

HTR2 Software Upgrade – Jan 19, 2010

Summary of Upgraded material for the January 2010 version.

- Pars and adjustments. It was an interesting year in 2009 in terms of looking at the EPR (Estimated Performance Rating) pars vs. actual performance as I do each year to make adjustments. Non-claiming races have very little movement, which indicates the quality of the better horses in terms of the current class/purse structure remained static. However, claiming race pars (non- maiden) definitely needed some downward tweaking. The 'beaten claimers' and restricted ("r") conditions are written to get weaker horses together and they live up to it, with the majority of the "r" races performing under the EPR estimate. This tells us that the competition is declining in the claiming ranks even though the purse values and claiming prices remain stable.
- XFIG screen. This is the new item added for this version. There is a separate PDF guide available on our website: "[XFIG – Upgrade January 2010](#)".
- Download Screen. Adds additional (future) dates to the top of the date listing along with an option to download the Early Entries files. Not much you can do with the Early Entries text right now except look at it, but later there will be software available to access those files and handicap early.
- Also-Eligible disappearing (A) and (M) designations. This has been fixed, but I was not able to grandfather it into previous files. It will only work going forward. This issue involved the (A) = Also Eligible and (M) = Main Track Only horses listed on various screens. The designations seemed to disappear after scratches were initiated. Now the designations remain on some reports after scratches. The problem with the older files is that the scratch variable over-wrote the (A) and (M) in the file. In any case, the information is retained now on select screens (including the Scratch and Program screens) and in the Export (Field 179). So now, even if the results and scratches are added to the file, the (A) and (M) will still appear on the [Prgm] [Scratch] [KM] and [HTR] screens as well as Field 179 "nAE" in the HX4 export file [see [HX4 Field Spec File](#)].
- Various little bug fixes and minor text errors fixed. If you reported a bug to me earlier and it was not fixed properly (or at all) in this version, email me again for an explanation --- or an excuse! All suggestions and bug reports from users are given consideration and are appreciated.

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