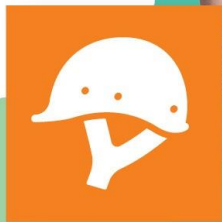


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How to pick your
winning horse?

The 3 important steps*

1st Step: Basic View



Form

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2nd Step: Special Adjustment



Track and
Distance

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Jockey and
Trainer

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Draw

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Class and
Weight

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Condition

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Pace and
Trend

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3rd Step: Final View



Chance
of Winning

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Horse Assessment Table

	1 st Step: Basic View	2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1								
2								
3								
4								

Mark '+' when the horse has an edge in a particular area; mark '-' when the horse has a disadvantage.

After adding up the '+'s and '-'s, the horse which has the most net '+'s under Final View has the best chance of winning.

1st Step: Basic View



Form



Assess recent starts and trends by reviewing recent form

From the Last 6 Runs (left to right), we can find out whether a horse:

- Recently won or finished in first-3 position.
- Shows any trends from their recent starts (improving or declining form).
- If a horse did not finish in a first-3 position recently, or his trend is getting worse, his chance of winning is lower.
- Recent starts should be given higher reference values.
- For horse debuts in HK, you should refer to his overseas records / pedigree / recent barrier trials.

Horse No.	Horse Name	Last 6 Runs
1	CALIFORNIA SPANGLE	1 1 4 7 13 4
2	MAD COOL	8
3	VICTOR THE WINNER	3 1 7 4 2 5
4	LUCKY WITH YOU	9 9 2 2 4 1
5	INVINCIBLE SAGE	2 3 2 6 2 1
6	HOWDEEPISYO URLOVE	4 2 1 8 6 3
7	SUNRISE RONALDO	--
8	FLYING ACE	3 1 7 5 9 2
9	MUGEN	3 2 1 3 1 1
10	BELIEVING	--
11	LITTLE BROSE	--



Fill in your ratings for Form

1 st Step: Basic View		2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+							
2	--							
3	+							
4	++							
5	--							
6	+							
7	-							
8	+							



However if you only analyse and focus on form, and overlook other variables, your outcome is likely to be biased

For example:

- Even though a horse has won, or finished in a first-3 position, in recent races, he might not be able to overcome the challenge of a heavier weight or a rise in class.
- If a horse has not finished in a first-3 position in recent races, he might have been running over the wrong track and distance or started from an unfavourable draw.
- A horse might have a stronger form if his opponents in recent races have finished in a first-3 position after those races



**2nd Step:
Assessing other key factors**



Track and Distance



Running over the best distance is a big plus

Each horse's speed, stamina and strength are different; therefore most horses have their own best distance.

A horse who performs well over 1400-1600M may not have the speed required for a 1000M race, nor the stamina required for a 2000M race.



ST	All	1	2	3	4	5
28/04/2024, SUN, 12:45, Class 4, 2000M						
↻		Horse No.	Distance			
1	ESCAPE ROUTE	1200-2000M				
2	ROMANTIC FANTASY	2000-2200M				
3	DARCI JOY	1400-2000M				
4	MISTER DAPPER	1600-2000M				
5	JUMBO FORTUNE	1200-1600M				
6	REACH GOAL	1650-2200M				
7	SHARPEN BRIGHT	2000-2200M				
8	WINNING STEPS	1800-2200M				
9	CHATEAU LE PECHE	2000-2000M				



Example: HOWDEEPIYOURLOVE

HOWDEEPIYOURLOVE has always finished in a first-3 position when running over 1200M .

This means HOWDEEPIYOURLOVE favours 1200M but his performance over other distances might not be as good as over 1200M.

Lifetime Form Records	
6 HOWDEEPIYOURLOVE	
Course/Going	
23/24 Season	
2nd 24/03/2024 (529) ST, TURF Class 1, 1200M	"A" COURSE GOOD TO FIRM
1st 12/02/2024 (416) ST, TURF Class 2, 1200M	"A" COURSE GOOD
8th 04/02/2024 (394) ST, TURF 4 Year Olds, 1600M	"B+2" COURSE GOOD
6th 21/01/2024 (359) ST, TURF Class 2, 1400M	"A" COURSE GOOD
3rd 04/01/2024 (314) HV, TURF Class 2, 1200M	"A" COURSE GOOD
3rd 29/11/2023 (212) HV, TURF Class 2, 1200M	"C+3" COURSE GOOD



Even over the same distance, our 3 different tracks have a big impact on a horse's performance



Surface	Grass	Sand, clay and organic elements	Grass
Characteristics	Flat	Kickback may hit horses at the rear of the field	Up-and-down
Turns	Relatively moderate turns	Relatively moderate turns	Tighter turns
Length of Home Straight	430m	365m	312m – 338m



Performance should be compared over the same track and distance

Same track and distance consists of three elements:

- Same racecourse (Sha Tin / Happy Valley)
- Same track (turf / dirt)
- Same distance

A horse that performs well over 1200M at ST may not be as good over 1200M at HV because the two tracks have different characteristics.

	Horse No.	Track/Distance
1	ROMANTIC WARRIOR	8 (7-1-0)
2	DUBAI HONOUR	2 (0-0-1)
3	HISHI IGUAZU	2 (0-1-1)
4	PROGNOSIS	2 (0-1-0)
5	STRAIGHT ARRON	4 (1-0-0)
6	SWORD POINT	5 (1-1-0)
7	NIMBLE NIMBUS	3 (0-0-1)
8	FIVE G PATCH	11 (2-3-1)
9	NORTH BRIDGE	--
10	HAPPY TOGETHER	--
11	MASSIVE SOVEREIGN	2 (2-0-0)




Example: DAN ATTACK

DAN ATTACK has finished in a first-3 position over 1200M at HV track on 3 occasions in his last 6 runs, which proves he is good on this track; however, he could not finish in a first-3 position over 1200M at ST Turf track and ST Dirt track .

Even over the same distance, the horse's performance on different tracks can be very different.

So we should pay more attention to DAN ATTACK when he runs in a 1200M race at HV track.

Lifetime Form Records	
10	DAN ATTACK
	Course/Going
23/24 Season	
3rd	"C+3" COURSE GOOD
20/03/2024 (517) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	
3rd	"A" COURSE GOOD
28/02/2024 (464) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	
1st	"B" COURSE GOOD
07/02/2024 (403) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	
6th	"C" COURSE GOOD
17/01/2024 (345) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	
11th	-- GOOD
03/12/2023 (217) ST, AWT Class 4,1200M	
13th	"B+2" COURSE GOOD
22/10/2023 (102) ST, TURF Class 4,1200M	



Example: CHILL CHIBI

You can consider the horse's running style if there are no track and distance records for comparison.

CHILL CHIBI is a 'late-finisher' that always drop back to the rear, and then come from behind strongly in the home straight.

CHILL CHIBI performed well over 1650M with his come-from-behind running style; he should therefore be able to perform over longer distances such as 1800M.

On the other hand, he may not be suited to a shorter distance such as 1000M at ST.

Lifetime Form Records	
4 CHILL CHIBI	Running Position
23/24 Season	
7 th 03/03/2024 (471) ST, TURF 4 Year Olds, 1800M	9 13 13 14 7
3 rd 20/12/2023 (265) HV, TURF Class 2, 1650M	2 2 4 3
1 st 29/11/2023 (211) HV, TURF Class 3, 1800M	8 9 9 10 1
1 st 15/11/2023 (175) HV, TURF Class 3, 1650M	8 9 9 1
1 st 01/11/2023 (136) HV, TURF Class 3, 1650M	12 12 11 1

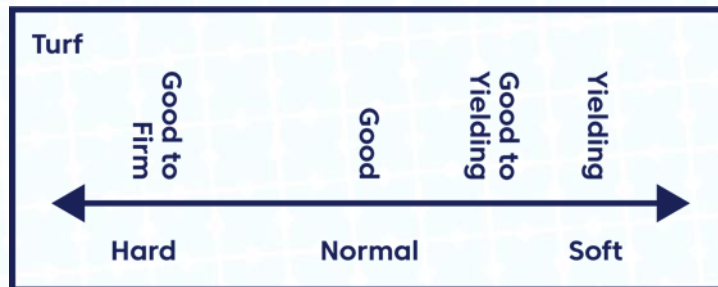


Track Condition should also be considered

The condition of a turf track is described by the moisture level of the track surface.

Track condition is mostly affected by weather:

- **Turf:** Track condition is likely to be Good To Firm during dry weather or on sunny days; on the other hand, the track condition may change to Good To Yielding or even Yielding after rain.
- **Dirt:** Sealed is a new going condition. Racing like a Good Track Rating but with the surface sealed having not been harrowed in anticipation of rain to maintain surface quality. Track condition may be at one of two extremes after rain; Wet Fast which indicates a solid surface, and Wet Slow which indicates a soft surface.



24/03/2024, SUN, 16:15, 4 Year Olds, 2000M, TURF, "A" COURSE, GOOD

	Horse No.	Win Odds	Place Odds	Like	Draw
1	GALAXY PATCH	12	4.1	1 1 2 1	14
2	HELIOS EXPRESS	3.8	2.3	1 1 2 1	13
3	HELENE FEELING	26	6.0	1 1 2 1	11
4	CHILL CHIBI	8.5	2.6	1 1 2 1	3
5	ENSUED	6.9	2.0	1 1 2 1	12
6	CHANCHENG GLORY	14	3.9	1 1 2 1	9
7	MASSIVE SOVEREIGN	3.6	1.5	1 1 2 1	10
8	BEAUTY CRESCENT	26	7.2	1 1 2 1	5



Each horse may perform particularly well over a specific track condition

DRAGON DELIGHT: He finished 1st over 1650M at HV on Good To Yielding. However, he performed less well over the same distance on Good. Therefore, Good To Yielding may be his favourite track condition.

WINNING STEPS: He won over 2000M at ST Turf track on Good. However, he could only finish 14th over the same distance on Yielding. Therefore, he maybe unfavoured racing on a Yielding track condition.

Lifetime Form Records	
3 DRAGON DELIGHT	
	Course/Going
23/24 Season	
8th	
15/05/2024 (669)	"C" COURSE GOOD
HV, TURF Class 5, 1650M	
1 st	"A" COURSE GOOD TO YIELDING
01/05/2024 (629)	
HV, TURF Class 5, 1650M	
6th	"B+2" COURSE GOOD
07/04/2024 (559)	
ST, TURF Class 5, 1400M	
4th	"A" COURSE GOOD
27/03/2024 (534)	
HV, TURF Class 5, 1650M	
6th	-- GOOD
03/03/2024 (465)	
ST, AWT Class 5, 1650M	
10th	"A" COURSE GOOD
12/02/2024 (408)	
ST, TURF Class 5, 1400M	

Lifetime Form Records	
5 WINNING STEPS	
	Course/Going
23/24 Season	
14th	
28/04/2024 (617)	"A" COURSE YIELDING
ST, TURF Class 4, 2000M	
1 st	"B+2" COURSE GOOD
07/04/2024 (560)	
ST, TURF Class 4, 2000M	
3rd	"A" COURSE GOOD
27/03/2024 (533)	
HV, TURF Class 4, 2200M	
9th	"C+3" COURSE GOOD
16/03/2024 (506)	
ST, TURF Class 4, 1800M	
6th	"A+3" COURSE GOOD
25/02/2024 (446)	
ST, TURF Class 4, 2000M	
9th	"A" COURSE GOOD
12/02/2024 (411)	
ST, TURF Class 4, 1600M	



Summary: Impact of Track and Distance

Factors to be considered	+	-
Is the horse running over his favourite distance?	Yes	No
Has the horse finished in the first-3 over the same track and distance?	Yes	No
If the horse did not run over the same track and distance, estimate from his running style whether he is suited to the track and distance of this race.	Suited	Not Suited
Is the horse running on his favourite track condition?	Yes	No



Fill in your ratings for Track and Distance

1 st Step: Basic View		2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+						
2	--	-						
3	+	-						
4	++	+						
5	--	-						
6	+	+						
7	-	-						
8	+	+						





Jockey and Trainer



The best jockeys can raise a horse's chances of winning

A jockey's competence can be reflected in their ranking, Win% and First-3%:

- Z Purton and H Bowman are the top jockeys who have outstanding figures for Win% or First-3%.
- The best jockeys can recover quickly from difficulties such as a wide draw, a knock, or being blocked during a race.
- Z Purton and H Bowman are the good jockeys who can handle horses starting from an unfavourably wide draw.



Z Purton



H Bowman

So do not forget to check whether there has been a change of jockey

If there is a change to a better jockey, this will improve the horse's chances of winning, vice versa.

It's particularly noteworthy when there is a change from a lower-ranked jockey to a top-class jockey like Z Purton.

Also, pay attention whether the horse has finished in the first-3 with the jockey in this race.

Lifetime Form Records	
2	HIGH PERCENTAGE
	Jockey
23/24 Season	
1st	
24/04/2024 (615) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	Z Purton
1st	
20/03/2024 (516) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	Z Purton
7th	
31/01/2024 (381) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	L Hewitson
8th	
07/01/2024 (316) ST, TURF Class 4,1200M	C L Chau
7th	
17/12/2023 (256) ST, TURF Class 4,1400M	C L Chau
7th	
22/11/2023 (192) HV, TURF Class 4,1200M	K Teetan

You can also consider trainers' performances on various tracks

Some trainers may perform well on particular track surface.



	Sha Tin Turf	Happy Valley
2023/24	3 rd	2 nd
2022/23	1 st	2 nd
2021/22	1 st	6 th



Do not overlook trainers who are ranked lower overall

Some trainers may have a lower overall ranking, but have good performance on their favourite tracks.



Trainer last season performance

Overall Ranking	5 th	14 th
Happy Valley	1 st	13 th
Sha Tin Dirt	9 th	3 rd

Summary: Impact of Jockey and Trainer

Factors to be considered	+	-
Is the horse ridden by a leading jockey in this race?	Yes	No
Has there been a change to a better/weaker jockey for this race?	Better Jockey	Weaker Jockey
Has the horse finished in the first-3 with the jockey in this race?	Yes	No
Does this race start on the trainer's favourite track?	Yes	No

Fill in your ratings for Jockey and Trainer

1 st Step: Basic View		2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+	+					
2	--	-	-					
3	+	-	-					
4	++	+	+					
5	--	-	-					
6	+	+	+					
7	-	-	-					
8	+	+	+					



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Draw



In general, horses starting with an inside draw have a competitive advantage

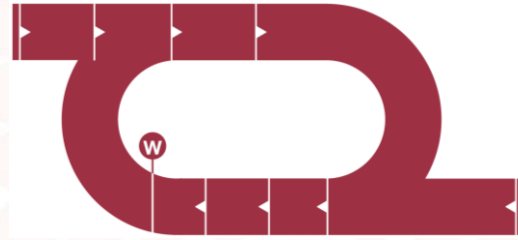
However, a better approach is to study the draw by analysing it alongside a horse's favourite track and distance, and its running style.



Study the Win% and First-3% of each draw over each track and distance

Inside draws for 2000M at ST Turf, 1650M at ST Dirt and 1200M at HV have a particularly high Win%.

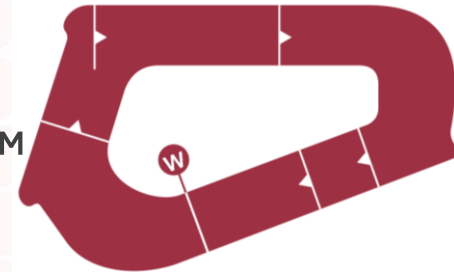
This is because there is a tight turn shortly after the start, requiring the horses with wide draws to run a longer distance to get closer to the rail.



ST Turf
2000M



ST Dirt
1650M

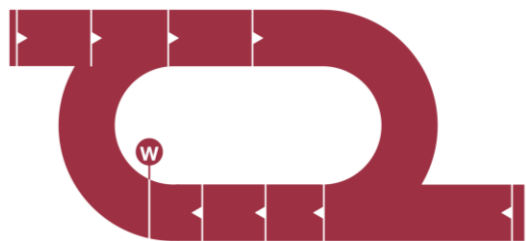


HV
1200M



Exception: ST Turf 1000M Straight

Horses that start from an outside draw have a competitive advantage because there is less damage to the track by the Grandstand.



ST Turf
1000M



Impact of draw will be different according to a horse's running style

Lifetime Form Records

3 VICTOR THE WINNER

Running Position

23/24 Season

1st

28/01/2024 (376)
ST, TURF
Group One,
1200M

1 1 1

7th

07/01/2024 (321)
ST, TURF
Group Three,
1000M

1 2 7

4th

10/12/2023 (236)
ST, TURF
Group One,
1200M

2 2 4

2nd

19/11/2023 (182)
ST, TURF
Group Two,
1200M

1 1 2

5th

22/10/2023 (107)
ST, TURF
Group Two,
1200M

1 1 5

Lifetime Form Records

9 MUGEN

Running Position

23/24 Season

2nd

12/02/2024 (414)
ST, TURF
Class 1, 1400M

4 5 5 2

1st

21/01/2024 (359)
ST, TURF
Class 2, 1400M

1 1 1 1 1 1

3rd

01/01/2024 (305)
ST, TURF
Class 3, 1200M

10 9 3

1st

17/12/2023 (260)
ST, TURF
Class 3, 1200M

11 9 1

1st

11/11/2023 (165)
ST, TURF
Class 3, 1200M

11 10 1

	Front-runner	Late-finisher
Running Position	1 - 1 - 1	11 - 11 - 11 - 1
Feature	A horse with good early speed, who likes to run from the front before the home straight	A horse with good stamina, who is better off restrained behind the horses in front

Starting with an inside draw has an advantage especially for front-runners

A front-runner starting with an inside draw will find it easier to lead in a race. This helps him to win.

However, if he starts with a wide draw, higher speed and more energy are required to get to the inside rail in order to lead. If the horse cannot get to the inside rail, he has less chance of winning.

Sha Tin | 10/03/2024 | 4:05 PM
Race 7 | Group One | TURF - C Course | 1400m
Likely Positions After Settling

Pace: GOOD



CALIFORNIA SPANGLE can take up his usual role of pacemaker and lead this race. RED LION can take advantage of an inside draw and get into the trail. BEAUTY ETERNAL likes to race on the pace and he should get a good run just behind the speed. HEALTHY HAPPY might struggle to get across in the early stages and he may have to work to get outside the leader. LUCKY SWEYNESSE should get a good run one off the rail and in the small field will not be too far away. BEAUTY JOY should go back from the outside gate.

A late-finisher may have an advantage if he starts with a middle draw

A late-finisher who starts from a wide draw can still easily get closer to the inside rail and be restrained at the back of the field.

It's even better if a late-finisher starts from a middle draw (draw 5-10) because he will be less likely to be blocked and will more easily find space to accelerate in the home straight.

Sha Tin | 28/04/2024 | 1:15 PM

Race 2 | Class 3 | TURF - A Course | 1600m

Likely Positions After Settling

Pace: GOOD



VOYAGE SAMURAI had led in all his starts and is stepping up in distance for the first time so he can lead from a good draw. FOOLISH HEART should be able to get across with his early speed and get into the trail. FRANTANCK is another noted leader however he has drawn wide so he may have to work if he wants the lead. He is more likely to sit just off the pace rather than get into a speed battle. KARMA has a wide draw so he may have to go back towards the rear of the field.

Watch closely when there is any change of draw from the last start

	From wide draw to inside draw	From inside draw to wide draw
Example	From draw 14 to draw 1	From draw 1 to draw 14
Impact	Advantage – a shorter distance at turns	Disadvantage – a longer distance at turns



Summary: Impact of Draw

Factors to be considered	+	-
Is the horse starting from a draw with a higher Win% and First-3%?	Yes	No
Do the horse's running style and draw compliment each other? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A front-runner starts from an inside draw• A late-finisher starts from a middle draw	Yes	No
How has the horse been drawn compared to his last start? (Except ST 1000M Straight)	Inside Draw	Wide Draw



Fill in your ratings for Draw

1 st Step: Basic View		2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+	+	-				
2	--	-	-	+				
3	+	-	-	+				
4	++	+	+	-				
5	--	-	-	-				
6	+	+	+	+				
7	-	-	-	-				
8	+	+	+	+				





Class and Weight



Analyse weight carried and chance of winning

Weight	Reason	Recent Start Results	First-3 Chance
Weight reduced	Weight reduced after a loss in the same class	Finished in a first-6 position	Higher chance
		Did not finish in a first-6 position	Lower chance
	Weight reduced after a win and is promoted in class	Won by 1 length or above	Higher chance
		Won by less than 1 length	Lower chance

For lighter horses (body weight below 1000 lbs), it is harder to carry a heavy weight. So it is beneficial when lighter horses are promoted to the next class and carry less weight.



Analyse weight carried and chance of winning

Weight	Reason	Recent Start Results	First-3 Chance
Weight increased	Weight increased after winning a race in the same class	Won by 1 length or above	Higher chance
		Won by less than 1 length	Lower chance
	Weight increased after losing a race and a drop in class	Finished in a first-6 position	Higher chance
		Did not finish in a first-6 position	Lower chance



Analyse his opponents in recent races and chance of winning

Performance of his opponents in recent races after those races	Value of form in recent races	First-3 Chance
Finished in a first-3 position	Stronger form	Higher chance
Did not finish in a first-3 position	Weaker form	Lower chance



Example: BEAUTY JOY

BEAUTY JOY had not won in any races from 2023 Dec to 2024 Mar.

However, he finished in a first-6 position in Group One races.

He won a Group Two race in his last start. This reflects that he has an advantage over other Group Two rivals.

Lifetime Form Records					
1 BEAUTY JOY					
	Course/Going	Draw	Rating	Trainer	Jockey
23/24 Season					
1st 07/04/2024 (566) ST, TURF Group Two, 1600M	"B+2" COURSE GOOD	1	113	A S Cruz	B Avdulla
7th 10/03/2024 (490) ST, TURF Group One, 1400M	"C" COURSE GOOD	10	115	A S Cruz	K C Leung
6th 25/02/2024 (452) ST, TURF Group One, 2000M	"A+3" COURSE GOOD	9	117	A S Cruz	K C Leung
3rd 21/01/2024 (357) ST, TURF Group One, 1600M	"A" COURSE GOOD	5	117	A S Cruz	K C Leung
3rd 01/01/2024 (303) ST, TURF Group Three, 1400M	"A" COURSE GOOD	4	118	A S Cruz	J McDonald
5th 10/12/2023 (238) ST, TURF Group One, 1600M	"A" COURSE GOOD	6	118	A S Cruz	M Guyon

Summary: Impact of Class and Weight

Factors to be considered	+	-
<p>Did a weight reduced horse perform well in his recent start? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight reduced after a loss in the same class, and finished in a first-6 position. • Won by 1 length or above and with a weight reduction after a class promotion. 	Yes	No
<p>Did a weight increased horse perform well in his recent start? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won by 1 length or above with weight added after winning a race in the same class. • Weight was added after losing in a race and a drop in class, and finished in a first-6 position. 	Yes	No
<p>Did his opponents in recent races finished in a first-3 position after those races?</p>	Yes	No



Fill in your ratings for Class and Weight

1 st Step: Basic View		2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+	+	-	+			
2	--	-	-	+	-			
3	+	-	-	+	-			
4	++	+	+	-	+			
5	--	-	-	-	-			
6	+	+	+	+	-			
7	-	-	-	-	-			
8	+	+	+	+	+			





Condition



A horse's weight can reflect his condition



If a horse's weight has risen or dropped by less than 20 lbs, his condition should be maintained at a similar level to his last start. Therefore, if he finished in the first-3 in his last start, his condition should be good.

Otherwise, compare his current weight to his weight range when he had a first-3 finish.

If the difference is less than 10 lbs, his condition should be good. Otherwise, his condition might have dropped.

9 SHINKANSEN W 6.7 P 2.3

J K De Melo T D J Whyte

Draw 6 122 (-1) lbs (vs Last Run)

Distance 1200M Last 6 Runs 3 6 10 1 2 10 Latest

Finished strongly to place last start. Chance in this company.

Rating	46 (-)	Horse Weight	1158 (+23) lbs
Age	4	Sex	Gelding

Trump Card Used Horse(s) with Priority to Run No Order of Trainer Preference 2

Race Info Betslip




Example: SHINKANSEN

SHINKANSEN's weight in his last start was 1158 lbs, which had increased by 23 lbs.

His weight ranged from 1132 lbs to 1138 lbs when he had a first-3 position.

Since his weight is 20 lbs more than his highest weight when he had a first-3 position, his condition may have dropped. Finally, He finished 7th in his last start.

Lifetime Form Records	
9 SHINKANSEN	
	Horse Weight(lbs)
23/24 Season	
7th	
22/05/2024 (686) HV, TURF Class 4, 1200M	1158
3rd	
01/05/2024 (631) HV, TURF Class 4, 1200M	1135
6th	
15/02/2024 (424) HV, TURF Class 4, 1200M	1147
10th	
17/01/2024 (345) HV, TURF Class 4, 1200M	1142
1st	
04/01/2024 (308) HV, TURF Class 4, 1200M	1132
2nd	
13/12/2023 (247) HV, TURF Class 4, 1200M	1138



Do not miss the horse parade

Good

Body: Firm flat stomach, well-toned muscles with solid lines, and strong neck

Manner/Appearance: Calm, relaxed with eager eyes

Gesture: Sprinter – active and excited;
Stayer – calm

Bad

Edgy with heavy sweating

Bucking frequently which may waste energy



It is important to watch a barrier trial performance

Positive symptoms:

- The horse finished the barrier trial after a relaxed run without pressure.
- The horse continues to accelerate after the finishing line, showing he has a strong desire to win.
- The horse finishes close to other higher-rated horses, reflecting that he is in top form.
- The finishing time is much faster than another barrier trial over the same distance on the same day, reflecting that the horse has set a high standard.



Summary: Impact of Condition

Factors to be considered	+	-
Compare a horse's current weight to his weight of his last start. If the difference is less than 20 lbs, his condition should be maintained at a similar level to his last start.	Finished in the first-3 in his last start	Did not finish in the first-3 in his last start
Compare a horse's current weight to his weight of his last start. If the difference is 20 lbs or more, then compare his current weight to his weight when he had a first-3 finish.	The difference is less than 10 lbs	The difference is 10 lbs or more
Horse's condition in parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-toned muscles • Eager eyes • Calm and relaxed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edgy, heavy sweating • Bucking frequently
Did the horse perform well in his last barrier trial?	Yes	No



Fill in your ratings for Condition

	1 st Step: Basic View	2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+	+	-	+	-		
2	--	-	-	+	-	-		
3	+	-	-	+	-	+		
4	++	+	+	-	+	+		
5	--	-	-	-	-	-		
6	+	+	+	+	-	+		
7	-	-	-	-	-	+		
8	+	+	+	+	+	-		





Pace and Trend



Estimate the pace of a race with a Speed Map

Sha Tin | 24/03/2024 | 4:15 PM
 Race 7 | 4 Year Olds | TURF - A Course | 2000m
 Likely Positions After Settling

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW



With the favoured runners drawing wide it looks an even renewal of this year's Derby. CHANCHENG GLORY has exceptional gate speed and he can go forward and get to the rail first. BEAUTY CRESCENT who was positive at his last start can let the speed go and get into the trail. HELENE FEELING of the horses drawn wide can be positive and get one off the rail. ENSUED can go forward from his wide draw and look for a position near the pace although there is a danger of being trapped wide. HELIOS EXPRESS may have to go back to avoid racing wide along with GALAXY PATCH.



Fast pace benefits late-finishers

In a fast pace race, front-runners run too quick in the early stages and burn themselves out before the home straight. They are then likely to be overtaken by the late-finishers who still have energy.

Sha Tin | 03/12/2023 | 3:35 PM

Race 6 | Class 2 | ALL WEATHER TRACK | 1200m

Likely Positions After Settling

Pace: GOOD TO FAST



CAMPIONE has very good gate speed on this surface and although there are a few speedy horses in this race he should lead and set up a good to fast pace. XPONENTIAL likes to lead and although he is unlikely to hold out CAMPIONE he should be able to get into the trail. KURPANY is another noted front runner and he should be right on the pace. TRUE LEGEND is back in distance and he may be trapped wide. CHANCHENG PRINCE is also back in distance and he will be looking for some cover. FLYING ACE can let the speed go and go to the back of the field.



Slow pace benefits front-runners

In a slow pace race, front-runners can maintain their leading positions easily throughout the race and at the same time save their energy for a late burst. However, late-finishers have to run even faster than the front-runners if they want to catch up from the rear.

Sha Tin | 11/05/2024 | 1:30 PM

Race 2 | Class 3 | ALL WEATHER TRACK | 1650m

Likely Positions After Settling

Pace: GOOD TO SLOW



MASSIVE ACTION looks the logical leader with plenty of early speed and the advantage of an inside barrier draw. ALACRITY can be positive from a good draw and get into the trail. SAMARKAND is never far away and he can sit just off the pace. WOODFIRE BRO is back in distance so he should be looking for some cover midfield. M UNICORN went back on his All Weather debut when he won and in the small field he can try to repeat those tactics and go back to the rear.



Other factors become crucial if it is a normal pace race

In a normal pace race, neither front-runners nor late-finishers have significant advantages or disadvantages.

Sha Tin | 07/04/2024 | 4:10 PM

Race 7 | Group Two | TURF - B+2 Course | 1200m

Likely Positions After Settling

Pace: GOOD



NERVOUS WITNESS has the best gate speed in this field and he should be able to cross the field and lead. TOMODACHI KOKOROE has the inside draw so he can let the speed go and get into the trail. WHIZZ KID is another speedster and he should be close up. PACKING TREADMILL can get an economical run three back on the rail. LUCKY SWEYNESSE has been slow away in his recent starts and with the speed in the race he may be back in the field. Last start winner FLYING ACE should go back from the outside draw.



Summary: Impact of Pace and Trend

Find out the estimated pace from the Speed Map	+	-
Fast pace	Late-Finisher	Front-Runner
Slow pace	Front-Runner	Late-Finisher



Fill in your ratings for Pace and Trend

1 st Step: Basic View		2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	
2	--	-	-	+	-	-	-	
3	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	
4	++	+	+	-	+	+	+	
5	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
7	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	
8	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	



3rd Step : Final View



Chance of Winning



To recap:

1st Step: Basic View



Form
4

2nd Step: Special Adjustment



Track and
Distance
9



Jockey and
Trainer
20



Draw
27



Class and
Weight
37



Condition
46



Pace and
Trend
53

3rd Step: Final View



Chance
of Winning
60



Finalise your Horse Assessment Table

	1 st Step: Basic View	2 nd Step: Special Adjustment						3 rd Step: Final View
Horse	Form	Track and Distance	Jockey and Trainer	Draw	Class and Weight	Condition	Pace and Trend	
1	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+++
2	--	-	-	+	-	-	-	-----
3	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
4	++	+	+	-	+	+	+	++++++
5	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-----
6	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+++++
7	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-----
8	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+++++

Form a betting strategy for the four horses with the most net '+' marks in the Final View, i.e. No. 1, No. 4, No. 6, and No. 8 in the above example.



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