

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro

for Windows

"The complete thoroughbred horserace handicapping system"

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Introduction

Welcome to Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro, the complete thoroughbred horserace handicapping system!

Powerful, yet easy to use for either the inexperienced horse player or computer user, you can handicap a race by using the mouse exclusively. In fact, there are very few places within the program that require any typing at all. Handicap a typical race in as little as 10 minutes.

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro uses a combination of commonly used handicapping techniques, assigning more points to data that weighs more heavily on the horses ability and chances for success.

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro provides both basic and advanced handicapping. Basic handicapping is considerably faster, while advanced handicapping is more thorough, but requires more time and handicapping knowledge.

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro also allows you to track all your wagers, including your net profit or loss for each individual race and for the day.

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro provides two different well-designed and professionally done reports. The **Individual Race Report** lists the predicted order of finish for that given race, the point score for each horse, and the acceptable odds for wagering on each horse. This report also includes all the wagering information and results for that race. The **Registered Version** provides an Enhanced report which includes additional information and is printed out in a form-type format (border and grid lines separating each row and column). Additional blank columns are included in the enhanced report for writing in Finish Position; Payoff; Comments; etc. The reports may be printed and taken to the track to bet off of and to enter the results of the day's races. The **Wager Summary Report** summarizes all the wagers made for that day and provides you with your overall net profit or loss. The **Registered Version** provides an Enhanced report that is printed out in a form-type format (border and grid lines separating each row and column).

One of the best features of Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro is the ability to customize how Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro calculates the points for each horse (only available in the **Registered Version**). You can modify how much "weight" or percentage of the total score is assigned to each handicapping option, such as Finish Position, Lengths Behind Winner, Beyer Speed Rating, etc. This enables you to design your very own handicapping system!

We make no guarantees as to your own personal success in using Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro. However, by using the information provided by Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro **AND** your own common sense and good judgment, your chances of leaving the track with money in your pocket, hopefully with more than you started with, are improved considerably.

While we hope Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro will prove financially beneficial, be sure to make your wagers wisely and never bet more than you can afford to lose. Most of all, have fun at the track!

Installation

1. Start Microsoft Windows.
2. Insert Disk 1 - Setup in drive A or drive B as appropriate.
3. From Program Manager, select File menu and choose Run.
4. Type a:\setup or b:\setup, depending upon which drive Disk 1 - Setup is in, and press ENTER.
5. The installation program will now begin. Follow the instructions on the screen.
6. After successful installation, a Program Group will be created that contains all the program icons for Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro.
 - 7a. Select Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro to start the program
 - 7b. Select Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro Help to initiate the on-line help system
 - 7c. Select Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro Manual to load the on-disk User's Manual (this file)

Quick Start

Before getting started, you should have a copy of The Daily Racing Form in front of you for the day's race you want to handicap. The Daily Racing Form may be purchased at least one day in advance of the race date at numerous locations such as: News Stands; Convenience Stores; Grocery Stores; Drug Stores; etc.

Below are simplified step-by-step instructions for using Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro. More detailed instructions are provided within this manual, by pressing the F1 key to access help on each individual screen or searching through the Help Contents screen.

- 1) Create a new file by selecting New, under the File menu.
- 2) Select Track under the Enter Race Info menu. Setup each race on the card, or just the ones you are interested in. Select the Enter Horses command button to open the Horse Race Entry Screen. On this screen, enter the names of all the horses competing in that particular race in the order of their Post Position.
- 3) Select Individual Race under the Enter Race Info menu. Enter handicapping information for each horse in the race.
- 4) When through handicapping, select Make Wagers under the Wagers menu to enter any wagers you know in advance you are going to make.
- 5) Under Reports menu, print desired report(s) to either printer or to the screen.

Well, that's about it for the basics! You are now ready to begin. As mentioned above, you can access Help during any part of Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro by simply pressing the F1 key.

Also, a sample file (**LD092693**) is included that you can open. This should provide additional help and ideas on how to use the program.

File Dialog Box

Select or enter the name of the **New** file you want to create or the existing file you wish to **Open**. You may enter a description for each file that will help identify the file. Information such as Racetrack and Race Date might be helpful. Whenever you select **OK** to create or open a file, whatever text that is in the **Description** text box will be saved with the file.

You may also permanently delete files from within the File Dialog Box.

Race Track Setup Screen

In this screen you enter the necessary setup information for each race of the day, or just the ones you are interested in.

Race Date:

Enter date of the races

Race Track:

Enter name of the race track

Describe:

For each race, you may enter a short description which will be included in the reports. A typical description might be "6-1/2f - 15000 Clm" or "Maiden Special Weight", but you may enter whatever you wish.

Enter Horses

Click on this button to open the **Racehorse Entry Screen**, where you enter all the horses entered in each particular race.

Entries:

The number in this box tells you how many horses are entered in the race. This information is taken from the number of entries entered in the **Racehorse Entry Screen**.

Racehorse Entry Screen

Enter the names of the horses competing in the race in the order of their Post Position.

Past Performance Input Screen

The Past Performance Input Screen is where you enter the information for each horse that will be used to determine the horse's point score and the acceptable odds for wagering on that particular horse. All the information on this screen can be found in the Daily Racing Form.

Race #1 refers to the horse's most recent race, Race #2 the second most recent, and Race #3 the third most recent. The lower half of the screen is for Advanced Handicapping. It will only be available if **Advanced Handicapping** has been turned on. This option is available under the **Options** menu on the Main Menu.

BASIC HANDICAPPING

Didn't Finish "x" Races

Select this option if the horse did not complete all 3 races. By complete, we mean actually finish the race. If the horse competed in a race but failed to finish because he stopped, lost his rider, etc., then completely disregard the race as though the horse was never entered.

If the horse has never competed in or finished a race, select **Didn't Finish Any Races** under Race #1. If the horse has raced only once, select **Didn't Finish 2 Races** under Race #2. If the horse has only two previous races, select **Didn't Finish 3 Races** under Race #3.

Last Call

Select the position of the horse at the last call of the race. This number is located to the immediate left of the horse's finish position.

Finish

Select the position the horse finished the race.

Behind

Select the distance the horse finished behind the winning horse. If the horse won, select the distance he finished ahead of the horse finishing second.

Trouble

This refers to whether the horse experienced any problems during the race. Examples would be: "4 Wide", "Steadied", "Bobbled Start", etc. You should not consider comments such as: "Weakened", "Tired", etc., as a Troubled Race. These comments describe the horse's performance, not an unexpected problem.

Select Yes or No, whichever is appropriate.

Races Run This Year

Select the total number of races run so far during the current racing season.

Amount Won This Year

Select the total amount of money won so far during the current racing season

Past Performance Input Screen (continued)

ADVANCED HANDICAPPING

Jockey Win %

Select the winning percentage of the jockey who gets the ride in today's race.

Trainer Win %

Select the winning percentage of the trainer.

Suited To Race Distance

This requires some study and may be best left to more experienced handicappers.

If the majority of the horse's last 5 or 6 races have been at a significantly different distance than today's race, we need to determine whether today's race distance may help or hurt the horse's chances.

Moving From Shorter Distances To A Longer Distance - If you see a pattern of the horse always closing strong, but not winning, this would be a sign that the horse might be **Better Suited** for a longer distance. By closing strong, we mean the horse shows a significant improvement in position from the Last Call to the Finish -- from 7th to 4th, 6th to 3rd, etc. In contrast, if the horse has consistently lost ground from the Final Call to the Finish -- from 2nd to 5th, 4th to 7th, etc., the horse would appear **Less Suited** to a longer distance.

Moving From Longer Distances To A Shorter Distance - If the horse shows a pattern of being in good position at the Last Call, but finishing poorly -- 1st to 4th, 3rd to 7th, etc., then the horse would seem **Better Suited** for a shorter race. If, however, the horse consistently closes strong and improves his position from the Last Call to the Finish -- 4th to 2nd, 7th to 4th, etc., then the horse would appear to be **Less Suited** for a shorter distance.

If you have any doubts whether the horse might be **Better Suited** or **Less Suited**, you should stay with the default, **Same**.

Not Raced Within A Month

Select if has been at least 30 days since the horse last raced.

Last Race Different Track

Select if the last race the horse ran was at a different track than today's race.

Route-Post Position #1

If this race is longer than 7 furlongs, but shorter than 1-1/8 Miles, then select if the horse is racing from Post Position #1.

Route-Post Position #2,#3

If this race is longer than 7 furlongs, but shorter than 1-1/8 Miles, then select if the horse is racing from Post Position #2 or Post Position #3.

Turf - 4th Plus On Turf

If this race is on turf, then review all of the horse's past performance listings in the Daily Racing

Form. If the horse has ran any races on turf in the past where he finished 4th or better or finished 4 lengths or less behind the winner, select this option.

Wagers

This screen is where you enter your wagering information for all the races.

Wager On...

Select the horse you are wagering on. Select EXOTIC if you are not betting on a single horse, but a Daily Double, Exacta, etc.

Wager Type

Select the type of wager you are making. If not listed, type it in manually.

Amount

Select the amount you are wagering. If not listed, type it in manually.

Won

Select this box if you won your bet.

Lost

Select this box if you lost your bet.

Payoff

Enter the payoff for your wager. As listed on the tote board at the track and in the newspaper, payoff entered is for a \$2.00 wager.

Profit/Loss

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro automatically calculates and prints the amount won or lost for each wager.

NOTE:

Each bet is for a single wager. Bets such as \$2 Across the Board must be entered separately. In this instance, you would have three separate bets -- \$2 to Win, \$2 to Place, and \$2 to Show.

Individual Race Report

The Individual Race Report lists the predicted order of finish for that given race, the point score for each horse and the acceptable odds for wagering on each horse. This report also includes all the wagering information and results for that race. The **Registered Version** provides an Enhanced report which includes additional information and is printed out in a form-type format (border and grid lines separating each row and column). Additional blank columns are included in the enhanced report for writing in Finish Position; Payoff; Comments; etc. The reports may be printed and taken to the track to bet off of and to enter the results of the day's races. The enhanced report will print out almost identically to the screen display of the report.

Acceptable Odds: This column, abbreviated **ACPT** on the printed report, provides probably the most useful information on the report. The odds listed for each horse are the lowest odds that Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro recommends considering making a wager on. For example, if a horse's Acceptable Odds is listed at 5/1, you should consider wagering on this particular horse only if the horse's Actual Odds are 5/1 or higher (6/1, 8/1, 12/1, etc.). The greater the difference, the more highly recommended the wager would be.

NOTE: How the Advanced Handicapping option effects the Individual Race Report

The Advanced Handicapping option, accessed through the **Options** menu, controls whether the user may access the advanced handicapping options located on the bottom half of the Past Performance Input Screen. However, it can also effect the horse's point score on this report. If you have the Advanced Handicapping option on, the report will use this information when calculating the point score. However, if you later turn this option off, the report will disregard any advanced handicapping information previously entered when calculating the horse's point score.

Wager Summary Report

The Wager Summary Report summarizes all the wagers made for the day and provides you with the overall net profit or loss. The **Registered Version** provides an Enhanced report that is printed in a form-type format (border and grid lines separating each row and column). The enhanced report will print out almost identically to the screen display of the report.

Point Scoring Customization

This feature, only available in the **Registered Version**, allows the user to set how much emphasis, or weight, is assigned to each criteria that Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro uses to calculate the point totals for each horse. Modifying the values on this screen enables you to create your very own handicapping system!

The higher the number, the greater amount of emphasis is put on that scoring option. Selecting zero (0) causes Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro to completely disregard that scoring option.

Selecting the Default button will restore the scoring options to their original default values.

Any changes you make will be saved and used in the future whenever you create a new file or open an existing file.

Allow Extra Points For Troubled Race:

This option requires an explanation. For each race, Race #1, #2, and #3, Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro first adds the points earned (if any) for Last Call, Finish, Lengths Behind Winner, and Beyer Speed Rating. If the horse had a troubled race (**Yes** was selected for **Trouble** for that particular race in the Past Performance Input Screen) and **Allow Extra Points For Troubled Race** is set to **Yes**, then this score is increased by the number shown for **% Added**. For instance, if **% Added** is 25, then the points earned for that particular race would be increased by 25%. If **Allow Extra Points For Troubled Race** is set to **No**, then no additional points are given, regardless of what is shown for **% Added**.

Advanced Handicapping

The Advanced Handicapping option, accessed through the **Options** menu, controls whether the user may access the advanced handicapping located on the bottom half of the **Past Performance Input Screen**. You turn Advanced Handicapping on or off by selecting the menu item. When a check mark appears to the left of the text, Advanced Handicapping is enabled.

The Advanced Handicapping option can also effect the point scores listed on the Individual Race Report. If you have the Advanced Handicapping option on, the report will use this information when calculating the point score. However, if you later turn this option off, the report will disregard any advanced handicapping information you previously entered when calculating the horse's point score.

Help System

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro provides a very thorough on-line help system. The help system may be initiated from the Help menu (within the Main Menu) or by pressing the F1 key at any given time.

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro's help system is context-sensitive. This means that when you press the F1 key to initiate help, the help system will automatically go to the help topic that applies to your current location within the program.

Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro Registration Form

Upon registering, you will be sent a disk containing the current registered version of Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro. Registration provides the following benefits:

- 1) THE LEGAL RIGHT TO CONTINUE USING THOROUGHBRED HANDICAPPER PRO
- 2) Enables the Point Score Customization feature
- 3) Enables the Enhanced version of both the Individual Race Report and the Wager Summary Report
- 4) Notification of all future upgrades and the option to purchase any upgrade for 65% off the retail price
- 5) Technical support via US Mail, Compuserve (71742,3632), or AOL (WWindTech)

Registration permits the user the license to use the registered version of Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro only on a single computer; a registered user may use the program on a different computer, but may not use the program on more than one computer at the same time. Unauthorized duplication or distribution of the registered version of Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro is strictly prohibited.

To register Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro, complete this form and mail it along with a check or money order made out to Whirlwind Technologies to:

Whirlwind Technologies, P.O. Box 1063, Van, TX 75790

The registered version of the program will be sent on 3.5" disk(s), unless specified otherwise.

You may also Register By Credit Card or Register Through Compuserve (refer to the following page for details).

PRODUCT: THOROUGHBRED HANDICAPPER PRO

VERSION: 2.0

COST: \$30.00

QUANTITY: _____

TOTAL: _____

SHIP TO:

Name: _____

Address1: _____

Address2: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Where did you get your shareware copy of Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro?

Credit Card Registration

You can order with MC, Visa, Amex, or Discover from Public (software) Library by calling 800-2424-PSL or 713-524-6394 or by FAX to 713-524-6398 or by CIS Email to 71355,470. You can also mail credit card orders to PsL at P.O. Box 35705, Houston, TX 77235-5705. The product number for Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro is #11045.

THE ABOVE NUMBERS ARE FOR ORDERS ONLY:

Any questions about the status of the shipment of the order, refunds, registration options, product details, technical support, site licenses, etc., must be directed to Whirlwind Technologies at P.O. Box 1063, Van, TX 75790.

To insure that you get the latest version, PsL will notify us the day of your order and we will ship the product directly to you

Register Through Compuserve

You may also register through Compuserve. To register, GO SWREG. Thoroughbred Handicapper Pro's Registration ID is 1668.

The registration price will be charged to your Compuserve account.

