he had won. As you will see they are all types.

I do not want to say anything more on how I did other than to tell you I did NOT win them all.

Here is what we are going to do:

1) I am going to lay out the FULL pp’s for each horse in each of the four races with the scratches removed.
2) Take your time looking at the race and then post how YOU worked the race and what your final betting decision is. Be SPECIFIC in what you did.

Why? Jim has agreed to read everyone’s workup of the race and will make suggestions/comments that will help YOU specifically when he sees the chance.

I am going to post MY workup of each of the races EXACTLY as I did them with Jim on the phone last night. I am going to be wrong and lose at least 1 of the races. Just not going to say which one(s).

Thank you in advance to Jim for agreeing to do this.

So are YOU ready to “Match with the Hat”?

If YOU have been “lurking” here, have read his new book and/or have been reading the posts and want to jump in, NOW is the perfect time.

Only thing Jim asks is NO questions relating to software.

Richie
YOU match the race - Saratoga race 1

Here is race 1 at 6f on the dirt. Take your time. Then post how YOU matched the race and what the bet is if any.

“Hat Helper” - Early or other than Early?

NOTE: See Saratoga, 7/29/07, 1st Race.

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My workup for Saratoga’s Race 1:

The 3-5-6 run early with the 2 also capable but who seems to have become a slow horse in last few.

Looking for “other than early” or “OTE” for the win here:
1 - OTE style and fast. In
2 - Early. Out
3 - Early. Out
4 - Slow horse. Out
5 - Early. Out
6 - Early. Out
7 - Slow horse. Out
8 - OTE style and fast. In
9 - Slow horse and the other FL horse is faster. OUT
Final contenders - 1 and 8

Matching the 1 and 8 I see the quick moves on the 8 horse 5-4-2
5-4-1
and “mark” him as my bet because he will be ahead of the 1 horse.

My Bet = #8 Tzipi to win

Richie

There are 3 Early horses: #2, 3, 9.

#2 is really the fastest horse here but his last 3 races are awful.

The pace of the race should be 22.4 45.4 110.4 (got this from #2’s 7th line back).

The race should run OTE.

#1 in
#2 Early out
#3 Early out
#4 slow horse
#5 in
#6 in
#7 slow horse
#8 in  
#9 Early out

#1 from line 5  21.3  45.4  106.1  5 5 1

#5 from line 2  21.3  44.4  110.3  2 2 3

#6 from line 3  22.2  45.4  112.1  2 1 1

#8 from line 2  22.1  45.4  111.2  5 4 2

#1 and #5 come from the faster first call. Jim I think I read somewhere about the 1st call at CD that you didn’t like. So, I am kind of lost here. #5 is in the fastest pace and is close to the pace. But the #1 seems to make the biggest move of them all. Since I bet only 1 horse I would have to pass the race.

07-30-2007, 06:15 PM
Saratoga race 1; I agree that it could be won by an OTE since 7 out of the 9 runners are early type runners.

The win contenders that you have selected are the only off the pace types and I used 22.0 and 45.4 to separate them (all times in 5ths).

Horse #1 shows better and more races at the 45.4 half mile time as shown back in race #7 and race #5, and even somewhat in race #3.

Horse #8 shows only one competitive race at the 45.4 half-mile time, race #2, where he lost ever so little ground in the stretch to the winner.

As to horse #1 I would say that the race 7 back shows that he can run at the projected pace for these two contenders since he was at the 2nd position throughout the 5F race. He even gained lengths on the leader in the stretch after having fallen back some throughout the race, and all in 45.2. In the 5th race back against a faster first ¼ of 21.3 and the preferred 45.4 half mile or less he had a very big Power Move with 2 moves and a pick up of 7 lengths on the leader and winning while going away at 3.5L.

Win choice #1 Cool The Economy.
Saratoga race 1

Race (1):

- Horse (1) Cool The Economy - Sus Presser
- Horse (2) Heaven’s Flame - Early/Need-to-Lead--changed his style last 3 lines, cannot run fractions at which he previously won, will probably break 1st out the gate. OUT
- Horse (3) Kimkanrun--Early/Needs-to-Lead--- Horse needs a VERY easy lead. The 5 & 6 horse will negate any comfort lead he needs. Plus, he’s 7th at the “break”, and only get’s 4th/3 and half lengths back. Sure it’s a faster pace of race, but horse should have showed something at the “break.” ...from a horse who “fought” at a 23.OUT.
- Horse (4) Bravo’s Princess--Sus
- Horse (5) Rapidian--Early---From line 2 to line 1, going backwards fast. Cannot run previous fractions he had success at. Will probably “break” 1st or 2nd with the (2). OUT.
- Horse (6) La Bomba--Early Presser--Didn’t run close to his 3rd line with similar fractions, except at (1) call. His 2nd line, against slightly slower times, he barely wins. Maybe a hurt horse. OUT.
- Horse (7) Sneaky Girl--Sus Presser.
- Horse (8) Tzipi--Sus Presser--Problem horse analysis. Did he fail cause of 1st time on track, or cause he likes 111’s and change as a final time?
- Horse (9) Smokin Racer--Against 23’s, he’s Early. Againt faster, he can run as a Sus Presser.

None of the Early horses look like they can go all the way, the race sets up as Other-than-Early.

- From the (2) Heaven’s Flame, he has 3 lines which he was close to 22.4’s. So I’m going to project about a 22.4 46.2.
- Throwing out all the Early horses, we are left with the Other-than-Early horses , 1,4,7,8,and 9.
- Matching Power lines, the (4) Bravo’s Princess /line 2 and the (7) Sneaky Girl /line 2, both their Pace of Race at every call is too slow compared to the other horses that remain, so they are OUT.
- The (9) Smokin Racer will be behind the other 2 horses that remain at both 1st call and 2nd call. His Pace of Race is slower than the other 2 horses that remain at similar position calls, he’s OUT.
- So now, the (1) Cool the Economy, against 45’s FAILED and loses POSITION and beaten lengths in [5] lines against 45’s, versus the (8) Tzipi who DID and CAN make moves and PASS horses against 45’s AND finish in 111 and change, compared to his rival, so the (1) Cool The Economy is OUT.

- The (8) Tzipi is left and is the winner and bet.
This is how I would do race 1. I would use #7’s last race as the pace of the race.

#1 - sustained - line 3.
#2 - early - 6 furlong lines ugly – out.
#3 - early - ugly – out.
#4 - s/p - ugly.
#5 - presser - quits.
#6 - e/p - slow.
#7 - sustained - line 1.
#8 - sustained - ugly.
#9 - early - slow.

This leaves #1 and #7. Both are sustained horses.

Comparing their lines:

#1 - 22.0 - 45.4 - 57.6 - 109.9
#7 - 22.5 - 45.6 - 57.6 - 110.5

I would pick #1.

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YOU match the race - Saratoga race 2

Here is Race 2 for 2 year old maiden fillies at 6f on the dirt.

There are 3 first time starters: the 1, 2, and 6. I will post the runners that have raced.

YES Jim does bet these races.

NOTE: See Saratoga, 7/29/07, 2nd Race.

There are NO tandems in this race

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YOU match the race - Saratoga race 2

My workup of race 2 at Saratoga:

The 5 shows he might go for the lead here. About a 22.2 - 45.4.

The 4 shows a gain of position and beaten lengths to the 2nd call to engage in a fight with a time one second faster than the 5.

Rest of the field has to come from Mars to win and are eliminated.

#4 J Z Warrior for the Win
Race #2

FTS = #1, 2, 6.

Pace of the race should be 22 45 110.

This race should run Early. Maybe the 5 might take the lead at the first call but that’s as far as #5 would go.

#3 in
#4 in
#7 in
#8 Slow, out
#9 in

In this field I don’t see any horse that can compete with #4.

Here goes race #2 at Saratoga:

FTS out and if they beat it will not be the first time.

Like you, after looking at the ¼ mile and ½ mile times I have projected 22.2 and 45.1(in fifths) mostly from the #5 horse’s times in his first race.

The race as to the match up of the call times is between the #5 horse, the #4 horse, and the #3 horse.

The #4 horse, JZ Warrior makes a power move in his only race going from 4th position to 3rd position against a ½ mile time that is almost 5 clicks better and holds that 3rd position through out the rest of the race. The # 5 horse, Alpha Tammy on the other hand caves in after the projected pace of 45.1 to finish 7th. The #3 horse, Rap Tale makes a steady run against today’s projected pace of 45.1 improving at every call both in position and lengths on the leader. There is a bit of a power move in the stretch but since this is a maiden race and it was so late into the stretch that it was probably more about passing tired horses.

In the end the win bet goes to the #4 horse, JZ Warrior.
Saratoga race 2

- Horse (3) Rap Tale--Sus.
- Horse (5) Alpha Tammy--Early-Lone Early. Need to see how much of a lead he can get today.
- Horse (4) J Z Warrior--Sus Presser-Other -than-Early “fighter”--watch out!!!!
- Horse (7) Seemingly—Sus.
- Horse (8) Spirit Line-- “REALLY?????” Please tell me “which” line has “spirit”??? The vet should check this horse for a heartbeat. OUT.
- Horse (9) Jolie The Cat--Sus.
- The (5) Alpha Tammy will only have 1 position & 1 length lead against the (4).
- The (5) Alpha Tammy has never been in the lead, except out the gate & has not proven to be a fighter or handle pressure. He was 2nd position & “faded” against the horse in front of him.
- The (4) J Z Warrior moved 1 position & 2 lengths against a 2nd Call that was a FULL SECOND faster, FIGHTING.
- The (4) J Z Warrior also maintained his position after battling, although he lost lengths, against a stretch call that was 1 second & 3/5ths faster than the (5) Alpha Tammy, who dropped BADLY at a much SLOWER stretch call.
- The (4) J Z Warrior is the horse to bet and the rest of the horse’s are still in the barn.

YOU match the race - Saratoga race 4

This is race 4 at 8.5f on the Inner Turf course. Here is the field.

NOTE: See Saratoga, 7/29/07, 4th Race.

Tandems for the race:
YOU match the race - Saratoga race 4

My workup of Saratoga’s 4th race:

There is no real early horse here. A couple have tried for the lead but nobody consistently so I am looking OTE for the winner here.

1- Slow horse - Out.
3- Slow horse - Out.
4- One of 3 horses who have won against 1:11 2c pace on the turf. These are the fastest horses in the race. In.
5- Slow horse - Out.
6- Slow horse - Out.
8- Slow horse - Out.
9- 2nd of 3 horses who have won against 1:11 2c pace. In.
11- 3rd horse who has won against 1:11 2c pace. In.

2 of the 3 contenders (4 and 9) have raced at Gp. They have what I call “common ground” so I match them and the 9 kills off the 4.
4- Killed off by the matchup with the 9 - Out.
That leaves 2 contenders which have no “common ground” for me to match. Negative feeling for me for sure.

Additionally the line for the 11 is on an off turf plus the 9 might go for the lead today which I feel will hurt her as she might be out of position.

No confidence in reducing to 1 horse here. Would just be guessing.

Passing the race as I can not reduce to 1 horse confidently.

07-30-2007, 05:42 PM

Race #4

I used the Last line of #11 to come up with the pace of the race, which is 23.3 47.1 111.3 137.3 144 (I added 6.2) to bring it to 8.5f.

There are two horses that can take the lead, #4, #9. But they have never won on the lead. All the other horses seem to be slow at the ¼ mile and at the ½ mile and at the 2nd call.

Since #11 comes from the fastest pace of the race and I figured that it is going to run OTE. This race fits this horse perfectly. The #11 should win the race easy.

07-31-2007, 08:14 PM

So here goes race # 4 at Saratoga:

What Tandem race between the #4 horse and the # 9 horse? When I printed out this race with the tandem races included I see nothing between Josefina’s Pride and Early Hatch.
I agree with your choice of the three contenders which are the #4, #9, and #11.

You know, once I looked at your work up statement about the three contenders having all won at 1.11 I got fixated on that. I see the #4 horse with a two move race at 1.11.1 4 races back, the #9 horse with a one move race at 1.11.3 5 races back, and the #11 horse with a three move race at 1.11.3 last race.

I believe the #9 horse will get the lead from the only lukewarm early horse in the race #4. I base this assumption on the time differences between race 1 for the #9 horse and race 3 for the #4 horse. Here I did some Voodoo type adjustment and determined that the #9 horse gets to the first two calls first and becomes the leader. I do not know if I was supposed to do this to determine assumptions about best early today but it seemed logical.

This is a very interesting race because of the chaos factor (horse forced to take the lead) and seemingly now slow horses, power moves and voodoo adjustments. All recent Match-Up education factors.

I believe the #9 horse is faster to the first two calls than the #4 horse and will now have the lead which she really does not want (chaos race?). Consequently I like the #4 horse generally over the #9 horse but neither has proven themselves lately against Rich’s projected half-mile time of 1.11. The #11 horse on the other hand has proven itself big time, even though for the very first time against a 1.11 last race when considering last 10 races. Three moves against today’s projected race of 1.11 with one of three power moves in the stretch. Even though this may be a life time best rating in its last race (?), it is a very good last race that cannot be overlooked.

I like the #4 horse and the #11 horse to win the race especially since the #9 horse is forced to take the lead. True Match-Up play is one horse to win so it is the #11 horse. I think the #4 horse is generally a proven faster horse with wins against a 1.10.4 on the dirt and 1.11.1 on the grass. It is #11 over the #4 horse because I cannot explain why the #4 horse has not been able to win against half mile times that are almost 10 clicks (5ths) slower in its last two races when compared to its 4th race back. Furthermore when it did win third race back it was almost 14 clicks worse then just its 4th win back (when considering both ½ mile and ¾ mile times). The #9 horse has similar recent slow races problems.

I am just going with the flow of the recent Match-Up education here and have a problem with my assumptions as to the #4 and #9 now being slower horses. They are after all in good form having had an in-the-money finish in 2 of the last 3 races. I similarly have a problem with my assumption that the #11 horse has just become a faster horse on the grass based on its last very good race when compared to its only other grass win 8 races back against a very slow 1.15.1. Please clarify my now-slow-horse dilemma.
Saratoga race 4

- Horse (1) Irish Ballerina--changed his style from his maiden from a Sus Presser/Sus to Early Presser. Cannot run similar to line 3 at much slower call. “Hat Helper” says he’s OUT.
- Horse (3) Joyeux Ruler--Sus---will disregard last line, broke 3rd, tried to run earlier at much faster time. Must’ ve got some oat’s with honey on ‘em that day.
- Horse (4) Josefina’s Pride--at 25’s, likes to run Early. At 24’s, Early Presser/Sus Presser.
- Horse (5) Morlana--Sus- simply lost the desire to run. OUT
- Horse (6) Madam Manguy--Early Presser--horse going backwards from line 2. Last line Pace of Race was [2] FULL SECONDS & 2/5ths slower than 2nd back and he is backing up. “Hat Helper” says he’s OUT.
- Horse (8) Optimist Girl--Sus--horse’s speed deteriorating from 4th line, but horse still tries to run.
- Horse (9) Early Hatch--Early Presser & Sus Presser---pace analysis of this horse gives you fits. What does he want to do?
- Horse (11) Willis Sweet Girl--Sus--4th line back, faster 1st call and 2nd call with slower stretch call, compared to his last line of a slower 1st call, 2nd call with faster stretch & final; still similar constant.
- The (4) Josefina’s pride will project about a 25.2 in the lead with the 1, 3, 6, and 9 running with him.
- Throw out all the Early horses, the only possible survivor is the (9) Early Hatch.
- The (8) Optimist Girl is better and closer in the Tandem than the (3) Joyeux Ruler, so the (3) is OUT.
- The remaining horses are the 8, 9 and 11.
- At similar position calls, the (11) is faster than the (8) Optimist Girl, so (8) is OUT.
- With the (11) horse Pace of Race calls we have: 1/4 mile=8/5ths faster than the (9). At the 1st call 7/5ths faster than the (9) Pace of Race. At the 2nd Call, the (11) Pace of Race is 5/5ths faster than the (9).
- Looking back, the (9) has finished closer to the Pace of Race in 2 races similar to the (11) last line.
- A toughie, but my bet is with the (9) Early Hatch. The (11) seems like more of a {one move} horse.

07-30-2007, 05:24 PM
YOU match the race - Saratoga race 6

Here is race 6 at 8.5f on the Inner Turf. Here is the field.

NOTE: See Saratoga, 7/29/07, 6th Race.

Tandems for this race.
YOU match the race - Saratoga race 6

My workup of the 6th at Saratoga:

I see the 3 and 4 run early in around 46 and change 1c and 1:10 and change 2c. I see the winner running OTE here.

1 - Slow - Out.
2 - Slow “Mars” horse - Out.
3 - Early - Out.
4 - Early - Out.
5 - Shows 2 good finishes against fast pace - In.
6 - Shows a good finish way back against fast pace - In.
8 - Slow horse - Out.
9 - Faced 1:11 2c twice and has failed to hit the board - Out.
10 - Slow horse - Out.
12 - Slow horse - Out.

Final win contenders - 5 and 6.
Matching line 3 for the #5 against line 7 for the #6 shows clearly the #5 is both ahead of the #6 and also faster. Matching lines from Belmont so confidence is high.

#5 Banrock to Win

07-31-2007, 08:49 AM

Race 6

There are 4 Early horses here: #3, 4, 8, 12.

For the pace of the race I used the 2nd line from the #4. 23.3 46.3 110.3 133.4 140.1 (added 6.2) to equal 8.5 furlong time.

The #3 has changed running style or is not running to his good fractions.

I am having a difficult time with his race because I know that there are more than 3 horses that NEED TO LEAD. The #4 looks like he is the Lone Early because the only horse that can make him run faster is the #3 horse and I think the #3 has changed his running style. I try to stay away from races where there are too many Earlies. This race is a real challenge because I see it running Early and at the same time there are too many Earlies which gives me doubts about what to do. Do I predict Early or OTE. I am stuck.

08-01-2007, 02:12 AM

Re: Race #6

I looked at this race again and it appears that the 12 horse will go out with the 4. They both have nearly identical fractions for a 1 1/8 race at Bel.
The four has a faster mile race, but this is 1 1/16 so they’ll probably slow down some.

That leaves four horses with the right running style as possible contenders.

#1 Ready Enough
#5 Banrock
#6 Academy Royale
#10 Admiral Bird

#10 Admiral Bird appears to be slower and comes from too far back--out.

#1 The same applies to this horse. Slower and comes from too far back--out.

Between the #5 and #6 Academy Royale appears to be slower and comes from farther back than Banrock. Banrock had very fast 1 1/8 splits at Sar a year ago and it's third race back at Bel (last year) is also good.

So I’d go with Banrock.

My original selection was the #4 Of All Times.

If this is one of those cases where my first instinct was right, then so be it. But it looks like I handicapped the race a little too quickly to begin with.

08-01-2007, 11:08 AM
Saratoga race #6:

Rich, I agree as usual with your on the money assessment of early/late and the projected pace of about 46 and 1.10. I do have a bit of a different twist on the OTE although.

There are two solid early types in this race which are the #3 horse and the #4 horse. One of the other early runners is the #12 horse and he is too slow. The other early runner type, #8, I have pegged as an early presser type and he is too slow today.

I am looking for an OTE to beat out the #4 horse who is the early reliable based on its 2nd race back on the grass. The #3 horse is a bit of a mystery since he has not shown a speed as good as the 1.10 projected for today since 8 races back. He has had many opportunities both on the grass and on the dirt but seems to have become a slower horse. I need to make a stand here and say that the #3 horse has become slow as displayed in recent racing or else my slow/fast horse evaluation of the Saratoga race 4 is meaningless. Having said that, this race will have a lone early of the #4 horse and now I need to beat him if possible.

Rich I do agree with 1 to 2 of your contenders but I have taken the position that this race will in fact run early and all other OTE’s are out. Additionally none of the OTE’s have
really shown me that they can overcome the projected 46 and 1.10 pace of the race. I have decided, after going over the contenders, that the #3 horse is now too slow to really affect the other early type, #4. I expect the #4 horse to break well as demonstrated in 3 of his last 4 races and to move on comfortably to win the race. If I am all wet as to the #3 horse then so be it and your #5 horse wins the race. I agree with you that the fastest of the slow OTE’s is the #5 horse as demonstrated to me in his 4th race back (ugh-not a hell of a good power line IMO). I can play it safe and bet the #5 horse and the #4 horse to win, but this is Match-Up play. I have to stick to what I think I know and let you or “The Hat” set me straight. I cannot allow myself to say that in one race a horse is out because it is too slow and then in another disregard the perceived slowness and continue to use it in other selection assumptions.

Thank you for this opportunity even though I would have wished that it was not done in front of a mostly undeserving internet world.

08-01-2007, 03:42 PM

- 1) French Transition--changed his style, not run close to previous fractions. I say 2nd line back is a fluke. OUT.
- (2) Ready Enough--Sus--almost a Late horse. Powerline 2nd back, that’s what he usually runs in grass.
- (3) Prince Raffie--Early/Need-to-Lead---changed his style, become slow, cannot run fractions with which he had success. Line 2, 3 and 4 should have showed something at the 1/4 mile, because those are his fractions, OUT.
- (4) Of All Times--Early/Need-to-Lead---does well “only” with easy lead, period. can he get it today?
- (5) Banrock--Sus--24 lengths back?? Horse usually makes Power Moves from 2nd call to stretch against 112’s-137’s, 111’s-136’s &137’s, even 111’s-134’s, and he moves 1 position and loses lengths against a 113? I say he’s OUT.
- (6) Academy Royale--Sus--super extra slow Pace of Race, and horse simply trots dead last, OUT.
- (8) Couth--Early/Need-to-Lead--all his grass lines say he needs a very, very slow pace to have a chance. Doesn’t like the grass unless very slow. If he can get 2nd or 3rd position, he will try to run. But his fastest turf is (two) 4th-2 lengths @ 24.4, and he Needs to Lead, OUT.
- (9) Red Down South--simply lost interest in racing, OUT.
- (10) Admiral Bird--Sus Presser--cannot get on top of fractions previously ran, changed his style, OUT.
- (12) Chasing The Crown--Early/Need-to-Lead--needs uncontested, easy lead, and his best is a 24.2. The (4) Of All Times can run 23.3’s. He’s never faced pressure, not proven to be a fighter, and definitely won’t get his comfort lengths against the (4), OUT.
- Although the (4) Of All Times needs a 2.5 length comfort, only the 8 and the 12 are close. Since the 8 can only get 4th, the 12’s best is a 24.2, with the 4 running 23.3 and 23.4, 4 can stay comfortably ahead of 12,
- I say the race will run Early, the (4) Of All Times goes wire to wire.
OK, Richie did four races--the 1, 2, 4 and 6.

In the first two races I analyzed them just exactly as Richie did. I came up with the same two horses.

In the fourth race, I again came up with the same two horses as Richie, and it posed a problem--I couldn’t separate them. What to do? If one is 8 to one and one is 2 to one, I’d probably go with the 8 to one and let the odds work out over time--also in situations like that, odds permitting, I’ll bet them both to win, since I’m pretty sure I have the winner. But it’s still a tough choice, and I haven’t been passing these types of situations enough. I do know one thing though, that closer will be flying down the lane--and push come to shove, I’m going with him.

In the sixth race Richie and I have a parting of the ways. The 4 looks like the only speed to me. The 3 had speed a while back, but it looks like he’s changed his running style and is now a slow horse. If he hasn’t, then I’d sure like to know why. That would mean I don’t know the definition of changing running styles and becoming a slow horse.

The four has wired two races before in his PPs plus he’s fast. He’s going to be the pace setter, so in my opinion it’s an Early race for him to lose.

4 “Hat Helpers” from Jim Bradshaw

I spoke with Jim just now. He is VERY pleased with this thread and the participation. He hopes for MORE to join in.

He gave me 4 “Hat Helpers” to pass on to YOU.

He wants them posted HERE in this thread to help you (and me) with the races and also wants you to REMEMBER them when working ALL races ok?

Jim Bradshaw’s “Hat Helpers”:
1) Pay attention to horses coming out of the fastest pace in last race. Look at them closely.

2) Power Lines

3) Power Moves
4) “It is VERY difficult to go wire to wire against FAST horses who make great Power Moves.” - The Hat

Richie

08-03-2007, 10:00 AM
Saratoga Race One

Guys you did a great job in matching this race, determining that the race would run Other Than Early is the key in winning this race. Next find the fastest Other Than Early horse. Never rely on one running line to find this horse.

The Three, Five Six and Nine are horses that show an early running style. These horses are “tossed out.” The Two, Four and Seven are slow and are “tossed.” This leaves the One and the Eight as the main contenders in the race.

Match the One and Eight line by line and decide the one to bet. Did you miss the Tandem they ran? Which one was ahead of the other most of the time? Is there any reason the Tandem will reverse? The answer is no.

Cool the Economy is faster than Tzipi and is the bet in this race.

The Hat

08-08-2007, 03:14 PM
Saratoga Race Two & Four

Race Two only has the 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 horses to match. The others are first time starters. Each of the horses have only one line to match and 22.0 is the fastest first call. The race should run “other than early” and the Four and Nine are the best. The Four horse has faced the fastest second call and almost got the lead. I believe J Z Warrior is a standout and should win, if he isn’t beaten by one of the first time starters. I played him with the One horse in the first race for a Daily Double.

The Fourth race, at One Mile and One Sixteenth on the turf, was interesting. The Seven, Ten and all the horses entered for the main track were scratched. The Two horse is the only horse with any early speed and can also run “other than early.” The Three horse was out run by Will’s Sweet Girl, so is out. The Four horse was outrun by the Six and is out. The Five shows nothing and is out. The Six is slow and is out. The One horse is slow and is out. The Eight is a slow horse and is out. The Nine horse could take the lead, but is slow and should be caught. The process of The Match-Up gives me the Two and Eleven. I placed by wager on the Two, but he was a late scratch. I usually don’t do will if I go back and look at the race, so I placed a wager on Will’s Sweet Girl and won the race.

The Hat
Saratoga Race Six

This race gave most of you trouble, so after I get my two horses I am going to analyze the race a little differently to teach the way to make the final decision.

The Seven, Eleven and Thirteen were scratched. There are tandems that will help in the elimination of horses. The Two ran in tandems and is slow, out. The One, Three and Six are slow, out. The Eight was beaten by the Four, out. The Nine and Ten are from the same tandem and are slow, out. The Three and Twelve are Early, but are slower than the Four, out. This leaves the Four and Five as the main contenders. Now, how is the race going to run, Early, or “other than early?”

There are three horses that can run early in the race, the Three, Four and Twelve. The three early horses are slower than the four, but will they have any effect on the Four? The Four needs at least a five length lead, on the turf, in order to go wire-to-wire. The Three and the Twelve cannot win the race, but can prevent the Four for getting the lead he needs to win. Look at the third running line on the Four. Looking at the third running lines shows what happens if the four does not get a comfortable lead. He can be caught.

The horse most likely to catch him is the Five. Look at positions and beaten lengths. The Five will be coming like a jet. This race will run “other than early” and the Five will win the race.
I have been learning and working the Match-Up for the past 8 months.

What follows are 6 KEY areas of learning and understanding that have come to form the core of my application of the techniques on a daily basis.

Some you will recognize from posts while others are well outside the 5 step approach. This is how I have been taught from day 1.

The 6 KEY areas of Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up:

1) INTUITION - Allowing the inner voice to be heard as well as Pattern Recognition. Without this there is NO Match-Up, at least Jim’s Match-Up. Take this to the bank.

2) POSITIONING - Including the virtual NON-importance of Beaten Lengths in The Hat’s Match-Up.

3) EARLY or OTHER THAN EARLY - Simplifying the Match-Up regarding running styles PLUS easing confusion regarding WHOM to bet.

4) FIGHTERS - a POWERFUL weapon for the Hat and something which has been taught to me over and over since day ONE.

5) SPOT PLAYS - combining pattern recognition with multi-tracking to maximize PROFITS.

6) VOODOO - Jim’s LEGENDARY reputation of leaving the best of the best in awe at what he does. Is it possible to learn a BIT of what he does and then APPLY it for ourselves to races and get the “impossible horse”?

YES. However, to seriously try and apply this, a totally OPEN mind is needed. A mind where ALL rules and mainstream stuff is thrown to the curb.

I am going to take EACH of the 6 areas listed beginning Monday and post extensively about them INDIVIDUALLY so as not to rush through and forget.

Thank you to the Hat for giving me the OK to post FREELY about what I want to here.

So until Monday stay cool.
Richie Pizzicara
Intuition:
1) The act or faculty of knowing without the use of rational processes. Immediate cognition.

2) A capacity for guessing accurately. Sharp insight.

Webster’s Dictionary

Why start here? How do I KNOW this is the most important part of Jim’s Match-Up?

Because ignoring this aspect led to the ONE and only time I QUIT the Match-Up and swore off it. This after I had been working it for 3 months.

Yup, if I am going to write it has to be the truth. Only Bill and Jim knew what I just wrote to be true.

Boy was I WRONG. The following day I matched 3 races and found myself taking all this extra time looking for this and looking for that. Same thing I had done on the completed races the day before BUT this race hadn’t run yet. Bottom line I lost ALL 3 races. So I go back and once again make the winner come up AFTER the race runs.

Long story short this goes on for 15 races over 4-5 days and I lose them ALL. I stopped talking with Jim and stopped talking with Bill. Just wouldn’t answer the phone. So that Saturday Bill shows up at my door unannounced and we go out and talk.

He then tells me to call Jim. I do and he says “what the hell is wrong Rich.” I told him I lost a ton of races in a row and he says he KNOWS what I am doing. He tells me “Rich you started looking back at the races you lost AFTER it ran didn’t you?” I said YES.

He told me “you can NOT look back after the fact because your ability to make the right choice on a LIVE race will be destroyed by all the SECOND GUESSING you did after
the fact. See that stuff is going to be in your head when looking live and you can NOT
win.” So we spent the next week working hard on races and focusing ONLY on the race
at hand. Goodbye long losing streak.

Jim stresses over and over that intuition is recognizing patterns that keep repeating. He
tells me in order to hear that “little voice” inside an environment that is QUIET and
RELAXED is needed. He tells me that EVERY time he goes to play the races he sits
alone for a couple of minutes and just closes his eyes and “gets quiet” with himself. He
calls it getting in the zone.

Two months ago I was talking with him when all of a sudden he tells me “Rich don’t go
crazy after I tell you this, OK? I do NOT pay attention to tandems. I do NOT project a
pace. When I am ‘ON’ I open the form and there is the winner of the race. Try it
sometime and see.”

I asked him if he was messing with me again and he said “NO I am serious. The race has
run already even though it hasn’t. Now just find the horse that has already won.” I hear
LeRoi in the background telling me “he’s doing that weird stuff again Richie!”

I heard what he said that day but honestly did NOT understand what he was telling me. I
DO now. It’s PATTERN RECOGNITION at a very high level.

When we look at a race it is something that HAS run before. Many, many times as a
matter of fact. Things change such as
names
tracks
distances
surfaces
but the CORE of the race is the same.

What we CAN do as beginning “matcher” is to be aware of one or two certain types of
races that we HAVE seen run and KNOW who the winner “looks like” in the pp’s
BEFORE the race runs. We can FOCUS on finding these type races to wager on.

This is where Jim’s SPOT PLAYS become a SERIOUS weapon for us to use if we have
PATIENCE and DISCIPLINE to wait on them.

He tells me “Rich, focus on the races that you RECOGNIZE. As you gain more
experience with the Match-Up you will be able to recognize more races to bet on. Take
things one step at a time and realize you are doing this for 8 months while I am at it for
over 20 YEARS.”

Regarding patterns, I am also seeing that there are patterns of races that tell me I have NO
business looking at the race cause I will NOT win it based on what I have seen BEFORE.
NEGATIVE patterns if you will. Jim says these are also extremely important and when that feeling comes to run as fast as I can AWAY from the race.

This screenshot shows what MY favorite type of EARLY looks like at the FIRST call (first fraction in routes). I have seen this PATTERN over and over and over in successful “Spot play early” races.

“Intuition is pattern recognition. Relax and open your mind to recognize certain races that have run before. Then go to the pp’s and find the horse that has already won based on what has happened BEFORE.” - The Hat

I will end here with a screenshot that shows one small thing, BUT it is something that has shown itself to be VERY powerful with early runners. This is the WINNING “picture” for me for an EARLY horse at the FIRST call.

Richie
Intuition - A capacity for guessing accurately. Sharp insight.

02-12-2007, 09:41 AM
2nd Key - Positioning/Beaten Lengths

POSITION - A place or location. The right or appropriate place. - Webster’s

“The 2 biggest reasons why folks can’t learn the Match-Up are
1) Making RULES for everything
2) Getting hung up on a horse’s BEATEN LENGTHS.
I know this to be true because I have been teaching the Match-Up for 20+ years.” - Jim Bradshaw

Now it is time to begin to see things in a horse’s past performances the way the Hat does.

While we cannot be the Hat and see ALL he “sees” in a race we can use these techniques to become STRONGER matchers. Please watch and remember there are NO rules.

BEATEN LENGTHS:

I want to lay out the few areas where beaten lengths ARE important to the Hat and CAN and SHOULD be used to evaluate both a horse and a potential SPOT PLAY situation.

My original post said that the 6 things listed all come together and work together to become ONE application. Well here it is.
1) When evaluating an EARLY horse (one which we project is going to go wire to wire and can NOT pass horses if he doesn’t get the lead), LOOK at the beaten lengths at the FIRST CALL of his WINNING wire jobs and see if he can get that same lead today based on the early Match-Up. Use the FIRST CALL and compare him with the other earlies (also HERE bring in the position 2-hd and 2-nk guys because they WANT the lead too). If the horse can NOT get the lead he had in his winning line throw the horse out immediately.

2) When a horse loses BOTH position and beaten lengths between the 1st and 2nd calls this is a strong indication THAT pace is one he can NOT handle. If he GAINS position or beaten lengths from 1c to 2c use this as a positive indicator that he can handle the pace.

3) When you FIRST open a race scroll the horses and find the fastest PACE OF RACE from the LAST RACE. Look at the horse(s) and check the position and beaten lengths at 1c AND 2c. If the horse maintains position and/or beaten lengths (NOT talking about pos 8-8 for ex, some looking at races like this will show YOU what is ok) this is a TRIGGER to open the horse’s WHOLE pp’s up and evaluate him off BEST line(s).

You can make a personal SPOT PLAY from this type horse WHEN he FITS the race shape you are projecting to win today (early or other than early).

This fastest pace from the last race also opens the door to do some VOODOO by taking that pace of race and then using other lines’ POSITIONING to create a virtual line that NOBODY at the track can “see.” This is the way the Hat introduced me to his Voodoo for the first time a few months back and it blew my mind. We will do a full race on this when we get to that part.

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POSITIONING:

“We want to bet the horse that is closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race”
- Jim Bradshaw

To be HONEST this is very simple and it is the way the Hat decides his horse to bet in EVERY race. It might sound complicated and you think “well what if this appears or what about this factor.”

Relax. Open your mind to new things. WATCH.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words right?

We want to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

The #2 is the winner $9.40:
We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

The #2 is the winner $9.00:

We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

The winner is #5 - $23.60:
We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

The winner is the #2 - $9.60:

We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

The winner is the #6 - $5.20:

We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.
The winner is the #5 - $12.40:

We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

Winner is the #6 - $6.20:

02-12-2007, 10:09 AM

2nd Key - Positioning

I spent a LOT of writing on the beaten lengths because I wanted to make sure I covered the only real areas where they come into play in Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up.

The POSITIONING part is what is messing a lot of folks up and to be HONEST it did to ME also at the start.
What Jim did with me was basically what I have just done. Produce a SERIES of races rapid fire where the picture, when LOOKED AT CLOSELY, tells the whole story.

POSITIONING is actually very SIMPLE. Just

1) RELAX
2) LOOK at what the pictures show
3) RELAX
4) LOOK at what the pictures show

THERE it is.

Jim Bradshaw’s POSITIONING.

Richie
POSITION - A place or location. The right or appropriate place.

02-12-2007, 12:25 PM
Delta 02-07, 7th

Richie:

With respect to the Delta Downs race 7 on 2-07, are you saying that the race is over at the first call because the presser Rufus, 2nd, 1.5L off a 48, is so far ahead of Stratford on Avon, 2nd 1L off a 49.8, EVEN THOUGH the final time adjusts to TWO seconds faster (141.6 vs 143.6 for Rufus)? That is a big WOW. I worked this race last week and I was content in a two horse betting situation to get it down to both of these pressers, but my first impression was that the 2 sec better time made Stratford on Avon a better play.

Nice lesson. ALL RICHIE, ALL THE TIME!

02-12-2007, 02:47 PM
Richie:

I worked the 7th after you posted the PPs. I came down to the 2 contenders you show but thought Stratford the better of the two if I had to pick just one. Of course I am still a two horse bettor, so the prize would have been mine.

So what I gather from today’s post is that the Delta 7th race was really OVER at the FIRST call. Rufus, a presser was 1.5L off a 48 1st call and Stratford, another presser was 1L off a 49.8 1st call in an 8.5f race where the projected mile time was 141.40, compared
to Rufus’ final time of 143.20. That is a really big WOW that puts an entirely new light on long held “facts.”

Thanks for the insight.

02-12-2007, 05:45 PM
You are getting it amigo. I believe the word final time has NOT been used at ALL in anything we have said or done yet.

Now take it a step further and “back up” your positional/pace of race assessment to INCLUDE the FIRST FRACTION (something which fwiw NOBODY does in ROUTES). NOW how do things look to YOU?

“We are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race” - The Hat

Shedding new light on long held “facts” - Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up.

Richie

02-13-2007, 04:22 AM
Hi Richie!!

Can you explain what you mean by “factoring in pace of race.”

Do you mean to look at all the horses’ last race and pick the fastest pace (if possible close to today’s distance), and then pick a horse that will run close to that pace? And don’t look at the lengths that the horse is behind the leader?

I am confused. Do we look at the first 2 calls to find this horse that is close to the pace?

02-13-2007, 08:23 AM
This part of what I wrote:

“3) When you FIRST open a race scroll the horses and find the fastest PACE OF RACE from the LAST RACE. Look at the horse(s) and check the position and beaten lengths at 1c AND 2c. If the horse maintains position and/or beaten lengths (NOT talking about pos 8-8 for ex, some looking at races like this will show YOU what is ok) this is a TRIGGER to open the horse’s WHOLE pp’s up and evaluate him off BEST line (s).
“You can make a personal SPOT PLAY from this type horse WHEN he FITS the race shape you are projecting to win today (early or other than early).”

It has NOTHING to do with the 7 screenshots shown.

The “fastest pace from last race” is something Jim taught me to do in EVERY race I open up to work. This is kind of a primer to start seeing things about the race that might reveal a horse that is extremely dangerous from what he shows in his LAST RACE.

1) Battling for the lead from 1c-2c  
2) Making a QUICK positional move from 1c-2c, etc., etc.

Note that the last thing written about this is the “possibility to make a personal SPOT PLAY from this type of horse WHEN it fits today’s winning race shape early or other than early”

We do this FIRST when looking at a race. Then if the horse shows NOTHING against the pace we MOVE ON with the working of the race, matching, etc., etc.

If he DOES show positive signs from the race we then have to see if he FITS the race shape that’s gonna win today  
  a) Early - projecting a wire to wire win  
  b) Other than early - ALL other races

For example:  
Our horse battled gamely from 1c-2c against the fastest pace from last race before collapsing. OK, so we open his pp’s up and grab his fastest line (Power line) to evaluate against the others today.

BUT in today’s race there are 2 or 3 other PURE EARLY runners and our guy is the SAME. If he can NOT pass horses he is identified as EARLY style and with the other earlies in the race (assuming their 1st fractions are at least as fast as our guy), TODAY’S winner is going to be Other than early. Our horse does NOT fit this shape.

That’s why I described this “look” at “the fastest pace from last race” as a good thing to create a SPOT PLAY from. It’s only going to help us in SOME races BUT we have to do the mental work and look at EVERY race to find the ones where it WILL tell us something.

All this has NOTHING to do with the screen shots shown. The screenshots are simply the horse’s POWER LINES or lines that make then FAST. That’s what we match from and bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

I hope this clear things up a bit. - Richie
Let’s go directly to the BIG question. WHOM are we going to bet in THIS race? No sense dancing around this. We will deal with the rest after.

“Rich the race is going to be run Early or other than early, OK? Forget about nitpicking running styles with all this presser, early presser, sustained presser, late bullcrap. This is a much simpler way to look at a race and find the horse to bet. Keep an OPEN mind.” - Jim Bradshaw

Finding the horse to BET:

EARLY - a horse that we project to wire the TODAY’S field. When looking at the pp’s for the race this can be a horse that has the lead at the first call or a horse that is 2nd-hd / 2nd-nk but figures to get the lead against TODAY’S field and wire them. **This can only be ONE horse**

I am going to show a couple of screenshots now but first PLEASE go back and read again the previous post about matching the earlies at the FIRST call and immediately eliminating those that can NOT get the lead they need to WIN. Very important.

Here is a screenshot from just last night at Mnr. Here are the horse’s Power lines. We see 2 early runners, the #4 and #8. Check the first calls on both and you should see the #4’s life is over as the #8 DOMINATES him early.

That means in TODAY’S Match-Up the #4 is NOT early but is reduced to other than early with the presence of the #8.

He MUST be removed IMMEDIATELY from consideration. NOW.
We have removed the #4 and now re-evaluate the race.

The #8 now appears as Lone Early and has the added plus of TWO calls of “FIGHTING” (1c-2c) that should not happen today. These are extra units if energy available for him TODAY.

Also notice that NOW the next closest horse POSITIONALLY after the #8 is position FOUR. There are NO pos 2 or even 3’s NOW.

We have a FAST dominant early horse with no positional challenges.

So TODAY’S race is going to run EARLY with the #8 dominant. So we throw EVERYONE else the heck out NOW.

Yes that’s the Hat in action. Throws whole chunks of the field out IMMEDIATELY.

Here is what is left to make WIN betting decisions from.

Kind of EASY to figure out.

THIS is how to figure out and work the EARLY race shapes.

The #8 is the winner of the race - $4.80:
“Most races Rich are going to be won other than early” - Jim Bradshaw

Finding the horse to BET:

OTHER THAN EARLY:
1) We have looked at a race and decided there is too much pressure at the FIRST call among the early horses to have one of them win. The most important thing we HAVE to do IMMEDIATELY is throw the early horses ALL out NOW.

Then AFTER removing ALL of them we bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

WATCH.

Screenshot showing everyone with multiple lines entered to verify styles:

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OTHER THAN EARLY (cont):

Now we remove ALL the position 1 guys at the FIRST CALL. We have a classic other than early race shape.

Of the REMAINING horses we are going to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

See all these “keys” work TOGETHER with some practice (and I am included here, still learning for sure).

Here is the race NOW after throwing practically the whole darn field OUT.
WHOM are YOU going to bet?? BET the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

See it?

The #5 is the winner of the race - $23.60:

To make this concept work for YOU there is one thing that HAS to be done in EVERY race worked (whether early or other than early). It is also something that IS going to make some VERY uncomfortable. Here it is in spades:

You MUST throw whole groups of horses OUT of the race.

In the case of an “Early” shape the WHOLE field is tossed except for the true early.

There goes the security blanket of being able to say after the race runs and we lose: “But look, I have the horse in my readouts. There he is. Look.”

Who gives a rat’s tail? We did NOT bet the horse because of one reason or another. THAT is the bottom line.

Removing horses as shown in the previous posts is the ONLY way to have a chance to SUCCESSFULLY use Jim Bradshaw’s Early/Other than early concept of finding and betting THE horse (win or lose) in TODAY’S race.

I will tell you this. Of EVERYTHING posted so far THIS will be the HARDEST thing to do.

If you are NOT willing to take the plunge and do this, FORGET about learning and using the 3rd key. PERIOD.
ALL joking and back slapping etc., etc., are FINISHED. THIS is SERIOUS.

Can YOU do this?  
Can YOU take the next step?  
Can YOU open your mind to truly NEW ideas?  
Can YOU accept LOSING races while NOT seeing the winner?  
Can YOU accept a loss and NOT look back but instead look FORWARD?

This is Jim Bradshaw’s Early/other than Early.

Richie

02-13-2007, 01:11 PM
OK, I need this one clarified. When first looking at the race I look first for the key race (fastest pace at TODAY’S track correct?). Now if the horse that ran against this pace shows nothing (at this time, correct me if I’m wrong here please) I’m going to look for another probable pace, looking for the E types and take it from there. This has always confused me here, whether to use the fastest last line from today’s track or once again, if the horse shows little against this line to look elsewhere for the probable pace.

The ONLY thing I have posted so far is this:

“3) When you FIRST open a race scroll the horses and find the fastest PACE OF RACE from the LAST RACE. Look at the horse(s) and check the position and beaten lengths at 1c AND 2c. If the horse maintains position and/or beaten lengths (NOT talking about pos 8-8 for ex, some looking at races like this will show YOU what is ok) this is a TRIGGER to open the horse’s WHOLE pp’s up and evaluate him off BEST line(s).

“You can make a personal SPOT PLAY from this type horse WHEN he FITS the race shape you are projecting to win today (early or other than early).”

Keep this SEPERATE from projecting a pace and things associated with the 5 step approach and the book.

Projecting a pace and the 5 step approach obviously are all good BUT that is NOT what the above quoted stuff is.

The above quoted passage is one of SEVERAL ADVANCED techniques the Hat taught me and it goes BEYOND what the book teaches.

I am describing some of these techniques here in this thread. You do NOT have to know any of them to WIN.
Go SLOWLY and try to do what the post says BEFORE you go and apply the techniques in Match-Up 2 (projecting pace, using same track, etc.).

If it messes you up it is FINE to totally disregard the whole section quoted. After you get more comfortable with the techniques in the book you can revisit this later. NO SWEAT.

Richie

02-13-2007, 07:32 PM
Thanks Richie. You’re right. I was mixing this and the book. Keep up the good work, this is really getting me, as it were, on the straight and narrow path.

02-13-2007, 04:16 PM
Does it matter if the “fighting” occurs during a slow pace? If the Pace is slow during this, should this bonus be discounted?

02-13-2007, 06:35 PM
Hopefully the next key which focuses on “fighters” will clear up your questions.

Richie

02-14-2007, 06:59 AM
4th Key - The Fighter

“Rich I love fighters” - Jim Bradshaw - 1st day working with him - May 2006

“Rich you know how much I love fighters” - Jim Bradshaw - June 2006

“Rich he’s lone early plus a fighter. I love him” - Jim Bradshaw - July 2006

“Rich the 2 loves to fight and he is fast” - Jim Bradshaw - August 2006

“Rich, the fighter is using extra units of energy. The other’s are not.” - Jim Bradshaw - September 2006

“When you are considering a line where a horse fought give him extra credit in your mind when evaluating him” - Jim Bradshaw - October 2006

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“Early horses who show the ability to fight at the 1c and/or 2c and still go on to win the race are extremely dangerous horses, Rich.” - Jim Bradshaw - November 2006

“When evaluating an early horse to see if it can get the lead it needs at the 1st call to win, include the 2-hd and 2-nk horses in addition to the other earlys at the 1st call. They are fighters and HAVE to be accounted for, Rich.” - Jim Bradshaw - December 2006

“A horse that shows up as a fighter at a certain call might have been engaged in the fight for over a quarter of a mile Rich. THINK about how FAR that actually is.” - Jim Bradshaw - January 2007

A fighter is a horse that goes up and looks another horse in the eye. This is seen in the pp’s by a:
1) hd
2) nk
next to the horse’s position at that call. PERIOD.

Trying to put an ABSOLUTE “value” on fighting between calls is NOT possible. The fighter IS using extra units of energy in the race that can and should be factored in to his evaluation TODAY.

How much credit and what interpretation of him is correct will get stronger and more solid through PRACTICE and EXPOSURE to HUNDREDS of these type horses. I am personally going through this right now.

I CAN say this with CERTAINTY:
If in your mind you are considering a horse who fought at ONE call as having used ONE extra unit of energy, then a horse who has fought at TWO calls has used MORE than 2 extra units of energy.

The energy usage is NOT proportional. These multi call fighters are VICIOUS.

Jim tells me this PATTERN RECOGNITION of fighters and their impact on races will become clearer in our minds with PRACTICE and EXPOSURE to many hundreds of races where they are present.

WHY am I including the fighter as one of the 6 keys even though explaining what exactly his worth is becomes a PERSONAL exploration?

Because THIS is the ONE thing that has remained the same in Jim’s teachings to me from day ONE. Something I always remember when working a race for the rest of my life.

Other techniques and “looks” at certain concepts like tandems, pace, etc. have CHANGED over months of working hundreds of races with him but the FIGHTER and his POWER in Jim’s mind has always stayed the SAME.
Look at the #2 - an early fighter - wins the race:

The 8 wins the race - an early fighter:

Look at the 5 - other than early Fighter - wins the race
the 6 wins the race - an early fighter:

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02-14-2007, 02:20 PM
5th Key - Spot Plays

“I have spot plays that can turn a bad day into a good one and a good one into an excellent one” - Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up 2 with the 5 step approach (page 139)

“Rich instead of looking at one track and trying to figure every race, multi track a few and look for spot plays that work for you” - Jim Bradshaw

“Rich you need the races to produce income for you. Don’t do what I do and bet every race at every track. Spot play” - Jim Bradshaw

In working races over and over in the SAME way, I have a total of THREE spot plays in my arsenal as of this post. I am close to having a 4th but it is not firmly set in my mind. I need to see a few more SUCCESSFUL applications of it before I KNOW I will win using it.

Here are the 3 I have and I will save the strongest for ME for last.

***IMPORTANT***
What follows are PATTERNS of horse’s “looks.” The track, distance, surface, class are all MEANINGLESS.

1) Lone Early - Pretty much self explanatory. I have fairly good results with this with most of the winners toward the low payer side. Not all but most.
Here is a screenshot of a lone early. The #2 is the winner of the race.

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My 2nd spot play is one I love.

I have gotten good at these especially the last 30-45 days. This is DIRECTLY due to something Jim had told me a few months earlier but it had NOT sunk in. It finally did and if it does for you there is MONEY here.

Again all of the keys tie together and this is no exception.

Jim re-emphasized LOOKING at the first call beaten lengths needed by an early horse to win and then checking that against TODAY’S Match-Up at the FIRST call. If the horse can NOT get it today remove him IMMEDIATELY.

Couple his words with KNOWING his strong opinion on FIGHTERS has led to this, my 2nd spot play:

2) Dominant early in race with multiple earlies. Go SLOWLY and look at the 2 races I am going to post.

Start with the FIRST call as always and check pace of race and then the FIGHTING if present. Then re-read what the Hat emphasized. Then LOOK at the screenshot.

This spot play for ME is the “home of the 8.00 to 14.00 horse.” For some reason there is a bit of confusion present in the betting of these races very often. The mutuels listed are GREAT in my opinion.

This first example is from Charlestown. Shoeless’ home track. I worked this race with him over the phone and Jeff NAILED the winner in like 15 seconds.

How THIS horse paid $10.00 is beyond me.
The winner is the #1:

2) Dominant early in race with multiple earlies (cont) - This next race we go to Santa Anita. Again LISTEN to what Jim says about the FIRST CALL and then look SLOWLY a couple of times at this screenshot.

I hope you can see the same PATTERN as the previous race. If not right away it is OK. Go SLOWLY and look a few times. Wait a day and go back and revisit. This is EXACTLY what Jim would do with me if and when I would get stuck.

The winner is the # 2 - $9.40:

The faster #9 line indicates a spark of dominant early. I can certainly see that #9 is not truly ‘dominant’ early because of his second call time (and beyond). This raises the question of how fast #9’s second call would have to be for the entire play to shift to #9 as Spot Play #2 - Dominant Early? Is #9’s actual first call fast enough to be considered...
‘dominant early’? I’m just thinking aloud about all the subtleties of the process. The lines of delineation are fuzzy- perhaps this is the nature of the ‘art’ of Match-Up.

02-15-2007, 05:57 PM
Check the first fractions and first calls of the #9’s pacelines. Then COMPARE those to the # 8 and #10. Then look at the LEAD he had at the 1st call and see if he can get that same lead today.

He can NOT even get the lead with the presence of BOTH the 8 and 10 in TODAY’S race so we remove him IMMEDIATELY.

Richie

02-15-2007, 06:32 PM
Thanks Richie-

#9 is fighter and a more than double fighter because of the 1-hd at the first two calls. Even with this more than double extra credit, he does not get the lead?

Hmmmm?

Nevertheless, I get your drift...thanks for your clarification and reply.

02-15-2007, 06:47 PM
In the above race the 9 can’t get the lead (actually he can but we are handicapping with past performances and not result charts).

He is a 24 1st fraction going against a 23.3 and a 23.4. It will be tough to fight a horse that positionally runs early and will be 1 to 2 LENGTHS ahead of him. Fighting is looking the horse in the eye according to the Hat.

Tough to do when you see nothing but 2 horse’s rear end in front of you.

Download this file I have attached here Yank.

It’s today’s Tampa Bay. Race 4 has a perfect example of YOUR double fighter and as you will see he fits the MATCH-UP of today’s horses quite nicely. I won’t say who it is but when you find him he won the race easily.

NOTE: See Match-up Forum Supplement.pdf, race 4
Yep, #8 Uno Way Calle seems like the pace of the race and untouchable. I do see #5 General Ridgway closing and maybe #7 Jude’s Star but I don’t think #8 can be caught.

This is maiden race with a first time starter to boot. Are these to be bet?

Great call on the winning 8. He obliterated the field.

Regarding the FTS question and it’s a great one.

Jim taught me to bet ANY and EVERY race where I can find THE HORSE that I KNOW is going to win. Even if the horse loses I still KNOW the horse is going to win. Follow? Those races are the ones he wants me to FOCUS on and SPOT PLAY. FTS means NOTHING to him.

Excellent question. Seriously.

Even though I got this race, I was still concerned that a fast third fraction of another horse might catch my horse. This morning I looked at the results chart and saw my winner did not win wire to wire (although he did crush the field going away). As such, the race wasn’t run the way I thought it would be. These kinds of ‘lingering doubts’ make it really difficult for me to “know I’m going to win.” JUST BEING TOTALLY HONEST WITH YOU HERE.

I really am now into the Match-Up concept but, the more I learn, the more I realize I don’t yet know.

With this background, here is the MOST FRUSTRATING THING:

(1) I cannot tell the difference between a race where Match-Up correctly would have called the winner and I missed it (but the Hat/you would have got it with Match-Up) versus where I missed the winner and the ideal application of Match-Up would have also missed the winner. Since the Hat/you are obviously more adept at the Match-Up, I wouldn’t be able to tell the difference between these two cases. Statisticians might refer to this as Type I error.
(2) There is also the reverse case (a ‘false positive’ - what statisticians might refer to as Type II error) where I got the correct horse by incorrect application of the Match-Up and the Hat/you would not have called that horse (i.e., I got the horse by ‘dumb luck’). It’s almost as important for me to know that I am misunderstanding these kinds of races as well as my type I errors.

02-16-2007, 08:25 AM
The Hat is in a league of his own when it comes to matching.

WE can be better matchers IMO by:

1) Downloading Jim’s 5 step approach that he made for us. This is the foundation for EVERYTHING that comes after.

2) Getting the new book “Match-Up2 With the 5-Step Approach” by The Hat. Jim spent MONTHS packing the book with:
   a) current races
   b) analysis
   c) current races
   d) analysis

This in addition to working and practicing the 5 step approach posted here will, after a couple of MONTHS of FOCUSED practice, begin to etch certain PATTERNS of successful matched races in YOUR mind based on things YOU have done when looking at the pp’s.

My STRONGEST suggestions to you regarding working races are these:

1) When you work a race and WIN, SAVE it in some way (I do things on a laptop so a “screen capture” saved to “My Documents” works). After you have saved up at least a few of these go and look for PATTERNS OF SUCCESS there.

2) NEVER take a race you lost and go back and MAKE the winner come up. You will find yourself up the creek without a paddle QUICKLY.

This applies to ANYONE using ONLY raw pp’s to match horses. That is all I can speak on with certainty.

PRACTICE AND LOOK BACK ONLY ON WINNING RACES.

Richie
5th Key - Spot Plays

This 3rd and last spot play is unreal. Plain and simple.

3) Other than early into THREE matching earlies at the FIRST CALL:

I found this play after working a few races “live” with Jim on the phone during the Keeneland fall meet.

Wanna know what pressure is? Being on the phone with the Hat (while he is watching TVG showing the races live) and have him wait until the horses are LOADING into the gate to ask you to work a race and “hurry up Rich they are almost ready to run. Who is the horse Rich?”

The first 2 races worked like this my horse lost.

Then the third time I scanned the field, saw something DIFFERENT and told him “Jim there are 3 matching earlies at the first call.”

He QUICKLY said “Rich WHO is sitting 3rd or 4th? THAT is the winner after you toss the earlies. Just make sure the horse is FAST. Hurry up they are gonna pop the gate.”

I heard what he said and then saw THE horse. It was the #2. I told him the 2 was my horse and they were off and running. Jim described the race and around the turn all I can remember was hearing him say “Rich your 2 is passing everybody and is going to win the race! He is 9/1!”

That was the FIRST time I had gotten a winner with him before the race ran and it felt GREAT. Something honestly I will NEVER forget.

Then the next day he tells me a race to do and I lose it.

The next day he picks a race just about to run and I SEE it is the SAME race as the one I hit a couple days earlier. Only this time it is a route instead of a sprint. I tell Jim all this and he says QUICKLY “Rich do the SAME thing you did before. Tell me the horse sitting 3rd-4th who is FAST. That is the winner. Don’t matter if it’s 4f or 10f. WHO is the horse Rich and hurry up.”

I don’t remember the number but find the horse and tell him as the gate pops. Sure enough the SAME thing happens with my horse blowing past everyone at about 9/2 or 5/1.

He then tells me “Rich you are getting real good with these type races. That’s 2 nice winners back to back. You should look for these race types and SPOT PLAY.”

Well those words from Jim and that EXPERIENCE has NEVER left me nor will it ever.
THIS spot play is the “home of the $10.00 to $40.00 horse.” Total chaos is OFTEN present in the betting of the race as nobody knows what the hell to do.

By FAR the highest win price average of MY spot plays. Also the highest win %. YES I keep records.

Here is a screenshot of the whole field using multiple lines:

02-14-2007, 05:05 PM
Richie,

If that was me looking at that race I would have probably played the 8 as the lone early off the 23.4 47.6.

02-14-2007, 07:10 PM
EXCELLENT!

This is what I was hoping for. Now LOOK at the FIRST CALL for your 8. How many lengths did he have the lead by THERE? The answer is TWO.

NOW go look at the #10 FIRST CALL what is his time THERE?

23.3 (fifths) right? So the question is:

IS THE 8 GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET THE 2 LENGTH LEAD HE NEEDED TO WIRE THAT FIELD IN TODAY’S MATCH-UP ???????
The answer is NO. Do you see that? When he can’t get it THROW THE HORSE OUT IMMEDIATELY.

This is what Jim showed me over 3 months ago Jeff and I could NOT understand it and frankly it cost me a LOT of losses betting on presumed lone earlies that wound up getting destroyed.

HONEST TRUTH.

LOOK and then re-read what the Hat writes about this in the previous posts I made.

There is NOBODY doing this. IF we can take our time and absorb this lesson, we have DEFINITE advantage in certain races.

I am SO glad you posted what you did because for TWO MONTHS I did the same thing as you and watched most of the horses LOSE.

That is keeping it real.

Richie

02-14-2007, 07:50 PM
So what you are saying is even though the 8 got out in a faster 1st call by 2½ths of a second he wouldn’t be as fast as the 10 who got out by 4 in a slower time. If that’s the case I’m glad I asked that question because I screwed up a few races.

02-14-2007, 10:36 PM
In FIFTHS of a second the 8 is a:

23.2 - 7f
23.4 - 8f

BOTH races he has a TWO length lead at the FIRST CALL which is his COMFORT zone to WIN so if any EARLY style horse runs a 23.4 (using his 7f line - 24.1 using the 8f line) this guy will NOT have the same lead he shows when WINNING.

Now look at the 10:
23.3 ON THE LEAD

NO WAY the 8 gets his 2 length COMFORT ZONE with this guy in the race. At MOST he gets a ONE length lead so he is thrown out IMMEDIATELY.
See it?

FORGET:
1) 2nd c
2) final time
3) speed ratings

Let’s try going where NOBODY goes. That is what this Hat method IS. Unique and POWERFUL after some PRACTICE.

Hope this clears it up,
Richie

02-14-2007, 03:08 PM

5th Key - Spot Plays

3) Other than early into 3 matching earlies at the FIRST call (cont):

Here is the screenshot AFTER removing ALL the position1 guys at the first call.

The winner is the #5 - $23.60:

![Screenshot](attachment:image.png)

02-15-2007, 07:46 PM

Richie:

Looking forward, I’m curious to know if you or Jim have identified a finite number of spot plays, more than the three already presented and the one you are still working on. I for one would be interested in finding out how to handle paceless races where it is likely that a presser type will inherit the lead. One of the reasons that I ask is because either in an earlier post here or in the Book, it was said that horses unaccustomed to getting the
lead that do, in fact, get the lead and give it up. So is this perhaps a refinement of the early scenarios? Where we rate only the closest closing types?

02-15-2007, 09:41 PM
The 3 I listed are my spot plays that I can apply and win with.

Jim lists 3 of HIS in the new book and to be honest one of the ones HE lists is by far for ME a complete NIGHTMARE.

That’s his “Sprinter in a Route” spot play. When I tell you that I SUCK at these types believe me it is an UNDERSTATEMENT. I HAVE to stay so far away from them it isn’t funny.

Jim is unreal on the other hand. Somehow he “knows” which ones are real and which are not. Nobody is always right but I have seen enough to know he is “dialed in” BIG TIME to them.

Amazing you ask this because TWICE in the last week I have told Hat on the phone about this “sprinter going to route” being by FAR my biggest weakness matching horses!

He’s real cool about it, never talks down to me. Just said “well leave it alone Rich and play to YOUR strenghts.”

So that is what I do.

02-16-2007, 02:27 AM
What does the Hat do with Horses who have MULTIPLE running stlyes? Every once in a while I will see a horse who wins wire to wire, off the early 2 or 3 lengths and win and also close to almost win when back 5 or 6 lengths.

02-16-2007, 08:35 AM
He LOVES these types when they are FAST.

Lots of times he can “see” them winning under different scenarios.

Richie
Deja vu all over again - Yogi

Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP
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Remember this post??

STILL the most unreal spot play for me at more than generous odds man. Here is a race that ran 10 minutes ago at Philly (a definite Hat track btw).

3 matching earlies at the FIRST call. Look at the screenshot with projected paces laid out to the stretch call.

Hat helpers:
1) NONE of the 3 earlies are fighters. Automatically we MUST jump on this race. Even if we lose it we HAVE to jump in.

2) We do NOT want to be betting 2 POSITION guys in THESE race types. This HAS been posted before.

3) POWER MOVE + Fastest pace of race 1c-2c-sc.

Richie
PS - Bill - LOOK here is YOUR “middle” man. I did the race with Jim and he told me to show you this ok? 5-3-2-2 Positions
Chart

LOOK at the fractions the 1c and 2c and sc were ACTUALLY run in, then look at the Proj pace.

3 calls and we are off a total of ONE tick. Amazing ha?

This projecting pace is KEY and right from the Hat’s 5 step approach.

Simple basic “Hat helper’s” that put food on the table

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7th Race - Philadelphia Park - Tuesday, September 4th, 2007

Conditions: 5 1/2 FURLONGS CLAIMING. (PLUS UP TO 40% PABF) FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 122 lbs. Non-winners of two races since July 4 Allowed 2 lbs. A race since then Allowed 4 lbs. Claiming Price $10,000, For Each $1,000 To $8,000 1 lb.

Purse: $15,000 Value of Race: $16,200 1st $9,000 2nd $4,200 3rd $1,800 4th $750 5th $150 6th $150 7th $150

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The 6th Key - VOODOO

“Rich remember the race starts when the gate pops. NOT the 2nd call ok? The race starts when the gate pops.” - Jim Bradshaw

“Rich I NEVER look at one line for a horse” - Jim Bradshaw
“Rich I know the horse is FAST. Once I know this I take bits of this line and bits of another line, combine them in my mind and make him the winner” - Jim Bradshaw

“Rich remember the race starts when the gate pops. NOT the 2nd call, OK? The race starts when the gate pops.” - Jim Bradshaw

“I saw Jimmy hit SEVENTEEN winners in a row Richie. He was on fire.” - Pirco Charter Member Bob Cochran in a phone call conversation with me 4 days ago.

“Rich I NEVER look at one line for a horse.” - Jim Bradshaw

“When I took over the track team Rich I noticed the girl’s biggest problem was they were going out too fast too EARLY.” - Jim Bradshaw talking about coaching his track team

“I made the statement that for every fifth of a second a horse runs too fast early he will lose TWO fifths of a second at the end. Folks thought I was crazy til Huey Mahl got up and proved my statement correct” - Jim Bradshaw

“Jimmy how the heck did you get that horse? We don’t see him at all” - The Ragozin sheet guys after Hat had given them a nice winner after a seminar.

“Whoa. Hold on Jim. You LOVED this horse? Are you serious? This is one of the first guys I threw out of the race. HOW in the world can you see this horse winning?” - RichieP after being exposed for the FIRST time to Jim’s Voodoo- October 2006

“What Jim does has been given all kinds of names with the term “Voodoo” having become by far the most popular.

I don’t pretend to know all of what he “sees” in a race.

Over the past 4 months since being “exposed” to IT however I HAVE noticed PATTERNS that seem to occur over and over and over with him and this thing I have come to call FUNNY STUFF. Here are the PATTERNS.

VOODOO PATTERNS:
1) He NEVER uses one paceline to evaluate a horse. NEVER.

2) He ONLY does weird stuff with FAST horses.

3) He is SUPER FOCUSED on the FIRST CALL in EVERY RACE.
4) With EARLY horses he ALWAYS considers and evaluates the lead it needs to win (its comfort zone) at the FIRST CALL. When he feels a horse will NOT get that comfort TODAY he throws the horse out so fast it is ridiculous. Often these horses are ones who when looking at final time and the like come up very strong and are strongly bet at the windows. He couldn’t care less. The horse is THROWN OUT IMMEDIATELY. Then the race gets RE-EVALUATED as if that horse does NOT exist.

5) Using the fastest pace from the last race of ALL the horses (REGARDLESS of track, distance and even surface): When he sees that this horse has battled through 1c and 2c or made positional and/or beaten length gain he opens the pp’s up ALL the way and will create a “virtual line” in his head combining bits of one race with bits of another. If THAT horse is FAST after doing this AND it also fits the winning RACE SHAPE (early or other than early) THIS horse is his bet.

When I tell you THESE horses are the biggest BOMB winners I have seen since matching horses I am telling the truth. $30.00-$40.00-$50.00-$60.00 etc., etc.

Why do they often pay so big? Because he does NOT carry that last race through to the finish. If the horse does what is posted above through the 1c-2c he could care less if the horse was beaten 20 lengths at the end of the race. What DOES count in his mind is the FIGHTING and or positional gain dealing with ONLY the 1c and 2c. Once he has that in his mind he goes wild with the pp’s and creates a virtual FAST line for the horse.

6) He NEVER uses one paceline to evaluate a horse. NEVER.

7) He is SUPER FOCUSED on the FIRST CALL in EVERY RACE.

8) He ONLY does weird stuff with FAST horses.

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Here is a race with 2 EARLY horses. Today is a route race. Whom would you pick as the best early?

#2:
1c - 46.2 - on the lead by 1 length
2c - 110.4

#5:
1c - 46.2- on the lead by 1/2 a length
2c - 110.0

What the public and almost everyone would say is the #5 is the best right?

How could anything pick the #2 over the #5? Especially after reading everything written about checking the lengths lead needed at the first call by earlies to win.
Well VOODOO gets the #2 winning the race! Yup that’s right. Want to know how and why?

Because the REAL answer to the above example is: YOU DO NOT HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO EVALUATE THE 2 HORSES.

What is missing? Want to guess?

The thing missing is the FIRST FRACTION PACE OF RACES. Yes. The info that is furthest LEFT on the past performance line. You know the place where NOBODY looks.

****Important****
VOODOO always looks LEFT on the past performance line. ALWAYS.

Now let’s reexamine the 2 horses and their Power lines inserting the FIRST FRACTION pace of race.

Then let’s make a place at the table because VOODOO will be joining us.

#2:
1fr - 22.4
1c - 46.2 - on lead by 1 length
2c - 110.4

#5:
1fr - 23.1
1c - 46.2 - on lead by 1/2 length

STOP right NOW.

Two Early horses right? When the gate OPENS the 2 has a TWO length lead over the 5 with a 22.4 vs. a 23.1. The 5 is NO longer early. He is BEHIND and CHASING the TRUE BOSS of TODAYS MATCH-UP who is the #2.

This is Voodoo.

Also with a 2 length lead early over the#5 the #2 DOES have his 1 length lead needed to WIN running early. Go slow and you will see it. It just does NOT show up in the pp’s at the 1st call.

This is Voodoo.

The “Voodoo” mind however sees the advantage because the FIRST FRACTION tells the story and NOW the #5 is eliminated IMMEDIATELY from the race. Now the #2 becomes a LONE EARLY and will win the race easily because HE controls the pace EFFORTLESSLY.
This is Voodoo.

You just picked a horse that by looking at the pp’s TRADITIONALLY is FOUR fifths of a second SLOWER than another early at the second call. That is why Jim Bradshaw’s MATCH-UP has NOTHING to do with the 2c. THIS race along with many others has already been decided LONG before in a place where NOBODY looks for key info.

This is Voodoo. Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Voodoo.

The # 2 is the winner - $16.60.

Here is a screenshot of the 2 and 5. WHY include that sprint line for the #2? Because it shows a FIGHT to get the lead in a 21.4, that is why. Who the hell is going to be able to get AHEAD of this horse early in TODAYS race? Certainly NOT the #5 which you will see for yourself after looking at the race on PDF.

This is Voodoo. Jim Bradshaw’s Voodoo.

First the screenshot then I will attach the PDF of the whole race next so you can examine it at your leisure.

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**The 6th Key - VOODOO**

Here is the PDF for the race worked.

This finishes up this thread for me.

I just want to let folks know that the Match-Up is both VERY hard work and at the same time VERY rewarding.

I want to thank the Hat for taking the time he has to teach me HIS way.
I also have to thank him for letting me do this thread from the heart without wanting to see what I wrote ahead of time. It was both cool and yet SCARY at the same time because I had no security blanket in the form of Jim checking everything ahead of time.

Thanx also to everyone who has written and posted up. I hoped that I could pass along what Jim has taught me so far to YOU. That is why this all went down.

All the best and good matching!
Richie Pizzicara

NOTE: See Match-up Forum Supplement2.pdf, race 4

02-16-2007, 10:28 AM
Richie

Been working real hard here and following along with everything you’ve posted so far. Also been re-reading the new Match-Up book daily. Some races just seem to be a piece of cake...others just get me down, guess that’s just the nature of the game. I know you have been posting screenshots with RDSS that show all your “contenders” lines together. I don’t have RDSS yet, but am seeking someway to be able to view all the selected lines together. Just makes it easier to compare position, times, BL etc... I’m a Validator man and obviously the screen that lists all lines together uses adjusted data. It works sometimes, but not enough of the time. Using printed PP just seems to lose too much in the “shuffle” of sheets. Any ideas or suggestions?

Thanks for all your efforts, this is absolutely amazing.

02-17-2007, 10:14 AM
Keep WORKING races. Just keep WORKING races.

Soon more races will seem to be cake.

The BEST thing to do at the BEGINNING is to use ONLY past performances.

Richie
There is a new Match-Up Guy, and his name is Richie Pizzicara. I have been working with Rich since May 2006 and he is getting better every day, because he listens and applies what he is taught. You may wonder why I picked Richie to teach the match up, but in reality I didn’t pick Rich, he picked me. Following are excerpts from the first email I received from him:

Hi Jim,

This is Richie from the web site. I want to learn the match up from you. I have tried and am failing miserably. maybe too much contamination involving t-t adjustments, variants etc etc.

I know you are probably very busy but I have to ask in case there is any chance you could help me learn it Jim. Life is too short to not go for things.

Jim can you teach me the Match up? I REALLY want to learn it.

Sincerely,
Richie Pizzicara
New Rochelle, N.Y.

After a few emails we talked on the phone. I decided he was sincere and I took on the task of teaching him the Match-Up. I told Rich he must start with The Five Step Approach and asked him to post it on the web site. Richie worked with The Five Step Approach and we discussed each step, until he understood each step.

During the past eight months Rich has come a long way. His posts on the web site are advanced concepts and should not be applied until The Five Step Approach is mastered. We have worked hundred of races before the fact, and races I have won, or races Rich has won. We never go over a race that we lost.

Richie never second guesses, or asks “what if,” but learns the concept I am teaching. This is one reason why he has learned and he is one of my best students. He is my pride and joy and best pal.

Thanx everyone.

The Hat
Listen EVERYTHING I showed and laid out is JIM ok? Not me but JIM.

I left it all at the door (ego, my “look” at stuff etc., etc.) when I had a chance to learn it from the beginning.

I also was offered the chance to learn someone else’s version of the Match-Up. Someone supposedly better than Hat. Ummmm thanx but NO thanx.

1) Really FOCUS on learning the 5 step approach ONE step at a time.

2) Really FOCUS on WINNING RACE PATTERNS.

3) Really FOCUS on the FIRST CALL (First FRACTION in ROUTES also).

4) Really ENJOY all the hard work! It is FUN isn’t it?

Jim says I am good at the early stuff in the races (1st call, fighters, matching earlies, etc.).

He is NOW starting to show me PATTERNS of MIDDLE MOVE winning horses and RACE PATTERNS they do well in.

When I am more comfortable with them and have seen them much more I will post a couple of races up and show YOU what he showed ME. Shoot, might be another “SPOT PLAY” situation!

I am going to attach a screenshot of a race Jim showed me from Philly 3 days ago pertaining to this. The #6 is the $13.60 winner.

There IS a methodical PATTERN of TEACHING that Jim does. I “see” that now.
I can’t resist this. Raise surely gets the lead over Royal but loses ground badly both in the 1st and 2d call. Vesak at first looks too slow except when you see that the 2 Es are quitters and the 6 is gaining at both beaten lengths and position at the 2d call.

Too much fun huh?

Paceless races: how does the match up handle this? I also see many races where a horse who only raced on the lead 1 time 8 races ago gets the lead.

Other than a horse who almost always gets the lead, how do you determine the Pace setter? Is it the horse who gets the lead most often, or do you look at the velocity of the horses’ 1st fraction?

The following is an example illustrating the process used to project the pace in a paceless race. Once we project the pace, the horses will be matched against this pace to decide if they are contenders.

Find the fastest race at today’s distance and use the race as the projected pace of today’s race. Remember, we will not use the beaten lengths to identify the projected pace.

All of the horses are matched to this pace. Horses that can’t match the pace are not contenders.

The Hat

Lot’s of study material

Thanks for that post, Mr. Bradshaw, and another addition to the Match-Up 2 appendix/addendum/supplementary section in my newly created reference/special notes section at the back of the book.

- The Match-Up, so much study and practice involved. With the new Match-Up 2 manual and post by Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw and RichieP, studying has become a lot more fun.
The Match-Up is great, because you cannot blame anyone, or anything, not even the computer.
I like the Match-Up, because with the Match-Up you throw horses out, almost entire fields.
I believe I heard Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw say on tape that virtually ALL races are spot plays to him. I couldn’t envision that possibility until RichieP’s post “ala” The Hat. Another reason to like the Match-Up:

- “You MUST throw whole groups of horses OUT of the race.” - RichieP
- “Yes, that’s The Hat in action, man. Throw’s whole chunks of the field out IMMEDIATELY.” - RichieP

Some of the spot plays we perceive so far:
1. The Lone Early
2. The Beaten Early
3. The Lone Early Presser
4. The Dominant Early among Earlies
5. Hidden Early
6. The Lone Sustained or Late
7. Lone Sprinter in Route 1st time/Dominant Sprinter in a Route
8. A Presser or Sustained horse who got the lead in last race, and won’t get the lead today plus faster than his 1st fraction lead.
9. Tandem Pace of Race final time 1 second slower than projected pace, ELIMINATE entire Tandem (gets rid of lots of horses).
10. ELIMINATE entire fields of multiple matching Earlies.

I look this list over, sometimes, BEFORE applying the 5 step process. Interesting results. And you mean there’s MORE spot plays we don’t know about????? ........wow........

03-01-2007, 05:28 PM
Say it 1,000 times more, Richie

1. Thinking you understand something, cause it sounds so simple and basic, and can’t get anymore simple and basic, you think, so you say “Yeah, got it. There’s nothing more to. Let’s move on.”
2. Jim “THE HAT” Bradshaw teaching thru his Master student and new Match-Up Guy, RichieP.
3. About halfway thru the “HAT CHECK” forum, and even thru private emails, he kept saying over, and over, and over, and over, and over, AND OVER, “Early or Other than Early. OK?”
5. Then RichieP’s 8 month Match-Up update: the deepest explanation of the inner essence of the Match-Up coupled with Advanced concepts and techniques beyond the 5 step approach.
6. At the end, in summary, what was it? “Early or Other than Early. OK?”
7. After reading the posts and the Match-Up 2 and the other Match-Up books over and over, coupled with RichieP’s newest post, in a mental attempt to simplify and

So, it’s Santa Anita race, Wednesday, February 28:
4th Race
Next Post 3:06 Off: 2:36 | 6 Furlongs | 4 Year Olds And Up | Maiden Claiming ($25,000 - $22,500) | Purse: $18,660

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Also ran: Atsashanaray, Be Persistent, Sombra, Dazzling Skates, Baby Hooie and C R Deelites
Winning Trainer: Rosales Richard - Owner: Girvin, Russell R. and Shirley
$1 Exacta (5-2) Paid $63.80
$1 Trifecta (5-2-6) Paid $1,140.90
$1 Superfecta (5-2-6-1) Paid $7,520.00
$2 Daily Double (6-5) Paid $217.20 Daily Double Pool $25,917
$1 Pick 3 (2-6-5) 3 Correct Paid $584.50 Pick 3 Pool $54,218
$1 Pick 4 (2-2-6-5) 4 Correct Paid $2,034.60 Pick 4 Pool $135,921
$1 Consolation Pick 3 (2-3-5) Paid $151.50

1. 1st mistake: Did not follow Mr. Bradshaw’s post of “Tip’s for Advanced Handicapping.”
2. Was playing simulcast races before post of 1st race at Santa Anita. Kept falling on my a@#’s with betting. Bankroll getting behind.
3. “Rowdy bunch” kept me losing my concentration.
4. THEN, I hit this race. SPOT PLAY. Lone Early and a Fighter. Bailed me out, Big time.
5. Had it 14 times. ONE HORSE BET.
6. Hit only 2 for 5 the rest of the day, then quit. Still W-A-Y ahead.
7. Mr. Bradshaw was RIGHT. “Spot Play” will turn a bad day to a good day; it CAN bail you out.
   1. Unless you are consistently hitting 50%, 60%, 70% betting ONE horse, say “Yep.” “Sure.” “I’ve read it.” “Heard you.” “You’re right.” “I agree.” “Still DON’T Got it.” Re-read, Re-read, then Re-read the Match-Up books and post again……and again…….AND AGAIN.
   2. Believe me, still have a l-o-o-o-o-o-ng way to go. But hey, seems like a good start. (P.S. If you are a player who has the Brass and Brains to either augment your living or make a living at the races, please disregard. These
comments are for us less talented Hard Learners, who aspire to have the
talent and choice to do what you can do,....... someday.)

03-02-2007, 08:53 AM
YES!

Tremendous hit man! $58.80 winner dispels the notion that the Match-Up just gets short priced winners ha?

Keep up the great work!

Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up - The gift that keeps giving!
I am going to show you something that took the Hat months to get me to understand.

This is Hat’s Voodoo. Some serious Voodoo at that.

The race I will put up ran couple nights ago. I called Jim up with about 10 minutes to post, sent him the pp’s and we both nailed the nice winner. I will describe what thoughts were in my head and then Jim will post up what he told me before the race ran.

Hopefully these 2 descriptions will help crystallize the picture for you. It took me about 4-5 minutes to work the race and, within 20 SECONDS of opening the race, Jim tells me who is going to win!

I am going to ask you for a favor. After you learn this, apply this and start winning races I want you to take the time to TEACH it to your son, nephew, daughter etc. Someone YOUNGER than you who you know likes racing.

Tell them you learned this from Jim “the Hat” Bradshaw from Tulsa, OK. The Master of the Matchup. “He taught me, I show you, later you show someone you know.” Then if they are interested show them this forum and turn them onto the 5 step approach.

This way Jim’s teachings can be passed on to younger generations in a very cool way. I think Jim would be very happy folks took the time to do this.

I guarantee with concentrated practice you will pick up on its unique requirements and start winning these races while others around you shake their head in disbelief.

WHY? Because in many of these races the FIRST horse thrown out is going to be the betting favorite! Don’t know why it happens like this but it often is the case.

This involves a certain makeup of the horse’s past performances. Something when you take the time to LOOK for it will be clear cut and trigger this very nice feeling inside that good things are a coming.

Give me a little while to collect both the pp’s and my thoughts then I will be back to post up the race pp’s.

Richie
Getting inside the “Hat’s” head

“Rich I like to sit and just watch races. All kinds of races.” - “The Hat”

“I watch when the gate pops what the horses DO. Some immediately charge to the front. You can see them looking around and they will do all they can to get the lead position. These are the BOSS horses of the race.” - “The Hat”

“Then there are others who when the gate pops look around and WAIT for others to take the lead. They are comfortable FOLLOWING the lead horses at the beginning of the race. You can SEE it in their eyes Rich. They will look around WAITING for the boss to take charge EARLY.” - “The Hat”

“After the gate pops I watch the horses settle into their positions. The ones who can NOT get their desired position stand out like sore thumbs. You can see ‘em looking around like lost sheep Rich. They are beaten right there.” - “The Hat”

“Jim I lost this race and what’s worse is it ran exactly how I thought and my horse got DESTROYED. No one wants the lead in the race Jim. I found the horse that was gonna get it by DEFAULT and he was fast. I bet him confidently, he got the lead uncontested and he got crushed.” - Richie P - April 2007

“When there is NO lead or boss horse crazy things WILL happen Rich. Someone HAS to take the lead and whoever that is AUTOMATICALLY is running OUT of their natural position. You can see them looking around thinking “like what is going on here.” They will do crazy things” - The Hat”

The race

If you want to learn this don’t go looking for the result online now. WAIT and follow along. Let the concept sink in with an OPEN and RELAXED mind.

PP’s of the field. Concept and work to follow

Today’s distance is 6f.

NOTE: See Mountaineer, 7/1/07, 5th Race.
Getting in the zone - Full treatment

When Hat works races he gets very quiet with himself through a form of meditation. He says it is a must for him and told me months ago I should try the same thing.

He made a CD of calming, chanting Cherokee songs and sent them here. Told me to play them on a low enough volume where the chants and rhythms would be barely heard but loud enough to be “heard” by the mind and soul.

I have done this for months BEFORE beginning to work a race or series of races and after the initial shock it is amazingly PEACEFUL.

Here is a link to Jim’s website. [http://home.att.net/~jimbradshaw/heal.htm](http://home.att.net/~jimbradshaw/heal.htm).

This is a healing, soothing chant he had me listen to before my CD arrived. I would listen to it a couple of times with my mind quiet then continue listening while I “looked” at the race. It is the chants that play on THAT page I am referring to.

I share this now with YOU as a show of respect to Hat and the Cherokee way. There IS something to its ability to “quiet” the mind so please feel free to try it.

We will get to the race details, workup in the morning. For now if you like listen to the chant as suggested and just RELAX and scroll the PP’s of the horses. Let your mind take in what it wants and just ENJOY the process.

RELAX. We are going into the “Hat Zone” and it is a PEACEFUL place to be.

“When the mind is quiet intuition comes to the fore” - The Hat

The Race - The Voodoo - My approach

I am going to explain MY way and thought processes when approaching these type races. Then Jim will come on and describe what he sees/does.

1) In these specific race matchups where NOBODY has shown they want the lead at the FIRST call I look for the horse most likely to take the early lead today and throw him OUT.

In today’s race when scanning the horses I figured the #6 Quiet Dare would most likely take the lead early on. Here are his PP’s again. Last race in mud had an excuse/big trouble at the start.
2nd and 3rd lines back against 22 second first calls he was fairly close at 1c. What got me hooked was in BOTH races he MOVED forward going to the 2nd call after facing those fast 1st calls.

Matched up against the rest of the horses in today’s race I felt the #6 was going to get the early lead.

“When there is NO lead or boss horse crazy things WILL happen Rich. Someone HAS to take the lead and whomever that is AUTOMATICALLY is running OUT of their natural position. You can see them looking around thinking “like what is going on here.” They will do crazy things” - The Hat

So the first 2 things I do are:

1) TOSS #6 out of the race as a WIN contender right now.

2) Keep his 22.0/22.1 first call pace of race in my head. I want to make sure my “other than early” selection is going to be fast and has shown something when he faced that same pace of race the 6 did. Looking for a positive REACTION in similar pacelines.

Look at the pp’s of the 6 horse, who I believe will take the early lead today, putting himself out of position and eliminating himself from consideration.

Take your time. Look at all the horses PP’s.

07-04-2007, 09:45 AM
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Next step for me is to go one by one through the field to find the true contenders.

I entered 22.0 first call in projected pace 1st call so each horse I come to I can QUICKLY see if he reacts well to the same pace the #6 elim faced.

We start with the 1 horse and move QUICKLY through the field. THIS is how I was taught. TRUST first instinct and act on it. Hat does the same thing with me when he works races only he does it SOOO fast it’s crazy.

Horse #1
Shows only 1 line against highlighted pace, finished 4th. That’s OK. Then looked at the horse’s last FIVE lines and see it is a horror show. Doesn’t know what it’s doing.

OUT
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 2

Faced the pace one time and that was in the mud 10 races back. Don’t like evaluating off mud and slop lines BUT he did well.

I keep him for now and mark last line to evaluate against other contenders.

IN

The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 3

Another who’s only race looks good against the 22.0 is a slop race. This one however had 2 chances after against slower times on fast tracks and did nothing.

OUT

The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse #4

Never faced 22.0. Slow ass horse.

OUT

The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 5

Faced 22.0 and FASTER pace twice. Both fast tracks. Both races REACTED well judging by in the money finishes in both.
Also last line shows QUICK positional move and is a tandem where he defeated the 9 horse.

So far the horse to beat in my opinion.

IN

07-04-2007, 10:00 AM
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 6

We have tossed as first elimination because he gets the lead today and is out of position..

OUT (at post time odds of 2/5). THIS is Hat Voodoo at work.

07-04-2007, 10:01 AM
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 7

Shows a decent race below against the 22. Last race shows nice quick move.

IN

07-04-2007, 10:03 AM
#8

Slow router.

OUT

07-04-2007, 10:06 AM
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 9

Never faced the 22 pace plus was beaten by the 5 in a tandem last race.

OUT
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

Horse 10

Ahows 1 sprint against the 22. Went backwards.

OUT

Chopping out contenders:

We have 4 to work with at the start.

First up we see the 2 and 7 raced together in a tandem with the 7 MOVING quickly ahead of the 2 by the stretch call of the tandem

Positions
#2) 5-5-3-3
#7) 6-6-2-2

7 beats the 2.

2 is now OUT.

We also remove the 1 horse who if you look back had that 1 good race against the 22 BUT who’s last 5 races were a horror show.

The 1 is now OUT
The Race - The Voodoo - My approach con’t

We are down to 2 horses, the 5 and the 7.

Two horse bettors stop here and win the race.

Match the two QUICK moving positional lines of the 5 and 7 against each other NOW if you are a 1 horse bettor.

#5) 6-5-2-2
#7) 6-6-2-2

WHO is ahead of the other???

The #5.
The Result

Here is the result chart for the race.

LOOK at what happened to the #6 when he finds himself OUT OF POSTION and running on the lead. LOOK.

He has no damn idea what the heck to do with the lead so he runs as fast as he possibly can and goes too fast too early.

You will see this time and time and time and time and time again IF you look for it.

There was a contest race couple of weeks back on the grass. SAME THING.

The 6/5 favorite was going to go for the lead today and hadn’t had it before. I told Hat before the race ran he was DEAD meat. SAME THING happened and he was crushed by the winner and place horse. All the folks betting him not understanding this idea are still wondering what the hell happened. We know what happened. He was out of position. Btw I LOST the race with my bet on the place horse.

You WILL see this time and time and time and time and time and time again IF you LOOK for it.

Jim will come on in a day or so and describe what he told me before the race ran. He will show you something that frankly I NEVER even thought of regarding the #5! Amazing.
This concludes my work in the thread. I hope I was able to convey this concept in a way that you can understand. THIS is VERY powerful.

When (not if) you start working these races and begin winning them YOU are definitely doing some VOODOO. Make NO mistake about it.

Richie Pizzicara

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**FIFTH RACE**

**Mountaineer**

July 1st, 2007

Value of Race: $10,900 Winner $6,522; second $2,180; third $1,090; fourth $545; fifth $327; sixth $216; seventh $109; eighth $109.

**Mutuel Pool $55,520 Pick 3 Pool $16,218 Perfecta Pool $56,645 Superfecta Pool $21,659 Trifecta Pool $65,558**

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**S2 PERFECTA 5-6 PAID $33.80**

**S2 SUPERFECTA 5-6-8 PAID $2,721.20**

**S2 TRIFECTA 5-6-8 PAID $190.60**

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07-04-2007, 10:34 AM

I have one question.

I see your emphasis on tandems. I’m uncertain why they should matter unless the tandem race in question qualifies under the 22.0 projected pace criteria that you set. If the tandem is in a differently run race, it would suggest a possible different outcome for each horse dependent on running style and ability against that kind of pace. I might be missing something, or be dead wrong, but I’m very curious as to your application of tandems.

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07-04-2007, 10:38 AM

“Tandems are to be used when they help you and discarded when they do not.” - Jim Bradshaw
Thanks for the reply. Your application of this method is very powerful and well thought out.

Your answer, quoting Jim suggests that I might be right. I would suggest that tandems are useful when the race suits your projected pace, and are not useful when the pace is radically different.

When we look at the #9 horse

Quote:

never faced the 22 pace plus was beaten by the 5 in a tandem last race

I can understand elimination by the 22.0 pace, which is fast at MNR for this level, but the tandem race was 22.9 which is a tad more customary of a pace, leaves me still curious.

Also, this leads to another question. If the horse never faced a 22.0 pace, and is more of a “sustained” type, should that matter, especially if the pace is out of sorts for that track/distance/surface par? It might be safe to suggest that the faster they go against the par, the more it benefits horses that are late in the field, much like it benefited the 5.

Best thing to do in my opinion is work many races yourself and let the results answer your questions. This way you are not relying on anything but yourself and what your results show.

If they show this method to not work applying it your way kick it to the curb.

If they show the method does work head to the bank and make deposits and thank The Hat. Not me. This is HIS matchup not mine.

Richie

Richie. Do you always use the last line to match the contenders.

NO but I DID work THIS race exactly as I described. Jim will describe his way later.

The Matchup is NOT rule based.
You can work the race anyway you see fit.

07-05-2007, 03:27 PM
Richie:

This analysis you presented appears to contradict an earlier principle of the Hat:

“We want to bet the horse that is closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race”
- Jim Bradshaw

Which one is it then?

I’m honestly confused????

07-05-2007, 04:39 PM
In the opening post to this thread I posted these 2 paragraphs:

“I am going to show you something that took the Hat months to get me to understand.

“This is Hat’s Voodoo. Some serious Voodoo at that.”

That is why THIS race type took MONTHS for me to understand. It is DIFFERENT.

Like a craftsman using certain tools for different jobs, that is what IS required here.

Also why four MONTHS have passed leading to this “Hat Lesson.”

I told Hat I WANTED to post it even though it might cause chaos for some initially. It is supposed to. This truly IS Voodoo.

WAIT til Jim comes on tomorrow and lays out what he did. I asked him NOT to water anything down and give the “FULL TREATMENT.”

Keep an OPEN MIND

Richie

07-05-2007, 08:42 PM
Okay, when do you NOT use it? This part of The Match Up is not clear to me, i.e., when to and when not to use the last line to match-up contenders.
Some guideline(s) would be much appreciated.

Regards,
Jon

07-06-2007, 08:57 AM
I have to answer your question in 2 parts. The SECOND part is the one that to ME is most important.

1) With practice and a focused effort, work the Match-Up without letting this mainstream stuff become part of your work. Stuff such as rules, recency, etc.

2) When your MIND is relaxed and QUIET it will “make the call.” By wrking hundreds of races in this environment your mind “will make the call.” This is INTUITION.

Richie

P.S. - If you use software a more rigid or systematic style of line selection/testing can be used to produce an acceptable “answer.” It’s all good.

07-06-2007, 10:06 AM
I think what Richie is trying to say here is that at this level there are not only no rules, but damn few guidelines. You use the last line except for when you don’t.

I’ve never been to culinary school, but have been commercially cooking for the better part of 50 years, mostly various ethnic specialties. The people I learned from don’t use cups, tablespoons, or even temperature measurements in their cooking.

I remember one old Mexican woman in South Texas years ago whose measurement units were one to three fingers, a small handful, large handful and whatever larger containers she happened to have laying around. Temperatures were slow fire and hot fire. You added ingredients when the consistency was right and served it when it was done.

The exact measurements and recipes are the work of cookbook writers and bean counters and the result of them is the standardized, homogenized pap that is our national diet in our fast food nation. The broad general knowledge is much easier to acquire, but it doesn’t produce masters.

What Richie is passing on from the Hat is process, thought and going to that special place. The details are too variable to be supplied in advance and are going to require you to make decisions depending upon the ingredients you are working with at the time. You
learn to make those decisions by making them over and over, getting them right and getting them wrong.

07-07-2007, 09:44 AM
Quote:

*The broad general knowledge is much easier to acquire, but it doesn’t produce masters.*

*What Richie is passing on from the Hat is process, thought and going to that special place.*

Exactly what I am trying to do. Pass along what Jim “experiences” when he works races and is teaching me.

Remember in school those flash cards? Here are some “Match-Up flash cards” if you will.

1) Intuition
2) Act Fast
3) Fast horses
4) Don’t look back
5) Positions
6) Quick move
7) 6.2 seconds
8) Early
9) Other than early
10) First call
11) Fighter
12) Quiet mind
13) Relax
14) FUN!!

Take care,
Richie
The ONLY adjustments that Jim has taught me in a little over a year of working with me are these:

1) Use 6.2 seconds (in fifths) per half furlong to equalize distances. Sprints, routes, dirt, turf, stakes, claimers, etc.

One of the most remarkable things I have seen to be honest. A UNIVERSAL adjustment.

It is amazingly accurate and allows one QUICKLY to equalize distances and get to the REAL issue of every race we work: WHO is the bet in this race.

example:

a) 2 contenders are being evaluated from 6f lines. The 3rd contender has as his “power line” a 5.5 race. final time of that line = 1:05. since 5f is 1/2 fur shorter than 6f you take the 6.2 seconds and add that to the 1:05 giving you a 6f matching line of 1:11.2

2) The “Backup” - Today is 6f and 2 contenders are being evaluated off 6f lines. 3rd contender has 2 lines that look good to you. 1st is from 6.5f and the 2nd is from 7f. Use the STRETCH CALL times from both those pacelines as they are taken at the 6f mark of the race. STOP the race there and evaluate using stretch call time and positioning.

This “Hat” method is called the “Backup” and is something he showed me EARLY ON in working with me. VERY early on to be honest so I strongly suggest this whole
adjustment process should be practiced over and over and over and over again until it becomes second nature.

The 6.2 seconds per 1/2 furlong and the “Backup” are the Hat’s unique ways of adjusting pacelines.

Richie
Remember, we do not use software and are not looking for running lines to enter, nor adjustments to make. We are looking for the winner in today’s race and we have no rules that must be applied.

The Hat

07-07-2007, 07:23 PM
This is voodoo. In the 12 years or so I have been studying the Match-Up, I don’t think I have ever been able to do anything quite like this. Most of the time I feel it is still way over my head, and there’s a lot that I just don’t comprehend.

Like Jim says, every race is different. It’s really very hard to determine which techniques to use in which race for every different situation. There is always some “fly” in the ointment. Sometimes I just get lost in the shuffle, and I don’t yet have the confidence to say, “Yup, there’s the winner,” which I know is what must happen to successfully apply this technique.

Nonetheless, it’s fascinating to read and think about.

I appreciate you sharing with us, Jim. You’ll always be number one in my book.

07-08-2007, 11:35 AM
Let me show you something that might help you to do some creative things with pacelines while not freaking out during the process.

Isn’t using adjusted numbers “Voodoo”? When a “fig maker” says a 1:10 line really is a 1:11 isn’t THAT Voodoo? What is he doing?

He is using some thing concrete (the ACTUAL time the horse ran RAW) and is adding things to it based on HIS opinion of what “should be.” So the fig makers make “Voodoo” lines EVERY day and folks use them and swear by them. Right?

So I say ANYONE that has used adjusted numbers is and has already trusted enough “Voodoo” in their racing that doing some “creative stuff” with pacelines should be NO big deal.

Key is to
1) Quiet the mind
2) Trust your first instinct and ACT on it.
3) Relax
I KNOW you can do this.

You just have to put aside the “mainstream’s thinking” that you can NOT change lines or manipulate things in horses’ past performances.

YES you can.

Then the first time you do it and the horse wins you can have that really cool feeling of your hair standing up on your arms! You KNOW you have just done something very special.

Take care,
Richie

P.S. - NONE of this can be done if the mind is not QUIET and RELAXED. None of it.

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07-10-2007, 05:59 PM
I get your point about manipulating things the way you want. You’re right, making adjustments, figs, all of it is in its own right some form of voodoo.

What I don’t get, and what I’d love to understand is HOW the Hat figured out these techniques in the first place. How did he come to these conclusions?

I’d like to understand the genius behind his particular brand of voodoo.

That’s what baffles me more than anything. How did he figure this stuff out?

Virtually no one else does these kinds of things--but they work.

Was it just experimentation? Trial and error?

It really is first level thinking at the highest order.

So simple, yet so very hard--otherwise everyone would be doing it. It would have been thought of by a lot of people long before.

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07-10-2007, 03:19 PM
Make the call

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RELAX, look around at this screenshot. THESE are contenders who CAN get to their comfortable POSITION.

Remember:
FIRST CALL = 49.2 on the out of position leader today (not shown yet).

Who is the WINNER among these contenders? Two horse bettors most welcome!

I told you earlier in this thread - “you will see this over and over and over and over and over again.”

I was not kidding man. All you have to do is LOOK FOR IT.

Deja vu all over again.

“Hat Helper” - READ Jim’s post about what he did and LOOKED for.

Result goes up Thursday. If you look before on “net” please don’t post it here so others can do their thing.

Thank you
Richie

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07-10-2007, 04:39 PM
First call

Did you establish the 49.2 as the 1st call because that’s the closest to the lead any horse had in his past performance between the 1/4 mile and 1/2 mile? Because I thought you start at the 1/4 mile for the 1st call in routes. In routes, does a horse’s position dictate his running style or is this at the 1/2 mile in routes? Looks like Prince is the fastest and closest, position wise and pace of race. He can come from 3rd back or 5th back and be competitive and in the money. Thanks Richie.
07-10-2007, 05:57 PM
YES.

You will see the pp’s on him after the result is up. I’m doing it this way because I want folks to FOCUS only on looking at a group of WIN contenders and then FOCUSING on:

WHO IS THE BET(S).

Btw Jim is VERY pleased with all this. He WANTS folks to understand IF they take the time to:

1) Get their mind quiet
2) Recognize REPEATING patterns
3) FOCUS on matching and NOT adjusting

They CAN match up horses and come to DECISIONS on who is the bet.

WHO IS GOING TO WIN.

That is what Jim wants to help folks with.

Richie

07-10-2007, 10:20 PM
Thanks Richie. These last few post by you and the Jedi-Master were killer. Before these posts, I thought POSTION was a mere fraction of the total component. Did not realize HOW MUCH and MAJOR a component it was; NOW, I look at positions and moves more seriously, and look at beaten lengths more subjectively. Looks almost like beaten lengths are in the ballpark, categorically speaking, like tandems. If they can help you use them, and if they can’t, disregard them. That last “Hat Trick” by Mr. Bradshaw was awesome. He simply used what the horse would normally do 9 out of 10 times for the 1st two calls: The horse always is in the back of the field, regardless of time, and maybe passes 1 or 2 horses between the 1st call and 2nd. His main move is after the 2nd call into the stretch and finish. Mr. Bradshaw seemed to look at what he did when he was the closest to the leader in one of his positive races, and attached that part to the part of the race where he normally makes his move, since he will be closer today. Very Advanced, and Incredible. Supreme Pace Analysis of the horse, itself, and its personality. What the horse will most likely do “in the real world.” If I’m right-handed and use it 98% of the time, if someone crowds my right, if 7 out of 10 times my record shows I’ll use my left if my right is crowded, I’ll probably use my left. Keep up the good work Richie, great presentations. Mr. Bradshaw is polishing you to a mirror finish. Your training is making us “better handicappers of reality.”
Originally Posted by RichieP
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Who is the WINNER among these contenders? Two horse bettors most welcome!

Well, only one horse has run to that 49.3 pace--Prince. The way I’ve been doing things, as long is his line is a decent one that’s enough for me.

His running position in that good race is 3 2 3 3. In his other race his running position is 5 3 1 2.

Now for me, the fact that he is the only horse who ran decently against the projected pace is enough. In fact, he ran slightly better than the projected pace. But if I read the thrust of this thread correctly I can take it a step further. I can now take the last two positions of his slower race and juxtapose those into his faster race.

So I take the last two positions of his 5 3 1 2 race and put those into the last two positions of his 3 2 3 3 race. So his new position is 3 2 1 2. And by doing this it makes him look even better. Much better in fact than any of the other contenders just by running positions alone.

In other words, since this is a paceless race he won’t be as far back, therefore you can use the last two positions of his slower race to see where he might actually run--I think.

I take that back. I went back and reread Jim’s explanation of why he changed the positions of the horse that eventually won, and frankly I’m still confused about the reasoning. My above reason is just a guess.

I’d really like to get a more in depth explanation of why you can change the positions (and or beaten lengths) from one race to another, and when, where and how it does apply. Once I get a better handle on that particular technique, I think I’ve got it.

Nice work EVERYONE!
Here is the horse I deemed to be the one setting the pace.

Kind of easy to spot here - sprinter stretching out.
Good Job Guys…

Once you have learned to work one type race using The Match-Up, you can apply the same principal to similar races. The Match-Up is “pattern recognition.” Try to learn different patterns that are applied to different types of races.

The Hat
Hello Jim and Rich:

I am having a problem. I seem to be betting sustained horses only when I work races with the Match-Up. I look for the best early, presser and sustained and ask myself, “Is this early good enough to go wire to wire? Who will stop him and who can pass them both?” I am kind of stuck on a feeling that the sustained horses will have late energy and they will pass the others. When I lose races it is mostly one of the EP or pressers that overtake the earlys. I feel most confident so far eliminating to slow earlys. I need to keep working races so I can look at the middle too.

The deceleration factor has been helping me. When I do different sprint distances, such as the 5.5’s to 7 furlong races, I am seeing that it is helping me avoid slow horses. Philly runs 5.5 - 6.0 - 6.5 and 7 furlongs so I can use the times raw since usually the lines are all from Philly.

Bill

Spoke with Jim about your post.

He suggests to look for horses position wise that are AHEAD of the deep, deep sustained types.

He gives this example:
Look for position 5-4-3-1 horses that will be ahead of the real deep 10-8-6-1 types.

Let me know if you understand and if it helps.

Bill

Here is a screen shot.

What Jim is saying is that if you are making a wager decision between the 2 guys shown here you might want to consider the 6 horse who POSITIONALLY is ahead of the 4 at the 1c and 2c.

The 4’s 1c-2c in the 2 races are 6/6 and 8/6.  The 6’s 1c-2c in the 2 races are 4/6 (yes lost position but gained 4 beaten lengths against an insanely fast 46.4 and 1:14.1 pace of race.) and 2/1.

The 4 is your deep, deep guy while the 6 is what you might be calling the “middle” guy.
This is Mnr Sunday night race 6. Look at the result chart and they pretty much ran this way. 6 was your “middle” with the 4 deep sustained.

This is only one example.

Here is the result chart. See how the 6 gets the jump on the deep sustained 5?

That is what Jim refers to. The pp’s before the race runs shows this to be a distinct possibility.

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**6th Race - Mountaineer Park - Sunday, September 2nd, 2007**

**Conditions:** 1 MILE CLAIMING FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 116 lbs.; Older, 121 lbs. Non-winners of a race at a mile or over since August 2 Allowed 3 lbs. Such a race since July 2 Allowed 6 lbs. Claiming Price $5,000.

**Purse:** $8,300 Value of Race: $8,300 1st $4,814 2nd $1,660 3rd $820 4th $415 5th $249 6th $166 7th $83 8th $83 Mutuel Pool: $47,383 Perfecta Pool: $39,264 Trifecta Pool: $41,841

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Perfect “Middle” lines

here is a screenshot of ALL lines that fit what Jim is suggesting you look for.

ALL these have that “look” of Other than early but NOT deep, deep sustained.

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Hi Rich and Jim

I won this race at the Meadowlands. I saw the 1A as the lone early.

Here are the PPs. The reg#1 and the 3 were scratched.

I projected the pace and made the running styles.

NOTE: See Meadowlands, 10/3/07, 2nd Race, scratch #1 and #3.

I saw the 1A as the lone early. Could it go wire to wire? Yes. Who could stop it? The 6 only in this muddy line.

Results: the 4 ran up with the 1A, the 1A took over and won easy. The 8 passed the 4 late for place. 1A paid about $6.00.
Thank You Jim.

I broke out your book The Match Up 2 and was reading your Spot Play chapter, Page 128 Hollywood Park race 8, June 7 2006.

I opened the race from the Meadowlands and worked it and saw I had a lone early, Just like Wynn’s Final Offer.
First off I have run this by Jim and have his OK to post this thread.

A little background is needed first.

I have been learning the Match-Up from Jim for approx 5 months. Learning it from the CREATOR only. I will say there are 2 key things that MUST be done to have ANY chance to actually become a successful “Matcher.”

1) Completely IGNORE trainer/jockey/class/layoffs/track bias. PERIOD.

2) MUST use the horse’s ENTIRE past performances shown REGARDLESS of how long ago some of the pacelines might be. This enables us to:
   a) match lines and overcome any track variant and shipper/track to track issues.
   b) identify strongly WINNING running styles and the POSITION at the FIRST call a horse can WIN from.

I posted the above because even doing this I was stuck in a win % range around 25-28% betting 1 horse for over 2 months. Jim kept telling me I should be MUCH higher. He was being totally sincere. He would keep doing races with me on the phone. He would tell me “something is holding you back Rich. We will find it.”

Ten days ago to be EXACT he found it and laid it out for me STERNLY. Very much a talking to for sure. NO nice-nice talk whatsoever.

This is EXACTLY what he told me. EXACTLY word for word.

1) “Rich I need you to HIDE the morning line odds when you work a race. I do NOT want you to see them. You have been a value better for a decade and that **** is ingrained in you whether or not you realize it. I have to break you of that and hiding the morning line is how to do it. When I go to the track and use the Form I NEVER see the ml. JUST the HORSE Rich. NOTHING else. Trust me on this ok?”

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2) “Rich I want you to ONLY bet races where you have the field narrowed to ONE horse you KNOW is going to win. What I mean is that even if the horse doesn’t win you KNOW that was the horse and you would bet him again. This also keeps you from going back and second guessing yourself after a losing race. This is VITAL to matching because INTUITION is a HUGE part of matching MY way and there is no room for second guessing here.”

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I only want you betting races where you have the field narrowed to ONE horse Rich. Leave the others alone and FOCUS on these races. SPOT PLAY them only.”

I am betting at 3/2 odds and higher. No exotics of ANY kind for ME. Guys like Charlie and Pino are doing good with the exotics which is terrific.

Jim also said that for TWO horse bettors narrowing a field to 2 is GREAT as the win bets are self evident. When the TWO horse bettor reduces to three then the “guessing” on whom to play rears its head again and he suggests PASSING is something to consider strongly.

In 10 days the change in my play and % is fantastic. I am a totally different and better Matcher. Read the thread topic again. I am being dead serious in what I wrote. DEAD SERIOUS.

I honestly do not know how Jim sees things and knows what will help but he does. He also gives of his time in a big way.

I post this hoping it will help someone the way it helped me. Just trying to pass along some of Jim’s teachings to me.

All the best and remember, “It’s just a dang horse race” - Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw

Stay cool,
Richie

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10-10-2006, 12:24 AM
Richie, is 2b a hard and fast rule? Are running styles only to be determined from wins? Thanks.

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10-10-2006, 03:42 AM
Running styles are taken from winning races or races where the horse ran its best.

Here is a screenshot of a winner last night at Mrn. His style is Sustained/Presser off the last two 5.5f races which is today’s distance.

Welcome to the board!
Richie
I got a nice email asking if the whole post was “needed” to match horses.

NO. So for clarity:

These 2 things ARE required to work the Match-Up Jim’s way.

1) Completely IGNORE trainer/jockey/class/layoffs/track bias. PERIOD.

2) MUST use the horse’s ENTIRE past performances shown REGARDLESS of how long ago some of the pacelines might be.

This part was Jim’s instruction for ME after seeing MY play and working of races. It is NOT essential or required to match Jim’s way.

IF someone is SERIOUS about learning the Match-Up and HAS been value betting (1 or 2 horses) for a long period of time the way I was, this IS something that you should at least seriously CONSIDER.

Rich

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NOTE: Five months later:

03-12-2007, 06:39 PM
I was reading some of the older threads here and came upon this one. This thread is five MONTHS old and a lot of learning, hard work, frustration and ENJOYMENT has occurred.

If you recall, I came clean and said that I was averaging about 25-28% wins at the start and Jim wanted to figure out both
1) Why?
2) How to increase it.

He spent a LOT of time helping me and taught me about the power of the SPOT PLAY which I have passed along.

He has set LOFTY goals for me from the start. So high that I kept asking him to STOP doing that because the pressure was hard enough as it was. I was being DEAD SERIOUS.

He never let up and kept driving his message home to me. He wants 50% winners betting ONE horse. He NEVER changes or relaxes this message. While I am NOT there yet I can actually “see” this as attainable where 3 months ago it was an impossibility. This is how POWERFUL the SPOT PLAY truly is.

Finally the realization dawned on me that the ONLY way to have a CHANCE to attain this goal would be to abandon ALL races except for those I saw as SPOT PLAYS.

So that is what I have done. I have changed my focus from that of a “General practitioner” to that of a “Specialist.”
This is an account I have at Brisbet set up for ONE spot play. I will show this one because it IS the highest win %. This is for the last 5 days and on two of those days I worked no races whatsoever. I also have learned that hard FOCUSED work also REQUIRES at least TWO days of REST a week.

At least that is how it is for ME.

So here are 3 days worth of ONE of my spot plays. 11 wagers over 3 days looking at minimum FIVE tracks a day. Betting ONE horse per race.

1) Game Plan - knowing where I am going and HOW to get there
2) Patience
3) Pattern recognition
4) Positive reinforcement by NOT looking back on lost races
5) Working races alone in a quiet meditative environment (soft music)
6) Belief in SELF

Happy birthday Jim.

Richie
Tandems & using first fraction for decision making in routes

I want to show you a race that I worked yesterday afternoon. It was the 2nd race from Mountaineer and I worked it 5 hours before the race ran.

This is a GREAT race because it showed the use of both tandems and using the first FRACTION in route races to make decisions on contenders and then wager decisions.

The “Great” part is that 5 hours later the race runs and the 7/2 winner and cold 80 dollar plus exacta comes in EXACTLY as it should with the only 2 horses who were the TRUE contenders for the win.

I’ll post full pp’s and workup later today.

Ciao
Richie

10-10-2007, 08:27 AM
Mountaineer race 2

Tandems for the race:
NOTE: See Mountaineer, 10/9/07, 2nd Race.

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OFF AT 7:26 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.
TIME 1:41, 1:41, 1:42
2 PERFECTLY QUICK ............ 9.60 5.00 3.60
5 TROUBLE BY THREE .......... 5.40
2 PERFECTA 2-6 PAID $80.20 2 TRIFECTA 2-6-6 PAID $496.20

First step is identifying the race shape. Early or other than early.

We have the 10 horse running early off last line at:
24.4 - 49.4 - 114.3 (I am converting the 10ths shown to 5ths ok?)
In his only other winning race he also went gate to wire so this guy needs the lead and in BOTH cases needed a 1½ length lead at first fraction to get the job done.

2 questions need to be answered:
1) can he get that lead today
2) is he fast enough to win if he gets it

I thought the 3 was going to go based on line 2. I saw he got killed in last race tandem with the 10. The race should run other than early.

*Note* even if you feel the 3 is not going early the 10 still is nowhere near fast enough to win as you will see.
So with this 1st step we have
1) Race shape for the winner - other than early
2) Quick eliminations of the 3 and 10 from further consideration

Second step is go through the field quickly and eliminate horses.

1 horse - Destroyed by the 2 in last race tandem. OUT

2 horse - Will reverse tandem finish with the 10 today because the 10 is already gone. Has beaten the 1, 3, 8 so they are all out. Last was 1st over track and shows some very strong lines from Cby, a faster surface than Mnr. IN

3 horse - Eliminated earlier in step 1. OUT

4 horse - Only 1 race here at Mnr and that was sprint. Comes from Hollywood which is fast track surface. Runs other than early. IN

5 horse - Shows win in last in kind of slow time. We will keep him and evaluate line 6 for him against the others. IN

6 horse - Shows 2 routes out of 10 races. 3 back against VERY fast pace of race where he rallied well and line TEN where he runs very well. Keep him and we will do some “funny stuff” or “voodoo.” IN

7 horse - Slow horse. OUT

8 horse - Slow horse. OUT

9 horse - Slow horse. OUT

10 horse - Eliminated in step 1 (race shape). OUT

Using the first fraction to matchup horses from strange tracks

*Hat helper* - “When matching up horses from strange/unknown/faster tracks go all the way to the LEFT on the past performance line and match em based on the first fraction Rich” - The Hat

Here is a “picture” of our 4 contenders. I want you to do 2 things with it.
1) Match up the 2 Mnr horses (5 and 6) and eliminate 1.

2) Matchup the 2 “strangers” (2 and 4). Keep the one that is going to be ahead of the other at the FIRST FRACTION. Forget everything else. Eliminate one of them.

Relax and look at the picture. Don’t have to post. Just WORK the “picture” as described above.

Then our crowded picture of 4 will be reduced to 2.

10-12-2007, 09:48 AM

The “Picture”

Looking at the previous screen shot or “picture” as Jim has taught me to call it:

1) Matching the “strangers” 2 and 4 we can see that at the farthest LEFT on the pp line the 2 is without question ahead of the 4 horse. So we will accept Jim’s teaching and accept the 2 and toss the 4.

2) Matching the 5 and 6 we see the 6 clearly is both ahead of and is faster than the 5. We accept the 6 and toss the 5.

Final two true win contenders are the 2 and 6.

Updated screen shot:
When you are comparing “other than early” horses like this, are you looking at distances comparable to today’s, like, if the line is 8.5 and today is 8.0, are you looking and stopping at the 8.0 mark and see if he is 1st, 2nd or 3rd?

Also, to find who will be ahead of the other, are you looking for the horse who is closest to the fastest 1st fraction who finished competitively at a distance comparable to today? Thanks Rich, this lesson is an eye opener.

I read everything you posted in the post. Let me show you EXACTLY how Jim teaches me.

Here are the 2 “strangers” (shippers from unknown/fast tracks).

Looking as far left on the pp line as you can and focusing on pace of race and position can you see that the 2 is ahead of the 4? Do you understand what I am saying?

Let me know please.
Thanks

Yes, the 4 positions are 7th and 10th running at 23.7 - 24.

The 2 positions are 3rd twice, 5th and 7th running at 22.6 - 23.6.

The 2 is definitely ahead of the 4. Good lesson Match-Up Guy.

The way you keep pouring on the steam, are you going to have anything left for the Match-Up Newsletter? Whatever happens, it’s ALL good stuff.

See what you just wrote above? THAT is EXACTLY what you need to do. You understand and worked the “picture.”

Listen, the term “picture” is NOW being introduced for a reason. This is once again straight from the Hat’s teaching. Please bear with me as this all has a purpose.

For now just begin thinking of this definition of a “picture”: A stacking or collecting of pacelines on a particular horse that when BLENDED together shows what the horse is capable of doing and from WHERE positionally.

Richie
This race just ran at Charlestown about 30 minutes ago. I gave Jim and my lady friend the horse that won before it ran and told both I just had a feeling man.

The horse won and paid 16 beans and I had my 20 spot on it.

Jim just TOLD me to post the race and then explain WHY I picked a horse to reverse a TANDEM where he had been beaten by almost 6 lengths. Also asked me to post my wager from Brisbet. So I am doing that now.

He challenged me to EXPLAIN why this horse was worth such a significant wager (for ME).

He told me to “show them Rich what you did. That’s the Match-Up.” I will post the full pp’s tomorrow and my workup and thoughts.

Screenshots:
1) My final “look” at the race.
2) Winning wager ticket from Brisbet.
3) Tandems showing the 2 beating the 4 by almost 6 lengths.
4) Result chart.
5th Race - Charles Town - Friday, October 12th, 2007

Conditions: 7 Furlongs Claiming, Accredited West Virginia Bred Three Year Olds and Upward which have Never Won Three Races. Three Year Olds, 120 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners of two races Allowed 3 lbs. Maiden Allowed 5 lbs. Claiming Price $6,000. For Each $250 to $5,500 2 lbs. (Winners Preferred).

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Pedigree: 3 Slavic’s Image, Ray Godling, 5 by Slavic – Lady of Grace by Thanks to Tony

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NOTE: See Charles Town, 10/12/07, 5th Race.

Charlestown step by step/ Projecting pace/True win contenders

Step 1:
I scrolled the race and saw that there were only 2 horses that were early: 4 and 8. I used the 4’s line from 2 back to proj pace that you see in the box on top of each screen.

If you notice ALL the races I have posted here NONE of them has a proj pace been carried all the way to the finish time. NONE of them. This is how I was taught from day 1 by Jim.

Now let’s start eliminating horses. We will accept as contenders only horses who have shown the ability to run a good race against both our 1st and 2c.

Once again my trusted friend the “COLORS” help knock this out quickly. Here we go.

Horse 1 - Lines 1,2,3,9 all “light up.” ALL are horror shows - OUT
Horse 2 - Our tandem winner shows line 2 - IN
Horse 3 - Nothing. Let’s not try to make a slow ass horse fast - OUT
Horse 4 - Our Proj pace guy shows line 2 “lit up” - IN
Horse 5 - Line 9 shows. Last 2 lines clearly show a different slow horse - OUT
Horse 6 - Line 3 shows. Horror show - OUT
Horse 7 - Nothing - OUT
Horse 8 - Used the last 2 lines that lit. This includes his power line - IN
Horse 9 - Nothing - OUT
Horse 10- Lines 6, 7, 9 show. Horror show - OUT

Contenders - 2-4-8
Evaluating early matchup

Step 2: Evaluating the early matchup.

First thing that hit me was seeing the 8 needed a 2½ length lead to WIN at the first fraction. Once again proper evaluation starts with the data to the furthest LEFT on the past performance line.

Immediately I threw the 8 out for the WIN when I saw the 4’s 1st fraction time and FIGHTING position. He is NOT letting that 8 get away.

The Matchup

Step 3

Two things came in my head quickly when I reduced to the 4 and 2.

1) The POWER MOVE on the 4 from 1c to 2c. After fighting he EXPLODES to a 5 length lead at 2c. So he buries his early competition (reminds me of him burying the 8 TODAY) then opens up like the beast he is.

2) THIS is the deciding one for ME that says “pull the trigger and fire.” I see the SECOND FIGHT at the stretch call of the 4’s race and realize that the horse who fought with the 4 at that point is NOT in TODAY’S race. I also see at THAT point of the 2nd fight the 2 is still almost 3 lengths back of the 4.

The tandem race: TWO horses ganged up on the 4 and fought him both early and late in the race.

TODAY there will be only ONE fight and that will be early on with the 8. The 4 will not let him get away, will FIGHT his ass and will have plenty of energy left to reverse the tandem finish with the 2 and win TODAYS race.

screenshots:
1) Final 2 win contenders
2) Focused intensity
Richie, doesn’t line 7 on the #8 show that he is much faster than the #4 horse? He could do the first quarter in 22.4 and the half in 46 and change. And there are also a few more lines where the #8 is faster at the first 2 calls.

I thought the 8 was the perfect example of an early horse unable to get on top of fractions lately that he could down below. So I never considered those deep lines with this horse in this race.

Richie
Matchup “Pictures”

“I use the entire past performances of the horse and make a mental picture of what he can do today. Then I go horse by horse and evaluate each one’s picture to find my horse in THIS race.” - The Hat

“Let your eyes look at the whole 10 lines showing for a horse. When you do this in a relaxed state a mental picture of the horse’s capabilities will form in your mind. After seeing all the horse’s pictures the winning race shape of early or other than early will show itself to you.” - The Hat

Let me show you how we can start using “picture taking” to help us win races.

**This is going to involve creative thinking, NOT rule based thoughts. I would like to show 2 complete races before anyone replies. This is very important. Jim did the SAME teaching process with me. It works.**

You CAN do this.

Example 1 - Route with early sprinter influence

Jim has taught that this type race often goes other than early.

Here is the early picture of today’s contenders grouped together and shown individually. Note the sprinter influence and the fact that NONE of the lines shown together are WINS.

Good chance we might have a very nice O.T.E. result.
Screen shots:
1) The 1, 2, 3 showing multiple lines stacked together for evaluation.
2) Individual pp’s for the horses shown.

This is the “early picture.” Relax and look around a bit at all screen shots. Does anyone appear to dominate? If the answer is no we have our answer to the WIN style for this race. It’s the horse NOT shown here. The other than early horse.

NOTE: See Hoosier, 10/18/07, 8th Race. Scratch #9.

10-19-2007, 11:24 AM

Example 1 - Route with early sprinter influence

After seeing the early picture is NOT the winning one we simply throw the whole lot of them out and change the picture to O.T.E.

Now here is that picture for evaluating.
1) Numerous WINS.
2) Strong Power Moves.

Scroll back and forth between the early and O.T.E. “pictures.” Which one do YOU want to be a part of? THIS is how you approach EVERY race you work.

Screen shots:
1) OTE grouped together.
2) Individual pp’s on them for evaluation.
Result chart of the race.

EIGHTH RACE
Hoosier Park
October 18th, 2007

1 MILE. (1.334) CLAIMING. Purse $5,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON TWO RACES IN 2007. Three Year Olds, 110 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners of a race at a mile or over since September 16 Allowed 3 lbs. Such a race since August 16 Allowed 5 lbs. Claiming Price $4,000. (Cloudy 72)

Value of Race: $6,000 Winner $5,400; second $1,500; third $900; fourth $450; fifth $90; sixth $90; seventh $90; eighth $90; ninth $90.


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OFF AT 8:57 Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.
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7: GATOR GAS ................. 7.80 3.40
8: TONDI ...................... 2.80

$2 Mutuel Prices:
S2 EXACTA 5-7 PAID $73.40 S2 SUPERFECTA 5-7-8-4 PAID $1,097.40

11-11-2007, 01:30 PM
Example 2 - fastest horse in the race

LOOK at the pp’s for each horse. Just let your mind see them. Let it “take a picture” of each horse.

WHO is the fastest horse in the race?

1) Scroll each horse and notice pace of race, position, etc.
2) Who is FAST?


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11-11-2007, 09:10 PM
Richie, I saw the result but wouldn’t you take into consideration

1)Where the 2 looks the best is at CD which is a faster track.

2)If you compare the 2 and 7 from their KEE lines the 7 is faster.

I guess looking at just the form for all those years old habits are hard to break.

11-12-2007, 05:44 PM
I thought that the 2 was the fastest horse in the race regardless of today’s track. Those CD lines (combining pace of race with positions) on the winning 2 blow everyone out of the water.

Try comparing the 7’s 2 CD lines with the 2’s CD lines.
Other than early

The following 3 races I sent to 3 members here before the race ran. All I told them was that the winner would be other than early. All 3 races ran other than early.

I am posting them here now for you to work if you choose to. Remember we only get good at pattern recognition by PRACTICE. We can’t pick the winner using the Match-Up if we don’t know how the race should run.

This first race has the early sprinter in a route race pattern. I will post full pp’s. Then after the last horse is shown, I will post a warning to not continue unless you are ready to see the result. Result chart will follow.

If you get yourself quiet and relaxed and “take in” these race shape patterns you WILL see them repeat over and over and over. Guaranteed.


STOP here if you do not want to see the result chart yet. STOP

Next post will have the result chart for the race just posted up
Result chart for the above posted race.

SIXTH RACE
Hoosier Park
November 1st, 2007

1 MILE. (1.334) CLAIMING. Purse $5,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HA
NEVER WON FOUR RACES. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 123 lbs. Non-winners of a race a
mile or over since October 1 Allowed 3 lbs. Such a race since September 1 Allowed 5 lbs. Claim
Price $5,000. (Clear 45)
Value of Race: $9,000 Winner $5,400; second $1,800; third $900; fourth $450; fifth $180; sixth $90; sevent $90; eighth $90. Mutual Pool $48,640. Pick 3 Pool $2,715. Exacta Pool $30,819. Superfecta Pool $17,478. Trifecta Pool $33,390.

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NOTE: See Mountaineer, 11/2/07, 7th Race. Scratch #1, 7, 9.

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4-JET BLACK CADI ............. 3.80 2.40
5-ONLY ONE KING ............. 2.60

$2 PERFECTA 8-4 PAID $110.60 $2 TRIFECTA 8-4-5 PAID $387.20

11-05-2007, 09:40 AM
3rd Race

Here is the 3rd race sent.

NOTE: See Hoosier Park, 11/4/07, 8th Race.

11-05-2007, 09:43 AM
Race 3 con't

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Race 3 con’t - Result chart

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Note: See Golden Gate, 11/21/07, 6th Race.

11-22-2007, 11:40 AM
OTE

Richie,

Would you please consider handicapping another OTE race? Golden Gate Nov 21, race#6. The winner, #8 Bag Guy, paid $82.00.

NOTE: See Golden Gate, 11/21/07, 6th Race.

11-23-2007, 09:28 AM
11/21 GG

Step 1 - Projected pace.

To me it looks like the 1 and 3 are going to go for the lead in about a 22.0 - 45.0 pace.
Step 2 - go through field looking for horses that can compete against 22.0 - 45.0.

Horse2 - Got destroyed by the 1 in last race tandem - out.
Horse4 - A deep, deep closer. - out.
Horse5 - Slow ass horse - out.
Horse6 - Last 2 races horse has changed his style to that of a pig - out.
Horse7 - Slow - out.

Continuing:
Horse8 - Slow and was beaten by the 9 in last race tandem - out.
Horse9 - Lines 2 and 3 show he can’t keep pace with today’s Proj pace - out.
Horse 10 - Here is my horse. Lines 1 and 3 show a fast horse against today’s pace - IN.
Horse 11 - Another who has changed his style to that of a pig. - out.

Here is the final mix for me. I see the race going other than early and the 10 as my bet.

Screenshots of that plus the result chart:
### SIXTH RACE

**Golden Gate Fields** (64)

**November 21st, 2007**

**Value of Race:** $11,410 Winner $5,700; second $1,600; third $1,140; fourth $435; fifth $435; sixth $300; seventh $300; eighth $300; ninth $300; tenth $300; eleventh $300. **Mutuel Pool $173,583 Pick 3 Pool $18,000 Daily Double Pool $7,416 Exacta Pool $115,869 Quinella Pool $6,000 Superfecta Pool $79,600 Trifecta Pool $11,164**

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**OFF AT 3:22** - Start Good. Won driving. Track Fast.

**TIME:** 2:21.3, .445, .573, 1:104

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A Hat special

Look at the power lines for this race that just ran.

Jim went racing today and he is ALL over this horse like a fat rat! I happened to speak with him earlier this morning.

His favorite type of horse. An early FIGHTER.

Screen shots
a) Power lines
b) Result

01-21-2008, 09:14 PM
Why there is only one “Hat”:

I just get off the phone with Jim. Let me set this up for you.

1) He went today and bet like 6 tracks at the simul joint by him.
2) He brought home NO pp’s of any kind.
I call him up 30 minutes ago because I am working Oaklawn’s races from this afternoon. I didn’t play there, had no idea the results. Figured I’d work em, mark a horse in each and then watch the replays to see how I did.

Anyhoo I work the first 3 races. From them I lose the first, lose the 2nd and hit the 3rd (7/2).

Reason I call is I remember him telling me months ago to be careful at Oaklawn of horses from tracks like Remington (Rp), Blue Ribbons (Brd) and Will Rogers Downs (Wrd). I wanted to double check before I finished the card and rang him up.

After I tell him why I am calling he tells me “Rich I played Oaklawn and hit the first 2 there. I had the double that’s why I remember.”

I say to him “you hit those first 2? OK, very nice Jim.”

Here is THE reason for this post:

He tells me to open the 1st race. I do. He starts telling me to go to the winner and look at line 6. I do what he says and after he tells me a couple things bout the line and the horse he moves on to the horse that I had bet and lost on in that race. Again he tells me to look at this and look at that about the horse which I do and he is right on about the things he is showing me.

Then we move to the 2nd race and he starts doing the same thing with me. Getting VERY specific with details both about the winning horse and other horses in the race. I am talking like specific lines, tracks etc.

We move to the 3rd race. The race I hit but had NOT told him who the winning horse was. He tells me “Rich, I didn’t bet that race but I remember working it. There was a horse that had power lines from both Fg and Rp that was fast and I liked. He was a fighter and the Rp line was down in the pp’s. That is the horse I liked Rich but didn’t bet the race.” The ONLY horse in the race that matched what he described was the winning 7 horse at 7/2!

Suddenly it dawned on me that he had NO pp’s while he was doing these races with me! I told him that and he said “Rich I just remember things good when i am in the zone.”

I started freaking out with him a bit. lol.

HOW could someone remember with such precision and detail races with no reference in front of him? Also, someone who literally plays EVERY track and race running. Think about that seriously for a minute. All this at 76 years of age.

I just said to him “Hat, that is why you are you, isn’t it bud?”
He said “Yes.”

Blew my mind again! He has no clue I am posting this so when he sees it he will probably laugh.

01-22-2008, 02:48 PM
Wow. That’s incredible. Still more to learn, Rich.

Was there new stuff he showed you about the lines he went over with you or stuff you simply missed?

Probably advanced stuff one has to be at a certain level to use. Good post.

01-22-2008, 03:21 PM
Actually very basic stuff. When I get in bad spells it’s because I over analyze stuff Voodoo.

Jim gently (sometimes not so gently) nudges my ass back to BASIC matching concepts.

1) Who is fast?
2) Early/Other than early
3) Fastest pace last race
4) Fighters
5) Spot Plays
6) Quiet

He keeps pointing out that without #6 being present matching horses is an exercise in futility and will lead to a losing session of play. He’s 100% right. Ask me how I know.

01-23-2008, 09:38 AM
Richie,

What was the Hats reason for telling you to be careful about horses from RP, BRD, & WRD? Just curious.

01-23-2008, 06:00 PM
Jim is going to explain himself what’s up with the above mentioned tracks. Give him a couple of days to pop on here.
Paceline is everything.

I have learned a lot reading these posts, I wish that I had access to this info 15 years ago, maybe then I wouldn’t have spent 10,000 hours finding that magical super rating that will predict the races. Which I doubt ever existed. Yes there are a finite number of ways you can combine internal fractions.

My conclusion:

Horses run against other horses. The horses they run with and against will determine their chances today. The mixture of runners in today’s race will either benefit a horse or inhibit him. Select the best mixture of the horses’ pacelines in today’s race and you will see the winner.

Observations.

Reading Richie’s instructive material has lead me to a few observations.

1. Paceline selection selects the contenders in today’s race. Paceline selection is the key to a winning method.

2. Ratings are not a requirement of winning. You can win without them if you choose to. None of his examples use anything except the pace of race times and the horses running position.

3. Removing all the clutter of excess non-important data clears your thinking and makes it easier to see the race. In his examples he pulls out only the selected pacelines of the contenders. Everything else is out of sight, out of mind. Sometimes less is more.

4. Having a structured approach doesn’t prohibit your mind from being creative in looking at a race.
I broke my maiden playing OP and learned in years past to ignore horses from cheaper tracks. Sure, they win sometimes, but in reality cheap horses win cheap races. (This applies to other tracks.) Always look “deep” into the past performances and find tracks where the horse has won. If the horse is from BRD and has never run competitive at OP, chances are the will not win today.

The Hat
Fighters and their power

Hat has always emphasized these guys to me with the multi-call ones being extra powerful.

Amazing how this remains prominent in his mind when teaching while virtually everything else “evolves” into other things.

From the bullring at Charlestown last night here is an example.

This winner is also a complete lone early being the ONLY horse in the race to have the lead at first call in a sprint structure. The ONLY one.

Look what happens when there is nobody to fight the guy TODAY. Check the result chart.

Screenshots:

1) PP’s of the winner.
2) My contender “look.”
3) Result chart.
Hi Richie. What mental adjustment do you make for the first call at CT when you are matching with horses that come from other tracks? I know that CT has 2 turn sprint races. (IS 23.1 FIRST CALL CONSIDERED REALLY REALLY FAST AT CT?)

At Churchill I usually give a mental adjustment of 2 ticks for sprints that seem to be really fast at the first call.

Amazing you ask that Emilio. I have told Hat for months that a 23.0 first fraction at Charlestown sprint is lightning fast. Comparable to like a 22.0 at track like Philly, etc.

So yeah, a 23.1 at the bullring is VERY fast.
I’m gonna put the whole race pp’s up.

Take a peek at what I said in opening post about this winner being the ONLY horse to have taken the lead at the first call in ANY races showing at the sprint structure. Check the pp’s.

REMEMBER this going forward. You WILL come across it again. Potentially nice situation for us matchers. If we can grab 1/3 or even 1/4 at decent prices there is money.

Then factor in the fighting spirit he has shown.

02-03-2008, 01:15 AM
Richie,

Would you mind posting a few before race examples of this concept with screen shots?

I for one, would like to see this concept in action,

02-03-2008, 09:27 AM
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REMEMBER this going forward. You WILL come across it again. Then you can decide if it something that is valid to keep as a “tool” for your kit.

If it has value for you keep it. If not throw it away like yesterday’s trash.
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Deja vu all over again

Yesterday at Aqueduct there was ONE race and ONE horse on the card that was a complete lone early as described earlier. Another blowout occurs.

Going to put up the full pp’s for the race.

Then it is “No mas aqui.”

NOTE: See Aqueduct, 2/3/08, 8th Race. Scratch #3 & #6.
Horses that fit prior to post

Richie,

I understand the concept and your examples display the process adequately, but posting some examples prior to post time is really the proof of the pudding.

Would appreciate you sharing some pre-post time examples, to see just how effective this concept really is.

REPLY:
** Sorry man. Don’t pick horses to validate anything I post. If you “understand the concept and my examples display the process adequately” then the ball is in your court to validate and/or toss as you see fit.
1) is it track specific?
2) is it distance structure specific?
3) is it totally without merit?
4) is it a usable tool for me to look for?

All these and other questions need to be answered by YOU. Otherwise it’s the same old “do me something.” I am NOT selling anything. Software, data files, books, newsletters, tutoring, NOTHING.

So use it or lose it. Just don’t hold your breath waiting for me to pick horses to “prove” something. *** - RichieP

I support Richie P’s response. I just would like to know though why you need it before the race? Are you doubting the methodology or are you looking for a “TIP”? If you follow what he is showing us, you will know before the race. I have been using “The Match-Up” since 1991. It works when I work at it! Understanding the concept is most important and Richie P is giving it to you... Listen up!

Just seems to me, an idea tested and developed on races that have already ran, requires validation of its effectiveness and success in future races prior to knowing the outcome. And displaying said testing requires no more time than finding a past race that supports your ideas.

Sorry if I stepped on anyone toes, but personally I see no reason for sarcastic remarks and believe me, I certainly don’t need your or anyone else to give me a “TIP”!!!
Anyway, Richie, thanks for sharing the idea, and as you suggested I will do some validation on my own.

Bill

02-04-2008, 05:58 PM
The Problem with doing live races is that if that race doesn’t produce the winner it will receive the “it doesn’t work” statement. Even doing several live races may not provide you with the answers you are looking for. It could take several HUNDRED live races to validate a method.

If someone really needs the LIVE handicapping experience they need to sit down at the track with their instructor for several weeks, maybe months to validate anything.

The most important thing is to learn what you can here and incorporate it into YOUR own PERSONAL method, which may be a little different from what you read what someone else is doing. Their is no way I ever will do the matchup like HAT or Richie, because my thinking processes are different from theirs, but I can make it my own unique method which may be successful for me.

02-04-2008, 06:37 PM
Bingo!

Honest to goodness there is no way I will EVER match like the Hat either.

Having said that, we CAN pick up on key concepts of his and use them to help us as individuals looking at races.

Also a LOT of what he teaches will not be seen by databases/computers in years to come, which is a good thing I.M.H.O.

Richie

02-04-2008, 06:28 PM
The man who’s name is on this area is not happy with what he is reading here and in a couple of other threads. This is not directed at any one person, believe me.

Now the following needs to be said:
Jim has asked me to relate my learning of concepts from him here in this forum. I have been as brutally honest as I can relating both the ups, downs and everything else associated with learning something new.
Everything I have posted here in this forum is a “Hat concept” learned from him through one on one teaching over the past 18 months or so. EVERYTHING.

I have added NONE of my own stuff to his teachings outside of individual race examples that I feel show what he was teaching me.

EVERYTHING I have passed along here:
Fighters
Early/Other Than Early
Spot Plays
Lone Earlies (includes both speed of speed early and the absolute lone early here in THIS thread)
Fastest pace last race
Tandems and when they reverse
Power Moves
Power Lines
1st Call
Matching earlies at the 1st call
Using whole pp’s to evaluate instead of adjusting pacelines

ALL have been shown here EXACTLY as he related them to me.

What is left for us as individual “matchers” is to:
a) interpret
b) apply
c) evaluate
the techniques and concepts he calls “The Match-Up.” This certainly includes myself.

No two people are going to have the same results using these ideas/concepts. What is a money making area for Don or Joe might be a losing prop for me and vice versa. It is supposed to be this way. It’s a conceptual methodology and NOT a systematic one.

Jim never charged me a fee for teaching me, wanting someone instead to pass on some of what he does to future generations of serious minded players. That is what you are seeing here in HIS forum.

Are folks being helped?

I KNOW the answer to be yes from both posts here and private messages shared with Jim. The overall winner of most money in the recently concluded contest threw a shout our way “down here in Hat Check land” and credited some techniques learned here with helping him.

The most fulfilling note came privately from the other gentleman who swept BOTH prizes on day 2 in an awesome display of winners and PRICE. I called Jim and relayed it
to him and let’s leave it at this: It made ALL of what we do here worthwhile and then some. Coming from a very humble/quiet man it humbled me. I am serious.

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Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup is over 90% MENTAL preparation/focus and less that 10% “technique.”

So here is to “Good matching.”

Take care,

Richie

02-05-2008, 02:22 PM
Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP

a) interpret

Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup is over 90% MENTAL preparation/focus and less that 10% “technique.”

Richie

Consistent recognition of Match-Up patterns (Lone Early, OTE, Fighters, etc.) in virtually an unlimited and varying chaos: The Race - layoffs, changing running styles, inconsistent running style, inconsistent distance, inconsistent potential of traits yet revealed, preference of surface yet revealed, pragmatic potential of definitive trait vs. happenstance, etc.

In other words, define a solid trait, positive or negative in at least (1) call, groups of calls, distance, surface, track, etc., in which you are so positive in that decision that you are right 8-9 out of 10 times of eliminating the beast.

The biggest interpretation of the Match-Up, to me, is this:

“The Match-Up: MASTERING THE ART of ELIMINATION.”

Every pattern Richie presents and hammers seems to “continually raise the bar” in a given race, with casualties at each application of The Hat’s guidelines, until only 1 or 2 horses remain.

Which horse can go thru this meat grinder and still come out alive and survive?

The Match-Up: seeing reality BEFORE reality is born and fleshes out.
Which makes physical reality second and the moment a thought comes into existence in the mind the FIRST reality.

I think this is another meaning when Mr. Bradshaw say’s, “this race has already been run.” Pattern Recognition.

But anyone that doesn’t need a past performance, just the name of the horse, *if that*, and most of the time get the winner, has pierced beyond the boundaries of Pattern Recognition.

02-04-2008, 02:51 PM
Hi Richie. Did you play the 3rd race at Aqu yesterday? That was a real bomb. I saw that he was the lone early. It was a difficult one to see. He did the first fraction in 22.2 and the first call in 45.1 BUT THIS LINE WAS FROM A ROUTE RACE and this race was a sprint. When I saw this, I knew no one could have caught him or even be close at the top of the stretch because horses like that can set slow fractions. (I remember the Hat saying that if a horse has a nice clear lead, a horse with a good final fraction will not beat these types of horses.

**NOTE: See Aqueduct, 2/3/08, 3rd Race, PP’s and Chart.**
Match-Up Positioning

Don P. on the other thread made a statement, “...actual positioning.”

RichieP stressed that to no end, sprinkled with some “intuition” on what a line says vs. what a horse, in reality, is going to “actually” do, or, as he likes to say, “feel.”

1) **Late horses** - are an example of reality. No matter how fast or slow the pace, they are almost **always** at the back end of the pack, and only win, as Mr. Bradshaw says, “when every horse in the race stops and waits for him to pass him.” Adjustments, and/or moving him up in position based on 1st fraction velocity would not, for the most part, constitute his “actual positioning” in the real world, what most likely would happen, unless every horse in the race, used up all his energy.

2) **1st call** - Richie once mentioned, I think, that Mr. Bradshaw is aware of the starting positions of various distances and tracks. A starting position of a 5 furlong race to the 1st call vs. a starting position at 1 1/8. Without adjustments, where are their “actual positions” to the 1st call to begin the Match-Up if today is 7½ furlongs or 1 mile and 70yards? Now that’s where Richie’s and Mr. Bradshaw’s posts come in with looking at multiple lines, doing two Match-Ups with mixed distances, surface, and picking the best horse out of group of one track vs. another track, etc.,

Makes for deeper study.

VoodooFan

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Move

I think I’m starting to see it.

It’s always been a dark cloud in my confidence that my horses are too far back at the break - first call, 2nd fraction.

I would be watching the race and my horse would be way far back. It would move up 6th - 5th - 4th. but by the top of the stretch they would be done.

Looking at many lines and seeing what a horse needs to win is helping me

I’m starting to see the Pace of the Race in my lines.
The important factor as you are matching up positions with times is that at some point you have to see the weakness of the race, contenders will start to appear...

That’s that thing that most attracted me to The MatchUp in the first place, listening to Mr. Bradshaw toss horses as he goes thru the form faster than 42nd Degree Aikido Master.

To me, the most attractive part of the Match Up is in its Art of Elimination and solid reason to eliminate.

Example

Just lost a practice race.

Talking about “WEAKNESS,” and a stupid mistake.

Horse attributes/positive:
1) Won 4 in a row
2) Pure Early
3) MUST go wire to wire (must be 1st at EVERY break call)
4) Needs at least a 1 length lead at 1st call (23, 23.1)

Didn’t consider negatives:

1) Any sprinter or horse anywhere that can possibly break faster, no matter what his shape.
2) NOT a proven fighter. In fact, has NEVER fought.

VoodooFan

I don’t have a 10,000 race data base but from looking at a LOT of races, concerning positioning, when predicting who will be where in the pack of today’s race I will look at how many times they have this position in their last 10 races. Horses who have had the lead 6 times will with few exceptions lead a horse who has only had the lead 3 times. The same goes for mid and back of the pack. A horse who has been in last position in 6 out of
his last 10 races will be last in today’s race if the other horses have each been last less than 6 times.

Note. Comparing sprint vs. dirt, you have to move up far back sprinters when comparing route pacelines. For example, sprint 6th position may move up to a route 2 or 3 position.

02-14-2008, 06:15 PM
The Break

Quote:
…you have to move up far back sprinters when comparing route pacelines. For example, sprint 6th position may move up to a route 2 or 3 position.

One would think this is the case, and it is most of the time. You can’t win all races.

For instance, the GATE position at 1 mile to the 1st call: Sprinter vs. Router.

You would think the sprinter would at least BREAK fast and ahead of the router most times, and he usually can. But most times he is BEHIND the router at the 1st call, and sometimes even at the break.

I wonder if a study on horses BREAK habits is in order.

From what I understand so far, the BREAK is used only to see if the Early horse can pass horses to be 1st at the 1st call AND win the race.

I think that’s what the term “WIRE TO WIRE“ means.

From what I understand also, if a Route horse is 2nd at the Break call (23), he ceases to be Early, unless he shows he can be competitive and/or win from that position.

A sprinter breaks from a longer chute, while a router with 1 mile experience is familiar with breaking on a turn.

I see a good percentage of routers:

1) Out breaking sprinters, before sprinter takes a brief lead
2) Sprinters out breaking routers, before router takes lead

You would think in both scenarios, the route horse would be hurt, but sometimes, the sprinter does not affect the router, and the router goes on to win the race, or an Other Than Early horse wins, that you left out because his 1st fraction didn’t meet projection, but your 1st call projection that the sprinter would force the router to run was WRONG.
If a horse BREAKS position 2nd before 1st call at 21.2 and the best break is 4th at a 22 before hitting the 1st call, isn’t there some influence?

Isn’t the BREAK half the distance to the 1st call? Isn’t that significant?

Can be very frustrating.

VoodooFan

02-14-2008, 06:52 PM
TO VOODOO...... I really don’t use where a horse breaks until I need it to establish the pace of the race. I only look for the ones at the two furlong call. As for routers taking the lead on sprinters, the way to start seeing that before the race is to qualify the speed and see if they have ever given up the lead in a sprint or route. Some of these horses are “pretend” lead horses and routers can take the lead if they want it.

02-15-2008, 12:42 AM
Good stuff to think about. Thanks.

VoodooFan

02-15-2008, 04:24 AM
Sam Houston 2-15 race 2....... I don’t know how to load the pps. Maybe someone can do this.

I have noticed that looking at how many times a horse has run at a particular position in the pack, you can fairly reliably predict where he will be positioned today i.e. you can predict the position of a horse after 2 furlongs. This is useful if you wish to eliminate horses that you see may be too far back at the beginning of a race.

I see all field sizes as if they had 10 entries it makes it easier. So if a horse exits a 5 horse field and he is in 3rd his position is equivalent to being 6th in a 10 horse field (pretty much in the middle of a field). First is always 1st, no matter the field size.

The breakdown of today’s horses, i.e. the positions they hold the most often. I group them 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10.

1. 9 races is 1st or 2nd, 1 race 3-4.

2. 6 races is 9-10th, he is mostly last or 2nd to last
3. 3 races 5-6, 3 races 9-10th

4. 7 races 1-2, 1 race 3-4th

5. even thru ought

6. 3 races 3-4th position, 2 races 5-6th position

7. 4 races 1-2, 4 races 3-4th positions

8. 4 races 7-8th positions

9. 4 races 5-6th position, 2 races 7-8th position

10. 4 races 9-10th position, 3 races 7-8th position

11. 8 races 1-2 position 1 race 3-4

12. 6 races 3-4th position.

First call prediction the # 1 horse will be the leader. The # 2 horse will be last after 2 furlongs. The predicted position of all the horses top to bottom, with the bottom being last after 2 furlongs:

1 11 4 7 12 6 5 9 8 3 10 2

See what happens when the charts are done. Usually using this position only, I will get the top half and the last 3 bottom feeders right. This is still a work in progress, but it is another way of looking at predicting position. If a horse has a troubled trip at the gate this will effect his position, no one can predict trouble.

Mike
Here are the pp’s for your race mentioned above.

NOTE: See Sam Houston, 2/15/08, 2nd Race. Scratch #3 & #6.

Sprint not hurting Router

Richies 8 month update - 5th key spot play : Lone Early - 1st Example race:

Divide--Aqu--8.5d--24.1--48.2--112.9--145.5  1[1.5]-1[2.5]-1[hd]-3[2.5]
Dodge--Aqu--6.0d--23 -46.3 --58.9 --111.9  3[2.1]-3[1.6]-2[hd]-1[hd]
Nine - Aqu--8.5d--24.1--48.4 --114.2--146.6  4[4.6]-1[.5]-1[hd]-1[1]

I would suppose “proven fighter” or “proven challenger” does NOT apply to Dodge, a Presser that’s “BEHIND” the Boss and behind the Early Presser.

Although penalizing him with even 4/5ths at the 1st fraction would “mathematically” have him at least tied, or challenging for the lead. Coupled with that 46.3 as compared to a 48.2 EASY lead.

GATE start positions for various distances + Running Style + Past Performance Positions = “Actual” Position ?? (Reality)?

VoodooFan

Mixed Results

Now that the results are in, looking at just frequency of a horses position after running 2 furlongs and its predictability of today’s position.

I predicted that the #1 horse would lead and the #2 would be last at first call, with the rest in the following positions to the Right I will post the actual order at the 2 furlong mark, with the leader on top and the horse in last at the bottom.
The complete misses were the 12. I had the 12 at position 5. He was last at the first call. The #8 horse also surprised me. He was 4th. I thought he would be 9th. The # 2 was my biggest surprise I thought he would be 12th and he was 7th.

The rest fell at or close to their frequency of position. 12 horse fields are a little tougher to get, 7 or 8 horse fields many times will fall at or within a position.

Mike

02-17-2008, 03:28 PM
Quote:
Originally Posted by MIKE1121
...looking at just frequency of a horses position after running 2 furlongs and its predictability of today’s position.

Very interesting Match-Up research, Mike.

More results like these would solidify and give one confidence in one’s ability to put horses in their position, MATCH-UP style.

Nice,
VoodooFan
With positions, I’m still working to learn “Stacking/Pictures” coupled with Power Lines and Power Moves.

1) Fastest Pace last race (check for spot play).
2) Running Styles and horses with multiple running styles.
   a. Multiple running style horses, stack both their two styles.
   b. Stack a horse against HIMSELF, to get a picture of what he can do and from where.
3) Stack ONLY Early /Early P to see if dominant, or will race run OTE.
4) Stack OTE if race is going to run that way.
5) Power Lines and Power Moves are evaluated for final contenders.

Still trying to master using multiple lines on a horse to get **HIS** picture.

VoodooFan
How best to match just using raw/original times and the entire past performances?

12-05-2007, 01:15 PM
Here are the pp’s for the field.

I ask that you NOT go and look for the result online. I have lost well over a hundred races online with Jim when he was teaching me. Races I could have EASILY went and found the answer to ahead of time.

The question that needs to be asked of ourselves is this: “Do I REALLY want to learn?”

If you DO then please do NOT look for the result today/tonight. Just look at the horses’ pp’s.

Here threads posted up that NEED to be understood to follow along with this race:
1) Power Lines
2) Early or other than early

After I lay out the working of the race tomorrow morning The Hat will come on and explain what went down here.

Today’s distance is 8.5f on the dirt.


12-05-2007, 08:04 PM
You know I reviewed the information on Power Lines and OTE you had suggested on your post (do not worry no pecking), and it was very much re-enlightening. I feel I was thinking more clearly then and since have lost the way. I have started trying to adjust or consider the absolute need to adjust especially after working with the “software matchers” post over in the RDSS area. It mixed me up because of all of the adjustments that Trackmaster makes and it made me think that somehow I needed to follow suit.

I prefer to learn the Match-Up the way Jim has written about it just using the DRF and the horses past performances as given. As to the software, because of the different colors used on the faster pace call times it can help in the selection of power lines.

12-05-2007, 10:55 PM
Thank you for being so honest. Let me do what I can now to help you restore some clarity.

1) When we work with raw data FORGET the word adjust. Trust me.
2) The entire pp’s of each horse are there to be used when needed to match horses.

3) Go back and re read the “Power Lines” thread. We MUST know what that is and be able to find each horse’s in the pp’s.

4) Here is something I would like you to do. Starting with the 1st horse, look at his pp’s and determine his running style. Take only a COUPLE of seconds looking. This HAS to be FAST. Trust me again. I’m doing EXACTLY what Hat did with me.

Post their styles here so Jim and I can see them. Do NOT worry about right or wrong. Look - determine style quickly - post them here.

Use these styles:
E - early
Ep - early presser
P - presser
S - Sustained.

5) When we work with raw data FORGET the word adjust. Trust me.

6) After identifying styles find each horse’s POWER LINE and identify it here. Take your time and remember
a) NO adjusting
b) entire pp’s are to be considered

Jim and I will wait to continue until you do the above. Again thank you for being so honest Robert.

ANYONE wanting to participate, feel free. You are among FRIENDS here. “Hands on” helps and also let’s Hat see what’s going on with folks.

Richie

12-06-2007, 05:13 AM
Rich, I believe you just want to see how I do at establishing running styles and picking Power Lines even though in maiden races, although sometimes, like in this race, it is a stretch to say that a critter has either established a running style or Power Line. In any case I will assign each both an ESP and PL.

1-Romeo’s Gold: S PL #1
2-Sorry wrong Number: E PL #4
3-Eight Second Cowboy: S PL #5/6
4-Kirkwood Ranger: S PL #2
6-Sapid: P PL #5
7-Granny’s Lil Angel: EP PL #2
8-Marquet Capper:  EP  PL #1
9-Empire Blvd: S  PL #1
10-Falmouth: P  PL #5
11-Capatain Frank: P  PL #2

P.S. - You know Rich after having done this race as to running styles and my selection for Power Lines, I have a feel for the race and I will give it now but if you think that in any way that it will cloud up your planned instructions for this race cut it out and forget it. Or just cut it out and if you or Jim could just show me where I might have gone wrong by way of a private message.

The #2 horse is going out for the lead with the #7 right with him by the half, definitely. The #2 horse caves in like usual and the #7 goes on with the #10 and the #8 in hot pursuit and the #11 somewhat behind. In the end, I think the #10 horse wins the race with either the #8 or #11 for second. If I was betting two horses to win it would be the #10 horse and the #8 horse. I would be afraid of the #4 horse for place in an exacta play but not for win against the #10 horse.

12-06-2007, 08:21 AM
Quote:

P.S. - You know Rich after having done this race as to running styles and my selection for Power Lines, I have a feel for the race and I will give it now

REALLY liking the above quote.

This is where we want to work to be. In a frame of mind where the styles and power lines of the horses begin to “talk to us” and guide us to THE horse in THIS race.

Adjustments of any kind have NO PLACE in your above quote. NO PLACE.

Richie
Power Lines:
You have 1-2-3-4-6 nailed.
7 is line 1.
8-9-10-11 are nailed Robert.

Excellent work! I’ll put up YOUR lines where we can see them together for evaluation this afternoon. Then we can see what we see about the race.

Very, very good stuff. I mean that.

12-06-2007, 08:48 AM
Thanks Rich. Just for the record the #7 horse was the PL#1 but somehow I mistakenly wrote in 2. For the #7 horse the first pace line would have to be the only possible choice.

12-06-2007, 12:17 PM
Early or Other than early ?????

To determine how the race will run, first we identify the EARLY horse(s) in the race.

Early - Horse who has the LEAD at 1st call.

Who is the EARLY horse (s) in this race?

12-06-2007, 01:05 PM
Rich, I am thinking that the #2 horse is going for the lead with the #7 horse catching him between the first call and the second call. Once the #2 horse is hooked by the #7 he will fold as in the past as I see it for this match up. Consequently the race is going to be OTE.
OK, 1st call lead time of the #2?

I would think 23 and 1 or 2 5ths. If made to go faster he is really dead meat.

OK, now the 1st call (4f) lead time? The screens I show do NOT show the 1st fraction positions Robert. They show 1st call (4f) positions.

Rich, I am getting the times from your page 1 entry data for this race. They are showing for both the #2 and 7 horses the 23 + call times. Anyway since this is a route I think the #2 horse would like to do the route first call in 48 but the #7 horse is going to force a 47 and 2 or 3. The #8 horse can even get into the mix to force this 47 and change time as well.

Perfect. Let’s use your 47.2-47.3.

Line 3 looks right for projecting 1st fraction and 1st call. Last 2 are off tracks. Line 3 lines up nice. Would you agree?

23.3 - 47.5 - these are tenths shown.

Here is screenshot of the 2 and our initial projections marked up on top.

If you are good to go now who is the 2nd call (6f) leader and what time?
I always thought that this race would have a projected pace of 1:13 and about 1 or 2 5ths because the #7 horse was going to make it so. The 1:13 and change definitely hurts the #2 leader and could IMO hurt the #7 in the 3rd fraction because in his last race a 1:13 and 3 was a problem. I am thinking and that something of a duel between the #2 horse and the #7 horse to the 1/2 mile call will produce the lower 1:13 figure. And yes Rich I would say that the #2’s 3 PL is the line to use to figure if he can go all the way.

So if a different horse has now been projected leading at the 2nd call, HOW is the race going to be WON?
Early
Other than Early

Screen shot of the #7 who you project to lead at 2nd call. Let’s use his last race 2nd call time of 113.7 (113.3 in fifths) as the time, though I see your point about the horses pushing one another faster.

Rich, if the designated early horse can not go all the way then it is an OTE race.
I am thinking the #7 horse takes the lead away from the #2 horse by the half mile in something like 1:13.2/5ths, which might be a little too fast but he is definitely not letting the #2 horse run the half in 1:14 and change. This is my basis for winning this race with #10 horse because, again, the #7 horse has run too fast to put away the #2 horse. Even if the #7 horse were to run the half in his more seemingly comfortable 1:13 and 3/5ths, the #10 horse with his solid power line and power move in his 5th pace line should blow right by him.

The #10 horse in his 5PL back ran a nice race against a 1:11.3/5ths with a first call time in the 8.3F race of 46.0. So he is a P that can stay comfortably close at today’s project numbers and pounce at the half to win the race. In addition, as support, the #10 horse in his 7th race back in the slop showed that he can stay close at today’s projected pace.

The only question that could remain for me would be conditioning, and forgive me for bringing this up, but his 2nd race back IMF and his last race of running within 3.5L to the half suggest some good form. I would consider the #10 horse without this form consideration, but since it is there why not mention it?

12-06-2007, 03:33 PM
TREMENDOUS work.

The ONLY thing we need to focus on when going deep in pp’s for a power line: Is the horse still a horse looking at his last couple of races?

Robert you did this race pretty much solo and NEVER used or worried about that dreaded word – ADJUST.

May I ask if this was a good experience for you?

Also while we are here let me drop some of Hat’s favorite tracks on you to consider.

1) Philly
2) Delaware
3) Aqueduct
4) Belmont
5) Saratoga
6) Calder
7) Gulfstream
8) Churchill
9) Turfway
10) Fair Grounds

Richie
Wow, Rich, this definitely was a great experience. You know if you look at my first post this morning I had considered the #11 horse for place. I am not saying this to pat myself on the back but I really felt good about this race. You know the pace lines looming thing. When I first started with this race the only thing I was thinking was forget about adjustments, just let the past performances show me the way and before you knew it the #’s 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, and 11 were talking to me. I really felt good about my observations and, win or lose, this was always going to be a good experience.

Thanks for this exercise, Rich. The need to adjust fog hopefully is gone forever. I now know how I feel when I think I am in the Match-Up intuitive state and hopefully again I hope I can pass any race when this special feeling is missing.

I have played and mostly like all of Jim’s suggested tracks, so now I will concentrate my best efforts when they are running. I definitely love Belmont and Saratoga, which I still visit religiously at least on one of the weekend dates when they are running, weather and family permitting.

Thanks again.

12-06-2007, 03:12 PM

Other than early/Power Line evaluation

So we have the 2 horse setting the pace at first call and the 7 taking over by the 2nd call. So with different horses we know that THIS race will be WON by the FASTEST horse with an Other Than Early style.

Here are Robert’s POWER LINES for ALL the horses using the last line on the 7.
Other than early/Power Line evaluation

Now watch this man. Since the red highlights FASTER pace of race than projected, KEEP as final mix those competitive against the red.

Let’s do the field FAST.

1- out
2- out
3- red but NOT competitive - out
4- red but NOT competitive - out
6- red and competitive - IN
7- out
8- out
9- red but NOT competitive - out
10- red and competitive - IN
11- red and competitive - IN

Here is what is left. The final question is simply this:

Who is the FASTEST horse and will be closest to the lead horse?

Race result

Here is the result of the race.

No chicanery, omissions or skullduggery as you just saw.

Just some RAW in your face matching of horses Jim Bradshaw style.

THIS is Jim “the Hat” Bradshaw’s matchup.
Practice race #2

Here is another race emailed me by a member here.

Let’s take this step by step. This time I will wait a couple days between steps if folks want to participate.

Here are the pp’s and tandems shown for the field.

Step 1 - Identify running styles of the horses and post them here.
E - Early
Ep - Early press
P - Press
S - Sustained
Nothing else please.

NOTE: See Aqueduct, 11/30/07, 7th Race.
Step 2 - Power Lines

List each horse’s Power Line please. Nothing else.

Step 3 - Project pace at 1st call

OK guys, who do you see on the lead at the 1st and 2nd calls? Which horse(s) and what times?

Richie

Step 4 - Line up the Power Lines.

Guys you did great work on the Power Lines getting the same lines on all the dirt horses. We are only going to be using dirt lines for dirt races at this stage so here is what the both of your matchups of Power Lines show.

Now using your projected pace of 46.3 - 111.2 (fifths) compare this to what your Power Lines show.

Now please list both the horses that are eliminated and the TRUE win contenders.

Here is a screen shot of the Power Lines as chosen by the both of you.

REALLY good work guys.
Guys,

Rich is doing great explaining The Match Up. There are steps you must go through to learn the correct way to do the Match-Up and Rich is following the steps as they were taught to him. There are only two ways a race can run: Early, or Other Than Early. If a horse cannot go wire-to-wire then the race will run Other Than Early.

Follow Rich’s steps and you will get a grasp of The Match-Up. Remember, there is more than one line on most horses and all lines should be viewed.

Most individuals worry about adjustments and make adjustments making a slow horse fast, or a fast horse slow. I know many individuals that adjust lines using par times and variants, based on the speed of the track. What a bunch of malarkey. Don’t adjust, view all lines.

Great job Rich.

The Hat

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12-16-2007, 03:58 PM

Evaluating multiple pacelines to choose the horse

Step 5 - Evaluate multiple pace lines to choose the horse to bet TODAY.

Jim just posted about evaluating more than ONE pace line when evaluating a horse. He does this all the time but uses the Power Line to qualify and only does what follows on FAST horses or, in simpler terms, the TRUE contenders for WIN.
This step will also include using the ENTIRE past performances shown which Jim has also just posted about.

This step IS going to the heart of Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up.

1) We are down to the 2 true win contenders in the race, the 5 and 7. You have the $31.20 winner in 2 horses. We want more.

2) With ONLY these horses we are now going to do a little bit of “funny stuff” as I call Jim’s Voodoo.

3) Keeping one eye on velocity (FAST) we are going to change focus to a horse’s POSITIONING now. Key element of Mr. Bradshaw’s Matchup.

3) Using our appx proj pace of 46 and change and 111 and change, find ALL the FAST races in each horse’s past performance chart where THE HORSE WAS CLOSER TO THE LEADER POSITIONALLY THAN HIS POWER LINE POSITIONING and finished competitively.

List the races for both the 5 and 7 here please. FAST races where the HORSE WAS CLOSER TO THE LEADER POSITIONALLY THAN HIS POWER LINE POSITIONING and finished competitively.

For a reference here are the Power Lines chosen for our true win contenders.

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OK Rich, he we go into Voodoo land. I have not seen the results of this race but somehow I feel like you are hinting at the #5 horse as this race’s winner especially according to what you had said in another post on this race.

Based on what you are saying, now my preferred win pick is #7. In his 5th race back he shows a first call position of 3 at 46.1/5th. If I then include his 3rd race back power move of from 6 position to 3 position in 46 and 1.11 respectively, I have to think that at 46.1 he is 3 position and at 1.11 he is 1 position (he picked up 3 positions in his 3rd pace line
PM) and he is 1 position thereafter. I do not see anything close to that for the #5 horse and therefore stick with my original preferred win choice #7.

I look forward to some Voodoo demonstration for this race since I feel like having worked it with you I know it well and your lesson will surely stick.

12-16-2007, 04:59 PM
Follow me (something btw Jim would ALWAYS say to me when teaching! lol).

1) Using 46 and change and 111 and change list the races for both the 5 and 7 where they finished competitively and POSITIONALLY are closer to the leader than the Power Line positions they show.

2) List them and then let THEM talk to us in the following step.

Notice I said “46 and change and 111 and change.” Done for a REASON.

12-16-2007, 04:55 PM
**Position to Power line**

List the races for both the 5 and 7 here please. FAST races where the HORSE WAS CLOSER TO THE LEADER POSITIONALLY THAN HIS POWER LINE POSITIONING and finished competitively.

Horse 5 Power line = Line 2 8.0 23.1 46.5 111.4 137.9 5 - 4 - 2 - 1
Horse 7 Power line = Line 3 8.0 23.1 46.0 111.0 136.3 6 - 3 - 1 - 1

Lines where the horse was closer to the leader and finished competitively.

Horse 5
Line 1 8.3 22.8 48.7 111.8 142.1 1 - 1 - 2 - 2

Horse 7
Line 5 8.0 23.5 46.2 111.5 137.4 3 - 2 - 1 - 1
Line 6 8.0 24.2 48.7 113.8 138.7 3 - 3 - 1 - 2no

12-16-2007, 05:02 PM
Great work man! Spot on with line 5 for the 7 horse. Let’s NOT count line 6 as the pace of race, it is not close to your projected.
The #7 becomes when comparing and Voodoo-ing: 3-1-1-1. I believe you leave it alone at the first call because the #7 is a P type but between his position improvement and better call times he easily moves into the 1 position by the half and remains to win thereafter.

YES you do leave his ass alone because he has NOT demonstrated the ability in fast races to change his style to early.

Good work

Rich, this is an OTE race and I have to say that the #7 is ahead of the #5 by the first call, just after the first fraction. I would give the #5 horse the first fraction because he has run early before (assuming he breaks early/on top) but by the first call the #7 is taking over the race.

If I am not getting this last part please show me by your final example and analysis.

Let me put the race result up.

Fwiw, I have lost HUNDREDS of races with Jim on the phone but learned something each time. When I was shown what I have just shown and tried to explain here I lost quite a few before patterns kept repeating themselves and horses that looked like the 5 here kept beating me, often at really good mutuels.

We are going to be dealing more and more with evaluating multiple lines in the coming months and I think this was a good start.

Here is the race result. The 5 horse wired the field as I had the chart earlier but it was deleted accidentally man

NOTE: See Aqueduct, 11/30/07, 7th Race Chart.
Multiple line evaluation

Here are the lines added to the Power Line for each of the 2 true contenders. The absolutely the proper pacelines have been selected.

Running styles (remember now these are based on FAST races):
#5 - Early and Other than early
#7 - Other than early

“We bet the horse closest to the lead positionally. That is our horse.” - The Hat

Simple question gentlemen.

The horses go into the gate. They line up good and the gate pops open. Who will be ahead of whom, the 5 or the 7?

That is your horse.

This is the beginnings of how Hat picked horses to win that left many luminaries of the game shaking their heads in disbelief after the horse crossed the wire in front.

This is Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up at THIS stage in our learning.

The gate pops and the race starts running. Who will be ahead of whom, the 5 or the 7?
That is your horse.

Screenshot:
The added lines for the 5 and 7:
OK Rich, I am hearing you loud and clear now. If the #5 breaks well like he has in the past, he will go for the lead and there is no one in today’s race that is faster. He will be first at the first fraction and the first call and according to Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up everyone else is chasing and the #5 is winning the race at 15/1 or better. So the race becomes an early race because of #5 breaking on top and going all the way, right?

Richie, I noticed in this example you used the second call time of 46 and change for your projected pace. Do you also do this for sprints or use the first call time.

The 46 and change is the first call here because the race is a route. Sprints first call is always 22 etc., and YES, we always start projecting pace with the first call.

Richie, I just have one more question about your examples on this thread. I have been following along and I understand most of it. What I would like to ask is what is the definition of a competitive line? Is that in the money?

That’s a good place to start. Races where the horse finished VERY close to the winner at the end also can be considered.
Hat gave me a bit of a lesson last evening. I pass it along here for you and others.

Here are screen shots of the full past performances of the 5 horse and 7 horse.

Jim is very direct and to the point when he teaches. This is exactly what he asked:

1) Using all 10 lines showing regardless of distance/surface how many times has the 5 had the lead at the first call? Add them up.

2) Using all 10 lines showing regardless of distance/surface how many times has the 5 had the lead at the second call? Add them up.

3) Using all 10 lines showing regardless of distance/surface how many times has the 7 had the lead at the first call? Add them up.

4) Using all 10 lines showing regardless of distance/surface how many times has the 7 had the lead at the second call? Add them up.

5) Now who is going to positionally be ahead during the first 2 calls of the race, the 5 or the 7?

There is your horse. This is yet another reason why we use the entire past performances to evaluate a horse in today’s race.

This is word for word what he did with me last night on the phone. Hope this helps.
Yes it does help very much Rich and Jim.

In the legal world it would be defined as preponderance of evidence and the #5 has it all when compared directly to the #7 as to being first at both the first call and half. The #5 horse is easily more of an E type in the pp’s than that one race in which it ran the successful P race.

In the beginning when I first was looking at this race I felt that if the #5 horse would get out on top as it has done so many times before that it could possibly run and win as an E. That is why I always liked two horses in this race as stated early on. But somehow I over analyzed the race and once I declared it an OTE race the #7 started looking better and better.

I feel good about this race as to learning the Match-Up Methodology because in the end I was right there as to my understanding of the race but went astray some via over analysis, which also is a good lesson to learn.

He is an early horse who CAN run other than early if he needs to. Eerily similar to that #2 horse at Hoosier in the other thread.

By Christmas you will see at least 5-10 more and will be more aware of them because you have been exposed to them. Now it’s just a matter of deciding if they are FAST against today’s matchup. If they are there is your horse.

** Hat helper** - Pattern type - FAST early horses who can also run other than early.
12-17-2007, 10:28 AM

**Result chart**

The Hat just sent this result chart for me to post. Doesn’t want any unfinished business here.

Amazing how he makes these things appear man!

Thanks Jim
This race is the one I continued to miss. When I think OTE I always look for the best late horse or closer. Then I wonder why I got beat by an earlier horse. This and the other example has really helped me.

Again Thanks to Richie and The Hat for your time and effort!

Your above quote is exactly what I was doing in the first few months working with Hat.

To the point where Jim told me “Rich you are giving these sustained closers way too much credit. Part of the reason is you are giving final time too much consideration.”

I have worked over a thousand races with Hat on the phone. In maybe two races has he ever carried the working/matching of a race to the finish. I am dead serious. He relentlessly worked/matched races with me the SAME way.

1st call - 2nd call - stretch call -who is the fastest horse closest to the lead positionally? Who wins?
1st call - 2nd call - stretch call - who is the fastest horse closest to the lead positionally? Who wins?

Etc., etc.

This is very easy to say yet very hard to actually DO:

Begin trying to FOCUS more on things happening on the LEFT side of the past performance line (1st call, 2nd call, positioning, etc.) instead of all the way to the right (final time, finish position, speed rating, etc.).

After a couple of weeks working races this way in earnest you will suddenly find yourself betting on the deep sustained closers less and less.

Richie

12-17-2007, 10:42 PM

** How to get off those deep, deep closers **

** Hat Helper** - When you project a pace all the way to the finish you will be on too many sustained deep closers.

In ALL the races I have posted here involving any sort of discussion regarding a projecting of pace, NEVER has a race been projected to the finish time. NEVER.

Take a guess where I learned that.

Train yourself through FOCUSED practice to look LEFT on the pp line. That’s where the Hat works his magic.

This is a BIG part of Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup.

12-29-2007, 07:09 AM

** Projected Pace Question **

Richie,

I got lost when you arrived at a number for Projected Pace.

How did you get those numbers? Would you please do the math “out loud?”
Also, how did you think the horses were going to run when you estimated the Projected Pace? How would you have called this race before the fact?

Lastly what was your reason for not including the #2 SS in the match up?

Inquiring mind needs to know.

12-29-2007, 07:19 AM
Here is a screen shot describing my “disconnect.”

12-29-2007, 10:20 AM
Projected pace looks like the #5 from its last race - 46.3 - 111.4 (conv to 5ths).

The race to me looked to be won “early” by the 5 because the 1 didn’t look fast enough to press early on. What was comforting was the fact that if something happened weird the 5 was also fast other than early.

The 2 is a slow turf horse – out.
Sorry to bug you again but please explain how you thought this through?

“Projected pace looks like the #5 from its last race - 46.3 - 111.4 (conv to 5ths).”

What do you mean by “looks like”? Where are you looking? Is there some logic that you are using that I am missing?

Honestly I have no clue how you arrived at this decision.

“The race to me looked to be won ‘early’ by the 5 because…”

What does “looked to be” mean?

“…the 1 didn’t look fast enough to press early on.”

What does “look” mean?

How much is “fast enough”?

Again I don’t see how you are arriving at these decisions. I am not trying to dispute you. I am only trying to think this through using your logic so I can do it in the future on my own.

Excellent questions which will be answered honestly.

The words I used in that entire post were used on purpose and here is why. This forum represents Jim’s concepts and HIS way of teaching me. The ONE thing I can promise everyone reading this forum is that ANYTHING I post is Jim’s way without putting my own spin on things.

That last sentence is important because phrases like “looks like” “appears to be” “doesn’t look to be” are EXACTLY what Jim would use when teaching me. He also did this with me from the beginning.

He wants our minds quiet (relaxed) and free of rigid things to look for when matching horses and races. I need to convey this to those wanting to learn. My choice of the phrases used was with purpose and if folks will TRUST in the ongoing process here they will benefit.
So what can be done NOW with the Aqueduct race posted here to help you while tying in with what I just posted?

THIS:

1) Get 10 minutes of totally quiet time set aside.

2) Read all my phrases quoted by Buzz first.

3) Go to the race pp’s and begin scrolling the horses SLOWLY. Relax and just look:
   a) Let your mind see who might go for the lead here.
   b) Let your mind see who doesn’t belong here (too slow).
   c) Let your mind see who are the true contenders (FAST horses).
   d) Let your mind see the ENTIRE horse’s past performances.
   e) Let your mind see the ENTIRE horse’s past performances.

4) Close the past performances and look at the result chart.

5) Get up and walk away. Exercise is FINISHED. Do NOT return to the race. You do not have to. It is “stored” away already even if you do not think so.

This is Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Match-Up.

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12-18-2007, 10:27 PM
Richie, what would you recommend if a horse has no past performance lines that are close to being the distance of today’s race. For example today’s race is a route and a horse only shows sprints. Usually the sprint half mile times are a little quicker than a router’s.

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12-19-2007, 09:58 AM
Excellent question. Jim taught me to match up sprinter against sprinter lines on other horses.

Let’s do a race dealing with exactly this.

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12-19-2007, 10:10 AM
ALL are welcome to participate.

Let’s take this 1 step at a time.
Here are the full pp’s plus tandems on lower tab

**NOTE: See Philadelphia Park, 12/18/07, 1st Race. Scratch #5.**

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**12-19-2007, 10:14 AM**

**Step 1 - Identify running styles**

E - early  
Ep - early press  
P - press  
S - sustained

Taking only a couple of seconds per horse list each horses running style using the above terms please.

Nothing else

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**12-21-2007, 08:05 AM**

**Step 2 - Power Lines**

List each horse’s Power Line. Nothing else.

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**12-22-2007, 10:17 AM**

**Finish**

Can someone define finishing competitively? I guess what I am asking is what are the lengths behind as far as the cut off in looking at power lines?

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**12-22-2007, 10:18 AM**

A “Power Line” is the fastest pace of race showing where the horse finished competitively, regardless of track or where it is in the past performances. Many of you are ignoring the total pace and are using finish position with beaten lengths to determine “power lines.” Remember, all horses may not have “power lines.” Use “power lines” to evaluate horses and find the true contenders in today’s race.

I realize Rich is taking you through steps to find running styles and “power lines,” but you can get a head start in matching “power lines.” Do not assign a “power line” to a horse just because he finished third, when he finished fourth from a faster time.

The Hat
12-22-2007, 04:02 PM
Rich, I wonder what you or Jim would say as to my not wanting to pick the last race for #8 as my power line selection. I did not want to hang my hat on a 5.5F race and since I was using all of the pp’s for the #8 horse the 3rd race back was my preferred PL. The last race though makes me feel warm and fuzzy since it was a competitive race against much faster time then my 3rd race back PL, but the last race is telling me that the horse is still in good condition and can certainly go fast, certainly faster than the 2nd race back it had previously run. I know that with E or EP types you always have to make sure they can get on top of previously run 1st call and half times. That is, that they have not gotten slower.

12-22-2007, 04:16 PM
Your 2 mentioned lines are the ones Jim went to immediately.

Notice that the last race is fastest pace in the race and the 8 holds position AND beaten lengths from 1c to 2c. Sure sign of a fit and ready horse against TODAY’S match up. Extremely dangerous horse and one to definitely use the best line showing in the pp’s to match up. LONG SHOT “key indicator.”

If you check the “8 month update thread,” what I just wrote was described there along with an actual spot play method of utilizing it.

Three races back the horse FIGHTS for TWO calls against a 22 - 46. Look at the rest of the field comparing them to what I just wrote. Can anyone stand up to this? The power of the FIGHTER in Jim’s mind is also talked about repeatedly in the “8 month update thread.”

Aspiring matchers:
** Once again please focus your attention to things happening on the LEFT side of the past performance lines of the horses. NOT the right. This is BIG part of Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup ***

12-23-2007, 10:53 AM
Next step

Throw out all the horses you have marked as either no form or no power line.

Then take remaining horses and match their sprint lines against each other to find the fastest sprinter.

Richie
Hi Rich

I’m lost. Can you guide me?

I left out the 8’s power line and that seems to be a key in this race.

Looking at what I have done so far I seem to have messed up.

Can you walk me through based on what I have shown?

Sprinters’ fastest powerlines.

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12-23-2007, 12:25 PM
Add the last line on the 8 to what you have shown in the “code box.” Then:

1) Look at who ran against fastest pace of race (1c-2c-sc). Identify the horse first in your mind. Then:

2) Was the horse competitive in the fast paced race? If you feel he was then THAT is your fastest sprinter. Keep him and throw ALL other sprinters out of the race. If you feel he was NOT competitive look to the next fastest sprinter and repeat process.

Once we have identified the fastest sprinter (remember now this is a route race with sprinters entered) we will then move to the next step.

Richie

12-23-2007, 01:36 PM

Asked and got help

Rich Thank you. This is what I see.

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Yes Rich I do think the 8 was competitive in the fast pace in line 1 22.3 45.1 and line 3 22.6 46.0, so I would say the 8 was the fast sprinter.

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REPLY:
** Excellent! So now you have the 8 as the top sprinter. Throw all the other sprinters out now. Next step is coming! - RichieP **

Original Post by RichieP

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Richie

OK Rich, I should have listed better when you had said initially what you were taught to consider about stretch outs: first measuring sprinters against sprinters. This was followed now by “keep the fastest sprinter and throw out the rest.” Now you measure the routers as to their best times at the route distances.
These are the only contenders that I have with a route race to compare:

#1 48.2 - 1.14.1 3 - 3 - 3 - 3
#3 46.2 - 1.13.0 4 - 3 - 2 - 2
#7 48.0 - 1.14.3 2 - 2 - 2 - 2

As to these particular routers it would be a win choice on the #3. I believe the #3 horse is in good condition and shows in its third race back, a grass race, that it could run faster against “today’s projected pace of 46 – 1.12.2.” The #1 and #7 horses show nothing in their pp’s coming close to running well against a projected half of 1.12.2. In fact the #3’s chosen PL is a power-move pace line that is faster by 2 seconds at the first call and at least one second at the half. So now I have to reconsider my 2 win choices, since I still like the #8 horse, and change it from what I first started thinking when I had kept all of the sprinters in the race to now the #8 and the #3 horses for win considerations.

12-23-2007, 12:06 PM
**Question for Rich**: Can you give your thoughts as to using PL1 for the 8 with the obviously much faster pace than using the 2nd back, which to me is a better looking “power move”? I suppose PL1 would still be considered “competitive” even though he lost some lengths and positions from 1st call to final call where as in PL2, he gained lengths and position from the first call to final call, obviously with a much slower pace? Thanks.

12-23-2007, 12:35 PM
**FORGET** the final call when matching horses.

The final call is a representation of what happened early on in the race. **FOCUS** your matching on the 1st call, 2nd call, stretch call.

Stay away from slow paced races. From them come slow ass horses. Kiss of death to the Hat.

Fast pace of races - Fast horses - Find These. LOOK for them.

Good question man.

12-27-2007, 01:04 AM
Richie, When looking at Fast Pace races do you place any limits on how many beaten lengths a horse has to be within the pace of this race in order to give him credit for this race? If a horse is beaten like 10 lengths for the first 2 calls would you still credit him with this paceline, i.e he is just a follower of fast horses?
It’s a feel thing man. Comes from looking at lots of races the same way over and over. With focused practice we will get most right but still miss a few no matter what we do.

Is there a specific horse here you were talking about?

Richie

I wasn’t looking at any particular horse just trying to set some parameters.

Fast pace races, from what I understand, seem like you are first looking and giving the most credit to the 1st call followed by the second call, do you give much or any to final time?

Hypothetical example concerning powerlines:

A: 22 45 113
B: 22.4 46.4 112

Which would you choose as the fast pace race?

YES in that exact order Mike.

NONE Mike.
If the A and B horses are facing each other today and the times listed are typical of past performance, there is no way the B horse can come home in 112. The two earlier fractions are so much slower than the A horse it is impossible for the B horse to come home any faster than 113.3 if that.

REPLY:
*** Right on the money Billy. *** RichieP

What is a “competitive paceline”??

** There have been 3-4 posts asking “what is a competitive finish.” **

The honest answer is I can’t tell you what it is. Neither can Jim (spoke with him extensively this morning). By working LOTS of races we develop our own INDIVIDUAL answer to this question. There is no clear cut “rule.”

There IS right or wrong for us INDIVIDUALLY. Through practice and making incorrect evaluations we learn and adapt to what really works when looking at races BEFORE they run.

We are ALL going to make wrong calls. ALL of us. We can NOT learn if we do not make wrong choices. When we do our mind remembers and after a while will signal us (the little voice in our head man) when the situation arises again. Hopefully we are at peace working races quietly so we can HEAR it and then ACT on it.

If we are NOT working quietly we will not be “warned” and will continue to make the same mistake over and over and over again. I ****ed up yesterday on a bonehead call on a horse that was totally wrong. There was a bit of chaos here and I ****ed up a race BIG time. Wound up going off the horse, bet someone else and watched the original horse win at an unreal price. I mean UNREAL price.

It was all on ME, not some “rule’ I was following. I lost because I made a bad bad call/eval. I must take responsibility for SELF.

This is also Jim’s Match-up.

The Philly race con’t

Back to the race at hand. We want to evaluate the sprinters here first. They are the 2,4,6,8,9,10,11.
Of these only 2 horses are even worth a glance as the rest are ridiculously slow, Those 2 being the 8 and 10.

Here is a screen shot of the Power lines on the 2 horses. The 8 kills off the 10 so he is out.

The 8 remains as the fastest sprinter in this field.

SCRATCH the 2,4,6,9,10,11 from further consideration for the WIN. This is what we do. Throw horses out in bunches.

12-26-2007, 09:35 AM
Now we shine the light on the routers and repeat the process. Here are the power lines of the routers. Who is the fastest? Then check the pp’s on him and determine if he is still a horse able to compete or has he changed his style to that of a pig.

Our final step will be to match the winner of this screen shot (fastest router) against the #8 (fastest sprinter) to get our final selection. Step by step process which throws horses out in bunches.
12-26-2007, 02:31 PM
I would say the #3 is the fastest router. I am looking forward to see how you compare the sprinter and the router.

12-28-2007, 08:51 AM
OK, excellent. Here is a screen shot of the #8 and #3 power lines.

Final step:
Looking at both the pace of races shown and positions which horse is going to be ahead of the other during the running of the race? THAT is your horse.

12-28-2007, 03:29 PM
#8 has better positions and also better times at the first two calls. Do sprint first calls run a little faster that route first calls.

REPLY:
** Ok focus on your first sentence. “...better positions and better times.” There is your answer! ** - RichieP

12-28-2007, 03:46 PM
Here is the result chart.
Richie
Can the methods you are teaching be used successfully with 4½ furlong races? What, if any, changes need to be made for this distance. I also like CT. The only problem is that they have a lot of 4½ f races.

Mike.

REPLY:

*** Mike the answer is YES. When Jim started teaching me he OFTEN worked races at the 4.5 distance from Charlestown. I questioned him a couple of times about working that distance and his EXACT reply was “Rich it is just a darn horse race. We work em all the same, OK?” *** - RichieP

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12-28-2007, 05:54 PM

I have not yet gone thru all the instructions concerning the Match-Up. Saying this I do see one pattern: horses who are at the back of the pack are usually thrown out. The most likely winner seems to be horses who can win with the lead or just off the lead (1 to 2 BL 1st call). What situation needs to occur for a deep closer (8th, 9th position 10 or more BL 1st call) to be made the bet?
Great question.

The horse you describe here should be avoided in virtually all races. I am going to make a separate thread showing an example where the horse you mention is the bet.

It is going to involve a horse that makes a “Power Move” from that deep position at 1st call and gains MULTIPLE positions between calls:

a) 1st call to 2nd call
b) 2nd call to stretch call

We want to avoid like the plague horses that move only from the stretch call to finish.

I will go into more detail in your thread about the Power Move.

Richie

01-09-2008, 02:51 PM

2 from Aqueduct today

I’m playing Aqueduct on the phone with a paisan who runs a casino near here.

I loved 2 horses on the card. I mean loved them.

As you will see I lost the first bet and cashed the 2nd one. To be honest the loss was an incorrect evaluation of the lines I stacked together.

I’ll show both in case anyone wants to check them out.

Here is Aqueduct’s 1st race where I loved and bet the #5 horse at 7/2.

NOTE: See Aqueduct, 1/9/08, 1st Race Chart.
2 from Aqueduct today

Here is the second spot play.

I loved and bet the #1 horse here.

2 call Fighter on multiple lines.

NOTE: See Aqueduct, 1/9/08, 4th Race Chart.
Patience

From Wikipedia:
Patience is the ability to endure waiting, delay, or provocation without becoming annoyed or upset, or to persevere calmly when faced with difficulties.

Over a year ago Hat asked me what were MY specific goals and wants from racing. I answered him with one word “Money.”

He told me straight up “Rich, then you need to NOT do what I do and play all the dang races at tracks. You need to multi-track and wait for races that show absolute “locks” to you and SPOT PLAY those only at 2/1 and above.”

Now I want to show 2 winning spot play “locks” from last night’s play (why I continue to play day tracks and lose is beyond me. Capetosto is not cutting it anymore. Just being a real dumbass to be honest. No mas.)

Before I show the 2 wins let me describe 3 LOSSES on horses I also considered absolute locks:

1) Friday night’s Sam Houston race that Mike laid out. I had 3 matching earlies (1,4,11), my absolute favorite spot play. Threw them out and matched around a 22.1 1st call and thought the #12 was a lock. Showed 2 races against that pace and sat 4th and 5th positionally at 1c. There is my horse. Goes off 13/1, never lifted his legs and I lose and move on. I’d make the same bet again.

2) Yesterday’s Sam Davis stakes at Tampa Bay. I absolutely LOVED the #7 on a stretch out. He was by far the fastest horse in the race to me and could win running anywhere from 2nd to 4th position. Goes off 4/1 and loses. I STILL love the horse and he lost. Give me the race again and I bet the same horse. This is what Hat means by a “lock.”

3) Yesterday’s finale at Aqueduct. Race packed with early and the #5 is fast and other than early. He’s off 5 months coming to today’s race. Obscure jock, trainer. blah blah blah. Who gives a crap? That’s “handicapping.” We matchup horses down here in “Hat Check.” Goes off 27/1 and does nothing. Next time when that horse shows himself again to me I bet him again. He will have a different name next time but it will be the SAME HORSE. A Lock.

So there are 3 losses. Spot play “lock” losses.

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Now for the 2 wins I wanted to show you.

SAME spot play principles at work. Good results this time.

Look at this race screen shot from Delta last night. Is there any doubt whatsoever that the #1 is absolute lone early and faces NO pressure at any point in the race? An “Early” lock.

Now look at the result chart.
Now for an “Other than early” win from Delta. Yeah he gets put up on DQ but he wins.

Look at the screen shot. You have a lead horse #1 who can NOT hold it all the way as insane pressure is present from the 8, 9 and 10. So the race shape winner should be “Other than early.”

Now watch this. The 8, 9 and 10 are ALL 2nd position horses. OK, only ONE of them can actually run 2nd unless there is a fight amongst themselves.

Hat told me to watch for races like this. Says they all can and will get caught up fighting among themselves and the early (#1) and that THESE races are the ones that a deeper closer can and will win. Key is to find a FAST one.

LOOK at the #5 now. ONLY horse “away” from the action going on early in the race. Is he fast? Look at the 1st call of his race. FASTER than proj pace of #1, the early. He then runs positionally 5-3-2-2. Bingo there is my horse.

Result chart shows just how right the Hat was about these race types with the #5 closing like a runaway freight train getting the win off a deserved DQ at a very nice price.

A race with an ‘Other Than Early” lock.

So here are 3 losses and 2 wins to share with you. All occurred in the last 24 hours so it’s current.

Patience and Jim Bradshaw’s Match-Up principles.

Take care,
Richie
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OFF AT 6:55 Start Good For All But CLIFTON TIME. Won driving. Track Wet Fast (sealed).

$2 Mutuel Prices:

- 5-MR. KETTLE MAN .................. 24.80 8.60 5.40
- 6-MY MAN KIPPER .................... 4.40 3.40
- 2-CHARISMATIC SNEPHW .............. 5.20
Hi

I think I read somewhere here something about non-maiden races where no horse had a lead at any call in its last 3 races.

I have looked for them but this is the first on I found. I kind of had to cheat. The 5 did have the lead early in its pp’s but that was before a 500 day layoff. This is its third race after the layoff. In its two races since its been back it has not had the lead.

I won this race today from Santa Anita. I saw the 6 as being a lone early. Even if another horse found itself on the lead, a position the horse is not used to, I figured the six would relax just enough to stay close and use its energy late. It worked out great as the 6 went wire to wire. Only paid $5.60 but I bet the 6-2 60/40 so I did well.

Rich, can you comment about these races where no horse has the lead but someone is going to get the lead?
SECOND RACE
Santa Anita
February 17th, 2008
53 FURLONGS. (1:01 1/4) CLAIMING. Purse $17,000 FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD. Weigh 123 lbs. Non-winners of a race since December 30. Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price $12,500. If fn $10,300, allowed 2 lbs. (Maiden And Claiming Races For $10,000 Or Less Not Considered). (Claim 70)
Value of Race: $18,250 Winner $10,200; second $3,400; third $2,440; fourth $1,020; fifth $600; sixth $400; seventh $400; eighth $400.

Last Raced  #   Horse               M/Eql.  A/Eq.  Wt.  PP  SI  %  %r  Str  Fin  Jockey  Cfg  Pr  Odds $  
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19 Jan 08  "SA"  6 Homet  BL  b  56  121  8  3  3d  3d  31  23  Espinoza V  12500  5.4  
10 Jan 08  "SA"  1 Six Again  BL  f  63  121  1  4  5d  5  43  4d  3  3d  Tamah J  12500  2.2  
21 Jan 08  "SA"  5 Wilburs Mr. Ed  BL  b  56  121  5  5  42  42  42  42  Gryder A T  12500  4.1  
01 Feb 08  "SA"  2 City Stormer  BL  b  56  121  6  6  52  61  61  61  Almeida G F  12500  13.1  
03 Jan 08  "SA"  7 Jamie (ARH)  BL  f  70  121  7  1  21  21  21  21  Baze T  12500  22.1  
21 Jan 08  "SA"  3 Moon Mission  BL  f  86  121  3  7  71  71  71  71  Russell C  12500  40.1  
12 Jan 08  "SA"  4 Yankelevitz  BL  h  74  121  4  8  71  71  71  71  Garcia M  12500  22.1  

OFF AT 1:01 Start Good, Won driving. Track Fast.

$2 Mutuel Prices:
1. HEMET  8.20  3.20  2.40
2. SIX AGAIN  4.80  3.20
3. COUSINS LEW  5.20  3.20

$1 EXACTA 6-8 PAID $12.40  $1 SUPERFECTA 6-8-1-5 PAID $108.90

$1 TRIFECTA 6-8-1 PAID $39.50

COUSINS LEW had good early speed between horses then dueled inside, inched away in midstretch and held on gamely under urging.
HEMET stalked three deep, continued outside on the turn and three wide into the stretch and went on to easily.
SIX AGAIN had good speed inside then stalked on the rail, came out leaving the turn and into the stretch and edged a head for third.
WILBARS MR. ED stalked between rivals then inside on the turn, came out of the stretch, split horses in deep stretch and just missed the show.
CITY STORMER chased inside and a bit off the rail, continued outside on a rival turning the and was outdone.
JAMIE (ARH) sped three deep then dueled outside the winner to upper stretch and weakened in the final furlong.
MOON MISSION taken out after the start chased off the rail or wide, came four wide into the stretch and did not rally.
YANKELEVITZ steadied when squeezed after the start, settled off the rail, angled to the turn, came on in the stretch and was not a threat.

Owners  6, Sanford, Thomas C. and Spair, William  8, Trans Atlantic Racing Stable and Montaleone, Frank J.; 1, Perez Antonio; 5, Berrymun. Handler, Little Red Feather Ranch; etc. 2, La Canada Stable LLC; 7, Sanso Vassant, 1, Schmidt, Heard; 4, Devorne Stables.

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Straight up you are asking me my opinion and it involves a race type that is by FAR my biggest weakness matching horses. Races where there is NO clearly defined pace setter. Frankly I am NOT good nor the person to ask.

Maybe Don sees this race type in his comfort zone and could comment. Or one of our other matchers.

I will send the regular pp’s to Jim in a day or so and ask HIM to give you some feedback.

Btw heck of a good job doing things YOUR way!

Richie

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I remember “The Hat” stating that in races such as these we should find the horse that is a presser that races positionally closest to the fastest pace. These horses generally find themselves on the lead and they “freak out” as they are not accustomed to doing this. These horses should be tossed and horses who have demonstrated an ability to race well against this type of pace become the plays. I would be curious if applying this to the race in question would have gotten the winner.

Race 5 at Santa Anita Feb 17 is a good example of this. No horse in the race has ever been in front so what I do is look for first call positioning either closest to the front or further back with up to 3 beaten lengths. What I find is #1 Great Siege who sat 4th beaten 1½, and the next lowest beaten lengths was #5 Phantom Strike. Now I just look at sprints. The horse Art House has is 5th behind 7 lengths in his sprint, but due to the fact that he didn’t get the lead in a route does not make him a lead horse here. My pace horse becomes the #1, and…

…my two paceline contenders are #1 and #5. They paraded to the wire. Also, I knew that if the #1 got the lead he would be hard pressed to hold off the #5 because the #5 can pass horses. If the #5 got the lead it was over. He paid 15.40 wire to wire.
Interesting way of using beaten lengths with position/projecting.

Be very careful. Use this only in “ugly” paceless races.

In races which have no clear leader, I believe my hit rate using pace is somewhere like 2 for 137. It just dawned on me that I am trying to use Pace to handicap a PACELESS race. Maybe this is the reason for my low hit rate. Don’t use a screw driver to pound in a nail. Need the right tool for the right job.

I play paceless races this way. If I can’t see it I just watch it.

I hope you do not mind me asking you a couple of questions. I am always trying to improve my pattern of play with the Match-Up methodology.

Do you bet the full card with the Match-Up or spot play? When making selections do you ever use the DRF or other ratings to help you in your final selection or do you stick with the best position at the speed calls (2nd call, 3rd call)—raw time.

Just use the Racing Form. Full card betting, multiple cards all using the Match-Up. Pass a lot of races if I can’t see the race. Just use raw times, not much adjusting.

Pass a lot of races if I can’t see the race.

I bet’cha that means:

1) Cannot project 1st call and/or 2nd call.
2) Paceless races.

3) Too many 1st time starters.

4) One too many horses with PP’s with 1 to 2 call times not listed, sometimes because of fog.

5) Foreign horses.

6) One too many horses whose fitness, style preference are undeterminable.

Am I close?

02-25-2008, 09:12 PM
Not close. Right on!
This post is directly related to The Match-Up 2 book. Anything written here that is in blue indicates that it is text taken directly from the book. It is in my nature to ask questions when I don’t understand something so please don’t misconstrue my questions as contentious.

Beginning on page 27 (LaD #2, 6f D):

We will use Pretty Girl Slew as the “key” for this race, although we will change the quarter mile time to 22.2 from her third race back. The projected pace for today’s race is:

22.2 / 46.4 / 111.3

I see that Pretty Girl Slew’s last running line (LaD 6f D) reads:

23.0 / 46.4 / 111.3

On page 26, Mr. Bradshaw states: “Find the horse that has run the best against the fastest pace in his last race, at today’s track, and at today’s distance.” So what is wrong with the last running line as is? Why go back three races, to a different track (OP), at a different distance (5½ f), and pull a first fraction out to use today? I understand that he wants to make the change, but there’s no reason given as to why such a change is in order. And does it not seem to contradict what was just stated on the previous page?

REPLY:

*** I will make sure Jim sees this. He is taking care of some other things right now so please be patient. Thanks. *** - RichieP

03-23-2008, 10:17 AM
I just got off the phone with Jim about this question. He said he does not remember the reason he changed the 1st fraction but he did.

**Note**

Try to understand that he works races different from us.

He asked me to look at the race and horse so let’s look.

Here is Jim’s book and what he says about the race

From “Match-Up 2.”
Contender And Running Lines Example

The Second Race, a Six Furlong race at Louisiana Downs is an example illustrating the process used to find the true contenders, running lines and the "key" horse in today's race. We start by marking all the previous match up races, running style, finding the "key" horse and running lines.

There aren't any previous match up races that will help us in this race. We will use Pretty Girl Slew as the "key" for this race, although we will change the quarter mile time to 22.2 from her third race back The projected pace for today's race is:

22.2 46.4 111.3

Now let's do the running style for the horses in today's race.

Pretty Girl Slew is Early.
Consensual is a Sustained Presser.
Queeze Deeze is Early.
Maggio is a Sustained Presser.
Humble Lane was Scratched.
Ms Magdlean is Sustained.
Atlantic Angel is an Early Presser.

Now let's find the running lines.

I used Pretty Girl Slew's last race and will keep her as a contender for now.

I used Queeze Deeze second race. She fought all the way to the stretch and was barely beaten and is definitely a contender.

03-23-2008, 10:29 AM
So let’s look at a screenshot showing both the race winner (#3) and the horse in question (#1).

Let’s try considering both the original last line on the #1:
23.0 - 46.4 - 111.3
and Jim’s “virtual line” of:
22.2 - 46.4 - 111.3

Now let’s match BOTH those lines to Jim’s Power Line choice of the second race back on the winning #3:
22.1 - 46.1 - 111.4
In addition, the 3 is a THREE call FIGHTER as pointed out by the Hat in the book, something which has been expanded upon in this forum for over a year. The power of the FIGHTER in Hat’s mind.

So regardless of what we do with the #1’s last line (Fwiw I personally think Jim was trying to “help” the horse by changing fractions to see if he could matchup with the 3, who I believe his mind already saw as the winner as soon as he glanced the pp’s) the question is:

Can he beat the #3?

First screen shot is Jim’s description of the winning #3. Second screen shot are the pp’s of both the #1 and winning #3 shown together.

Both taken directly from Matchup2 by Hat Bradshaw

Wiseguy I hope this helps a bit and I apologize for the delay in responding.

Richie

I used Queeze Deezy second race. She fought all the way to the stretch and was barely beaten and is definitely a contender.
I have worked a couple of cards of races with Hat before they ran. The most humbling of experiences.

Jim - “OK Rich, let’s do the first race. Tell me who you see and why.”
Rich - “OK Jim, let me look. Looks like the 2 runs early. Projecting him off a 22.2.”

10 seconds later:
Jim - “I have my horse Rich.”
Rich - “WHAT? I just started looking, Jim.”
Jim - “I have my horse Rich.
Rich - “Are you serious?”

What’s the point?

Jim makes virtually instantaneous decisions picking his horse. He “sees” the winner right away. Then he spends a few seconds looking at the others to see if he might have missed something.

Without actually knowing I KNOW when he wrote that thing about changing the horse’s 1st fraction that was his “minds eye” writing that. That’s what he does all the time in his head. Change fractions to help horses or clear up a picture about a race or horse.

He was trying to beat the 3 who he saw as the winner the first pass through the race. He wrote what his mind did.
First, Richie, you sure didn’t have to go through all the trouble of scanning the pages, etc., but thank you.

As for the answer to my question, believe it or not, it is the answer I expected. I think you could have saved all your hard work and simply said “Intuition,” am I right?

And your “answer” actually does help because now I can refrain from asking the handful of similar questions I have from book 2. I suspect I will get the same answer on most or all of them because they are also examples of Mr. Bradshaw’s *application of his experience* from thousands and thousands of races. Perhaps a fair question would be; if Mr. Bradshaw were to work the illustrated race above would he do the exact same thing again? And if so, would he be able to then recall the reason he made the adjustment in the first place? Those who say otherwise are just limiting themselves.

When I first “worked” the race I also concluded that the #1 couldn’t beat the #3 anyhow, even after the adjustment. But that has no relevance to my question really. There certainly, over time, would be races that the mysterious adjustment would effect the outcome. It is those races that concern me. If there is no explainable reason why such an adjustment should be made, and, if there is no “signal” or “trigger” that indicates an adjustment should be made, then *the odds are extremely high that no adjustment will be made*. How important are those adjustments Mr. Bradshaw makes, and how would an absence of them affect the overall results?

I could be wrong, but I believe that the ability to “see” the race as Mr. Bradshaw does is an ability that can be learned, but requires an extreme amount of time in applying (practicing) it. The comment above: “Try to understand that he works races different from us” is exactly what I’m driving at. *I don’t want to work races differently than Mr. Bradshaw.* I see numerous comments here in the forums to the effect that no one can possibly be as good as The Hat. Why not? I’ve never met the man but from what I’ve garnered Mr. Bradshaw, by all accounts, appears to be human. His ability to pick winners might not be. Nevertheless, history is replete with records that would never be broken...yet they are, all the time. I see no reason why I (we) can’t achieve the same success as Mr. Bradshaw. If I never reach that level I guarantee I will be all the better for trying, and that’s good enough for me. But there will come a time when someone (one of us?) comes along and does just as well, or better, than The Hat, impossible as that may sound. But that can only happen to those who believe it can.

“I could be wrong, but I believe that the ability to “see” the race as Mr. Bradshaw does is an ability that can be learned, but requires an extreme amount of time in applying (practicing) it.”
Excellent!

If I may offer 2 VITAL keys to accomplishing this:

1) Work races when your surroundings are QUIET and you can quiet your mind.

2) Trust your FIRST instincts about a horse/race. ACT on that immediately before the second guessing starts up. LISTEN to the little voice when it talks to you. Intuition.

This is Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup
I have this out there in various threads but wanted to have it in a place accessible to folks. Plus following Jim’s guidelines I just hit a tremendous horse in the Keeneland contest!

About 8 months ago Jim told me the following and suggested I pay CLOSE attention to this. I am passing it along for you to consider.

“When working races on the Poly surface, Rich, match lines from
a) Polytracks
b) Turf

Place LITTLE weight on DIRT races when these other races are present in the horse’s pp’s.” - Jim Bradshaw

I have been following this for months and it is rock solid. Today at Keeneland they had a ton of rain since yesterday and took the 2 races that were scheduled for the turf off it. Ran the races on the main track (Poly).

In the 9th race, following Hat’s instructions, I used turf lines at today’s 9f distance on the poly and came up with the #2 horse Boss Laffite “Other than early.”

I took a win bet at 9/1 and also singled him in the online Keeneland contest.

Called Jim to tell him and he said “That’s what I taught you to do Rich. Now get after them boy!”

Screen shot of my selection at the Keeneland contest site: $21.20 winner. Works all day long, matchers.

You have selected **Boss Laffitte** to win race **Central Bank Transylvania S.**
I’m on the phone with Jim as I type this. He likes the fact that a lot of folks seem interested in working races the way he taught me to. We are going to do a couple of races here in this thread. One will have run already. We will do that first. Then the second one we will do “live.”

Having said that, he wants to make sure that I give you all the best chance to succeed and to do that he wants me to set up some preliminary work for you to do over the next few days to a week. It is the SAME EXACT thing he had me do when he started working with me.

This is going to be a “working thread” so with that in mind let’s get right to what Hat wants.

1) NON maiden races only to be looked at.
2) Positional running styles to be used are: Early-Press-Sustained.
3) You can choose to do this exercise either with or without writing it down.

Starting today and for the next 6 days please do the following (minimum 6 races a day):

*** Hat Helper*** - Do NOT handicap the race. Follow the steps and trust “Hat’s Method” of learning this.

1) Start with the 1 horse. Taking no more than 10-15 seconds (VERY important!), identify the running style of the horse using the 3 steps listed above ONLY.

2) If the style is EARLY note the first fraction time of the horse when it WINS or runs very close to the winner.

3) Do this for each horse in the race starting with the 1 horse and moving in sequence through the field until the last horse.

4) Now when finished make a call on how the race will be won using ONLY what you have done in the above steps. Do NOT go back and cap the race. Use ONLY the running styles and first fraction speeds of the Early horse(s). This all is done to prime the “minds eye” for what is coming.

Repeat this for at LEAST 6 races a day every day for the next week. You need at LEAST 35-40 races done doing JUST the steps outlined above.

NOTHING ELSE, please.

I’ll see everyone next weekend.
THIS is “Hat’s Method” of learning how to match HIS way.

THIS is Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup

03-31-2008, 11:04 AM
OK I was reminded just how FAST to do this and 10-15 seconds is too LONG.

On the phone with Jim he would snap his fingers telling me “Come on Rich, QUICKLY” and “too long Rich use first feeling that comes in your head”

OK, fwiw by the THIRD snapping of the finger I HAD to have my answer gang. That is like 3-5 seconds TOPS.

THIS is how he had me do step 1. QUICKLY while he was snapping his fingers together.

If you stay with this you will see its benefit when we move forward.

04-06-2008, 05:37 AM
Example race #1

Morning everyone. A week has passed and this is a working thread so let’s get right to it.

ALL are welcome to PARTICIPATE and POST. If you are reading this and are not a member here feel free to email me and let me know you are interested. I am going to tell Jim an idea I have about doing something cool in the future involving him regarding this thread and I will use the feedback here as “leverage.”

Spoke again with Hat last evening and we are going to do EXACTLY what he did with me.

In the ORDER he did with me. VERY important. EXTREMELY important.

Here are the pp’s. Today is a 7f race on the polytrack at Keeneland.

Step 1:
Starting with the first horse and taking no more than 5 seconds, POST the running style of each horse as described in the first post here. If and when you come upon a horse you designate as EARLY, POST the 1st fraction time when he WINS or finishes VERY close to the winner.
Step 2:
After you get to the last horse using ONLY what you have done in Step 1, POST your FIRST gut feeling how the race will be won. Take NO more than 5-10 seconds to make the “call.”

Use these designations ONLY please:
1) Early
2) Press
3) Sustained

Again, please do NO handicapping to make this “call” other than what you did in STEP 1.

NOTE: See Keeneland, 4/5/08, 7th Race. Scratch #1 & #2.

04-08-2008, 09:14 PM
Ok just a couple of comments please.

1) We will move to next step in a couple of days. Participation is excellent.

2) NOBODY has LOST more races than ME during the process of LEARNING the matchup. NOBODY, and I lost them one on one with Jimmy. He told me early on that learning is IMPOSSIBLE without making mistakes.

3) Remember and keep in your head the IMPORTANCE of TRUSTING your FIRST instinct/feeling and ACTING on that right away.

Now go back and re read “Example race #1.” Then do it again.

04-13-2008, 05:58 AM
**Step 3**

Step 3:

Now that you have a first fraction pace and have made a PRELIMINARY “mental call” on how the race will be won:

1) Keeping that first fraction in your head match the first 2 horses against one another focusing on races where that 1c pace existed. If a horse has not faced that pace throw him out. Remember that 1st call pace you have established by an early runner is a race where the horse either WON or finished very close, so you know it’s real. If a horse has not faced that pace OR faced it and done poorly, THROW HIM OUT.
2) Keep the winner of that first matchup/throw the loser out and move to the next horse. Repeat the process.

3) Do this until you have reached the final 2 horse matchup. Post those 2 up (who you have left).

If you would consider posting your process that would be great. Allows for feedback.

Richie

04-13-2008, 04:19 PM
Hi Rich,

I’m sorry. I’m mixed up

My Preliminary mental call is the 21.4 from the 7 horse.

How the early pace will run or how the race will be won? I know Jim says his best students just do and don’t ask why, but I am confused.

“1) Keeping that first fraction in your head match the first 2 horses against one another focusing on races where that 1c pace existed. If a horse has not faced that pace throw him out. Remember that 1st call pace you have established by an early runner is a race where the horse either WON or finished very close…”

1) At this step am I looking for a first fraction pace of race that was 21.4? And only keeping horses that ran well against that pace?

2) Then match two horses against each other that ran well against the 21.4 Pace??

3) throw the loser out?

Thanks Rich If you can help me

04-14-2008, 11:29 AM
Bill I have numbered your questions so I can answer them below in order ok?

1) YES
2) YES
3) YES

Are you following me?
Richie
Match Up Results

**1C Projected Pace: 7-Gloriously 21.4. Seems to have been set without much pressure.**

3-Mailgram - faced a 21.4 on the turf and finished 4th, 9+ lengths behind, not making a real move during the race. Don’t know what he can do on dirt, but based on this, he’s OUT.
4-Possible - Fastest he’s faced is a 22.2 on a fast track, 8 tenths behind the pace setter. He closed nicely but OUT.
5-Royal Diana - my other E. Faced a 22 and finished 2nd, beaten 2+ lengths. If you look at the sloppy 21.8, she finished 2nd by 4 lengths. That’s still 4 tenths behind the pace setter so OUT.
6-Lady On Holiday - best 1C faced in a sprint is a 22.4, where she finished 3rd by 2.6. OUT.
7-Gloriously - pace setter.
8-Liza Lu - did face a 21.8 1st time out and ran 3rd by 3.5. Still 4 tenths behind the pace setter so out.
9-BR’s Girl - I originally considered her for an E designation but she was on the lead or very close on turf, at a route, and at 5f, so I decided to use P here. Fastest she’s faced is a 21.7 where she finished 5th by 5.5. OUT.
10-Champagne Coolie - Won off a 22.7 but then could only muster a 4th off the same 1C. She did run against a 22.2 in the mud, but lost by 14 lengths. OUT.
11-And A Cherry Tree - faced a 21.9 at 5f and finished 3rd by 3. OUT.

Well, this is an uneasy feeling for me, but I can’t find a 2nd horse to beat the pace setter, 7-Gloriously.

I would probably consider 3-Mailgram as a potential danger based on those turf fractions, but she didn’t do much against them and she’s a dirt unknown.

6-Lady On Holiday did run decently against the 45.1 2nd Call that 7-Gloriously set, but there’s a 5 fifths difference in the horses’ 1st calls.

8-Liza Lu ran well against a 21.8, 45.1 which is close, but 7-Gloriously set a 2 length faster stretch call of 57.7 and let’s not forget the 2 fifths at the 1st call.

It appears that 7-Gloriously won’t need to run 21.4 to the 1st call and can conserve some energy for when the running starts. Positionally, she also seems to have the advantage against today’s pace.

Trust me, this seems too easy to be correct. My confidence in my match up skills is not high.
Horse-By-Horse Match-Up

Well Rich, I’ll give it my best shot...1st call pace = 21.4.

#3 vs #4...#3 faced that pace in its last race, which happened to be on the turf. She basically held position, (5-5-5-4) but didn’t do much else. Two back she won versus a little slower pace than I’m looking for (21.8), but it’s in the ballpark and she made a winning move (7-6-5-1). Those efforts look a heck of a lot better than #4 who has never faced today’s pace. Edge to #3.

#3 vs #5...#5 is an Early horse who won against a 22.7. Last out set the pace versus 21.8, in today’s ballpark but still not quite 21.4. I give the edge to the #3 in this pair because I can’t see #5 winning versus a 21.4 pace.

#3 vs #6...An easier call as the #6 has never faced today’s pace. Edge to #3.

#3 vs #7...Here is my projected pacesetter at 21.4. So far, I see that he should be able to get that 1 length comfort zone she had at the 1C last time. I also remember the 5-5-5-4 positioning of the #3 versus today’s pace, I give the edge here to #7.

#7 vs #8...#8 ran well 7 back versus 21.8 (8-6-6-3), but, again, not quite 21.4, and I still don’t have a challenger for the #7.

#7 vs #9...#9 is intriguing because of the fighting especially evident in lines 1 and 3. However, I see those were versus much slower paces. Line 9 is against a 21.7, but she really went nowhere (4-4-4-5). Still have to give it to the #7.

#7 vs #10...#10 has never faced a pace close to today’s.

Final match-up is between #7 and #11...#11 ran well versus a 21.9 (6-6-5-3), but still not quite as fast as 21.4 and positionally is still further back in the pack. At this point, I’m ready to select #7 and hope that one of the others don’t pop up and press him unexpectedly (at least to me).

Pete

THIS is horse by horse matching done Hat’s way. Regardless of outcome in this race note Pete’s handling of each horse please.

1) The horses who have NOT faced the pace are QUICKLY dismissed.
2) The horses who have and appear as contenders at first blush are then given extra attention and MULTIPLE lines are evaluated using the ENTIRE past performances of the horse.

Very, very, VERY pleased with the replies and feedback from everyone so far. More are coming so let me stop here.

Richie

04-13-2008, 11:25 PM
Match up notes:

3 vs 4: 3 is turf S; 4 router with no internal splits close to this pace, even adjusted route to sprint doesn’t get close.

3 vs 5: E type with best on sloppy track not good enough for our leader; fast track splits too low, out with the 5.

3 vs 6: 6 is P type. 2nd sprint back horse runs positionally closer to lead, perhaps closing on today’s leader. Gained on race leader 1c-2c and 2c-stretch. 3 is not gaining ground against fast pace. Take the 6 over the 3.
6 vs 7: 7 is race leader and 6 cannot gain on him. 6 is losing ground at 5f if you interpolate the info; appears to fade more after that.

The 8-9-10-11 have no lines against a 21.4 first call. The 9’s best finishes come off softer paces and the horse has run against some quick 6F times, one in a 6.5 turf race down the SA hill and one in a 7F.

I can’t find anyone to eyeball the 7 so I looked at what I thought were the two horses positionally or time-wise in the best spot. My final screen has the 6-7-9. The 9 closes position and lengths in his 7F race in a good time - much better than the 6. My second horse, reluctantly, is the 9.
Here is the screen shot of my last screen

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**#7-Gloriously---Early---21.4 -- [ Todays pace ]**

**#7 vs #3-Mailgram**

-[**Line 1**]-held 5-5 positions against a 21.4 on turf. Not bad. Let’s verify that line.
-[**Line 2 & 3**]-positions 7th at 1st call and position 5th at 1st call, in both lines only passed 1 horse, against a pace that is 4/10ths and 2/5ths slower at the 1st call. Confirms this horse is Sustained, will sit behind back of field at probably even a slower pace than Line 2 of 22.1 1st call and will give pacesetter no problems.---**OUT**

**#7 vs #4-Possible**

-[**Lines 1 to 4**]-1st calls of 23.5, 24.1, 22.2 and 22.1 with positions 5th, 5th, 7th and 4th to match. Only passed 1 horse from 1c to 2c in all those lines. The sprints confirm the 2 route lines that he is slow, Sustained, and will always sit back, even at a slower pace. Line 2, he is still 5th, 3.1 lengths behind pacesetter against a 24.1. Horse definitely stays away from battle and away from our pacesetter.---**OUT**

**#7 vs #5-Royal Diana**

-[**Line 1,2 & 4**]-the other Early horse. 1st calls of 21.8, 22 & 22.7. Definitely wants the lead, breaking 1st twice at the break call. Went to a 21.8. Although 4/10ths slower than pacesetter, how much faster will he run to get that break position of 1 and be position 1 at 1st call? Neither he nor our pacesetter is a proven fighter, so I am looking for an Other Than Early horse. How much ahead is the #7 with 4/10ths? How many lengths is 4/10ths?? I don’t know, but I think the #5 will kill himself, at least between the break and 1st call, trying to get that lead before collapsing. Since neither are fighters, its going to cost the #7 some energy.---**OUT**
#7 vs #6-Lady On Holiday

-All the sprint lines confirm his route lines that this horse is slow, Sustained, and at today’s pace, possibly a Late-Late horse. His fastest is position 7th, 9.1 lengths behind pace setter at a 22.2.---OUT

#7 vs #8-Liza Lu

-Line 1]-throw out. Only proves he’s possibly a gamer if pace is slower, plus it’s in the slop.
-Line 2 & 3]-Not looking good for the horse. Two slow route lines, and he passed only one horse between 1c and 2c in both those lines.
-Line 4, 5, 6]-Same as Lines 1 and 2. Ready to throw horse out.
-Line 7]-this line verifies that this horse will make moves between 1c and 2c no matter what the pace. In all lines, he has passed from 1 to 3 horses between 1c and 2c. Is this my Other Than Early horse? Positions 8-6-6 against a 21.8, and today is facing a 21.4. If the #5 will cost the #7 some energy, can THIS horse catch a battling horse at the top of the stretch with a 21.8 sitting 8th vs. a 21.4? How bad will the #7 quit, or is he a quitter? This #8 is just too far behind to capitalize, and although the #7 is not a proven fighter, he is also NOT a proven quitter either. Have to look elsewhere for my Other Than Early horse. This #8 vs. #7 in a two horse match race is ------OUT.

#7 vs #9-B R’s Girl

-Lines 1-3]-one turf and two routes at a slow pace. Only proves to be a gamer at slow pace, will pass at least 1 or more horses between 1c and 2c. Need some sprint lines to confirm this.
-Line 4]-Sustained, maybe Late at today’s pace compared to this very slow pace. Not looking good.
-Line 5]-same as lines 1-3.
-Line 6, 7, 8]-confirms previous lines that he is a slow horse and gamer at very slow pace than today’s. Just about gone.
-Line 9]- this line gave me pause. My Other Than Early horse? This horse is 4th at a 21.7, and today he faces a 21.4, 3/10ths faster. How much faster is 3/10ths, or much closer will he be if #5 battles the #7 out the gate? The #7-- (21.4--45.1--57.7 ) vs #9’s (21.7--45.6--59.4) in a match race.
The #9 faces a deficit of 3/10th at 1st call, 5/10ths at the 2nd call, and a 17/10ths deficit at the stretch, for a total of 25/10ths deficit. Will the #7’s battle for the lead cost him 25/10ths deficit of energy so the #9 can catch him? Too much. Thought I had my Other Than Early horse---OUT.

#7 vs #10-Champagne Coolie

The fastest 1st call this horse has faced is a 22.2 sitting 6th. Coupled with Line 1 -22.7--46.4 sitting 5th and ONLY passed 1 horse confirms his other lines as being Sustained,
slow, and will stay back. This horse is going to be 8th at the break, backing up at every call, only passing tiring, quitting horses.---OUT

#7 vs #11-And A Cherry Tree

-[Line 1]-only shows being a gamer at much slower pace, plus its the slop. Let’s confirm this line.
-[Line 2]-confirms he’s slow. Makes no positional moves, and sitting 6th and 6th at a 21.9, 5/10ths slower than today’s pace. At a 45.4, he’s going to be further back in either positions and/or lengths because Line 3 confirms this. Also confirms he’s ONLY a ONE MOVE horse. Will he be close enough to capitalize with that one move, or will he be able to make one move over the #7 being 8/10th slower at the 1st two calls? Will the #7 quit enough for this horse to catch him with one move? Looking at this horse’s lengths that get longer, even when he moves a position, he only picks up the pieces of badly quitting horses. Our #7 is neither a proven fighter or proven quitter. The #11 has proven that he is very good at 23.4--46.6. ---OUT

So now I am only left with the #7, but have doubts about his ability to keep to the wire because the #5 has shown he will go for the lead out the gate, possibly kill himself to do it between the break and 1st call, costing the #7 valuable energy.

Although neither are proven fighters, one should default to the speed of 21.4, but the being 1st in 2 break calls by the #5 makes me lean that he is possibly a gamer at the break and first call.

Since I couldn’t find my Other Than Early horse and the #7 only ran 1 race and is not battle tested, I probably would pass the race and treat it like 1st time starters and maiden races, since these horses have yet to define their ceiling.

04-17-2008, 09:02 AM

**Summing it all up**

EVERYONE did great work on the race. I am going to post the result chart now. Head to the windows and CASH your tickets!

I asked Hat a week ago “Jim did you teach your other matchup students the same way you taught me?”

He answered “NO each of you ‘sees’ things a bit differently in their mind Rich. I found each of your own individual strengths and focused on them when teaching you as individuals.”

So Don and Pat P were taught differently than Joe D who was shown different things than Joe O.
Each of us possess a “mind’s eye” that is unique to us as individuals. This is WHY I have deliberately refrained from answering virtually all questions in THIS thread. While I can answer them the answer would be mine and not YOURS.

You all have now entered the “Hat Zone” where our “Mind’s Eye” more and more plays the KEY role in working races and finding wagers.

By PRACTICING this method, questions that YOU have will be answered by YOU as we train our mind and it begins to understand and give us the feedback (Intuition) we need WHEN we need it.

THIS thread is the beginning stage of that development.

Sunday there will be another thread started entitled “The Mind’s Eye - Part 2” and everyone is invited to participate.

Until then stay cool and remember, THESE are Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup concepts

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S2 EXACTA 7-9 PAID $35.40  S2 SUPERFECTA 7-9-5-11 PAID $1,070.60
TRIFECTA 7-9-5 PAID $43.35

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04-17-2008, 11:12 AM

Thanks again for what you’re doing with us, Rich. Give me some thoughts on the mutuel. This is probably in the range of when I’d pass, but then again, I’d be dealing with a 2 horse bet.
Even with a 1 horse bet, there is some risk involved with a recent maiden winner with only one line to evaluate taking the next step. Just looking for some thoughts here on minimum odds.

Then again, $6.60 for every $2 is a heck of a return. Maybe I just need to put on my 1 horse bet glasses.

04-17-2008, 12:53 PM
Lou
When I started doing this exact process with Jim he gave me 3/2 odds as acceptable to take for a 1 horse bet. The first race he gave me to work using this process was a fairly easy winner similar to this one. I wanted to duplicate for the fellas here the same “environment” Jim did when working this with me including:
1) level of difficulty getting the winner
2) The price of the winner

Now Sunday when the next one goes up things change just a bit. Going to do the SAME exact things in the order they were done with me

Hope this helps
Richie
Here is our next race.

Stay with me and participate in the order of the steps please.

This will all begin to make more sense in a few weeks. You are in the “Hat Zone” now and YOUR “Mind’s Eye” is beginning its training.

Step 1:
Starting with the first horse and taking no more than 5 seconds, POST the running style of each horse as described in the first post here. If and when you come upon a horse you designate as EARLY, POST the 1st fraction time when he WINS or finishes VERY close to the winner.

Step 2:
After you get to the last horse using ONLY what you have done in Step 1, POST your FIRST gut feeling how the race will be won. Take NO more than 5-10 seconds to make the “call.”

Use these designations ONLY please:
1) Early
2) Press
3) Sustained

Again, do NO handicapping to make this “call” other than what you did in STEP 1.

Please POST your step 1 and step 2 calls ONLY. Nothing else for now. Then after everyone gets in here we move on.

Here are the horses. The past performances shown are in the traditional 5ths of a second and mirror the Racing Form.

NOTE: See Sunland Park, 4/13/08, 9th Race.

Step 3:

Now that you have a first fraction pace and have made a PRELIMINARY “mental call” on how the race will be won:
1) Keeping that first fraction in your head match the first 2 horses against one another focusing on races where that 1c pace existed. If a horse has not faced that pace throw him out. Remember that 1st call pace you have established by an early runner is a race where the horse either WON or finished very close so you know it’s real. So if a horse has not faced that pace OR faced it and done poorly, THROW HIM OUT.

2) Keep the winner of that first matchup/throw the loser out and move to the next horse. Repeat the process.

3) Do this until you have reached the final 2 horse matchup. Post those 2 up (who you have left).

If you would consider posting your process that would be great.
Richie

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04-21-2008, 01:03 PM
**Close**

Richie,

Describe “very close.”

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04-21-2008, 02:53 PM
**Bob**

Use your own personal judgment. Reason is that each of us has a “Mind’s Eye” that sees things a bit differently.

Richie

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04-21-2008, 03:06 PM

#1, S - use race 5, 5.5f against today’s pace: 4-4-3-2.

#2, very S and slow, out.

#3, [Tandem with #1, lost big] very S and slow, out - route extractions slow too.

#4, [Tandem with #1, beat #1] could use lines 1-2-4; won and placed at better than today’s pace in last two; use race 2: 6-5-3-2, or race 1: 5-5-3-1.

#5, [Tandem with #6 on 2/1] Mostly S-type but last showed more interest at the start and closer positioning at all points of call; could be a P off last. Pace of last just a little
outside today’s pace, but for now, in the mix: 2-4-4-3 (not a conventional power move profile).

#6, [Tandem with #1 and others] predominantly S type; last two lines against today’s pace: 7-7-4-2 (2 back) but 4-3-4-5 in last. Trouble line indicates horse might have been a little better and power profile might have been better. 3 back pace is a little softer but closed 3-2-2-2, gaining at each call. Also broke 9th in last race and 3rd in 3rd back. Horse has habit of putting itself in a bind. In last race the leader(s) were probably gassed in the stretch which may have caused the blocked conditions. At today’s pace there won’t be so much backing up.

#7, the apparent pace setter that showed last out it could rate; showed he could fight late in 2nd from last race; formidable: either 2-2-1-1 or 1-1-1-1 in a better time. Use 3rd back to match up

#8, [Yet another Tandem with #1 and in this case a double tandem with the troubled #6. This horse also finds trouble whether wide or in stretch], S type with 6-7-6-4 and 5-6-5-4 lines. Lost in both tandems – out.

Matchups: #4 v #1: 5-5-3-1 power move against faster puts away 4-4-3-2.

#4 vs #5: #5 backs up against today’s pace and #4 powers by. #5 Out. #5 backed up in tandem with #6 as well.

#4 vs #6: To me the big “if” horse: lost the fast tandem, but had trouble. Was 3-2-2-2 and gaining v. a pace that was hair slower than today. #4 better by 3rd call. #6 out.

#4 vs #7: Great match for 2 horse betters - and E and a P. #7 gets lead at 1st call, but #4 starts to pressure by 2c; #4 moves quickly against much better 5f times - but #7 fought well against 57.3 2nd from bottom race.

#4 wins, but I like the exacta here.

04-21-2008, 10:09 PM

Step 3

Projected Pace = 22.1

#1 vs #2...#2 has a winning race against a 22.2 and a dud against a 22.1; while #1 has made some impact a couple of times: line 2 (4-4-3-3) and line 5 (4-4-3-2). He also made up many lengths in his last race against a much faster pace (21.2)...I’d prefer the #1.

#1 vs #3...Although #3 ran well in line 5 against a 22.1 (6-5-3-2) he also got beat by the #1 horse in the last race tandem. Still prefer #1.
#1 vs #4...Here’s the tandem winner from the last line. In addition, line 2 he shows 6-5-3-2 against a 21.4, and a 2-2-1-1 against a 22.2 in line 4. Now, I like the #4.

#4 vs #5...#5 was close last time against a 22.3 but also shows 6 duds against 22.1/22.2 or better...Still like the #4.

#4 vs #6...#6 was beaten last out in the tandem, but ran well 2 back (7-7-4-2) against a 22.2. Still, he got beat in the tandem and his other races in the ballpark of today’s pace don’t look so good. I’ll stick with #4.

#4 vs #7...Here’s my projected pacesetter who shows a win last out (2-2-1-1) against a 22.1, and another win 3 back wire-to-wire against a 22.1, and a very competitive race 6 back against a faster 21.3, which included some fighting in the stretch). Honestly, this is where I probably would abort the process and skip down to the #8. After eliminating him, I’m confident this race is down to the #4 and the #7. What I see with the #4 is that he can run very close to the pace too and even fight against a pace like today’s. If the pace gets too quick he can fall further back and still run well too. My initial impression was the race to run early, and #4 is a horse I’d want to consider in either an Early or an OTE race. Anyway, as a 2-horse bettor I’d bet both, but as a one-horse bettor, I could not confidently separate the 2.

04-21-2008, 10:21 PM
Excellent feedback so far!

I am VERY happy because I can give you all some straight talk from Jim regarding separation of the the final 2 contenders WHEN you are very confident you have the race down to 2 guys.

I’ll wait a few days for others to chime in and then give you direct feedback that the Hat gave me when I would get “stuck” and couldn’t separate the final 2.

EVERYONE seems very sincere in their working of these races and that is EXCELLENT!

The “Voodoo Man’s” words will help all those stuck, I promise.

Richie

04-22-2008, 03:04 PM
1st call projection---22.1

#1 vs #2 --- #1 has line 2 (4-4-3-3) & line 5 (4-4-3-2) both at today’s pace.
#2 line 1 is 7-7-5-2 at a 22.3. Line 3 & 4 of the #2, he’s 7th both times at a 22.3 and gets beat very bad. Top off #2 line 6 at today’s pace with 6-8-4-7. #2 is OUT. #1 is IN.

**#1 vs #3** --- #3 line 3 fails badly at a 22.2. #3 line 5 at today’s pace is 6-5-3-2. #1 PowerLine 5 is 4-4-3-2. The #1 is ahead of the #3. #3 is OUT. #1 is IN.

**#1 vs #4** --- #4 line 1 DESTROYS #1 in Tandem. #4 line 2 shows faster Pace of Race vs #1 PowerLine 5, so #4 will be closer to the pace. #4 line 4 position is 2nd and WINS, also closer to the pace than #1. #1 is OUT. #4 is IN.

**#4 vs #5** --- #5 has failed at today’s projected 1st call in ALL lines. #5 line 1, he’s is position 2nd at a 22.3 and finishes 3rd, while #4 in line 4 is in 2nd position at a 22.2 and WINS. The #4 is ahead of the #5. #5 is OUT. #4 is IN.

**#4 vs #6** ---#6 line 1 LOST in Tandem to #4. #6 lines 2, 3, & 5 he’s 7th at a 22.2, 3rd at a 22.3 and 7th at a 22.3, ALL finishing 2nd. We have the #4 who WINS from 2nd position from a 22.2. #6 is OUT. #4 is IN.

**#4 vs #7** ---#7 lines 1 & 3 can WIN from BOTH positions 1 & 2 at a 22.1. #7 line 6 Power Line shows he can run much faster if he has to. The final straw is possibly WHERE the #4 will challenge the #7. The #7 Lines 1, 3 & 5 can withstand any possible challenge from the #4 at a FASTER pace. Besides, the #4’s style lately is a Presser that presses late anyway (sustained presser). #4 is OUT. #7 is IN.

**#7 vs #8** --- #8 does not have any lines to match with the #7. #8 is OUT. #7 is IN.

Looks like we are left with the #7 as a Lone Early horse with the #4 coming in the money.
1 v 4: The 4 won the 03-23 tandem off a 21.2 43.4 56.3 (5-5-3-1). The 3 stands no chance. **The 4 moves on.**

4 v 5: The 5 has never run successfully against a 22.1. **The 4 moves on.**

4 v 6: Comes out of the 03-23 tandem the 4 won and appears to have had some trouble. He had 1 position on the 4 at the first call and 2 positions on the 4 at the 2nd call before being blocked late 1/16 before the stretch call. My tandem strategy here will be to say that the positional advantage would have carried to the end without the trouble. **The 6 moves on.**

6 v 7: I quote: “It is VERY difficult to go wire to wire against FAST horses who make great Power Moves.” - The Hat

I think the 6 would have shown a stronger move w/o trouble in his last and he showed a very nice one two back off a 22.2 45.1. I think the 6 will move by the 7. The 6 moves on.

6 v 8: Another entrant out of the very fast paced 03-23 tandem race who also seems to have had some trouble (6-7-6-4). I think the 6 had more trouble earlier in the race than the 8 did and was positionally better at the 1st 3 calls.

Also, their common race of 02-01 has the 6 positionally better at every call.

My 1 horse bet would be the 6. My 2 horse bet would be the 6 and 8, odds allowing.

Lou’s 2 cents

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04-24-2008, 11:47 AM

**Stuck on 2 contenders?**

Over a year ago Hat gave me this feedback when I would get stuck on 2 horses and couldn’t reduce to 1. When I use quotes believe me it is EXACTLY the man’s words to me.

“Rich when you have the race down to 2 contenders and one of them is EARLY, bet the EARLY horse.” - Jim Bradhsaw

Result chart for this race will go up Saturday morning.

Richie
Here is the result chart as promised. Two suggestions if I may:

1) If you WON the race go back now and win it AGAIN. Look at what you did. Let your “mind’s eye” see and remember this winning procedure. You have no idea how important this will be to your future success of matching horses.

2) If you LOST the race please do NOT go back to it and try to win it or make the winner come up. Do NOT. You have no idea how important this will be to your future success matching horses. Practice the procedure outlined. Wait for the next one to go up here and ask questions.

As far as THIS race look at the winning 7 horse’s pp’s.

a) Look at the last race. A blowout win so there can be NO question the horse is still a horse (Hat’s description when he taught me).

b) Now you open the pp’s all the way. Come down to line 6. There is NO other horse/POWERLINE that can touch that line, either pace-of-race or positionally.

If you remember couple of weeks back when I said Hat wanted me to do THIS race it was because of “a” and “b” laid out above.

I read Hat the pp’s over the phone when he was in the hospital and the words you see in part “B” above were his EXACT comments to me.

OK I wanted to get the result up today as promised. That’s done.

In a couple of days I will talk to you about the future of the “Hat Check” forum. Jim gave me some very specific feedback on the BEST way to proceed after he passed and I NEED to tell you that.

Safe day everyone
Richie
That to do the match up properly, my decision to discard the line of the #7 because it was back in the pp’s at a higher class than he ended up breaking his maiden for was not a good one.
I need to discard my notions of “back in the pp’s” and “class” if I want to work the match up successfully (I can see Doc smiling). Lesson learned. Gracias amigo.
Your “Mind’s Eye” Environment

Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup concepts rely HEAVILY on the following:
1) Intuition

2) Pattern recognition and the ability to recall things that have come before

3) A quiet and relaxed mind where that little voice can be heard/trusted and ACTED upon quickly/instinctively

For the last few months I had been struggling racing wise and I had told Jim this quite candidly. He told me flat out the 2 reasons why. They are personal and things I am not comfortable posting about on a board. He told me to quit racing until things changed but I couldn’t. Love the game too much.

Here is the reason for this thread. Around the time of Jim’s passing he “came to me” and left me the following part of his website.
http://home.att.net/~jimbradshaw/poems.htm

He told me that the chant on that page was IDEAL for quieting the mind as best as one could when it was played LOW volume with headphones on. Simply refresh the page after it stops.

I’ll simply stop here and pass it on to you as a final act of giving from Hat. A “Hat Helper” for one’s Mind’s Eye.

Use it and reap the benefits.
Richie

I can not stress enough how VITAL this part of matching horses was to Mr. Bradshaw.

It’s NOT about numbers, tandems etc.

It’s ALL about developing our “Mind’s Eye” and the best possible environment for it to flourish in.

If you take nothing else from this entire FORUM please take this piece.

Nuff said
Projecting Times Refresher Course

Richie and Don P, Can you do a refresher course on projecting times for a sprint race? [I didn’t want to bother The Hat]. Just that topic nothing else and if you could use standard PP’S. Thanks.

PLEASE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS UNTIL THEY ARE FINISHED AND ONLY ON THIS ONE TOPIC. I FOR ONE AM NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING ELSE BEYOND THIS RIGHT NOW.

REPLY:
** Yes I will do a race or 2 with the “regular pp’s.” I will speak with Hat and get a good one.** - Richie

03-24-2008, 04:16 PM
Jeff

Let’s look at a race that hasn’t run yet. This one will run on Wednesday and is race 6 at Tampa Bay. I know you like that track.

We will use Hat Bradshaw’s 5 step approach here to aid us.

Here are the full past performances for each horse.

After you run through them once or twice, anything hitting you regarding projecting a pace here?

Is there a pure early horse?

**NOTE: See Tampa Bay, 3/26/08, 6th Race.**

03-24-2008, 06:03 PM
Richie, first of all, thanks for going over something that you have done before and going to the trouble of using the pp’s. You know all too well how much easier it is for me.

Now, as to the race you, picked a tough one, for me anyway. For a pure early horse I would say it would be the 1. I would go 4 back to the Oct 7 because the last 3 were on the off going. I’m having difficulty with the 8. I believe he can’t run out of the gate with the 1.
03-24-2008, 07:08 PM
Perfect race to pick as this is the type that gives me fits. This is the 3rd time I have been back here. Now I’m not so sure about the 1 being pure early because he has only done it twice on the pp’s. That 22.2 45.7 he has only done one time. In all honesty I can’t even project the time in this race.

03-24-2008, 07:22 PM
Excellent because I cannot either if looking for a pure early horse. So going back to the 5 step approach Jim outlines a second way to project a pace to measure contenders by:

This screen shot is direct from Hat’s 5 step approach. I agree with you and think we should apply his SECOND way to project for TODAY’S race.

If you agree read it and then tell me who the horse is and what is the pace.

From Jim’s “5 step approach.”

PROJECTING PACE

Pace is The Match-Up and through pace analysis and projecting the probable pace of today’s race you can find the pace a horse can win against and the pace they fail against. Each horse’s running line and running style will be matched against the others, fraction by fraction, to find the line to use in today’s race.

The fractional times used are the first call (the quarter mile in sprints, and the half mile time in routes), the second call (the half mile in sprints, and the six-furlongs in routes), and the third fraction (the difference between the second call and final time).

There are two ways to project pace.

1. First, decide the horse that is likely to take the lead. In picking the horse that is going to take the lead, find a horse that has truly been in the lead at the first call. In the event none of the horses definitely had the lead, use a time where a horse tried for the lead or was up close.
2. Next, find a horse that was in the lead at the second call. Use the same procedure explained in finding the first call. Next, find a final time that matches the first two calls, and you have the projected pace of today’s race. Never add beaten lengths to any of the fractional calls. Horses that do not match today’s pace will have difficulty winning.
3. Find the horse that has run the best against the fastest pace in his last race, at today’s track, and at today’s distance. Tandem races are good to use in this procedure. If none of the horses have run at today’s distance consider any fast sprint, or any fast route line. This horse is the pace horse that all the other horses will be matched against.

This race from the pace horse will be used as the initial projected pace of today’s race. All the other horses in the race must be able to run against this pace. Match every horse in the race, with the initial projected pace. Any horse that doesn’t match today’s pace will not be considered as a win contender.
Richie, I would say the 3 horse. He only finished ½ length off of a 22.4 45.6 111.6 in his last race at today’s track and distance. Since Hat said don’t add beaten lengths then the projected pace would be 22.4 45.6 111.6. Even if I’m wrong this is really great how we are going through this step by step. I’m not just saying this to blow smoke up your a**.

03-24-2008, 09:12 PM
I agree 100% with your choice. So we have our pace:

22.4 - 45.6 - 111.6

Now again here is the Hat from the 5 step approach. Let’s follow his guidelines/ideas for contender/line selection.

How about we both read what he says and then list our choice of contenders and then possible lines to consider.

This is cool and no worries about the outcome. Let’s follow procedure and see what we can get. I’ll be gone until tomorrow evening but WILL post up our stuff then.

Here is the Hat from the “5 step approach”:

…This race from the pace horse will be used as the initial projected pace of today’s race. All the other horses in the race must be able to run against this pace. Match every horse in the race, with the initial projected pace. Any horse that doesn’t match today’s pace will not be considered as a win contender….

…In establishing the true contenders, and proper pace line, you need to make a complete analysis of all horses’ past performances. The last race is very important and we should view this race in determining current form. We do not need to use this line, but do not readily forgive bad races. Learn to be flexible and decide what the horse can do against the other horses in the race. It is meaningless how a horse ran in his last good race, because it must face a totally new situation today.

The horse has never faced this match up before, and will never run this race again. How is today’s race going to run? How is this horse going to run?

Most of the time, when you have found the true contenders, you will have the winner in your top three or four horses. It is necessary to eliminate horses that do not have a chance of being in the money. The more contenders you have, the more difficulty you will have “picking” the winner.

The selection of the line that best predicts how the horse will run in today’s race is the “key” in using the Match-Up. Look at the total past performance to decide the best line that matches the pace and represents the running style of the horses in today’s match up.

What follows is a unique way of picking running lines and contenders. Draw lines through races that do not represent the horses’ ability. Draw lines through the past performance of the horses. These lines are based on distance, surface condition and running style. In most instances the only lines left open are sprint lines, because today’s distance is a sprint. We can use internal fractions in
a route, but if we have a good sprint line we will use the sprint line. We want to know how the horse can perform in a sprint.

This gives us a clear picture of the horse’s chances in the race. All horses are given lines, but we can readily see that very few are really contenders. Writing down the selected line is a good way to view the pace line match up and finding the winner.

Later you will need to do this exercise mentally, so you can keep your form clean.

03-25-2008, 05:45 PM
Richie, I might be too strict on this, but if I saw a horse that matched this time only once on his pp’s, I didn’t use him (I’m not sure if this is correct or not).

Contenders:

NO 3-off his last race

NO 7-Dec 11 race or Aug 22. I guess I would go with Dec 11 even though it’s 1 fur longer.

NO 8-Feb 8th

For me the rest are gone. I will be interested to see what you do here with the horses that have shown ability to only do it once. You really picked a good one to analyze.

REPLY:
** Jeff there is no “right or wrong.” We just do our best and see how it plays out. So you have your 3 contenders. Excellent. Now if you have time go back to the 5 step approach and read how to now focus on matching these guys up. Check for tandems they have in common etc. My head’s not into it right now so carry on. You are doing good work and using the proper steps. Win lose or draw. Btw I spoke with Hat and he knows of this thread and me and you working it! He asked me to tell you hi! ** Richie

03-26-2008, 03:10 PM
You did great work.

Fwiw, Pino emailed me early this morning asking me who I liked in the race because I hadn’t picked one here in the thread.

I told him 4 hours before the race run in an email the winner is the Mooji horse #8. Check the pp’s out.

Here is the result.
Richie, I didn’t get home in time to bet but I had also e-mailed Pino earlier that I liked the 8 as well. When you have a chance can you tell me match up wise why you had the 8. The match up did lead me to the contenders but the reason I liked the 8 was his race 2 back and the fact that they were putting back on Centeno[the leading jock there] who had won with him 4 races back. Also his last race was run against a 21.3 44.2 and to the stretch he was 4.5 lengths off.

By the way I tip my hat to you for doing the race step by step and for using the pp’s. After using nothing but the form for 30+ years it’s hard to teach an old dog new tricks.

This race was a good head because frankly they cause me fits as I have posted before. Those with NO established pace from an early horse.

To be honest I didn’t post who I liked because confidence in THIS race type for ME is low. That’s being real. I’m glad Pino e-mailed me and I picked the right one so this isn’t a total redboard.

Let me show you what I did. This is how Hat had me work races with him virtually from day 1. He wanted this same procedure done for ALL races regardless of track, class, distance, surface.

He would do this SAME procedure every time he would come back from the races and had races he wanted to show me when teaching me. He let me know early on THIS was how he wanted races worked.

Try it a few dozen times if you like.

1) He wanted a projected pace first EXACTLY how he laid out in the 5 step approach. Either from an early runner or fastest pace last race at this track distance. You did it PERFECTLY. Serious.

2) He NEVER wanted me to project a race to the end Jeff. NEVER. He said doing this would put the user on way too many sustained horses that would NOT win.
Jim spent a LOT of time teaching me how to show OTHERS what he had taught me. He explained the importance of starting out with the very basics which is the 5 step approach. In that write up he DOES project to the finish.

I am telling you and any others who have moved beyond the very basics of matching who are reading this thread: do NOT project a race to the final time or the “end.” This is what Hat wants shown and conveyed to you. Match:
1st fraction
1st call
2nd call
stretch call (especially when the stretch call on a pp line is today’s distance. A “backup line” as Jim calls it. Ask if you are confused.)

I have to run because as I am typing this, distractions have hit here.

I will post the “Hat taught” way of doing the race in the morning using your PERFECT call of the projected race pace. He also wants me to do another “live race” showing his first way of projecting pace according to his 5 step approach. This way both HIS methods are shown. He said to ask you to help me and find a race that YOU see.

After that, I will ask for some feedback (good and bad) because Jim is VERY interested in this thread and what comes of it. He asked me 2 times today about keeping him informed about it which is a GOOD thing. Keeps his mind off other crap.

We have our projected pace:
22.4 - 45.6 - 58.1

Hat’s method:

Start with the 1 horse - last race collapsed against this proj pace. 2 back collapsed against pace 2 seconds slower than today. OUT.

Go to the 2 horse - shows 1 race against today’s pace, line 3. Horror show. OUT.

Go to the 3 horse - Our “pace horse” so we know he’s sharp. Come down and use line 8 from Meadowlands as Power Line. Wins from 2nd position. IN.

Match the 3 against the 4 now. 4 shows 3 lines against today’s pace, lines 3, 6, 7. Couldn’t compete in any (line 7 was just CHASING speed). OUT.

Match the 3 against the 5 - Lines 3, 4, 5 against today’s pace. Horror show. OUT.

Match the 3 against the 6. Lines 2 and 3 show runs against this pace where he collapsed. OUT.
Match the 3 against the 7 - Lines 2 and 4 against today’s pace. Line 4 is OK but he ran from 3rd position and we already have the 3 running and winning from 2nd position. The 3 is ahead of the 7 POSITIONALLY. 7 is OUT.

Match the 3 against the 8 - Line 3 against faster pace than today’s projected. Runs 3-2-2 positionally. Line 6 runs against a 21.4 - 44.4 - 110.2 and power moves 5-4-2. Now come down to line 9, the Meadowlands route. Has the LEAD at the first call in a 2 turn route in a 22.2. He is now FAST and WINS from the 1st position knocking the 3 horse out. IN.

Match the 8 against the 9 - The 9 shows 1 race against the pace, line 2. Horror show and OUT.

The 8 is the horse to beat with the 3 as the “other horse.”

THIS is how Jim taught me to work races with him. A horse by horse match-up, NEVER focusing on only one paceline (using pieces of different fast races where the horse was competitive) and NEVER carrying a projected pace to the finish.

We will do another “live” race next week where we can project a pace from an on the lead horse.

Richie

03-27-2008, 06:00 AM
Richie, great job explaining how you went about matching up the horses for that race and how Hat goes about doing it. When I was doing it before, I was using the final time and the second fraction. I really wasn’t looking at the 1st, 2nd and stretch positions but now you have cleared that up for me. Can you please explain the backup line? I would enjoy doing another live race sometime and I will look as well. When we do can you use the pp’s again. I guess in that respect Jim and I are the same. Nothing is better then the good old racing form. Send Jim my regards and I’m glad if this is able to take his mind off other things even for a little bit.

03-27-2008, 05:17 PM
I also noticed with THE HAT approach, the pace of race horse you used to match all the others, you went to HIS Power Line.

You did not go to the others Power Lines, especially since they proved to fail at today’s pace.
You did go to horse 8’s Power Line when he showed a *faster* pace of race. You then verified this with another line, *THEN* you went to *HIS* Power Line vs the pace of race horse’s Power Line.

Very interesting and well explained.

This seems to be a more advanced yet simpler application of the Power Move/Power Line concept you and Mr. Bradshaw presented.

Also noticed you did this without listing running styles. Perhaps because of the condition of the contenders in this particular race, projected pace took more precedence than running styles.

Like you and Mr. Bradshaw said, there are no rules.

**Wow, another excellent one, Rich.**

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**03-27-2008, 10:32 PM**

Ooopps, my mistake.

You *DID* do running styles.

You looked for a definitive pure Early horse, but all the horses’ styles were suspect.

So the running style for the horses *and* the pre-Match-Up analysis of the way the race was going to be run is OTHER THAN EARLY.

Your final contenders and choice verified that choice.

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**03-28-2008, 08:51 AM**

Even though the shape is other than early I still want to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race

Richie

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**03-28-2008, 09:33 AM**

*Quote:*

*I also noticed with THE HAT approach, the pace of race horse you used to match all the others, you went to HIS Power Line.*

*You did not go to the others Power Line, specially since they proved to fail at today’s*
pace.

OK good observation. Now watch this:

When you use the “Hat method” of working a race as outlined earlier:
1) Finding today’s race pace either by positional early runner or fastest pace last race at today’s track/distance.

2) Moving to the 1 horse and matching/eliminating horse by horse using the race pace to START.

You save yourself the step of identifying Power Lines for EVERY horse. Look at the contenders posted. The 3, 7, 8. They are the ONLY horses who have true “Power Lines” in TODAY’S MATCH-UP against TODAY’S race pace.

Now you have that time saved available to match the TRUE contenders LINE BY LINE and if you begin practicing this and keeping that race pace in your mind (or on paper), certain horses will have MULTIPLE FAST LINES that start grabbing your “minds eye.” Let it “see them” and just go with the flow and listen to that little voice when it FIRST talks to you after “seeing them.”

I’ll stop here for now and just tell you all

THIS is Jim Bradshaw’s Matchup.

03-28-2008, 11:27 PM

Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP
Even though the shape is other than early I still want to bet the horse closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race

That is a good point.

That repetitive point might sound simple, but I usually get too caught up in the mechanics and not the point. Early, Early Presser, Sustained presser, etc.

The question should be, “can I find a definitive Early horse,” then, “can he go wire-to-wire” or is there some horse to prevent him from doing this.

If the answer is no, then it’s other than early.

Your point in the above quote just hit me, although you repeated it 100 times:

OTHER-THAN-EARLY = closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.
If he happens to win wire-to-wire or as an Early presser, he simply was closest to the lead positionally factoring in pace of race.

I think the other point is, when evaluating FINAL contenders, the mechanical and technical aspects and positions of running styles is:

Look at Early over Early Pressers
Early pressers over Pressers;
Sustained Pressers over Sustained;
Sustained over Late

“Closest to the lead, factoring in pace of race.”

Nice reminder, Rich.

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03-28-2008, 11:38 PM
Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP

They are the ONLY horses who have true “Power lines” in TODAY’S MATCHUP against TODAY’S race pace.

This is very good.

Bears multiple repeating. From this action verb, “Power Lines” are from TRUE contenders.

If a horse has shown he cannot run against today’s projected pace, he has NO Power Line.

Rich, you just keep bringin it.
The Mind’s Eye - Part 3

As we move along with this series there will be an increasing level of thought and focus needed to win the race. This progression in degree of difficulty is EXACTLY what Hat did with me and he spent quite a bit of time with me on this subject when he was teaching me how to teach others.

This race will be a polytrack race at Arlington run at 5f. Before we start I need EVERYONE to read the opening post in this thread please. http://paceandcap.com/forums/showthread.php?t=3741 (Hat on Polytrack races)

That was Jim’s direct feedback to me regarding working these races. Let your “Mind’s Eye” absorb it fully by reading it in a quiet place a few times.

Here is the field. The times you see are in tenths. There is a reason I am using this program for THIS race beside the fact that it is the one I am most comfortable with. You will see what I mean later on.

Use the SAME format and method of working this race as you did in the first 2 “Mind’s Eye” races please.

1) POST up the running styles for the horses and when you have an early runner post his first fraction time when he wins or just misses.

2) Then going ONLY by what you did in step 1 make a QUICK call on how the race will be WON. Early or Other than early. NOTHING ELSE. You won’t be “held” to your “call.” I will show you what I mean later in this race thread. There will be a “Hat Instruction” here that has NOT been posted before by design.

Do NOT pick or post a “winner” of the race at this stage please. Trust me. The degree of difficulty is now stepped up a notch.

EVERYONE is encouraged to participate.

NOTE: See Arlington Park, 5/11/08, 2nd Race.

05-12-2008, 06:10 PM
Thinking ahead here a bit. I’m having trouble with the ultra fast time from the LS turf (freaky - one time stuff). I don’t remember a lot of that Texas speed holding up in FG very often, so I’m suspect.

No disrespect to LS but isn’t it considered a lower class track relative to AP? Wasn’t one of The Hat’s warnings to disregard horses from lower class venues when they move up the track ladder? or is LS close enough?
With all that on the table one could look at the sustained turf sprint from AP where the 5F time is nearly comparable to the LS finish time and conclude that the LS time might have some substance. Oh well, I’ll wait for the rest of the direction because clearly I am confused right now.

05-12-2008, 06:13 PM
OK good(not on being confused but on the questions posed).

Trust me and just relax and let’s go one step at a time.

05-12-2008, 09:52 PM
1: NF
2: E 22.9
3: P
4: P
5: E 22.6
6: E 22.4
7: E 23.0
8: EP 23.2

Run early I think the 5 and 6 run away from the rest at this point but matchup is still new to me.

05-13-2008, 06:35 AM
Good morning and welcome! IF you are brand new to Jim’s Matchup concepts I strongly suggest starting with his 5 step approach that he made for us here.

Here is the link where you can grab it:

My suggestion:
Take 2 weeks and familiarize yourself with its content. Work 20-30 races using the format Jim suggests in the 5 step approach. See how things go.

If you can write down what concepts you need some help/clarity with at the end of the 2 weeks let me know and I will be most happy to help you.

This thread is not where a “new matcher” like yourself should start. Jim stressed over and over the importance of learning “stages” to all this.
Again welcome and look forward to working with you here.

Richie

05-15-2008, 09:25 AM
Jim “The Hat” and some Voodoo primers

Now it is time for our horse by horse matching using your FASTEST 1st fraction on an EARLY horse as your guide.

Now I would like to add TWO steps to the process that Jim taught me.

These are shown now after a few practice races by design. This is EXACTLY what Hat did with me and gave them to me after working three races just like we have done here. What is very good is that we have a “core group” of matchers and you are participating consistently which is NEEDED to progress.

These steps are once again “Mind’s Eye” primers and as with ALL Intuitive processes they have NO rules. Let’s go.

BEFORE you begin your horse by horse matching using your FASTEST 1st fraction on an EARLY horse as your guide do these 2 things QUICKLY.

1) Starting with the 1 horse and with the 1st fraction pace in your head scan the ENTIRE pp’s of each horse’s FIRST FRACTION only. Only instead of doing this from the top down start at the BOTTOM of the pp’s and work your way to the most recent race. Do NOT try and “tell” your “Mind’s Eye” anything. Just let it “take it all in” QUICKLY. This step should take LESS than 5 SECONDS per horse. Quick Quick Quick Quick Quick. Move through each horse virtually as fast as you just read those “quicks.”

2) Now begin your horse by horse matching starting with the first horse. This is going to sound INSANE (I remember telling Hat this when he taught me. He just told me to “Hush up Rich and do what I say”) but please trust me.

IF you have done the steps outlined for you as you start to match horses there ARE going to be times when you get to a horse and YOUR “Mind’s Eye” is going to tell you quite loudly “THIS is the horse that is going to win the race.”

STOP. This is YOUR horse to bet. Even if it turns out that he is the 1-2-3 horse and there are others you haven’t gotten to yet with your horse by horse work. STOP and BET that horse QUICKLY (assuming acceptable odds).

If you are a 2 horse win bettor make sure THAT horse is one of your 2 bets.
You have done steps that gave your “Mind’s Eye” the chance to take in each horse’s ENTIRE pp’s a couple of times and it has seen all it needs to see in THIS race.

It will NOT happen in every race but when it does STOP and BET that horse.

Now please begin your horse by horse matching using your 1st fraction early horse pace as your guide. Match 1 against 2. Toss the loser and match the winner against 3 and so on.

POST your process. It’s all good man
Richie

05-15-2008, 06:34 PM
Sitting with you

Hi Rich

I’m lost. Back in the day you probably would see it in my face and steer me back on course.

Panic

I am confused. In this step I’m seeing the same thing I saw in the step 1 looking at the first call only - Using only Turf and Poly lines.

The 3 is setting the early pace - At least that’s what my mind sees. If I’m wrong in step 1 I will lose the race, but I don’t know if I am wrong. I don’t want to drift down the wrong road. Can you help me?

05-15-2008, 08:26 PM
OK, listen, do not panic.

I see by your first post you have the #3 marked early off his last race at a 21.7, right? That is your horse and first fraction pace right now that has to be “beat.”

Here is what you do now step by step.

1) Using that 21.7 as your guide, go to the 1 horse. Has he run against a 1st fraction of 21.7 or faster? If he has NOT, throw the horse out immediately and move to the next horse and repeat the process.
If he has run against that pace, match-up THOSE LINES against the 3 horse. If those lines are deep in the pp’s, look at his recent lines. Is he still in form? Has he tailed off? Once you have made a decision to ACCEPT those deep lines now do this:

Who is faster? Who will be ahead of the other horse positionally? THAT horse is the one you keep and toss the other one.

2) The #3 is YOUR horse to beat based on your preliminary work. Now you go horse by horse and try to find someone to knock his ass off. If you can’t, HE is your bet.

Does this help you?

05-15-2008, 08:42 PM
Hello Rich

Thank you. Yes you made it very easy to follow. I will get back into step 2.

05-18-2008, 10:04 AM
Result chart

In the opening post of this thread I posted a link where Jim’s guidelines on what to focus on when working polytrack races was laid out.

For those of you who accepted this, the win price on the #3 at $11.40 is your prize!

Let me post the result chart here first.

Then follow the next few posts. THIS race was selected by me because it shows THREE things about the winner that have been posted about here in Jim’s Hat Check for close to 2 YEARS.

Then in the last post I am going to expose all of you to a NEW concept that I can GUARANTEE will open YOUR “Mind’s Eye” even more. When you absorb it you will be doing things way beyond the 5 step approach and Matchup2.

You are being exposed more and more to the TRUE heart of Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup Concepts - The Mind’s Eye.
Now let me lay out some things about the winner.

1) No horse in the race can match-up with the 1c and 2c pace from the #3’s last race. NOBODY, and I will show you this horse by horse using my “colors.”

2) The #3 is a first call FIGHTER against a 21.3 (fifths).

Here is a screenshot of the winning 3 horse. I have punched in his last race on the lead pace of 21.7 - 44.7 and “lit it up.”

Now let’s go horse by horse through the field looking for anyone who can run competitively against that 1c and 2c. Who else is “lit up” 1c and 2c AND is competitive in that race? As you are about to see the answer is NOBODY.

First here is the 3 horse.

Then screenshots of the field showing nobody matching up.
Now the field with 1c and 2c pace punched in. Notice we do NOT pay any attention to final time.
4 Paul's Dream

5 La Milagra

6 Adacat
Now I want to show you something. IF you accept what you see here you will begin to look at many races differently from everyone around you. Multi-dimensional.

Here is a screenshot again of the winner.

LOOK at the 2 lines in his pp’s where the 1c and 2c are “lit up.” let us start from the BOTTOM of the pp’s and work our way up.

Line 9 - He runs Other than Early showing a positional look of 7-6-4. He PASSES horses

Line 1 - He morphs into a vicious early fighter and takes no prisoners going gate to wire after a 1c firefight.

Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw Matchup Concept:
THIS horse is multi dimensional. He runs early (line 1) but CAN pass horses (line 9) if needed against TODAY’S projected pace.

Let YOUR “Mind’s Eye” see those 2 running lines. Look at 1c-2c-sc ONLY. Do NOT tell it to do anything. Just let it “see” the lines and take it all in.


Then:
Let YOUR “Mind’s Eye” see those 2 running lines. Look at 1c-2c-sc ONLY. Do NOT tell it to do anything. Just let it “see” the lines and take it all in.

THIS is the Voodoo “Mind’s Eye.”

THIS is Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup.

The “Mind’s Eye” Part 4 is next.

I have no problems with the actual matching of lines in this race, but I have trouble accepting the last line because it appears so non-typical.

Yes, I can see that in its last four races the horse has gotten progressively closer to the lead and clearly, in this field, the horse does not have to equal the pace of the last race, but we are going to use this pace against all others in the match-up. I think this line 1 is the only one that makes the three the winner. I do not see any indication in the PPs to indicate that the horse has run so well back to back and I’m thinking that the horse will BOUNCE from the last race effort.
What is the Hat’s position on horses repeating or running well after one time races (best of their life) just before the race in question. Or do we uniformly use the last line in all cases and live with the results?

05-18-2008, 10:47 PM
I can understand your questions and your concerns.

No, I don’t think “we uniformly use the last line in all cases and live with the results.” As the Hat has said many times, you use the preponderance of evidence, sometimes going deep into the past performances, especially when his latest lines suggest “he is still a horse.”

But remember, this is the “Match-Up.” I don’t dare to speak for Jim, but I think if you could have asked him the definition of bounce he probably would have said that’s what happens when you dribble a basketball.

What made the Hat the Hat was his “non-conventional” approach, which, when you think about it, and after you’ve seen it in action, vis-a-vis Richie’s lessons, wasn’t all that “non-conventional” after all.

05-19-2008, 09:40 AM
I looked through ALL the notes I wrote when Jim was teaching me.

There is only ONE situation where he would consider a last race WIN a negative and this is it.

In normal everyday racing and races (non KD, Breeders Cup, etc.) he considered a horse who has WON 3 races in a row to be a NEGATIVE factor. When playing live with him I can remember 4 or 5 times this happening and in all but 1 case he threw the horse out.

That’s it

Richie

05-19-2008, 10:34 AM
Feedback

Whether you won or lost this particular race I will tell ALL of you this:
EVERYONE is looking LEFT on the pp line (1st c and 1st fraction in routes) on a REGULAR basis. I have NOT asked any of you to do anything regarding the 2c and sc. This is by DESIGN and mirrors the exercises Jim did with me.

The fact that so many of you are getting the winner in YOUR look at the race from a 1c glance is tremendous! Hat has GOT to be smiling on all of this and loving it. As you all will see the following “Mind’s Eye - Part 4” race will be different and expanded.

“Rich work on getting the importance of the FIRST CALL in people’s minds. Get them away from the “pace is 2c bull****.” When you think you have done enough in this area do some MORE. This is the matchup.” - Jim Bradshaw (notes to me on 11/11/2007)

I think that’s what the “Minds Eye” and other “Spot Plays/Pattern Recognition” exercises are here for.

If the mind/eye see’s/detects a pattern that wins 6-9 times out of 10 all the time, once you KNOW that and HAVE that ability, we are taught to bet the same way and make the same choice, and not worry about the 3 or 4 times it doesn’t work, because we would bet that pattern, even if we lose and still have a shot to bet THAT EXACT SAME race, we would bet it, again, the SAME way, without hesitation.

This is if and when we master the patterns.

Richie and THE HAT alluded to that there are guidelines, but NO RULES.
The Mind's Eye - Part 4 - Voodoo Intro

**** You will NEED to work this race in a quiet and relaxed setting *****

You ready for a little taste of the Voodoo Mind’s Eye? After I had done like 3-4 races with Jim focusing on the 1st fraction and making calls based on running styles he hit me with a race virtually exactly like the one you are about to see presented here.

I LOST the race but learned a whole lot after from Jim’s talking to me about a concept he described as “Voodoo.” He wanted to plant the initial seed as he told me by being exposed to it, my mind would absorb it in due time.

I lost the first 5 or 6 of these races going forward (Every week or so Jim would hit me with 1 of these out of the blue and would NOT tell me it was coming!) but eventually things started to stick in my “Mind’s Eye.”

Once again, ALL of what we are doing in the “Mind’s Eye” series has as it’s focal point the FIRST CALL and POSITIONS.

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This is a 4.5f race at Charlestown’s bullring.

Please read what I am going to ask you for in step 1. Give me ONLY that, please. Asking for a reason and any other stuff posted will be edited out by me to make sure everyone is on the same page as we look at this race. Thank you and ALL are welcome to participate.

The times you will see are in fifths just like the Form.

1) Give me the running styles of the horses

2) How is the race going to be won after looking at the 1st fractions? Early or Other than Early?

3) Give me the 1st fraction projected pace.

Do the steps in the order they are shown. This is the EXACT same order Jim wanted the info from me that first time.

**** You will NEED to work this race in a quiet and relaxed setting *****

NOTE: See Charles Town, 5/23/08, 4th Race. Scratch #3
Moving on

Now we branch off into 2 groups, those that are looking early and those that are looking O.T.E.

1) Early - If you are in this group as I was when first being exposed to this concept we have lost the race. It’s perfectly OK as we can’t learn without having failed at first.

I will be contacting each of you privately by PM within the next day or so with some feedback I got from Jim after I had lost it and want to pass it along. Some of it is personal in nature.

2) Other than Early (O.T.E.) - If you are in this group you have decided that early can NOT win. Therefore throw them ALL out now for win consideration.

a) IF you have multiple early designated contenders (more than 2) do NOT consider for win an O.T.E. who runs from POSITION 2 at the FIRST call. He will be “sucked into” the earlies and killed off. This had been posted about in Hat Check over a year ago.

b) If you have 3 earlies they are taking up 3 POSITIONS when the gate pops. So you want to take for your horse the O.T.E. who sits 4th at the FIRST CALL against today’s pace (1 tick or so either way). Look at ALL of this horse’s pp’s. He MUST show the ability to PASS horses in MULTIPLE races. If you find this, THAT is the horse you bet. That is your horse.

c) If you can NOT find a horse described in part “b” look for POSITION 5 and 6 horses at the FIRST call against similar 1st call pace. They MUST show a POWER MOVE (passing MORE than 2 horses between calls) from the 1c-2c or 2c-sc to be considered for the win. They MUST show this. If you find this and a horse described in part “b” is not present, THIS is your horse.

Straight from Jim’s lips to this page man. Do NOT consider power moves made from the stretch call to the finish (sc-fin) as legit. Do NOT.

d) If you can NOT find either type of horse described in “b” and “c” PASS the race for now. Later on you will be shown what to consider when this happens but it is well beyond the scope of this thread.

There it is guys. What do you see?? Talk to me!

Whether you won or lost this race I will GUARANTEE everyone 2 things that will have come out of doing this IF you read carefully what Jim’s feedback says:
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1) YOUR “Mind’s Eye” will be elevated to another level without you even realizing it.

2) You will ABSOLUTELY be working a race (s) within the next few weeks and whether it’s before or after the fact you are going to suddenly “hear” your Mind’s Eye telling you “Holy **** there is that same thing from the “Mind’s Eye #4 thread.”

Your hair might stand up a bit on your arms or some other weird feeling might come over you but it WILL happen. GUARANTEED

Ask me how I know

05-27-2008, 09:57 AM

The Result

First off I cleaned up this thread deleting posts that were needed when doing the process but aren’t now (mostly mine).

THIS race was exactly the same as the one Jim showed me the first time he exposed me to this Voodoo stuff. Scary

The FIRST time Jim explained the race to me I did NOT understand what he was telling me.

When I told him this he quietly told me “OK, now listen again and just LOOK at the pp’s Rich while I am talking. Just LOOK and don’t talk.”

Here it is:

#2 - FIGHTS for the lead in a 22.0 - does NOT win

#4 - FIGHTS for the lead in a 21.4, a 22.0 and a 22.1 - does NOT win

#7 - Wins 3 races back against a 21.4 but it is from the 2nd position. LOOK at the pp’s. When he is NOT 1st or 2nd he is dead and gives up. How can he get 1st or 2nd TODAY when there are TWO early FIGHTERS already identified?

Answer is he can NOT and he blends in with the earlies. LOOK at his pp’s then LOOK at the #’s 2 and 4.

The FIGHTERS are going to destroy each other, take the #7 with them and set the race up to be WON O.T.E.

Now they are taking up THREE positions at the FIRST call. WHO is sitting 4th in around a 22.0 that can pass horses?
#1 - runs against 24.0 first calls -slow horse - OUT
#2 -early - OUT
#4 - early - OUT
#5 - runs early but against a 22.4 - OUT
#7 - positionally sucked into the earlies - OUT

#6 -
last race - trouble at the start
2 back - slop against a 24.0 passed horses 1c-sc
3 back - slop again
4 back - at today’s distance - sits FOURTH at first call against a 22.1. BINGO

Now can he PASS horses when running from that position or further out because that is where he is going to be TODAY?

Come down to the bottom line at today’s distance. From 5th position he passed horses at 2 CONSECUTIVE calls in the race. LOOK.

OK, starting him 4th today give him that bottom race gain of a position at each call. MERGE the TWO lines in YOUR “Mind’s Eye.”

So against a 22.1 he now runs POSITIONALLY a 4-3-2 from 1c-2c-sc

While everyone else is killing one another off in a FIGHT the #6 is the ONLY true contender for the WIN passing horses from the perfect 4th POSITION at the FIRST call. LOOK.

There is my horse.

Now LOOK at the result chart.

THIS is the “Voodoo Mind’s Eye.”

THIS will start becoming YOUR “Voodoo Mind’s Eye.”

THIS is Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup.
“Rich, before I open the Form I get my mind QUIET by meditating for a minute or 2” - Jim Bradshaw

Trust me on this. Follow EXACTLY the steps shown below in the ORDER they are shown. Do this FIVE times within the next 24 hours EACH time making sure that your surroundings are COMPLETELY QUIET and SERENE.

1) LOOK at what was written about 2, 4, 7. Then LOOK at their pp’s.

2) LOOK at #6’s 1c pace of race and position from 4 races back. Put him 4th at 1c.

3) LOOK at his bottom race now and visualize him passing horses in that race.

4) Picture TODAY’S race now. 3 earlies FIGHTING. The #6 starts 4th. Now bring the visualization from the bottom line on #6 in your head.

“Rich before I open the Form I get my mind QUIET by meditating for a minute or 2” - Jim Bradshaw
Two FIGHTERS who do NOT win and a 3rd horse who needs to win from 1st or 2nd position and can’t get it because of the presence of the fighters.

Find them at the FIRST CALL.

That’s it.
Rich, the way these last several threads have progressed amazes me! This has quickly evolved into individualized instruction at a very high level, but man, you blew my mind with this race...

Pete

The SOLE purpose of this thread and SPECIFIC race was to EXPOSE developing matchers “Mind’s Eye” to the “Voodoo Process” described in post #42 and the realities shown in post #54.

Remember “flash cards” in school? Where we saw something real quick like then it was gone?

Exact same idea here Pete and the flash card analogy was Hat’s description to me.

It then becomes simply a matter of PERSONAL choices where to continue with this:

1) Quit

2) Rely on the 5 step approach and “Match-Up2” and a strict numbers based approach.

3) Become VERY uncomfortable at first and work on the Mind’s Eye and it is all GOOD.

However I am ONLY dealing with folks in #3.

A) Read SLOWLY and in a QUIET place post #42

B) Go to post #54 and read what is written. Then look at the pp’s there

** Most Important**

C) What you see in the body of post #46. Jim worked that race the FIRST time with me FIVE times each time speaking VERY softly (post #42). Pay CLOSE attention to the opening and closing sentences in post #46

Richie,

This race shouldn’t have been bet with chinese money, but curiosity killed the cat. Once I saw you post, two things jumped at me: #9 and #10 coming off 5 days rest, and #1 making a tremendous move from 2c and stretch in a route race. Was the investment worth the risk? 13/1 on #1 was worth it.
That was a great race for YOU as I know you bet the exactas. Very good “mix” and the exacta came back very nice! Good work.

I hope folks understand that the whole Hat Check forum deals SPECIFICALLY with finding THE horse that is going to WIN the race. This was Jim’s way and it is OUR way in THIS forum.

Having said that I have to acknowledge the GREAT exacta that Pino had because that is how HE bets. He plays to his STRENGTHS. Something for everyone to take notice of.

Bravo
Match Up This Race

I ran across this old race, and I thought it was pretty interesting. I had never seen it before, and I handicapped it for the first time myself. I’m curious how you matchers (and matchers to be) would analyze this race using what you have learned so far. (Don’t worry about getting it wrong; I did--kinda.)

I’ll put up the result chart in two or three days after enough people have had a chance to respond.

(Richie: I’d really like to see your analysis as well, but could you please wait until others have had a chance to give their opinion before you give yours so as not to unduly influence anyone? Thanks.)

NOTE: See Charles Town, 8/29/07, 8th Race. Scratch #3

Hi Turbulator

I’d pass - not enough info on the #5

I believe that the race will run OTE-EPresser. The #2 horse B’s Wild Rush is my choice to win the race off of its MSW win back on 5/19/07. It won against a faster ¼ and half time than anyone else has been able to run in their pp’s.

In its last race of July 15, 07 it ran against an even faster ¼ mile of 21.4 at a very good 2nd within ½ lengths and while falling back at the half came on again to gain two positions while beating half the field. This horse is fast and can come again as his last race and win show. In his win he shows he is a fighter that can win even after falling back, a big plus. Finally I really like its works coming in to today’s race, another big plus, so he would be my pick. Win or lose I would always pick a horse like this.

Robert

#2 is quick from the gate and has by far the quickest 1c. Jumps off the page.
I’m with you Azbacks
Bet the little guy on the 2.

I will try

Running styles

1 Sus
2 Early 22.0
3 E/P
4 Press
5 SUS
6 S/P
7 E/P
8 Early 24.1

The race will be won other than early

The two is going to get the lead on the 8. The 8 is out. The 2 is from a poly track AP (I think). Horse 7’s line 2 seems to be the horse to sit just behind the earlys.

My projected pace will be 22.0 47.0. The 7 seems like a good match and the 6 in its last race made a nice power move, but against a 24.1 48.3.

The 5 is a question

I would take a chance with the 6 and 7

Here is my read on this race.....
#1 EP (real close to an E) 24.2 24.3
#2 EP 22.1
#3 EP 24.2
#4 EP 23.4 mud, 24.1
#5 S 23.2
#6 EP 24.1 23.3
#7 EP 23.1 23.2
#8 E 24 way to slow and can’t get the lead...OUT

499
Should be run OTE. #2 is dominant EP of the group...race could go in 22.1. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 could burn each other. #5 is young and improving and should sit back and conserve energy for the stretch run. UNKNOWN FACTOR.

Hmmm....2 or 5. Would probably play both, but if I had to choose, #5 is the choice for the win. 2,5/2,5,7,6 exacta box. 2,5/2,5,7,6/2,5,7,6 trifecta.

There are some questions here:

1 - The 2 has never run on dirt. She is probably the quickest E of the group, but with plenty of company. In the one turn mile at AP she faded after 6f in 113.3. In her win she was 1st fighting, lost ground and position to 3rd and then 4th - then rallied to win. It looks to be by the default of others gasping harder than her. In her last race after pushing the pace, faded to 7th and then rallied to pass two horses. This horse doesn’t like the lead IMO - so she is not the fastest here!

2 - The 5 in its debut was off slow, so we really don’t know much about her preferred position. But in this field, that should not matter (its a benefit) as everybody else is early or can only win from 2nd or 3rd position.

If the 2 is best E, all the E/P’s get lunched here. In any event the E’s and EP’s dual themselves into submission. The only horse in this field that has passed anyone is the 5.

Stop the presses - bet the five!

Matched against the #1 last (fastest) 22.3 46 113.2.

Only 1 and 7 can compete against that pace. Now I’m stuck, but will take the 1 over the 7. 7 has beaten main contenders in tandems but running style leans towards early and possible trouble.
If #2 runs to his poly lines no contest we lose.

With all the early horses I think the race will be won OTE and I like the 5 to be there at the end for the win.

This is a good example of the problem I have with my New York home tracks.

Everyone is on the #2 as big time speed, but this was from another track.

At Belmont we get shippers from all around the country and their 1st call is always faster than the horses coming from Aqu’s main and inner track.

What to do?

Mike
Could be dominant early with the 2 but I will go O.T.E. because of the recent quit in the 2. #1 shot a 21.4 p to finish third but I like the 22.1 47.2 line on him if it goes other I like #1.

Punch

05-28-2008, 01:46 PM
I also play NY tracks, especially while Belmont is running, and my take on this is that you have to consider #2 as a contender at least, or any horse coming from a different track (also dirt vs. poly). After establishing the win contenders on the basis of Match-Up concepts then you have to make a decision either via a program or track comparison chart as to any horses coming from different tracks/surfaces.

Robert

05-28-2008, 03:36 PM
Give it a go

I see the 8, 2 and 7 on the front end. None should last for the win. The 2 will find the CT dirt tougher than the Poly. My projected pace for the race is 24 - 48:3 – 115:1 - 122:2. The 7 is a declining horse, otherwise he would win this. The 3 and 4 are tosses due to pace difficulty and cheapness. The 5 is a curiosity, but should find it hard jumping from state-bred maiden to allowance company, and should need a faster pace to run at. Also loses Dunkleberger to the 2 in this race. Of those left, the 1 has run with some better company and against a fast pace last race, which might have put him on edge. Possibility. The 6 fits surprisingly well with this group, beat the 8 last out, and has the best dirt pace fractions along with the 7. Give me the 6 and 1 to win, coming from off the pace, with a 6-7-1 exacta box. Tough race, Turbo! Marty.

05-29-2008, 02:27 PM
What I “know” is that the WIN will come from O.T.E.

What I ‘know’ is that the 2, 7 and 8 can NOT win as they are early. The 2 looks fastest at first blush BUT the 7 and 8 both have shown 4.5f flash speed and that dooms the 2 as well as the 7 and 8 chances of winning. I bet Ct every night and have seen this picture before.

What I do NOT “know” is who is going to WIN and I do NOT value bet or bet 2 horses.

That’s all I got man.
Richie
Can the 2 go wire to wire? To me that was the main question that had to be answered. I don’t know. How do you evaluate those AP races? If those AP races don’t apply, then I’d project the pace off of the 8 horse. The 7 should go out with the 8, and the 2 should get sucked along (maybe), so the race sets up OTE.

Who can lay third (or possibly fourth), run to the pace, and pass horses? The 6. The 6 was 3rd at the first call, lost ground to the half, and then made a great power move to win the race. Not only that, he fought tooth and nail from the stretch call to the finish.

So either the two wires the race easy or the six comes from off the pace. Which is it? I didn’t know. I thought the two might be the speed of the speed, but I also loved the power move of the six.

Since I’m not playing two horses anymore, I had to either pass or go with one. I try to pick the winner of every race I handicap--for practice if nothing else. I picked the 2.

However, had I been at the track or watching this race live I don’t think there is any way I wouldn’t have bet the six. Why? Check out the results. I still think it might be a typo. I got the results from the racing channel, so if anybody can find a result chart for this race I’d love to see it.

Unbelieveable.

Two people got it right--Admin and Shipper. Congrats, you’d have been well rewarded.

**Results at Charles Town**

**Wednesday August 29, 2007**

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Refunds: None
I think my biggest mistake with this race in selecting the #2 horse was that I was not totally convinced that it would necessarily be a need to lead horse. That it could sit off the pace some and then come on. The getting sucked along at the fast pace is something that I need to consider more, besides some more clear thinking on the particular horse’s running style.

Robert

05-30-2008, 09:44 AM
I went with the 5 and my thinking was that the 5 is faster but experience won out. Both the 5 and 6 are coming off wins and they both had my attention but I went for the 5.

05-30-2008, 04:36 PM

Steve

Wow!

Thank you for the chance to work the race. Wow, that makes me feel good. Congratulations Shipper and to all you guys. I read your posts. I am working with my mind open that I can pick up tools to work my races. Thanks to Hat and Richie. The Match-Up has helped me by looking at the total picture of a horses ability.

Steve I enjoyed your race.

Thank you,
Bill

05-30-2008, 06:01 PM

Marty

Nice work, Bill. Hard to believe how a 4-1 morning line could pay that price. Curious as to how the race actually ran.

05-30-2008, 10:26 PM

Exacta

Thanks, Marty.

Great work getting the exacta !!! $400+
Like doc says, when you have a like a .20 cent favorite all the other horses are big overlays.
When it goes bad

OK, so all of a sudden your matching goes south. I mean the word struggle is an understatement. What can I do to recover?

What follows are things Hat would ask me in no particular order. See if some of them provide answers or possible clues for YOU:

1) Have you been playing too much? Night and day or every day? It’s too much, Rich. You need to get away from it. Plus it is very lonely when you are doing it right. That is how it has to be.

2) When are you working races Rich? When were you working the races when you were going good? Have times changed? If yes WHY?

3) Are you able to FOCUS properly and quiet your mind? Are there distractions (mental, physical, family problems, health, etc.) keeping you from peaceful thoughts?

Not one of the things listed above has anything to do with the matching up of a horse. Not one.

Do NOT be tempted to work your way out of it by working on your matching techniques. Using Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Matchup Concepts the TRUE answer lies elsewhere.

To turn things around, the quiet mind and quiet surroundings MUST be present come matching time. Period. This allows pattern recognition and the ability to have your Mind’s Eye (that little voice inside that speaks to us) alert you to both good and bad things it is “seeing.”

Very simple to say yet extremely difficult at times to make happen.

Let me share with you an exercise Hat gave to me. It is effective and deals most importantly with quieting the mind and then some positive reinforced matching techniques.

Here is a link to a page from Jim’s website. If you access it through Internet Explorer browser you will hear a very soothing Cherokee healing chant begin to play.
http://home.att.net/~jimbradshaw/poems.htm

Playing it very low in volume sit quietly in front of your computer or wherever you are listening to it. If after a few seconds you find yourself starting to fidget about or saying stuff to yourself like “what is this”?
STOP.

You are mentally NOT ready to proceed. Ask me how I know. Shut down and try again later on or another day. I’m VERY serious.

When you start listening and find your mind just wanting to relax and enjoy the sounds without all the fussing, fidgeting etc. this is what I want you to do:

Have past performances of THREE races that you have won handy. You know the winner of the race because you BET him. One of the bright spots during this bad run we want to turn around.

Refresh Hat’s page so it plays from the start. As it begins playing SOFTLY (almost in the back round like) open the past performances of your first winning race. Scroll the pp’s very slowly going through the whole field. Relax, listen to the soft chanting and nature sounds going on around you. Now go to the horse that WON the race. Just let your “Mind’s Eye” see its past performances in their totality. Do NOT tell it to “do anything.”

You are showing it success.

You are showing it winning patterns.

You are showing it a peaceful meditative like surrounding with the soft healing chant playing in the background.

You are showing it a BLUEPRINT for SUCCESS.

Repeat the above process now using the 2nd winning race. Do this ONLY if this second time through you feel the same way as before. Relaxed, able to listen and accept the music quietly. If anything changes regarding that (and they WILL at times) STOP. You are done for the session. Trust me please.

If things still feel peaceful show your mind that 2nd winning race and then stop for that session. Two winning race experiences and accompanying music should last about 6-10 minutes.

You have shown it a blueprint for success and then a reinforcing example. It WILL remember and REMIND you of this later on when you are working races LIVE.

Day 2 try and achieve this state again. When you do now show it your THIRD winning experience. Again just let it take everything in.

For something to really help you one has to believe that the steps being done will really work. Now we get to each matcher and his core beliefs so I stop please.
1) The Quiet almost meditative like Mind’s Eye,
2) The looking back ONLY at WINNING race experiences.
3) ACTING on one’s FIRST impression or thought that comes when working races.

These are Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw’s Match-Up Concepts.

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08-12-2008, 05:34 PM

“Ok so all of a sudden your matching goes south. I mean the word struggle is an understatement. What can I do to recover?”

Rich, you have to THEN take a break to refresh your mind and REGAIN your confidence. You CANNOT handicap properly when you are frustrated, etc.

All the best,

Jon

REPLY:

*** Yes you are 100% right Jon. Hat would often tell me to “get away for a while” ***

Richie
Other than Early - Voodoo pattern #1

I will not have time to finish that 2nd test video describing the above by this weekend. I want to put it in the hands of folks especially friends like “Mu” who will be Form matching up at the Spa this weekend.

I am going to show you here in this thread.

The only thing I ask of all of you is the following:
1) I ask that you do NOT move past this opening post in the thread until BOTH of these things are present:
   a) Quiet noise free, hassle free surroundings. That’s the external part.
   b) Quiet RELAXED mind not preoccupied with other things. That’s the internal part.

Then there is a harmony as Hat explained of the mind and body that gives best chance to learn and RETAIN something.

The Process

This requires a projected pace 1c-2c.

Beginning and intermediate matchers here is a tip that will pay big dividends: Focus on races where you can project a pace from an on the lead early horse.

The next thing is: Take the time and actually DO IT. Project that pace either by writing it on the top of your Form (Hat’s way) or key stroking in on tools such as RDSS (my way).

Heads up. For beginners unfamiliar with projecting pace, grab Hat’s 5 step approach and read it. Cornerstone of everything being done here in the Hat Check. Here are Jim’s words on projecting pace taken directly from his 5 step approach:

“Pace is The Match Up and through pace analysis and projecting the probable pace of today’s race you can find the pace a horse can win against and the pace they fail against. Each horses running line and running style will be matched against the others, fraction by fraction, to find the line to use in today’s race.

“The fractional times used are the first call, the quarter mile in sprints, and the half mile time in routes. The second call is the half mile in sprints, and the six-furlongs in routes. The third fraction is the difference between the second call and final time.

“There are two ways to project pace.
“1. First, decide the horse that is likely to take the lead. In picking the horse that is going
to take the lead, find a horse that has truly been in the lead at the first call. In the event
none of the horses definitely had the lead, use a time where a horse tried for the lead or
was up close. Next, find a horse that was in the lead at the second call. Use the same
procedure explained in finding the first call. Next, find a final time that matches the first
two calls, and you have the projected pace of today’s race. Never add beaten lengths to
any of the fractional calls. Horses that do not match today’s pace will have difficulty
winning.

“2. Find the horse that has run the best against the fastest pace in his last race, at today’s
track, and at today’s distance. Tandem races are good races used in this procedure. If
none of the horses have run at today’s distance consider any fast sprint, or any fast route
line. This horse is the pace horse that all the other horses will be matched against.

“This race from the pace horse will be used as the initial projected pace of today’s race.
All the other horses in the race must be able to run against this pace. Match every horse
in the race, with the initial projected pace. Any horse that doesn’t match today’s pace will
not be considered as a win contender.”

Again, I will ask everyone not to go past this post until you are familiar with projecting a
pace and have the conditions present described in the opening post here.

Thank you

Rich, on my earlier email on this subject I forgot to ask the following: can you elaborate
a little on the pattern you point out for the #6 horse.

Bang!

I was hoping someone asked this and it turns out to be you!!

Let your Mind’s Eye see, interpret, look around and “go” wherever it wants to go with
this.

For races where you have the winner running O.T.E.

Be AWARE of horses who have fought for TWO or more calls against today’s projected
pace AND have another line where he ran competitively O.T.E. against today’s projected
pace or even slightly slower. BOTH of these lines should be found in the horses last 4
races.
Put that horse in your final contender grouping. Then using all his pp’s make him the fastest he can be. Then try to beat him.

Each individual reading this will get the most benefit if they are familiar with:
1) Projecting a pace 1c and 2c
2) Are practiced and familiar with the 4 Mind’s Eye threads that are found here. If you practice that routine you will do more for your learning of Jim’s Match-Up Concepts.

Those Mind’s Eye threads have started everyone’s INDIVIDUAL intuitive processes going. Those threads ALL had the first call as the focal point of your intuitive beginnings. Not by coincidence the importance of the first call has been written about by the Hat for over 20 years.

THIS thread continues the intuitive development bringing in the 2nd call, recognizing multi line patterns and leaving the “Winning Look” for each of YOUR Mind’s Eye’s to “see.”

08-21-2008, 12:40 PM
Questions in follow up to original lesson post:

1. The 6 horse is one among few horses with several lit up lines that match the projected pace. Is there or should there be a minimum number of attempts at whatever today’s pace is in order to apply this lesson? I could see that you might apply this from the results of just the 2nd and 3rd line back, but without the comfort of line 8.

2. When you say, “Combine the best of everything he’s got” do you mean that we should open our minds that this horse is a legitimate contender or are you challenging us to project a time better than previously recorded because we’ve used the best 1c and 2c times?

I can see that the winner was tandem with the 6 and that once you set the 1c and 2c fractions, no one positionally would challenge what, in effect, was a lone early horse.

As always, appreciate all inputs,

Bill
2. When you say, “Combine the best of everything he’s got” do you mean that we should open our minds that this horse is a legitimate contender?

YES.

Then do exactly what the quote says to do.

Then try to beat what you have created.

“Look around” a bit. Quietly. This race might “talk to” some of you as indicated in this thread to stay away from horses like #6 in this scenario.

Act IMMEDIATELY on first impressions/thoughts. The easiest thing to write and for ME the hardest thing to do CONSISTENTLY. The single biggest key to winning using Hat’s concepts.

With a relaxed environment and quiet mind the ability to recognize patterns of success and act on one’s first impression and thought. That’s the Match-Up.

Hello Richie.

Richie, are you showing this race example because in your mind you were not “preoccupied with other things?” Because you thought about it being a contest race and you might have had that in your way?

Is the answer to do all races in:

a) Quiet noise free, hassle free surroundings. That’s the external part.
b) Quiet RELAXED mind not preoccupied with other things. That’s the internal part.

Hope that makes sense
Bill
Here it is step by step amigo.

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3) WAIT for races where you deem the winning style to be OTE.

When you find those races check ALL your OTE horses last 4 races looking for 2 races that look like this to YOU.

4) When you find a horse that shows this somewhere in his last 4 lines, make him an automatic contender.

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5) Look at ALL of that horse’s good races (Wins and any races YOU feel are good).
Make a kind of “virtual picture” of the horse using all those good races. You know like taking a fast 1fr from one race while maybe taking a power move from another. Whatever good things YOUR mind sees in the horse.

Make him as good as he can be using all the pp’s. I check marked all his races against today’s Proj pace.

6) Now matchup the other OTE horses one by one against what you have created for your pattern horse and try to knock him off.

If you can knock him off toss him.

If you can not there is your horse.

I hope this helps JL
LOOK at Turbulator’s post.

See where his mind is moving all around the pp’s with his excellent graphics?

Up, down little position thing on one line, then another line below he marks the pace of race. Just milling around taking it all in.

THERE it is. That part about “make him as good as he can be.”

Thank you for your help Steve.
Erratic horses

How do we handle the Romero’s of this world when they Match our Projected Pace???

Any thoughts are greatly appreciated

*** Charlie - Can you elaborate a bit on what you mean by erratic? ** Richie P ***

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08-31-2008, 10:57 AM
Hi guys

Pace was Projected off #6 @ 22.1 - 45.2.

Richie, sorry, I missed your question in my original post.

By erratic, I mean horses that run a good race, then a poor one.

It is knowing when and when not to chuck these I’m having real difficulties with.

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08-31-2008, 06:09 AM
Here are the full pp’s for the race. Because he mentioned a proj pace (the ONLY races I FOCUS on) and I didn’t work Philly yesterday (no idea result) I looked at the race.

The #6 is my perfect projected pace horse using an EARLY horse.

I got the race fairly quickly to 2 horses. From there we go forward.

If you do NOT know the result and want to participate maybe we could look at this one.
The #5 in this race has a lot of good vibes. Win lose or draw. I’m serious.

1) PERFECT proj pace 1c-2c.
2) Mind's Eye thread relevance.
3) Multiple pace line “looks.”
4) Early or O.T.E.

Here is the field with no marks of any kind.

NOTE: See Philadelphia Park, 8/30/08, 2nd Race.

08-31-2008, 08:00 AM
Project pace from # 6 Means to win. 22.1.

OTE.

Looks like two contenders to me.

#1 Prarie Lites and
# 10 Smilin Riley

I haven’t looked at the results. I’ll take #1 Prarie Lites.

08-31-2008, 09:51 AM

Race

Rich, Charlie and Steve.

I would think the 6 would be on the lead. I am seeing it early. In the tandem race from July 13th race against the 1 and the 10, # 6 had to fight and was third behind much faster than anyone can do in this race.

I see the race Early 6 winning

Thanks
Bill
#6 Means to Win is my pick to win the race.

Running styles taking 1st impression QUICK:
1) Pre
2) Ugly
3) Ugly
4) Ugly
5) E/P
6) Early 1st fraction - 22.1 (tenths) races 1-2-6
7) Ugly
8) Ugly
9) Early/Press 1st fraction - 22.4 (tenths) is NO longer considered early. Press
10) Press

Look at all pp’s and note races of others against today’s proj pace at 1c paying close attention to positioning at 1c.

A) I am tossing #5 now as I move through. Only successful race against today pp is 5 lines down and in the last 4 races has gotten worse against SLOWER 1st calls. Hat calls that “not being able to get on top of slower fractions.” #5 is now OUT win lose or draw.

See 1st screen shot for my “look” at this point. The #6 is an absolute lone early horse showing 2 races consisting of multi call and stretch call FIGHTING in those lines. All the other horses are NOW going to have to run the #6’s fractions or pace of race. 22.1 - 45.2.

Here is the cherry again win lose or draw. LOOK at line 3 for the #6. I believe in one of the Mind’s Eye threads you will see my post about the POWER of an early horse who can ALSO run OTE with a POWER MOVE. Jim repeatedly got me charged up about this. He LOVED these tigers!

In line 3 the #6 races against a FASTER 1c and from 2nd position (OTE); now he goes on to POWER MOVE and HAMMERS the race winning easily.

THIS horse is the same exact horse from the Mind’s Eye thread. They have just changed names, that’s all. Find that horse then look at this #6. EXACT SAME HORSE.

Second screen shot shows me adding that 3rd line down for #6.

I have no “other horse” in this race though the #1 runs closest to him. #6.

Only thing I will add is I need at least 2/1 to BET the guy. I look at line 2 where the #6 wired and won. I think that very well happens here. He was 2/1 there and if they give me 2/1 or better here I bite.
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Did not spot this and this is where I went wrong in this race.
Early and fighters.

REPLY:
** Steve. Early is a big problem for me too. In this race WHO can possibly fight with the #6 at the 1c? That is the position where he fails when fighting. ** RichieP**

08-31-2008, 07:22 PM
Quote:
In this race WHO can possibly fight with the #6 at the 1c?

No one and because no one can, he is not using up the units of energy he needs for later.

REPLY:
**** BANG! **** RichieP

09-01-2008, 02:29 AM
Quote:
No one and because no one can, he is not using up the units of energy he needs for later

Nice, and another CLEAR way at looking at Earlies who are HEADED at the first call and lose.

Nice, fresh way of stating the reason, Charlie.
Steve
Having posted the above I will tell you this.

I hope folks take just a bit of time to read what you wrote about YOUR experiences with certain grouping of fighters. This is what it is all about.

Personal experiences and hard work after being exposed to the fundamental important stuff. Doesn’t get any better than that.

As Hat said many times “That’s what you are supposed to do.”

Just as soon as I posted I realized the answer. Fighting, the horse does not fare well. But, like you said, who is going to fight with him here? He should get the comfortable lead he needs to coast on home.

And, as usual, when I handicap too fast, I overlooked his third line back, which is a barn burner. However, that line was against a very fast pace. Today’s pace will be much slower.

My thinking is that if he doesn’t get the lead in this race he’s toast. He has to wire this race to win it--and it’s very likely that he will.

I think I should clarify my statement about “fighting and failing.”
Horses who fight tend to get extra credit. You might say to yourself, “he’s running well, he matches up, and look--he’s a fighter!”

If the horse does well fighting, then yes--he gets that extra credit. But when I see all those things, I tend to ignore the fighting part of the analysis if the horse “fights and fails.”

I might say, “look, this horse is a fighter—that’s great! But wait a minute--he doesn’t do very well when he’s fighting--so how can that be a good thing in this situation?”

If he doesn’t need to fight, as in the example race, then so much the better. But if he needs to fight at all, it can be a very big negative. This is where I tend to downgrade “the fight in a horse” and look at other things instead.

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09-01-2008, 02:54 AM
Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP

2) Ugly
3) Ugly
4) Ugly
7) Ugly
8) Ugly

This term is not in the Mind Eye exercises.

Starting to sound like THE HAT. He didn’t quite have a definition when people asked him what or why is he called a horse “ugly”, and THE HAT usually says, “cause he is.”

Maybe “erratic” could also mean horses with no particular style and/or questionable fitness....one fair race then one disaster followed by a fair race, etc.

So now the question begs to be asked: in RichieP’s “Mind’s Eye”, what is the definition of ugly, besides horses that lines that are 5th thru 13th position at all calls with the average beaten length of 13 each call?

Horse’s that fail and collapse TOTALLY at today’s projected pace with not even two competitive calls put together?
Never mind, Richie.

Looking at the 22.1, they either:

Ran it competitively (once) long ago and are not competitive at way slower fractions.

Total deterioration at much slower 1st calls.

Competitive at much, much slower 1st calls recently, last 4-5 races.

Good races, power moves and positions at calls from 4/5ths (generous average) to over a full second plus+ and more SLOWER than projected 1st call.

In other words, **U-G-L-Y**.

REPLY:

** There it is. That is why IMHO working races with an actual early horse’s Proj pace at 1c-2c makes life so much easier. It kind of sets everything up for you. Who can run against it? Who can’t? Who used to be able to but times have changed? *** RichieP***
Other than Early - Voodoo pattern #2 - Hat’s FPLR

FPLR = Fastest Pace Last Race.

** Hat Helper** - “Rich, when you have a bunch of sprinters stretching out the race is probably going to be won other than early” - Jim Bradshaw

** Hat Helper** - “Rich, check the horse(s) in every race who raced against the fastest pace in their LAST race. You need to look at him closely.” - Jim Bradshaw

** Hat Helper** - “I love fast horses who run O.T.E. and POWER MOVE either 1c to 2c or 2c to stretch call” - Jim Bradshaw

Here are the past performances from a race run yesterday at Arlington.

Folks I am going to say something here before we start that I have never said before when starting a thread on Hat’s concepts and it is this plain and simple:

THIS repeating pattern from Jim is MONEY. Focus on what you see here, learn it, absorb it.

For those matchers who want to PROFIT from all this and have the PATIENCE and discipline to wait this is a spot play extraordinaire.

Win prices I have seen range from $5.00 to $55.00.

Step 1:
Scroll the pp’s you see twice. First time move QUICKLY through them doing NOTHING. Just scroll and do it FAST.

Step 2:
Mind’s Eye time - 2nd time through focus on running styles and first fraction pace of race. For your ON THE LEAD early horse note first fraction, put it in your head.

Step 3:
Read the FIRST “Hat Helper” shown above then close the race and WALK AWAY from it IMMEDIATELY. Trust me.

Step 4:
Wait at least 4-6 HOURS. Reopen this thread and REPEAT Steps 1, 2 and 3 in their EXACT order shown please.

Do NOTHING else regarding this thread for at least a day. NOTHING.
Step 5:
To follow.

Here is the field:

NOTE: See Arlington Park, 9/6/08, 8th Race. Scratch #11 & #13

09-08-2008, 08:03 PM
Please follow this next step in EXACT order and nothing else. I cannot stress this enough: the ORDER is VITAL to make this work for you a very short while from now.

You are all being “given something special” from the Hat. I know exactly what I am doing. I had a very good teacher teach me how to share part of “him” with folks.

*** THIS thread and it’s EXACT order of steps will help EVERYONE involved with wagering on races. Even those who choose NOT to practice match-up concepts will seriously benefit a short while down the road IF the steps shown are followed EXACTLY as laid out. Please take this gift of mental exercise/development created by Jim and ENJOY it! ***

Step 5:
1) Read all 3 of the Hat Helpers in the opening post slowly.

2) Go to the #5 horse. Look at his 2nd race down in this ORDER quickly:
   a) first fraction pace of race
   b) break position
   c) 1c position AND lengths ahead
   d) FINISH position

3) Go to the #10 horse. Look at his only race in this order QUICKLY
   a) first fraction pace of race
   b) break position
   c) 1c position AND lengths ahead
   d) STOP and move to next QUICKLY please.

4) Read all 3 of Hat Helpers in the opening post SLOWLY.

5) Close the race IMMEDIATELY and leave it alone. Walk away from it.

Next step will be audio/visual.

Thank you
To those who have followed my steps:
Everything was done the way it was to implant patterns in YOUR Mind’s Eye that will be RETAINED. This was huge to Jim. Showing me lessons and doing it in HIS way that enabled me to remember INSTINCTIVELY going forward. That so you know was the reason for the stop/look/walk away steps you have seen up until now. I have recreated HIS method of showing me THIS repeating pattern.

I finished the final piece to this and am rendering it over to be viewed by you right now.

It is an hour long as I have shown you the race using 2 different perspectives on viewing the early runners in the race.

This way folks who have a “Mind’s Eye” that sees things a bit differently than myself will benefit. You will see what I mean when it is played.

It covers from A-Z what I wanted to show you.

I hope to have it ready and uploaded this evening. It is by far the biggest thing I have done with my equipment here and is taking a LONG time to process.

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Here is what I want everyone to have: [http://www.paceandcap.com/Jim%20B.wmv](http://www.paceandcap.com/Jim%20B.wmv)

It is an hour long so it will take a while for you to grab it but it is something you can save and refer too if you so desire.

Feedback on layout/clarity of what is shown would be most appreciated.

** It will end right after the 1 hour mark and then restart. Just ignore that and close it up ok? I didn’t want to jeopardize cutting something I needed in there so I overlapped a bit**

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**You tell me who won**

FPLR - Fastest Pace Last Race:

This race ran 30 seconds ago at Mountaineer. I ain’t going to say anything. YOU tell me who won.

**NOTE: See Mountaineer, 9/12/08, 4th Race.**
Hi Richie. The #4 should be the winner because he comes from the fastest pace in his last race and he also shows that he makes a move from his 1st call to the 2nd call and besides that he still carries his speed after that.

I concur. Plus he’s a fighter (2nd call). It took less than 30 seconds for this horse to light up the page.

To me it sounds like they came to a decision quickly, which is what this is all about. Though they both describe what they did or “saw” slightly differently BOTH of their “Mind’s Eye’s” brought them right to the cashier’s window.

Great work!

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FOURTH RACE Mountaineer Casino
September 12th, 2008

Value of Race: $10,700 Winner $6,206; second $2,140; third $1,070; fourth $835; fifth $421; sixth $214; seventh $107; eighth $107.

Mutuel Pool $59,850 Perfecta Pool $57,351 Trifecta Pool $80,173

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OFF AT 8:50: Start Good For All But Good. Won driving. Track Sloppy (sealed).

TIME: 22, 46, 59, 1:12 (22.05, 46.42, 59.84, 1:12.45)

$2 Mutuel Prices:

$2 JACQUIE’S HOPE ................. 7.40  3.60  2.60
9 GLITTERING JUSTICE .......... 4.60  3.40
5 U DA GAL ..................... 2.80

$2 PERFECTA 4-9 PAID $35.20  $2 TRIFECTA 4-9-5 PAID $88.60
The Hat’s teachings - In HIS words - Refresher Course #1

“Rich it is very important to listen because your tongue can make you deaf.” - Jim Bradshaw

We need to constantly revisit vital areas to Jim’s Match-Up concepts.

What better way than looking back at KEY races that showed perfect examples of what the man was showing me at the time. Then have Hat HIMSELF lay out in direct fashion what he did!

I have scanned the entire Hat Check. This was very cool doing as it brought back so many memories of how things were when he would be teaching me!

This first example ties in beautifully with the video you all watched about the:
1) FPLR spot play.
2) Early/OTE
3) 1c pace of race and positioning. For clarity the Hat speaks in fifths of a second while the pp’s shown are tenths.

As a setup for everyone this thread was posted approximately 10 months into Jim’s almost 2 years teaching me. What you will see is KEY stuff and it is from Jim’s mouth to your ears.

What I have done is cleaned up the thread so you will see only the pp’s, result chart, Jim’s description of what he did (and it is darn clear folks) and my reply to a question that I think might help some folks.

Scroll the pp’s twice (same steps, repeated over and over).
Read Jim’s workup SLOWLY. Stop. Walk away.
Come back a few hours later. Go right to Jim’s workup.
Then scroll pp’s with his words guiding you.
Go back and re-read Jim’s words.

Here it is:
O.T.E. race from the Hat (p. 199)

When someone puts up the PPs of a race, the first thing I do is try and match it up. I do this reading books and magazines, watching videos and on websites. Whenever possible I skip over the introductions and explanations so as not to influence my decision. I go right to the PPs and start matching. I’ve found this to be excellent practice.
Got to be honest here. I got this race very quickly down to two contenders--the 2 and the 5. I went with the 5, Go Legs Go. Why? With a lot of speed in this race, I felt the 5 would be sitting around 4th, 5th or 6th and be in great shape to pass em’ all by. In this case I ignored the “closest to the pace of race” admonition, because I thought the 2 would get sucked into the early pace.

I’ll give you a bit of insight into my thinking. It’s like I have this little conversation with myself.

“I really like this five.”

“Yea, but what about the two?”

“He runs too close to the early pace. He’ll just get sucked in.”

“Yea, but he runs closest to the pace of race.”

“I really like the five.”

“Look at these other races. He doesn’t have to be that close. He’s got some other good races there.”

“He’ll get sucked in. I’m going with the five.”

And that was that. As long as it took you to read that is about how much time I spent on my decision between those two horses. I made the same mistake I frequently make--handicapping too fast. Sure, if you use the first line back you might think he’ll get sucked into the early pace, but like Richie said, in his second line back he won from 5th position, and farther down the PPs he won from third position and he also came 2nd by a neck from third position.

So yes, he won from close up in 2nd position, but he can also win from 3rd and 5th position. A very versatile horse, who just happens to have the fastest pace last race. Not to mention the race sets up beautifully for him.

The real good thing about this example is the way it ties in FPLR to the most logical contender. It’s another added plus for the horse. It shows yet another way you can incorporate FPLR into your handicapping when and where it’s appropriate.

When this race was originally posted, I didn’t think about Matching Up the way I do now. Sometimes when you first try something new it can seem overwhelmingly difficult. Concepts foreign to you have a way of flying right over your head. But if you keep working on it and practicing, and maybe put the whole thing on the back burner for a while (letting your subconscious regurgitate what you’ve learned), when you come back to it you just might wonder what was so gosh danged hard in the first place. You will see and understand things you didn’t see and understand before.
And I have to be honest again...I didn’t even think about FPLR, when I capped this race.

Thanks for tying things together the way you did and making me think about this race from a different perspective.

(I’m also going to slow things down a little bit.)

09-18-2008, 10:30 AM
Quote:

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(I’m also going to slow things down a little bit.)

You “got it.” Tremendous!

Folks there is MONEY in this quote (BOTH!) above. Pick it up man.
Mind’s Eye - Fatten your Bankroll - Take 2

Here are 2 races from yesterday’s action. Use your “Mind’s Eye” steps.

Don’t want to say any more for reason.

Results will be posted after.

Here is the first of the 2 races.

NOTE: See Oak Tree at Santa Anita, 10/4/08, 8th Race. Scratch #2, #11 & #13

********* Reminder *********

That was the first race. Use the Mind’s Eye steps and please remember:

Those threads were so important to Jim that he PERSONALLY supervised my laying things out for you. ONLY time in the 2 years I had with him where he did this.

Take 2

Here is the 2nd race I want to show you. If you hit the first one and then work THIS race while in the same environment, I will GUARANTEE you get this one too.

Why?

It is the SAME horse only they have changed his name.

NOTE: See Meadowlands, 10/4/08, 7th Race.
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OFF AT 4: Start Good For All But Good. Won driving. Track Fast.

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- HIGH INVESTMENT: 18.00, 8.80, 5.40
- FRIENDLY HALF: 31.80, 12.80
- RUSSIAN LIQUOR: 10.20
- SUPERFECTA 6-1-11-7: Paid $333,030.00
- TRIFECTA 6-1-11: Paid $7,335.60

Dark Bay or Brown Gelding, (ap), by Yankee Victor - Silver Deposit by Deposit Ticket. Trainer Sherlock Gary. Bred by Terry C. Lovindier(CA).
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**OFF AT 9:** Start Good, For All But Good, Won driving. Track Fast.

**TIME:** 221, .46, .57, 1:09

**$2 Mutuel Prices:**

1. TRIPLE E.............. 7.40 4.40 3.80
2. UNDISGIFIED......... 3.00 2.40
3. FARRAGOTS FOLLIES.... 3.20

**$2 EXACTA 1-5 PAID $20.60**

**$1 SUPERFECTA 1-5-3 PAY $109.00**

**$1 TRIFECTA 1-5-3 PAID $37.50**


TRIPLE E broke out bumping DANZIG'S JADE at the start, stayed inside, came off the rail entering the turn and kicked clear, winning.

UNDIGNIFIED tied three wide and came up second best. FARRAGOTS FOLLIES raced off the pace between foes and was up late for third.
Sprint to Route Spot Play

I thought this race was a nice example of the lone, fast sprinter in a route race described in the Match-Up books. In the spot plays section of the book, the Hat says the following:

“A fast sprinter running in a route for the first time is an excellent spot play. At the six furlong, the sprinter should be at least three to five lengths faster than all routers. The running style can be early or late, but he must be faster than all routers and other sprinters in the race. This play works best if the sprinter is the only one in the race.” (p139)

The Hat also wrote in the first book about not wanting sprinters who fade in their sprints. In this race, there is a lone sprinter whose 6f time last race is much faster than the router’s 6f times. He is the only sprinter in the race, and his last line shows positional move of 5-4-3-1 along with lengths gained between each call.

The winner was #5 paying $16.80...

P.S. If I screwed up the attachment, my apologies, maybe someone with more tech savvy can assist. The race was GG 5/24 race 1.

I think many would agree that sprint to route and route to sprint are two of the toughest kinds of races to Match Up. The Hat was a master at these kinds of races.

Looking at your posted race, I don’t think there is any way I could have gotten this. I fail terribly at these kinds of races. Would love to find a way to get better at them.

That being said, won’t most decent sprinters just about always have a faster 6 furlong time than the routers in the race? I mean, it just kind of stands to reason.

Good hit if you bet this one.

Anyway, I don’t find this spot play as often as I would like. A few of the reasons (I think) are:

1) I will find multiple sprinters stretching out who are closely matched at the 6f and in my mind, cancel each other’s advantage. I end up passing a race like this.
2) The qualifier that the horse is stretching out for the first time. If I see a horse who is stretching out today, but has previous routes, I typically match him off the route lines.

3) The qualifier that the horse does not fade in his sprint (from the match-up book). I typically discount fast sprinters stretching out if the positional pattern in the sprint is something like 1-1-1-2 or 2-2-2-4, even if the 6f time is 3-5 ticks faster than the routers. The presence of a horse like this often steers me to an OTE call for today’s route though.

These 3 limit the number of spot plays that I find. At this point, I’m focusing on the few patterns that I see, while practicing other races and learning along with everyone else here from the masters.

05-28-2008, 04:20 PM
I’ve taken note of your qualifications. Especially, first time route, and “doesn’t fade in the sprint.”

Good things to know. Thanks for posting.

10-11-2008, 08:38 AM
Looking at race

Aren’t the #2 & #6 6furlong times within 1 or 2 fifth of the #5, which would be a no play? Just trying to understand

10-11-2008, 02:27 PM
I don’t think so. The 5 is actually faster even though it is only a tick or two, and he doesn’t fade. And IF you factor in beaten lengths (a no-no perhaps, but it helps to make the case) then the five is actually much faster to the 6 furlong call.

10-11-2008, 04:17 PM
Hi Albatross-

I took the last line for the #5 which was 111.4.

When I looked at #2, I saw the last line 6f of the route in 112.1 but beaten 8 lengths. I also looked at line 3, which was 6f in 112.2 but beaten 6.75 lengths. After factoring in the beaten lengths I did not feel she was competitive with #5.
When I looked at #6, I first saw the last two routes, especially line 2 which was from BM, where #6 ran the 111.4. The 6f route fraction was 114, beaten 1 length. Technically, if you look at line 3 which was 109.3 beaten 11.75 equals something like 111.4 or 112. I guess I did disregard that after seeing the last 2 lines and how she didn’t come close to repeating it.

10-12-2008, 06:42 AM
You have to see that the #5 won his race under 112 while the other horses are 5 or more lengths off a 112. At the 6 furlong time.

10-12-2008, 10:20 AM
Thanks guys

That explain it thanks for all explanation
Hi guys
I’ve been reading posts about power lines and what RichieP does to get a first look.

Is this a start??
1. mark styles then put in power line
2. project pace based on power line
3 match each horse against each other
or
1 mark styles and power lines
2. determine early or other than early
3. bet the horse positionally closest.

Everyone interested, here are the full pp’s for a race. Take a day or so and look at them.

Put the following “keys” in your head. They have ALL been discussed here. Read them QUICKLY twice.

1) FPLR - fastest pace last race
2) E or O.T.E.
3) Tandem
4) When there are a lot of sprint lines and today’s race is a route you CAN match the sprint lines against one another to matchup.
5) Power Lines

I’ll show you my way of looking at it. This is a VERY nice winner and I am most certain that more than a few of you are going to “get it.”

More importantly, it will let you “see this” before the race runs going forward where it will help you.

Here are the pp’s. You see the raw on top panel and the tandem screen on the middle panel, the ideal setup for matching horses.
### Kincarey

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| 5        | 19Sep08 6Wo 8 | 8 | 8.5 | 24 | 50 | 11.11 | 14.6 | 3 | CL 12.5 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 3.3 | 7.8 |
| 10       | 10Dec08 5Wo 8 | 8 | 8.5 | 24 | 50 | 11.11 | 14.6 | 3 | CL 12.5 | 6.5 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 3.3 | 7.8 |

### More Inspiration

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| 10       | 13Jul08 2Wo 6 | 8.5 | 24 | 49 | 1:13 | 1:45 | 3 | CL 20 | 6.10 | 9.3 | 6.3 | 11.3 |
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Who are the early horses in this race?

Who are the horses coming out of the FPLR?

Look at the pp’s.

Then look at them together on the last screen shot and I ask you simply: Is the winner coming from that group (Early) or will it be from the yet to be seen O.T.E. “mix”?

Early or O.T.E. ??

Look at the pp’s
Look at FPLR
### Isle Of Elba

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OK if you have decided the winner was in the early grouping the race is lost.

If you have decided the race will be won O.T.E. go back and count how MANY earlies there are that YOU have thrown out.

Here is WHY this is crucial and why it must be based on what YOU see.

When you throw a grouping of early horses out you must account for them POSITIONALLY during the running of the race when choosing your selection.

Here is what I mean and a guide that you should consider using when evaluating WHO you are going to bet in a race shape projection of Other than early or O.T.E.

GUIDELINES:

1) When your tossed early grouping is made up of 2 horses, focus your O.T.E. search on fast horses who run well from the 3rd and 4th positions at the 1st call. Use the whole pp’s.

2) When your tossed early grouping is made up of 3 horses focus your O.T.E. search on fast horses who run well from the 4th and 5th positions at the 1st call. Use the whole pp’s.

3) When your tossed early grouping is made up of 4 horses focus the O.T.E. search on Power Moving horses 1c-2c and 2c-sc who are away POSITIONALLY from the lead horses at the 1st call. Use the whole pp’s.

**Power Moves are from 1c-2c and 2c-sc.**
Here is the O.T.E. grouping.

11-07-2008, 03:59 PM

FPLR

Fastest Pace Last Race:

Tandem with the #7 and the #11

Running styles:
#7 - Early
#11 - O.T.E.

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Result

Here is the result and some very real straight talk.

Other than early or O.T.E.:
This horse is NOT easy to “see” especially at first blush. If you have gotten him you are making SERIOUS progress matching horses.

Consider putting the “guidelines” posted previously in your head. There you will find some of Jim’s Voodoo and with practice you will without question find yourself getting higher payers.

You must account POSITIONALLY for the early grouping that is being thrown out.

Remember and begin applying this and you are well on your way to separating yourself from the crowd with some really good payers.

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11-08-2008, 04:10 AM
I will leave you all with this race from Mountaineer last night. Follow the guidelines posted well before this race ran and go WIN the race.

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Here are the pps:
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Heads up!!

The result will be shown in next post so stay away til you are ready to see it. Once again the winner is a VERY nice payer as it is NOT easily “seen” by our competition at the windows.

Here is the result chart for the Mnr race.

ALL of you now have the main “key” to unlocking O.T.E. races where you CAN find POSITIONAL early horses.

ALL of you now have the “key” to finding some real value horses NOT easily seen by the competition in these O.T.E. races.

Consider using the information found here in the thousands of posts in the Hat Check forum to find answers to matchup questions not a database ok?

It is all HERE in Mr. Bradshaw’s forum. Now the only thing needing an answer is: How bad do I want it?
FOURTH RACE
Mountaineer Casino
November 7th, 2008

5: FURLongs. (1.021) CLAIMING. Purse $10,700 FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NOT WON THREE RACES SINCE NOVEMBER 7, 2007. Three Year Olds, 119 lbs.; Older, 121 lbs. Non-winners of a race since October 7 Allowed 3 lbs. A race since September 7 Allowed 6 lbs. Claiming Price $5,000. (Showery 57)

Value of Race: $10,700 Winner $6,206; second $2,140; third $1,070; fourth $535; fifth $221; sixth $14; seventh $107; eighth $107.

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OFF AT 8:18 Start Good. Won driving. Track Good.

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$2 Mutuel Prices:

6- MS. BLUEBIRD 17.00 5.80 8.00
4- MORETHANAWHISPER 5.40 6.00
9- MARASEARCH 7.00

S2 PERFECTA 6-4 PAID $78.40  S2 TRIFECTA 6-4-9 PAID $681.60
“Little Cap”

The above is the name Mr. Bradshaw gave me and it is with great joy this thread is started. Hat this one is for you bud!

I want you to pick higher paying winners who run O.T.E.

I want you to be able to walk into any track, grab a Racing Form and find some higher paying winners who run O.T.E.

Do You want this??? (Answer internally)

THIS thread is going to show you how to do just that.

** Btw you want FREE pp’s to work live races with? Go here and every day you will have races to work/practice on. Check the trainers and then below the individual tracks. FREE**
http://www.horse-races.net/library/l...rformances.htm

To “see” these O.T.E. high payers we have to have our “Mind’s Eye” looking at the pp’s differently. VERY differently to be honest.

The really cool part is this is something that can be “learned.”

Think snapshots. We are going to teach our mind to help us but to do that it needs us to be

QUICK
DECISIVE
QUIET

Primer FPLR

In EVERY race you look at:
1) Identify the FPLR
2) Note the POSITIONAL running style or styles (if there is a tandem for FPLR)

Now QUICKLY notice
1) Was there fighting going on?

2) Did the horse try to WIN the race at the stretch call with a Power Move and failed losing both positions/beaten lengths sc-finish?

3) Was there a maintaining of POSITIONS and or beaten lengths from 1c-2c?

The above 3 are GOOD. That is all you need to tell yourself when you see it. Now you move on QUICKLY.

1) Did the horse or horses from FPLR LOSE positions AND beaten lengths 1c-2c??

This is BAD and that’s all you need to know. Move on QUICKLY.

Practice this EVERY race you work from the time you read this onward. Use your Mind’s Eye here to ONLY identify and store.

11-10-2008, 12:50 PM
Look at this horse from yesterday. Something happened last race. Look at the comment on mid panel “declared non starter.” Forget the whole race man. Never existed.
Come down to line 2. What did he do? Tried to WIN the race with a Power Move against a 21.4/46 from 1c-2c. LOOK. Then he maintained position to sc before tiring.

That line 2 IS FPLR if you ignore the non starter race. That line 2 is a great line to evaluate regardless if you project an OTE finish.

GREAT line to evaluate when today’s race projects OTE finish against say a 21.4 or 22.

Even greater line to evaluate when there are probably 3 earlies “going” when the gate pops, NONE of whom figures to dominate the other “E’s.”

What POSITION is the #2 starting from???

It is the #2 and LOOK what happens when the pace of race slows from his line 2!

Now go back and look at the fractions on the early runners at 1c.

I ask you simply: Can you predict a SOFTER pace than a 21.4/46 after seeing the POSITIONAL early runners? (answer internally).
*** Note I am NOT asking you to believe, accept or anything like that.

Take the JUDGEMENT out of the equation. This is really key.

All I ask you to do is show your Mind’s Eye. Period. Just let it LOOK at what I just put up.

Look QUICKLY and walk away.

11-10-2008, 01:16 PM
I will close this thread now and re-open in 3 days when I will have more.

There is NO need to reply as this is a WORKING thread. Only here we work QUIETLY.

Practice

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I want you to pick higher paying winners who run O.T.E.

I want you to be able to walk into any track, grab a Racing Form and find some higher paying winners who run O.T.E.

Do You want this?? (Answer internally)

THIS thread is going to show you how to do just that.
LISTEN:

Every race you work from here forward the first thing you do is identify the FPLR.

Note:

1) Pace of race 1c -2c. Put those times in your head. You will use it later when you have been working the race. Stuff might pop in your head relating to that speed vs a horse you have in front of you.

2) Running style(s).

Now here is the real hard part. Do NOT make this some kind of magic or stand alone factor.

What you want to do with it is like this: Identify QUICKLY what you need to from the FPLR then just glide away from it and move on.

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Remember the feeling of “I can’t believe I just turned on the radio and right away they played the song I have been thinking about all day.”

OR

“I was thinking of (insert name) whom I have not seen in a while and when I walk in the supermarket guess who I ran into?”

You remember QUICKLY and SUDDENLY something important to your mind from earlier. THAT is what this is about.

We are just going to do some exercises to allow this “QUICK and SUDDEN remembering” to carry over to handicapping a horse race.

That is all this is.

***** See how the last race pace of race is faster than the one below it***
***** You want to win higher paying O.T.E. horses right? LOOK again now.

***** Make a FASTER O.T.E. runner by putting his POSITIONS from line 2 and pace of race from line 1 TOGETHER in your Mind’s Eye. *****

P.O.R. and Positions NOW:
23.8 - 49.0 - 115.2 - 129.2 - 4-4-3-2

Put them together in your head now.

Let your mind see it again one more time. Do the “combining” QUICKLY now and walk away from it. You are done.

23.8 - 49.0 - 115.2 - 129.2 Positions 4-4-3-2

THIS is how Mr. Bradshaw matched horses. He thought creatively especially when looking O.T.E.

He was also VERY aware of these SUDDEN creative thoughts that would come into his head about a horse. He ACTED on it as he knew the Power of intuition.

Start trusting these FLASHES of quick thought when you get them! You ARE going to get them in FLASHES. Be ready by being QUIET.

TRUST these flashes when they come. That is what this whole Hat Check Forum is ALL about.

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11-16-2008, 07:16 AM
Race from yesterdays Bris Finals tourney:

Here is the early grouping and the entire pp’s for each of them.

1) Is there a horse who dominates the others here? Take your time and look around a bit if you care to.

2) If there is NOT a dominant or clear winner in this group they will ALL get tossed and we change focus QUICKLY to look O.T.E.

Here is the early grouping both together and individual pp’s:
NOTE: See Aqueduct, 11/15/08, 8th Race. Scratch #1 & #3.

11-16-2008, 07:25 AM
Now here is the O.T.E. grouping. Note how the lines being focused on with THESE runners.

ALL lines show the O.T.E. movers moving into contention by the STRETCH CALL of the lines being evaluated.

*** Hat Helper***
Remember Hat wants fast Power Moves for O.T.E.’s and Power Moves are NOT made from stretch call to finish.

Here is the O.T.E. grouping both together and entire individual pp’s.
Very interesting way you put this race. You’re crackin brain cells here, Rich.

I like that key word “DOMINATE.” Creates a picture of the likely leaning of the race or where the winner is more likely to be, Early or OTE.

Losin me marbles on the basics.

You grouped all runners position 1 to 3 as Early portion of race or who will dominate in the front end, if there is a dominate in this group.

Runners 4th and beyond as OTE.

1) If an Early or Early Presser can’t win the race, race sets up OTE? Like it say’s in the book?

2) Or is anything other than a wire-to-wire win is OTE? A horse that can win from 1st call position of 2HD... is HE Early or OTE?

3) Early Pressers- are they Early or OTE?

4) **Horse A** sits 2nd or 3rd--1/2 off vs **Horse B** that sits 2nd or 3rd--3 off.....are they BOTH Early Pressers or is A a true Early Presser and B is just a plain old presser? If B is 3 to 6 lengths off the leaders, he can’t be pressin at all, even with his 2nd or 3rd position, can he?

From the look of the way you grouped these horses, you are 1st looking for the “dominate” horse in positions 1-3, whatever his style is ....you are asking who simply stands out and dominates from the Early **PORTION** of the race, runners positions 1-3.

If it’s nobody, then throw them all out, the Early PORTION of the race is where the winner will not likely come.

Now who dominates from 4th on with strong power moves is the next question.

Positions 4th to 16th is DEFINITELY Other-Than-Early.
Thank you for noticing.

First off a quote from post #42 in this thread please:
“THIS is how Mr. Bradshaw matched horses. He thought creatively especially when looking O.T.E. He was also VERY aware of these SUDDEN creative thoughts that would come into his head about a horse. He ACTED on it as he knew the Power of intuition.”

Now from post #4 in this thread:
“To ‘see’ these O.T.E. high payers we have to have our “Mind’s Eye” looking at the pp’s differently. VERY differently to be honest. The really cool part is this is something that can be “learned.”

Now we have to look at that early grouping we have to look closely and ask

1) Is there ONE horse that DOMINATES here?? If there IS that is your horse in the overwhelming majority of races.

2) WHO is the horse who wins THIS early grouping matchup? Check
   a) first fraction (yes even in route!)
   b) first call
   c) second call
   d) positions
   e) fighting characteristics
   Check these on all 3 runners/pace lines shown.

3) With the early “winner” in your head and having QUIETLY but QUICKLY gone through the above “checklist” I am going to suggest to everyone one important thing to do NOW:

   Assume there IS a FAST O.T.E. runner from the O.T.E. grouping. Ask yourself internally “is this early grouping winner going to have anything left over to deal with this FAST horse from the other group?”

   Simple question. Then LISTEN for the answer coming from your Mind’s Eye.

   Act IMMEDIATELY on the very FIRST feedback you get internally. Early or O.T.E.??

   THIS thread is going to show you how to pick double digit higher payers who run O.T.E.
Here is the result chart showing the destruction.

Fwiw THIS winner along with the 2 others I had in the Brisnet Finals tourney ALL ran O.T.E.

$10.20
$15.40
$27.00

From 10 races, that adds up to an outlay of $20.00 with a return of $52.60.

This thread’s focus on these “GROUPINGS” is EXACTLY what I did to select the horses.

I’ll get into this race more along with the others later today or tomorrow. Then I will leave that up for a few days as the folks who start their work weeks today can see this and take it in a bit.
Now we have to look at that early grouping we have to look closely and ask
1) Is there ONE horse that DOMINATES here??

Early or O.T.E.??

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11-17-2008, 11:54 AM
Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP

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*** Tip of the Cap***

By assuming the presence of a FAST O.T.E. horse coming from that group when it is examined SEPARATELY as its own race 2, very good things happen:

1) Your Mind’s Eye gives you immediate feedback on the real strength of that early group winner when you “ask the question” E or O.T.E.

Watch this now:
2) When you move to the O.T.E. group and it turns out there are NO fast horses that also Power Move, the Early group winner is YOUR HORSE. Bet his ass if the price is right for you! THIS race is going early.

3) Use the number of early runners in the early grouping to help you determine from where, positionally, the O.T.E. winner comes from at the FIRST CALL.

If there are three earlies in the early group, start looking around for the fast O.T.E. guys with strong showings from around 4th POSITION at the first call.

If there are four earlies in the early group, start looking around for fast O.T.E. guys from around 5th POSITION at the first call.

Pretty cool to focus on one thing (early grouping for ex) and all of a sudden realize that something else is also being answered for you (where to begin your “HUNT” for the O.T.E guy) at the same time!

How the heck do you think the man with the Big Stetson did the stuff he did so FAST? Maybe, just maybe, he heard answers to questions he hadn’t even asked yet.

THIS is Jim “The Hat” Bradshaw Voodoo and now YOU can start working this. I am VERY serious.
Thinking of you bud and it’s all good.

11-18-2008, 09:26 AM

**Philly today**

Today’s 4th race from Philly. Early grouping:

![Race Chart Image]

**NOTE:** See Philadelphia Park, 11/18/08, 4th Race. Scratch #6.

11-18-2008, 09:30 AM

**Philly Race 4 cont**

Philly race 4. Here is the O.T.E. group together

![Race Chart Image]
Philadelphia - Race 4

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11-18-2008, 03:37 PM

**Philly con’t**

Watch this now:

Go back and look at BOTH groupings. NOWHERE will you find the #9 Zim and Torre who was the ML favorite and heavily bet. Go check the screenshots.

Here are the pps for the #9.

100 “Hat Points” for the “Cap” who can “see why.”

If you get this you are rocking man! VERY serious.

*** Cap Clue ***

Where is home for the #9???
Never further back than 4th

Zim and Torre has never run from further back than 4th at the first call. His closest effort is 4th by 1.6 lengths against a 23.3. The 1, 3, 5, and 11 should all be in front of him. He’ll be fifth at best. He’s never shown he can win from there.

Would most likely not have thought of this when doing the race, but your clue alludes to the fact that he may be out of his comfort zone positionally. Likes to lay up close in top 4 positions, and with 5 earlies in the race he may not be where he would like to be.
Bang!!!!

Both nail it perfectly!

Very cool. VERY cool!

I sense a big bad ass wolf who’s been running around the prairies down south would like to stop in and give you a huge thumbs up (Mr.Bradshaw told me that he would be running the prairies as his wolf totem after he had passed on)

Try his Stetson on guys. It is for YOU!!! 🐺
Hi boys,

My question is when you decide early can win / should win do you still look at the OTE horses or do you throw out the whole side right away, period, end of story??

1 e 22.1 44.4 is dominant early. But:
5 p 21.4 45 positions 4 - 4 - 2 - 1
6 p 21.4 44.3 positions 4 - 1 - 1 - 1
Do you still go with the early???

Other part would be, if they finished second (OTE’s), do you discard them because they cant win? I’ve been having luck throwing the whole side out right away.

Here you go Punch. This race ran yesterday at Philly.

You will WIN this race because you are good at recognizing FAST early runners.

NOTE: See Philadelphia Park, 12/14/08, 7th Race.

The WINNER of this race will pay you 11/1.

I KNOW you guys will get him and there is nothing wrong or 2nd class by getting him with TWO picks.

Jim NEVER insisted or tried to force the “one horse wager” on anyone including all his students. Bill will tell you this first hand when he went to Tulsa and hung out with Hat.

Now go WIN the race. I will put up the result chart tomorrow night.

Here is the result chart of the Philly race.

Run your 5 step approach using the #10 last line as proj pace. Look at his race 2 back. He ran FASTER 1c-2c than last race.

Now match your horses and you should have ONE other horse who can run against it. Also brings in the tandem stuff doesn’t it??

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Now look at the result chart.
03-05-2008, 07:27 AM
**Route race made up of mostly sprinters**

Let me put up the pp’s for the field first. This ran late yesterday afternoon at Sunland Park in New Mexico.

Then I will show you a little “Hat helper” that brings the winner into clear focus as a lone early.

**NOTE: See Sunland Park, 3/4/08, 7th Race.**

03-05-2008, 07:42 AM
First pass through the field half the horses are sprinters:

#1 - all sprints.
#4 - only 1 try at route, all the rest sprints.
#5 - only 3 races upon shipping here from better tracks are all sprints.
#6 - all sprints.

I also see that the couple of routers in the race also show sprints. Two ways to go at this race.

1) Make 2 match-ups. Find the best sprinter. Find the best router. Match them up.

2) Treat the race as a sprint and match-up sprint lines. This can be done when the routers also have sprint lines that make them fast. Advantage of this is there is only ONE match-up that needs to be done. In THIS race the conditions exist to use this process I believe.

For ME it is always easier to work a race comparing apples to apples as the saying goes.

This is what Hat taught me to do and now I pass it on to you for consideration.

03-05-2008, 07:44 AM
First step is I want to see if I can project a pace off a lead horse. Easy as pie here as the #1 from last race is early and FAST.

03-05-2008, 07:59 AM
Now you can check the pp’s listed earlier as a reference. Let’s go through the field looking at the sprint lines of each horse.

#1 fast and last line - Early.
#2 slow and OUT.
#3 fast and line 2 - other than early.
#4 last 3 races can’t compete against slower paces and OUT.
#5 line 2 against today’s pace - can’t compete and OUT.
#6 fast and line 5 - other than early.
#7 slow and OUT.
#8 marginal at best, let’s use last line and line 7.

Here now is a screen shot showing the above scenario and lines. I’ve now added the #1’s 6f time on the projected pace tab just to show how fast this sucker potentially is.

A couple of things now stand out when looking at the mix:
1) #1 is lone early and has the lead at the FASTEST 6f mark of all the lines shown.

2) There is not even a horse running in the 2nd position at either the 1st or 2nd calls to challenge the #1.

Now the only question that needs answering is: Can the #1 get his “comfort zone” lead early on of 2 lengths?

Comparing sprints to sprints it seems most likely he will. Would you agree?

This is EXACTLY what Jim taught me to do and now it is passed on to YOU.

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Richie:

With respect to point 2) of the above, in past race examples either you or Hat have commented on or used a projection feature that adjusts either position or lengths back based on running against faster times. Where I would stray from your analysis is in this area. Glitterboy runs to second call against a .6 sec or 3 length faster time; he appears (in this contender mix) to be the closest pursuer and the best presser of the contenders.

Questions: Can Glitterboy’s faster pace make him disturb Ego’s 2nd call comfort level (if you make pace adjustments)? Do you take Glitterboy’s 6f time as the best he can do, even with a slower pace to run at? If you do not consider making pace/position adjustments for Glitterboy, why not?
In 3 races showing the 3 has pressed or fought with horses for the lead:
1) Last line where he fought for the lead at first fraction in a route times in 23.3 (5ths). Since I already “know” he ain’t getting the lead over the #1 throw that race out.

2) Line 4 at 8.5f shows a move to engage and fight for the lead at the 2nd call. Fractions are 24 - 48.1. STOP. Right away this is way too SLOW for what will go down today.

3) Line 5 at 8f shows a move to engage and fight for the lead at 2nd call. Fractions 24.1 STOP. This whole race is an illusion if you will be cause that first fraction is insanely slow.

Hope some of this made sense.

Hat laid this on me one day when we worked a race at Aqueduct one morning that was going to be run later that day. He was heading to the simulcast and I told him I had a winner for him. It was very similar to this layout and I did all this fancy work with pace of race and altering positions etc.

Jim listened quietly and when I was done said “Rich someone has to get after that pacesetter before the 2nd call. If they leave him alone he’s gone. Look at your horses pp’s and show me where he can challenge.” THIS is when he started bringing up the break positions and seeing what the horses do from there to the first call/fraction.

Turned out he was right. My horse never did mount a challenge and lost horribly to the “pacesetter” as Hat put it. The next day he taught me a little about that race type. That is what I have tried to show here.

Richie

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03-07-2008, 06:50 PM
Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP
The #1’s last line - is 3rd at the break and MOVES right to the front at first fraction.

Thanks for the lesson Rich. Of course, I have some questions.

1) In the above quote, are you looking at what position and how a horse breaks to press or challenge for the lead?

2) What about habitually slow breakers who are Early and Early Pressers?

Quote:

Originally Posted by RichieP
shows a move to engage and fight for the lead
3) This looks like new ammunition for you and us for spot plays. Do you feel you will be sharper with this added view of races?

4) Are you looking at ANY horse who regularly challenge for the lead at the 1st call / 2nd call, whether his position is 4th or 5th at the 1st call... as long as he challenges for the lead at one of those two calls?

5) Is a horse a fighter and/or challenger if he is 3rd or 4th position off by a neck or head, or is he simply fighting other Other-Than-Early horses and is not considered a challenger to the Early horse at the 1st two calls?

03-08-2008, 08:25 AM
1) SOMETIMES the break helps me to “see” who will be the one dictating the pace of today’s race. Above race is good example.

2) To be honest I don’t really know. Have to look more closely at this.

3) This race type kind of helps me because I can match horses up from the same distance structure. I am not very good when I have to mix and match.

4) Any horse from any position when the pp line shows a “head” or “neck” back is engaged in a FIGHT for the lead.

5) If he is 3rd-4th back a neck then there is a real tussle on for the lead at that call and YES he is battling for the lead.

03-08-2008, 05:13 AM
I also noticed, Rich, when you confirmed THE Early horse that will have the lead, you always look and comment if there are no position 2 or 3 horses.

Does that make your spot play that much stronger when you see no position 2 or 3 horses?

Do you care what lengths the 2nd position and 3rd position horses have in their past performance?

Looks like with this recent post, you are looking at how or if a position 2 and 3 will challenge the leader for the lead in either or both of the 1st two calls.

REPLY:
** When there are no horses in the 2nd position at the 1st or 2nd calls YES I do feel the early horse becomes that much stronger fwiw** - RichieP
Guys I want to bump this up to the top for a reason. There is MONEY here.

*** The following is definitely FOR users of the 5 step approach. Have the PATIENCE to wait for this and your 5 step will take care of the rest.***

Listen REAL simple:

1) Today is a route (turf or dirt) and there are at least 2 matching early 1st fraction/first call/2nd call ROUTE horses PLUS an early running sprinter. THROW all the earlies out for the WIN and take the 1st fraction/1st call times/2nd call times of the router as today’s proj pace.

2) LOOK at the pps of the O.T.E. (other than early) runners. Mark any horse/pace lines against today’s proj pace where the horse WON or just missed while doing so from the 4th or 5th POSITION at the FIRST CALL.

3) Again with the focus on the O.T.E. grouping mark any horse/paceline against today’s proj pace where the horse had the LEAD at the stretch call regardless of finish position.

The horses you get from #2 and #3 above are your horses plain and simple. Wait for #1 to be present in today’s race (PATIENCE!) then find horse described in #2 and #3 that are also a price.

Merry Christmas 😊

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Matching for Money

“Risk comes from not knowing what you’re doing.” -- Warren Buffett

1) Make a game plan centered around race patterns that YOU have seen work when you match races YOUR way.

2) Avoid like the plague race patterns that YOU struggle with regardless of what you read works for others. I will tell you that MY weak link is early horses (Lone E, Dominant E etc) while other matchers flourish here.

3) To match for money BET races that are part of #1 and PASS all others.
Mr. Bradshaw’s 5 step approach and concepts are here in this forum for YOU to explore, discover, practice and IMPLEMENT to put CASH in its practitioners’ pockets. With today’s economic climate around the world it is BIG to hone skills here to supplement/provide income.

“Mr. Hat” told me his Match-Up Concepts are timeless and would serve us well for years to come.

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12-19-2008, 08:36 AM
Hi Richie:

I am so thrilled you bumped this up, because matching routes has been my weakness and I didn’t even bother with them.

Let me give you an example.

Let’s say your #1 is met. 2 early routers and a fast sprinter.

Projected pace is 24.2 48.3 115.2.

We have 2 OTE’s with the same positions and lengths behind 5 - 4 - 2 - 1.

Horse A fractions 24.2 48.3 115.2.
Horse B fractions 24.1 48.1 115.0.

I would bet the B horse because he ran vs a better pace.

But now I think I was wrong because he didn’t get those fast fractions to run at.

Correct???

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12-19-2008, 11:49 AM
Watch this.

Here is a race from last night at Penn. It was a route.

Now here are the 3 early runners I talked about in previous post above. TWO early ROUTE runners and ONE early running SPRINTER.
Matter of fact when you see the off time of the Penn race here and then the time of my post above you will see that the race I am going to show you ran AFTER I had posted about the power of this.

Like Mr. Hat was watching all this go down, a race immediately comes up exactly like I was telling you to look for and it turns out to be a pretty good payday man! (YES I have the tickets to share).

This would happen all the time when he would teach me something new. He would show it to me early in the morning then the same day I would play and see it and hit. I would call him up going crazy like “Jim I just hit a race and it was exactly like you showed me this afternoon!” This happened SO many times that after a while he would laugh when he heard my voice at the other end.

Jim called it “Karma” or “the way it is supposed to be Rich.” I called it “scary” or “that funny stuff again Hat.” He just laughed this devilish little laugh he did sometimes.

Here are the pp’s of the early running horses. As you see proj pace is piece of cake taken right from the #12 last race at this track and dist structure.

Step 1:
RECOGNIZE this pattern going forward.
A) We THROW OUT this whole group immediately from any win consideration.

B) Grab the 1st fraction/1st call/ 2nd call (here I just used 1fr/1c as you see. Doesn’t matter in this race fwiw) from the early ROUTE horses.

Get this VITAL step down pat. Keep LOOKING at these 3 guys and their early fractional times. The last screenshot shows them together for easy evaluation.

THIS is the setup your Mind’s Eye needs to take pictures of.

NOTE: See Penn National, 12/18/08, 8th Race. Scratch #2, #5 & #6.
Penn Result

Here is the result chart and my bet at Twin Spires. I bet well before race ran and felt confident that 1 of the 2 would win so I bet em both. Things turned out well as watching the replay the 10 barrel rolled them in the stretch.

Matching is good when the horses run 1st-3rd.

Check the pps/ proj pace and look around a bit.

There is a premeditated reason THIS race is being shown beside the fact it happened like an hour after I had made initial “bump thread up” post:

How many “E” are there?

What position at FIRST CALL should we start looking AROUND for to get our FAST O.T.E. runner?

Use the ENTIRE pps shown for the winning #10. Look at ALL races lit up by the proj pace. ALL races.

Make YOUR picture of the total performance of the horse against TODAY’S MATCHUP. Use what is written in paragraph above to do it.

You will be thinking creatively.

You will be thinking like the man with the big Stetson thought.