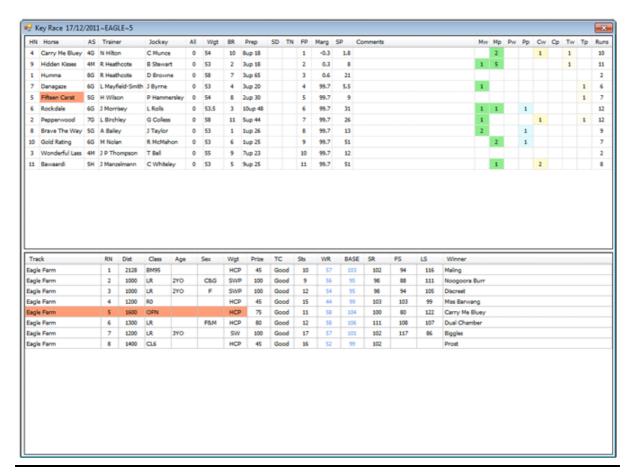
Key Race, an impossible task made possible

An Axis Education Article

The Key race concept is not unfamiliar to those that undertake detailed form analysis. The premise is that there are certain past races from which a number of contenders subsequently produce good performances thereby creating a strong form race. Armed with this information, the astute and professional form analyst can wager with confidence on horses/races that others may pass.

The problem is in finding such races. A Key race is not obvious by simply examining the resulting time, a class rating or a single horse's performance (e.g. Black Caviar) from a particular race. Unfortunately there are many punters that believe that is the case. A Key race mostly happens by chance; the horses engaged in a race as a collective are of higher quality and/or their performance is significantly above what one would expect. The result is a 'perfect storm' creating a strong form race which may not be obviously apparent to most punters.

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What can happen is that horses that finish out of placings in these strong form races subsequently perform well in their next race where the opposition is inferior without it being obvious. Our experience and application of this knowledge has enabled us to

identify many key races (and future group horses) from a country maiden right through to group level contests.

The great news is, that with an R2W Axis Key Race these races are easy to identify. Key Races stand out due to the higher number of wins and/or places from subsequent starts. The same applies to trials. What was once an almost impossible task of collating and accurately maintaining this information is now possible with an R2W Axis Key Race with a click of a button. (Available in the Professional subscription only)

Key Race and the day of the run

The information about a race that you may wish to examine for "Key" properties should not be viewed in isolation. An overview of the whole day is vital to accurately gauge the quality of a particular race. Having access to this information at your finger tips is paramount.

The R2W Axis produces its Key Race display in a manner that enables you to view in entirety, the whole race meeting at a glance. This race meeting summary provides each individual winning race performance both in terms of accurate overall speed as well as first and last sectional ratings. Other details include the full list of winners as well as other important factors such as distance, class and track condition to name just a few.

The individual runners for each key race are also displayed so that you can view each horses finishing position, margins and other details as well as the number of any wins or placings since that run. These are broken down by Metro, Provincial, Country & Rural and also include trial performances. This is important! Just having the sum of any wins and placings isn't enough as knowledge of relevant trial performances since the key race can provide a positive lead towards likely race fitness, in the event that a horse is freshened or trials during its campaign.

In order to drill further down into key race data, you now have the ability to see each horses past starts. This data is presented in a similar fashion to what is contained in the Race Day Portal. Being able to view data in this way is made possible by utilising R2W unique 'Stack-On Display' architecture that allows us to present large amounts of information within a limited space. See the image bellow, where the past starts cover the races still allowing access to all horses in that race.

Key Trials and the day of the run

Key Trials are an innovation that presents a unique edge to those Professionals that subscribe to the Trial pack data add-on. The Axis behaves exactly the same way for a trial as it does for a race in the Key Race display in that you see the whole collection of the day's trials and their details like distances, official race times and sectionals and track conditions where available. Same distance races are highlighted for easy recognition.

Individual runners in each trial are also available in the same manner as the Key race, with as much detail as is available. The horses subsequent performance is then

evaluated and broken down into the above mentioned Metro, Provincial, Country & Rural and trial results. Access to full past starts for these Trial horses is also available.

Both Key Race and Key Trials are functions that are largely inaccessible to most punters. Whether you use this facility to find key races or to get a better overall view of what happened at a past meeting, you can now gain a significant edge usually reserved only to sophisticated professional punters.

Key Race, showing past starts for a horse

