Speed Ratings Class Pars 1

In this post we are looking at speed ratings class pars and then I go through a recent six race card explaining just what to look for and what to ignore.

Every race on the Inform Racing race cards, has a par figure or average winning speed rating and this is the rating required to win a race of that type, class and age group and finding those not up to the par figure will help to narrow down the field and find those selections with the best chance of winning the race.

Determining if a horse has previously or recently raced to the par figure will immediately eliminate those that cannot win, whereas those that have can be placed on your shortlist.

All par ratings are shown on a link below the card and most are also on the header of each race card too, where you will see something like: Class Par: Par 77 H 84

This means that the average winning speed rating (Par 77), for this race type/age group/class is 77 and H 84 means the highest ever speed rating for this race type/age group/class is 84.

In most races, any horse with a Master rating of less than the par of 77 here, can be ignored. If the horse is forecast at a short price however you may want to check why that may be.

Because the horse could be stepping up in trip for the first time or be dropping down in class dramatically.

Also if a horse has a Master rating of less than 77 but is still one of the top 3 rated horses, highlighted on the cards in red, it will mean the horse still has a chance in what is more than likely a poor race overall, so probably one to avoid.

From a backing point of view, if you have a horse whose Master rating is higher than the H rating on the card, you will have an opportunity for a solid bet and a large percentage of winners will be found.

It is also worthwhile looking at the Lto rating and Average rating, (this is the average rating from the last three runs), because a horse that has a rating from its last run or recent runs that is equal to or better than the the par for the race has to be shortlisted.

Many professional punters use speed figures to quickly identify the real contenders in a race and using par figures in this way will often eliminate false favourites and short priced runners from the reckoning that the general public will always over bet.

This will leave opportunities to back one or two horses in a race at good prices that have run to the par figure or better, that are being ignored by the vast majority who don't have the information that we do using the speed ratings.

Hopefully you will soon see how just looking at these simple rating figures can often tell you enough about a horses chance without the need to spend hours trawling through the form.

It has been said several times before that the Inform Racing cards are some of the simplest around because they highlight the contenders just by looking at the par figures and top 3 rated horses in each column which are highlighted in red.

Plumptons six race card.

If we take the six races yesterday at Plumpton, you can see how the par figures can be used to highlight a winner or two from a shortlist for each race.

On the race card examples below you can see the class par and H, (Highest par rating), on the right hand end on third row down on the grey header. You can also see the result on the fourth column of the header with the winner in red.

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Class Par 81 H 92

The first race had a top rated horse, Calva D'Auge with a Master rating of 83, Lto Rating of 83 and Average rating 84, all higher than the class par for the race of 81.

The fact that it was also clear of the forecast favourite, Fraser Island on all ratings, it was surely the horse to beat and was probably more of a 1/4 shot than the 5/6 price it went off at.

As you can also see in this race, the second rated horse on all three ratings came second at 13/8 and the third top rated horse on all ratings came third at 50/1.

14:15 PLUMPTON (LH Sharp, undulating)
THAT FRIDAY-AD FEELING NOVICES' HURDLE (4) 4YO+, 10-Feb-2020
Race: 1, Distance: 2m, Forecast Going: HY, Winner: £4,094, Runners: 13 ClassPar: Par 81 H 92
Result: Winner: Calva D'Auge 5/6, 2nd: Fraser Island 13/8, 3rd: Hewn From Granite 50/1

	No	Dr	R/S	Silks	Horse		Cls	OR	C	D		Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Crs	Dis	Ability	Form	F/C
▶	1	1			Calva D'Auge		-1		1	1		85 ^{79}	83 ^{11}	83 ^{37}	85 ^{79}	84	169	82	85	59	7	7/4
▶	2	3			Ardbruce							47 ^{65}	1 ^{15}	47 ^{65}		24	71		47		19	100/1
▶	3				Ballydoyle																	12/1
▶	4	4			Hewn From Granite							68 ^{56}	61 ^{23}	68 ^{56}	65 ^{90}	65	133	68	65		19	66/1
▶	5	4			Lightonthewing		+1					55 ^{66}	47 ^{20}	51 ^{41}	55 ^{66}	51	106		51		26	66/1
▶	6	2			Lisronagh Stone							63 ^{336}	35 ^{26}	63 ^{336}		49	112	63	35		15	100/1
▶	7				Llanbeau																	66/1
▶	8	2			Milreu Has							58 ^{40}	58 ^{40}			58	116		58		6	9/1
▶	9				Truckers Time																	33/1
▶	10	2			Fraser Island					1		77 ^{54}	70 ^{30}	77 ^{54}		74	151		77	45	4	10/11
▶	11	3			Queen Among Kings							51 ^{21}	46 ^{14}	51 ^{21}		48	99	51	51		13	100/1
▶	12				Beaufort																	7/1
▶	13	2			The Topp Notes		+1					40 ^{67}	35 ^{26}	40 ^{67}		38	78		35		19	100/1

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Class Par 82 H 87

Two horses in the second race had a Master rating over the par of 82 and equal to or greater than the highest ever for this race type, class and age group of 87.

Only Colorado Doc however had an average rating of better than the par, meaning the horse had not only been running very well recently, but had been doing so mostly better than the par for this race.

Perhaps the fact that Clorado Doc was going up in class, made him forecast as the outsider of the four runners initially at 4/1 but the ratings were spot on as he won comfortably by 15 lengths at a nice enough SP of 3/1.
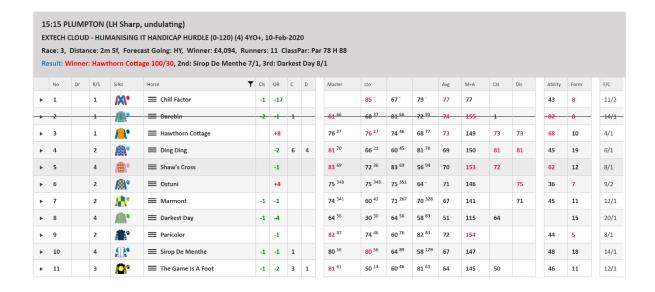
14:45 PLUMPTON (LH Sharp, undulating)
SW CATERING CHASE (A NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP) (BONUS SERIES RACE) (0-135) (3) 5YO+, 10-Feb-2020
Race: 2, Distance: 2m 4f, Forecast Going: HY, Winner: £7,343, Runners: 4 ClassPar: Par 82 H 87
Result: Winner: Colorado Doc 3/1, 2nd: The Flying Sofa 2/1, 3rd: Moabit 5/1

	No	Dr	R/S	Silks	Horse		Cls	OR	C	D		Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Crs	Dis	Ability	Form	F/C
▶	1	2			Breaking Waves			+5				88 ^{358}	83 ^{20}	1 ^{64}	1 ^{79}	28	116			48	21	3/1
▶	2	1			Moabit			-8					1 $^{-}$	82 $^{-}$	85 $^{-}$	56	56			64	14	5/2
▶	3	1			Colorado Doc		+1	+4				87 ^{80}	85 ^{38}	79 ^{56}	87 ^{80}	84	171		87		6	4/1
▶	4	2			The Flying Sofa		+1	+4	1			86 ^{362}	70 ^{18}	76 ^{52}	78 ^{73}	75	161	86	76	39	8	7/4

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Class Par 78 H 88

Not too much happening in the third race with four horses having a Master rating over the class par and no horses with an average over this rating either.

Two possible bets may have been Chilli Factor having an Lto of 85, although the horse had not run for 1100 days, whilst Sirop De Menthe had an Lto rating of 80 which were both over the par for the race of 78.

You can see that Sirop De Menthe was forecast at 14/1 and perhaps an each way opportunity initially and he did in fact come second after being backed in to 7/1 and was only beaten by three quarters of a length.

15:15 PLUMPTON (LH Sharp, undulating)
EXTECH CLOUD - HUMANISING IT HANDICAP HURDLE (0-120) (4) 4YO+, 10-Feb-2020
Race: 3, Distance: 2m 5f, Forecast Going: HY, Winner: £4,094, Runners: 11 ClassPar: Par 78 H 88
Result: Winner: Hawthorn Cottage 100/30, 2nd: Sirop De Menthe 7/1, 3rd: Darkest Day 8/1

	No	Dr	R/S	Silks	Horse		Cls	OR	C	D		Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Crs	Dis		Ability	Form	F/C
▶	1		1		Chill Factor		-1	-17					85^-	67^-	79^-	77	77				43	8	11/2
▶	2		1		Darebin		-2	-1	1			81^{66}	68^{37}	81^{66}	72^{91}	74	155	1			82	8	14/1
▶	3		1		Hawthorn Cottage			+8				76^{27}	76^{27}	74^{46}	68^{77}	73	149	73	73		68	10	4/1
▶	4		2		Ding Ding			-2	6	4		81^{70}	66^{21}	60^{45}	81^{70}	69	150	81	81		45	19	6/1
▶	5		4		Shaw's Cross			-1				83^{69}	72^{36}	83^{69}	56^{94}	70	153	72			62	12	8/1
▶	6		2		Ostuni			+4				75^{348}	75^{348}	75^{351}	64^-	71	146		75		36	7	9/2
▶	7		2		Marmont		-1	-1				74^{341}	60^{42}	71^{267}	70^{328}	67	141		71		45	11	12/1
▶	8		4		Darkest Day		-1	-4				64^{56}	30^{30}	64^{56}	58^{83}	51	115	64				15	20/1
▶	9		2		Paricolor			-1				82^{83}	74^{46}	60^{76}	82^{83}	72	154				44	5	8/1
▶	10		4		Sirop De Menthe		-1	-1	1			80^{56}	80^{56}	64^{89}	58^{129}	67	147				48	18	14/1
▶	11		3		The Game Is A Foot		-1	-2	3	1		81^{61}	50^{14}	60^{46}	81^{61}	64	145	50			46	11	12/1

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Class Par 76 H 89

Not sure why the result isn't showing on this card below but the winner was Finnegan's Garden at 4/1. A line through the top horse on the card shows a non-runner.

As you can see, Finnegan's Garden is the only horse in the race after the forecast favoutite was taken out, with a Master, Lto and Average rating, all higher than the par for the race of 76 and it won the race easily by 24 lengths.

15:45 PLUMPTON (LH Sharp, undulating)
CRYSTAL SERVICES COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC CLEANING HANDICAP CHASE (0-120) (4) 5YO+, 10-Feb-2020
Race: 4, Distance: 2m 1f, Forecast Going: HY, Winner: £4,614, Runners: 7 ClassPar: Par 76 H 89

No	Dr	R/S	Silks	Horse	Cls	OR	C	D	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Crs	Dis	Ability	Form	F/C
1		1	Wenceslaus			+10	3	1	89 14	89 14	81 67	77 101	82	171	89	89	42	4	7/4
2		2	Le Coeur Net		-1		1	1	82 331	1 23	79 46	78 54	53	135	79		63	13	5/1
3		1	Elisezmoi		-1				76 90	76 90	1 292		38	114				12	11/2
4		2	Finnegan's Garden		+6	3			86 28	86 28	78 37	71 44	78	164	77		44	7	4/1
5		4	Away For Slates		-1			1	88 362	1 18	70 44	1 290	24	112	88	88	47	24	13/2
6		2	Skipping On		-4				69 15	69 15	1 69	58 87	43	112			52	18	16/1
7		1	Tara Bridge		-4			1	80 327	51 36	64 69	80 327	65	145	51		66	15	14/1

It is worth looking at the race favourite above, Le Coeur Net who was unplaced at 9/4.

The second to last race for this horse rated 79 where the horse won a Class 3 race worth £9,747 to the winner, whilst Finnegan's Garden won last time out, rating 86 in a Class 4 race worth only £4,289 to the winner.

Despite the class difference between these two races, the ratings are very different and in favour of the horse that ran in a lower class. Many people would automatically take a Class 3 race over a Class 4 race and plump for the one that won the better race but the ratings tell a different story in this case.

The ratings are calculated the same for all classes of race and will level all the form for you in one simple to use figure. This is where you can gain value in your prices, knowing a horse has run a better speed figure than another, even if the rating was achieved in a lower class of race.

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Class Par 78 H 88

Another race with nothing standing out too much with four horses having a Master rating over the par but no Lto or Average ratings over the par.

The winner and runner up were the top two in the M+A rating column but if nothing stands out, there is no need to bet in every race just for the sake of it.

16:15 PLUMPTON (LH Sharp, undulating)
STRONG FLAVOURS CATERING HANDICAP HURDLE (0-110) (4) 4YO+, 10-Feb-2020
Race: 5, Distance: 3m 1f, Forecast Going: HY, Winner: £4,094, Runners: 9 ClassPar: Par 78 H 88
Result: Winner: Age Of Wisdom 7/2, 2nd: Velvet Cognac 15/2, 3rd: Little Boy Boru 11/2

	No	Dr	R/S	Silks		Horse		Cls	OR	C	D		Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Crs	Dis		Ability	Form		F/C
▶	1		4			Noruki			-5				41 321	1 58	1 65	20 89	7	48		41			26		50/1
▶	2		2			Puppet Warrior			-1				67 25	67 25	76 -	77 -	73	140					15		33/1
▶	3		4			Ask Catkin		-1			1		79 236	1 25	79 236	73 277	51	130		73		35	12		8/1
▶	4		4			Crossley Tender			-2	1			84 98	1 28	39 64	68 81	36	120	84	68		46	20		10/1
▶	5		3			Age Of Wisdom		+1		1			82 309	64 28	48 81	76 295	63	145	82			31	15		11/2
▶	6		1			The Tin Miner		+1	+2	2			75 294	74 21	1 70	75 294	50	125	75	75		41	13		9/4
▶	7		1			Velvet Cognac			+2				82 243	71 40	77 84	52 94	67	149	77	77		28	7		3/1
▶	8		2			Little Boy Boru		+1		2	1		83 336	1 21	63 34	77 58	47	130	83	83		48	19		6/1
▶	9		4			Invicta Lake			-1	2			70 15	70 15	58 327	54 351	61	131				80	16		14/1

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Class Par 75 H 86

The final race again had no standout ratings compared to the par ratings for the race, with three horses having a Master rating better than the par but no Lto or Average ratings at this level.

If forced into a bet I would probably have gone for Montys Angel as he had a Master rating that was close to the highest ever for the race type and class, although this was achieved 218 days ago. It also had the best rating last time out, albeit very poor at 57.

He was also down in class and had been dropped three pounds since it's last race and whilst he did finish third at 10/1, there were only seven runners so not quite good enough for an each way payout.

16:45 PLUMPTON (LH Sharp, undulating)
SKY SPORTS RACING MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100) (5) 4YO+, 10-Feb-2020
Race: 6, Distance: 2m, Forecast Going: HY, Winner: £3,119, Runners: 7 ClassPar: Par 75 H 86
Result: Winner: Amlovi 13/2, 2nd: Shadow's Girl 11/4, 3rd: Montys Angel 16/1

	No	Dr	R/S	Silks	Horse	Cls	OR	C	D	Master	Lto			Avg	M+A	Crs	Dis	Ability	Form	F/C
▸	1		4		Montys Angel	-1	-3			85 218	57 21	44 46	34 69	45	130	57	57	49	23	10/1
▸	2		4		Dylan's Sea Song	-1				78 346	47 26	67 44	68 54	61	139		78		29	11/4
▸	3		1		Lady Chartreuse		-4			16 38	16 38	61 -	66 -	48	64				18	4/1
▸	4		1		Oborne Lady	-1	-5			42 259	1 168	1 170	1 236	1	43				30	12/1
▸	5		2		Sixties Idol		-3	1		59 278	46 260	59 278	1 295	35	94	1		36	24	8/1
▸	6		2		Shadow's Girl		-1		2	80 96	45 34	52 67	80 96	59	139	61	80	30	13	3/1
▸	7		4		Amlovi		-2			55 86	42 62	55 86	48 104	48	103		53		19	6/1

Conclusion

As you can see, the class pars will help you narrow down a race and pinpoint one or two horses that are in with a chance.

By having these class pars, we know what sort of rating figure will win any race type, class and age group and is a very simple way of looking at a race without necessarily needing to trawl through all of the form.

If one speed figure is bigger, then that horse should be considered a better horse and that levels all form and class, unlike any other ratings available today.

With speed ratings you can just look at a simple number that represents the quality of the horse and by comparing these to the class pars available, make your own informed and positive decisions.