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Why Parx

This question of why do you like Parx so much was recently asked in a private message. I thought I would answer it here.
My answer is really a 6 act play

Act 1 Night

When I first started to learn the methodology I had a great teacher and friend, Richie P. I also had all the one on one mentoring I wanted in phone calls to Doc. What I did not have was self confidence and I had very low self esteem

Lets flash back to 1997. I was just getting used to Pace Launcher 4 It was the first program I purchased from the methodology, Synthesis was the program of that time. Yet after my interview with Mary Sartin and then with Doc, They told me since I new very little about handicapping Synthesis might be overwhelming for me.

Since PL4 was a hand entry program I soon looked for a track with smaller fields, I was first taught by doc to enter a line for every horse in the race and then hide horses that did not rate first second or third on about 4 different screens - this was the way he helped me before he taught the same principle which became the primary line score.

Anyway my lack of confidence and self esteem actually led me to Philadelphia Park as it was called then. I learned while doing races at the Meadowlands. simocast. Every body would gather around all the monitors at the Meadowlands when the big tracks like New York California and Gulfstream were running, this was way before internet betting so the Meadowlands was very crowded and noisy. I felt so bad about losing the little money I had and my self esteem was so bad I felt like nothing around everybody else. Those people who were rooting on the winners made me feel even worse.

Act 2 She's The One

Eventually I notice that when a race was being run at Philadelphia Park very few other people were interested. I often watched races with 4 5 and 6 horse fields alone in front of the monitor all by myself. I liked the fact that I could watch the races alone and the small fields interested me, It was easy to hand enter the pace lines for the small fields. I have always been a little off the wall about rooting for the underdog, I began to enjoy winning because of my teachers, and hard work. I also was determined to win at Philly because it was "my" track. Philly Park was a good track to learn from because they ran year round. They ran a nice mix of 5 sprint distances. and 3 route distances They also ran on the dirt and turf. Doc was supportive in my desire to work races from Philly because he said that based on the races I worked with him and my betting records Philly offered better value as a whole over the New York smart tracks. Things were really improving for me, by now I had upgraded 4 steps to Validator 2. I was winning and now downloading was available. I spent a couple of hundred dollars a year downloading every card everyday

Philly Park ran races.

Act 3 Jungle-land

Anybody here seem my old friend One day the bottom fell out. My best friend no longer came to the Meadowlands. I was all alone. Just before this sad day I had started to look at other tracks, As I recall the last memory I had of my friend he and I were sitting no longer in the clubhouse, but now in the \$3.00 room upstairs off the clubhouse level, and I had won a big turf race at Fairgrounds, Once my friend was gone, things went very bad, I soon lost all my confidence I would not call Doc, without the money I was winning I went broke, things were so bad I knew was eventually going to get evicted, so I actually used to practice being homeless, I actually spent nights outside in the middle of the winter on my apartment stair well to get used to being homeless.

I wanted to kill myself but instead I decided that my family still loved me.

I would just kill the person I had become. I remember sitting at my father's kitchen table and him crying as I told him how bad things had got. I begged him to not blame himself, I promised him I would pick myself up, So In my mind

I committed suicide.

Act 4 Thunder Road

I made cassette of Bruce Springsteen's songs Born to Run, Badlands and Thunder Road I played those sounds constantly I had lost contact with Doc after he got sick but somehow I found out his home address and contacted Mary Sartin. She allowed me to speak to Doc, I told Doc about what had become of me and how sorry I was.

I told my mom and dad and I would start using the methodology again.

I set up my dad with my copy of Validator on his computer. He asked me to teach him. and he said he wanted to do races from Philly because he said I was so good at that track. I once again downloaded Philly- Parx everyday. With my Bruce music as my soundtrack I spit in the face of the badlands.

I was motivated, I soon was back to the Meadowlands where I made new friends and revisited my old friends at the table. I no longer went into the \$3,00 room.

Act 5 Racing In the Streets

I met a man standing at the gate at 7.00 am one Saturday morning at the Meadowlands. Even though the gates did not open till 11.30 I used to wait in line and talk to Gene.. He used to ask me who I liked at Philly in the first race, Each week I would tell him my choices for the first race and then the next week he would tell me how he won using my picks.

I once again was the Philly guy, Once I gave a man who I did not know my top 4 BLBL horses. I found out the man boxed them and won a \$3000 trifecta

I was traveling down Thunder road, I was approached by another stranger one Saturday and he told me if I give him my picks he would make the first bet and if we won he would make all the bets for us as partners. I won the biggest exacta, trifecta and pick 3 in my life all on that card. We swept the card except I just went with his picks in the maiden races.

I won over \$1000 and got out of a big hole. I only looked at one track Philly Park and once again I downloaded every card and worked every race

for practice. My friend Gene saw an amazing transformation in my self confidence. Gene has passed so he probably hangs out at the heaven racetrack with Doc and Jimmy, Before he died he told me "Bill your not the man you are when you walk into the track , you are the man who is driving home after you leave the track", I lived those words. It became more motivation to always be on the way home a winner.

Act 6 Born To Run

One day I got a phone call. My friend was back. He too was a new man. life was great once again I told him I spoke to Doc and was playing parx

I also had a idea about a website about the Sartin methodology

VDC Messenger was not only the name of that website it was also the name of the my very own company VDC Messenger delivery service.

Soon after the start of VDC messenger and just before Pace and Cap

With my friend once again by my side we watched Smarty Jones show the world what a "philly" horse could do. I had come full circle. I never will forget those days months and the beginning of my time with the methodology.

Philly Park became PARX and the casino made for bigger purses and bigger fields. I still think of myself watching those 4 horse fields all alone when ever I download and watch races from Parx

Its the track I love. Its a big part of my life.