

# 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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# Saratoga 7/16/25



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

		A	B	C	Layoff	Saratoga 7/16/25	
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 1 (19 furlongs)
			no data		41	1	EVIE'S PRINCE 3/1
			no data		66	2	BEAT LE BON (FR) 8/1
			no data		444	3	CAMELISED (GB) 12/1
			no data		41	4	SULTAN PIERJI (FR) 10/1
			no data		362	5	KITTEN AROUND 12/1
			no data		66	6	QUICK MASTER 8/1
			no data		66	7	L'AVVOCATO (FR) 10/1
			no data		66	8	CHINA BEACH 5/2
			no data		66	9	BLUE CREEK 9/2
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Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 2 (5.5 furlongs)
5.5 T to 5.5 T	Down 2 Class	83	105	113	96	6	BEER RUN 5/2
7.0 D to 5.5 T	Up 3 Class	92	90	107	52	3	THE CLOSER 6/1
8.0 T to 5.5 T	Down 1 Class	90	85	99	30	2	MAKI MONARCHY 8/1
6.0 O to 5.5 T	Up 3 Class	91	78	93	25	8	CUANDO 9/2
6.0 D to 5.5 T	Down 4 Class	84	80	89	81	7	DONTWORRYBOUTNOTHN 7/2
6.0 O to 5.5 T	Up 3 Class	71	89	85	25	1	SNARE 12/1
8.5 T to 5.5 T	Up 5 Class	84	70	79	626	4	INNATE (IRE) 15/1
			no data		FTS	5	IRRELEVANT 4/1
		A	B	C	Layoff	Saratoga 7/16/25	
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 3 (6 furlongs)
6.0 D to 6 D	Down 3 Class	81	96	102	88	3	AERO STAR 5/2
7.0 D to 6 D	Down 8 Class	74	82	82	41	4	SMILENSAYCHEESE 7/2
6.0 D to 6 D	Up 4 Class	55	95	75	53	5	JUST CLARITY 8/1
6.0 O to 6 D	Down 5 Class	56	93	74	33	6	TAPWRITS TEMPER 15/1
6.5 D to 6 D	Down 6 Class	117	30	72	73	1	MILES AND MILES 2/1

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6.0 O to 6 D	Down 4 Class	66	80	72	50	2	THREE B'S 3/1
		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Layoff</b>		<b>Saratoga 7/16/25</b>
<b>Prev/New Distance</b>	<b>Class Move</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>(days)</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Race 4 (9 furlongs)</b>
8.0 T to 9 D	Up 3 Class	83	99	106	31	3	HELLO BEAUTY 5/1
7.0 D to 9 D	Up 1 Class	73	92	91	39	5	IRON DOME 8/5
7.0 D to 9 D	Up 1 Class	85	79	89	39	2	UNDISPUTED 3/1
7.0 D to 9 D	Up 1 Class	74	86	85	39	6	STATE OF READINESS 8/1
6.0 D to 9 D	Up 5 Class	57	94	76	18	1	ANMOLO 20/1
8.5 T to 9 D	Same Class	96	49	70	41	8	SHAKEITFORTHEBIRD 12/1
9.0 D to 9 D	Up 7 Class		no data		32	4	KAZ OIL CHANGER 6/1
9.0 D to 9 D	Up 7 Class		no data		32	7	SOLO DANCING 10/1
		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Layoff</b>		<b>Saratoga 7/16/25</b>
<b>Prev/New Distance</b>	<b>Class Move</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>(days)</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Race 5 (5.5 furlongs)</b>
5.5 D to 5.5 T	Same Class	55	75	55	33	1	JOE G TWENTYTHREE 20/1
5.5 T to 5.5 T	Up 2 Class	45	81	51	11	13	KING OF FOG 10/1
5.5 T to 5.5 T	Up 2 Class	36	88	49	11	4	ESSENTIALLY FAST 12/1
					FTS	2	ILLMATIC 7/2
					FTS	3	SUPER DAVE 3/1
					FTS	5	THREE THIRTEEN 9/2
					FTS	6	TIM AND SAM 10/1
					FTS	7	WAMO 6/1
					FTS	8	DILIELLO 12/1
					FTS	9	FUNNY FACTOR 20/1
					FTS	10	CRISTOBAL 6/1
					FTS	11	SPIRIT OF NEW YORK 4/1
					FTS	12	JAXER 5/1
					FTS	14	DIAMOND CHILD 6/1
		<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Layoff</b>		<b>Saratoga 7/16/25</b>
<b>Prev/New Distance</b>	<b>Class Move</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>(days)</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Race 6 (8.5 furlongs)</b>
8.5 T to 8.5 I	Down 4 Class	87	95	107	47	8	SASSY PRINCESS 8/5
8.3 D to 8.5 I	Up 7 Class	65	95	86	46	7	SAILAWAY 12/1
8.5 O to 8.5 I	Down 3 Class	103	55	83	23	1	TEMPLE CITY TABOO 5/1
8.5 I to 8.5 I	Same Class	66	91	82	9	12	LADY RIVER LILY 15/1
8.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 7 Class	76	75	76	52	5	HIGHER FORCE 10/1
7.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 6 Class	91	50	65	25	4	THAT'S FUNNY 15/1
7.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 5 Class	66	72	64	51	13	MARGAUX TREASURE 4/1
8.0 T to 8.5 I	Up 8 Class	76	60	61	24	10	SILENT MELODY 4/1

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8.0 T to 8.5 I	Up 8 Class	74	59	58	24	11	RIVER TAY (IRE) 6/1
6.5 D to 8.5 I	Up 3 Class	105	20	50	83	14	SHE'S COMPLICATED 3/1
8.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 6 Class	97	8	30	156	6	TIMIA 15/1
8.5 D to 8.5 I	Up 4 Class	60	37	22	31	9	POLITICAL SPIN 20/1
5.5 T to 8.5 I	Up 4 Class		no data		51	2	RUNWAY LIGHTS 12/1
			no data		19	3	STARLIGHT DANCER 8/1

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Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 7 (7 furlongs)
7.0 D to 7 D	Up 7 Class	79	108	112	38	3	MAINSTREAM 9/5
8.0 D to 7 D	Up 8 Class	86	94	105	59	1	DURATION 2/1
8.0 D to 7 D	Up 2 Class	56	124	105	24	2	TAP INTO THIS 3/1
8.0 D to 7 D	Up 8 Class	92	87	105	17	4	BARB 6/1
8.0 D to 7 D	Up 8 Class	89	78	92	59	5	TIME PASSES 10/1
6.0 O to 7 D	Up 7 Class	75	82	82	25	6	PRIVATE FLIGHT 15/1
7.0 D to 7 D	Up 9+ Class	76	66	67	26	7	LUZ DE GUIA 30/1

		A	B	C	Layoff		Saratoga 7/16/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 8 (9 furlongs)
8.5 D to 9 D	Same Class	90	111	127	34	8	GILMORE 4/1
8.3 D to 9 D	Up 6 Class	75	124	124	45	3	CATCH THE SMOKE 10/1
8.5 D to 9 D	Same Class	84	113	122	34	4	SYSTEMIC CHANGE 8/1
8.5 D to 9 D	Same Class	95	101	121	34	9	MY NOBLE KNIGHT 6/1
8.0 D to 9 D	Up 7 Class	98	98	121	38	1	DOUBLE YOUR MONEY 9/2
8.0 D to 9 D	Up 3 Class	95	92	113	58	7	CHELONIAN 9/2
9.0 D to 9 D	Down 6 Class		no data		38	5	ALTERNATE REALITY 7/2
9.0 D to 9 D	Down 4 Class		no data		39	6	WELAKA 12/1
			no data		37	2	SAGAMORE MISCHIEF 12/1

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Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)	Post	Race 9 (8.5 furlongs)
6.0 O to 8.5 I	Down 4 Class	84	109	118	66	7	MARVELOUS MADISON 8/1
7.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 4 Class	97	88	110	41	11	KAY CUP 1/1
7.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 4 Class	93	86	104	41	5	CHARLOTTE'S HEART 9/2
6.0 D to 8.5 I	Up 6 Class	73	89	87	31	6	BOSTON'S PHINEST 12/1
6.0 O to 8.5 I	Up 6 Class	85	77	87	24	4	BLOSSOMING ERUDITE 20/1
8.5 T to 8.5 I	Up 8 Class	77	83	86	59	8	SHE'S OUR TIZ 8/1
8.5 T to 8.5 I	Up 9+ Class	64	94	83	33	2	MOMMY'S TURN 7/2
8.5 T to 8.5 I	Up 9+ Class	63	95	83	33	3	TRAIL OF GOLD 9/2
8.5 T to 8.5 I	Up 9+ Class	66	90	81	33	1	GRACE AND GRIT 8/1

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6.0 D to 8.5 I Up 6 Class	64	73	63	31	9	DISCO STAR 5/1
		no data		37	10	CARMEN'S CANDY JAR 12/1

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## 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.)

		A	B	C	Layoff	Post	Delaware Park 6/4/25
Prev/New Distance	Class Move	Rating	Rating	Rating	(days)		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	SHEPTON SISTERS 10/1

Up / Down Class

Previous Race Distance and Current Race Distance

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

Post Position #

Horse Name

Morning Line

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**.