

FRL Factors by Surface and Distance

Compact comparison of Win, Exacta, and Trifecta containment

Definitions: Sprints are under 8 furlongs; routes are 8 furlongs or longer. "Top 3/4/5" means the finishing horse(s) were fully contained within that FRL ranking group. These numbers are projected by using the Standard line selection of best of the last 3 surface and distance with no line selection on our part.

At-a-Glance Comparison

Surface / Distance	Best Top-3 Signal	Best Top-4 Signal	Practical Read
Dirt Sprints	Frl-E (all 3 measures)	Frl-E (all 3 measures)	Strongest overall segment; early/tactical speed dominates.
Dirt Routes	Frl-E (all 3 measures)	Frl-E (all 3 measures)	Early speed remains strongest, with modestly lower containment.
Turf Sprints	Mixed: E wins; L exacta/trifecta	Frl-E (all 3 measures)	More variable; late runners are more competitive in Top 3.
Turf Routes	Frl-E (all 3 measures)	Very close; Frl-E narrowly leads	Balanced segment where trip and race flow matter more.
Poly Sprints	Frl-E wins/exacta; E/N tie trifecta	Frl-E wins/exacta; E narrowly trifecta	Less early-speed dominance than dirt.
Poly Routes	Frl-E wins; Frl-N trifecta	Frl-L wins/exacta; Frl-N trifecta	Most balanced segment; sustained and neutral styles gain influence.

Top-5 Coverage by Surface

Surface	Factor	Exacta	Trifecta
Dirt	Frl-E	77.3%	65.7%
	Frl-L	76.1%	62.6%
	Frl-N	75.8%	62.9%
Turf	Frl-E	67.7%	51.8%
	Frl-L	65.5%	49.7%
	Frl-N	65.6%	50.8%
Poly	Frl-E	75.1%	60.1%
	Frl-L	75.1%	59.8%
	Frl-N	76.6%	62.1%

Combined Top-5 Coverage

Grouping	Exacta	Trifecta
Sprints (<8f), any FRL Top 5	83.8%	74.6%
Routes (8f+), any FRL Top 5	82.9%	71.8%
Poly, any FRL Top 5	82.7%	72.2%

Top 3 FRL Containment

Bold, shaded percentages are the best result within each surface-distance segment. Exacta requires both finishers; trifecta requires all three.

Surface / Distance	Factor	Win	Exacta	Trifecta
Dirt Sprints	Frl-E	63.8%	31.2%	11.7%
	Frl-L	62.8%	31.1%	10.7%
	Frl-N	59.8%	29.4%	9.7%
Dirt Routes	Frl-E	62.7%	32.8%	10.4%
	Frl-L	57.6%	26.8%	9.1%
	Frl-N	56.8%	27.4%	9.1%
Turf Sprints	Frl-E	51.8%	20.9%	7.0%
	Frl-L	49.5%	22.3%	8.3%
	Frl-N	50.5%	19.6%	7.6%
Turf Routes	Frl-E	56.6%	24.9%	8.3%
	Frl-L	52.3%	21.6%	5.9%
	Frl-N	50.7%	20.5%	5.7%
Poly Sprints	Frl-E	57.1%	29.7%	8.7%
	Frl-L	50.7%	24.2%	6.8%
	Frl-N	49.3%	24.2%	8.7%
Poly Routes	Frl-E	56.4%	24.0%	7.3%
	Frl-L	49.7%	19.0%	6.1%
	Frl-N	53.1%	20.7%	7.8%

Top-3 Takeaways

- Dirt: Frl-E leads every measure in both sprints and routes.
- Turf sprints: Frl-E leads winners, while Frl-L leads exactas and trifectas.
- Poly routes: Frl-N is strongest for trifecta containment, showing greater neutral/balanced influence.

Top 4 FRL Containment

Bold, shaded percentages are the best result within each surface-distance segment. Exacta requires both finishers; trifecta requires all three.

Surface / Distance	Factor	Win	Exacta	Trifecta
Dirt Sprints	Frl-E	78.8%	55.5%	35.3%
	Frl-L	76.1%	52.0%	30.5%
	Frl-N	74.6%	50.1%	28.8%
Dirt Routes	Frl-E	76.5%	53.4%	33.5%
	Frl-L	73.3%	50.1%	28.2%
	Frl-N	73.2%	49.3%	28.5%
Turf Sprints	Frl-E	69.8%	43.5%	25.2%
	Frl-L	63.8%	36.9%	19.9%
	Frl-N	64.8%	34.6%	18.3%
Turf Routes	Frl-E	69.8%	43.0%	23.4%
	Frl-L	69.1%	41.8%	21.0%
	Frl-N	68.9%	40.1%	21.7%
Poly Sprints	Frl-E	71.2%	49.8%	29.7%
	Frl-L	69.4%	48.9%	27.4%
	Frl-N	67.1%	47.9%	29.2%
Poly Routes	Frl-E	72.6%	46.4%	24.0%
	Frl-L	73.2%	48.0%	27.4%
	Frl-N	72.6%	46.4%	29.6%

Top-4 Takeaways

Dirt sprints are the strongest single segment: Top 4 Frl-E contains 78.8% of winners, 55.5% of exactas, and 35.3% of trifectas.
Turf routes are tightly grouped across all three FRL factors.
Poly routes are unique: Frl-L leads wins and exactas, while Frl-N leads trifectas.

What Is Gained by Expanding from Top 3 to Top 4?

For each segment and wager type, this compares the best-performing FRL factor at Top 3 with the best-performing factor at Top 4.

Segment	Measure	Top 3 Best	Factor	Top 4 Best	Factor	Gain
Dirt Sprints	Win	63.8%	Frl-E	78.8%	Frl-E	+15.0 pts
	Exacta	31.2%	Frl-E	55.5%	Frl-E	+24.3 pts
	Trifecta	11.7%	Frl-E	35.3%	Frl-E	+23.6 pts
Dirt Routes	Win	62.7%	Frl-E	76.5%	Frl-E	+13.8 pts
	Exacta	32.8%	Frl-E	53.4%	Frl-E	+20.6 pts
	Trifecta	10.4%	Frl-E	33.5%	Frl-E	+23.1 pts
Turf Sprints	Win	51.8%	Frl-E	69.8%	Frl-E	+18.0 pts
	Exacta	22.3%	Frl-L	43.5%	Frl-E	+21.2 pts
	Trifecta	8.3%	Frl-L	25.2%	Frl-E	+16.9 pts
Turf Routes	Win	56.6%	Frl-E	69.8%	Frl-E	+13.2 pts
	Exacta	24.9%	Frl-E	43.0%	Frl-E	+18.1 pts
	Trifecta	8.3%	Frl-E	23.4%	Frl-E	+15.1 pts
Poly Sprints	Win	57.1%	Frl-E	71.2%	Frl-E	+14.1 pts
	Exacta	29.7%	Frl-E	49.8%	Frl-E	+20.1 pts
	Trifecta	8.7%	Frl-N	29.7%	Frl-E	+21.0 pts
Poly Routes	Win	56.4%	Frl-E	73.2%	Frl-L	+16.8 pts
	Exacta	24.0%	Frl-E	48.0%	Frl-L	+24.0 pts
	Trifecta	7.8%	Frl-N	29.6%	Frl-N	+21.8 pts

Practical Strategy Summary

Segment	Suggested Use	Reason
Dirt Sprints	Key Frl-E; narrow tickets	Best overall contender compression and strongest early-speed environment.
Dirt Routes	Use Frl-E as the key; consider Frl-L underneath	Early speed remains strongest, but route variables reduce certainty.
Turf Sprints	Broaden beyond Frl-E; include Frl-L	Late runners become more competitive, especially for exacta/trifecta coverage.
Turf Routes	Use a balanced E/L/N approach	The three factors are close; pace, trip, and energy distribution matter more.
Poly Sprints	Start with Frl-E, but avoid over-narrowing	Early speed leads, though neutral style remains competitive underneath.
Poly Routes	Emphasize Frl-L and Frl-N	This is the least early-dominant segment and the most balanced/sustained-running environment.

Bottom Line

The strongest single angle is Dirt Sprint + Top 4 Frl-E: 78.8% winners, 55.5% exactas, and 35.3% trifectas. Turf requires broader inclusion, while Poly routes favor a more balanced Frl-L/Frl-N approach.