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** – This is the distance of this particular race. If this was a turf race, we'd also note that here.
2. **Conditions** – We list the race conditions here. This particular race is a Starter Allowance.
3. **Track Profile** – This feature gives you an idea of what kind of running styles (e.g., frontrunners, pressers, etc.) have been winning at the race's distance. We list the number of races included in our study (22, in this case), then list the type of running style and the win-percentage. For example, Frontrunners ("F") have won 22.7% of the 22 races at this distance while Late-Runners ("R") have won just 4.5%. (F=frontrunner, P=pressers, M=midpackers, R=Late-Runners.)
4. **Race level** – The Digest assigns a number to each type or class of race. In this case, the race is a 130 on our class scale. This number allows you to compare races of different types to determine which races are stronger, the same class or weaker. Five points equals one class level.
5. **Race Conditions** – This is an abbreviation of the Conditions of the race.
6. **Purse** – This is how much money is up for grabs for this race. In most cases, the winner usually receives about 55 percent of the purse.
7. **AFTL** – The acronym stands for Average For The Level and are "par" times for the class. In other words, this class of animal should run these times over a normal surface. Compare the horse's times listed in their Data Lines (past performances) to the AFTL to see which horses have come close to running to par for this class.
8. **Favorites** – We list the percentages for winning favorites and favorites in the money under these class, age, surface, and distance conditions. Believe it or not, certain races produce more upsets than others and we try to give you the heads up by providing these stats.
9. **Horse** – We list the horses' names here, in post-position order. Also, sometimes you'll see a symbol after the name and this indicates the horse is having some type of equipment change. For instance, a "#" indicates the addition of blinkers, a "@" indicates blinkers are coming off and "**(L)**" signifies a first-time Lasix user. We also note betting entries by a letter ("A" or "B") before the name.
10. **Jockey** – This lists the jockey for each horse. When you see a dot (".") after the jockey's name, it means this jockey is replacing the jockey used from the previous race. An "x" after the jockey's names indicates he is an apprentice.
11. **Fire Number** – This is the horse's FIRE Number, a speed figure that takes into account each and every time recorded by the horse during the running of a race. The higher the number, the faster the horse.
12. **Weight & Change** – We list how much weight the horse is expected to carry here, as well as the difference between today's weight and the weight carried in its last race.
13. **Age/Sex** – How old if the horse, you say? We list that here, along with the horse's sex. (c=colt, g=gelding, r=ridgling, f=filly, m=mare)
14. **RRL** - Recent Race Level. This is the Race level of the horse's last race. Compare this number to the Race level in the Race Header to quickly determine whether the horse is up or down in class.
15. **RCL** - Recent Competitive Level. We list the Race level where the horse has recently been competitive. An "x" in this column indicates a horse hasn't been competitive at any level recently.
16. **CPR** - Comprehensive Performance Rating. Another Digest speed figure, this one if the oldest of the Digest's speed numbers. Once again, the higher the number, the faster the horse.
17. **Total** – This column is the total of RCL + CPR. It gives you a class and speed figure all in one.
18. **PER** - Performance Early in Race. We list the running styles for each horse. Just as we list in the Track Profile feature, F=frontrunner, P=presser, M=midpacker, R=late-runner
19. **Handicapping Factors** – Each horse usually receives certain Handicapping Factors (HF), which serve as a type of shorthand for us to communicate certain things about a horse to you. Most important in this column is our "push" factors. When we like a horse we'll use a 2 (love the horse), 15 (really like), 15a (like) or 20 (longshot).
20. **Equipment** – This is the equipment the horse has been or is scheduled to wear. B=blinkers, R=shadow roll, RW=rear wraps, FW=front wraps, 4W= four wraps, G=goggles
21. **Trouble** – If the horse was in trouble in any of its races, we list that here. A "1" indicates a horses last race, a "2" a race back, etc. If the number is in parentheses (e.g., (2)), that means it was self-caused trouble.
22. **Off Track** – If the horse is proven over an off track, we list the Track Variant for that day here.
23. **Best Prev Sur Dis** - Best Previous CPR on the surface or distance. Pretty self explanatory. Whatever the distance or surface of today's race, we note the best CPR he's earned.
24. **Past Class** - Whatever the horse's highest proven Race level, it's listed here. This let's you know how classy a horse once was.
25. **Average RCL** – This is an average of the horse's recent Race levels where it has been competitive.
26. **Last CPR** – Simple, it's the CPR (remember, the CPR is a speed figure) from the horse's last race.
27. **Fractional Chart Order of Finish** – Lists the top finishers according to the Digest's popular Fractional Charting (a projected race using representative performances from each participant in today's race).
28. **Average Times** – The times listed on the ET (Expected Times) row are those expected from today's field based on previous performances (these are the best times at each call in the Fractional Charting). The AT (Average Times) are based on the times high class horses run at the distance/surface. The AFTL (Average For The Level) times are

the "par times" for today's class of runners. In other words, they are the average times run by horses at today's particular class level.

29. **Analysis** – In this section, Digest handicappers provide their assessments of today's race, emphasizing pace and class and highlighting contenders and top plays.
30. **Closers** – Which horses finish fastest? We provide the top finishers here. This information is compiled from the Fractional Charting.
31. **Horse Comments** – Digest provide information about each horse and assess their chances. Trouble notes follow each horse's comments. (This feature may not be included in some issues.)
32. **Horse name** – Simply put, this is the horse's name. Just so you know, a horse's name is limited to 18 characters and spaces…that's the rules.
33. **Trainer/Jockey** – The horse's trainer and today's rider are listed, along with their record (starts, wins, 2nds, 3rds) when teaming up over the past three months. In this instance, trainer Powell and jockey Rosario have had 10 starters together, with two wins, no 2nds and one 3rd the past three months.
34. **Age/Breeding** – The first number is the horse's age, followed by his sex. After the dash (-), the horse's sire is listed. In parentheses is the sire's offspring's win percentage on turf (T), synthetic (S), and in the mud (M). This is followed by the horse's dam, which is then followed by the dam's sire (a.k.a. - the mom's dad).
35. **Trainer Stats** – We list all the pertinent trainer stats in this section, such as the trainer's record from his last 15 starters (LAST 15) and how the trainer does with any moves the horse may be making today (i.e., going from dirt to turf (D/T), route to sprint (R/S), etc.).
36. **Notes** – What trouble has the horse encountered and when? The Digest lists this in abbreviated fashion.
37. **Course Records** – Shows how the horse has done on today's surface and at today's track. We list the record as starts, wins, 2nd, 3rds.
38. **Works** – Recent workouts are shown here. The info includes the track, the date, the time of the work, the condition of the surface and how the work ranked relative to other times recorded that day.
39. **Last 10 FIRE** – These are the last 10 FIRE numbers earned for the horse, just for convenience.
40. **Track** – Indicates at what track the horse's race occurred.
41. **Date & Race** – Lists the date (MM/DD/YY) and the race number (after the dash) of the horse's race.
42. **Distance/Surface** – This is the distance, as well as the surface of the race. "T" indicates the race was a turf race. Sprints (under one mile) are noted in furlongs, whereas routes (one mile and over) are noted in miles, plus additional distance.
43. **Post Position & Key Race Winners** – The first number is the horse's post position for the race, followed by the total number of all the horses in the field. The numeral after the dash indicates how many horses returned from the particular race to win their next starts. Theoretically, the higher the number, the strong that particular race.
44. **Weight** – This is the weight carried by the horse.
45. **Trainer/Jockey** – The horse's trainer and jockey for the particular race is noted here.
46. **Track Condition** – Was the track fast, muddy or sloppy? Was the turf firm or good? We note that in abbreviated form here. (FM = firm, FT = fast, GD = good, etc.)
47. **Track Bias** – A tremendous Digest feature. This column displays any bias that was in effect during the horse's race. We note the type of bias (O = outside, I = inside, F = speed bias, L = late-runner bias) as well as the strength of the bias on a scale of 1 to 3, with 1 being a mild bias and 3 being a dominant bias.
48. **Race Type** – Lists the type of race in abbreviated format.
49. **Race Conditions** – These are the conditions of the Race Type.
50. **RCL** – Race Competition Level. The level represents the strength of the race on the Digest's class scale. Comparing these numbers to one another allows the handicapper to see if the horse was moving up or down in class from race to race.
51. **CPR** – The number is one of the many Digest speed figures. This is the horse's CPR for each race.
52. **Finish Position & Beaten Lengths** – The first number is position the horse finished the race, followed by how many lengths he was beaten (or won by if the first number is a "1") crossing the wire.
53. **Odds** – The Digest lists both the horse's Morning Line odds and the Actual Odds at post time. This gives you an idea if the horse was bet (perhaps he was "live") or not ("dead on the board").
54. **Track Variant** – Sometimes surfaces can be slower or faster than normal for various reasons, usually due to weather or track maintenance. The variant adjusts the surface speed to account for these variances, and we list it here just because we believe in transparency.
55. **Position at Each Call & Beaten Lengths** – The first number is the horse's position at each call followed by his/her time at those calls (these are not the leaders times, they are this horse's particular times for the race). All times are adjusted to today's distance and surface, taking into account differences in track pars and variants (routes are adjusted to route and sprints to sprints, but not routes to sprints or vice versa). This allows for easy comparison among different distances and between tracks. In essence, the Digest does all the work so you don't have to.
56. **Last Fraction** – The final fraction the horse earned in the race. The final fraction has also been adjusted to account for differences in tracks, surfaces, pars and variants.
57. **Pace & Final Time Ratings** – Under the first column is the Pace Rating earned, a number which takes into account the speed the horse displayed through the first two calls. The second column lists the Final Time Rating, a speed figure that takes into account only the final time of the horse.
58. **Equipment** – All the equipment worn by the horse for its race is listed here. (L=Lasix, b=blinkers, r=shadow roll, 4=four wraps, F=front wraps, C=the horse was claimed out of the race).

EXAMPLE RACE—EXAMPLE TRACK

1 Distance: 1 1/16 Miles

2 Conditions: Starter Allowance - FOR THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE BROKEN THEIR MAIDENS FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF $40,000 OR LESS AND WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES. Three Year Olds, 118 lbs.; Older, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a race at a mile or over in 2009 Allowed 2 lbs.

4 Race Level: Base **5** **Race Cond:** STR 40 NW2L

6 Purse: $25,000

7 AFTL: 24.0, 47.3, 1:11.8 and 1:43.6

8 Favorites: 35.4% Win; 68.8% in-the-money

3 Track Profile: 22 races F=22.7% P=40.9% M=31.8% R=4.5%

9 HORSE (Post Position Order)	10 JOCKEY	11 FIRE NUM	12 WT & CHNG	13 AGE SEX	14 RRL	15 RCL +	16 CPR	17 =TOT	18 PER	19 HANDICAPPING FACTORS	20 EQUIP	21 TROUBLE	22 OFF TRK	23 BEST SUR	24 PREV DIS	25 PAST CLAS	26 AVG RCL	LAST CPR
Troubletimesthree	Rosario •	84	122+1	4c	130	130	106	236	R	19,21	B	3,4		123	123	X	122	114
Warrens Stormalert	Smith	72	116	3c	180	117	107	224	P	10d,19,20	X	1,3		108	X	120	X	108
Benezit	Bejarano •	73	116+4	3g	130	130	113	243	M	19,21	X	1,2,3,4		109	117	130	126	117
Green Card James	Nakatani	80	118-1	3g	180	128	111	239	R	10d,17,19,21	B	(2)(4)		127	127	110	118	127
Cadeaux Du Monde (GB)	Valdez •	76	124	5g	115	116	113	229	F	10c,17,19,21c	B	(2)(4)		107	126	115	118	100
His Sister's Mister	Baze	78	124+2	5h	115	115	117	232	P	10c,17,19,21c	B			114	X	X	X	98

FRACTIONAL CHART ORDER OF FINISH AND AVERAGE TIMES

(This is not a Selection)

27
1: Green Card James
2: Benezit
3: Troubletimesthreee, Warrens Stormalert (tie)

28
ET: :23.3, :46.4, 1:11.9 and 1:44.0 (Expected Times with a 0 variant)
AT: :23.7, :46.9, 1:11.2 and 1:42.2 (Average Times for mid-level races)
AFTL: :24.0, :47.3, 1:11.8 and 1:43.6 (Average Times for this level)

RACE APPRAISAL

29 ANALYSIS: All six of these plot within less than three lengths at the wire, and they appear about that hard to separate. Looking for a price, we have some interest in **Warrens Stormalert** as a potential improver. He was ambitiously placed in the Snow Chief Stakes April 25, his first as a winner and first route, and, though he faded toward the rear, the effort figures OK with these. Low-profile connections should prompt some decent odds, so he's the HF 20 (longshot).

30 CLOSERS: Fastest in the stretch in recent races at or near this distance have been: Green Card James :31.0 - Benezit :31.3 - Troubletimesthree :31.

HORSE COMMENTS

31 Troubletimesthree has usually run pretty well in five starts at this level, but was favored in three of them and finished farther back than usual April 15. He charts in the hunt, but he seems to have a bit to prove. **NOTES:** Outrun April 15. Mild rally March 18. Mild wide rally Feb 19. Lacked racing room entering the stretch Jan 25.

Warrens Stormalert is bred to route, but the April 25 jump up to the Snow Chief Stakes for his first try with winners and initial route was pretty ambitious. He tracked a Lone 'F' leader and faded badly. Still, the effort gives him a shot on paper, so he can't be denied a chance on the drop. **NOTES:** Wide around the first turn, chased and tired April 25.

32 Troubletimesth **33** (L.Powell/J.Rosario = 10 2-0-1)

34 4C – Decarchy (8%T,17%S,15%M) - Cee Again by Cee's Tizzy

TRAINER STATS:

35 LAST 15: (6.7%) 15 1-2-1   SYN RTE: (0.0%) 0 0-0-0
D/T: (20%) 5 1-0-2

36 NOTES: saved ground to lane 4/15/09 inside,shiftd out late 3/18/09 came out str,2nd best 2/19/09 waited 1/4,btwn lane 1/25/09

37 HOL SYN ROUTES 1 0-0-0   **ALL SYN ROUTES**

38 WORKS: SA May 8 :50.2 ft (26/35)   SA May 1 :49.8 ft (35/48)
      SA Apr 8 :51.4 ft (45/48)

39 LAST 10 FIRE: 77, 84, 76, 76, 82, 80, 53, 60, 61

40 TRK	41 DATE&RACE	42 DIST/ SURF	43 POS/FLD WINNERSWGT	44	45 TRNR JCKY	46 TK CD	47 TRK BIAS	48 RACE TYPE	49 RACE CONDITIONS	50 RCL	51 CPR	52 FIN POS/ BTN LNGH	53 MORN LINE	ACTL ODDS	54 TRK VAR	Pos1 1ST	Pos2 2ND	55 Pos3 3RD	Pos4 4TH	Today's FINAL	56 LST FRT	57 PAC LF	FNL RAT	58 LxClm EQUIP
SA	4/15/09-3	1T	7/8 -0	121	L.Pwl/J.Tlo	FM	O2	STR	40 MCL-NW2L	R130	C114	6-4.75	ML5/2	A2.3!	+11	8-24.8	8-49.0	8-1:13.5	8-1:37.7	1:44.6«	31.1	99	114	Lb
SA	3/18/09-6	1 1/16`	7/8 -0	121	L.Pwl/J.Tlo	FT	F3/O1	STR	40 MCL-NW2L	R130	C115	4-1.75	ML4	A2.6!	+6	6-25.0	6-48.4	6-1:12.4	4-1:37.5	1:44.3	31.9	113	119	Lb
SA	2/19/09-4	1T	4/8 -1	120	L.Pwl/J.Tlo	FM	NONE	STR	40 MCL-NW2L	R130	C119	2-2.75	ML7/2	A4.2	+1	4-24.9	4-49.0	3-1:14.0	3-1:38.1	1:44.5«	30.5	90	116	Lb
SA	1/25/09-6	1M`	8/10-2	120	L.Pwl/J.Tlo	FT	NONE	STR	40 MCL-NW2L	R130	C118	3-2.75	ML5	A2.7!	+5	9-25.1	9-48.4	8-1:13.0	8-1:38.4	1:44.5	31.5	102	116	Lb
SA	1/4/09-3	6F`	3/6 -0	123	L.Pwl/J.Tlo	FT	NONE	CLM	40-35	R160	C114	2-1.75	ML5/2	A3.7	+1	5-24.6	5-47.0	5-1:00.5		1:11.4	24.4	132	122	Lb
HOL	12/11/08-8	6-1/2`	3/9 -2	121	M.Pye/J.Tlo	FT	NONE	MCL	25-22.5	R115	C103	1-1.50	ML6	A7.8	+11	7-25.5	8-48.8	6-1:01.8		1:12.2	23.4	99	110	LbC