

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

The **BEST** first-timers' guide to betting on—and
winning at—the races you'll **EVER** encounter

WELCOME TO THE RACES!

- If you're new to the **sport** of harness racing, there's a good chance you're new to the **game** of pari-mutuel wagering, too.
- Don't let all the numbers and statistics in the racing program and on the tote board intimidate you—**they're your keys** to a better shot at **winning** at the races!
- This PowerPoint presentation, while it can't be as interactive as a trusted friend who just happens to be a seasoned racetracker, will walk you through some key things to look for to make your first time at the races a lot less confusing, a lot more fun, and hopefully **PROFITABLE!**

PART 3 – THE PROGRAM

The guide to the stats of the **sport** that gives us an edge on the **game**

THE RACING PROGRAM

- The racing program, full of numbers, abbreviations, and symbols, is your guide to the **past performances** of each horse in each race on today's program.
- **Don't be intimidated!** Knowing what to look for and what information to compare from one horse to the next, we can dissect the past performance lines to judge the ability of each horse in the race, and make comparisons to help us make **educated**—and hopefully **winning**—wagers.

ANATOMY OF THE PROGRAM

8	1 MILE PACE	Claiming \$12,500	EXACTA-TRIFECTA SUPERFECTA
	PURSE \$10,000 Friday, March 8, 2013 HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA		

PLEASE ASK FOR HORSE BY PROGRAM NUMBER

Date	Trk	Purse	FL U/D Tc Tmp	Det Med Clm	Class	Dis	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Ind 4/4	Ind 1/4 Time	Ind Odds	Ind Drv	Trn	Order of Finish First Second Third	Sts	
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(courtesy US Trotting Association)

Race Information – Race number, gait, purse, distance, and conditions

Wagering Menu – Available wagers in addition to win, place, and show

Horse Information – Horse number, name, owner/trainer/driver, lifetime and seasonal records

Past Performances – The statistics of recent races

HORSE INFORMATION



- The horse we're looking at is racing from **post position #1** (the extreme inside), and is wearing **saddle pad #1**, which is **RED**.
- He is eligible to be claimed (purchased) for \$12,500, which corresponds with the conditions of the race that we saw before.
- His **morning line** is 4-1. The morning line is the track handicapper's prediction of the final odds, (**remember, the actual odds change as you bet!**) and can often be used to quickly determine what horses will likely be bet heavier than others.

HORSE INFORMATION

ERIC GOODELL (39) wh-r blu-l blu (227-30-41-32-279)

JUXASPORT (L)

LAST 5 STARTS-\$19,125

JUXASPORT is the name of the horse, and he's driven by **Eric Goodell**. In 227 races from the year to date effective the printing of the above example, Eric won 30 races, finished second 41 times, and third 32 times. His **Universal Driver Rating**, .279, is calculated with the following formula, with **w** representing wins, **p** 2nd place finishes, and **s** 3rd place finishes:

$$(9w + 5p + 3s)/9$$

Juxasport has made **\$19,125** in his five most recent starts.

Tr-ALFREDO COLLAZO (9-1-1-1-.210)
b g 5 by Sportsmaster-Juxtaposition-Cole Muffler
Virgil Addison, Philadelphia, PA

Juxasport is a **five-year-old bay gelding** from parents **Sportsmaster** (sire/father) and Juxtaposition (dam/mother). Cole Muffler is the sire of the dam, or the maternal grandfather.

Juxasport is owned by Virgil Addison, and trained by **Alfredo Collazo** (1 for 9 YTD, with a .210 UTR).

HORSE INFORMATION

Year	Races	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Earnings	Fastest win, location, going
2013	0	0	0	0	\$0	
2012	27	5	4	2	\$36,902	1:52 ⁴ Chst ⁵ / ₈ ft
Life	61	10	12	7	\$83,299	4, 1:52 ⁴ Chst ⁵ / ₈ ft

- Juxasport has made **\$83,299** in **61** career races, **winning 10** of them, and finishing “in the money” (top three) in 29 of them. He’s making his first start of 2013, but in 2012, he won **5 of 27** races, finished in the money in 11 of them, and earned **\$36,902**.
- His lifetime mark—his fastest win—came as a four-year-old at Chester, a 5/8-mile track, winning in 1:52-4/5 on a fast track. Remember, nearly all races are a mile!

PAST PERFORMANCE LINES

	Date	Track	Purse	Going/Temp	Med	Condition
More Recent	3- 1	13 13Phl	8500	gd 44-1	L	Qua
	12-14	12 7Phl	8500	ft 49	L	10000CL
	12- 6	12 7Phl	8500	ft 41	L	10000CL
	11-25	12 10Phl	8500	ft 40	L	10000CL
Less Recent	11-16	12 7Phl	8500	ft 46	L	10000CL
	11- 9	12 7Phl	8500	ft 52	L	10000CL
	11- 2	12 3Phl	8500	ft 51	L	10000CL

The left side of the past performance lines shows us general information about when and where a horse's most recent races were, the weather and track conditions, and the purses and conditions of those races—giving us an idea of how difficult the competition was.

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Juxasport, who is racing against **\$12,500 claimers** in our example, was racing in \$10,000 claimers most recently, so he's facing **slightly more difficult company** after taking some time off (2-1/2 months between his last start for purse and a **qualifier**—a non-betting race used to make sure horses are competitive enough to race, or when horses return from a layoff).

PAST PERFORMANCE LINES

	Leader's Split Times				Post	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Ind: LQ/Time
More Recent	30 ²	101 ³	130 ³	159 ²	4	2 ¹	21½	2 ⁰ 1	2¾	41½	28 ⁴ 159 ³
	27 ³	58	126 ³	155	1	11¾	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼	28 ² 155
	26 ⁴	55	124 ¹	153 ²	1	4 ⁴	4 ⁰ 3	2 ⁰ ¼	2¼	11¾	29 ¹ 153 ²
	27 ¹	56 ²	125	154 ²	1	43½	4 ⁰ 4¼	2 ⁰ 1¼	21¼	1 ¹	29 ¹ 154 ²
Less Recent	27 ³	56 ³	124 ⁴	153 ²	3	2 ⁰ ¼	11½	1 ^{ns}	1¼	21½	28 ⁴ 153 ³
	27	55 ⁴	124 ¹	153 ³	5	2 ⁰ 1¼	11¼	1½	11¼	1¾	29 ² 153 ³
	27 ²	56 ³	125 ¹	154 ³	4	6 ⁷	6 ⁰ 6½	4 ⁰ 4¼	33½	31¾	29 155

Next, we find the “running lines” from each race—a summary of what happened on the track. First are the leader’s **split times and final time**—giving us a clear picture of the pace of the race. These times are in minutes and seconds (but without the colon), with the superscript number indicating **fifths** of seconds.

PAST PERFORMANCE LINES

	Leader's Split Times				Post	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Ind: LQ/Time
More Recent	30 ²	101 ³	130 ³	159 ²	4	2 ¹	2 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{0 1}	2 ^{3/4}	4 ^{1 1/2}	28 ⁴ 159 ³
	27 ³	58	126 ³	155	1	11 ^{3/4}	11 ^{1/4}	11 ^{1/4}	11 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1 1/4}	28 ² 155
	26 ⁴	55	124 ¹	153 ²	1	4 ⁴	4 ^{0 3}	2 ^{0 1/4}	2 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1 3/4}	29 ¹ 153 ²
	27 ¹	56 ²	125	154 ²	1	4 ^{3 1/2}	4 ^{0 4 1/4}	2 ^{0 1 1/4}	2 ^{1 1/4}	1 ¹	29 ¹ 154 ²
Less Recent	27 ³	56 ³	124 ⁴	153 ²	3	2 ^{0 1/4}	11 ^{1/2}	1 ^{ns}	1 ^{1/4}	2 ^{1 1/2}	28 ⁴ 153 ³
	27	55 ⁴	124 ¹	153 ³	5	2 ^{0 1 1/4}	11 ^{1/4}	1 ^{1/2}	11 ^{1/4}	1 ^{3/4}	29 ² 153 ³
	27 ²	56 ³	125 ¹	154 ³	4	6 ⁷	6 ^{0 6 1/2}	4 ^{0 4 1/4}	3 ^{3 1/2}	3 ^{1 3/4}	29 155

This is followed by the individual horse's **charted line**—consisting of its ordinal position and lengths off the lead at: 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, 3/4 mile, and “top of the stretch” (7/8 mile). If a horse is in the lead (1st place), the margin indicates its lead over the second-place horse.

Key symbols:

° = two-wide at call

°° = three-wide at call

x = broke stride

i = suffered interference

ix = broke as a result of interference

be = broken equipment

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More Recent	30 ²	101 ³	130 ³	159 ²	4	2 ¹	21½	2° ¹	2¾	41½	28 ⁴ 159 ³
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	27 ²	56 ³	125 ¹	154 ³	4	6 ⁷	6° ⁶	4° ⁴	3¾	31¾	29 155

- Lastly, we see the horse's individual last quarter-mile and final times. Remember, a horse can lose ground because of circumstances that present themselves in the race—yielding to the pocket, being locked in behind a tiring horse, etc. If a horse shows a **strong last quarter** and is **advancing late in the race**, any loss of ground can likely be excused.
- Also, as before, give extra consideration to horses who advance or maintain position to the finish after covering extra ground.

PAST PERFORMANCE LINES

	Odds	Driver	Trainer	First Three Finishers	# of horses
More Recent	NB	ErGoodell	AlCollazo	CobaltMan,SeaVentre,DremsArRI	-8
	*.40	YaGingras	RoGreenwood	Juxasport,JefrsPrty,VinegrJoe	-7
	2.30	YaGingras	RoGreenwood	Juxasport,JefrsPrty,KelysSpur	-8
	*1.60	YaGingras	RoGreenwood	Juxasport,JefrsPrty,SecrtgntC	-8
Less Recent	*1.60	YaGingras	RoGreenwood	JefrsPrty,Juxasport,OneChaser	-8
	5.70	DaMiller	RoGreenwood	Juxasport,DialADgn,WstrnAvne	-7
	12.50	GNapolitnoJr	RoGreenwood	HeDCIMn,TheEncntr,Juxasport	-8

- The final segment shows each horse's **decimal odds** (from part 1), **driver**, and **trainer**. This is followed by the **top three finishers** from the race, and lastly the **number of horses** in the race.
- An **asterisk** next to the odds indicates that the horse was the **betting favorite**.

GOOD LUCK! (AND WE MEAN IT!)

When we say “have fun and win money”, **we mean it!** We want you to make educated wagers (hence this lesson in our sport and our game), and we want you to cash on those wagers, because **winning is FUN!**

Remember, you’re betting against each other, **not the track.** (So we really do want you to have a profitable night at the races.)