



Perils of the throwaway one liners

A series of articles that sets the punting public straight by presenting the statistical reality behind the never ending statements made in the public domain.

No New Gold Coast 1100m Track Record

As this article posted by Racenet on 9/01/16 suggests a new track record was set, which certainly is the case according to official race times, which have the race being run at 61.74. This run did not turn out to be a new record when the verified race times became available.

According to the most accurate verified track times available (those utilised by R2W and Australia's biggest punters), Husson Eagle's race time was 61.96 seconds.

Race Reviews

2016 Magic Millions Sprint result - Husson Eagle in record time

 Tom Walter - 09 Jan 2016

Siblings Patrick and Michelle Payne combined to win the Gold Coast Magic Millions Sprint (1100m) with Husson Eagle in track record time on Saturday.

"Husson Eagle actually ran ~2.9 lengths short of the real record"

This means that the current fastest race time for the Gold Coast 1100m is still held by the Gai Waterhouse trained Whittington, set on 11/01/14. That record stands at 61.52. Now that the times are verified, those that have access to the correct race times and/or ratings created from them have an accurate and substantially different appreciation for the Husson Eagle result.

The average punter clings to the belief that official form can't be that wrong and any issues, even if they do exist, are minor and irrelevant. This means that the majority of punters live in an alternate reality where the track records are often set by mistakes in timing or typing rather than by the fastest horses. If you think otherwise; a great example of this is the 'Blunder at Hanging Rock' where on 1/1/16 an 1800m race was set into record and released as the official form at 81.08 seconds instead of the (unverified) 111.08 seconds it should have been. At least this had been corrected since.

We of course congratulate the Payne family for a great result however the record still belongs to the Waterhouse trained Whittington. Regardless of who set it however, the error between the actual fastest race time and the official 'record' still remains at ~1.4 lengths.