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Horse Racing (Hidden Time Factors: How Race Times Uncover Next Out Winners Book 1)





Synopsis

Horse racing and handicapping thoroughbred horses can be extremely frustrating, but then there are days when fortune smiles upon you. I should know. I've been handicapping the horses for 15 years as a professional horse handicapper. I don't toot my horn or scream my head off when I win. I'm quieter than a whisper, but I have a lot of experience of walking to the cash/bet windows to get my money.Let's just say I know my stuff when it comes to betting the horses. One of the least talked about aspects of handicapping a race card and track betting is looking at race fractions and applying it to the performance of a horse. As handicappers we are looking at old data, trying to apply it to new variables. For example, today's race. How will the horse handle this competition? This track? This distance? The weather? And on and on the guestions go. What makes race times so important in helping us pick winners is that the past leaves clues that will help us be successful today. Even a trainer trying to hide a horse's form in many cases can't escape our scrutiny based on how we analyze the racing data. This simple little book explains how to look at a horse's last race in the racing form and by adding or subtracting a few numbers in a special way allow us to arrive at a number that isolates the main contenders of a race. Of course it doesn't always work. This is horse racing after all, but in the examples presented from 27 different races over 5 different tracks the winning horse came from the top two time figures in nearly 60% of the races. This is not a favorites method or a longshot method, but a way to look at hidden times most handicappers can't see--and the best part is that you can analyze each race in a matter of minutes.

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Customer Reviews

An interesting handicapping angle. This handicapping angle calls for some basic math calculations and mathematical adjustments have to made for the distance and surface of the race, but with practice, the "hidden" time factor becomes easier to calculate for the different distances and surfaces. One must remember, though, that handicapping angles aren't foolproof and the best way to know if this one works for you is to keep track of how many times it works in your favor as opposed to how many times it doesn't.

A nice book that delivers a different way to look at speed. I have found this method of using fractional times to be helpful in separating contenders. Highly recommended for the experienced capper who wants to add to their speed handicapping technique.

Not too bad, but not really any new information. Another casual estimate of judging fractions. No worse than many others, but certainly no better. Cheap for a handicapping book, and not a bad read. Not really enough information for a novice and pretty much a wash for anyone else.

Anyone who has read "Investing at the Racetrack" by William L. Scott will not find anything new here. The method presented is sound if not abbreviated. You calculate the time a horse ran from the 4th furlong to the 6th furlong in its last race and make adjustments for track speed and surface type and if the horse gained or lost ground between these two furlongs. Then sprinkle in some basic factors like class, form, etc. and bet on the "fastest" horse between the 4th and 6th furlongs. I would highly recommend all three books by Mr. Scott.Investing at the Racetrack

Good solider information. If you already know how to do the math to find how fast they come home nothing new here there are some hand turf charts that are helpful

Many handicapping books are rather poor and this is no exception. If you really would like to do all

the clerical work required to handicap a full race card with this approach you might as well just get a bookkeeping job. I am sure you will get some winners with this system but I would doubt that any major public handicapper would bother with this book. It reads like a lower grade math book. It is boring. Studying old past performance sheets is a better way to learn about thoroughbred, harness, or quarter horse racing. Try to find a track you can handle.

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