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Is Horse Racing Really Such A Complexed Puzzle? - By

Michael Wilding

As humans we like to over-complicate things. Especially if it is something to do with solving a complex puzzle like horse racing. Why? Because we struggle to believe that a simple solution could provide the answer.

That's why most punters try to use far too much information in their horse racing strategies and systems. It's not necessary.

We don't need to put everything in. What we need to do is...

...put a few of the most relevant information in!

The strategy I'm about to share with you only uses three pieces of information.

Not enough you may be thinking. There's no way that can work.

I assure you that these three pieces of information, combined with your common sense, will be more effective than the vast majority of betting systems that are available.

The first piece of information is what I call the Horses Win Percent. This is simply the percentage of races that the horse has won in its career.

Simple.

But how often do you look at that piece of information?

Don't worry if you never have, the vast majority of people haven't either.

Yet would you want to bet on a horse that has only won 1% of it's races when the rest of the field have won 10% or more?

Well we would, but only if there was some huge reasons to suggest that the horse was going to be winning today. They would have to be significantly bigger reasons than before we knew that this horse just does not like to be competitive.

But before we start using this to look at the individual horses, you want to look at all the horses in the race together. Do they have similar percentages or are they all different. If they all have similar percentages then it's likely to be a much more competitive race.

This is an excellent starting point. We are looking for races that are not super-competitive. Then we can look at the same number on an individual level. If you can

combine this figure with the odds or forecast odds then that's even better. Is the favourite a horse that historically likes to win the race more than the others?

Of course this isn't the only piece of information that we need to look at, but this will give you a good overview of the race competitiveness and which horses are likely to be most competitive using just a few seconds of your time.

Next we want to know if the horse is a consistent performer or not. But if we're looking at a race on the all-weather and we're simply using information from the last seven races, these could be over any race type.

That's not specific enough for us. We need to know how consistent a horse is under the same race type as the one they are running in today. We're not trying to work out if they're a good horse, we want to know if they have a chance of winning today's race under today's conditions. If we're going to do that then we need to be specific.

Personally I like to use the last six races over the same race type to do this, but you can make this number larger or smaller. Using this information we can see if any of the runners are consistent losers or consistently uncompetitive

When we find them we compare their win percentage and consistency together to see if there is a correlation. Generally the horses that have a low win percentage will also be consistent losers. But, occasionally, you get one that is a consistent winner even though their win percentage is low.

These we need to look at carefully. They could be horses that are moving down in class having been ridden at levels too high for them or horses who have had a long layoff after extended poor performances and are now coming back.

Either way we want to take a closer look at them to make sure that we aren't missing anything.

The final piece of information is something that I don't think I've seen written anywhere else before. We want to know what level of race each horse has been competitive in. Being competitive doesn't mean winning, it means being near the winner.

One of my preferred methods of doing this is to use the earnings a horse has, which is available on both the Sporting Life and Racing Post race cards.

You can look back through a horse's history and see what prize money was available in the races where they took home winnings. Using the last three races they took home winnings in is a good number. Take the median of the three available prize monies.

Do this for every runner in the race and you will quickly see what level each horse has been competitive at and how they compare to all the other runners.

These three pieces of information combined can be a very powerful way of finding winners.

Take this and use it as it is or adapt it to suit your own handicapping style.

This Weeks Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

City Should Handle Fixture Pile-Up

Manchester City won their first trophy under Pep Guardiola by beating Arsenal in the final of the EFL Cup. They are home and hosed in the Premier League and are the favourites to be the champions of Europe for the first time. The quadruple is now not possible but they are in great shape to win three trophies. CITY are away at Arsenal on Thursday night and they are [3/4 with bet365](#) to win this fixture.

The demands of the fixture list are unlikely to come home to roost for City but they play Chelsea at home three days later. Jose Mourinho often complains about playing matches in quick succession but that means you are involved in the latter stages of competitions. United don't play until next Monday and can consolidate their second place position in the Premier League by beating Crystal Palace on the road, an outcome that can be backed at [11/20 with William Hill](#).

England play New Zealand in the second One Day International early on Wednesday morning. Despite the return of Ben Stokes to international cricket New Zealand won the first match by three wickets. Stokes bowled impressively on his return but the hosts passed the target with four balls to spare. At one point New Zealand were 27-3 but did enough to win the match in the last over. ENGLAND are [8/11 with Ladbrokes](#) to win this week's second ODI.

The Premier League darts continues this Thursday with five matches. Michael van Gerwen is to the favourite to win the Premier League and [1/4 with bet365](#) to beat Mensur Suljovic this week. The world number one is not the current world champion but is still the best player in the sport. MVG can take one more step to winning the Premier League for which he is best priced at [4/6 with SunBets](#).

The Cheltenham Festival begins two weeks tomorrow so there are no principal races this week. The schedule is likely to be affected by low temperatures so it could be mainly All-Weather fare this week. The big race of the week is the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase at Sandown on Saturday. There is currently no ante post betting for the race but you can back RUBY WALSH at [4/6 with William Hill](#) to be the leading jockey at Cheltenham.