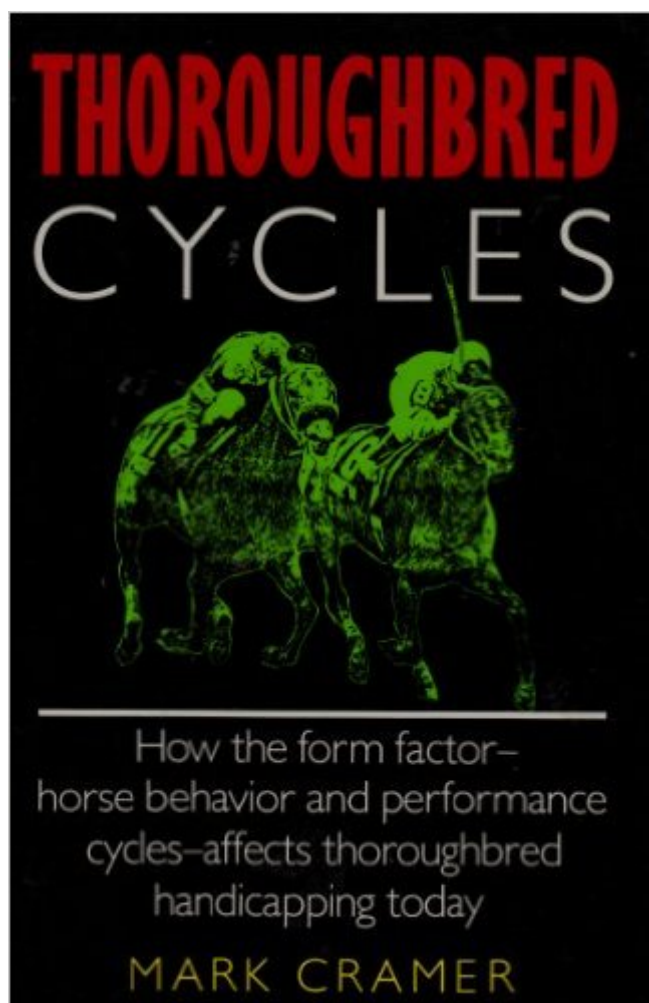


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# Thoroughbred Cycles



## Synopsis

Racing experts have declared that form--horse behavior and performance cycles--is one of the most important factors in thoroughbred handicapping. Form has until now remained a mystery, but Cramer's research has led him to a point where he can statistically and observationally document the whims and vagaries of horse behavior cycles. Includes racing charts and appendixes.

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Mark Cramer has written the most thought provoking tome I've read. There are many excellent books on the "SCIENCE" of handicapping. But this book brings home the the reality that races are won by flesh and blood animals prepared by mortals (trainers) who are fraught with their own strengths and weaknesses. Anyone who extrapolates figures from services or computer programs water down the past performance to a number. Predicting the future(handicapping the "ART"), is far more involved in "cycles". This book is a must read for all serious handicappers

Form cycle analysis has become mainstream for handicappers of horse racing and Cramer's book here is probably the most complete on the subject. He discusses what to look for in identifying cycles from horse past performances, and includes material on how trainers fall into cycles and patterns of winning and losing as well. His methods will always have a place in the game because you will never duplicate Cramer's observations with computer programs. Cramer's material is always well written and easy to understand for students of the game.

This was the first book I read from Mark Cramer, it introduced me to a whole new way of looking at the races. Before I read this I was in the slump of my life and couldn't pick a decent winner to save my life. Cramer's ideas of looking for patterns and trends in past performances and trainers' habits, as well as the importance of pedigree and wagering value, highlight this great read. Also the last part of the book is a workshop where you can put Cramer's ideas to use. After I finished this book I immediately picked up Cramer's "Value Handicapping," and went on to have the best summer at Del Mar that I have ever had in 20 years! Have now almost read all of Cramer's books and wish he would write more because to me he is the most brilliant mind in handicapping and especially value betting.

Thoroughbred Cycles by Mark Cramer raises the bar to Form handicapping. This book complements the Class and Pace handicapper. For professionals and beginners alike, this tome is to thoroughbred racing what The Book of Exodus is to the Bible. Handicapping is a puzzle consisting of Class, Form, Pace, Pedigree and Trip. Mark Cramer's Thoroughbred Cycles Book is the missing puzzle piece to Form handicapping. Casual and serious handicapper's will never rely solely on the Daily Racing Form's past performances alone again. In seeking out form patterns and debunking long-believed myths, Cramer emphasizes digging deeper and going further back by reviewing past race charts for each horse. This is a must have book for the library of any handicapper. This book is presently out of print, but there are very good copies available from used book retailers via . Mr. Cramer, if you are reading this review, please submit a revised, updated version of your Thoroughbred Cycles book!!!!

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