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Modern Pace Handicapping, Revised



Synopsis

Calculating the pace and comparative speed of horses in a race often holds the key to the puzzle of selecting the winner.

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Customer Reviews

Class, form, speed, jockey, trainers and conditions: all aspects of handicapping. But Pace Makes the Race right? Isn't that what we always hear? Tom Brohammer's Modern Pace Handicapping unravels the mysteries of pace and identifies and quantifies the 'race within the race.' Since reading this book, my understanding of each race has dramatically increased: so have my winnings.

Brohammer methodically lays out the methods of the famous Sartin Methodology and adds a few of his own to augment this system. Since June, 04, when I began to apply the tenets of pace handicapping, my win rate has increased a full 12%. My ROI has more than doubled. In September, I won the NTRA pick 4. I have won three pick threes and a pick 4's in a row on two separate occasions -- on simple combinations, i.e. cheap, little bets. Hardly a weekend goes by where I don't win at least one pick 3. Yes, pace handicapping often identifies the longer shot left alone by the crowd. It's not uncommon for a 9-1 shot to display the best pace numbers -- Since reading this book, I find myself betting more confidently and freely. Brohammer demonstrates how to lay out a Prediction Model. At the 1/2 mile, I am confident who will be in the lead, who will be 2 lengths back and who will be closing strong. Some reviewers think the system is complicated and involves a lot of math and calculations. It is not that complicated, but it is tedious. But with a knowledge of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication along with a hand-held calculator, everyone should pick up

the system pretty easily. A word of caution: this is not the Holy Grail. The temptation is to forget all the other handicapping factors and simply go by the pace numbers: this isn't always successful.

I never write reviews of books I've read. However, this book is excellent if you're a serious handicapper. When I first started handicapping races, I jumped right into the "classics" (Beyer's books on speed figure computations, Quinn's books on class/form, Doctor Sartin's works on pace, etc.). After only a few months studying/applying various methods/strategies regarding speed handicapping, form, class, jockey-trainer combos, thoroughbred cycles, etc., I quickly realized that I wanted to know more than just what a horse's Beyer Speed Figure was in previous races. Then I came across Brohamer's book on pace and it literally changed the way I view horse races, and it has proven to be invaluable to me. This is not a book for someone looking to read cute anecdotes about horse racing and then provide "strategies" or "tips" to picking winners, those works are left for the majority of the betting public that wants to learn someone's self-proclaimed "secrets" to handicapping in 10 minutes or less—waste your money on those books/articles/programs if you want, I personally hope you do b/c horse racing is based on parimutuel betting...so I'm essentially betting against you if we are betting the same race. Brohamer's book is a work of art. He doesn't bore you to death about how he struggled in the 70's at betting horses and then one day started winning b/c he was enlightened w/some elaborate method to pick winners (which will of course cost \$ to anyone dumb enough to pay for it). Those types of books are published everyday and rightfully deserve a permanent home in my trash-can. Unlike those self-proclaimed "experts," Brohamer gives it to you straight up front. This book is not for those players devoted to speed-figures as they should stick w/Beyer's speed figures like the rest of the betting public.

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