

Pace Handicapping

Objective

identify, in advance, the two out of three races that are not won by the favourite and to identify non-favourite horses most likely to beat the favourite in these races

Evaluate the Horses not the Trainers or Jockeys (upgrade or downgrade)

Based on Race Pace Scenario

- Will the Horses running style be helped or hindered by the probable pace?
- Will early runners (E, EP) be able to hold on in the final furlong
- Will late runners (P, S) be able to catch the early horses in the final furlong
- Visualize the Stretch Run
- On straight course note where the pace is

Based on Race Draw Scenario

- Note course configuration, first turn
- Note 'coffin' boxes

Based on Handicapping Factors

- Suitability to distance
- Suitability to surface
- Current form (good/bad race LTO?)
- Class/Ability level

Based on Alternative Handicapping Factors

- . Historical trends
 - . Course specialists
 - . Impressive winners
 - . Unlucky in running
 - . Badly drawn losers last time out
 - . Badly in at the weights last time out
 - . Pace bias horses
 - . Returning to a distance, surface or class the horse will like
 - . Unexposed
- positives
- . Returning to a distance, surface, course or class the horse will not like
 - . Persistent trouble in running
 - . Bad recent race(s) without excuse
 - . Bad recent race(s) without a reason to expect better today
- negatives

Value Assessment

- Treat the public as a respected adversary
- Your opinion of the race is designed to pick out where they are vulnerable
- Consider the betting show as a system of traffic lights, no value = no bet

Learn From Every Race

- What worked?
- What did not work?
- What did you miss?
- Reason(s) for major surprise?
- Identify future winners

