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## PRO PLAYERS ?



Ed Bain

The Daily Racing Form recently featured an article by Ryan Goldberg called The Godfather of Handicappers: Pittsburg Phil changed the game forever. Pittsburgh Phil was a famous handicapper in the 1890s and his exploits and big scores were reported in newspapers around the country during that time along with those of other high rolling horse players. I was struck by what Pittsburg Phil said about the horseplayer of his era and I believe what he said applies to today's player. "Phil often said the reason most bettors lose is their unwillingness to put in the time." He once observed, "Playing the races appears to be the one business in which men believe they can succeed without special study, special talent, or special exertion."

Successful bettors find their profitable edges in recurring angles overlooked by or unknown to their contemporaries. Phil gave rise to the modern handicapper, and those who rose from his wake also found their fortunes in the darkened, poorly attended corners of the game. Pittsburg Phil's exploits and resulting popularity and the country's interest in horseplayers helped elevate the sport into the national limelight.

How do we determine who is or who is not a professional horse bettor and does it really matter. Here we have Pittsburg Phil and reporters writing about his big scores in the 1890's and it was not until the 1970s that the next person that racing featured came along: Andy Beyer. Beyer, a syndicated columnist for the Washington Post, did not have reports of any big hits. There were reports that Beyer is a professional player and that he bet speed.

During my lifetime I have not read any newspaper reports on one player consistently making big scores. There are virtually no other reports on any professional player producing big scores since the 1890's. What the heck happened after Pittsburg Phill?

The Daily Racing Form only reports on the running of the race and only promotes their writers as knowledgeable handicappers. They suggest their writers are some kind of expert handicappers. However none have ever had a series of big hits. Newspaper reporters no longer find the real story on racing, the big score or the big-time horseplayers who are out there placing bets. I believe it does matter who is a professional bettor because these players are promoted as proof that you can bet on horse racing and win money and bury that axiom you can beat a race but not the races.

This is basically why poker has been so successful. Poker and T.V. turned pro poker players into celebrities and if they can win so can you and me. That combination has created an interest in poker that is nothing less than astounding while horse racing is on a steep decline with no known group of pro players promoting the sport.

Horse racing has no group of high profile pro players or even one player that the media can follow and report on their big scores. We do not have the advantage that poker has hammered out and that is "any one can win and win big" and we can prove it.

There are similarities between poker and horse racing. In poker you cannot play every pot. In horse racing you cannot bet every race. In poker you have to know what your odds are on each hand. In horse racing you also have to know the odds before each bet. In poker there are tells, which are human observations and are indicators when to bet against a particular player. The horse player has to recognize an incredible amount of related and unrelated information and whether or not it applies to a particular race in order to determine if this race can be bet.

Politics decides who the pros are in racing and they have crowned the owners of thoroughbred horses as the pro player. Here is their reasoning: In California the Thoroughbred Owners Association (TOA) has convinced state government to increase the take-out on 2 horse wagers (example: exactas and daily doubles) by 2% and 3 horse wagers (example: trifectas, pick 3s) by 3% and this increase will produce between \$25 to \$30 million in revenue.

The California TOA convinced the state to give them this money to put it directly into purses. They say that these millions will increase purses and will attract new owners or owners from other locations to bring a string of horses to California to race. That this will increase field size and make horse players bet on California racing because of big fields and this will further increase purses.

This money is given to the owners because the state will not acknowledge that it is the horse bettor who is the actual top of the racing food chain. They do not accept that it is the player that generates all the revenue for racing and it does not come from the owner.

Owners invest around \$2 billion a year on purchasing horses while horseplayers invest around \$10 1/2 billion. The players get dollar hot dog day and owners get \$30 million.

If this issue of field size were true I would say the tracks with the largest fields would be the financial power houses. Tracks like Louisiana Downs, Charles Town, Indiana and Mountaineer offer very large field sizes though they are second rate tracks. High profile California tracks cannot get close to this field size of these four secondary tracks that are not financial power houses. So this shows that it is not only about field size and that it is about the class of the track, location, population, local interest and self promotion in their circuit.

To me the pro player is a specialist with a branch of knowledge. He finds something he has cashed on and looks for it over and over trying to cash on that special knowledge as often as he can find it. This type of player probably would not label himself as a pro and indeed he or she may hold down a full-time job and only bet on weekends or at lunch hour.

This type of player may not be the best handicapper though they can be premier ticket designers to get the most out of their bet. In other words they know how design a ticket to cash.

It is a different game as a win bettor compared to an exotic player. Win betting is a grind-em-out approach to make a living. The win bettor knows he has to produce enough wins to garner a rather low return on investment so bet sizing is part of how much you actually make.

Exotic betting is a big score approach to betting. They may bet as much as a win bettor but if they score the impact can influence their life style for a week or a month or year or perhaps a lifetime.

A specialist placing exotic bets may employ something very simple to start the handicapping process like only looking at the stakes races on Saturday or the feature race during the week. If they found a reason to bet the stakes race then they expand the bet to an exotic wager like a pick 4, daily double or a pick 3. It is the stakes race that started the process and is the reason this player is a specialist and then he looks at the surrounding horses and races to provide the value to his wager.

Susan is a premier specialist; she starts by viewing 10-horse fields or higher for potential trifecta or superfecta wagers. This alone is a specialist in an era of 5-, 6- and 7-horse fields. Susan's favorite play is labeled an "either or" play which is also a specialty that no other player understands or can design a ticket around. I'll try to make the explanation simple because the actual construction of the bet is complicated.

Susan finds two trainers who have an overall win rate of at least 20% and these trainer have to have two runners on the same card in different races within her serial wager. Susan looks at 15 tracks a day so she goes to my list of trainers running that day to see if they have two runners within the pick 4 or sometimes within the pick 6 races and if she sees this and she believes each entry has a chance to win, she then designs her tickets.

In pick 4s she designs her ticket with one trainer as a single in the 1<sup>st</sup> race where he/she has their first entry. Then she hits the all button in the two races between this horse and

the other trainer's first entry and then she singles the other trainer's horse in whichever leg they have their entry. This bet actually requires four tickets to cover her full wager and she places all four of these bets. Let's say one trainer's horse is called A, B and the other trainer's horse is called Y, Z. The 4 tickets would look like this:

A/Y/ALL/ALL  
A/ALL/ALL/Z  
ALL/Y/B/ALL  
ALL/ALL/B/Z

The spread is in the other two races of the pick 4 by selecting all. She only looks at odds for her "either or" to see if they are the favorite. If they both are, she would pass the bet because it would not warrant the investment. Other than this she pays no attention to the odds of these horses.

The effect is to reduce the cost of the bet while focusing on a set play as well as supplying her with two singles in the pick 4 as well as the all in two races. If there are no trainers with two horses and a 20% overall win rate within this wager, then it is not play. If there are it is then a play and it is how she designs the ticket with that trainer that is innovative and gives her multiple chances to win and cash.

Susan bets every day; however she does not label herself a pro player. Because of this style of handicapping and designing tickets I would label Susan a specialist. A specialist looks for that specialty and then designs tickets to cash on that bet. I would also label Susan a pro.

There are ways of designing tickets that most people have never heard about.

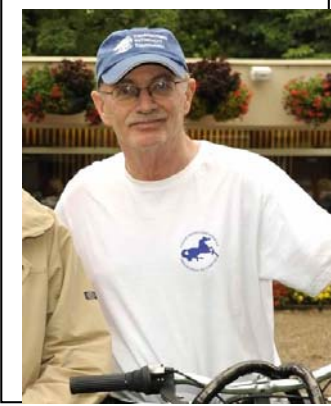
Race tracks do not recognize any group of players as a pro player, not even the people who only bet tournaments, and some of those cash for really big money.

The racing TV channels who promote their channels with tournaments do not advertise their winners in any way. The tournaments in Reno and Las Vegas do not advertise their winners. Race tracks will not advertise and promote these players as winners and prove to all that you can make money betting on the horses. My belief is that many tournament players are pro players; they are also specialists and they should be promoted as winners and as a way to contribute to the growth of racing.

Shouldn't it be reported by the Daily Racing Form and national news about the whales who bet on horseracing. There are seven of them and one of them bets a billion that's a b, bbb..illion a year. Let me repeat that, a billion dollars a year. Does anybody know his name or the name of any of the seven whales? Wouldn't it be interesting to know what they do and how they do it?

Pittsburgh Phil was the last famous big bettor and that was two centuries ago. Today the smallest whale is betting 30 million a year and the biggest one is betting a billion and we've never heard of them. That publicity of betting and cashing has the ability to focus attention on the betting aspect of horse racing, which keeps the game alive.

# STATISCAL HANDICAPPING: RACING POST INTERACTIVE PAST PERFORMANCES



MARK CRAMER

Increasingly we are getting a chance to make on-line wagers on British and Irish racing. Saratoga will have a special morning set-up for this attractive betting alternative.

My favorite play for British racing involves using statistical betting on 2-year old races where there are many maidens in the field. In particular, Windsor has Monday night racing during the summer, which ends up at the same time as East Coast afternoons. No on-line jet lag!

On June 6 there was a 2-year-old race in which the majority of starters were making their debut. I typed in "Racing Post" in Google, and their website came up. I clicked on today's cards, and after scanning the menu, came up with this race.

The first thing I did was to compare the win percentage and return on investment of all the trainers in the race, simply by clicking on each trainer's name. Only one trainer had a positive roi, and that was David Nichols, trainer of Knight Vision.

The sire was Haafhd. I had never heard of this sire. I clicked on his name. It said, average distance 8.9f. That sounded too long for a 6-furlong maiden race. But I didn't give up because I had the positive trainer stat.

I clicked on the sire's race record, and lo and behold, he had won his 2-year-old debut race at 6 furlongs. This suggested that the sire could produce precocious horses. That alone was not enough, but coupled with the trainer's 18% hit rate over 5 years with 2-year-olds plus his flat-bet profit of roughly 22% in the specialty, this looked like a worthy bet.

There were a couple of horses in the field that had raced forwardly in the first start. As second-time starters they could be dangerous, so I considered a win-show bet on Knight Vision (they have no place wagering in Britain, but when they say "place" they mean "show").

Still looking for more information, I clicked on the trainer's name and his "past performances" came up in reverse chronological order, just the pps of horses. I was taken aback by his losing streak. I scrolled down to his last victory, and clicked on the date of the race. As it turned out, David Nichols' last win was with a first-time starter!

While I was doing this, I received an e-mail from a friend named Julian in Virginia, also a horseplayer. So I mentioned this horse to him and gave the above reasons.

To make a long story short, Knight Vision was not able to win the race, but he did finish third in the large field. I had doubled up on the "place" (show bet). He returned 13.20 to show.

It was a good day. But then there was the proverbial icing on the cake. Julian e-mailed me, saying that he had made a large win-place wager, on line, on Knight Vision and saw the fresh money in his account. He asked me what had happened.

Since the wager was commingled with the British pool, Julian's place bet had to go into show. He made a lot of money on this bet, partly thanks to my touting the horse, but also thanks to the fact that they have no place betting and his place bet went into the show.

Statistical handicapping on British and Irish racing is fun, and once you get used to it, the interactive past performances on the Racing Post website, different as they may seem, are easy to use.

Mark Cramer is the author of Handicapping on the Road, on how to successfully apply American handicapping know-how to foreign races. The book takes place during a 600-mile bicycle race track journey. The first half of the book provides the theory, and in the second half, we see the author putting the theory into practice. The story line was: could he pay for the trip at the windows?

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# Q & A

Good morning Ed,

Do you know where (one place) I can find info on the trainers' specialties? I really want to speed up my learning. I'm not sure if I'm wording it correctly but, every trainer probably specializes in one or a couple aspects of racing. Regards, Al

*Hi Al,*

*That's a really good question. I have a good answer.*

*Trainers on average have an overall win rate of 12%. It's imperative to find out what they do really good that contributes to that overall 12% win rate. This is the reason I started tracking trainers and I track the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th race after a layoff separated by sprint and route. I employ the same 4-step procedure for claiming trainers, debut trainers and won last race. I then look for the spike in the stats on those 4 races. I also identify two betting statistics, the 4 + 30 which means this trainer has to produce at least 4 wins plus a 30% win rate or higher on that spike in that 4-race form cycle. The second stat I label an Automatic. This is a much more stable statistic. It requires at least 8 wins from 20 races and a 40% win rate or higher. This is available on all my reports. The 4 + 30 is in red, the Automatics are in purple. When you see those two colors, these are links, click on them and you will find the detail you were looking, for starting with track, class, distance, and surface and much more.*

*Also any time you see that red or purple link which could be on the horse, the jockey, the owner or the trainer, these are more specific statistics and you should investigate them. It is the key to placing an informed bet based on statistics.*

*On my home page, at the bottom there are a series of videos that are only 4 to 5 minutes long. I would encourage you to go there and watch the videos to see all the features that are available in my PPs. Ed*

Hi Ed,

I was wondering how you approach betting these "if fav" stats in the trainer cycles. These stats are based on if the horse goes off as the favorite, right? Not as the early morning line favorite... I found myself yesterday waiting until the last minute on a couple of horses to see if they would end up as the favorite so the stat would gain validity! Ha ha. In one race, somebody dumped a bunch of money on the other horse at the last minute, making it the new fave, but it lost and the "fave" I bet on won anyway, so it was all academic. Another horse was 4 for 4 when favored. He was favored yesterday when he went off and now he's 5 for 5. Money in the bank. :)

One of the things I'm interested in incorporating with your stats, if humanly possible, is the hot streak angle. Today at Delaware, for instance, Rosie Napravnik has a couple mounts where there's an automatic in the picture. She's on a tear right now, so I'm going to be more inclined to bet on her horse if there's a borderline situation, than I would otherwise. The horse she's on in the 1st race is 0/4 lifetime but could go off as the fave anyway, and if so it's an automatic. Like you said in your recent email, over-analyzing can get one in trouble sometimes.

I think if there's a hot rider or trainer or horse one might want to just no-brain it and plop the money down if it looks at all good from a stats perspective.

Thanks for your help and approachability. Best, Bruce

*Hi Bruce, Good question.*

*The favorite stats are the actual favorites on finishing odds. The horse has to be the betting favorite, not the Morning Line odds.*

*The lowest morning line I select is 5/2 and that has to be the lowest morning line odds for that race. If I select a 5/2 shot and there is a 2/1 shot in the same race, I pass the race when I'm making my selections. On all favorites the horse has to be the betting favorite at post time. It is horse racing, you'll lose a few, you'll win a lot more if you're patient. That 5/2 M/L selection is my only favorite play and I'll play him no matter what his odds go to after I've made the selection he is a play.*

*Also I keep detailed records on my betting. So I know how 5/2 performs from morning line to finishing odds and I would encourage you to keep betting records also. If you do you will be a better player than everyone who does not keep records.*

*Rosie is one my favorite jocks. I lived in Maryland and almost all the great jockeys come through Maryland because of the weight allowances for new jockey's. I've seen McCarron, Bravo, Desormeaux, Prado, Antley, Dominguez and Julie Krone. When Rosie arrived at Maryland it was apparent she has a big talent and I immediately thought she was better than Julie Krone. She is a female jock and it will be hard for her to break through; it appears that she can do it if she can stay healthy and not have any more serious accidents which is almost impossible for a jockey. Every one of them knows that they're going to be seriously hurt somewhere during his careers. On the hot trainers and jockeys, that is a really good approach. I use trainer/jockey stats consistently to go with a bet or pass the bet.*

*On over-analyzing: the stat that you do not want to over-analyze on is 4/1 and up. In other words, double-digit payouts. In particularly selections at around 6/1. The reason for that is the trainer stat could look great and can be an automatic at 40% and up but what if the horse's race record is 1 for 17 and he's 0-5 at the distance? I put a lot of importance on this distance but for longshots I just go with the trainer stat. But if the horse is only 5/2 and 0-5 at the distance or 1 for 17 lifetime and a great trainer stat of 40%, I pass. One of my favorite plays on 5/2 is a Debut-1 Sprint at 5/2 and he is the lowest morning line odds. Another one of my favorite plays of 5/2 morning line is multiple wins at this distance. Another really good 5/2 play is the trainer laid the horse off on a win and he's coming back 1st after a Layoff and he is the lowest morning line at 5/2. I try to select only one a day of 5/2. Many days there will be zero and then other days there will be two. It seems you've caught on fast to statistics. Ed*

Ed, I'm still playing with petty cash until I get this streamlined, and then once I do I'll pull out the stops and set up a new stake. At that point, NHPlay may be my choice. How do you bet them? Online or by phone? Do they have a feed so you can watch the races live online? I like the idea of daily rebates. Are they easy to fund from your own bank account?

*NHPlay sets you up with an on-line wagering web site. You can also bet by phone if you would like. Susan likes to bet on line and makes all her bets that way. They offer the best rebates in the country so I would suggest to anyone who is making daily bets to use them for this reason. Right now they do not accept credit card deposits though they will be accepting them soon. You can mail them a check and they will honor the funds as soon as they receive it. You can withdraw directly to your bank account through ACH withdrawal though they do not have this set up for deposits. You have to be sponsored to get in so when you're filling out the short profile form and when you get to the password it's "**nhplay**" and for **referred by** put in **Ed Bain**.*

Ed, When you first started making money back in the 90s were you doing the five bets per day thing? All win bets? Or did you gradually work into that? You said you average 1 1/4 winning bets per day. But I'm sure there have been hot streaks where you tear it up. I read in the back issue of your newsletter where Susan said in the late 90s you had a great streak. Was that with the 5-bet schema?

Five win bets is the goal I'm working towards and today I'm going to try to hold to it rather than fool around on the side with place bets or exotics, like I did yesterday, which ended up

losing me money. The straight win bets came out in the black. Surprise, surprise.

*Yes. Back then I played fewer tracks. I did not have the Automatics, only the 4 + 30. I was really familiar with the Mid-Atlantic region which has a lot of race tracks and then I played Southern California, Illinois, New York, and averaged each day about five bets.*

*All win bets, no place bets, no exotics.*

*No I did not gradually work into five win bets a day. The 4 + 30 pulled up around 15 a day from the tracks I played and I found five a day from those 15. I did a lot of filtering to get to those five plays. I still do the same filtering. However because of the small fields that are being carded they have created a real issue with value. I find myself making a little less bets per day. I'm at around four bets a day.*

*Hot and cold streaks are part of the game. Ten-race losing streaks are constant. It's not unusual to have all my hits in a really short period of time, just a few days. Although statistics make it easy to explain, the reality of betting is much different.*

*The time period Susan was referring to was 1996 through the early part of 1999. I hit, it seemed like, every day. They weren't life-changing hits but it was Wednesday, I'd bet five, I'd come out \$600 ahead, Thursday I would be up \$1,500, Friday up \$400, Saturday up \$1,800, and Sunday up \$1,000. I had never experienced this kind of consistent cashing. I did all the work myself. I bought the racing form every day. Sometimes I had to travel to three states to get it. I always worked with three racing forms. I entered yesterday's results on a spreadsheet to my database. I looked up today's plays from the form and from my database and I always had tomorrow's form today. I got up every morning about 8, went upstairs to my computer, did all the manual labor, looked for tomorrow's bets, left for the track or the otb in the early afternoon, got back in around 5 or 6, went up to my office, entered today's plays into my record keeping, handicapped tomorrow's plays and it was all of that work and familiarity that made me successful betting on the horses. It's tougher today because I am automated and do not have that hands-on familiarity with my stats. I remember at times during that period working late at night and finishing up. I would turn off all the lights in my office and was humbled by what I was going through and how much money I was making betting on the horses.*

*The great thing about today versus yesterday is the computer program today is extremely good. In the near future I will offer an interactive program for everyone. I'll explain about it some time in the future just before it is ready.*

*I know this is a little wordy though you asked good questions. It brought me back to a time that only Susan really understands. Ed*

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When I found out that my severe excruciating pain was because my two kidneys were loaded with stones and one rather large stone was blocking the entry to my kidney, my Urologist said that it is unfortunate that I did not have insurance. He said I could not wait to get this one stone removed because at the very least it would mean damage to my kidney, and possibly death. So Ed used all the money earned towards our new interactive program to pay for the first kidney operation. After paying 18K for the procedure and knowing that I needed more I ran a Google search for health insurance with pre-existing conditions and ended up on the right website right away! It's to help people like me or anyone with a pre-existing condition get affordable insurance until President Obama's health care bill becomes active in 2014.

This insurance pretty much saved my life and has allowed me to not only get all the other stones removed, it has given me the chance to get other symptoms checked and for the first time in years I am being treated.

I want everyone to know about this insurance. There is a health care law that says you have to be without health insurance for 6 months before you can qualify for this pre-existing condition insurance and you have to have a turn down letter from a health insurance company before you apply. I applied and was approved a few days before May 1<sup>st</sup> so they were going to make my benefits available to me on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of all the issues I was facing, I asked them if they could move it up to May 1<sup>st</sup> and they did! I can go to any Dr however if I go out of plan I am responsible for 40% of the bill up to a certain amount after I reach my deductible. If I stay in my plan (which all my Drs amazingly were in my plan), my out of pocket is 20% of the bill after I reach the deductible up to a certain amount. Here is the link to sign up and if you want to get a lot of questions answered visit our edbain.com web site and near the bottom of the main page I've added a link to their website as well as a copy of a recent on line chat question they just had with the Insurance company. Susan Sweeney-Bain

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Ed is often mistaken for Jack Nicholson when he wears his sunglasses especially when he is visiting his favorite racetrack Santa Anita.

Ed was introduced to racing at an early age by his Uncle Frankie Sostillio who to this day does not remember taking Ed to the track however he loves taking the credit and Ed's been attending the races ever since.

Ed is the first to admit that even though he's been betting all these years he did not make a living betting on the horses until 1994 after he tracked his own racing statistics.



#### MARK CRAMER

Mark Cramer, a well known and respected horse racing handicapper is the author of over 20 books, including Travel books on International travel, horse racing books and Newsletters. Mark currently authors the C & X report, a monthly Newsletter on horse racing and just recently completed a novel titled *Tropical Downs*. For details on these publications please visit Mark's website: [www.altiplanopublications.com](http://www.altiplanopublications.com)

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#### SUSAN SWEENEY BAIN

Susan met Ed Bain in 1991. Ed introduced Susan to racing on their first date where Ed won a dollar Trifecta wager for \$1,100. Ed backed this bet up with another win, an exacta for \$250 and Ed had Susan collect the winnings which he split fully with her that same day. From that point on Susan was hooked. Though she did not make her own wagers for 3 years, Susan enjoyed a first hand account of Ed's success, from the development of his 4 + 30 statistics to his progression into a full time professional player. Along with Ed's statistics Susan applies physicality and other statistical factors to her daily bets.