

The Thoroughbred Sales Guide – User Notes

The Guide contains racing information which is additional to that in the catalogue. In certain cases, some lesser horses appearing in the catalogue may not appear in the Guide as there are no ratings, win distances or sales prices available for them.

Included are the sales results for European auctions and the major sales in North America over the last 6 years. Vendor “buy-backs” are also included.

Sales prices for animals sold at Doncaster Bloodstock Sales prior to their 2008 Lincoln Handicap Sale are shown in guineas. From that sale onwards, prices from Doncaster are shown in pounds sterling.

For each subject animal, his or her sire’s covering fee (where known) is shown for the last 3 years if the animal is a yearling, 2 years if it is a foal and for animals 2 years old and over only the current year’s fee is given.

As a guide to the quality of the horse’s racecourse performance on the flat, included are BHA Handicap Ratings and International Classification Ratings, using the higher of the two where a horse has both. These ratings are comprehensively available from 1995, although in some cases they extend further back in time. Ratings from Ireland, France, Germany and Italy now extend back to 1990. Irish ratings up to and including 31st December 2009 were supplied by Turform. Ratings after that date have been supplied by The Turf Club. In all cases the highest rating is output. If a horse has both turf and all weather ratings, the highest figure is shown. Ratings for horses running in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany and Italy are updated regularly during the year. French ratings are up to the end of the previous year.

Race distances are available for winners on the flat in Great Britain and Ireland and for GB/IRE-bred winners abroad from 1991. For Great Britain and Ireland, parts of a furlong are expressed as a decimal. For example, a winning distance of 7f 20yds is 7.1f, 7f 40yds is 7.2f, 7f 200yds is 8f and so on. In all cases, yards are rounded up to the next decimal place.

Trainers (where known) are listed for unraced 2 and 3-year-olds who are either in training or have been entered to race in Great Britain.

Breeders (where known) are shown for each subject animal being sold.

Pedigree nicks appear at the foot of certain Lots. Within them, Black Type performances in either Great Britain or Ireland are shown as GB/IRE. In all cases, a second place finish will always be output before a third; regardless of race type (i.e. a Listed second will be shown before a Group third).