



ROSEHILL BETTING INSIGHTS

Rosehill is one of the two main Saturday race tracks in Sydney (the other being Randwick.) It hosts an average of 27 meetings per year, so a good understanding of the track as it relates to betting decisions is essential for every punter. Let's take a look at historical results at Rosehill using the same factors that we've examined for other tracks.

THE RECORD OF HORSES BASED ON MARKET PRICE

The table below shows the result of all runners at Rosehill from January 2005 to 20th November 2016, sorted by starting price.

Starting Price	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
\$1.01 to \$3.00	1462	623	42.6%	3.1%
\$3.1 to \$5.00	3677	756	20.6%	-9.1%
\$5.1 to \$7.00	2719	406	14.9%	0.7%
\$7.1 to \$10	4122	377	9.1%	-12.2%
\$10.1 to \$15	3640	220	6.0%	-12.1%
\$15.1 to \$20	1917	82	4.3%	-17.7%
\$20.1 to \$50	5481	144	2.6%	-16.9%
Greater than \$50	3551	29	0.8%	-26.7%

The market average at Rosehill using best of SP / 3 totes as the dividend is -7%, so you can see that horses up to \$3.00 have performed exceptionally well. The \$3.1 to \$5.00 range looks an anomaly because \$5.1 to \$7 is again very good. If we consider the total group of horses up to \$7, they have returned -2.9% which is 4+ times better than horses at longer prices. As is the case with most tracks, horses in this price range are by far the easiest to profit from.

FAVOURITES

The record of favourites has been excellent.

Favourites	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
Up to 1200m	968	338	34.9%	2.0%
1201m to 1500m	1083	352	32.5%	-2.3%
Greater than 1500m	582	193	33.2%	2.2%
TOTAL	2633	883	33.5%	0.3%

If you had backed every metro favourite at Rosehill since 2005 and were able to shop well for prices and beat the best of SP and 3 totes (not difficult as more than 60% of favourites firm) then you would have made a tidy betting profit. That's a significant statistic!

It's a recurring theme in our analysis that Metropolitan favourites represent excellent betting prospects. The value you need to add by filtering out a few of the higher risk runners in order to make a good profit is minimal, especially compared to other runners.

BARRIER DRAWS

A bias against wide barriers and belief that you should only back horses drawn barriers closer to the inside is very counter-productive to profitable betting. Every track and distance is a case by case basis, but like all of the tracks we've looked at so far, Rosehill is certainly a track where wide barriers do well.

The following tables show the result of genuine chances up to \$10 SP by barrier draw between January 2005 and 20th November 2016. We've grouped distances based on their starting location on the track.

1000m to 1200m races

Barrier	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
1 to 3	1473	284	19.3%	-4.3%
3 to 5	1470	284	19.3%	-5.8%
5 to 7	1357	243	17.9%	-7.6%
7 to 9	993	156	15.7%	-12.6%
9+	740	122	16.5%	2.8%

Very few people would believe that if you backed every horse up to \$10 in sprint races at Rosehill drawn 9+ that you would have made a profit! It once again shows that wide barriers are a punters friend when it comes to making a profit. Well credentialed horses that are drawn wide represent excellent betting prospects.

1300m to 1400m races

Barrier	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
1 to 3	971	175	18.0%	-6.6%
3 to 5	934	158	16.9%	-12.9%
5 to 7	882	165	18.7%	-3.9%
7 to 9	692	126	18.2%	-1.1%
9+	540	86	15.9%	-7.3%

Samples of just a few hundred here are more subject to natural variance in the results, especially as we are dealing with low strike rates. However as the figures stand the results are still consistent with the theme that there is no reason at all to fear wide barriers.

1500m races

Barrier	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
1 to 3	643	119	18.5%	-6.0%
3 to 5	614	110	17.9%	-5.3%
5 to 7	589	107	18.2%	-3.6%
7 to 9	458	84	18.3%	-1.7%
9+	419	72	17.2%	9.9%

The strike rates are very even across all barriers from the 1500m start and wide barriers have been very profitable, all be it a small sample of just over 400 runners.

1900m to 2000m races

Barrier	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
1 to 3	520	93	17.9%	-10.6%
3 to 5	524	103	19.7%	0.5%
5 to 7	473	90	19.0%	-0.5%
7 to 9	395	62	15.7%	-13.7%
9+	291	39	13.4%	-19.4%

This is one of the rare cases where outside barriers have performed significantly worse than the average. It could be natural variance in a small sample, but there is only a short run from these starts to the first turn and then they have two more turns to get around before entering the straight. It could be that horses drawn wide have to work harder early to find a position, get caught wide more often or have to drift right back to the tail, all of which could explain the results.

24000m races

Barrier	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
1 to 3	148	27	18.2%	-18.4%
3 to 5	148	37	25.0%	19.6%
5 to 7	136	31	22.8%	19.0%
7 to 9	118	22	18.6%	4.2%
9+	83	8	9.6%	-38.6%

The samples here are very small so variance is likely to be a significant factor. For that reason it's not worth reading too much into the results.

PREVIOUS WINS & EXPERIENCE AT THE TRACK

The following table shows runners up to \$10 SP from Jan 2005 to 20th November 2016

Record @ track	Runs	Wins	SR%	POT%
Never won at the track				
0 starts - 0 wins	3569	660	18.5%	-5.5%
1 start - 0 wins	1855	315	17.0%	-9.0%
2+ starts - 0 wins	2569	419	16.3%	-2.1%
Previous wins at the track				
1 start - 1 win	485	124	25.6%	0.6%
2 starts - 1 or 2 wins	610	135	22.1%	0.5%
3+ starts - 1 or 2 wins	2391	395	16.5%	-8.5%
3+ starts - 3+ wins	501	114	22.8%	5.9%

There's mixed results here. Horses that have never won at the track have a total return of -5.3% POT, so you should not discount a horse at all because they've yet to win at Rosehill, especially after two or more attempts (just -2.1% POT).

Horses that have won at the track have returned -3.6% POT so there's a small advantage there over the others, but again it's not anything significant enough to make it a key factor in your betting decisions.

These are valuable lessons to learn about betting. It's easy to complicate your decisions and add uncertainty by considering variables that in reality don't make any difference to the profit potential of your bet.

IN RUN POSITION – RAIL MOVEMENTS

The following table shows the results of genuine chances up to \$10 in the market based on the rail position and where they settled in the run.

Settling Position	RAIL TRUE		RAIL OUT	
	SR%	POT%	SR%	POT%
Pace 1-2	19.9%	-10.7%	26.2%	19.7%
Off Pace 3-4	18.4%	-8.7%	17.4%	-12.1%
Mid 5-8	17.4%	-3.7%	14.9%	-16.2%
Mid back 7-10	15.5%	-3.1%	14.8%	-13.0%
Back 9+	13.1%	-12.0%	10.7%	-29.0%

You can see that when the rail is in the true position, there has been a profit advantage to those settling off the pace, around midfield. I should point out though that over the last season we've seen the Rosehill track play more evenly in all rail positions. The most recent set of stats from 1/8/2015 to current, while only a sample of 100-200 runners in each category show less advantage to on pacers when the rail is out and more success for on pace / handy runners when the rail is true.

The only constant is that those likely to be well back in the field (9+) are still significantly disadvantaged when the rail is out.

WRAPPING UP

In punting it's important to regularly question the beliefs you hold about certain factors and whether they are actually true. Making decisions on the basis of false beliefs will prevent you from achieving profits and most importantly, you won't even be aware of the mistakes you are making.... it will go on forever.

From these insights I have the following advice for you about betting at Rosehill:

- Do not be biased against a horse simply because it's "the favourite." Favourites have an excellent record at Rosehill and if you did nothing more than back favourites at the track since 2005 you would have made a profit.
- Do not dismiss horses as betting prospects simply because they have drawn a wide barrier (unless you are very confident in your speed map to say it's a real disadvantage.) History shows that wide barriers at Rosehill up to 1500m are actually a profit advantage. The sample in staying races is smaller but at the moment wide draws do appear to be a disadvantage.
- Don't pay any great attention to a horse's previous record at the track. Those that have won at Rosehill previously do perform slightly better than the average, but it's not significant enough to let it be a key influence in your decisions.
- In more recent times the Rosehill track has played very evenly. You should however avoid horses that are likely to settle well back (9th or further) in the run, especially when the rail is out.

Smart punting!

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