

Won 50/1, Won 18/1, Placed 33/1 – Spotting Big Priced Opportunities

Big, priced winners do come in perhaps more often than you may think but in some handicap races where the favourite is 3/1, 4/1 or bigger, you can find yourself some excellent betting opportunities on the outsiders.

And in all honesty, these are not at all impossible to find - if you know what you are looking for.

Speed Ratings + Well handicapped + Some proof of form in the conditions (can) = big priced winners.

Now I know this equation above doesn't roll off the tongue quite like $E = MC^2$ and it is probably not as definitive an equation as that of Albert Einstein, but if you have a couple of minutes each day to look through the [Inform Racing speed rating race cards](#), you can put it to some use.

Yesterday there were the three successful each way bets, along with some losers too of course. I had the 50/1 winner and the 33/1 placed horse as I missed the earlier part of the days racing.

However, they all had certain things in common.

1. They all had a Master rating equal to or better than the par for the race.
2. They were all what I consider to be well handicapped, which is 3lb higher than their last win in the same race type or less.
3. They had some proof of form in today's race conditions.

The first of the three was Dolphin Square at Sandown. Won 18/1

Look at the video below to see the selection process for this type of race.

<https://www.informracing.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/DolphinSquare.mp4#t=0.1>

Looking at the way I consider a horse to be well handicapped may not be what everyone would consider well handicapped.

Also if a horse hasn't already won a handicap race then usually I don't consider these until they have. There are situations I will if I spot something I like, but with a big race, high class handicap, it is nice to know the horse has won a handicap before - for me anyway.

I do also back horses that won last time out and are more than 3lbs higher than the previous win but in these big handicaps there are all sorts of horses on all sorts of marks and some really have no chance, so it is good to side with those that have won close to or above, their winning mark today.

Tying the handicap mark in with the speed ratings gives those who use them another advantage over those who don't.

The second runner was Fortescue at Aintree. 4th 33/1

You will see the race card below and you can take my word for it that Fortescue was the only contender who I considered well handicapped from all horses with a Master rating equal to or higher than the race par of 91.

14:05 AINTREE (LH Flat, galloping, stiff fences)

BOYLESPTS BECHER HANDICAP CHASE (PREMIER HANDICAP) (GBB RACE) (11.6YO+, 03-Dec-2022)

Race: 11, Distance: 3m 2f, Forecast Going: GS, Winner: E84,195, Runners: 23, ClassPar: Par 91 H 99

Result: Winner: Ashtown Lad 5/1, 2nd: Gesskille 4/1, 3rd: Percussion 10/1

No	Dr	Dr%	R/S	Silks	Horse	Cl	OR	C	D	Mas...	Lto			Avg	M+A	Cr	Dis	Ability	Form	F/C	
+	3		2		Snow Leopardess	+1	0	1	2	98 ³⁶⁴	1 ¹⁷	1 ²³⁸	83 ²⁹³	83	181	98	98	244	21	12/1	
+	4		3		Hill Sixteen	+1	0			98 ³⁶⁴	89 ⁴²	1 ²⁴⁵	86 ²⁷³	88	186	98	98	71	15	11/1	
+	13		2		Gesskille F	+1	+4			96 ²⁸	96 ²⁸	72 ²³⁴	50 ²⁷⁵	73	169	96		32	4	11/2	
+	21		4		Percussion	+1	-3		1	93 ²²⁵	92 ²⁸	74 ¹⁹⁵	72 ²⁰⁸	79	172	92	65	46	6	16/1	
+	2		1		Francly Du Berlais	+2	+8			92 ¹⁴⁰	37 ⁴³	70 ¹¹⁰	92 ¹⁴⁰	81	173	87	85	133	13	33/1	
+	8		2		Fantastikas		-1			92 ²⁵⁷	87 ²⁰	1 ²⁴⁵	84 ²⁶³	86	178			121	23	12/1	
+	5		3		Fortescue	+2	+2			91 ²¹⁵	73 ²⁴	1 ²³⁸	84 ²⁸⁷	79	170	1	91	133	15	25/1	
+	10		1		Dr Kananga	+2	+5		1	90 ²⁸⁹	82 ²⁴	81 ²⁶⁷	90 ²⁸⁹	84	174		83	64	5	11/1	
+	11		1		Ashtown Lad	+1	-2			90 ³⁰¹	84 ²⁸	57 ²⁴⁵	90 ³⁰¹	77	167	84		61	11	5/1	
+	14		1		Rapid Flight	+2	0			90 ³⁶	73 ¹⁷	1 ⁴²	90 ³⁶	82	172		1	62	13	50/1	
+	19		1		Five Star Getaway	+2	0			88 ³⁰¹	66 ²⁴	71 ²³⁹	74 ²⁸⁰	70	158	71		135	22	9/1	
+	18		4		Domaine De L'Isle		-3		1	87 ³⁸⁴	84 ²⁰	68 ³⁷	1 ²²⁴	76	163	87	87	185	25	33/1	
+	1		4		De Rasher Counter	+1	0		1	85 ¹⁷	85 ¹⁷	85 ⁴²	1 ²³⁸	85	170	1	85	452	17	14/1	
+	17		2		Enqarde	+1	-1		1	85 ³⁵⁰	65 ³⁰	82 ²³¹	1 ²⁸⁷	74	159		85	125	18	20/1	
+	12		4		The Wolf	+1	0			84 ⁴²	84 ⁴²	47 ²⁴⁵	78 ³⁰¹	81	165		72	53	11	14/1	
+	22		1		Didero Vallis	+2	0			83 ³⁸⁴	75 ¹³	1 ²³⁸	74 ²⁶¹	75	158	83	83	85	16	20/1	
+	7		4		The Jam Man F		+23		1	82 ²⁸¹	82 ²⁶¹	80 ³²²	65	76	158			48	18	33/1	
+	9		2		Cloth Cap	+1	-4		1	76 ⁴¹	76 ⁴¹	1 ²³⁸	75 ²⁷³	76	152	76	75	321	18	25/1	
+	23		1		Minella Bobo	+1	-5			27 ⁴¹	1 ²⁴	27 ⁴¹	61	61	88			48	27	66/1	
+	15		4		Fagan		-3			1 ³⁵⁸	1 ³⁵⁸	77	79	78	79		1	39	19	50/1	
+	6				Recite A Prayer F																12/1
+	16		4		Captain Kangaroo F						87				87	87				10	10/1

Form Guide

Advanced Search

Class Pars - Average Winning Rating

In Depth Form Tables (Race Conditions, Run Style, Official Ratings, Race Class)

Daily Race Table

[Key to the race card](#)

Then, using the advanced search you can see the horse has a 30% strike rate when the going was good to soft and it was a chase race.

Horse	Win %	Form Figures (Avg)	Speed Figures (Avg)	Crs %	Dist %	LHRH %	Going %	Class %	Run. +/- %	TrackStyle %
Ashtown Lad	33 (1/0/3)	1, 4, 5 (3)	80, 60, 57 (65)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	33 (1/0/3)	33 (1/0/3)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/0)
De Rasher Counter	33 (2/1/6)	1, 2, 1, 4, U, 5 (3)	82, 84, 93, 76, 1, 85 (70)	0 (0/0/1)	50 (1/0/2)	33 (2/1/6)	33 (2/1/6)	33 (1/0/3)	100 (1/0/1)	0 (0/0/1)
Fortescue	33 (1/0/3)	1, 7, U (6)	84, 75, 1 (53)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/2)	33 (1/0/3)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/1)
Minella Bobo	33 (1/0/3)	7, 5, 1 (4)	73, 75, 91 (79)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	33 (1/0/3)	33 (1/0/3)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Fantastikas	25 (1/0/4)	1, 2, 7, P (5)	88, 92, 84, 1 (66)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	25 (1/0/4)	25 (1/0/4)	0 (0/0/3)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/0)
Five Star Getaway	25 (1/1/4)	1, 3, 8, 14 (6)	90, 88, 74, 71 (80)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/0)	50 (1/0/2)	25 (1/1/4)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/1)
Rapid Flight	25 (1/2/4)	3, 2, 1, U (4)	79, 83, 85, 1 (62)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/1)	25 (1/2/4)	25 (1/2/4)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Cloth Cap	16 (1/0/6)	1, P, 6, R, P, 5 (7)	89, 1, 76, 1, 1, 76 (40)	0 (0/0/3)	0 (0/0/1)	20 (1/0/5)	16 (1/0/6)	20 (1/0/5)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/3)
Captain Kangaroo	0 (0/0/0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Didero Vallis	0 (0/3/7)	5, P, 2, 2, 4, P, 3 (5)	83, 1, 86, 82, 67, 1, 75 (56)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/1/4)	0 (0/3/7)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/1)
Domaine De L'isle	0 (0/0/3)	6, 10, U (8)	64, 61, 1 (42)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/3)	0 (0/0/3)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/1)
Dr Kananga	0 (0/1/2)	2, 5 (3)	81, 67 (74)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Enqarde	0 (0/1/2)	5, 2 (3)	69, 82 (75)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Fagan	0 (0/2/4)	3, 7, 2, P (5)	80, 79, 77, 1 (59)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/1/3)	0 (0/2/4)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/1)
Franky Du Berlais	0 (0/1/6)	4, 3, 4, 8, 11, 4 (5)	66, 77, 71, 68, 69, 87 (73)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/4)	0 (0/1/6)	0 (0/1/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/2)
Geskille	0 (0/1/1)	2 (2)	96 (96)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)
Hill Sixteen	0 (0/1/4)	6, P, U, 3 (7)	75, 1, 1, 89 (41)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/1/3)	0 (0/1/4)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/0)
Now Where Or When	0 (0/1/1)	3 (3)	91 (91)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Percussion	0 (0/1/1)	3 (3)	92 (92)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/1/1)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/1)
Recite A Prayer	0 (0/0/0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
Snow Leopardess	0 (0/1/4)	2, 4, 6, P (5)	77, 82, 79, 1 (59)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/1/4)	0 (0/1/4)	0 (0/0/3)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/2)
The Jam Man	0 (0/0/0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)
The Wolf	0 (0/1/3)	2, 4, 7 (4)	83, 82, 47 (70)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/0)	0 (0/0/2)	0 (0/1/3)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/1)	0 (0/0/0)

Course - AINTREE

Distance - 3m 2f

LH/RH - LH

Going - GS

Class - 1

Runners - 23

Month - December

TimePeriod

RaceType - CHS

TrackStyle - Flat, galloping, stiff fences

All Weather Surface -

Fortescue plugged on very well at the end and pinched 4th place about 150 yards from the line, I think. This gave me a place win at odds of 10.44.

Horse Racing > Aintree 3rd Dec : To Be Placed				Showing 1 - 1 of 1 selections	
Selection	Odds	Stake (£)	Bid type	Placed	Profit/Loss (£)
Fortescue	10.44	2.00	Back	03-Dec-22 13:51	18.87
				Back subtotal:	18.87
				Lay subtotal:	0.00
				Market subtotal:	18.87
				Commission @ 4.98%:	0.94
				Net Market Total:	17.93

*Average odds: On Off

These methods are very simple and ones that you can use every day with the features on Inform Racing.

I am only looking at full handicaps, not novice or maiden handicaps, so you can select the races you want to look at in your race card settings and just show these.

It is easy then to sort by the Master rating to bring the best to the top, find what the speed ratings par for the race is and by hovering your mouse over each possible qualifier, see who you consider to be well handicapped and put them on you're short list.

I think you can do this in no more than 10 minutes even on a busy day of racing.

The third runner was Romoe Brown at Aintree. Won (quite easily) at 50/1

This was a brilliant race for anyone who backed the winner of course.

Watching the race, I was just waiting for the pack to close as he led from the start but when it looked like he may get taken on in the home straight, he kept finding more and the first two actually pulled away from the others by a few lengths.

Check the video below to see again how to go over this race quickly and easily.

Of course, there is nothing like backing a winner at 50/1 and I was lucky enough to get much better odds than that on Betfair, plus a nice payout on the place bet too.

Horse Racing > Aintree 3rd Dec : 2m4f Hcap Hrd

Showing 1 - 1 of 1 selections

Selection	Odds	Stake (£)	Bid type	Placed	Profit/Loss (£)
Romeo Brown	73.31	2.00	Back	03-Dec-22 14:52	144.62
*Average odds: <input checked="" type="radio"/> On <input type="radio"/> Off					
					Back subtotal: 144.62
					Lay subtotal: 0.00
					Market subtotal: 144.62
					Commission @ 5.00%: 7.23
					Net Market Total: 137.39

Horse Racing > Aintree 3rd Dec : To Be Placed

Showing 1 - 1 of 1 selections

Selection	Odds	Stake (£)	Bid type	Placed	Profit/Loss (£)
Romeo Brown	16.48	2.00	Back	03-Dec-22 14:52	30.96
*Average odds: <input checked="" type="radio"/> On <input type="radio"/> Off					
					Back subtotal: 30.96
					Lay subtotal: 0.00
					Market subtotal: 30.96
					Commission @ 5.01%: 1.55
					Net Market Total: 29.41

Summary

You don't have to bet with huge stakes to enjoy a good winner I can assure you and I am more than happy to bet small when the odds are certainly not. As I said, big priced winners do come in and get placed more often than you may think.

You just need a solid way to find them first.

I have my main system builder system bets that I concentrate on every day but it is very satisfying to go through the cards and pick a good winner or two and as you can see, it doesn't have to be a lengthy process or a laborious one at that.

With all of the data you need at hand and easily available on our race cards, you can go through a day's racing in a matter of minutes and whilst they won't all come in like they did yesterday - and I certainly had a number of losing bets myself later on - getting a big winner or two is a thrill!