

XFIG – Upgrade January 2010

The [XFIG] screen has been updated in the “Jan 19, 2010” version of HTR2.

When you click to use the [XFIG] screen, a new filter area will appear at the bottom. There are several options for sorting and viewing the data with far greater flexibility than the previous version. The new XFIG will alter your perceptions of the hierarchy of speed, pace and performance by filtering with new options.

Sort --->

You can select any of nine headings to click and resort instantly. The default is [PER]. The XFIG report always displays a top-20 (or less) list.

Last Line Only Last 2 Last 3 All Lines

These options allow you to choose the number of running lines from each horse you want included in the sort. "Last Line" will display only the most recent running line for all horses to compare. "Last 2" or "Last 3" will extract the most recent two or three lines. "All Lines" is the default and will pull from any of the horse's past-performance records.

L30 L60 L90 L180 All Dates

These filters determine the number of days back you want to look at. For example, if you click "L60", the [XFIG] screen will only display running lines from the last 60-days and no further. The default is "All Dates" which extracts lines from any race regardless of how far back it was run.

Fast Dirt Turf Artificial Wet Dirt Sprint Route Within 1/2 Fur

All but the last item are check-marked by default. If you un-check them, then race types are excluded from the sort screen. For example, if you un-check "Turf" and "Sprint" then races that were run on Turf or at distances less than 8.0f (1-mile) are ignored. The "Within 1/2 Fur" is unchecked by default and can be used to further narrow the distance

Match Today's Distance Match Today's Surface Match Today's Track

These are great filters to use if you want exact matches to today's race situation. But they can also reduce the record count considerably on the screen.

Use Fr3 (fps)

By default, the fps column on the XFIG screen displays A/P (Average Pace velocity). If you wish to look at Fr3 (Fraction-3 velocity), which was the default in the previous version, use this checkbox to switch the display.

[Reset Defaults] [Com]

Click the "Reset" to return the default settings and refresh the screen with no filters. The "Com" button allows the computer to select the parameters. It is the same as the <F> hot key that was in the older version.

Comments

With a new set of tools for the XFIG to provide greater flexibility, you will find yourself turning a race inside-out and recognizing a new perspective of the past-performances. For example: "who exits the toughest race?". To find out, click "Last Line Only" and sort with "Race-PER". Horses that have been competing vs. tougher often improve dramatically when facing softer company. This is just one example scenario of many you can decipher quickly with the new XFIG. Now you'll spend less time perusing the full PPs and more time comparing the key match ups.