



Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds
Second Looks
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The more handicappers practice their craft, the better they become, right? Not always. A serious handicapper keeps detailed notes on how their selections fared, but that's because they're really anal and don't have a life outside of horseracing, right? No, it's because hindsight is 20/20. One can look back and recognize strengths and weaknesses in their reasoning and handicapping angles. Newcomers to the sport and weekend warriors should take note, or rather, lots of notes. It will improve your game, trust me.



Its a good idea for all handicappers to keep a record of the tracks they bet, types of races and their race picks. A few times during the racing meet, the handicapper should review their records and note not only the tracks where they fared the best, but also how well their selections did and the types of races they were winning. Look at the races where you figuratively had your butt kicked and review the past performances for the clues and angles you missed. As a newcomer and weekend warrior, you should keep the past performances at least until the end of the meet. Serious handicappers are hoarders and NEVER throw anything away. Fortunately, the majority of them can now store their vast collections on the computer and sell the yellowed, dog-eared

paper as collector's items, if they can bear to part with them.

This is the time of year many handicappers are reflecting on their game. The winter meets are winding down and the big spring races are going full tilt. With only three weeks until the big dance of the Kentucky Derby, you can be sure everyone is reviewing their notes while studying past performances and videos looking for their Derby horses. Since January, we've done extensive study and handicapping of the three year old stakes races in preparation for the Triple Crown races. Let's take a look at the scorecard.

With the majority of the Derby and Oaks prep races in the books we decided to review how well our selections fared at the track. Our best tracks seem to be Florida (no surprise there), New York and Santa Anita. Maybe there's something to that Pro-Ride surface after all. We did ok at Hawthorne and Oaklawn too. Our picks at Fairgrounds were well, fair and please don't make us go back to Turfway or Keeneland because we detest that Polytrack surface.



So far this year, we've offered analysis and selections of 30 Kentucky Derby and Oaks prep races combined. We picked four horses in every race except the Whirlaway, where we selected three. Overall, we selected 119 horses in 30 races, provided the winners of 18 of those races, 19 place finishers and 17 show finishers. 13 of

our selections held on for fourth money. We hit 15 exactas, one quinilla, eight trifectas and two supers. A breakdown of the races and selections are available on the Race Selections page.

Scorecard:

30 Races, 119 selections:

67% ran 1 - 4

18 winners - 60%

19 second - 64%

17 third - 57%

13 fourth - 44%

15 exactas (1 quinilla) total payout: \$909.90

8 trifectas total payout: \$ 2,916.70

2 superfectas (no super wagering for those races)