

# HOW TO READ THE WIZARD

## The Wizard's Panel of Selections

Wizard	Timeform	Best Form (12 mths)	Recent Form	Distance	Class	Consensus
<i>Mistegic</i>	<i>Century Kid</i>	<i>Mistegic</i>	<i>Mistegic</i>	<i>Mistegic</i>	<i>Mistegic</i>	<i>Mistegic</i> 17
<i>Century Kid</i>	<i>Mistegic</i>	<i>Falvelon</i>	<i>Excellerator</i>	<i>Century Kid</i>	<i>Century Kid</i>	<i>Century Kid</i> 9
<i>Falvelon</i>	<i>Falvelon</i>	<i>Spinning Hill</i>	<i>Spinning Hill</i>	<i>Excellerator</i>	<i>North Boy</i>	<i>Falvelon</i> 4

Poll:- *Mistegic* (17), *Century Kid* (9), *Falvelon* (4), *Excellerator* (3), *Spinning Hill* (2), *North Boy* (1)

The Wizard Panel of Selections is something special for it provides readers with a unique overview of each race. The Wizard computers analyse the race in six different ways. The results of this analysis are presented in the form of a traditional newspaper tipsters' poll, and a consensus (most favoured) is calculated. (Note: The poll points for each horse mentioned in the panel is shown immediately below the panel.)

**The Wizard Panel.** The selections in this box are produced by the main Wizard handicapping program which also produces the Assessed Odds (AOdds) line featured in the top (statistics) panel. It takes into account both relative weights, times, the current form pattern of the horses, their record of consistency, and the barrier position from which they are starting and so on.

**The Timeform Panel.** This assessment is based on the times horses have recorded, with most emphasis being placed on those times recorded in races run under conditions similar to the forthcoming race.

**The Best Form (12 months) Panel.** The selections in this box are those three horses that have produced the best ratings in the last 12 months. This assessment does not discriminate between past races run over varying distances, in different classes, on different courses, etc. This being the case if you have a horse rated number on this assessment and it is ideally suited under the conditions of the forthcoming race, you have a potential bet which has proved itself superior to its competition. If this horse has not been performing up to its ability in its recent races but is a likely improver in the coming race you could have the making of a lucrative longshot winner.

**The Recent Form Panel.** The assessment is based on a Wizard handicapping program which concentrates on a horse's last three runs and heavily penalises a horse which is resuming from a spell. What this box provides is the best rated horse on current form.

**The Distance Panel.** Many bettors believe that distance is a key factor in deciding the outcome of a race. One of the WIZARDS handicapping programs focuses on the last three runs each horse has had over a distance that is within 10% of the distance of the forthcoming race. If a horse has not raced over such a distance then the WIZARD computer makes an estimate of its likely distance ability and rates it accordingly.

**The Class Panel.** The WIZARD handicapping program that makes these selections looks at each horse's overall record, but concentrates on those races that are similar in quality to the forthcoming race. The ratings in the best two recent runs are averaged and this composite rating becomes the basis for selection. Where a horse has insufficient starts in similar races the WIZARD computer program makes its own assessment of the horse's likely ratings and handicaps it accordingly.

**The Consensus Panel.** This box performs the same function as a "most favoured" box in a normal tipsters poll. Each first selection in the other boxes is allocated 3 points, each second selection 2 points, and each third selection 1 point. These points are totalled and the horses with the highest number of points become the consensus selections (Note: The full listing of poll horses and their points is to be found under the WIZARD Panel of Selections).