TrackMaster Performance Cycles Lite Tutorial

Intro: The following tutorial explains the various components of the TrackMaster Performance Cycles Lite product as well as giving guidance on some of the different ways to interpret the data found in these valuable reports. The Performance Ratings are explained and the different parts of the reports are described.

Performance Ratings: The Performance Ratings are the core numbers used in the Performance Cycles reports. They are calculated using a complex algorithm, which incorporates final time, pace and class to rate a horse's past efforts. (In quarter horse races, there is no pace adjustment applied.) The **lower the rating the better**, so the best rating a horse can earn is a zero while the worst possible rating is a 50. Races where ratings can't be determined will be marked with an X. Whatever type of race, a ratings difference of three points or more is considered significant.

Performance Cycles Lite provides an easy to use reference guide for key information found in the detailed reports. Information deemed noteworthy by the user can be highlighted or circled for easy reference. The top three horses in each of the four Performance Rating categories are listed in rank order. The top Projected Performance Rated horse in each race is indicated with a white program number on a black field.

Race Header: The race header for each race contains the race number, post time, class, distance and Performance Rating Par of the race. The race conditions, purse value and wagering options are also provided.

Performance Rating Par: This number is a gauge as to the Performance Rating that will probably need to be garnered to win today's race. The number is normally based on the efforts of today's field over the last six months. In races with lightly raced horses or many first time starters, the number is based on races of today's type and class at today's track over the last two years.

Composite Ratings: Each horse's Composite Ratings (total of four) can be found in the report. The ratings are as follows:

- **Projected Performance Rating (Proj PR):** This is the expected rating the horse will produce today. A complex algorithm is used to determine this number. Performance Cycle Patterns, Composite Ratings, today's pace scenario, ratings consistency and positive jockey influence are all factored into this highly effective rating. An up arrow symbol will appear after this rating if there is room for improvement. A down arrow suggests a possible downside. A question mark signifies a particularly uncertain rating, such as the horse being idle for more than six months, not running in a race at today's distance/surface in the last twelve months, etc.

- **Last Performance Rating (Last PR):** The latest Performance Rating a horse has earned. Barring any legitimate excuses in the last race, this rating normally is a valid indicator of current form.

- **Best Performance Rating (Best PR):** The best Performance Rating earned at today's distance and surface on the twelve-month graph. If a long shot ranks in the top three in this category, make sure to take a closer look at the horse to determine if it can run back to that performance again today.

- **Good Performance Rating (Good PR):** The average of a horse's two most recent good races. (A good race must have occurred in the last six months to qualify. If only one race qualifies, the

rating of that race is used.) Another spot to check for long shots ranked in the top three.

Note: A good race for Thoroughbreds is a race in which a horse has an official finish of first, second, or third, or otherwise a finish within two lengths of the winner in a sprint, or in routes, a finish within three lengths of the winner. For Quarter Horse races, a race in which a horse has an official finish of first, second, or third, or otherwise in races less than or equal to 440 yards, a finish within one length of the winner, or in races longer than 440 yards, a finish within two lengths of the winner.

Epilog: In conclusion, TrackMaster Performance Cycles Lite will give you the needed edge over the competition to allow you to make intelligent wagering choices. The composite ratings provide clear, concise insights regarding how well a horse should perform today.