Early Bird Ratings Cheat Sheet

Below is a screen shot part of the ratings PDF.

I will walk you through what it all means.

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The Top Line shows three fields...

1). Race Course. This is the course where the race is being run. All Weather have an (AW) appended to the course name.

2). Race Time. This is the time that the race is due to run.

3). Race Title. The title of the race.
The Second Line shows eight fields...

1). Race Type. This is the basic race type. It will be one of the following...

   All Weather
   Flat
   National Hunt Chase
   National Hunt Flat
   National Hunt Hurdles

2). Race Type 2. This refined race type. The following are some (but not all) Race Type 2's...

   Maiden
   Selling
   Novice
   Conditional Stakes
   Handicap
   Listed Race

3). Handicap. This indicates whether the race is a handicap race or not.

4). Runners. The number of actual runners in the race.
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5). Race Class. The class of the race. It will be from 1 to 7 for UK races and “Unknown” for Irish races.

6). Race Age. The age of the race. It indicates the ages of the horses eligible to run in the race.

7). Race Going. The going of the race. Please note that, as the ratings are produced the day before the race, the going may change overnight.

8). Race Distance. The distance of the race. It will be up or down to the nearest furlong.
Horse Line.

The Second Line shows twenty fields...

1). Ratings Status. This will be from 1 to 3 with 1 meaning the top rated horse and 3 meaning the third rated horse.

2). Horse Name. The name of the horse. Please note that apostrophies and other punctuation marks are removed.

3). Jockey Name. The name of the jockey. Please note that apostrophies and other punctuation marks are removed.

4). Trainer Name. The name of the trainer. Please note that apostrophies and other punctuation marks are removed.

5). Form. The results (up to the last five runs) of the horse.

6). LTO. The number of days since the horse's last run.

7). Distance Winner. If the horse has won at the distance of today's race, this will be Yes – otherwise it will be No.

8). Course Winner. If the horse has won at the course of today's race, this will be Yes – otherwise it will be No.

9). Course & Distance Winner. If the horse has won at the course of today's race and over the same distance of today's race, this will be Yes – otherwise it will be No.
10). Beaten Favourite. If a horse was the Favourite in the last race but didn't win, this will be Yes, otherwise it will be no.

11). Going Wins. This shows how many wins the horse has had on the Going of today's race. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.)

12). Going Places. This shows how many places the horse has had on the Going of today's race. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.)

13). Class Wins. This shows how many wins the horse has had in the Class of today's race. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.)

14). Class Places. This shows how many places the horse has had in the Class of today's race. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.)

16). Weight. The weight of the horse in stones and pounds.

17). Sex. This shows the sex of the horse. It will be one of the following...

   C – Colt - an uncastrated young (under 4 years old) male horse.
   G – Gelding – a gelded (castrated) male horse of any age.
   H – Horse – (Sometimes called Stallion) – A male horse that is 4 years old (or older) and has not been gelded.
   F – Filly – a female horse under 4 years of age.
   M – Mare – a female horse that is 4 years old or older.

18). R4. The actual rating of the horse. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.)

19). Forecast. The forecast starting price of the horse. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.)

20). Confidence. An indicator of the confidence the ratings have in the horse. (Unique to EarlyBird and Focus Ratings.) The second rated horse in every race has a confidence of 100%

The confidence of every other horse in the race is their rating (R4) divided by the rating of the second rated horse.

An example would be...
We have 3 top three rated horses in a race (obviously.)

Black Beauty is the top rated horse; he has a rating (R4) of 4.0

Speedy Sam is the second rated horse; he has a rating (R4) of 3.0

Dennis the Donkey is the third rated horse; he has a rating of 2.0

As the second rated horse, Speedy Sam automatically gets a confidence figure of 100%

Black Beauty's confidence figure is his rating (R4) divided by the rating (R4) of the second rated horse.  This, in this example, would be 4.0 divided by 3.0 – in other words, Black Beauty would get a confidence figure of 133%

Dennis the Donkey's confidence figure is his rating (R4) divided by the rating (R4) of the second rated horse.  This, in this example, would be 2.0 divided by 3.0 – in other words, Dennis the Donkey would get a confidence figure of 66%

The Confidence figure is there to help you quickly scan the ratings and see how much better the top rated horse is compared to the second rated horse (and, obviously, how much better the second rated horse is compared to the third rated horse.

The higher the Confidence figure for the top rated horse is, the more likely that he/she will win the race.