

TODAY'S RACING DIGEST is designed to simplify the handicapper's job by evaluating past performances and relating them to today's race. To that end, the Digest provides the following on each page:

- 1** **DISTANCE** and **SURFACE** of today's race. In grass races, the word **TURF** will appear after the distance designation.
- 2** **RACE LEVEL:** The **Base RCL** is a number representing class; the higher the number the higher the class. The **Strength of Field** is a numerical rating of today's field. Ratings can go from a low of 1 to a high of 9.
- 3** **CONDITIONS:** Details type of race (Claiming, Maiden, Allowance, etc.), any restrictions and the age range of the horses.
- 4** The **PURSE** is the total prize money.
- 5** **ENTRANTS:** Listed in post position order. **Equipment Change** designations, if applicable, are also located in this column: (#=**Blinkers-on**;
@ = **Blinkers-off**; **G-on** = **Goggles on**). A **Betting Entry** designation, if applicable, is also located in this column (A-, B-, C- preceding the horse's name).
- 6** **JOCKEY:** The symbol (▲) by a jockey's name indicates the rider did not ride this horse in the most recent outing. The symbol 'x' after a jockey's name indicates the rider is an 'apprentice' (see Glossary in back for explanation).
- 7** **WEIGHT AND CHANGE:** Weight assigned and change from last race, if within the past six months.
- 8** **AGE/SEX:** The age and sex of a horse; **F** = Filly; **M** = Mare; **C** = Colt; **G** = Gelding; **H** = Horse (a 5-year-old or older ungelded male); **Rg** = Ridgling (a horse with only one testicle).
- 9** **RRL, or Recent Race Level:** This shows the level at which the horse last raced. If there is an 'x' in this space, it means the horse has had no previous starts or its last start was out of the Digest's area of coverage.
- 10** **RCL, or Race Competition Level:** This is the class level at which the horse has been locally competitive recently (usually within past 90 days). If there is an 'x' in this space, it means the horse has not been competitive at any level locally.
- 11** **CPR, or Comprehensive Performance Rating:** An evaluation of a representative performance by the horse at or about the distance of today's race. The higher the number, the better the performance. The **CPR** will be the rating of the race used in the Fractional Charting. The **CPRs** should be compared between horses. This rating takes into consideration early pace and final time. It is then modified by the track variant and can be adjusted for an 'unusual' pace.
- 12** **TOTAL:** The sum of the **RCL** (Column 4) and the **CPR** (Column 5). This combines Class and Performance into one numerical rating.
- 13** **PER, or Position Early In Race:** The projected times for each race are analyzed, as are the running styles of each horse, to determine in which part of the field the horse will be running during the early part of the race. **F** = Frontrunner, a horse who is generally 1st or 2nd at the first call of his races; **P** = Early Speed, a horse who races close to the pace (within two lengths at the first call in sprint and three lengths in route), but does not need the lead for his best chance; **M** = Mid-Pack runner; and **R** = Rear runner. If no information is available on the horse's running style, an 'x' will appear in Column 7.
- 14** **HANDICAPPING FACTORS:** Applicable handicapping considerations for each runner are indicated numerically in Column 8. An explanation of these factors can be found in the back of the Digest.
- 15** **EQUIPMENT:** The equipment a horse is expected to wear is listed in Column 9: **B** = Blinkers; **C** = Calks*; **G** = Goggles; **R** = Shadow Roll; **FW** = Front Wraps; **4W** = Four Wraps; **FAW** = Front Ankle Wraps; **RAW** = Rear Ankle Wraps; **X** = None or Unknown.
- 16** **TROUBLE:** The numbers in this column indicate the races in which the horses had trouble, going back five races not more than six months. For instance, a '3' would indicate trouble three races back. If the number is in parentheses, the trouble was self caused.
- 17** **OFF TRACK:** The highest 'minus' rating at which a horse has been proven. For example, a very muddy track may play 10 lengths slower than a 'fast track', with a length equal to a fifth of a second. The track variant in this case would be designated a 10 (-10), and if the horse performed well on this surface, that would become his rating in Column 11.
- 18** **BEST PREVIOUS SURFACE AND DISTANCE:** Column 12 reflects the best Comprehensive Performance Rating (**CPR**) for the Surface (**SUR**), dirt or turf, and Distance (**DIS**), sprint or route, of today's race. If no rating is shown under both headings, no experience at the distance is recorded in the Digest Library. If no rating is shown under **SUR**, the horse has not raced locally on the surface at the distance of today's race.
- 19** **PAST CLASS:** This shows the highest Class Level (**RCL**) at which the horse has been effective previously (Two-year-old races are not considered).
- 20** **AVERAGE RCL** represents the average level that the horse has been competitive at during the previous six months. To qualify for a rating in this column, the horse must have met two of the following three criteria in at least two races during the past six months: a) Must have finished within 15 points of the Adjusted RCL; b) Must have finished 5th or better; c) Must have finished within five lengths of the winner.
- 21** **LAST CPR:** The Comprehensive Performance Rating the horse earned in his last race. This provides a quick study of which runners may be in the best form.
- 22** **FRACTIONAL CHART ORDER OF FINISH:** This feature lists the horse(s) who have the 1st, 2nd and 3rd fastest times after plotting each entrant's most representative recent race. The order of finish will not be shown if there are too many horses who could not be charted, though one is able to compare those who were by turning to the **FRACTIONAL TIME COMPARISONS** on page 4.
- 23** **ESTIMATED TIME:** The expected fractions and final time the race figures to be run. This information is derived from the **FRACTIONAL TIME COMPARISON PAGE** (page 4).
- 24** **AVERAGE TIME:** The average fractions and final time for mid-level races for this particular distance at this track.
- 25** **AVERAGE FINAL TIME:** The average fractions and final time for today's class level and distance at this track.
- 26** **RATINGS OF FAVORITES:** The 'win' and 'in-the-money' percentages for the favorite in races of this type. This data is derived from multi-year studies at each track.
- 27** **ANALYSIS:** A discussion of the merits and demerits of the entrants, with an emphasis on contenders and horses to beat (underlays). Areas covered can include class, pace and betting possibilities.
- 28** **CLOSERS:** The horses with the fastest final fractions, based on the Fractional Time Comparison.
- 29** **BETTING ENTRY:** Horse's name with the trainer and jockey. This is followed by the record for the trainer and jockey team. The statistic shows number of starts, wins, 2nds and 3rds over the previous six months. A comment assessing the horse's chances follow. The comment is completed with the horse's last 10 **FIRE numbers**.
- 30** **FIRE NUMBER:** This is the projected **FIRE number**; the rating that we expect him to run to today. The figure can be used as a quick guide to contenders and can also be used with other figures, including the *Racing Form's* Beyer number.
- 31** **STATS:** This section cover any relevant trainer statistics, including information on first-time starters, comebackers and distance, surface and equipment changes.
- 32** **NOTES:** This area will include notes describing any significant trouble or previous equipment changes. Gelding and vet's list dates are included here, as is sire information on first-time starters.
- 33** **DATA LINES:** Information on each horse's last three starts. These lines include: Track, date and race number, track bias, RCL and Strength Rating, CPR, Morning Line and Actual odds, adjusted times (1st, 2nd and Final) and Pace and Final Time Ratings. For the Pace and Final Time Ratins, higher numbers are better and par-for-the-level ratings should equal or approach the RCL of today's race. In the Final Time Rating, three points equals one length.
- 34** **WORKS SINCE RACED:** Any works since the horse's last start. Exceptional works are in bold and noted with a star.

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EXAMPLE RACE - EXAMPLE TRACK

- 1** Distance: 6 Furlongs
- 2** Race Level: Base 120, Strength of Field 3
- 3** Conditions: Maidens (Non-winners) - Claiming \$32-\$30,000 - Year Olds & Older
- 4** Purse: \$18,500

5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
HORSE (Post Position Order)	JOCKEY	WT & CHNG	AGE SEX	RRL	RCL+	CPR=	TOT	PER	HANDICAPPING FACTORS	EQUIP	TROUBLE	OFF TRK	BEST PREV SUR DIS	PAST CLAS	AVG RCL	LAST CPR
Star D Farma	Espinoza	114	3g	116	116	102	218	F	19,21	X	1,2,3		102 102	x	116	66
Mister Preston	Nakatani	116	3g	116	x	88		?	19,25	B			88 88	x	x	38
Magic Medicine Man	Blanc	120	4g	116	116	110	226	F	15a,19,21	B,R			114 114	x	116	58
Kicking Bear	Solis	122	4g	116	x	77		R		X	(1)		96 96	x	x	96
Work N Man	Garcia	114	3c	116	116	98	214	M	21	X	1(2)		98 98	x	116	54
Act Of Kindness	Pedroza	120	4g	x	x	x		x	1,25	X			x x	x	x	43
Medallist	Douglas	116	3g	116	116	112	228	P	15a,19,21	B,FW			114 114	x	116	76
Rare Champ	Delahoussaye	116	3c	116	116	100	216	M	21	B,R	(1)(3)		100 100	x	x	100

FRACTIONAL CHART ORDER OF FINISH AND AVERAGE TIMES

Per the time comparisons on the fourth page. (This is not a selection)

- 22** 1: Medallist
- 23** ET: :22.0, :45.2 and 1:11.2 (Expected Times with a 0 variant)
- 2: Magic Medicine Man
- 24** AT: :21.8, :44.8 and 1:09.8 (Average Times for mid-level races)
- 3: Rare Champ
- 25** AFTL: :22.0, :45.0 and 1:11.0 (Average Times for this level)

RACE APPRAISAL

- 26** FAVORITES: The favorites' win rate is far above normal at 45.5%, and their 85.5% in the-money is far far above normal.
- 27** ANALYSIS: On numbers, this is a match race between Magic Medicine Man and Medallist. Both are lightly raced and capable of decent speed. However, 'Man is quicker and had significant trouble. His odds should be better, too, so he'll catch the
- HF 15a. Of the rest, Mister Preston had a legitimate excuse when debuting for Mike Mitchell June 16, has come back to work very well and seems likely to fire a much better shot the second time around.
- 28** CLOSERS: Fastest in the stretch in recent races at or near this distance have been: Star D' Fama :18.8 - Work 'N Man :19.2

COMMENTS - WORKS - DATA LINES

- 29** Star D Farma (E,Inda,V,Espinoza = None)
draws the dreaded Hollypark rail and had significant traffic trouble in his last pair. He figures in the middle once again and should need softer still to win.
- 30** 76 BREEDING: Farma Way - Star Eighty Eight by Star De Naskra
LAST 10 FIRE: 56, 76, 72, 56
- 31** STATS: None
- 32** NOTES: Bumped and steadied in the stretch June 16. Slow outside throughout and steadied entering the stretch May 18. Lacked racing room and took-up entering the turn April 20. Wide throughout March 22. Blinkers on and broke slowly Feb 9.
- 33** HOL 6/16/96 O1 R120-1 C66 ML20 A10 23.6 47.8 1:07.6 83 81
HOL 5/18/96 NONE R120-4 C110 ML10 A9 22.2 46.0 1:06.2 122 120
SA 4/20/96 O1 R120-2 C53 ML30 A19 22.4 46.1 1:07.2 117 105
- 34** Works Since Raced: none

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