How To Pick Long Shots

A step by step guide to finding extreme value at the race track

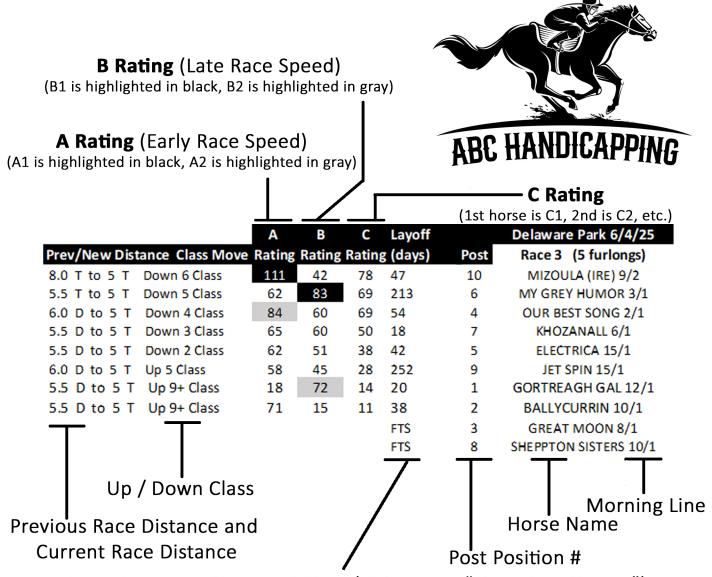### For Experienced Handicappers

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Simple yet powerful handicapping techniques that allow everyone to enjoy the sport of horse racing.

1-2-4 Win $4.80			A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move		Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 1 (6 furlongs)
6.0 D to 6 D	Down 4 Class		73	51	49	47	1	THREE AFLEET 9/2
5.5 D to 6 D	Down 4 Class		58	55	38	22	4	FRONTIER MARSHAL 8/5
5.5 D to 6 D	Down 4 Class		45	61	31	22	2	GOOD YEGG 4/1
5.5 D to 6 D	Down 4 Class		48	28	1	22	3	GUNNY SACK 5/2
5.5 D to 6 D	Down 4 Class		48	25	-3	22	5	~~DRIPPING SPRINGS 5/1~~

4-5-1 Win $9.20			A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move		Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 2 (6 furlongs)
6.0 D to 6 D	Up 4 Class		87	101	114	26	4	WE MISS ARLINGTON 3/1
6.0 D to 6 D	Up 1 Class		79	105	110	36	6	SHACKLEFORD STRONG 5/2
6.0 D to 6 D	Up 4 Class		85	100	110	26	5	LUCKY SHOT 9/2
6.0 D to 6 D	Up 7 Class		86	83	95	19	3	UNCAPTURED PULSE 5/1
6.0 D to 6 D	Up 1 Class		77	92	94	36	2	PHILIPSBURG (IRE) 4/1
5.5 D to 6 D	Up 5 Class		63	104	92	41	1	RUSSIAN TO WIN 5/1

3-1-8 Win $3.20			A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move		Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 3 (5.5 furlongs)
5.0 T to 5.5 T	Down 6 Class		57	89	71	26	7	CHELA 4/5
5.0 T to 5.5 T	Down 6 Class		63	80	68	26	3	WEDNESDAY ADDAMS 7/5
5.0 T to 5.5 T	Up 6 Class		59	65	48	50	4	WAHIDA OF MARDAN 20/1
5.5 D to 5.5 T	Up 7 Class		43	50	18	20	1	HARPER BRIANA 20/1
				no data		264	2	COLLIE WRAYS KITTY 30/1
				no data		264	5	SKIP TO BALI 15/1
				no data		241	6	LAUREN'S WAR 30/1
5.5 D to 5.5 T	Up 7 Class		(did not finish)			20	8	TIZMEONEMORETIME 30/1

3-4-1 Win $6.60			A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move		Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 4 (5.5 furlongs)

Prev/New Distance	Class Move	A Rating	B Rating	C Rating	Layoff (days)	Post	
6.0 D to 5.5 D	Down 5 Class	60	69	54	202	3	FOXY ZORRA 3/1
6.0 D to 5.5 D	Down 7 Class	85	43	53	36	5	~~MARY MOONGLOW 5/2~~
6.0 D to 5.5 D	Down 1 Class	57	55	37	36	2	WILD DREAMS 8/1
5.5 D to 5.5 D	Same Class	55	55	35	22	7	SAVVY SMILA 5/1
8.3 D to 5.5 D	Down 4 Class	93	10	28	369	1	SHARP ATTACK 8/1
5.5 D to 5.5 D	Same Class	30	69	24	22	6	AERONYX 6/1
			no data		15	4	BALLYBAY BEAUTY 9/2

7-2-1 Win $11.40		A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 5 (8 furlongs)
7.5 T to 8 T	Down 5 Class	98	61	84	45	2	SPICY ITALIAN 5/2
8.3 D to 8 T	Up 5 Class	68	76	69	33	8	LILY'S CREED 5/1
8.5 D to 8 T	Up 4 Class	47	97	69	15	5	PASTA SALAD RHONDA 7/2
8.3 D to 8 T	Up 4 Class	79	55	59	29	7	OH MACARENA 9/2
8.3 D to 8 T	Up 8 Class	61	69	55	12	1	NO NANNETTE NO 10/1
8.3 D to 8 T	Up 4 Class	80	42	47	29	4	LUNAR UNIT 8/1
8.3 D to 8 T	Up 4 Class	79	39	43	29	6	ANNIE'S HOPE 6/1
8.0 T to 8 T	Up 5 Class	68	21	14	15	3	MULSANNE (IRE) 20/1

2-3-6 Win $4.00		A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 6 (8.5 furlongs)
8.3 D to 8.5 D	Down 5 Class	86	72	84	12	2	CODE RUNNER 8/5
8.3 D to 8.5 D	Down 5 Class	93	61	79	12	7	BLURT 7/2
8.3 D to 8.5 D	Down 5 Class	89	64	78	12	4	~~TWO COOKIE RULE 4/1~~
8.3 D to 8.5 D	Up 6 Class	58	85	68	13	8	ANDTHETHUNDERROLLS 6/1
8.3 D to 8.5 D	Down 4 Class	55	87	68	15	3	BOLDISH 6/1
6.0 D to 8.5 D	Down 3 Class	73	68	66	19	6	TRY TRY AGAIN 20/1
6.0 D to 8.5 D	Down 3 Class	65	43	34	19	1	~~SON OF GRACE 30/1~~
			no data		311	5	DIAMOND DAVE 8/1

4-7-5 Win $8.80		A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 7 (7.5 furlongs)
8.0 T to 7.5 T	Down 2 Class	103	88	116	12	4	TIME MUSE 3/1
8.0 T to 7.5 T	Down 2 Class	94	92	111	12	11	~~LEAR 9/2~~
8.0 T to 7.5 T	Down 2 Class	86	97	108	12	3	PROFESSOR HIGGINS 5/1
5.5 T to 7.5 T	Up 4 Class	91	86	103	33	7	WHATDOYOUTHINKMARK 6/1
8.0 T to 7.5 T	Down 2 Class	92	85	102	12	9	NATHANIEL'S HOPE 20/1
8.3 D to 7.5 T	Up 6 Class	79	88	93	344	6	ICE SHARD 15/1
8.3 D to 7.5 T	Up 6 Class	106	59	90	19	12	~~LITTLE STEVEN 7/2~~
8.0 T to 7.5 T	Up 1 Class	79	79	83	267	1	MONSTERONTHEMIDWAY 8/1

Information is for entertainment purposes only.
Please verify horse name and post position before wagering.

Prev/New Distance	Class Move	A Rating	B Rating	C Rating	Layoff (days)	Post	
8.3 D to 7.5 T	Up 6 Class	101	54	80	19	10	NEW YEAR SURPRISE 15/1
8.5 D to 7.5 T	Up 4 Class	63	90	78	29	8	MCMONEY 8/1
8.5 D to 7.5 T	Up 1 Class	87	63	75	96	5	HARD TO FATHOM 12/1
8.3 D to 7.5 T	Up 9+ Class	97	46	68	36	2	SHARP STICK 4/1

3-1-9 Win $10.80		A	B	C	Layoff		Hawthorne 6/29/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 8 (8.5 furlongs)
6.0 D to 8.5 T	Down 4 Class	73	114	111	26	11	DOUBLE THUNDER 3/1
6.0 D to 8.5 T	Down 4 Class	73	103	101	26	1	SHAKE UP 5/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 1 Class	84	90	99	19	5	GENERAL ISSUE (FR) 9/2
8.5 D to 8.5 T	Up 3 Class	61	106	92	8	10	FIRST MASAMUNE 8/1
8.5 T to 8.5 T	Up 2 Class	66	93	83	43	4	TEMPER TANTRUM 2/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 3 Class	90	65	80	19	7	LINE TO GAIN 15/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 1 Class	83	61	69	19	6	STORM'S REFLECTION 20/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 1 Class	78	58	62	19	8	MR. UNIVERSE 20/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 8 Class	69	64	58	13	9	VITALE 20/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 7 Class	65	61	50	10	2	U S HONOUR NAP 30/1
8.3 D to 8.5 T	Up 3 Class	95	4	24	8	3	WICKED SUPRISE 4/1

B Rating (Late Race Speed)
(B1 is highlighted in black, B2 is highlighted in gray)

A Rating (Early Race Speed)
(A1 is highlighted in black, A2 is highlighted in gray)

C Rating
(1st horse is C1, 2nd is C2, etc.)

Prev/New Distance	Class Move	A Rating	B Rating	C Rating	Layoff (days)	Post	Delaware Park 6/4/25 Race 3 (5 furlongs)
8.0 T to 5 T	Down 6 Class	111	42	78	47	10	MIZOULA (IRE) 9/2
5.5 T to 5 T	Down 5 Class	62	83	69	213	6	MY GREY HUMOR 3/1
6.0 D to 5 T	Down 4 Class	84	60	69	54	4	OUR BEST SONG 2/1
5.5 D to 5 T	Down 3 Class	65	60	50	18	7	KHOZANALL 6/1
5.5 D to 5 T	Down 2 Class	62	51	38	42	5	ELECTRICA 15/1
6.0 D to 5 T	Up 5 Class	58	45	28	252	9	JET SPIN 15/1
5.5 D to 5 T	Up 9+ Class	18	72	14	20	1	GORTREAGH GAL 12/1
5.5 D to 5 T	Up 9+ Class	71	15	11	38	2	BALLYCURRIN 10/1
					FTS	3	GREAT MOON 8/1
					FTS	8	SHEPPTON SISTERS 10/1

Up / Down Class

Previous Race Distance and Current Race Distance

Horse Name

Morning Line

Post Position #

How Many Days Since Last Start (FTS Means "First Time Starter")

Do you prefer early speed horses? Consider the A1 or A2 horse for your Win bet.
Do you prefer late speed horses? Consider the B1 or B2 horse for your Win bet.
Do you prefer horses with a strong overall past performance? Consider the C1 or C2.
The C1 and C2 horses combined win approx. 40% of all races.
The C1, C2, C3 and C4 horses combined win approx. 70% of all races.
The early speed horses (A1 and A2) sometimes win the race despite having low
    C ratings.
The A1 and A2 horses must be considered whenever they are dropping class.
The longer a layoff, the less likely the horse is ready to race. Normal layoff
    time span between races is anywhere from 30 to 90 days.
When the C1 horse is overbet as the favorite, sometimes the best bet is a simple
    Win bet on the C2 horse because the favorite loses approx. 70% of the time.
How To Make A Win Bet: Provide the teller with the **Track Name, Race Number,**
    and the **Amount** you wish to wager on a **Win Bet** for your **Horse Number**.