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Pace Top and Flop

The Set Up - It is common knowledge that when a horse runs a new lifetime best speed rating (a.k.a. a new top) that horse is likely to run a lower speed figure in his or her next race. This is referred to as a horse "regressing" to a lower speed figure. Every horse, just like human runners, go through form cycles throughout the year and over their career. Peaks in performance are typically followed by valleys in performance and the cycle repeats. While regressing off a new speed top is well known, regressing off a pace top is a truly a best kept secret angle.

The Pace Top and Flop features horses that did not run a top speed rating but did run a top pace figure. Then just as we see with a horse running a top speed figure, a horse running a top pace figure is highly likely to regress next time out. Looking at just speed ratings won't reveal this secret angle and even the best handicappers miss it all the time.

Prove It! - The fifth race at Aqueduct on Sunday, 2/7/10 produced a good example of this angle. Courtesy of BRIS, the past performance record for #3 Matthew TC is shown below. Matthew TC was making his third start off the layoff, no rise in class, showed modest improvement in his second race and, looking just at his speed figure, it appeared that he would be making another move forward in this race. The public liked him enough to send him off at 9-2 odds. When it was all over, he finished a well beaten fifth as the result chart on the following page shows.

If we look back in his record we can see that on 4/18/09, he ran his lifetime best pace figures (first call = 92 and second call = 100) and posted a moderate speed rating of 84. In his very next race he flopped big time. Could have been the surface and distance chance but in his two races in May the pattern was repeated -- Pace Top and Flop.



AQUEDUCT - February 7, 2010 - Race 5

CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Four Year Old and Upward (NW1 6M) **Claiming Price:** \$10,000
Six Furlongs On The Inner track **Track Record:** (Captain Red - 1:07.93 - February 26, 2003)

Purse: \$15,000

Available Money: \$15,000

Value of Race: \$15,000 1st \$9,000, 2nd \$3,000, 3rd \$1,500, 4th \$750, 5th \$450, 6th \$75, 7th \$75, 8th \$75, 9th \$75

Weather: Clear **Track:** Fast

Off at: 2:24 **Start:** Good for all

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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
14Jan10 ¹ AQU ³	2	Hopeforthebest (Lopez, Antonio)	113	L	bf	2	2	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹	1 ²	3.85 speed rail, edge away
22Jan09 ⁹ AQU ⁴	5	Auto City (Lopez, Charles)	123	L	bf	5	1	2 ¹	2 ^{3 1/2}	2 ⁴	2 ^{2 1/2}	3.25 chased, willingly
20Jan10 ¹ AQU ⁵	1	Ferocious Won (Hill, Channing)	123	L	b	1	6	3 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	3 ¹	3 ^{Nose}	3.45 no match top pair
24Jan10 ⁵ AQU ²	7	Oedipus O'Neal (Dominguez, Ramon)	123	L		7	4	5 ¹	4 ²	4 ³	4 ^{6 1/4}	2.60* 3 wide around turn
16Jan10 ⁵ AQU ³	3	Matthew T C (Serpa, Angel)	118	L	b	3	3	4 ^{1 1/2}	5 ^{2 1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	5 ³	4.50 no threat
19Sep09 ⁵ SUF ⁶	6	Packer (Cobb, Amber)	113	L	bf	6	9	8 ^{1/2}	6 ¹	6 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{Neck}	108.75 awkward start
8Jan10 ⁹ AQU ⁹	4	Burns Up the Track (Bocachica, Orlando)	123	L	b	4	8	6 ^{Head}	7 ^{1/2}	7 ²	7 ⁶	54.75 urged turn, no gain
16Jan10 ⁸ AQU ¹¹	9	Natural Speed (Santiago, Victor)	123	L		8	7	9	8 ^{3 1/2}	8 ⁵	8 ^{6 3/4}	23.80 outrun
8Jan09 ⁵ AQU ⁶	10	Intimidating (Richards, Gary)	123	L	bf	9	5	7 ¹	9	9	9	127.75 displayed brief foot

Fractional Times: 23.60 47.09 59.22

Final Time: 1:12.05

Final Thoughts – The Flop and Top Angle works with horses of all ages and class levels running on any surface at any distance. It is most prevalent, however, in the following situations:

- Top pace figures first off the layoff
- Cheaper, older claiming and low level allowance horses
- Maiden claimers
- First off the claim
- Top pace figures posted while running on tiring tracks



Turf Marathon Turnbackers

The Set Up - Turf racing is vastly different from dirt racing in America. While dirt racing is all about speed, turf racing is all about stamina and closing kick. As horses progress through their form cycle during the season, one of the absolute best performance enhancing workouts is a marathon on the turf!

The TURF MARATHON TURNBACKER is a proven turf horse in a turf race that is turning back from a marathon distance in their previous start. We are looking for a turf race preferably at 1 ½ miles on the turf, although 1 3/8 miles or a similar distance will work.

We don't want to bet a horse that is off-form, but if you trust this angle you will notice some amazing turnaround performances. Just keep in mind to look for:

- A proven turf horse
- Turf marathon in prior start
- The horse ran evenly with the pack, showing it has the cruising speed to be competitive

Prove It – Since turf marathons are somewhat infrequent, this is not a pattern that you'll see every day, but it's exciting when it pops up. Here are three recent examples we were able to clean up on, all because of the Turf Marathon Turnbacker.

1) Cavan Thunder was running at Churchill on Nov. 27, 2009, and she wasn't respected at all at 26-1 in a field of 12 runners in the nightcap on Clark Handicap day. But what she had going for her was significant. She was coming off two turf marathons, including a very competitive race at Arlington Park on September 19 when she earned an 83 Beyer figure. Running back in another turf marathon (but not turning back), she obviously didn't care for the off turf. But at Churchill, she was in super form and she pounced on the competition.



She keyed some monster payoff on the day, and allowed us to hit a \$1 Pick Three that paid nearly \$7,000 by spreading in the first leg, then hitting Blame in the Clark, and Cavan Thunder.

Cavan Thunder

Own: Russell L. Reineman Stable Inc. and T

B. m. 5 (Apr)

Sire: Jump Start (A.P. Indy) \$10,000

Dam: Ingot's Dance Away (Gate Dancer)

Br: Foxtale Farm, LLC, Donato Lanni, William Duignan, et a (Ky)

Tr: Mitchell Anthony(1 0 0 0 .00) 2009:(71 10 .14)

28Jan10-3GP	fm	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ⓢ	:232 .464 1:111 1:401 4+ⓈOC 80k/n3x -N	73	3	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	75 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	58	Baird E T	120	18.10
27Nov09-12CD	fm	1 Ⓢ	:234 .471 1:122 1:372 3+ⓈAlw 50087N2x	86	6	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	38	34	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{3}{8}$	Baird E T	120	26.10
18Oct09-6Kee	yl	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ⓢ	:532 1:202 2:103 2:354 3+ⓈAlw 52060N2x	56	8	96	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{4}$	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sterling L J Jr	120	8.90
19Sep09-7AP	fm	*1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ⓢ	:52 1:183 2:093 2:34 3+ⓈClair Mrine53k	83	3	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	33	22	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	Campbell J M	118	8.80
28Aug09-8AP	fst	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ⓢ	:243 .49 1:14 1:453 3+ⓈAlw 32500N2x	76	8	54	54	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	3nk	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	Campbell J M	118	2.80
25Jly09-9AP	gd	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ⓢ	2:354 3+ⓈGaily57k	86	7	49	411	3nk	11	22	Campbell J M	118	11.00
1Jly09-6AP	fst	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ⓢ	:252 .501 1:144 1:451 3+ⓈAlw 30500N1x	75	3	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1hd	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Campbell J M	119	5.90
12Jun09-7AP	fm	*1 Ⓢ	:252 .502 1:144 1:374 3+ⓈAlw 30500N1x	69	1	65 $\frac{1}{4}$	64 $\frac{3}{4}$	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	74 $\frac{1}{4}$	42 $\frac{1}{4}$	Karlsson I	118	2.80
9Aug08-4AP	gd	*1 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ⓢ	:244 .494 1:152 1:452 ⓈHatoof54k	69	11	72 $\frac{3}{4}$	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	74 $\frac{3}{4}$	73 $\frac{1}{4}$	75 $\frac{1}{4}$	Sterling L J Jr	115	4.80
Run in divisions													
18Jly08-7AP	fm	*1 Ⓢ	:244 .484 1:154 1:41 3+ⓈMd Sp Wt 28k	79	3	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	71 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	76 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	Sterling L J Jr	120	8.80
6Oct07-1Kee	fst	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ⓢ	:242 .501 1:162 1:471 ⓈMd Sp Wt 50k	55	11	119	114 $\frac{3}{4}$	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	107 $\frac{3}{4}$	98 $\frac{1}{4}$	Baird E T	118	12.10
13Sep07-6AP	fm	*1 $\frac{1}{16}$ Ⓢ	:24 .492 1:143 1:463 ⓈMd Sp Wt 31k	56	3	610	77 $\frac{1}{2}$	96 $\frac{1}{2}$	77	42	Baird E T	118	13.40
17Aug07-5AP	gd	*1 Ⓢ	:242 .494 1:162 1:411 ⓈMd Sp Wt 30k	51	7	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	81 $\frac{1}{2}$	87 $\frac{1}{4}$	84 $\frac{3}{4}$	65 $\frac{3}{4}$	Torres F C	118	31.90

2) Sweetbriar Academy was another great example of this angle. On February 21, 2010 at Gulfstream, she was a 17-1 outsider in a wide open race of 10 fillies and mares going 7 1/2 furlongs on the turf. But as a longshot, she had several factors in her favor:

- She was making the second start of the year
- She was dropping from allowance into claiming company
- She was a Turf Marathon Turnbacker!

As you can see from her Daily Racing Form past performance below, she didn't look too hot coming into the race, which explained her odds. But turning for home, her stamina kicked in and she rolled through the stretch to run second at big odds, and was the key to cashing in on a \$1 Trifecta that paid \$1,260!



3 Sweetbriar Academy

Own: Marablu Farm LLC and Pegasus Stud LLC
6-1 Blue,white Belt, White Band On Sleeves \$30,000

Dk. b or br m. 6 (Apr)
Sire: Royal Academy (Nijinsky II)
Dam: Po Po Au Pooh (Tong Po)
Br: Pegasus Stud LLC & J Arriola (Ky)
Tr: Plesa Edward Jr(53 3 4 7 .06) 2009:(550 80 .15)

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LOPEZ P (166 16 26 21 .10) 2009: (1044 174 .17)

20Jan10-8GP fm	1½	Ⓢ	:48	1:13	2:02	3:27	4+	Ⓢ	Alw 37000N1x	61	2	55½	51¾	51¼	76¾	710½	Lopez P	L120 b	7.90
19Sep09-7Mth fm	1½	Ⓢ	:48	2:12	3:36	1:48	3+	Ⓢ	Clm 20000(20-18)	73	2	74½	74½	63	43¾	21¾	Lopez P	L119 b	3.40
13Aug09-7Mth fm	1	Ⓢ	:23	1:47	1:11	1:35	4+	Ⓢ	Clm 25000(25-20)N3L	73	3	63	83¼	75¼	62¾	2¾	Bravo J	L119 b	3.10
15Jly09-6Mth fm	1½	Ⓢ	:22	1:46	1:10	1:40	4+	Ⓢ	Clm 25000(25-20)N3L	76	4	45	48	45	23	23¾	Bravo J	L123 b	2.70
24Jun09-6Mth gd	1	Ⓢ	:22	1:46	1:10	1:35	4+	Ⓢ	Clm 20000(20-18)	68	7	32	31½	33½	34½	44	Hill C	L121 b	2.70
24May09-4Mth fm	1½	Ⓢ	:23	1:47	1:10	1:40	3+	Ⓢ	Clm 22000(22-18)	77	5	73¾	74¼	41½	2½	1¾	Lopez P	L119 b	5.40
25Apr09-11Crc	7½	f	:23	1:46	1:11	1:31	3+	Ⓢ	Clm 25000N2L	72	4	7	119	107¾	77¾	3¾	Bravo J	L123 b	*2.20
8Apr09-5GP fm	1½	Ⓢ	:50	1:14	1:38	1:49	4+	Ⓢ	Clm 20000(20-15)N2L	69	7	53½	65	74¾	42	2hd	Lopez P	L122 b	*2.50
26Feb09-6GP fm	1	Ⓢ	:23	1:47	1:11	1:35	4+	Ⓢ	Clm 35000(35-30)N2L	62	4	111	110	96¼	67½	510	Lopez P	L122 b	4.80

EIGHTH RACE Gulfstream

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

7½ FURLONGS. (Turf) (1.271) CLAIMING . Purse \$26,000 (includes \$6,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards) FOR FILLIES AND MARES FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON THREE RACES. Weight, 124 lbs. Non-winners of a race since January 21 Allowed 2 lbs. Claiming Price \$30,000, For Each \$2,500 To \$25,000 2 lbs. (Condition Eligibility). (If deemed inadvisable to run this race over the turf course, it will be run on the main track at Seven and One Half Furlongs).

Value of Race: \$20,000 Winner \$12,000; second \$4,000; third \$2,000; fourth \$800; fifth \$200; sixth \$200; seventh \$200; eighth \$200; ninth \$200; tenth \$200. Mutuel Pool \$364,242.00 Exacta Pool \$264,773.00 Trifecta Pool \$199,765.00 Superfecta Pool \$108,917.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A. Wt	PP	St	¼	½	Str	Fin	Jockey	Cl'g Pr	Odds \$1
6Nov09 8Aqu6	Elegant Bess	L	4	118	9	9	10	9hd	3hd	1nk	Lezcano J	25000 7.90
20Jan10 8GP7	SweetbriarAcademy	L b	6	122	3	3	5hd	5½	41½	21¾	Lopez P	30000 17.20
22Jan10 2GP4	Who Plays Brahms	L f	4	122	5	5	7½	82	6hd	3no	Decarlo C P	30000 6.70
13Jan10 2GP3	Selene's Delight	L b	4	122	2	2	81	7hd	51½	4nk	Bravo J	30000 1.70
30Jan10 4GP6	Lorraine in Spain	L b	4	122	1	1	4hd	4hd	2hd	5no	Maragh R	30000 7.40
30Jan10 4GP3	Watch Smartly	L f	5	122	4	4	21	2½	12	63¾	Castro E	30000 2.70
21Jan10 1GP7	Singita	L f	4	122	8	10	91½	10	7hd	7¾	Coa E M	30000 38.50
13Feb10 5GP5	Raisinaboveonly	L	5	122	10	8	12½	13	93	82½	Camilo C	30000 137.40
26Oct09 4Med2	Fulfilling	L b	4	122	6	6	3hd	31	81½	92¼	Prado E S	30000 8.50
31Jan10 5GP10	Believeinthemomnt	L	5	122	7	7	61½	6½	10	10	Aguilar M	30000 34.60

OFF AT 4:45 Start Good. Won driving. Course firm.

TIME :24¾, :47¼, 1:11¾, 1:29¼ (:24.64, :47.82, 1:11.79, 1:29.90)

9 - ELEGANT BESS.....	17.80	8.80	5.80
3 - SWEETBRIAR ACADEMY.....		15.20	7.40
5 - WHO PLAYS BRAHMS.....			5.40

\$2 EXACTA 9-3 PAID \$216.80 \$1 TRIFECTA 9-3-5 PAID \$1,259.30



Run Fresh, Then Regress

The Set Up - It is common knowledge that for a horse that is coming back from of lay off of more than a couple of months, it will take a few races to get back to top form. For some horses, they will run their best race second or third off the shelf. For others, it may take four races to get back to peak form. Now, there is a small segment of horses out there that actually produce their top efforts just after a long layoff. At Horse Racing Nation , we call this often hidden angle the "Run Fresh, Then Regress" angle.

The "Run Fresh, Then Regress" horse will return from a lay off of usually two months or more and produce a top speed figure in that come-back race. Thereafter, their form gradually or, sometimes, dramatically, decreases with each and every race run until a new cycle is started post the next long layoff.

Prove It! - The sixth race at Gulfstream Park on Sunday, 2/21/10 produced two great examples of this angle in one what turned out to be a six horse field after scratches. Courtesy of BRIS, the past performance records of #2 Famous Patriot and #5 Hey Byrn are shown below. Famous Patriot was coming into this race after about a five-month lay off. Was last seen flopping in a minor stakes race at Belmont. Note that after long lay offs he would produce a strong number (lifetime best on 5/1/09) the follow that race up with a disaster. If the pattern holds, he should run a good race today. Hey Byrn displays the exact same pattern. In this case he is making his second race off the lay off after running a solid effort last out. Would you have thrown this one out? The public made him a 5-2 favorite.

The Equibase results chart below shows that after breaking dead last and then rushing for the lead, Famous Patriot still managed to run a good third. Hey Byrn finished up the track as the second favorite. Next time you're handicapping a race, look for the "Run Fresh, Then Regress" angle and use it to select value-priced contenders or false favorites.



GULFSTREAM PARK - February 21, 2010 - Race 6

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Four Year Old and Upward (C) Claiming Price: \$100,000
One Mile On The Dirt Track Record: (Commentator - 1:33.71 - January 17, 2008)

Purse: \$56,000

Includes: \$13,000 FOA - Florida Owners Awards

Available Money: \$56,000

Value of Race: \$43,000 1st \$25,800, 2nd \$9,460, 3rd \$4,730, 4th \$2,150, 5th \$430, 6th \$430

Weather: Clear Track: Fast

Off at: 3:43 Start: Good for all



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
22Jan10 ³ GP ⁴	3	Bold Start (Leparoux, Julien)	120	L	2	1	2 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{3 1/2}	1 ³	3.20	vied outside, clear
3Feb10 ³ GP ²	8	Gentleman James (Trujillo, Elvis)	120	L	6	4	4 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ^{Head}	2 ^{5 1/2}	2.30*	bobbled break, rallied
30Sep09 ⁸ BEL ⁸	2	Famous Patriot (Castellano, Javier)	120	L	1	6	1 ^{Head}	1 ^{1/2}	2 ^{1 1/2}	3 ⁶	3 ^{1 1/2}	5.90	off bit slow, inside
18Jan10 ⁴ GP ⁴	6	Dream Maestro (Cruz, Manoel)	120	L	bf	5	3	6	5 ^{1 1/2}	4 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 3/4}	3.50	off rail, no threat
3Feb10 ³ GP ⁵	4	Colonial Causeway (Nunez, Eduardo)	120	L	b	3	5	5 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1/2}	6	5 ³	33.90	inside, no response
22Jan10 ⁷ GP ²	5	Hey Byrn (Prado, Edgar)	120	L	4	2	3 ^{1/2}	3 ^{1 1/2}	4 ²	6	6	2.50	chased 3 wide, tired

Fractional Times: 24.78 47.51 1:10.74

Final Time: 1:35.54

Final Thoughts - The "Run Fresh Then Regress" Angle works best with older, allowance and stakes horses running primarily on dirt surfaces. Here's are other factors in which this angle is more prevalent:

- Route or sprint races on fast dirt tracks (do not consider races run on sloppy tracks)
- Frequent lay off horses
- No or poor work(s) following a good effort off the shelf
- Supported by trainer lay off stats
- No class change



Second Time Starters

The Set Up - Betting young or lightly-raced horses can yield exciting payoffs if you're willing to gamble on the development line horses tend to follow. The problem is how fast individual horses develop is vastly different, and largely dependent on the trainer and his or her style. One common denominator, however, is that horses tend to jump in performance when making their second career start, often at generous prices.

A horse's first career start often comes with a large learning curve, much like someone's first time behind the wheel of the car. Each subsequent start becomes easier and the horse will start to show its inherent ability. For whatever reason, however, many horses will jump-up significantly in their second career start relative to their first start.

When using this angle, it is critical that one of the following criteria are met:

- The horse showed hints of ability in its debut by being in contention at any call
- The horse made up meaningful ground by making a move at any point of the race
- The horse ran evenly with the pack, showing it has the cruising speed to be competitive

Prove It! – Pulling-out specific examples of second-time-starter improvement is easy if you just browse through the daily past performances of your local track, since many horses are still lightly raced. The examples for this angle came from a single card.

Miner's Reserve made his debut at Gulfstream Park and flashed early speed despite breaking from the rail and breaking somewhat slowly. In his second career start, he blossomed at a square price of 3-1, with a good figure, and subsequently entered the Florida Derby.



9 Miner's Reserve	Own: Robert V LaPenta 6-1 Burgundy, Gold Epaulets, Burgundy Cap		B. c. 3 (Mar) KESEP08 \$150,000	L 122	Life
			Sire: Mineshaft (A.P. Indy) \$20,000		
DESORMEAUX K J (140 19 14 17 .14) 2009: (936 177 .19)			Dam: Royal Reserves (Forty Niner)	2010	
			Br: Manganaro LLC (Ky)	2009	
			Tr: Zito Nicholas P(87 15 10 10 .17) 2009:(407 66 .16)	GP	
27Feb10-4GP fst 1		1:35.87	Md Sp Wt 35k	94 5 2½ 1hd 1hd 14 15½	Desormeaux K J L122 3.00
23Jan10-7GP fst 7f	:22.68 :45.61 1:09.93 1:22.53		Md Sp Wt 35k	78 1 8 4¾ 51¾ 44¾ 43¾	Marquez C H Jr L122 8.00

Grand Captain was 17-1 in his debut at Hollywood Park but made up seven lengths from the first call to the wire. In his second career start, after adding blinkers, he finished a close third at nearly 13-1

2 Grand Captain	Own: Kona Stable LLC and Lewis G Lakin 8-1 Peach, Red Sash, Red Cap		Ch. g. 4 (Feb) FTSAUG07 \$330,000	L 122	Blinkers ON
			Sire: Grand Slam (Gone West) \$17,500		
GEROUX F (12 0 1 2 .00) 2009: (553 54 .10)			Dam: Capotiva (Capote)	2010	
			Br: Millennium Farms (Ky)	2009	
			Tr: Biancone Patrick L(20 4 1 4 .20) 2009:(125 12 .10)	GP	
11Mar10-7GP fst 7f	:221 :442 1:09 1:223 4+ Clm 40000			18 8 2 79¼ 712 714 733½	Bravo J L124 4.80
19Feb10-3GP fst 6½f	:23 :46 1:10 1:162 4+ Clm 50000			87 1 6 21 41½ 2hd 1hd	Bravo J L122 4.10
3Jan10-1GP fst 6f	:221 :453 :574 1:103 4+ Md Sp Wt 35k			87 6 3 65 33 22½ 1nk	Bravo J L124 3.10
15Oct09-10SA fm 6½f ①	:213 :441 1:07 1:122 3+ Md Sp Wt 41k			68 3 6 43 42 54 65	Pedroza M A LB121 b 12.90
7Oct09-6OSA fst 7f	:23 :461 1:103 1:23 3+ Md Sp Wt 43k			65 7 7 61½ 51¾ 74¾ 107	Migliore R LB121 b 6.20
12Jly09-1Hol fst 6f	:23 :46 :574 1:10 3+ Md Sp Wt 46k			87 3 2 31½ 33 32 3¾	Talamo J LB119 b 12.90
20Jun09-7Hol fst 6f	:214 :443 :563 1:09 3+ Md Sp Wt 47k			74 8 4 812 79 55½ 55½	Talamo J LB118 17.20

Precious Package was well meant in his debut, but the comment line read "away slowly, greenly," and he mustered up a minor rally to finish third. It only took one more start to show his true colors at a juicy 5-1.

9 Precious Package	Own: Jay Em Ess Stable 3-1 Lime Green, Blue 'Js', Lime Green Band		Ch. g. 4 (May)	L 120	
			Sire: Golden Missile (A.P. Indy) \$7,500		
DOMINGUEZ R A (17 1 2 3 .06) 2009: (1651 391 .24)			Dam: Silver Ridan (Silver Deputy)	2010	
			Br: Mace Siegel & Samantha Siegel (Ky)	2009	
			Tr: Dutrow Richard E Jr(51 13 4 6 .25) 2009:(393 109 .28)	GP	
21Oct09-3Bel fst 1¼	:223 :442 1:081 1:391 3+ Alw 46000N1x			74 3 1½ 11 2½ 24 513½	Prado E S L117 f *1.10
23Sep09-1Bel fst 6f	:221 :45 :564 1:084 3+ Alw 45000N1x			88 4 4 54 54 43½ 2nk	Prado E S L116 f *1.45
2Aug08-2Sar fst 6½f	:22 :451 1:101 1:171 Md Sp Wt 62k			91 8 3 21 2½ 11½ 16¾	Prado E S L119 5.30
6Jly08-3Mth fst 5f	:223 :462 :584 Md Sp Wt 37k			49 2 6 610 67¾ 56½ 35	Castro E L119 3.50

Second time starters are excellent options when facing full fields of lightly raced horses. The wagering public tends to over bet horses that have made three or four good starts, and under bet those who made just one promising start.

Remember: The key filter you must use is the potential bet must have shown



hints of ability at some point during its debut. In the example below, Storm Galileo checked a bit in his debut but failed to run at all from there, struggling to keep up with the others. Wise punters would have avoided this guy on the second-time out angle without showing any hints of ability.

<p>12 Storm Galileo 15-1 Own: Michael J Paulson and Dan Hoefflin White, Red And Blue 'Ap', Red Yoke GARCIA ALAN (134 21 20 21 .16) 2009: (1049 183 .17)</p>	<p>Ch. c. 4 (Feb) KEESEP07 \$170,000 Sire: Galileo^oIre (Sadler's Wells) Dam: Allencat (Storm Cat) Br: Allen E Paulson Living Trust (Ky) Tr: Santos Nuno(5 0 0 0 .00) 2009:(2 1 .50)</p>	<p>L 124</p>																				
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On/Off/On/Off Angle

The Set Up - A horse's typical form cycle will show steady improvement with each subsequent race after a layoff. If the horse runs to an over-the-top speed figure, he'll normally regress before resuming continued improvement. At some point in the year, a horse's form will begin to sour requiring a break before getting back to the races. Occasionally you will run into a horse that runs a pattern Horse Racing Nation refers to as the ON/OFF/ON/OFF Angle.

The ON/OFF/ON/OFF horse will run one good race followed by a bad and then repeat that pattern two or three times until he or she just doesn't run back to a good number and is then put on the shelf for awhile.

A true ON/OFF/ON/OFF horse runs this pattern independent of class hikes or drops. You'll typically see this type of angle in an older horse or mare that possesses early sprint speed.

Prove It! - The 8th race at Fair Grounds on March 15, 2010 provided a great example of the ON/OFF/ON/OFF angle. With late scratches, the nine horse field was reduced to seven horses. #2 Killing Me went off as the longest price on the board at 16-1. Despite the scratches, Killing Me did not end up as the lone speed contributing to his long price. As you can see from the BRIS past performances below, Killing Me ran a dreadful race on his first back from the layoff on February 5th. Prior to that race, you can see the very distinct ON/OFF/ON/OFF pattern in the BRIS Final Speed figures.

2 Killing Me (E/P 5) Own: Earl & Keith Hernandez 20/1 Grey, royal blue diamonds JACINTO J (881 57-45-48 15%)	S25,000 B.g. 7 Sire: Honour And Glory (Relaunch) \$6,500 Dam: Wise And Happy (Exuberant) Brdr: Earl Hernandez & Keith Hernandez (LA) Trnr: Leggio Frank (85 7-5-7 11%)	Prime Power: 121.9 (8th) Life: 25 5-4-1 2010 1 0-0-0 2009 5 0-1-0 FG: 6 1-0-0																																																																																																																																																																			
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Longshot Angles

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Looking at the results chart, we can see that Killing Me opened up an early lead and was soon hounded by Jays Wildcat cutting hot fractions throughout but he repelled that bid and then drew away by almost 5 lengths. Killing Me was awarded a BRIS Final Speed rating of 87 for that effort matching his prior two tops.

FAIR GROUNDS - March 15, 2010 - Race 8

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING - For Thoroughbred Three Year Old and Upward (SNW2 X) Claiming Price: \$25,000 Six Furlongs On The Dirt Track Record: (Mountain General - 1:08.03 - November 28, 2002)

Purse: \$44,500

Includes: \$7,100 Other Sources

Includes: \$10,000 LAVPF - Louisiana Video Poker Fund

Available Money: \$44,500

Value of Race: \$44,500 1st \$26,700, 2nd \$8,900, 3rd \$4,895, 4th \$2,670, 5th \$1,335

Weather: Clear Track: Fast

Off at: 4:38 Start: Good for all



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
5Feb10 ⁸ FG ¹¹	2	Killing Me (Jacinto, John)	119	L b	1	4	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ^{Head}	1 ¹ 1/2	1 ⁴ 3/4	16.60	repulsd bid,kpt to tsk
5Feb10 ⁸ FG ³	7	Myoldmansam (Perrodin, Elvis)	119	L f	5	3	4 ^{1/2}	4 ¹	4 ²	2 ^{1/2}	1.70*	up for second inside
12Dec09 ⁷ FG ⁷	5	Jays Wildcat (Valenzuela, Patrick)	118	L	4	7	2 ^{Head}	2 ³ 1/2	2 ³	3 ¹ 1/4	5.60	stalked, bid, faltered
5Feb10 ⁸ FG ⁵	9	Belend (Albarado, Robby)	119	L f	7	2	7	5 ¹ 1/2	3 ¹	4 ^{Head}	3.00	lacked serious rally
27Feb10 ² DED ²	3	Mr. Skie's Spirit (Sellers, Shane)	119	L fb	2	6	5 ¹ 1/2	6 ¹	5 ²	5 ⁵ 3/4	6.80	inside trip, no avail
26Feb10 ² FG ¹	4	Erlroy (Bridgmohan, Shaun)	119	L	3	5	3 ³	3 ³	6 ³	6 ⁹ 1/4	3.90	forward half, faltered
21Jan10 ⁸ DED ⁵	8	Inconsequential (Graham, James)	119	L b	6	1	6 ²	7	7	7	15.90	showed little

Fractional Times: 21.68 44.81 57.09

Final Time: 1:10.48

While this little known angle doesn't come up often, it is one of the best value plays around and can produce box car pay offs. This angle is most often observed when most of the following conditions exist:

- Older horses or mares
- Front runners
- Sprinters on dirt
- Frequent lay off horses
- Average trainers
- No class change