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Race Selection

“The Reverse Rule 4”

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We all know the frustration of getting a good price in a race only for a fancied horse to come out, leaving us with a big deduction to our bet (called a Rule 4)

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Now, of course, the withdrawn horse might have won, so there's some justification in the Rule 4.

But...

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Almost by definition, if we’ve backed another horse in a race, we didn’t consider the withdrawn horse worthy of the price at which it was trading.

This means that, very often, a race in which we’re forced to take a Rule 4 diminishes, or even reverses, the value we initially saw in the bet.

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That, obviously, is bad news...

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So what if we could turn this situation completely on its head?

What if, instead of having value sucked from good bets we've made, we could deploy a sort of 'Reverse Rule 4'?

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What if we could have the equivalent of a 35p, 40p, even 45p Rule 4, in a race without affecting the price we took?

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The good news is that we can...

...sort of ;-)

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This little strategy, which I’ve called the
Reverse Rule 4,
is a great way to select good races in
which to hunt for great value bets.

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And the best news is that it’s quick, simple and requires very little knowledge or experience to deploy.

Here’s what we do...

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Identify all handicap favourites priced
at 2/1 or shorter

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Step 2:

Look for 2, ideally 3+, “knocks”
against the selected favourite

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Step 3:

Revise the shortlist

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Step 4:

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Let's work through an example day's racing,
to bring this to life...

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Examples of “knocks” are:

- Never raced, or only raced poorly, in the grade
- Never raced, or only raced poorly, at the track
- Never raced, or only raced poorly, on the going
- Never raced, or only raced poorly, at the distance
 - Form worked out poorly
 - Trainer out of form

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So that’s the “Reverse Rule 4”, a somewhat grand title for identifying poor value favourites in handicap races

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Finding potential races is simple, and takes just a couple of minutes.

‘Checking the pulse’ of the form is also straightforward, using Instant Expert and other Gold features.

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And, while finding an alternative in the shortlisted races is a bit more subjective, if you’ve made a good job of the shortlisting process, there is a LOT of wriggle room in that final part of the process!