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Handicapping 101: A Horse Racing Primer



Synopsis

Is it really possible to wager and win at the racetrack? Free's resounding answer is yes—horseplayers can and do win! This paperback edition includes an entire new chapter on synthetic racing surfaces, updated and current past performances and charts, an index for easier reference, and all of the enduring handicapping factors presented in the hard cover. Handicapping 101 gives both the novice and seasoned player the handicapping foundation required to succeed.

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The ideas presented in a clear and easy to understand writing style. I would recommend to anyone who is interested in learning about handicapping thoroughbred horse racing.

If you are starting off, this is a great book. Brad Free does a nice job of summarizing what it takes to be a successful Handicapper. If you are a seasoned Horseplayer, you will find the book a good review source. It's by DRF so you are going to get trained on reviewing their Past Performances (PP's). This book is not great on Kindle as you will have to refer to PP's while reading the text. This is near impossible on a Kindle. I'd recommend a paper copy of the book.

A lucid, detailed and logical introduction to the art of betting horses by one who has traversed the life cycle of apprenticeship-journeyman-master. Even at the top of one's game, though racing humbles you. I've respected Brad Free's work for years and I imagine he is every bit as genial as is his prose. If anyone shows the slightest interest in this dying anachronism filled with low lifes,

cheaters, rednecks, fools and dim but wealthy folk, this book will serve you well. Do it for fun, though, because doing it as a living is well nigh impossible now without having millions to bet.

This book belongs in the 'Hall of Fame' It will appeal to all three levels of handicappers. The 98% of players that make up the novice to intermediate ranks are guaranteed to learn the fundamentals and then some from a professional. The small percentage (2%) of those that have WORKED to the 'Advanced' level of play will enjoy the entire read even if its main tenets are known. Its stories and the odd passage will enlighten even hard core players. Handicapping skills will be sharpened like ballplayers going to spring training. The author stresses the main building blocks in handicapping: Speed figures, pace match up, class, form. Everything else has less weight and is ancillary. People may stray from buying this book because of its simplistic-elementary title. The one fault MANY horseplayers have is thinking they know it all and thus this book is not on their shelf. It's a read for the grade school, high school and graduate student of handicappers.

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I recommend this book for all horse players. Everything is written in very easy to understand language. Great book. Super Duper

Great book for fundamentals

Brad Free is my hero

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