



# Wholistic Quality Ratings “WQR”

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## Ratings – The Turning Point

In May 1957, the late Don Scott wrote about the beginning of “The Value Revolution”. His teachings led to generations of punters trying to adopt his methods with respect to the rating and pricing of horses with some proving successful but many not. During his time “He was truly the ‘greatest’ ratings guru of them all”.

These days to succeed as a punter you need to be able to rely on significantly more than just outdated Weight and Class ratings.

### So, what are ratings?

Well assembled ratings should express the quality of a horse’s past performances. They adopt a numerical scale where the higher the rating the better the performance. In my opinion, they are the most logical and sensible measure of a horses past performances. When methodically constructed, ratings allow you to accurately pit horse against horse regardless of age, sex, time of year, weight carried, class of race, pace shape of race, beaten margin and Starting Price.

The evolution of rating thoroughbred horse performances has led to the development and widespread availability of time based (Speed) ratings. Unfortunately for most punters, the availability of accurate Speed ratings has proven elusive. This is primarily since nearly all commercially available Speed ratings are constructed using the “official times” which from our research are more than 90% incorrect. We believe that it is essential for the development of an accurate and methodically constructed rating that you have access to verified race and sectional times.

### The turning point

The Ratings2Win (R2W) Speed and Sectional Ratings are our own unique verified speed/time based ratings. **R2W is the ONLY Australian provider** of horse form and ratings that independently verifies the key racing data that is used in the full ratings calculation process. Consequently, **R2W supplies on a limited basis verified Speed and Sectional Ratings that are superior in strike rate when compared to any other time based ratings that are commercially available.**

For several years now our team have successfully relied on a variation of the R2W Speed and Sectional Ratings. Until recently these were commonly known as WFA Speed Ratings. Since their original development, we have continued both research and testing across a range of new intelligence projects that now culminates in the proud release of our **Wholistic Quality Ratings “WQR”**. For the first time, these cutting-edge ratings are being made available to Axis Professional clients (annual). They are formulated on a combination of verified Speed measures and are adjusted for our proprietary, modern, world class WFA scale. These are then adjusted for our R2W Race Strength (‘race quality’) and Track Speed.

This document explains how the WQR are methodically constructed and why they can be used with confidence by anyone wanting to become a more successful punter.

Personally, ratings are the cornerstone of my and many other professionals betting success and they can easily become yours. For more information on how **you can gain a betting edge over other punters** please contact me directly.

**It is no coincidence that many of Australia's leading form analysts use Axis as an integral part of their punting arsenal** as our complete and practical approach towards software development and data verification processes mean that our valued clients continue to share in the best racing intelligence and data available in the marketplace today.

### **R2W Race Strength, Track Speed and Race Ratings Adjustments**

As a valued added service, and now exclusively available at no extra cost, Axis Professional clients (annual) can now choose to receive my own personal Race Ratings Adjustments that are applied towards my own betting activities. Please note that these adjustments affect both the current R2W Speed Rating and the new R2W Wholistic Quality Rating.

#### **How is this achieved?**

To calculate a final but dynamic WQR, every TAB race run throughout Australia (excluding Hurdle and Steeple events) first receives a provisional R2W Race Strength and Track Speed adjustment figure. This provisional figure is calculated automatically using a series of sophisticated algorithms that consider a myriad of factors with the main ones being pictured in a diagram on page 4. Once assigned and subject to verified data becoming available, I then personally review each of these figures manually before making the manual Race Ratings Adjustments (as necessary). These adjustments ensure that the final WQR reflects the most accurate and dynamic measure of horse race performance quality.

#### **What do you mean by a Dynamic WQR?**

Unlike other ratings, that remain fixed, the R2W WQR are dynamic in nature. As part of the process of calculating ratings each day, the R2W Computer performs often millions of calculations that recalibrate our ratings and data ensuring the most accurate starting point for the ratings calculation processes. The reason is simple as new results, each day enhance the "smarts" of the R2W Computer. The benefits of this unique process enable us to detect and react to industry trends as they occur so that the ratings "self-adjust" to the latest fully verified data sets.

**Cheers and Good Punting**

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Importantly, our ratings are NOT widely available, NOT sold to major corporate bookmakers and are NOT formulated using the official times and other flawed data associated with other form providers.

All R2W Speed, Sectional and WQR are adjusted for what we call R2W Track Speed. Essentially R2W Track Speed can be described as the difference between how fast or slow a track performs on any given day when compared to an even dry surface. There are several factors that impact R2W Track Speed. Some of these factors include but are not limited to overall race times, sectional times, track conditions, track bias, race distance, race class/age/sex, margins and starting prices.



## The process in determining Individual Horse Adjustments

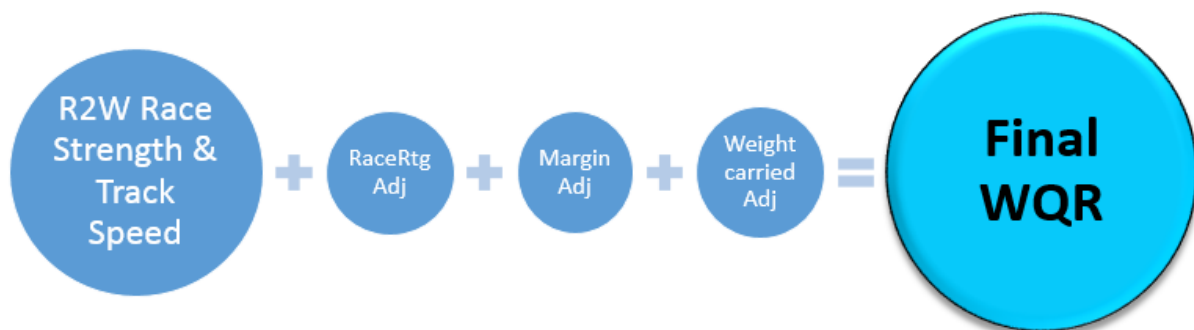
After making a determination on the final R2W Race Strength and R2W Track Speed we then proceed to calculate individual horse ratings by applying adjustments for the beaten margin (if applicable) and the weight carried.

### Beaten Margin Adjustment

Our WQR apply a range of measures when determining the impact of the beaten margin adjustment for individual horses. Accordingly we do not treat say a beaten margin of 1 length equally in all races. Whilst this contradicts the majority of ratings methods that usually adopt a standardised scale of say 1.5kg per length, our research has shown us that our variable scale over different distances is more effective.

### Weight Carried Adjustment

Traditional weight theories assume that the importance of weight is a major factor when considering a horse's chance in any given race. We do not agree that the correct adjustment made to a horse's rating for the weight carried should be measured against an actual or theoretical limit weight. Depending on the conditions of the race, we believe that weight as a factor takes on different levels of significance. When we determine the weight carried adjustment for each individual horse we compare its handicap weight and/or actual weight carried to our proprietary, modern, world class WFA scale. This effectively means that our WQR are normalised to our own WFA scale.



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### **Racing Intelligence by Punters for Punters**

**The R2W Team**