

**Distance:** 6 Furlongs Turf (Rails Down)  
**Conditions:** The Robert K Kerlan  
 3 Year Old

**Race Level:** Base 195, Strength of Field 3  
 \$75,000 Added

## What is the RCL all about?

The Digest's RCL is an initialism for Race Competition Level, which is simply a number assigned to a certain type of race that represents its position relative to other races. By assigning a numerical value to a race it allows the handicapper (you) to easily discern the quality of one class of horses from another.

The Digest does this by designating a number, anywhere from 75 to 210, to each race. The higher the number, the stronger the race. For the most part, each class receives a number that remains stagnant. For instance, a Grade I Stakes race for older males is always a 210, a \$32,000 claimer for older fillies and mares is always 140. (Three-year-old and two-year-old races earn higher RCLs as the year progresses, which reflect the maturation process.)

**Important!** Five points equals one class level.

A Grade I race for older males has an RCL of 210, with Grade II older males receiving a 205. Since the Grade I race is five points higher than a Grade II race, the Grade I race is considered to be one class level stronger than a Grade II race. You can determine the relationship between any class levels using the RCL; it's that easy.

PREV	PAST	AVG	LAST
12	13	14	15
	CLAS	RCL	CPR
	196	179	147
		x	128
			118
			141
			134

**HORSE**  
 (Post Position Order)  
 Canteen  
 Jungle Prince  
 Northern Soldier  
 Tenga Cat  
 Bro Lo  
 Sailors  
 Bonjour  
 Get Funky  
 One  
 To

1:  
 2:  
 3:

**FAVORITE**  
 rate is  
 above n  
**ANALYSIS**  
 outcomes.  
**Get Funky**  
 his first start since  
 top class turf sprint  
 course). He could be  
 win. **Get Funky** is also m  
 good 4th in the Grade III Ingle  
 three-for-three sprinting on the gra

M = 22% R = 22%

### Canteen (N.Drysdale/R.Bejarano = 26 7-6-5)

came off a layoff and won the El Segundo May 16, a restricted  
 He moves from the outside to the inside today, but likes sprinting  
 the Hollywood lawn and looks like a threat right back.

**97** **LAST 10 FIRE:** 97, 78, 90, 102, 77, 88, 69, 91, 97, 66

**NOTES:** Fusaichi Pegasus(13%T,19%M) - Bottle Top By Topsider  
**NOTES:** Wide throughout and got up May 16. Chased the pace, rail  
 throughout and steadied while tiring late Jan 20. Bumped and forced  
 very wide entering stretch Dec 31. Inside pace duel and pulled away  
 in the stretch Dec 6.

**STATS:** 102 15-11-13 (14.7%) with 2nd off 90+.  
**HOL TURF SPRINTS** 3 2-0-1 **WORKS:** HOL Jun 25 :49.0hg ft(10/47)  
 HOL Jun 18 :49.1hg ft(29/49) HOL Jun 9 :50.2hg ft(40/50)  
 HOL Jun 1 :49.2bg ft(33/47) HOL May 24 :51.3bg ft(50/52)

TRK	DATE&RACE	DIST/	POS/FIELD	JCKY	TK	TRK	RACE RACE	RCL & STRENGTH CPR	FIN POS/	MORN	ACTL	TRK	TIMES ADJUSTED TO TODAY'S RACE				PAC	FNL	LxCIm					
		SURF	WINNERS	WGT	NAME	CD	BIAS	TYPE	CONDITIONS	BTN	LNHG	LINE	ODDS	VAR	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	FINAL	LF	RAT	RAT	EQUIP	
HOL	5/16/2008-5	6FT	7/7-0	118	RBef	FM	UP20	STK	NW\$60K-12/1	R190-3	C147	1-0.00	ML6	A6	+6	22.6	45.4	:57.3	1:09.5	24.1	158	146	L4	
SA	1/20/2008-7	6-1/2T	3/9-2	121	BBIn	FM	UP15	OCL	NW4/CLM 80	R180-7	C110	8-8.75	ML8	A6	+6	23.9	46.7	:59.0	1:11.4	24.7	119	117	L4	
SA	12/31/2007-7	6-1/2T	5/7-2	116	BBIn	FM	UP15	HCP	\$75K	R190-5	C139	6-4.00	ML12	A5	+5	23.3	46.5	:58.2	1:10.0	23.5	131	138	L4	
HOL	12/6/2007-7	6FT	4/10-2	120	BBIn	FM	UP10	OCL	NW3/CLM 62.5	R170-5	C155	1-2.00	ML20	A25	0	23.4	45.8	:57.4	1:09.0	23.2	140	153	L4	
SAO	11/2/2007-7	1T	4/10-1	120	BBIn	FM	UP15	ALW	NW3	R170-5	C120	7-8.25	ML12	A10	+8	24.1	46.2	1:10.8	1:35.2	1:43.0	32.2	148	126	L4
SAO	10/4/2007-7	6-1/2	3/9-2	120	BBIn	FT	NONE	OCL	NW3/CLM62.5	R170-3	C13	6-4.75	ML10	A11	+7	23.9	46.3	:58.0	1:10.3	24.0	125	134	L4	

### Jungle Prince (J.Garcia/D.Flores = 8 0-3-0)

**BREEDING:** Sir Cat(15%T.15%M) - Wavward Song Bv Seattle Song

## Canteen's RCLs

Let's take a look at the RCLs of Canteen's last few races. Remember when we said the same class conditions carry identical RCLs? You can see that's the case by looking at the RCLs of Canteen's Dec 6, Nov 2, and Oct 4 races; they are all rated R170 (or, simply, at the 170 RCL). Those races are each mid-level Allowances or Optional Claimers. They have basically the same class conditions and, as a result, the same RCL (170).

Now that you're a RCL expert, is Canteen's Dec 31 race rated higher or lower on the Digest's class scale than his Dec 6 race? Well, his Dec 31 race, a Handicap, has a RCL of 190, whereas his Dec 6 race was rated at 170. Since the Dec 31 race has a higher RCL, it is rated stronger than his Dec 6 race. But how much stronger? Let's go back to our "Important!" notation above; Five points equals one class level. Since there is a 20-point difference between the two levels, dividing by five (one class level) leaves us with a quotient of four, so the Dec 31 race is four class levels stronger than the Dec 6 mid-level Optional Claimer.

Now that you are armed with this bit of RCL knowledge, you'll never again have to wonder if one race is stronger than another. The Digest takes the guessing out of the game.