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## **BreezeFigs™ Report Adds Breeze Show Video Links for 2009 2YO Sales**

The *BreezeFigs™ Report*, which is a speed-figure handicapping tool available to readers of *Daily Racing Form's* online website ([www.drf.com](http://www.drf.com)), has added a new feature for the 2009 series which covers the 2-year-old sales of this year. Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, the report includes each horse's HIP number at the sale where it breezed, data which is complemented by internet links listed at the bottom of the report. In this way a handicapper can go to the website of the sales company and watch the way the horse breezed at the sale.

“We believe this is the first time a handicapping tool has included any website reference to horses breezing at a 2-year-old sale,” said Robert D. Fierro, managing director of DataTrack International, which provides the BreezeFigs service to both buyers at these sales and handicappers through DRF afterwards. “This is the next logical step in transitioning many of the advantages we offer clients at the sales to handicappers,” continued Fierro, who developed the product along with Jay Kilgore, one of the partners in DataTrack.

The advantage to the handicapper in using the new links is two-fold, said Fierro. “First, handicappers can see the horse's action, especially if they are able to download and slow-mo the video. This is important because inefficiency leads to wasted energy during a race. So many horses have serious motion problems that can lead to injury or inefficiency that are not visible in high speed. We provide this service in more sophisticated fashion at the sales, but the addition of videos to the BreezeFigs Report will help handicappers—as well as owners and trainers looking to claim horses out of their first or second start—see what problems the horse might have down the road.”

The other major advantage is the ability to judge just how fast the horse was in his work compared to the BreezeFigs profile on the DRF site. “The video has the final time the horse breezed, and if it was very fast and the BreezeFigs profile says the horse did not make the top level in our calculations, it could mean the horse has a lot of speed but not enough to last in some races.”

Fierro noted that the video links are another exclusive feature of the BreezeFigs service, data which is not available anywhere else. “No one else has ever come up with a speed-figure for horses at 2-year-olds sales, and as studies we've published show *BreezeFigs* has been proven to be a very reliable handicapping tool in that respect.

“Our service has always noted if a horse was bought back (RNA) or was scratched from the sale after breezing, data which is not available in past performances,” he continued. “We've added other features over the years including the each horse's stride length during that breeze and the average stride length for that sex at that distance at the sale. Last year we added a feature which notes whether the breeze show was held on a dirt or synthetic track.

“With the improvements in technology and the increase in the use of the internet by handicappers, we thought this was the most logical, and conclusive, step in our on-line service.”

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