

The Stable Fable

Reading a past performance made easy

Once Upon A Time, there was a horse named CJ's Combine. On the pleasant spring day of April 3, 2004, he was entered to run in the 8th race at Aqueduct. This 6-furlong race was a sprint race, about half way around the entire track, and CJ's Combine appeared ready. You see, CJ loved to run on the dirt and Aqueduct was won of his favorite racing ovals. He had already won six times from 20 starts at Aqueduct, and this gutsy 9-year-old veteran really seemed to like the Aqueduct surroundings. The other reason CJ's Combine looked like he would run well today was because he loved to sprint and had already won 25 times from 66 starts at the 6-furlongs distance. It was safe to say that this old guy had been around the block a few times. It was an Allowance race with a nice purse of \$54,000 for Four-Year-Olds and Upward, which meant that CJ's Combine was not for sale today and that he would be running with some of the more experienced horses from around the track. If past performances were any indication of how CJ's Combine would run today, things were looking up for the old fellow. On November 8 of last year on the main track at Aqueduct he ran a 107



Beyer Speed Figure, which matched his all-time high. CJ's Combine won that day, adding to his already impressive \$2 million dollar bankroll! Trainer Victor Cuadra also looked as if he had CJ's Combine perfectly placed giving him a 5-week rest, and had called on jockey Mike Luzzi to work his magic. Mike Luzzi had started the Aqueduct spring meet winning 25 percent of all his assigned mounts, and looked perfectly matched for CJ's Combine return to the main track. Although CJ's Combine had disappointed his fans in his most recent start when he was badly beaten by 10 1/2 lengths, he seemed to get a recent spring to his step with the arrival of the warmer weather. His workout on March 23 at 4-furlongs was a bullet work, which meant it was the best work at the distance for that morning. And so the bettors put their money on CJ's Combine hoping that he would stay to the outside part of the track and make his usual game run to the wire. Would it be CJ's day?

Until next time...

The End

CJ's Combine past performance from April 3

2 CJ's Combine

Dwns: Norwood Stables
 White Hot Pink, Lime Green Diamond Hoop, Pink
 LUZZI M J (#40 10 4 10 25) 2003:(308 51 .17)

Dk. b or br h. 9
 Sire: Personal Flag (Private Account) \$8,500
 Dam: Lolli Lucka Lolli (Sweet Candy*Ven)
 Br: Bacon Sanford (NY)
 Tr: Cuadra Victor (2 0 0 0 .00) 2003:(35 4 .11)

26Feb04-8Aqu	fst	6f	222	.442	.56	1:07 ⁴	4+	Alw 54000C	82	1	6	53	59	411	510 ¹	Luzzi M J
25Jan04-8Aqu	fst	6f	213	.442	.562	1:09 ⁴	3+	Paumonok H80k	98	2	6	473	433	253	23	Luzzi M J
29Dec03-9Aqu	fst	6f	23	.454	.572	1:09 ¹	3+	Gravesend H-G3	96	7	2	23	2nd	31 ¹	44 ¹	Migliore R
11Dec03-8Aqu	gd	6f	233	.471	.584	1:10 ⁴	3+	Alw 54000C	100	4	2	2nd	2nd	21 ¹	21 ¹	Gryder A T
8Nov03-7Aqu	fst	6f	22	.443	.562	1:08 ⁴	3+	Alw 54000C	107	7	1	21 ¹	23	1 ¹	1nk	Santos J A
19Oct03-7Bel	fst	6f	22	.451	.571	1:09 ⁴	3+	Hudson H125k	99	8	13	109 ¹	85 ¹	82 ¹	41 ¹	Santos J A
6Oct03-9Bel	fst	6f	222	.453	.574	1:11	3+	Forest Hills H-G2	95	5	6	623	413	423	43 ¹	Gryder A T
6Sep03-8Bel	fst	7f	222	.45	1:09 ¹	1:22	3+	GenDMacArthH84k	81	6	3	683	533	53	610 ¹	Gryder A T
11Aug03-9Sar	fst	6f	224	.454	.571	1:09 ³	3+	AGVandrbilH-G2	107	6	1	23	23	23	22	Gryder A T
31Jly03-7Del	fst	6f	22	.444	.573	1:10 ²	3+	Alw 53300N\$Y	100	5	5	393	323	21	13 ¹	Black A S
20Jun03-8Bel	fst	6 ¹	224	.451	1:08 ³	1:144	4+	Alw 54000C	107	5	1	513	31	2nd	13 ¹	Gryder A T
25Mar03-8Bel	fst	6f	22	.444	.563	1:08 ⁴	4+	Alw 54000C	93	4	4	473	43	36 ¹	36	Gryder A T

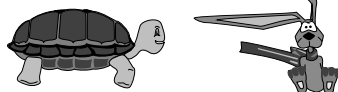
Life	94	31	18	11	\$2,006,537	111	D.Fst	83	31	15	9	\$1,942,883	111
2003	2	0	1	0	\$17,730	98	Wet(325)	10	0	3	2	\$63,654	109
L 120	2002	12	3	2	\$216,262	107	Turf(245)	1	0	0	0	\$0	36
Aqu	20	6	5	3	\$425,008	111	Dst(335)	66	25	13	8	\$1,580,030	111

L 117 f	4.10	94-07	CaptainRed111	GoldLD.118	AffirmedSuccess1189	inside, no response	6
L 116 f	3.10	94-10	CrossngPont116	CJ'sComb11623	Tom'sThndr1143	Game finish outside	6
L 117 f	3.05	94-08	MltpChoc118	SngMBckHom1141	BigLD.1134	Vied outside, weakened	7
L 120 f	*1.40	88-20	SngMeBackHome112	CJ'sComb1203	BigEE1233	Aim,needed more	6
L 116 f	3.70	93-16	CJ'sComb116	TruDirction1215	ChrokBu117	Game outside, prevail	7
L 123 f	5.60	87-14	WellFancied118	Tom'sThunder117	noVodka120	5 wide trip, gamely	13
L 116 f	5.10	79-19	Avnzdo116	DshForDyLight115	EsteemedFrind1131	4 wide, no response	7
L 125 f	*1.05	83-12	WellFncid116	ChsinWimmin117	Impchthpro118	3 wide trip, no rally	10
L 115 f	9.40	92-17	Orientte1212	CJ'sComb115	MultipleChoc112	Chased, second best	6
L 120 f	*6.0	91-12	CJ'sComb120	ShkeYouDown118	UnrelPrty120	Rolled, ridden out	6
L 115 f	3.30	101-10	CJ'sComb115	MrshllGreeley120	NevdStrip116	3 wide trip, driving	7
L 115 f	*1.05	88-12	ApplingDngr115	MrshllGry120	CJ'sComb115	Rated, wide, no rally	6

WORKS: ●Mar23 Aqu 4f fst :472 B 1/11 Feb21 Aqu 3f fst :372 B 5/14 Jan22 Aqu 3f fst :373 B 1/3
 TRAINER: 31-60Days(9 22 \$0.93) Dirt(111 .15 \$1.84) Sprint(64 .17 \$2.25) Alw(29 .14 \$2.41)

Who will win, The tortoise or the hare?

As you can see below, the finish of a race, whether run fast or slow, is the difference of only a few seconds.



Sprint Races	Time	SLOW	FAST
6 furlong example	1/4 mile	:23 - :24	:21 - :22
	1/2 mile	:46 ³ - :49	:44 - :45 ²
	Finish	1:13 - 1:15	1:07 - 1:09

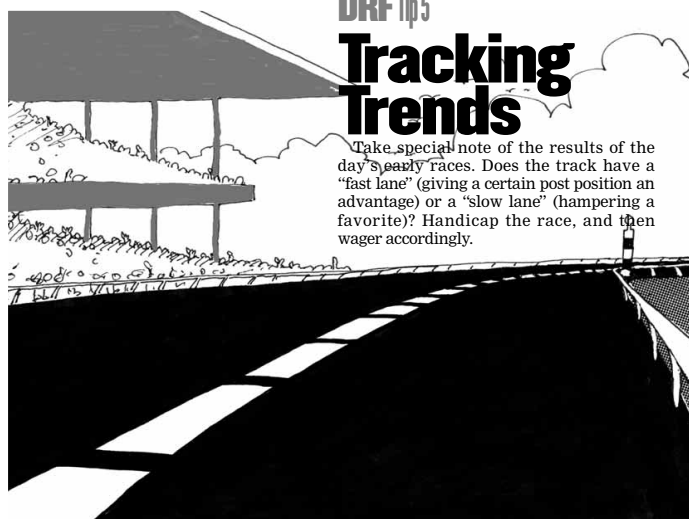
Routes	Time	SLOW	FAST
1 1/16-mile example	1/4 mile	:25 - :26 ⁴	:22 - :23 ³
	1/2 mile	:49 - :50	:46 ³ - :47 ⁴
	3/4 mile	1:13 - 1:15	1:10 - 1:11
	Finish	1:46 - 1:50	1:41 - 1:43

Times vary by track, but this is a basic guideline.

DRF Tip 5

Tracking Trends

Take special note of the results of the day's early races. Does the track have a "fast lane" (giving a certain post position an advantage) or a "slow lane" (hampering a favorite)? Handicap the race, and then wager accordingly.



4 simple angles



Who's the jockey?

In this case, it's Jerry Bailey, one of the most accomplished jockeys in the country. But whether it's the top jock in the country or the top jock at your local track, the statistics available in the Past Performances give you a better picture of whether the rider is up to the task. According to the stats, Bailey has ridden 159 times this year, and won 40 of those times—just over 25 percent of the time. Anytime a jockey has won more than 15 percent of the time, it is a good indicator that he or she has some riding talent.



Who has the best Beyer?

Beyer Speed Figures are the gold standard for speed figures in this country. They measure how fast a horse runs, taking into account just how fast the surface was on a given day—sometimes horses will run 1:12 for 6 furlongs, and because of a change in track or weather conditions speeding up the track, they'll be able to run the next time out in 1:10 for 6 furlongs. Beyer Speed Figures measure these variants, so you can trust their numbers to compare one horse's performances to another's, even if they ran in different races or on different tracks. In the case of Beckon the King, his last Beyer of 97 is fairly impressive—the Beyer scale runs from 0 (slowest) to approximately 125, though that latter number is rarely reached. To get a feel for the typical spectrum of times you might see for sprints and routes, take a look at the past performance below.



Just what has this horse done in his career?

The career box, in the upper right hand corner of the Past Performances, gives you the lowdown on a horse's lifetime accomplishments, broken down into a variety of categories. For example, Beckon the King has raced 17 times total, winning 5 of those races, running second 4 times, and third once. His career earnings total \$229,400 and his lifetime Best Beyer is 101 (see angle 3 for more info). These are all statistics you can compare to the rest of the field to help find the winner.



Where did he finish last time?

The running line tells you how a horse performed in his prior races. The first number is a horse's post position in the prior race. Then, there are several numbers indicating where a horse was positioned at various points in his previous race, usually in quarter-mile increments. Finally, the last number in the running line tells you how he finished. In Beckon the King's case, he was third. The chart below gives you a sense of different running styles for different types of horse. Note: The superscript numbers tell you how far back in horse-lengths a horse was from the leader, if he was trailing, or how many lengths he was leading by.

2 Beckon the King

Own: Ramsey Kenneth L & Sarah K
White, Red R. White Band On Red Sleeves.

BAILEY JD (159 40 31 26 25) 2004:(908 246 27)

B. g. 5
Sire: Ghazi (Polish Navy) \$5,000
Dam: Our Lockett (Mr. L) \$2,000
Br: Ramsey Jill D (15) \$1,000
Tr: Mott Willie (15) 22 14 19 24) 2004:(733 155 21)

Life 17 5 4 1 \$229,400 101

D.Fst 1 1 0 0 \$22,800 97

2004 0 0 1 \$5,330 97 Wet(312) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

L 116 2003 2 0 0 \$82,800 101 Turf(300*) 16 4 4 1 \$206,600 101

GP Step 2: \$185,330 101 Dist 2 1 0 0 \$120,000 100

Step 4:

97	7	31	31	31	32	31	Bailey JD
89	8	42	42	42	65	65	St Julien M
88	8	7	7	6	97	86	Bailey JD
89	8	34	31	42	6	89	Castellano J J
101	2	6	4	5	3	12	Bailey JD
97	1	3	3	1	13	13	Bailey JD
71	0	94	6	6	12	11	Bailey JD

11Feb04-6GP fm 1 1/8 @ :251 :508 1:142 1:431 + 4+ DC(m 100000(100-30)	Bailey JD
4Apr03-9CD fm 1 @ :242 :472 1:104 1:35 3+ FirecrkrBCH-G2	St Julien M
28Mar03-8Alw fm 1 1/8 @ :224 :453 1:093 1:213 3+ Jaipur-G3	Bailey JD
6Mar03-8Alw fm 1 1/8 @ :232 :473 1:103 1:404 3+ Ft Marcy H-C	Castellano J J
11Mar03-8GP fm 1 1/8 @ :232 :464 1:102 1:401 + 3+ Ft Marcy H-C	Bailey JD
17Feb03-9GP fst 1 1/8 @ :242 :49 1:122 1:431 4+ Alw 38000N3X	Bailey JD
28Nov02-7Hol fm 1 1/8 @ :463 1:101 1:334 1:454 Hol Oby-G1	Bailey JD
Previously trained by Weld Dermot K	
7Nov02-9GP fm 1 @ :224 :463 1:101 1:34 Steinlen200K	100 8 83 83 53 31 11 1/2 Castellano J J
Claimed from Gold N Z Stable For \$100,000, Klesaris Robert P Trainer 2000(as of 7/21):(264 46 35 43 .17)	
29Aug02-6Del fst 1 1/2 :233 :472 1:112 1:44 3+ Alw 33900N2X	91 1 32 41 31 1 1/2 Prado E S

WORKS: Feb5 Pay 5f fst 1:05 B 3/5 Jan23 Pay 5f fst 1:04 B 4/16 ● Jan21 Pay 5f fst 1:03 B 1/18 Jan16 Pay 4f fst :52 B 14/24 Jan10 Pay 3f fst :39 B 6/16 ● Dec15 Pay 4f fst :50 B 1/9
TRAINER: Turf(423 .23 \$1.61) Alw(324 :25 \$1.63)

RUNNING STYLES



Here are examples of different running styles, each with four points of call. The final number on the right indicates the order in which a horse reaches the finish line. In these examples, the horse always finishes first even though his running style differs.

"Front Runner"

1¹ 1² 1¹ 1^{HD}

"Stalker"

3³ 3² 2^{HD} 1²

"Closer"

8¹ 10² 5^{HD} 1¹