

# Suggestions for using Top Turf Today in a profitable manner.

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What are we searching for in Top Turf Today that constitutes a good betting opportunity?

- Obviously, solid past performance ratings that are par or better. When a field is strong with horses running better than par, it is usually unwise to look elsewhere. By this I mean, first time turf horses or turf horses invading from a turf circuit not covered in Top Turf Today. Conversely, when the ratings of a given field are void of horses breaking par, take a good look at those first time turf horses.

They are in a good spot to be able to compete if they handle the turf.

- Look for bad grades, D's and F's versus A's and B's. You want to look long and hard at any horse that has been unlucky enough to run D, F, or FF in his recent races. These runners had the race set against them. They might be a little short on figures, but they often go off at generous odds. On the other hand, look for reasons why horses receiving recent A or B grades can be bet against. A horse that runs close to par, but received an A in his last race, is a very beatable low priced horse.

( i.e., you want to play 28F to beat 30A )

- Look for trip trouble horses, especially when solid pace is involved. With video replays very available to many horseplayers, it's not such an advantage anymore to know that a horse was 3 wide both turns, and blocked 1 length in the stretch. The mathematics to measure this is fairly simply, but when you add pace to the equation, things are more complex, and hidden. Strong pace + Wide = Hidden effort

**Combine one, two, or all three of the above, with handicapping tools that are found in DRF or Brisnet, and you go from a solid betting opportunity to a great one. You should be looking for a recent "upgrade" for a given horse. Here are some of them:**

- Recent change of trainer to a higher % barn.
- Sharp workouts recently.
- Change of equipment or medication
- Best of all, sharp works since equipment or medication change.
- Change to a better **turf** rider. (Who rides in a given grass race is much more significant than in a dirt race. Most young riders see the grass so much less than the dirt, that it is hard for them to master the grass early on. You need a price to play unproven turf jockeys.)

**The combination of a strong Top Turf Today performance rating, that is hidden, ( a poor letter grade and/or bad trip notation ), and an "upgrade" since a horse ran last, makes for a superior wagering opportunity. If you have patience, and look for this combination, you will greatly enhance your chances for profit.**