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## **TODAY'S FREE SPORTS BETTING TIPS...**

### **Lucky 7 Naps**

Win Bet - 14:30 Southwell - Elkstone @ 4/1

#### **Two Percent Club**

Win Bet - 19:45 Wolverhampton (A.W) - Nampara @ 4/1

#### **Pace Ace**

Win Bet - 14:00 Southwell - Get On The Yager @ 13/8



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## Pedigree Handicapping - By Michael Wilding

There isn't a day that goes past that an email doesn't hit your inbox purporting to have a brand new incredible technique for making a fortune from horse racing. The truth is that there is very little which is totally new. There are new techniques, angles and methods but these are most often based on old techniques that have been reworked and renewed to be successful with modern day racing.

One thing however always remains true, the more work a method requires from the user then the less people will use it. Some of the most profitable techniques are used by very few people because they require a lot of work.

With so many possible methods of finding selections, if you use a number of processes that take a lot of work then you very quickly find that the whole day has gone in analysis and betting.

For most people this is simply not something that is possible to do around other jobs and commitments.

So is the answer to ignore those methods which take time and focus on a lot of quicker methods, or to choose a single method which is more time consuming and focus on that?

Generally speaking it will be the latter. Focusing on a single method which is more time consuming and becoming an expert in it is, 99% of the time, the better route to choose. But, 99% of punters choose to focus on a lot of quicker methods.

If you want to focus on one more time consuming method then one which is massively underused by punters is pedigree handicapping.

Pedigree handicapping is the process of looking at a horses breeding and seeing what traits may have been handed down to it. It is possible to get a good edge using this technique in a number of races, but specifically in maiden races where little is known about the performance of the horse and most of the markets are formed based on stable feelings and what is written in the press rather than hard facts. The same is also true for a horse debuting on a new surface.

The usual method of pedigree handicapping is done using something known as the Dosage Method which was invented in the 20th century by a French researcher. This method uses a Dosage Profile, Dosage Index and Centre Of Distribution rating to determine what conditions are likely to be most suitable for a horse.

The Dosage Profile puts the horse in a category which indicates how strong it's preference is going to be for speed or stamina.

The Dosage Index tells us how much more a speed is going to have a preference to either speed or stamina. For example it may indicate that a horse is four times as many speed points as stamina and so is going to be a faster horse and prefer a sprint race.

The Centre Of Distribution is like a scale, and tells us how far either side, speed or stamina, the balance point for this horse is. This is demonstrated in the image below.

#### CDI Example

As you can see above, if a horse has more speed than stamina then the balance point needs to be closer to the speed in order for it to maintain balance. It is this balance point position that the CDI tells us.

As a general rule a horse with a high Dosage Index are more likely to sprinter horses who will have a preference for short races and those with high Dosage Points are generally better bred horses. The opposites are also true.

Those who want to take pedigree handicapping one level further can also use ratings known as GSV and COI. These stand for Genetic Strength Value (GSV) and Coefficient Of Inbreeding (COI).

The GSV is used to find horses that are better bred than other horses and is particularly useful when analysing maiden races. This should ideally be used with a sire and broodmare rating as well. The higher the GSV the better bred a horse, unless they have a sire or broodmare with a low rating, in which case this is one to be wary of.

The COI value is not used very often but when it indicates more than 5% you need to be aware of it as this indicates that the inbreeding for the horse is getting high (most horses have 2%-3%). If it goes above 10% then the horse is most likely to inbred to run well and statistically these horses generally perform poorly.

Pedigree handicapping can be a very effective and profitable method of finding selections. It is a fairly methodical process which suits most punters, including beginners, as it doesn't require much expertise and opinion.

### Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

#### **More Boring Premier League Football Tonight**

The Premier League is so boring and predictable theses days. Everybody knew the match between Liverpool and Tottenham would be a draw. All three outcomes were big favourites in the space of five minutes. In fact it was the most amazing passage of play as emotions went from delight to despair. The upshot of the crazy events is that Tottenham are still two points adrift of Liverpool in the table. Chelsea lie between the two clubs but can move above Liverpool in third place by beating Watford away from home tonight. Whatever happens if you are going to the match it's best not to leave early to avoid the traffic because anything could happen in added time.

Watford have won just once in 12 Premier League outings while Chelsea suffered a catastrophic 3-0 defeat at home to Bournemouth last week. The home side are 11th in the table but only seven points above the bottom team. Watford are only one of two teams who have not won in their last five Premier League fixtures while Chelsea have drooped seven points in their last five outings. The fixture usually produces goals and there have been 32 in the last eight meetings. However, avoiding defeat is more important than securing three points and on balance the DRAW at 3/1 with William Hill is the best betting option but the match could be in the balance until the last kick.

#### **GLOBAL CITIZEN Must Be Backed**

On first glance it appears there are two All-Weather meetings and a turf jumps fixture at Edinburgh (8am inspection) today. However, Southwell stages a regular jumps day and not racing on an artificial surface. There are some confused punters who won't bet on AW races which means they could miss a good betting opportunity at Southwell today. The racing is very ordinary but one horse stands out like a sore thumb. The novices' hurdle at 3.35pm is a Class 4 contest with some moderate runners. There is absolutely no strength in depth and on ratings and past form GLOBAL CITIZEN must be backed at 4/5 with Ladbrokes.