

BL/BL Rank Analysis

Winners and Place Horses by Surface and Distance

Dirt and Turf | Sprints 5-7 furlongs | Routes 8-10.5 furlongs

Executive Summary

BL/BL rankings were most effective at concentrating winners in dirt races. Dirt sprints produced the strongest Rank 1 showing, while dirt routes also kept nearly nine out of ten winners and place horses within the top five. Turf routes performed well for winners, but turf sprints were less concentrated and produced more variable payout results.

Race Group	Winner Sample	Top 5 Winners	Place Sample	Top 5 Place
Dirt Sprints	2,181	89.73%	2,184	86.58%
Dirt Routes	1,238	88.61%	1,230	88.29%
Turf Sprints	281	79.00%	280	75.71%
Turf Routes	684	87.43%	683	80.38%

Main findings

- Dirt sprints: Rank 1 supplied 28.52% of winners; the top five supplied 89.73%.
- Dirt routes: The top five supplied 88.61% of winners and 88.29% of place horses.
- Turf sprints: The top-five capture rates fell to 79.00% for winners and 75.71% for place horses.
- Payouts generally rose as the BL/BL rank moved from 1 toward 5, reflecting the higher prices on lower-ranked horses.

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Dirt Sprints

This category contains 2,181 winners and 2,184 second-place horses. BL/BL ranks were missing for 39 winners and 45 place horses.

Winners (Result = 1)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	622	28.52%	\$6.62 (615 records)
2	444	20.36%	\$8.21 (441 records)
3	346	15.86%	\$11.32 (343 records)
4	282	12.93%	\$13.24 (282 records)
5	263	12.06%	\$14.51 (261 records)
Top 5 combined	1,957	89.73%	-

Place horses (Result = 2)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	449	20.56%	\$4.20 (444 records)
2	409	18.73%	\$4.68 (406 records)
3	394	18.04%	\$5.49 (389 records)
4	345	15.80%	\$6.42 (343 records)
5	294	13.46%	\$7.66 (293 records)
Top 5 combined	1,891	86.58%	-

Key point: Rank 1 produced 28.52% of all dirt-sprint winners, the strongest Rank 1 result in the study. The top five ranks captured 89.73% of winners and 86.58% of place horses.

Dirt Routes

This category contains 1,238 winners and 1,230 second-place horses. BL/BL ranks were missing for 10 winners and 7 place horses.

Winners (Result = 1)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	296	23.91%	\$7.24 (294 records)
2	232	18.74%	\$8.66 (228 records)
3	200	16.16%	\$11.52 (198 records)
4	180	14.54%	\$12.53 (179 records)
5	189	15.27%	\$15.03 (187 records)
Top 5 combined	1,097	88.61%	-

Place horses (Result = 2)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	240	19.51%	\$4.41 (239 records)
2	233	18.94%	\$5.28 (229 records)
3	199	16.18%	\$5.58 (197 records)
4	211	17.15%	\$6.08 (210 records)
5	203	16.50%	\$7.34 (200 records)
Top 5 combined	1,086	88.29%	-

Key point: Dirt routes remained highly concentrated in the top five ranks: 88.61% of winners and 88.29% of place horses. Winner frequency was more evenly distributed across ranks 2 through 5 than in dirt sprints.

Turf Sprints

This category contains 281 winners and 280 second-place horses. BL/BL ranks were missing for 8 winners and 9 place horses.

Winners (Result = 1)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	58	20.64%	\$7.20 (50 records)
2	45	16.01%	\$12.68 (37 records)
3	42	14.95%	\$13.48 (36 records)
4	40	14.23%	\$13.30 (33 records)
5	37	13.17%	\$15.42 (31 records)
Top 5 combined	222	79.00%	-

Place horses (Result = 2)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	45	16.07%	\$4.70 (34 records)
2	43	15.36%	\$5.88 (37 records)
3	52	18.57%	\$6.26 (42 records)
4	39	13.93%	\$9.09 (34 records)
5	33	11.79%	\$6.55 (30 records)
Top 5 combined	212	75.71%	-

Key point: Turf sprints were the least concentrated group. The top five captured 79.00% of winners and 75.71% of place horses. Because this group also has the smallest sample, its payout averages are more variable.

Turf Routes

This category contains 684 winners and 683 second-place horses. BL/BL ranks were missing for 18 winners and 12 place horses.

Winners (Result = 1)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	140	20.47%	\$7.60 (120 records)
2	108	15.79%	\$9.51 (94 records)
3	114	16.67%	\$10.91 (102 records)
4	126	18.42%	\$12.35 (113 records)
5	110	16.08%	\$16.15 (102 records)
Top 5 combined	598	87.43%	-

Place horses (Result = 2)

BL/BL Rank	Finishers	% of Category	Average Payout*
1	108	15.81%	\$4.82 (100 records)
2	113	16.54%	\$6.58 (95 records)
3	107	15.67%	\$6.47 (94 records)
4	106	15.52%	\$6.09 (98 records)
5	115	16.84%	\$8.03 (106 records)
Top 5 combined	549	80.38%	-

Key point: Turf-route winners were well represented in the top five (87.43%), but place horses were less concentrated (80.38%). Ranks 3 through 5 supplied a substantial share of both outcomes.

Methodology and Reading Notes

Item	Definition
BL/BL rank	Column U, headed "BL/BL #".
Winner	A row with Result = 1. Average payout uses the Win \$ field.
Place horse	A row with Result = 2. Average payout uses the Place \$ field.
Sprint	Race distance from 5.0 through 7.0 furlongs, inclusive.
Route	Race distance from 8.0 through 10.5 furlongs, inclusive.
Surface	Only Dirt (D) and Turf (T) races are included. Poly/synthetic races and other surfaces are excluded.
Percentage denominator	All winners or all second-place horses in that category, including rows with a missing BL/BL rank.
Average payout	Calculated only from positive, recorded payout values. The number of payout records used is shown in parentheses.

Interpretation caution: These are historical descriptive results. They show how outcomes were distributed across BL/BL ranks in this database; they do not, by themselves, establish profitability or guarantee future performance.