



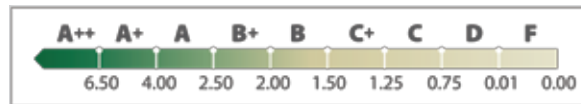
Understanding the TrueNicks Rating and Variant

It's important to understand that the TrueNicks rating scale is not linear, so while a below-opportunity rating will have a variant of 0.01 to 0.99, an above-opportunity rating can have a score from 1.01 up to numbers as high as 500 and beyond.

Generally, extremely high scores are the result of a mating which

has had considerable success with limited opportunity.

The best guide to the potential success of the nick is the letter rating which has been evolved through careful study of the relationship between the general population and the stakes winning population.



A to A++

Only 13% of the entire Thoroughbred population earn "A" ratings (A to A++) while 37% of stakes winners rate as "A"s.



13% of Thoroughbreds are "A" ratings



37% of stakes winners are "A" ratings

B to A++

Horses rated "B" or better (B to A++) represent just 30% of the entire population, yet three out of four (77%) stakes winners rate "B" or better.



30% of horses rate as "B" or better



77% of stakes winners rate as "B" or better

C to F

Almost half of Thoroughbreds in general – 44% – are on the low end of the scale (rated "C" through "F"), yet only two in 25 stakes winners (8%) have these lower ratings.



44% of Thoroughbreds rate "C" through "F"



8% of stakes winners have lower ratings

ALAN PORTER, International Pedigree Analyst and codeveloper of TrueNicks states: *"In my practical experience, horses that rate a 'B+' or better have a much higher probability of success on the racetrack than horses that rate a 'C' or below."*