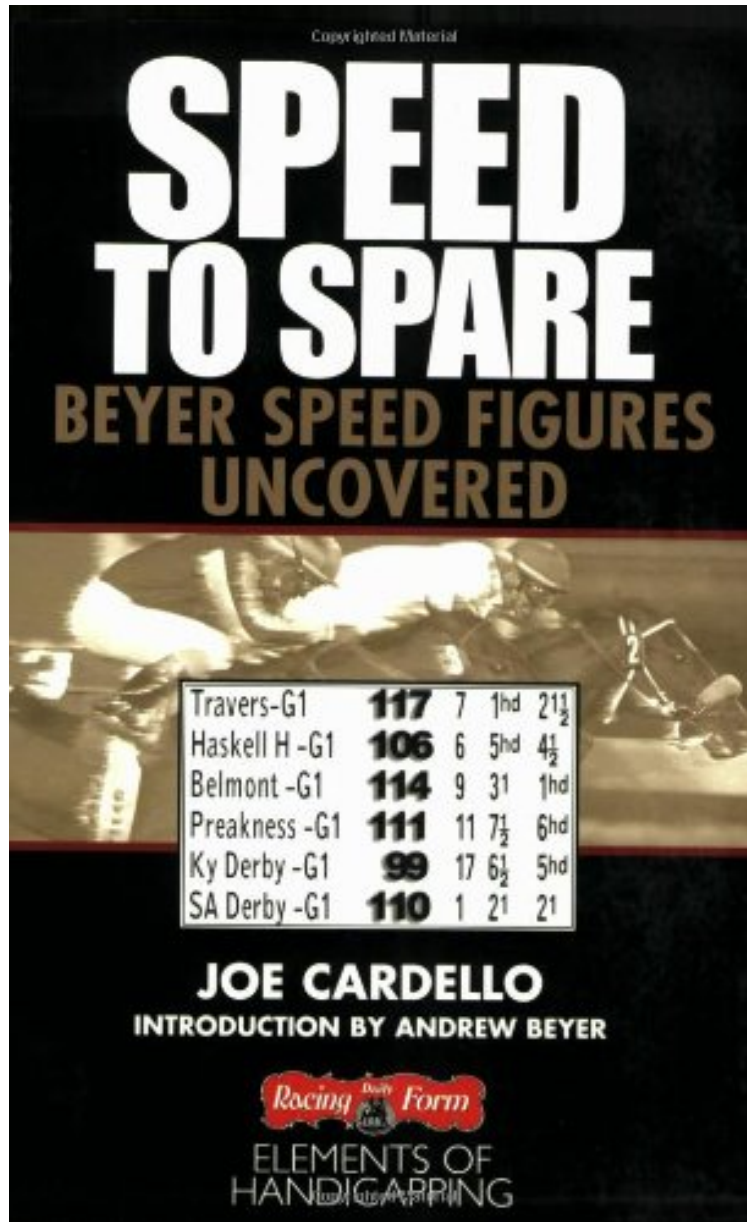


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Joe Cardello : Speed to Spare: Beyer Speed Figures Uncovered (Elements of Handicapping) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Speed to Spare: Beyer Speed Figures Uncovered (Elements of Handicapping):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I am happy to say that my skepticism was justified. I should warn you that I am a pace handicapper, and so I purchased this book more out of curiosity and with a high degree of skepticism. I am happy to say that my skepticism was justified. I use Beyer figures as an aid for eliminating horses. If one horse has Beyer figures in the mid 60s while the leading contenders have figures in the mid 70s or higher, then I feel perfectly safe in eliminating that horse from consideration. Beyond that, I seldom use the Beyer figures. So I approached this book with the idea that maybe I was just overlooking some things. I wasn't. The problem with Cardello's examples, of which there are many, is that they are like the "Just So Stories". It's easy to find "patterns" in Beyer figures to explain why a horse won a race after the fact. Unfortunately, I can find lots of similar patterns in old racing forms and the horses got nowhere near the wire. My recommendation...save your money and keep the pace handicapper's maxim in mind: It's not how fast a horse runs, it's how a horse runs fast.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Informative, but not without flaws. In short, this is a good book to provide a bit of insight behind speed figures. If you are new to the races, this will provide you with insight for sure, but it WILL NOT explain how Beyer figures are derived, and some of the flaws they may have. For this, I would recommend "Picking Winners" and "Beyer on Speed" by Andrew Beyer. All in all, those two books are much more informative than this. However, if you would like some guidance towards possible uses of Beyer figures to "make sense" of them, this is a great book. It is loaded with some statistics, patterns, as well as rationale to why these patterns may present themselves. If you are experienced with the races, I can't promise this book will be of great use, but like most books on strategies at the track, it does provide you with some food for thought for next time you handicap. Note this book only covers one aspect of handicapping, but it does cover it nicely.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Deepens insight into Beyer figs. This little book helps the horse player to read, interpret, and understand the Beyer speed figs in horses' past performances. Since I have been reading the Daily Racing Form and Equibase products for 30 years, I think the incorporation of the Beyer speed figs into past performances is the single most important development in horse race handicapping during that time. This book, written by one of the people who helped Beyer develop the figs, is the essential tool if you want to learn how to use the figs. Most importantly, the author takes pains to repeat more than once that using the Beyer figs is only one element in the handicapping process. A successful horse player still must evaluate class, distance, track surface, and the other factors that go into handicapping. This book is a great addition to one's understanding of the Beyer figs and sits right next to Beyer On Speed in my library.

Since the inclusion of Beyer Speed Figures into the Daily Racing Form in 1992, horseplayers have had a new tool to use in their day-to-day handicapping. Learn what Beyer Speed Figures are, how they consistently point to the fastest horses in each race, and how to apply them correctly to produce winning tickets.