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For our feature article this month we have a collection of systems that will see you with selections all the way through to next April and the detailed research is guaranteed to bring us winners every month of the way.

The Little Acorns October Trainer systems produced a huge profit for followers and this month John Burke has taken a similar approach for December.

John has also looked at how to win at Newbury and investigated factors that are overrated by punters and should not be given so much weight in the winner finding calculation.

We have had a virtual chat with well known Australian software producer Steve Davidson and his story makes an interesting read for any horse racing fan.

Jamie is back with his tips for the Big Bang and if you're a cricket bettor and followed his advice last month you were hopefully on one of his recommended bets that won at 15/8 and 10/3.

The last full month of system selections made a huge 45.65 points profit at Betfair SP after commission you can find full details inside.

And if you have been following Ben Aitken's Horses to Follow for last month you will be in front at SP.

Only five have run so far, three of those have won. There are still a couple that are yet to run (Ask Ben, Bristol De Mai) so watch out for them this month.

Finally for this months Gold edition we have a detailed investigation into horses that shorten before the off and which trainers to back when their runners shorten, you can make a long term profit from backing these horses.

It's also a surprising fact that one big named trainers' short priced horses that drift still go on to win 50% of the time for a very nice profit.

I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

All the best
Darren Power

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Winner: £4075.47 Class: 6 Distance: 7f 6y Runners: 15 Going: Soft

CARD RESULT FULL FORM INSTANT EXPERT PACE DRAW ODDS

#	Dr	Form	Horse	Age	Wgt	Trainer	Jockey	OR	RPR	TS	SR	Odds	
1	10	-00076	HITMAN	18	6	9-7	R Bastiman	Lewis Edmunds	60	70	46	52	12/1
2	13	8686-6	MR SUNDOWNER	7	9-6			59	72	45	48		16/1
3	15	427665	FARD	5	4	9-2		55	75	65	48		12/1
4	12	00-522	RADJASH	10	5	9-1		54	73	59	42		7/2
5	5	611049	TARNHELM	11	4	9-1		54	75	58	46		22/1
6	4	087501	CHAPLIN BAY	9	7	9-0	Mrs R Carr	James Sullivan	53	74	61	56	7/1

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Type	Runs	Wins	Places	Win%	Win PL	EW%	EW PL	HIOR	OR
Flat Turf	8	1	6	12.50	0.00	75.00	5.81	57	-
Total	8	1	6	12.50	0.00	75.00	5.81		

RACE ENTRIES

RACE FORM

Date	Race / Conditions	Wgt	DR	RS	Race Outcome	Jockey	Trainer	OR	RP	TS	R	W%	P%
10 Aug 19	AYR 6Hy Cl6Hc,3K	9-2	6	M	2/8 Mr Shelby(7/4F)9-6 bl(1)	Megan Nicholls	S Keniry	57	63	56	2	0%	0%
06 Aug 19	CAT 7GS 3yCl6Hc,3K	8-11	6	M	2/11 3 1/2l, Alotabottle(9/2)9-10 v	Harrison Shaw	S Keniry	57	61	46	5	20%	60%
24 Jul 19	CAT 6GS Cl6Hc,3K	8-11	10	M	3/12 1/2l, Mr Greenlight(9/4F)9-8 v	Harrison Shaw	S Keniry	56	60	49	13	0%	31%

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Horse: Soft Class 6 7f 12-15 All Hcap

Win Place
 All 5yr 2yr 1yr

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1	6	THE STALKING MOON	8/1	65	2	1	50	1	1	100	2	1	50	13	3	23	8	1	13	60	74	14
49				49	5	2	40	3	1	33	10	6	60	33	12	36	9	3	33	58	75	17
57				57	3	0	0	10	3	30	5	3										
66				66	0	0	0	8	6	75	3	3	1									
47				47	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0										
67				67	7	3	43	24	7	28	7	2										

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Winter Warmers – A look at Handicap Chases

With the exception of a short break at the end of April, following the season finale at Sandown, there is jumps racing pretty much all year round...weather permitting! For the purists though the “proper season” gets going with the opening salvo at Cheltenham, with the two day Showcase meeting, which this year went ahead across Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October, despite the soggy underfoot conditions.

One of the greatest spectacles in the National Hunt calendar is of course the Grand National, but in the same sphere there is plenty of cracking handicap chases which take place throughout the months.

Year in year out there are a bunch of trainers that are adept at targeting these types of races, and our objective this month is to put together a portfolio of those which will hopefully help deliver a profit for the coming winter campaign.

Whether it is a changing climate or just the natural progression of things, the weather during 2019 has had a marked bearing on many race meetings, and even the rescheduled Horris Hill Stakes (Newbury had to abandon) at Newmarket at the start of November was run on atrocious ground.

This type of weather will have affected both the on course action and the ability of the trainers to get solid work into their horses on the gallops.

For this reason we have deliberately moved our timelines back by one month and will focus our research covering the period running from **December through to the end of April**.

In addition, and to keep things fresh and relative, we will focus on the most recent 5 year period which is January 2014 to April 2019.

We will include those trainers who have had at least 50+ runners in such races, and have achieved a reasonable strike rate, both in win and place, and of course produced a decent level stake profit.

Let's get cracking then by turning to the excellent database research facility which can be found at www.horseracebase.com.

The trainers we are going to take a closer look at (**Stuart Coltherd, Iain Jardine, Charlie Mann, Nicky Richards, Michael Scudamore, Matt Sheppard and Jamie Snowden**) have a proven track record with their handicap chasers, and the collective top line performance of this group is as follows:-

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
970	197	20.31	398.62	364	37.53	866	22.75	41.09	581.13	59.91	-691.05	-5.37	380	39.3	146.45	-214.4	101.00	1.29

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

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Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Coltherd, W S Jardine, I Mann, C J Richards, N G Scudamore, M J Sheppard, M Snowden, Jamie
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Consistently this group of trainers over the past 5 years have combined well to produce a profit (albeit 2016 was a small show).

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	968	197	20.35	400.62	363	37.5	864	22.8	41.39	583.13	60.24	-692.95	-5.4	379	39.27	141.37	-208.95	101.00	1.29
2019	159	36	22.64	121.74	61	38.36	138	26.09	76.57	155	97.48	-175.78	-6.55	62	39.49	44.54	-56.63	101.00	1.34
2018	196	40	20.41	36.9	86	43.88	171	23.39	18.83	61.85	31.56	-81.12	-4.21	89	45.64	29.26	-41.68	51.00	1.13
2017	191	34	17.8	61.74	64	33.51	159	21.38	32.32	102.83	53.84	-124.36	-4.57	68	35.6	1.58	-14.29	51.00	1.17
2016	157	26	16.56	3.26	51	32.48	144	18.06	2.08	19.57	12.46	-34.04	-1.64	53	33.76	3.21	-14.05	51.00	1.22
2015	138	35	25.36	115.48	57	41.3	131	26.72	83.68	150.9	109.35	-169.41	-10.67	60	43.48	50.1	-60.74	67.00	1.58
2014	127	26	20.47	61.5	44	34.65	121	21.49	48.43	92.98	73.21	-108.24	-5.9	47	37.01	12.68	-21.56	101.00	1.43

The benefit of putting together a portfolio of trainers is that, in general, we can generate a more balanced return throughout the period of ups and downs some systems can produce.

As long as our overall performance is a positive then we can be happy.

By concentrating our efforts, and bets, across a fairly select group of proven performers we can benefit when some of the yards hit a rich vein of form, and compensate for a few of the others that are experiencing a dip in performance.

Collective profits are always the key objective!

Right let's work our way through the individual yards that form an integral part of the Winter Warmer trainers.

W. S. (Stuart) Coltherd

Stuart Coltherd gained his full trainer's licence in 2004 and is based at Clarilawmuir Farm, on the outskirts of Selkirk in the Scottish Borders.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E	
181	36	19.89	91.5	69	38.12	178	20.22	50.55	125.72	69.46	-147.22	-5.36	71	39.23	24.87	-37.47	101.00	1.25	

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The dual purpose yard has facilities for 26 race horses and since April 2014 has achieved over 50 winners and just shy of 100 further placers.

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	181	36	19.89	91.5	69	38.12	178	20.22	50.55	125.72	69.46	-147.22	-5.36	71	39.23	24.87	-37.47	101.00	1.25
2019	33	7	21.21	23	13	39.39	33	21.21	69.7	28.54	86.48	-32.71	-2.91	13	39.39	16.56	-19.48	101.00	1.35
2018	20	1	5	-14.5	8	40	20	5	-72.5	-13.66	-68.31	12.43	6.98	9	45	0.84	-2.01	26.00	0.27
2017	26	4	15.38	11.5	9	34.62	26	15.38	44.23	14.82	57.01	-17.86	-8.72	10	38.46	0.63	-2.3	23.00	0.85
2016	36	4	11.11	-4.5	11	30.56	34	11.76	-12.5	-0.46	-1.28	-2.8	-0.59	11	30.56	-5.34	3.06	34.00	0.89
2015	26	9	34.62	43.75	13	50	26	34.62	168.27	52.12	200.47	-56.61	-17.09	13	50	9.09	-10.9	34.00	2.18
2014	40	11	27.5	32.25	15	37.5	39	28.21	80.63	44.36	110.9	-49.67	-11.48	15	37.5	3.11	-5.84	26.00	1.68

As can be seen in the above table the Handicap Chasers have been a key contributor to the yards success, and notwithstanding a couple of blips the results offer scope for encouragement going forward.

Given the number of runners that run well and place you may also wish to consider splitting your stakes across the Win and Place markets on the exchanges or Each-Way with the traditional bookmakers.

E/W Qualifiers	Wins	Placed	SP Points	E/W Strike
176	35	68	85.62	38.64%

Iain Jardine

As a youngster Iain got involved with Pony Racing and riding in Flapping Races before concentrating on becoming a jockey. His career began with Mick Naughton in Yorkshire before moving on as a Conditional Jockey to Scottish Champion Trainer Len Lungo.

The groundwork of experience with Len has influenced his own training techniques today, but before starting out on his own he went on to work for Yorkshire Trainer, Ferdy Murphy then returned to Scotland for a spell with Peter Monteith.

Jardine's yard is based at Hetlandhill, Carrutherstown, Dumfries and Galloway and is dual purpose with both flat and national hunt runners.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E	
54	11	20.37	13.79	21	38.89	54	20.37	25.54	21.34	39.53	-26.88	-4.85	21	38.89	3	-6.54	34.00	1.21	

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So how have his Handicap Chasers performed during the research period?

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	54	11	20.37	13.79	21	38.89	54	20.37	25.54	21.34	39.53	-26.88	-4.85	21	38.89	3	-6.54	34.00	1.21
2019	12	4	33.33	11.96	5	41.67	12	33.33	99.67	14.98	124.84	-16.59	-11.48	5	41.67	1.84	-2.66	26.00	1.83
2018	17	3	17.65	6.5	6	35.29	17	17.65	38.24	7.98	46.96	-9.84	-5.51	6	35.29	0.33	-1.48	34.00	1.08
2017	16	2	12.5	-5.67	5	31.25	16	12.5	-35.44	-3.59	-22.43	2.34	1.82	5	31.25	-5.92	5.1	17.00	0.71
2016	7	2	28.57	3	4	57.14	7	28.57	42.86	3.97	56.69	-4.69	-10.83	4	57.14	3.37	-3.85	10.00	1.61
2015	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	-100	0.95	2.78	0	0	-1	0.95	21.00	0
2014	1	0	0	-1	1	100	1	0	-100	-1	-100	0.95	3.8	1	100	4.37	-4.6	19.00	0

With reference to the above table one element that stands out in no uncertain terms is the improvement curve of the yards runners in Handicap Chases over the recent years.

Hopefully this will continue “under the radar” over the coming winter period to help us profit from this emerging trainer.

Charlie Mann

Charlie Mann was a very successful National Hunt Jockey for 15 years before he had an unfortunate accident which resulted in him breaking his neck in a fall in 1989.

1993 saw him embark on his career as a racehorse trainer, and in 1995 he returned to the saddle and rode and trained the winner of the Grand Pardubice (the Czech Grand National) on It’s A Snip.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E	
155	25	16.13	27.68	46	29.68	155	16.13	17.86	47.63	30.73	-63.48	-2.84	52	33.77	9.6	-20.57	51.00	1.16	

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The yard has a few runners on the flat, but they are very much National Hunt focussed, and as the table below shows, overall they have a decent strike rate with their Handicap Chasers.

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	155	25	16.13	27.68	46	29.68	155	16.13	17.86	47.63	30.73	-63.48	-2.84	52	33.77	9.6	-20.57	51.00	1.16
2019	24	3	12.5	0.75	9	37.5	24	12.5	3.13	0.57	2.39	-2.76	-0.8	9	37.5	13.02	-15.24	41.00	0.85
2018	28	8	28.57	25.43	10	35.71	28	28.57	90.82	29.68	105.98	-33.29	-19.86	10	37.04	0.37	-2.13	13.00	1.47
2017	23	3	13.04	2	5	21.74	23	13.04	8.7	12.3	53.48	-15	-2.75	6	26.09	-6.27	4.85	51.00	1.07
2016	31	3	9.68	-9.5	8	25.81	31	9.68	-30.65	-8.99	-29	6.59	1.21	9	29.03	-0.45	-1.78	51.00	0.95
2015	25	6	24	13.5	9	36	25	24	54	14.79	59.17	-17.52	-7.1	11	44	4.51	-6.18	17.00	1.75
2014	24	2	8.33	-4.5	5	20.83	24	8.33	-18.75	-0.72	-3	-1.5	-0.39	7	29.17	-1.57	-0.09	51.00	0.61

Nicky Richards

Nicky is from good horse racing stock as his father Gordon W Richards announced his arrival in the training ranks with Playlord, who was third in the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1969, and Titus Oates, who won the King George VI Chase in the same year.

For 30 years “The Boss”, as his father was better known, turned Greystoke into one of the premier yards in the country at a time when the north enjoyed a golden age of success, with Michael Dickinson, Peter Easterby, Jimmy Fitzgerald and Arthur Stephenson dominating the jump racing scene.

Horses such as One Man and The Grey Monk became household names and among the 2000-plus winners he trained were Grand National heroes Lucius (1978) and Hallo Dandy (1984).

Not long after One Man’s win in the 1997 Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham “The Boss” passed away and the reins were handed over to Nicky who has continued his father’s success with a host of top class winners.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E	
181	42	23.2	85.43	74	40.88	171	24.56	47.2	130.11	71.88	-151.22	-8.84	77	42.54	23.48	-35.39	29.00	1.29	

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The yard continue to fire in the winners across all of the National Hunt codes, but the area in which they shine from a profits perspective is with the chasers, so let’s take a closer look at those that have been competing in the handicaps of late:-

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	179	42	23.46	87.43	73	40.78	169	24.85	48.84	132.11	73.8	-153.12	-9.15	76	42.46	18.4	-29.94	29.00	1.29
2019	34	11	32.35	57.95	14	41.18	30	36.67	170.44	75.08	220.82	-81.39	-25.68	16	47.06	12.83	-15.35	26.00	1.52
2018	45	9	20	-1.12	21	46.67	42	21.43	-2.49	5.69	12.64	-9.68	-2.84	21	46.67	-0.31	-2.14	21.00	1.03
2017	39	5	12.82	-8.4	14	35.9	37	13.51	-21.54	-4.27	-10.96	1.01	0.25	15	38.46	4.65	-7.36	29.00	0.8
2016	20	6	30	9.25	7	35	19	31.58	46.25	11.94	59.72	-14.01	-6.09	7	35	-3.41	2.26	26.00	1.87
2015	18	4	22.22	0	6	33.33	18	22.22	0	2.06	11.47	-3.61	-2.26	6	33.33	-2.79	1.7	21.00	1.25
2014	23	7	30.43	29.75	11	47.83	23	30.43	129.35	41.61	180.9	-45.44	-20.49	11	47.83	7.43	-9.05	26.00	1.84

The yard had a dip in performance during 2018 but have since bounced back and some!

There are a number of promising young horses that are progressing through from bumpers and hurdles which can hopefully make their mark over the bigger obstacles during the coming winter period.

Michael Scudamore

As a youngster Michael was a keen pony club rider, enjoyed show jumping and one day events, and in subsequent years, worked for numerous trainers, including Nigel Twiston-Davies, Dennis Caro, James Fanshawe and Martin Pipe.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E	
156	29	18.59	47.06	60	38.46	148	19.59	30.17	69.9	44.81	-86.61	-4.6	61	39.61	45.41	-57.34	51.00	1.2	

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Scudamore, M J
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Michael took over the trainers licence from his grandfather in April 2008 and is based at Eccleswall Court, Bromsash, Ross-On-Wye.

The recent results of his Handicap Chasers are as follows:-

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	156	29	18.59	47.06	60	38.46	148	19.59	30.17	69.9	44.81	-86.61	-4.6	61	39.61	45.41	-57.34	51.00	1.2
2019	21	5	23.81	13.25	9	42.86	21	23.81	63.1	15.34	73.05	-17.79	-7.4	8	42.11	2.57	-3.83	26.00	1.54
2018	41	6	14.63	3.75	18	43.9	39	15.38	9.15	10.43	25.44	-14.57	-2.96	20	48.78	15.38	-18.34	51.00	0.91
2017	37	9	24.32	36.93	12	32.43	31	29.03	99.81	45.45	122.85	-50.72	-9.7	12	32.43	2.63	-5.33	34.00	1.66
2016	26	6	23.08	-2.37	10	38.46	26	23.08	-9.12	-0.83	-3.19	-1.18	-0.39	10	38.46	8.05	-10.12	34.00	1.47
2015	20	3	15	6.5	6	30	20	15	32.5	10.5	52.51	-12.8	-6.29	6	30	10.53	-12.52	41.00	0.93
2014	11	0	0	-11	5	45.45	11	0	-100	-11	-100	10.45	8.56	5	45.45	6.26	-7.2	17.00	0

Based on the above he looks a useful asset to the Winter Warmer team and we can hopefully look forward to him contributing to the coffers over the coming months.

E/W Qualifiers	Wins	Placed	SP Points	E/W Strike
148	27	58	69.88	39.19%

Returns may be more forthcoming if we look at his runners from an each way perspective as can be seen above.

Matt Sheppard

Matt Sheppard is based at Eastnor in Herefordshire, and one of the yards most recent winners, The Bay Birch, has improved a remarkable 50lb's in her Official Rating since joining the stable at the end of January 2018.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Plc(BF)	Plc%(BF)	P/L(Plc)	Lay(Plc)	MxOdd	A/E
124	31	25	102.67	54	43.55	122	25.41	82.8	130.5	105.24	-146.91	-6.49	57	45.97	55.22	-65	101.00	1.79

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Sheppard, M
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As can be seen from the table below, the trainers' record in the type of race under our spotlight has broadly been consistent, and most importantly profitable, to both the Industry and Betfair SP.

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Plc(BF)	Plc%(BF)	P/L(Plc)	Lay(Plc)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	124	31	25	102.67	54	43.55	122	25.41	82.8	130.5	105.24	-146.91	-6.49	57	45.97	55.22	-65	101.00	1.79
2019	16	3	18.75	11.5	6	37.5	16	18.75	71.88	12.58	78.65	-14.58	-9.7	6	37.5	3.14	-4.33	15.00	1.46
2018	26	8	30.77	9.91	14	53.85	26	30.77	38.12	12.73	48.97	-15.25	-4.04	14	53.85	10.17	-11.94	51.00	1.75
2017	27	7	25.93	11.38	12	44.44	25	28	42.15	15.1	55.94	-17.95	-2.67	13	48.15	10.02	-11.98	51.00	2.33
2016	21	3	14.29	1.38	7	33.33	21	14.29	6.57	3.04	14.49	-5.05	-1.85	8	38.1	4.06	-5.61	26.00	0.91
2015	24	7	29.17	52	12	50	24	29.17	216.67	67.75	282.29	-73.06	-20.71	12	50	26.09	-28.69	67.00	1.94
2014	10	3	30	16.5	3	30	10	30	165	19.29	192.87	-21.02	-4.8	4	40	1.74	-2.45	101.00	3.66

E/W Qualifiers	Wins	Placed	SP Points	E/W Strike
118	27	50	117.62	42.37%

And again, an each way approach looks to offer possible steady returns over the December to April period.

Jamie Snowden

Jamie showed a passion for racing from an early age, through Pony Club, hunting, and then riding in Point-to-Points. Whilst at school, he rode out for Nigel Twiston-Davies, and during his gap year he worked as an Assistant Trainer for a flat yard in New Zealand.

He had a brief career in the army during which time he became one of the go to jockeys for the annual military races each spring at Sandown.

He managed to win both the Grand Military Gold Cup and the Royal Artillery Gold Cup four times, and even carried the Queen's colours to victory on First Love in a race at Sandown in 2006.

After a season as pupil assistant for champion trainer Paul Nicholls, he then worked for three seasons as assistant trainer and amateur jockey for Nicky Henderson before branching out on his own in 2008.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
119	23	19.33	30.49	40	33.61	118	19.49	25.62	55.93	47	-68.73	-4.63	41	34.45	-15.12	7.91	67.00	1.18

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Snowden, Jamie
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He is now consistently training over 30 winners a season and one areas of consistency has been with his Handicap Chasers as can be seen in the following table:-

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
ALL	119	23	19.33	30.49	40	33.61	118	19.49	25.62	55.93	47	-68.73	-4.63	41	34.45	-15.12	7.91	67.00	1.18
2019	19	3	15.79	3.33	5	26.32	19	15.79	17.53	7.9	41.59	-9.96	-2.77	5	26.32	-5.41	4.26	67.00	0.89
2018	19	5	26.32	6.93	9	47.37	19	26.32	36.47	9.01	47.42	-10.92	-5.62	9	47.37	2.48	-3.64	51.00	1.39
2017	23	4	17.39	14	7	30.43	23	17.39	60.87	23.02	100.08	-26.18	-10.58	7	30.43	-4.15	2.73	51.00	1.03
2016	16	2	12.5	6	4	25	16	12.5	37.5	10.89	68.06	-12.9	-6.12	4	25	-3.06	1.99	26.00	1.06
2015	24	6	25	0.73	11	45.83	24	25	3.04	4.67	19.45	-6.76	-2.6	12	50	3.68	-5.1	34.00	1.35
2014	18	3	16.67	-0.5	4	22.22	17	17.65	-2.78	0.45	2.48	-2.01	-0.94	4	22.22	-8.65	7.67	26.00	1.33

In Summary:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
461	96	20.82	241.23	183	39.7	441	21.77	52.33	326.12	70.74	-380.74	-5.52	189	41.18	125.49	-159.81	101.00	1.37

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Coltherd, W S Scudamore, M J Sheppard, M
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Breakdown of Date (Year)

The year the race was ran in

To add in criteria, select as appropriate and press Go. Otherwise click any tab to continue with this system unchanged.

Add	Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
<input type="checkbox"/>	2014	61	14	22.95	37.75	23	37.7	59	23.73	61.89	52.65	86.3	-60.24	-6.07	24	39.34	11.11	-15.49	101.00	1.58
<input type="checkbox"/>	2015	70	19	27.14	102.25	31	44.29	69	27.54	146.07	130.37	186.25	-142.47	-16.05	31	44.29	45.7	-52.11	67.00	1.73
<input type="checkbox"/>	2016	83	13	15.66	-5.49	28	33.73	78	16.67	-6.61	1.75	2.11	-9.03	-0.86	29	34.94	6.77	-12.67	34.00	1.1
<input type="checkbox"/>	2017	90	20	22.22	59.81	33	36.67	81	24.69	66.46	75.38	83.75	-86.53	-6.18	35	38.89	13.27	-19.61	51.00	1.52
<input type="checkbox"/>	2018	87	15	17.24	-0.84	40	45.98	85	17.65	-0.97	9.5	10.92	-17.39	-1.66	43	49.43	26.39	-32.29	51.00	1.01
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019	70	15	21.43	47.75	28	40	69	21.74	68.21	56.46	80.66	-65.08	-4.29	27	39.71	22.26	-27.64	101.00	1.43

E/W Qualifiers	Wins	Placed	SP Points	E/W Strike
442	89	176	273.13	39.82%

System 55: Back Handicap Chasers running during the months of December through to April for the following trainers on a Win/Place basis with Betfair or Each Way terms with the bookie.

W S Coltherd
M J Scudamore
M Sheppard

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E	
509	101	19.84	157.39	181	35.56	476	21.22	30.92	255.01	50.1	-310.31	-5.19	191	37.6	20.95	-54.59	67.00	1.22	

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Jardine, I Mann, C J Richards, N G Snowden, Jamie
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Breakdown of Date (Year)

The year the race was ran in

To add in criteria, select as appropriate and press Go. Otherwise click any tab to continue with this system unchanged.

Add	Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
<input type="checkbox"/>	2014	66	12	18.18	23.75	21	31.82	65	18.46	35.98	40.34	61.11	-48	-5.71	23	34.85	1.57	-6.07	51.00	1.28
<input type="checkbox"/>	2015	68	16	23.53	13.23	26	38.24	65	24.62	19.46	20.52	30.18	-26.94	-3.84	29	42.65	4.4	-8.63	34.00	1.44
<input type="checkbox"/>	2016	75	13	17.33	7.75	23	30.67	73	17.81	10.33	16.81	22.42	-24.06	-2.32	24	32	-4.56	-0.43	51.00	1.35
<input type="checkbox"/>	2017	101	14	13.86	1.93	31	30.69	94	14.89	1.91	27.46	27.18	-37.83	-2.86	33	32.67	-11.68	5.32	51.00	0.89
<input type="checkbox"/>	2018	109	25	22.94	37.74	46	42.2	98	25.51	34.62	52.35	48.03	-63.73	-7.23	46	42.59	2.88	-9.39	51.00	1.22
<input type="checkbox"/>	2019	90	21	23.33	72.99	34	37.78	81	25.93	81.1	97.54	108.37	-109.75	-9.17	36	40	28.36	-35.39	67.00	1.28

System 63: Back Handicap Chasers running during the months of December through to April for the following trainers on a Win Only basis.

Ian Jardine

Charlie Mann

Nicky Richards

Jamie Snowden

So there we have it, a mix of small and hopefully upwardly mobile trainers, where the yards are showing a pedigree and experience which hopefully will help us enjoy some profits during the winter months.

These systems should make a tidy profit through to the end of the National Hunt season next April but they are broad based and of course our selected trainers like all trainers have their specialities and so now we will dig a little deeper for those bigger ROI's.

Coltherd W.S.

Although Stuart Coltherd does have winners in the better quality races his overall profits improve significantly if we concentrate on the lower grade Handicap Chases at Class 4 and 5.

If we also couple this with fine tuning out a few tracks that haven't performed well in recent years we can up the ante profits wise by a sizeable amount:-

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
88	25	28.41	111.5	40	45.45	85	29.41	126.7	137.07	155.76	-150.75	-13.7	41	46.59	36.45	-43.19	67.00	1.62

You currently have 8 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Track	Carlisle Hexham Kelso Newcastle Sedgefield Wetherby
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Class	Class 4 Class 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Coltherd, W S
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System 64: Back WS Coltherd Handicap chasers when running in Class 4 or 5 races at Carlisle, Hexham, Kelso, Newcastle, Sedgefield or Wetherby during the months of December through to April.

Charlie Mann

With a nod to his past exploits in the Czech Grand National it is perhaps no surprise that the yard do particularly well their staying chasers and by concentrating on those running at or beyond 3 miles we will hopefully continue with healthy returns.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
76	13	17.11	25.43	21	27.63	76	17.11	33.46	40.27	52.99	-48.86	-3.57	21	28	1.77	-7.41	51.00	1.27

You currently have 8 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		UK/Ireland	United Kingdom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Distance	Between 3m And 4m.5f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Mann, C J
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System 65: Back Charlie Mann Handicap chasers when running over 3m-4m.5f during the months of December through to April.

Nicky Richards

There is one area that can help tweak up the profits and that is by concentrating on the yards runners once they have moved through to the “proper” Handicap Chases.

The Novice Handicappers do have a decent strike rate but the market takes account of their previous exploits over timber etc. and they have been difficult to profit from. If we take these out of the equation the figures move on to another level.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Plc(BF)	Plc%(BF)	P/L(Plc)	Lay(Plc)	MxOdd	A/E
145	33	22.76	90.83	59	40.69	137	24.09	62.64	134.13	92.5	-152.68	-10.4	60	41.38	24.37	-34.38	29.00	1.38

You currently have 8 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		UK/Ireland	United Kingdom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Type	Handicap Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	January February March April December

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Richards, N G
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System 66: Back Nicky Richards Handicap Chasers (NOT Novice Handicappers) when running through the months of December through to April.



Market Movers on the Sand

Being able to predict price movement is a strategy that potentially would make you rich very quickly. For example let me create a hypothetical scenario whereby you are able to predict 5 horses each day that would ALWAYS contract (shorten) in price. Let us also assume for simplicity of this example that they were all originally priced 7/1 (8.0) and shortened into 4/1 (5.0) at the off.

There are various ways you may profit from this amazing ability to see into the future.

1. One option is to simply back all horses at 7/1 and you would make a profit in the long term.

On average 4/1 shots win between 17 and 18% of the time so if you were getting 7/1 about a 4/1 shot you would make a return on investment (ROI) to SP of around 40% over the longer term.

One thing to be aware here is that you could have some long losing runs despite the long term outlook being extremely favourable.

2. Create effectively a free bet by betting on the exchanges - back at 8.00 and lay at 5.00 for effectively a free bet at 3/1.

With this bet there is no risk - no losing runs as you either break even if the horse loses or effectively have a 3/1 winner if the horse wins (minus commission).

3. Traders potentially could use a third option by looking to lock in a profit each race.

To explain the method it is easier to use decimal odds for this.

They could potentially stake 1 point at the decimal odds of 8.00. To work out the lay stake required you would divide your backing price by your laying price – in this case 8/5 which equates to 1.60. Your lay stake then becomes 1.60. The locked in profit is the difference between both stakes (1.60 – 1.00) or 0.60.

Using this method the result of the race is irrelevant you simply make a small profit on each race. Therefore having that ‘gift’ to accurately predict the movement of 5 horses per day would essentially be a license to print money. If only betting was that simple..

For the rest of this article I am going to see whether it is possible to improve our chances of predicting price movement from the opening show price (normally about 10 minutes before the start) and the final starting price.

I have looked at data going back to 2016 for UK racing and not surprisingly given my previous sentence, my first port of call was to compare the opening show price with the SP (Industry SP) price.

Now prices can do three things – shorten, stay the same or drift out (lengthen).

Let us compare the percentage of runners that shorten, stay the same price and lengthen in the three main types of racing namely flat (turf), the all-weather and National Hunt.

Race type	Price Shortens (% of runners)	Same Price (% of runners)	Price Lengthens (% of runners)
Flat turf	36.29	31.01	32.70
Flat All Weather	34.38	31.53	34.09
National Hunt	35.85	30.96	33.18

As you might have expected there are more horses that shorten in price than drift and lengthen in price.

Indeed if you focus on the front end of the market the percentage for horses that shorten in price gets higher. This makes sense as the bookmakers are trying to improve their profit margins.

The data for the all-weather is the most 'level' in terms of percentages and hence I would like to explore all weather racing in more detail in relation to market movement.

My angle is to look at trainers to see if there are any patterns, stats or clues that have the potential to help us with our price movement predictions.

For example are there trainers whose horses shorten rather than drift or vice versa. Can we find a trainer where their horses always shorten by three points!!!!

Just kidding.

OK so let us look at the top 30 trainers in terms of all weather runners since 2016 and compare their percentages:

Trainer	All runs	Price Shortens (% of runners)	Same Price (% of runners)	Price Lengthens (% of runners)
Appleby, M	1648	36.41	28.82	34.77
Johnston, M	1499	35.16	27.69	37.16
Fahey, R A	1291	35.94	24.32	39.74
Hannon R Jnr	1264	39.40	28.48	32.12
Evans, P D	1205	31.54	30.71	37.76
Carroll, A W	1066	29.64	34.80	35.55
O' Meara, D	1021	31.64	27.42	40.94
Osborne, J A	911	33.15	31.06	35.78
Botti, M	880	40.00	29.77	30.23
Loughnane, D	838	35.68	31.50	32.82
Balding, A M	804	33.46	27.99	38.56
Simcock, D M	783	31.67	28.22	40.10
Gosden, J H M	764	37.43	21.34	41.23
Ivory, D K	752	36.30	33.24	30.45
Shaw, D	741	30.36	32.66	36.98
Hughes, Richard	721	34.40	30.65	34.95
Williams, S C	713	40.95	31.56	27.49

Watson, Archie	703	40.68	21.62	37.70
Butler, John	677	28.66	27.77	43.57
Dixon, Scott	674	31.90	34.42	33.68
McEntee, P S	663	31.07	35.29	33.63
Burke, K R	660	39.70	26.36	33.94
Dalgleish, Keith	648	35.49	27.93	36.57
Palmer, Hugo	607	41.68	22.73	35.58
Varian, Roger	586	42.32	22.70	34.98
Dunlop, E A L	581	34.25	32.87	32.87
Prescott, Sir M	568	27.29	29.93	42.78
Attwater, M J	567	30.16	43.21	26.63
Easterby, M W	562	39.68	27.40	32.92
Moore, G L	560	35.18	33.57	31.25

The first thing that stands out for me is Sir Mark Prescott's figures as considerably more of his horses drift out in price than come in (42.78% v 27.29%).

Interestingly you would have made a small profit backing Prescott drifters (around 10% using Betfair SP if simply backing every qualifier).

These results would have been improved further by not backing outsiders (horses priced 22/1 or bigger) as they provided 57 losers from 57 runners. Of course trying to use any strategy that involves using opening odds and comparing them to SP odds is potentially difficult to do as we never know the final SP odds. However, we can have a pretty good idea if we can bet live and late.

Let us assume that you have pinpointed a Prescott horse (or indeed any horse) that you think is going to lengthen in price. It makes sense to have at least three 'windows' open on your computer – the live odds from a major bookmakers, the Betfair screen, and live race pictures.

Doing that will make this type of idea possible to implement.

The opening odds are easy to check; you may want to have another window open with another bookmaker's odds just to double check prices.

So you have your opening odds depending on your approach you may simply wait and back the horse should it drifts. If it drifts then you can bet the horse as late as possible on Betfair by keeping an eye on the live feed, or back it at Betfair SP just before the off.

The better method however is almost certainly the third method/option I mentioned at the start of this article – creating a back and lay scenario that locks in a profit regardless of result.

This time though you are laying first and backing second.

If you were doing this I would suggest you use trading software where you can simply press a button to ‘green up’.

Greening up simply means have a positive return on either outcome as in method 3. Alternatively have an arbing calculator on screen to do that for you.

Of course any strategy involving predicting price movement has its risks – the price could move in the opposite direction to the one you had expected giving you a potential negative scenario.

Going back to Prescott - even his shorter priced runners do buck the overall trend.

All horses for all trainers that opened 4.00 or shorter during the period of study shortened 42% of the time while 36.5% of them drifted; for Prescott 36% shortened and 43.5% drifted.

Interestingly of the 50 Prescott horses that drifted and still started clear favourite, they went onto win 50% of the time (25 wins) – simply spotting these opportunities and backing them as late as possible would have potentially created a profitable scenario. In this instance, using method one (simply backing them at Betfair SP) would have secured a profit of 32p for every £1 staked.

However, from a personal perspective, and I am guessing most traders would agree, I would prefer a back to lay strategy rather than a lay to back strategy.

Therefore it is worth looking for trainers whose horses shorten more often than they drift.

Below is a table of trainers whose horses shorten more than the average. I have created a ‘shorten to drift’ ratio (SDR) by dividing their percentage of horses that shorten by their percentage of horses that drift or lengthen in price.

For trainers to qualify they must have had at least 130 runners in total over the four years:

Trainer	Runners	SDR	Trainer	Runners	SDR
Bowring, S R	169	2.23	Tate, James	518	1.51
Fanshawe, J R	460	1.89	Brisland, Robyn	259	1.49
Hughes, Jo	225	1.86	Williams, S C	713	1.49
Main, Mrs H S	172	1.80	Eustace, J M P	135	1.47
Jarvis, W	145	1.74	Hollinshead, Steph	169	1.43
Brisbourne, W M	196	1.73	Pears, Ollie	200	1.42
Waggott, Miss T	161	1.69	Bethell, J D	217	1.41
Whillans, A C	188	1.68	Smith, C	125	1.41
Wall, C F	191	1.67	Teal, R A	189	1.40
Dascombe, Tom	522	1.67	Smart, B	240	1.40
Hedger, P R	153	1.57	Phelan, P M	224	1.38
Burrows, Owen	146	1.56	Barron, T D	409	1.38
Ryan, J	382	1.53	Madgwick, M	147	1.38
Suroor, Saeed Bin	405	1.52	Lanigan, D R	168	1.38
Nosedá, J	156	1.51	Perrett, Mrs A J	334	1.37

Bowring tops the list in terms of SDR with horses shortening in price more than twice as often as those that drift.

Of the 78 runners that have shortened though only 9 went onto win so if you had pinpointed one of his runners you thought would shorten in price, then the trading option is by far the best approach.

Interestingly one of his seasoned campaigners – a horse called Ace Master has shortened in price 10 times in 12 runs (1 time it drifted, the other it remained the same price). Indeed looking back to all his runs (flat and aw) going back to 2012 Ace Master's price has shortened 40 times, stayed the same 16 times and drifted just 11.

Newmarket trainer James Fanshawe also has a high SDR at 1.89 and has sent out a decent number of runners on the all-weather (460) in the last four seasons.

What I found most interesting was that there seems to be a correlation with the percentage of horses that shorten in price (opening odds to SP) with the time taken to travel to the relevant course.

The following table hopefully will make this clearer:

Course	Time taken to travel to course	Total Runners	Runners that shorten in price	Price Shortens (% of runners)
Newcastle	4 h 40 min	58	35	60.34
Wolverhampton	2 h 45 min	54	32	59.26
Kempton	2h	210	95	45.24
Lingfield	1 h 50 min	77	33	42.86
Chelmsford	1h	59	26	44.07

It seems that the further Fanshawe's horses travel the more likely they are to shorten in price.

For the record the travelling times are an estimate based on the route, distance travelled and the fact they will be travelling in a horsebox / lorry. However, I think they are pretty accurate.

The trip to Newcastle is essentially a 500 mile round trip and I am wondering if punters have picked up on this and hence are more likely to back the horse as not only have they noted the long trip, but it comes from a decent Newmarket stable as well.

The Wolverhampton trip is not as long but it still around 120 – 135 miles depending on the route taken. With 59 and 60% of his runners shortening in price at the two venues this may be an angle to try and take advantage of.

Tom Dascombe is another trainer with a decent SDR at 1.67 and he too has run a decent number of horses on the all-weather in the last four years (522).

44.4% of his horses have shortened in price and this figure increases to 53.5% (54 horses from 101 runners) when focusing on horses whose price is 3/1 or shorter at opening show.

If we focus on solely the regular jockey Richard Kingscote on these horses priced 3/1 or shorter at opening show, the percentage figure increases further to 57.9% (44 horses from 76 runners).

Of course many punters want a relatively simple method to follow in the hope of making money. The final set of data I will share with you is of the profitable trainers on the all-weather when their horses have been backed in from their opening show price.

With the price falling, one would expect the value to be draining away and profits difficult to achieve, but some trainers have still managed to achieve a profit at Betfair SP with such runners.

Here is a table with the relevant facts and figures:

Trainer	Runners	Wins	SR %	BSP Profit	ROI %	A/E
Appleby, C	102	41	40.2	+ £24.03	+ 23.56	1.00
Gosden, J H M	286	103	36.01	+ £39.54	+ 13.82	1.04
Suroor, Saeed Bin	188	67	35.64	+ £7.54	+4.01	1.01
Haggas, W J	229	77	33.62	+ 15.71	+ 6.86	1.04
Palmer, Hugo	253	73	28.85	+ £57.37	+ 22.67	1.12
Santos, Jose	32	9	28.13	+ £11.73	+ 36.66	1.61
Watson, Archie	286	68	23.78	+ £21.51	+ 7.52	0.96
Crisford, Simon	165	38	23.03	+ £9.57	+ 5.80	0.89
Margarson, G G	74	17	22.97	+ £35.86	+ 48.46	1.29
Tate, James	219	49	22.37	+ £13.49	+ 6.16	1.02
Mohammed, Ismail	56	12	21.43	+ £37.50	+ 66.97	1.20

All the trainers have decent strike rates (all above 20%), and on the whole good A/E values too.

It will be interesting to see if these trainers continue to be as successful / profitable with horses that shorten in price over the coming months and years.

This is an area of research that really interests me and although I have only scratched the surface I hope that it has given you food for thought.

I will continue to crunch the numbers and will feedback anything I find out in the near future.

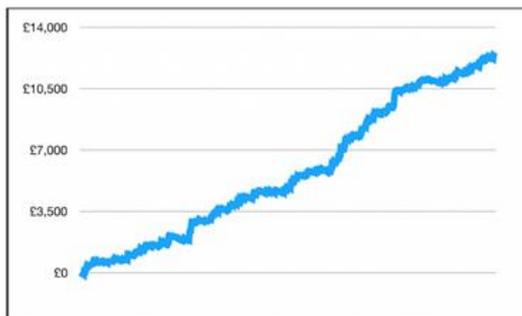
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Newbury Racecourse

In last month's OCP magazine I looked at Haydock racecourse. This month I'm heading back down south to Newbury.

Like Haydock. Newbury is one of the top dual-purpose racecourses in Britain.

As before in this series of articles on British racecourses, I will look briefly at the track's location, history, configuration and will also highlight some significant track stats.

Newbury racecourse is both a flat and National Hunt racecourse. Given that we are now entering the winter jumps season the track stats used will be for National Hunt racing only.

History and Location

Newbury racecourse is in the English county of Berkshire, close to the market town of Newbury. The first race meeting at Newbury took place in 1905 and the first National Hunt meeting took place one year later.

Like many racecourses no racing took place at the course during the First World War and it was used as prisoner of war camp for captured Germans.

Newbury Racecourse location means it's easily accessible from Junction 12 & 13 of the M4 and easily accessible the M3.

For those coming by public transport Newbury has its own railway station with direct trains from London Paddington and connections from the south west of England.

The feature race of its jumps season is the Ladbroke Trophy, formerly known as the Hennessy Gold Cup, which is held at the end of November or early December. Run over 3m 2f, the race has been won by the likes of Arkle, Burrough Hill Lad and in recent years Demnan, Bobs Worth & Many Clouds.

The other big meeting is the Betfair Hurdle meeting held in mid-February. The Betfair Handicap Hurdle has over the years been one of the biggest betting races of the winter months.

Track Configuration

A left-handed galloping track with long sweeping bends which are easy to negotiate with a long straight to the line. Most pundits describe Newbury as one of the fairest tracks in Britain. The long straight means that hold up horses do well on the hurdles track.

[Hurdles Course](#)

[Chase Course](#)

Chasers need to jump well to win at Newbury, as the fences are stiffer than at many other tracks. Although they are stiffer many trainers like to introduce their better novice chasers at the track as there are no tricky fences to overcome.

Newbury Stats: National Hunt

As ever let's begin by looking at some general stats including favourite stats at the course since 2015.

The stats below are from Jan 1st, 2015 to the time of writing (10/11/19) and cover all jump meetings at the course.

Once again, I am using the ever useful www.horseracebase.com for the stats.

Let's begin by looking at some general meeting stats from the last five years, beginning with the fate of the favourites both clear and joint.

The results below contain 330 winners from 3105 runners 868 placed.

Favourites

Clear favourites have produced the following set of results:

101 winners from 307 runners 33% -39.98 A/E 0.89 183 placed 60 %.

Breaking those results down into handicap & non-handicap races gives us:

Non-handicap – 58 winners from 140 runners 41% -13.62 A/E 0.91 99 placed 71%.

- Chase – 13 winners from 31 runners 42% -5.63 A/E 0.84 18 placed 58%.
- Hurdle – 37 winners from 81 runners 46% -2.33 A/E 0.95 65 placed 80%.
- NHF – 8 winners from 28 runners 29% -5.66 A/E 0.86 16 placed 57%.

Handicaps – 43 winners from 167 runners 26% -26.36 A/E 0.87 84 placed 50%.

- Chase – 24 winners from 97 runners 25% -15.53 A/E 0.87 46 placed 47%.
- Hurdles – 19 winners from 70 runners 27% -10.83 A/E 0.87 38 placed 54%.

Digging a bit deeper let's focus on favourites that won their last race and those favourites who had finished outside the first three on their last start.

- Favourites that won their last race have produced – 48 winners from 120 runners 40% -3.37 A/E 0.98 74 placed 62%.
- Favourites that had finished outside the top four on their last start produced – 21 winners from 73 runners 29% -14.39 A/E 0.84 46 placed 63%.

Summary: The most interesting angles for favourite backers appear to be non-handicap hurdle favourites and favourites who had won their last race.

Trainers and Favourites:

If you're a favourite backer, here are the best performing trainers when the money is down:

- **Warren Greatrex** – 5 winners from 7 runners 71% +5.88 A/E 1.58.
- **David Pipe** – 3 winners from 5 runners 60% +1.78 A/E 1.31 5 placed 100.
- **Alan King** – 7 winners from 15 runners 47% +4.35 A/E 1.16 12 placed 80%.
- **Ben Pauling** – 4 winners from 9 runners 44% +1.11 A/E 1.18 5 placed 56%.
- **Colin Tizzard** – 7 winners from 16 runners 44% +3.44 A/E 1.11 10 placed 63%.

Summary: Not many qualifiers but both Warren Greatrex & David Pipe clear favourites are likely worth noting.

Jockeys and Favourites:

Which jockeys have done the business when the money is down for favourite backers?

- **David Bass** – 4 winners from 5 runners 80% +3.97 A/E 1.73.
- **Gavin Sheehan** – 3 winners from 5 runners 60% +3.38 A/E 1.75.
- **Tom Scudamore** – 5 winners from 10 runners 50% +0.16 A/E 1.07 8 placed 80%.
- **Harry Cobden** – 5 winners from 11 runners 45% +2.41 A/E 1.31 7 placed 64%.

General Course Stats:

- Odds SP: 16/1 & above – 18 winners from 1141 runners 2% -690 A/E 0.47 103 placed 9%.
- Previous course winners provided 51 winners from 335 runners 15% -60.38 A/E 0.9 109 placed 32%.

Summary: Like Haydock. Newbury isn't really a course specialist track. Of more interest in those general stats is the poor performance of horses returned 16/1 & bigger.

Trainer Stats and Angles

Here are a few interesting trainer track stats. That will hopefully enable you to identify some winners at Newbury's upcoming winter jumps season. On this occasion I have concentrated on those runners with an odds threshold of 14/1.

Trainers & Handicap Hurdle Runners (14/1 & under).

- Noel Williams – 3 winners from 5 runners 60% +22.75 A/E 3.09 4 placed 80%.
- Neil Mulholland – 4 winners from 9 runners 44% +15.13 A/E 2.82.
- Nigel Twiston-Davies – 6 winners from 18 runners 33% +25.53 A/E 1.81 7 placed 39%.
- Philip Hobbs – 9 winners from 36 runners 25% +15 A/E 1.51 18 placed 50%.

Trainers & Handicap Chase Runners (14/1 & under).

- Henry Whittington – 4 winners from 9 runners 44% +6.5 A/E 1.96 6 placed 67%.
- Tom Lacey – 3 winners from 7 runners 43% +8 A/E 2.03 4 placed 57%.
- David Dennis – 2 winners from 4 runners 50% +10 A/E 3.17.

- Robin Dickin – 2 winners from 4 runners 50% +10 A/E 4.00.
- Richard Hobson – 2 winners from 5 runners 40% +13.5 A/E 2.82.

Trainers & Race Class – Handicaps (14/1 & under).

- David Pipe (Class 4) – 3 winners from 8 runners 38% +10 A/E 2.5 4 placed 50%.
- Warren Greatrex (Class 3) – 3 winners from 9 runners 33% +10.5 A/E 2.42 5 placed 56%.

Trainers & NHF Races – Racecourse Debutants (14/1 & under).

- Anthony Honeyball – 2 winners from 6 runners 33% +6 A/E 2.27 3 placed 50%.
- Ben Pauling – 2 winners from 7 runners 29% +10.5 A/E 2.56 3 placed 43%.

Newbury Trainer Micro Angles. - Here are three trainer micro angles that could prove profitable to follow this season at Newbury.

System 67 - Nicky Henderson – Newbury Runners.

Non-handicap - Chase & Hurdles.

Odds SP: 7/1 & under.

Last Time Out Placing: No Run or 1st

16 winners from 30 runners 53% +25.25 A/E 1.36 24 placed 80%

System 68 - Philip Hobbs Newbury Runners

Non-handicap – Chases & Hurdles.

9 winners from 31 runners 29% +85.3 A/E 1.65 14 placed 45%.

System 69 - Colin Tizzard Newbury Runners

Handicap Chases only

Odds SP: 12/1 & under

10 winners from 31 runners 32% +28.83 A/E 2.03 17 placed 55%

Hopefully you enjoyed this brief look at Newbury racecourse and some of the track's National Hunt stats.

The next stop on this tour of British racecourses takes us to Fakenham.

Until next time.

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A Q and A with Steve Davidson of Winningmore.com

Hi Steve, and many thanks for joining us this month, first off would you start by telling our readers a little about yourself and your background?

I was born in New Zealand, a country where horse racing was the only form of gambling when I hit the age that betting presented itself a few years into my working career.

I clearly remember my first trifecta collect, split between two fellow workers, it was a \$75.00 pay out, so my share was \$25, it got me a new wet suit (surfing and motor cross were my two other passions in the mid 1970's).

We only had TAB betting in NZ no bookies only the totalisator (no fixed prices), the lure of bookies, saw me make the trek across the Tasman sea to Australia, Sydney to be specific.

At the time I had three horses in syndicates, all 2 years olds, and I sold out of them to pay for my move to Sydney. All before they raced.

My biggest "winning loss" on the TAB that sealed the move was backing a horse called Black Tom, first start, and it won easy; however it paid .55cent on a \$1.00 bet, so I won the race but lost \$45.00 on my \$100 bet, that was the straw that broke the camel (my) back.

It was the start of my short professional punting career in Australia, doing the main Sydney racetracks daily including the harness racing and greyhounds.

It was a hard way to earn money, and very stressful, long before computers, the most solid thing I had was a Casio calculator that took simple programs.

The days were long and involved a lot of public transport, leaving home in Manly at 8.00 in the morning, and getting home after 10.30pm several days a week.

So, with reluctances I changed tack, and got a job, building bicycles 5 days a week, and racing was restricted to Saturday meetings.

It was that move that let me enjoy the thrill of racing, and not stress from week to week, professional punting is very stressful.

It was 30 years before I came back to the gambling world full-time, but this time not as a punter, but an educator, designing and supplying software and manuals for racing and football.

Would you say that you have a “typical” working day, and how would you describe it?

Many people say they would love to work from home, and I do enjoy the 15 yard commute from the lounge to the office.

With most of my clients in the UK, and me being in Australia (west side the best side), I am 7 to 9 hours ahead of the UK, so when the morning starts, the emails always get the first attention.

Then onto any projects that need attention, with luck servers are not offline, surprisingly how much can go wrong overnight.

Catch up with my business partner Michael; see if the projects with the programmers are on track. Check the results and research, to see things are tracking ok.

Then, the rest of the day is website maintenance, and answering the Australian client's emails and sales.

This is a 7 day a week work week. With technology today you can be mobile and still run an online gambling business.

Even on a cruise, although the internet bill is higher than the bar bill.

What do you think of the world of sports tipping in general and what do you think people are in search of when it comes to their hunt for a successful tipster?

I can only really speak on the tipsters I know here in Australia.

One guy I was with, in 2003 to 2007, is very good, he still runs a great service, and does a lot of work on the selections.

He always makes sure his bets are on before he lets his clients have the selections.

They are never big odds, but his strike rate is very good, and he makes more on the betting than the service. But guys like him in Australian tipster services are rare.

The feedback I've had is that even successful services, have a problem keeping clients. The public have a habit of jumping from one to another service. All tipsters will have losing runs and winning runs (if they are any good). Stickability (is that a word), is what is needed by people signing up for tipsters, and also to recognise poor value and good value on selections given.

Do you regularly bet yourself? What style of approach do you take to your betting? What do you think of staking plans, loss retrieval systems etc.?

My betting now is small and restricted to testing bots and methods that we are building, selling and researching.

On staking plans, I am a strong advocate of them.

Why?

Because level staking is not in my opinion good use of the betting bank. It is not getting the best out of the good runs, and bad runs are treated the same as good runs.

Loss retrieval, if done with hand brakes (stop losses) in place does have their place in betting.

Compound betting is also a strong way, if you have a high strike rate and low prices.

Also I strongly believe if you are having a bad run, is to take a complete break for your betting (give yourself a red card) and look at the results and re think your selections, staking and why you have racked up the losing run.

What attracted you to the world of horse racing and what do you enjoy most about the sport?

The horses are a most beautiful animal, and that there is always a great horse every few years that come along and captures the general public imagination.

Here in Australia we have just recently seen Winx, and wonderful mare that 33 wins in a row, 25 of them Group 1s and 26 million Aussie dollars (£12 million).

And before her we had Black Caviar, that did race in the UK (not at her best but still won).

The characters, whether they are jockeys, trainers, bookies (the individuals, not corporates) and fellow punters.

I live about 15 kilometres from a great country track here in West Australia and a day out there is a great way to pass an afternoon, big shady trees, even shadier fellow punters.

Ice cold beer, and great food, plus real live bookies, only 6 or 7, but still nice to see them.

The feeling is most are betting online at the track, rather than the TAB (government owned betting totalisator, which is currently being sold off.)

And the air of expectancy, that racing always throws up.

What led you into the world of racing tipsters and what do you feel you can offer racing enthusiasts and punters that other tipsters can't?

I don't see myself as a tipster. I am more interested in providing tools that will help the punter.

One of the hardest things for the punter today is choice so many races and distractions.

It is possible now to bet 24 hours a day at Betfair on horses, starting in Australia, moving to Singapore, South Africa, Europe, UK, Ireland, and USA, then Australia starts again.

So focus, and try and become an expert in a niche of racing.

What traits do you think a good racing tipster should possess and what do you think the average punter is looking for from a tipping service?

A good tipster should outline why they have selected a horse, their thinking on why you should have a bet on that horse.

Summarise the results of the previous day and why things went the way it did.

Basically, be accountable and explain why.

New and old punters alike can struggle to make a success of their betting. If you could give them just one piece of advice to improve their profitability what would it be?

Don't get emotional; Pumpkin Head disease is the most costly thing there is in racing. Remember there are more races tomorrow; don't make stupid bets after losses! Betting now is seldom done with cash, and this is a trap to many, to pass over a £50 note for a bet has more emotional feelings of the risk than hitting 50 on a keyboard or phone touch pad.

Try having a stack of cash on your desk, and every time you make a bet online, shift the same amount of money from the hard cold cash to an out tray and leave it there, if you win take the winnings back, if you lose leave the money there. This way you will get that feeling of really losing and really winning.

It will stop you making silly stupid bets.

What would you consider to be a highlight of your racing experience to date? Do you have any personal racing / betting experiences which when reflecting back brings a smile, or for that matter any which bring a grimace; you can share with our readers?

It was in 1979, I had a horse (harness), and it was just a foal. It was my second year in Perth, West Australia.

This Friday night, there was a half-brother to my horse racing at Gloucester Park (premier harness racing track in the west). He was in race 4 and although around 10/1 in the morning paper, I thought it had a great chance.

And in race 5 was an exciting 2 year old, called San Simeon, that was going for 11 wins in a row, unbeaten at all starts to date. Went on to win 29 races in a row.

I jumped on my push bike (wanted to have a few beers), and off I went, cycling 5 kilometres to the track.

My bank was a big \$40.00, Race one I had, \$10 on a 5/1 winner, I now had \$80.00 in the kick, next race, \$40.00 on a 6/4 shot, \$60 win, my \$40 was now \$140.00.

Then the race I had come for, we had concession betting back then, the odds were lower, but if the horse runs 2nd or 3rd you got your money back.

I decide to put my \$40.00 in my back pocket and bet the horse \$100 on concession, why?

I thought 10/1 was a good price, and it came up on the track bookies at 20/1, so I thought 14/1 at concession was a great bet.

And it was, 100 at 14/1, won by 4 lengths, so 1,400.00 win and my 40 still in my back pocket.

The punters biggest dilemma....

San Simeon's race they put him up at 1-4.

Do I back him with a 1,000 to make 400? (I was earning \$200.00 a week at the time).

I kept my head out of the pumpkin, and just watched him brain the field; I smiled, even though I didn't have a cent on him.

Those days the largest bank note was 20.00, so there I am, riding my bike home, slightly under the weather, with 72, \$20 notes stuffed inside my parka.

Seven days later I was in Bali (Indonesia) with my newfound wealth drinking Bintang (beer).

Gotta love those days that is why racing has the power to make great things happen.

What about the gambling industry, is there anything you would like to see changed there? Many website forums are full of criticisms of the bookmakers and their treatment of their customers? Is this something you have an opinion on?

Australia has lost almost all of its local owned bookies.

And unfortunately it has been the UK bookies that led the invasion; William Hill came and went, lost \$400 million in 4 years on their foray into Australia.

Paddy Power has made a solid impact, paying half a billion dollars (£250 million) for Sportsbet. And Ladbrokes are here also.

The problem was they all brought the UK bookies behaviour of banning or limiting accounts of anyone who is not a loser.

So, we are hit with bookie ads day and night on TV, if they did not block the punters and actually did what they were supposed to do and accept bets and the occasional loss, they would not have such a big spend on advertising for new losers.

There has been talk for a long time on minimum bets bookies have to except, but talk that has yet to bear fruit.

Betting exchanges, of which we have Betfair only in Australia, have been well supported, because of the fairness that punters deserve.

Personally I would like to see more peer to peer betting, similar to Betfair, but where the punters can earn units into the business, and get paid dividends as the company grew.

I guess like the old fashion Co Operative that the farmers set up when I was a kid.

We have here a lot of TAB (**Parimutuel/Tote**) that feed a lot of money back into the racing that can only be healthy for the sport.

With \$14 million stakes race one week and in the same week a \$5 million race, Australian horse racing is attracting a lot of world interest.

I think UK racing could look at racing here to improve racing in the UK.

IMHO.

What do you do to relax and unwind? What interests have you outside the world of horse racing?

These days reading is right up there, along with travel, I have been to 3 out of the last 4 Singapore F1's which I really enjoy.

If you like motor racing and music (oh and drinking and warm weather), then this September head to Singapore.

They have great cruises also, so it is a great week or two weeks.

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Festive Acorns: Trainers to follow in December

“Christmas is coming; the turkey’s getting fat, please put a penny in the punters hat”

It’s December. Just where has the year gone? The Christmas lights and decorations are going up. Festive markets are in full swing and of course Christmas is just a few weeks away.

The Christmas period is busy one for horse racing. There’s Kempton’s Winter Festival with the highlight being the Grade 1 King George VI Chase on Boxing Day. A day later weather permitting, it’s the Welsh Grand National at Chepstow. Over the Irish Sea it’s Leopardstown Christmas Festival which provides Irish racegoers with four days of high-class racing action.

It all makes for some interesting few weeks which are all dependent on the weather. Whatever the weather does there is plenty to look forward to as we digest all those mince pies.

With Christmas coming fast let’s try and get some spending money by highlighting those trainers who can be relied upon to bring home the bacon over the festive period.

This month we have five National Hunt trainers whose runners will be worth following in December.

As ever the excellent www.horseracebase.com with its mine of detailed information and stats is the starting point for this month's investigation.

Before analysing further. To keep the data as relevant as possible, my starting point is all National Hunt racing for the last four years only.

The only specific filters I have used at this point are that the runner's SP is 20/1 or shorter and the trainers had a minimum of 25 runners in the period under research.

December Trainers – National Hunt

Let's begin by looking at the top National Hunt trainers in December ordered by win percentage.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Mullins, W P	392	127	32.4	-53.64	208	53.06	300	42.33	-13.68	-21.67	-4.39	21.00	15.00	5.04	0.92	1.23	137.46	1	0
Richards, N G	106	32	30.19	72.2	60	56.6	100	32	68.11	121.99	-136.01	21.00	17.00	7.08	1.38	4.37	23.11	1.54	7.45
Henderson, N J	294	84	28.57	-18.98	151	51.36	251	33.47	-6.46	10.23	-32.32	21.00	13.00	5.61	0.98	0.07	86.12	1.06	0.43
Lacey, T	61	17	27.87	19.58	32	52.46	60	28.33	32.1	23.44	-29.19	21.00	17.00	6.99	1.31	1.55	13.02	1.46	3.04
Groucott, J B	26	7	26.92	5.46	10	38.46	26	26.92	21	7.62	-9.97	21.00	6.50	9.29	1.69	2.33	4.15	1.89	3.43
Honeyball, A J	64	17	26.56	24.59	30	46.88	61	27.87	38.42	50.69	-58.18	21.00	21.00	7.42	1.15	0.41	14.83	1.26	1.16
Whittington, H	66	17	25.76	8.46	35	53.03	66	25.76	12.82	19.63	-25.69	21.00	17.00	6.89	1.17	0.56	14.48	1.3	1.51
Harty, Edward P	28	7	25	11.64	14	50	28	25	41.57	17.1	-20.16	21.00	12.00	9.17	1.63	2.02	4.29	1.92	3.56
Alexander, N W	85	21	24.71	30.54	32	37.65	80	26.25	35.93	40.48	-49.18	21.00	11.00	9.02	1.54	4.79	13.6	1.72	7.41
Gardner, Mrs S	42	10	23.81	26.88	16	38.1	42	23.81	64	60.24	-66.69	21.00	17.00	8.56	1.35	1.11	7.4	1.54	2.23
Menzies, Rebecca	59	14	23.73	57.08	25	42.37	58	24.14	96.75	73.36	-81.84	21.00	21.00	9.38	1.56	3.34	8.96	1.76	5.34
Jefferson, J M	55	13	23.64	-17.28	23	41.82	54	24.07	-31.42	-15.42	11.92	21.00	7.00	5.76	0.89	0.26	14.68	0.96	0.03
Thomson, A M	51	12	23.53	20.86	25	49.02	49	24.49	40.9	31.05	-36.69	21.00	17.00	6.93	1.08	0.1	11.08	1.18	0.41
Cawley, Edward	27	6	22.22	51.5	12	44.44	27	22.22	190.74	100.42	-107.86	21.00	21.00	12.65	2.21	4.4	2.72	2.9	8.08
Murphy, Olly	82	18	21.95	-5.81	34	41.46	76	23.68	-7.09	3.88	-10.65	21.00	12.00	6.41	0.85	0.62	21.11	0.94	0.08
England, Sam	32	7	21.88	12.25	15	46.88	32	21.88	38.28	17.55	-21.04	17.00	11.00	9.38	1.47	1.24	4.76	1.68	2.23
Mullins, Ms Margaret	29	6	20.69	1.75	14	48.28	29	20.69	6.03	15	-18.15	21.00	15.00	7.52	0.99	0	6.09	1.13	0.11
Kirby, P A	80	16	20	7.33	28	35	76	21.05	9.16	15.33	-22.7	21.00	13.00	9.75	1.35	1.69	11.87	1.54	3.5
Hobbs, P J	255	51	20	-16.14	113	44.31	243	20.99	-6.33	18.4	-40.3	21.00	10.00	7.35	0.99	0.01	51.52	1.12	0.74

Trainer performance in December for all turf flat races from 2015 onwards, runner's SP 20/1 & under

Nicky Richards - The first trainer to catch the eye is Cumbria based trainer Nicky Richards.

A 30%-win strike rate, with a healthy profit and a solid A/E figures.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
106	32	30.19	72.2	60	56.6	100	32	68.11	121.99	-136.01	21.00	17.00	7.08	1.38	4.37	23.11	1.54	7.45	

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 21.00
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Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Richards, N G
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Here is his record by year.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
2015	22	9	40.91	6.17	13	59.09	22	40.91	28.05	7.64	-9.38	15.00	6.50	5.81	1.49	1.97	6.06	1.6	2.75
2016	27	6	22.22	7	8	29.63	25	24	25.93	13.77	-16.65	21.00	10.00	8.27	1.22	0.29	4.92	1.42	0.87
2017	28	7	25	19.25	18	64.29	27	25.93	68.75	44.2	-48.68	21.00	17.00	6.45	1.14	0.15	6.15	1.24	0.42
2018	29	10	34.48	39.78	21	72.41	26	38.46	137.17	56.38	-61.3	19.00	17.00	7.53	1.67	3.4	5.98	1.87	4.96

You probably could back his December runners blind and make a profit again this year and it's a month he has his runners very much in winning form.

Are there any profitable angles that can be exploited?

Let's dig further and break down his runners by non-handicap and handicap races:

Breakdown of Handicap/Non

Was the race a handicap or non-handicap

To add in criteria, select as appropriate and press Go. Otherwise click any tab to continue with this system unchanged.

Add	Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non Handicap	34	14	41.18	46.63	22	64.71	33	42.42	137.15	85.18	-91.72	21.00	17.00	7.17	1.59	4.16	8.79	1.77	6.06
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handicap	72	18	25	25.57	38	52.78	67	26.87	35.51	36.81	-44.29	21.00	15.00	7.03	1.26	1.18	14.32	1.4	2.46

His non-handicap runners take the eye, but his handicap runners also provide a profit.

Now let's filter by National Hunt race type:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Chase	36	12	33.33	49.88	22	61.11	34	35.29	138.56	88.39	-95.51	17.00	17.00	8.16	1.94	6.62	6.18	2.18	9.07
Hurdle	62	17	27.42	14.19	31	50	58	29.31	22.89	20.99	-26.71	21.00	15.00	6.74	1.17	0.55	14.52	1.3	1.49
NH Flat	8	3	37.5	8.13	7	87.5	8	37.5	101.63	12.61	-13.79	11.00	10.00	4.77	1.24	0.21	2.41	1.33	0.35

Most of the profit has come from his chasers during the month but his hurdlers are profitable and although he doesn't have many bumper runners in the month they usually run well.

I would be happy to follow all his runners during the month but for those looking for something more niche. You could do worse than look at these qualifiers.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
91	31	34.07	84.57	55	60.44	87	35.63	92.93	134.42	-147.65	21.00	17.00	6.96	1.55	7.77	19.99	1.72	11.7

You currently have 7 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 21.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Exactly 0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win (Track)	Between 0 And 1

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Richards, N G
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System 70: Back Nicky Richards December National Hunt Runners 20/1 & under, with 1+ career run and 0 to 1 win at the track.

Rebecca Menzies - Our second trainer is another northern based trainer Rebecca Menzies.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
59	14	23.73	57.08	25	42.37	58	24.14	96.75	73.36	-81.84	21.00	21.00	9.38	1.56	3.34	8.96	1.76	5.34

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 21.00
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Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Menzies, Rebecca
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Breaking those results down by non-handicap and handicap races.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Non Handicap	5	1	20	-3.17	3	60	5	20	-63.4	-3.13	2.88	10.00	1.83	7.07	0.96	0	1.04	1.05	0
Handicap	54	13	24.07	60.25	22	40.74	53	24.53	111.57	76.49	-84.72	21.00	21.00	9.6	1.64	3.82	7.92	1.86	5.94

Most of her runners have been in handicaps

Digging further by NH race type.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Chase	33	8	24.24	20.5	13	39.39	32	25	62.12	24.21	-28.05	19.00	15.00	8.04	1.45	1.34	5.52	1.62	2.21
Hurdle	23	6	26.09	39.58	11	47.83	23	26.09	172.09	52.15	-56.64	21.00	21.00	11.51	1.97	3.29	3.05	2.27	4.83
NH Flat	3	0	0	-3	1	33.33	3	0	-100	-3	2.85	10.00	0.00	7.83	0	0.45	0.39	0	0.4

Not much between her chasers and hurdlers.

So, what further profitable angle can we find for her runners during December? The one that catches the eye most are runners with a run within the previous 30-days.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
4-5 days	3	2	66.67	4.5	2	66.67	3	66.67	150	4.85	-5.21	8.50	4.00	5.33	3.03	3.49	0.66	3.28	3.98
6-10 days	6	1	16.67	-3.25	2	33.33	6	16.67	-54.17	-3.14	2.79	17.00	2.75	6.65	0.65	0.26	1.55	0.69	0.18
11-15 days	3	1	33.33	0.75	1	33.33	3	33.33	25	1.19	-1.46	11.00	3.75	7.25	2	0.6	0.5	2.38	0.93
16-20 days	10	3	30	10.33	7	70	10	30	103.3	10.97	-12.27	13.00	13.00	7.98	1.69	1.04	1.77	1.85	1.4
21-25 days	6	2	33.33	18.75	3	50	6	33.33	312.5	23.84	-25.5	21.00	21.00	8.54	1.96	1.13	1.02	2.2	1.54
26-30 days	12	3	25	16	6	50	12	25	133.33	18.91	-20.83	21.00	15.00	10.5	2.24	2.31	1.34	2.61	3.29
31-45 days	14	2	14.29	15	3	21.43	14	14.29	107.14	21.73	-24.11	21.00	21.00	11.8	1.27	0.13	1.57	1.52	0.39
46-60 days	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	7.00	0.00	7	0	0.16	0.14	0	0.15
76-90 days	1	0	0	-1	1	100	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	17.00	0.00	17	0	0.06	0.06	0	0.05
121-150 days	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	8.00	0.00	8	0	0.15	0.13	0	0.14
181-240 days	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	6.50	0.00	6.5	0	0.18	0.15	0	0.16
731-1095 days	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	15.00	0.00	15	0	0.08	0.07	0	0.03

Her runners returning from a 31+day absence are 2 winners from 19 runners 11% +10 A/E 0.94 4 placed 21%.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
40	12	30	47.08	21	52.5	40	30	117.7	56.63	-62.48	21.00	21.00	8.37	1.75	4.7	6.84	1.95	6.58	

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

Race Code: National Hunt

Date (Year): 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Date (Month): December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP): Between 1.02 And 21.00

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

Trainer: Menzies, Rebecca

Horse Last Race Data - Categories relating to the most recent run of the analysed horse.

(LR) Days Since Run: Between 4 And 30

Looking at those results by year...

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
ALL	40	12	30	47.08	21	52.5	40	30	117.7	56.63	-62.48	21.00	21.00	8.37	1.75	4.7	6.84	1.95	6.58
2018	15	6	40	27.33	8	53.33	15	40	182.2	33.86	-36.57	21.00	21.00	7.1	1.82	2.83	3.3	1.99	3.72
2017	12	1	8.33	-6.5	7	58.33	12	8.33	-54.17	-6.25	5.45	17.00	5.50	8.42	0.57	0.38	1.76	0.64	0.24
2016	7	4	57.14	19.25	5	71.43	7	57.14	275	21.66	-23.11	21.00	15.00	9.46	3.51	8.57	1.14	3.96	10.34
2015	6	1	16.67	7	1	16.67	6	16.67	116.67	7.35	-8.25	13.00	13.00	10.17	1.56	0.23	0.64	1.79	0.38

Three profitable years out of four is acceptable but we can do without a year like 2017 although she did have seven placed efforts that season which is more reassuring.

System 71: Back Rebecca Menzies December runners 20/1 & under, that had run within 30-days of their last start.

Tom Lacey - Our third trainer is Herefordshire based trainer Tom Lacey.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
61	17	27.87	19.58	32	52.46	60	28.33	32.1	23.44	-29.19	21.00	17.00		6.99	1.31	1.55	13.02	1.46	3.04

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 21.00
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Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Lacey, T
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A near 28%-win strike rate and runners performing 31% better than market expectations gives us a solid base to work with.

Breaking those results down by non-handicap and handicap races produces the following set of results.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Non Handicap	24	6	25	-2.43	12	50	23	26.09	-10.13	-0.62	-1.2	21.00	5.50	7.44	1.18	0.21	5.09	1.32	0.57
Handicap	37	11	29.73	22.01	20	54.05	37	29.73	59.49	24.06	-27.99	19.00	17.00	6.69	1.39	1.51	7.93	1.55	2.65

The trainers' handicap runners are more profitable than his non-handicap runners

Digging further by race type.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Chase	13	4	30.77	3.88	7	53.85	13	30.77	29.85	4.86	-6.04	21.00	7.50	6.16	1.17	0.13	3.42	1.29	0.34
Hurdle	41	12	29.27	17.7	23	56.1	40	30	43.17	20.59	-24.65	19.00	17.00	7.16	1.44	2	8.35	1.62	3.45
NH Flat	7	1	14.29	-2	2	28.57	7	14.29	-28.57	-2.01	1.5	15.00	5.00	7.51	0.8	0.06	1.25	0.89	0.02

I think we can leave his bumper runners out.

Concentrating on his chasers and hurdlers and those sent off 13/2 & under has produced the following set of results:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
37	15	40.54	21.58	27	72.97	36	41.67	58.32	25.3	-28.89	7.50	7.50	4.31	1.46	2.99	10.29	1.59	4.4

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		NH Race Type	Chase Hurdle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.57 And 7.50
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Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Lacey, T
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The trainers well fancied runners have won 40% of their races which is an excellent win strike rate.

Breaking those runs by year.

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
ALL	37	15	40.54	21.58	27	72.97	36	41.67	58.32	25.3	-28.89	7.50	7.50	4.31	1.46	2.99	10.29	1.59	4.4
2018	16	4	25	-2.87	12	75	15	26.67	-17.94	-1.9	0.77	7.00	4.50	4.24	0.85	0.15	4.71	0.92	0.04
2017	12	6	50	14.13	8	66.67	12	50	117.75	16.13	-17.59	7.50	7.50	4.43	1.98	3.89	3.03	2.22	5.2
2016	4	3	75	7.57	3	75	4	75	189.25	7.65	-8.16	6.00	6.00	4.27	2.42	3.62	1.24	2.5	3.86
2015	5	2	40	2.75	4	80	5	40	55	3.42	-3.91	6.00	5.50	4.3	1.53	0.49	1.31	1.71	0.77

Last December produced a small loss and wasn't good winner wise but 12 of his 16 runners during the month placed which is excellent and gives us plenty of hope he can do well this year.

System 72: Back Tom Lacey's December runners, in chase & hurdle races, sent off 13/2 & under.

Anthony Honeyball - Trainer number four is Dorset based Anthony Honeyball.

A near 28%-win strike for his runners in the month and good level stakes profit gives us plenty to work with.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
64	17	26.56	24.59	30	46.88	61	27.87	38.42	50.69	-58.18	21.00	21.00	7.42	1.15	0.41	14.83	1.26	1.16

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

Race Code: **National Hunt**

Date (Year): **2015** **2016** **2017** **2018** **2019**

Date (Month): **December**

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP): Between **1.02** And **21.00**

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

Trainer: **Honeyball, A J**

Breaking that down further by non-handicap and handicaps.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Non Handicap	28	9	32.14	5.49	12	42.86	25	36	19.61	7.75	-10.11	21.00	6.00	8.36	1.35	1.06	6.68	1.49	1.86
Handicap	36	8	22.22	19.1	18	50	36	22.22	53.06	42.94	-48.07	21.00	21.00	6.7	0.98	0	8.15	1.07	0.05

The trainers' non-handicap runners have a better strike rate, but most of the month's profit has come from his handicappers.

Now by NH race type.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Chase	31	5	16.13	7.25	10	32.26	30	16.67	23.39	28.75	-32.93	21.00	21.00	8.38	0.89	0.09	5.64	1	0
Hurdle	26	8	30.77	8.73	15	57.69	25	32	33.58	12.31	-14.81	21.00	8.00	6.54	1.11	0.11	7.24	1.19	0.33
NH Flat	7	4	57.14	8.61	5	71.43	6	66.67	123	9.63	-10.44	21.00	5.50	6.44	2.05	2.99	1.95	2.25	3.71

Looking at those results his bumper runners during the month can never be left out of calculations.

Honeyball clearly targets his runners at certain tracks:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
39	17	43.59	49.59	21	53.85	37	45.95	127.15	75.69	-81.93	21.00	21.00	6.96	1.83	8.37	9.3	2.02	11.11

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

Race Code: **National Hunt**

Track: **Ascot** **Cheltenham** **Exeter** **Huntingdon** **Kempton** **Leicester** **Lingfield**
Newbury **Plumpton** **Wincanton**

Date (Year): **2015** **2016** **2017** **2018** **2019**

Date (Month): **December**

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP): Between **1.36** And **21.00**

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

Trainer: **Honeyball, A J**

A 43%-win strike rate and a very healthy profit following the trainers' runners over the last four seasons, performing 83% better than market expectations.

Breaking those results by year:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
2015	8	4	50	8.1	5	62.5	8	50	101.25	9.21	-10.1	8.00	7.00	4.63	1.69	1.59	2.37	1.85	2.15
2016	7	3	42.86	27	5	71.43	7	42.86	385.71	49.63	-52.65	21.00	21.00	12.57	3.85	7.11	0.78	4.84	10.02
2017	21	10	47.62	17.49	11	52.38	19	52.63	83.29	19.86	-22.03	21.00	6.00	5.84	1.88	5.54	5.31	2.05	6.96
2018	3	0	0	-3	0	0	3	0	-100	-3	2.85	13.00	0.00	7.84	0	1.17	0.84	0	1.02

Three profitable years out of four is more than acceptable.

Last year the month didn't see many runners coming out from the stable with just five runners overall.

The stable was under a cloud 12 months ago so I'm expecting much better this time around. There won't be many qualifiers so there won't be too much damage to the betting bank.

System 01: Back Anthony Honeyball's December Runners, sent off 20/1 & under, running at Ascot, Cheltenham, Exeter, Huntingdon, Kempton, Leicester, Lingfield, Newbury, Plumpton & Wincanton.

Henry Whittington

Our fifth trainer of the month is **Henry Whittington** who has produced the following set of results in December.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
65	16	24.62	8.13	34	52.31	65	24.62	12.51	19.32	-25.37	21.00	17.00	6.98	1.17	0.48	13.73	1.3	1.4	

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

Race Code: **National Hunt**

Date (Year): **2015 2016 2017 2018 2019**

Date (Month): **December**

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP): **Between 1.36 And 21.00**

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

Trainer: **Whittington, H**

Breaking those results down by non-handicap and handicap races.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Non Handicap	39	9	23.08	-13.87	22	56.41	39	23.08	-35.56	-12.18	9.74	21.00	3.75	7.6	1.09	0.08	8.26	1.23	0.47
Handicap	26	7	26.92	22	12	46.15	26	26.92	84.62	31.5	-35.11	17.00	17.00	6.04	1.28	0.54	5.47	1.41	1.05

A quick glance at those figures suggests his handicappers have been worth following.

Now filtering by NH race type.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Chase	16	3	18.75	8.75	5	31.25	16	18.75	54.69	16.39	-18.59	17.00	17.00	6.23	0.87	0.08	3.46	0.95	0.01
Hurdle	41	10	24.39	-1.87	24	58.54	41	24.39	-4.56	1.03	-4.27	21.00	11.00	7.62	1.24	0.59	8.05	1.42	1.5
NH Flat	8	3	37.5	1.25	5	62.5	8	37.5	15.63	1.9	-2.51	11.00	3.75	5.19	1.35	0.38	2.22	1.46	0.58

The trainer's runners in hurdle races and bumpers have provided the bulk of the winners but most of the profit has come from his chasers.

By adding the following two simple filters:

- Odds SP: 11/4 & under.
- Last Time Out Placing: No Run, 1st 2nd or 3rd
- Has produced the following results:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
19	13	68.42	16.96	14	73.68	19	68.42	89.26	18.85	-20.46	3.75	3.75	2.84	1.75	6.83	7.44	1.85	8.08	

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

Race Code: **National Hunt**

Date (Year): **2015 2016 2017 2018 2019**

Date (Month): **December**

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP): **Between 1.33 And 3.75**

Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

Trainer: **Whittington, H**

Horse Last Race Data - Categories relating to the most recent run of the analysed horse.

(LR) Placing: **No Run First Second Third**

Breaking those results by year:

Performance of System Overall and By Year																			
	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
ALL	19	13	68.42	16.96	14	73.68	19	68.42	89.26	18.85	-20.46	3.75	3.75	2.84	1.75	6.83	7.44	1.85	8.08
2018	6	5	83.33	6.9	5	83.33	6	83.33	115	7.91	-8.43	3.50	3.50	2.45	1.84	3.5	2.72	1.98	4.17
2017	6	4	66.67	4.21	4	66.67	6	66.67	70.17	4.05	-4.47	3.75	3.75	2.77	1.63	1.66	2.45	1.67	1.78
2016	2	1	50	1.75	1	50	2	50	87.5	2.42	-2.65	3.75	3.75	3.63	1.79	0.48	0.56	2.04	0.7
2015	5	3	60	4.1	4	80	5	60	82	4.47	-4.91	3.75	3.75	3.07	1.75	1.48	1.71	1.88	1.8

Four successive years of profit and not many qualifiers mean there won't be too much harm to the betting bank.

An excellent 75% above market expectations for the trainer's runners near the head of the market that finished in the first three on their last run or were making their recourse debut.

System 05: Back Henry Whittington's December runners that finished first three on their last start and that are sent off 11/4 & under.

Sue Gardner - The last of this month's trainers is Sue Gardner. It's a stable that likes to land a touch or two so it's probably worth getting on this trainer's runners at early prices.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
42	10	23.81	26.88	16	38.1	42	23.81	64	60.24	-66.69	21.00	17.00	8.56	1.35	1.11	7.4	1.54	2.23

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	December

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 21.00
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Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Gardner, Mrs S
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Breaking her runners down by non-handicap and handicap races.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Non Handicap	10	1	10	7	3	30	10	10	70	33.65	-36.34	21.00	17.00	11.51	0.78	0.07	1.28	0.98	0
Handicap	32	9	28.13	19.88	13	40.63	32	28.13	62.13	26.59	-30.35	21.00	15.00	7.63	1.47	1.68	6.12	1.64	2.73

Looking at those stats concentrating on the trainer's handicappers is the way to go.

Adding two simple filters:

- Runs in Last 90-days.
- Tracks: Exeter, Fontwell, Hereford, Leicester, Taunton & Wincanton

Gives the following results:

That's healthy level stakes profit to SP which will improve for taking bookies early prices. Again not many qualifiers so harm done to the betting bank but the chance of some big profits.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	Lay(BF)	ROI(L)	Pic(BF)	Pic%(BF)	P/L(Pic)	Lay(Pic)	MxOdd	A/E
15	9	60	36.88	10	66.67	15	60	245.87	43.59	290.6	-46.5	-31.31	10	66.67	9.47	-10.48	21.00	3.27

You currently have 8 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code: National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Track: Exeter Fontwell Hereford Leicester Taunton Wincanton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non: Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year): 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month): December
Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP): Between 1.02 And 21.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (90 Days): Between 1 And 90
Trainer Data - These categories specify characteristics of the trainer of the analysed horse.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer: Gardner, Mrs S

System 06: Back Sue Gardner December handicap runners, sent off 20/1 & under at Exeter, Fontwell, Hereford, Leicester, Taunton & Wincanton that had 1+ runs in the previous 90-days.

Like many of these methods. The above figures are based on historic data and whilst history has a good habit of repeating itself, it often doesn't.

It is important to remember that these bets are purely for the month of December and as such there maybe too many or indeed to few qualifiers for you, depending on your betting strategies.

Until next month.

John



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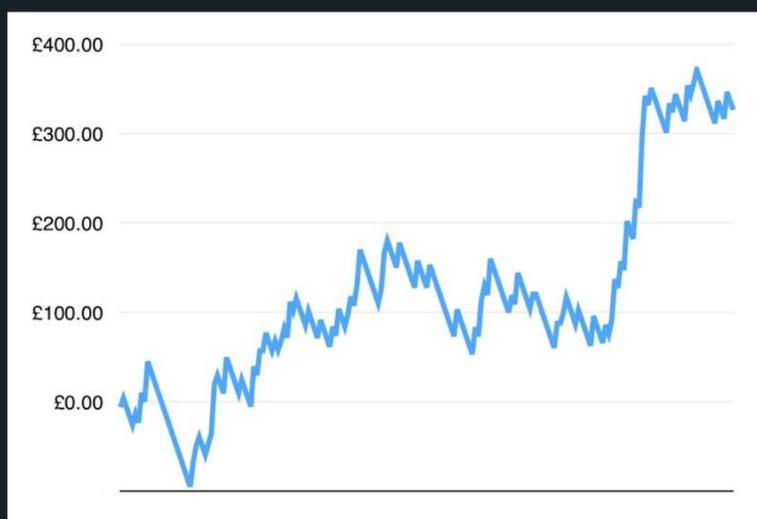
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Improve your punting – Part III

Confusing Stats

There's just one fundamental objective for punters and that to make a consistent profit. To achieve that objective doesn't necessarily depend on hours of form study or detailed assessment of each horse chance in the race. Most punters don't have the time or experience to undertake such tasks.

Confusing Stats

As punters it's important to take time out to look on how you find your selections, what variables you use and whether those variables are helping you to make a profit.

Many punters and I include myself in this, place great value on form guide statistics. In many cases punters look for horses that have the following traits:

- Race fit, not returning from long absence.
 - Have won at the distance of the race.
 - Have won on the prevailing going.
 - Career Win Percentage.
 - Have won at the course or are C&D winners.
 - Finished in the first three on their last start.

There are of course plenty more that I could have added.

The more of the above traits a horse has the more we think that it offers as a betting proposition.

Conversely the less traits the horse has the riskier it is, thus makes it poor betting proposition. However, is this always correct, and should we be attaching such value to such statistics?

There's plenty of logic backing horses in winning form for example, as they win most races. Horses lacking fitness normally don't win nor do horses who can't handle the going.

In the third part of this short series, on improving your punting. I'm looking at whether some of the popular form stats that we use may not be as reliable as we think.

Using the ever reliable www.horseracebase.com as my guide here are my findings.

For the purpose of this exercise the results below cover the years from 1st May 2015 to 31st April 2019 and cover National Hunt Racing in the UK only. I have also used an odds filter of 12/1 to concentrate on those runners the betting market considers having a genuine chance of winning their respective races.

Previous Form After an Absence

Let's begin by looking at previous form after a 91+day absence. Here are the results for all qualifying races run during the period of research using the 12/1 & below odds filter.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
0	16398	2803	17.09	-2340.21	6421	39.16	8556	32.76	-14.27	-535.25	-827.5	13.00	13.00	6.95	0.88	61.61	3201.4	0.99	0.31
1	19288	3539	18.35	-2682.41	8046	41.72	11029	32.09	-13.91	-859.91	-710.66	13.00	13.00	6.68	0.89	55.62	3957.27	1	0
2	20777	3797	18.28	-2667.42	8646	41.61	10945	34.69	-12.84	-705.28	-999.98	13.00	13.00	6.69	0.9	49.68	4205.21	1.01	0.31
3	14099	2513	17.82	-1834.82	5717	40.55	8501	29.56	-13.01	-654.65	-499.57	13.00	13.00	6.71	0.9	34.58	2791.25	1.01	0.11
4	5762	1056	18.33	-401.16	2454	42.59	4488	23.53	-6.96	125.54	-615.13	13.00	13.00	6.67	0.94	4.99	1123.15	1.05	3.45
5	1789	314	17.55	-236.9	745	41.64	1610	19.5	-13.24	-81.2	-65.91	13.00	13.00	6.61	0.89	5.75	354.41	0.99	0.04
6	472	73	15.47	-124.66	194	41.1	459	15.9	-26.41	-95.21	59.37	13.00	13.00	6.84	0.81	4.05	90.2	0.91	0.84
7	113	17	15.04	-38.34	39	34.51	113	15.04	-33.93	-30.4	22.15	13.00	11.00	6.72	0.79	1.13	21.42	0.89	0.3
8	26	3	11.54	-2.37	9	34.62	26	11.54	-9.12	3.3	-5.83	13.00	12.00	7	0.6	1	5.01	0.67	0.6
9	8	2	25	5.75	3	37.5	8	25	71.88	7.02	-8	12.00	10.00	7.16	1.46	0.35	1.37	1.61	0.55
10	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	6.50	0.00	6.5	0	0.18	0.15	0	0.15

Horses on their first start after a 90+ day absence have a 17%-win strike rate.

Now you certainly can't back them blind. If you had, you would have lost £2340.21 to a £1 level stakes.

Now there is a slight increase in number of winners for those horses having their second and third races off an absence and those on their third to fifth starts. But the returns are not significantly better for the race fit horses in a race.

If we dig a bit deeper what about those horses returning from an even longer break, of say 180+ days?

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
7586	1285	16.94	-1030.6	2942	38.78	4934	26.04	-13.59	-236.87	-397.35	13.00	13.00	6.98	0.87	32.56	1482.05	0.98	0.83	

You currently have 4 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

Race Code **National Hunt**

Season **UK NH 2015/2016** **UK NH 2016/2017** **UK NH 2017/2018** **UK NH 2018/2019**

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP) **Between 1.00 And 13.00**

Horse Last Race Data - Categories relating to the most recent run of the analysed horse.

(LR) Days Since Run **Between 181 And**

Those horses on a second start after such a layoff have produced the following set of results:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
17703	3129	17.68	-2571.73	7032	39.72	9002	34.76	-14.53	-928.14	-518.46	13.00	13.00	6.84	0.89	57.01	3530.41	0.99	0.2	

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Race Code **National Hunt**

Season **UK NH 2015/2016** **UK NH 2016/2017** **UK NH 2017/2018** **UK NH 2018/2019**

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

Odds (SP) **Between 1.00 And 13.00**

Horse 2nd Last Race Data - Categories relating to the second most recent run of the analysed horse.

(2LR) Days Since Run **Between 181 And**

The key takeaway here is don't get too carried away with race fitness. If you like a horse who is returning from an absence don't be put off.

You need to look at the horses' record after an absence to see if it's capable of winning or not. You can also check the trainers' record with runners winning first time up.

For example, the Nicky Henderson trained hurdler **Buveur D'Air** is has an exceptional record first time up after a 91+day absence:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
4	4	100	5.46	4	100	4	100	136.5	6	-6.32	4.00	4.00	2.37	1.96	3.84	2.04	2.07	4.29	

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Horse	Buveur Dair (FR)
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Compare his record with the Dan Skelton trained Value At Risk.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
4	0	0	-4	0	0	4	0	-100	-4	3.8	9.00	0.00	5.27	0	1.73	1.21	0	1.52	

You currently have 5 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Horse	Value At Risk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.00 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (90 Days)	Exactly 0

For example, trainers who have excellent records with their handicap runners, 12/1 & under, returning from a 90+day absence worth noting are:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Scott, J	67	16	23.88	47	29	43.28	67	23.88	70.15	57.13	-65.37	13.00	11.00	7.7	1.51	3.28	10.59	1.7	5.37
Honeyball, A J	54	15	27.78	15.37	24	44.44	54	27.78	28.46	22.62	-27.81	13.00	8.00	6.54	1.41	2.25	10.62	1.59	4.02
Fry, Harry	96	24	25	27.28	33	34.38	94	25.53	28.42	39.96	-49.45	13.00	11.00	6.45	1.29	1.89	18.67	1.44	3.98

Previous Distance Winners

Plenty of punters like to see their selection having a D against the horse's name on a race card or daily newspaper. Once again proven winning form over the distance of a race can give you extra confidence in the selection.

Again, using the 12/1 & under odds filter and on this occasion handicap races only let's have a look at the results for distance winners:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
0	42535	6522	15.33	-5483.9	15745	37.02	9113	71.57	-12.89	-1548.27	-2065.29	13.00	13.00	7.23	0.89	108.21	7332.34	1	0.17
1	8637	1468	17	-956.15	3347	38.75	5311	27.64	-11.07	-219.79	-504.2	13.00	13.00	6.88	0.93	10.93	1587	1.04	2.12
2	2337	334	14.29	-532.36	869	37.18	1848	18.07	-22.78	-354.18	167.25	13.00	13.00	7.15	0.82	15.12	405.15	0.93	2.38
3	622	86	13.83	-121.22	215	34.57	546	15.75	-19.49	-69.24	17.87	13.00	13.00	7.53	0.84	3.19	102.53	0.95	0.32
4	202	34	16.83	5.07	77	38.12	194	17.53	2.51	22.44	-40.86	13.00	13.00	7.85	1.04	0.06	32.77	1.18	1.06
5	61	12	19.67	20.25	26	42.62	60	20	33.2	29.47	-36.05	13.00	13.00	7.69	1.27	0.82	9.44	1.43	1.8
6	10	4	40	9.25	6	60	10	40	92.5	8.83	-9.91	12.00	7.00	6.78	2.29	3.51	1.75	2.48	4.23
7	7	1	14.29	0	2	28.57	7	14.29	0	0.08	-0.7	12.00	7.00	8.21	1.11	0.01	0.9	1.3	0.08
8	3	0	0	-3	0	0	3	0	-100	-3	2.85	11.00	0.00	8.83	0	0.46	0.4	0	0.4
9	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	0.95	9.00	0.00	9	0	0.12	0.11	0	0.09

Horses with +1 win at the distance have produced:

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
11880	1939	16.32	-1579.16	4542	38.23	5961	32.53	-13.29	-586.39	-402.8	13.00	13.00	6.99	0.91	23.04	2140.05	1.02	0.53	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.00 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win (Distance)	Between 1 And 9

The ability of a horse to stay the distance of race is an important factor but once again there are only marginal benefits to be a distance winner and hardly a sign of real profitable betting opportunity.

So if you like a horse and it has other compelling factors in its favour then you shouldn't be duly concerned by a lack of distance winning from.

Previous Wins On The Going

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
0	28282	4375	15.47	-3418.68	10566	37.36	8550	51.17	-12.09	-710.02	-1705.51	13.00	13.00	7.25	0.9	57.38	4855.37	1.02	1.8
1	14577	2256	15.48	-2493.36	5405	37.08	7431	30.36	-17.1	-1329.82	135.59	13.00	13.00	6.98	0.86	65.56	2632.04	0.96	4.16
2	6556	1052	16.05	-691.61	2477	37.78	4460	23.59	-10.55	-101.04	-458.53	13.00	13.00	7.12	0.91	10.57	1152.17	1.03	0.91
3	3006	448	14.9	-422.83	1101	36.63	2337	19.17	-14.07	-171.44	-81.86	13.00	13.00	7.4	0.88	8.8	508.99	0.99	0.06
4	1112	201	18.08	66.68	420	37.77	966	20.81	6	208.66	-313.14	13.00	13.00	7.52	1.1	1.98	183.57	1.24	10.84
5	506	82	16.21	2.67	189	37.35	457	17.94	0.53	40.81	-86.47	13.00	13.00	7.55	1	0	81.84	1.13	1.49
6	249	29	11.65	-75.14	75	30.12	236	12.29	-30.18	-50.81	30.9	13.00	13.00	7.99	0.79	1.86	36.62	0.91	0.32
7	73	12	16.44	-5.54	30	41.1	72	16.67	-7.59	2.27	-8.65	13.00	13.00	7.94	1.05	0.03	11.44	1.22	0.54
8	39	4	10.26	-12.25	16	41.03	38	10.53	-31.41	-10.28	7.23	13.00	9.00	7.55	0.63	1.06	6.38	0.71	0.54
9	13	0	0	-13	6	46.15	13	0	-100	-13	12.35	13.00	0.00	7.96	0	2.32	1.97	0	2

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																			
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
26131	4084	15.63	-3644.38	9719	37.19	8441	48.38	-13.95	-1424.64	-762.58	13.00	13.00	7.11	0.88	74.21	4615.02	0.99	0.16	

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win (Going)	Between 1 And 9

Looking at those results what becomes clear is that a win on the same going description can, like a win over the distance, be a positive factor. Granted horses with four wins on the going have been profitable over the period under research the Chi Score isn't high enough and suggests it's down to luck rather than anything more meaningful. So, once again there are no clear, profitable betting opportunities to be exploited.

Before moving onto the next factor it's worth having a look at how winning form on heavy ground may differ from the overall figures.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
0	3397	565	16.63	-427.75	1267	37.3	994	56.84	-12.59	-147.68	-135.1	13.00	13.00	6.9	0.92	5.39	617.15	1.03	0.49
1	1512	240	15.87	-366.46	537	35.52	806	29.78	-24.24	-273.13	156.96	13.00	13.00	6.51	0.81	13.37	296.44	0.9	3.16
2	613	100	16.31	-36.08	231	37.68	438	22.83	-5.89	7.98	-61.05	13.00	13.00	6.82	0.88	2	113.6	0.98	0.06
3	206	38	18.45	1.54	82	39.81	185	20.54	0.75	20.24	-38.55	13.00	13.00	6.75	1	0	38.15	1.1	0.39
4	70	12	17.14	8.25	25	35.71	65	18.46	11.79	15.83	-22.62	13.00	13.00	7.8	1.07	0.06	11.23	1.21	0.52
5	23	4	17.39	6.5	9	39.13	22	18.18	28.26	8.09	-10.47	11.00	11.00	7.38	1.13	0.07	3.54	1.27	0.27
6	9	1	11.11	-4.5	2	22.22	9	11.11	-50	-3.92	3.3	11.00	4.50	7.33	0.71	0.14	1.4	0.81	0.05

The figures indicate that plenty of winning form on heavy ground 3+ wins can be an important factor. A horse with one win on heavy ground does worse than a horse with no winning form on heavy and the latter provides punters with more in the way of betting value.

Horses Career Win Percentage

For many punters the best horses to back are those who have a high win percentage and the worst are those who don't win very often compared to their number of runs. Once again, eminently a common-sense approach.

On this occasion I have only looked at horses with 10+ runs but once again kept the odds filter of 12/1 in place. Using only horses with 10+ runs means the figures can't be skewed by lightly raced horses.

Those horses that had never won a race produced the following set of stats:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
3849	565	14.68	-429.62	1470	38.19	2644	21.37	-11.16	-42.67	-292.13	13.00	13.00	7.51	0.9	7.27	626.78	1.02	0.37

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Between 0 And 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win% (Career)	Exactly 0%

Those horses with a career win percentage between 2% & 9% are:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
9640	1364	14.15	-1609.46	3606	37.41	5421	25.16	-16.7	-738.05	-72.28	13.00	13.00	7.38	0.85	45.66	1611.56	0.96	2.83

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Between 0 And 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win% (Career)	Between 2% And 9%

Horses with a career win percentage between 10% & 20% are:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
18628	2838	15.24	-2458.72	6805	36.53	7851	36.15	-13.2	-827.55	-748.73	13.00	13.00	7.28	0.9	41.02	3166.35	1.01	0.37

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Between 0 And 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win% (Career)	Between 10% And 20%

Those with a 21% to 30%-win percentage are:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
6099	983	16.12	-617	2238	36.69	3699	26.57	-10.12	-83.33	-437.35	13.00	13.00	7.14	0.92	9.23	1073.34	1.03	0.87

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Between 0 And 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win% (Career)	Between 21% And 30%

Those with a 31% to 50%-win percentage are:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
1850	286	15.46	-266.6	706	38.16	1300	22	-14.41	-102.7	-52.41	13.00	13.00	7.16	0.88	5.43	324.09	0.99	0.02

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Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	National Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Between 0 And 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win% (Career)	Between 31% And 50%

Those with a 52% + win percentage have produced:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
64	9	14.06	-29.22	23	35.94	59	15.25	-45.66	-26.42	22.17	13.00	9.00	7.43	0.76	0.87	11.9	0.85	0.29

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Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Season	UK NH 2015/2016 UK NH 2016/2017 UK NH 2017/2018 UK NH 2018/2019

Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.02 And 13.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (Career)	NOT Between 0 And 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win% (Career)	Between 52% And 75%

The research shows that the bias towards horses with high win strike rates doesn't add much in the way of betting value. Indeed, horses that have never won win as often as those with 31% + win strike rate.

Previous Wins at The Track

Previous wins at track can be a sign of liking for that track. We all have heard the saying "Horses for Courses". Depending on the track it could be highly significant, or it could have very little significance.

Looking at stats for all British racecourses:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
0	43094	6606	15.33	-5545.07	15970	37.06	9181	71.95	-12.87	-1514.42	-2149.67	13.00	13.00	7.25	0.89	106.27	7413.67	1.01	0.31
1	8139	1358	16.69	-1002.92	3124	38.38	5351	25.38	-12.32	-377.95	-297.9	13.00	13.00	6.85	0.91	14.42	1490.51	1.02	0.62
2	2196	355	16.17	-308.9	822	37.43	1895	18.73	-14.07	-117.72	-65.03	13.00	13.00	6.97	0.89	5.35	396.7	1	0
3	644	98	15.22	-114.34	258	40.06	617	15.88	-17.75	-57.37	4.35	13.00	13.00	7.09	0.86	2.74	114.03	0.96	0.17
4	250	27	10.8	-96.83	82	32.8	244	11.07	-38.73	-81.64	63.05	13.00	12.00	7.39	0.65	6.05	41.46	0.73	3.07
5	46	13	28.26	33	22	47.83	46	28.26	71.74	43.23	-48.89	13.00	13.00	6.98	1.65	4.03	7.87	1.89	6.4
6	35	2	5.71	-19	6	17.14	35	5.71	-54.29	-19.8	17.45	13.00	9.00	8	0.39	2.25	5.14	0.43	1.78
7	9	0	0	-9	1	11.11	9	0	-100	-9	8.55	13.00	0.00	9.61	0	1.14	1.01	0	0.94

Breaking it down further by track. The best performing tracks for previous course winners are:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Catterick	135	32	23.7	23.38	65	48.15	84	38.1	17.32	32.47	-44.75	13.00	13.00	6.1	1.13	0.62	28.27	1.24	1.8
Huntingdon	223	45	20.18	21.51	93	41.7	155	29.03	9.65	42.8	-63.32	13.00	13.00	6.83	1.06	0.2	42.41	1.17	1.32
Perth	448	88	19.64	37.5	160	35.71	216	40.74	8.37	79.52	-120.65	13.00	13.00	6.99	1.12	1.46	78.28	1.26	5.45
Hereford	46	9	19.57	7.13	20	43.48	32	28.13	15.5	13.57	-18.08	13.00	13.00	6.84	1.06	0.04	8.48	1.2	0.35
Wincanton	274	52	18.98	-18.45	109	39.78	162	32.1	-6.73	4.59	-27.62	13.00	11.00	6.77	0.99	0	52.44	1.1	0.61
Fakenham	191	36	18.85	-34.79	76	39.79	122	29.51	-18.21	-25.63	11.07	13.00	10.00	5.95	0.88	0.81	41.1	0.97	0.04
Hexham	453	85	18.76	47.48	196	43.27	218	38.99	10.48	102.81	-145.99	13.00	13.00	6.92	1.07	0.47	79.46	1.2	3.41
Carlisle	242	45	18.6	23.54	104	42.98	135	33.33	9.73	49.19	-72	13.00	13.00	6.68	0.96	0.08	46.71	1.07	0.25
Worcester	448	83	18.53	-42.5	190	42.41	247	33.6	-9.49	-17.15	-19.41	13.00	11.00	6.69	0.99	0	83.49	1.1	0.86
Taunton	223	41	18.39	-17.63	87	39.01	144	28.47	-7.91	0.3	-18.99	13.00	13.00	6.46	0.95	0.12	43.07	1.07	0.21

And the lesser performing tracks for previous course winners are:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	Lay(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Aintree	116	8	6.9	-81.75	39	33.62	74	10.81	-70.47	-79.41	72.5	13.00	6.50	8.4	0.48	5.35	16.76	0.55	3.32
Ascot	118	9	7.63	-52.5	36	30.51	60	15	-44.49	-47.97	39.31	13.00	13.00	7.91	0.52	4.54	17.16	0.59	2.86
Cheltenham	335	41	12.24	-21.66	113	33.73	138	29.71	-6.47	30.72	-62.51	13.00	13.00	8.47	0.89	0.61	45.93	1.02	0.02
Newbury	149	19	12.75	-37.99	46	30.87	82	23.17	-25.5	-29.19	17.38	13.00	13.00	7.66	0.8	1.11	23.71	0.9	0.25
Chepstow	287	37	12.89	-85.83	95	33.1	160	23.13	-29.91	-69.01	46.98	13.00	11.00	7.85	0.83	1.54	44.63	0.94	0.16
Bangor	178	23	12.92	-51.74	62	34.83	126	18.25	-29.07	-42.06	28.37	13.00	11.00	6.86	0.73	2.68	31.32	0.83	0.94
Sandown	164	22	13.41	-31.01	59	35.98	92	23.91	-18.91	-22.47	9.08	13.00	11.00	7.88	0.89	0.36	24.74	1	0
Exeter	309	43	13.92	-91.61	109	35.28	171	25.15	-29.65	-70.41	46.82	13.00	13.00	7.05	0.8	2.66	53.88	0.9	0.55

Genuine track specialists are not that common and once again looking at previous course wins in general has no impact on finding value betting opportunities. The one caveat to that is certain tracks are better for previous course winners.

In summary:

Horses with previous wins at the distance or on the going or at the track don't offer much in the way of value than those horses without.

Those horses in handicap races with a high career win percentage don't win as often as those horses without a career win.

As punters we are reassured when horse is a 3 from 3 at the track and has won on the going but statistically it doesn't actually mean much without taking other form factors into consideration.

In part four of the series on improving your punting, I will be examining losing runs and how you deal with them.

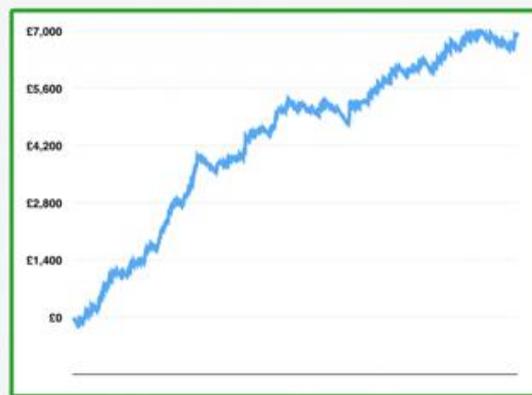
Until next time, have a great months punting.

John

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Systems Results

It was a great month for the systems in October. Before I tell you about that I want to clarify a few points regarding the systems results.

We publish a lot of systems and we have to take a view on how long to follow each system. As we get better at this most of our systems have a time period associated EG they are just for a particular month or a season, and so we follow them for that period.

But to be clear what we report on are the selections we actually send to members of our systems alert service. So all the results discussed below relate to selections that have been emailed to those members.

If you want to receive an email each night with the systems selections for the next day then you can sign up for that here <https://www.oncourseprofits.com/systemsreaderoffer>

So the headline figure for the system selections in October was +45.65 to 1 point level stakes at Betfair SP after commission at 2%. (If you don't have 2% commission on your Betfair account go to **My Betfair Account – Promotions and Rewards** to set that)

This was boosted by a winner at 32.06 BSP.

The biggest losing system was one of John Burkes October Trainers systems that focused on Paul Nichols.

This system had 10 selections and they all lost.

However John's collection of October Trainer systems all together made most of the profit for the month finishing +44.67.

To me this demonstrates two things.

One is that targeting trainers in the months that they historically perform well works as a winning approach.

And two that when a system focuses on just a small number of qualifiers that there's always the possibility of a loss over a small number of bets but that a portfolio of these micro systems will even out the returns and together are likely to replicate the long term trend.

As you will have no doubt realised all the other systems we followed in October produced just under one point profit for the month!

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Who to put your money on in The Big Bash

By Jamie Pacheco of www.bettingmaestro.com

Last time out I advised a back of a somewhat inexperienced England side to win their T20 Series against New Zealand outright (at odds of 2.88) or to win it 3-2 (4.33).

Thankfully for us, they went ahead and did just that, winning precisely 3-2; coming back from 2-1 to go on and follow up their World Cup success with a well-earned series win.

Once again, they did it the hard way, needing a Super Over in the fifth match, but the rationale that some of the less glamorous names would be able to fill in for the star attractions proved true. Not all of the understudies were success stories of course, with Lewis Gregory among those not making the most of their chances.

But Middlesex man Dawid Malan was brilliant, remarkably top-scoring for England in four of the five games including a brilliant century in the final game. Tom Banton didn't get a big score but his cameos were scored quickly enough.

Matt Parkinson caught the eye with the ball; the leg-spinner building on strong domestic performances over the last couple of years.

The [Big Bash](#) is coming up so let's try to follow up our England T20 success with another win.

Getting one's head round it all

The Bash is a bit of a strange tournament in that past performances don't really give us a particularly good indication of how teams might fare the next time round.

Just as an example, the Melbourne Renegades looked one of the weakest sides last year on paper, had never made a final before, yet went on to win it. And the year before the Adelaide Strikers pulled off a similar stunt. A few years back the [Perth Scorchers](#) were one of the most reliable teams in sport (more on them in a bit) but didn't look quite the same side two years ago, while last time out they finished rock bottom.

So for me, the better clue as to who might go well is the team's strength in terms of players for this particular edition. Not that focusing on that is straightforward, either.

The local players move around a lot more than they do in say the T20 Blast and one has to think about which of the Australian internationals will be available for some, or none of the Bash. The Test players are in action towards the start of the tournament and the ODI ones during a two-week stint towards the end of it as they play three matches in India; so we have to work out which teams are more and less affected by this.

To complicate matters further, while most of the overseas players like Rashid Khan or England's Sam Curran are available for the whole tournament, others like South African pair Dale Steyn and AB de Villiers are only there for some of it.

The Bash rules have changed this year meaning that similar to the IPL, the Top 2 from the Group Stages gets two bites of the cherry in terms of trying to make the final. If you finish fourth or fifth you make the play-offs but would have to win four play-off matches in a row to win the tournament, which I think is practically impossible.

So I think the key here is about trying to identify who can finish Top 2 in the Group Stages as much as who can handle the pressure of the Play-Offs.

Dismissing five from eight

I can't understand why Hobart are 6.00 joint-favourites. Their relative success over the past two seasons was mostly down to the brilliance of D'Arcy Short, Mathew Wade and Jofra Archer but Wade is on Test duty and will miss a fair chunk of the tournament while Archer is highly unlikely to be released by England at all.

Short will be there and will be their key man but unless they recruit a big player to come in for Archer between now and the start, I'm not sure there are enough options in the squad to make up for those two major losses.

The Sydney Thunder are another side who look a bit thin on the ground in terms of proper quality but they could be dealt a huge boost if Usman Khawaja isn't included in the Tests- a real possibility- because his Bash record as an opener is outstanding. They made good signings in terms of their overseas players with all-rounder Chris Morris and opener Alex Hales giving the side decent balance but I'm not sure that's enough to give them a real chance.

At least they're considerably bigger at 10.00 but I can't see them finishing any higher than fourth at best, so have to be written off.

The other Sydney, the Sixers, are a very different sort of side.

In their case they're a compact unit who know each other well and have plenty of T20 specialists rather than good players in other formats that do a job in the Bash. They've gone for English pair Tom Curran and James Vince, who are decent overseas signings, and they're not a side to ever stop trying. But they come under the 'hard to beat' category rather than the potential winner one, so we'll give them a miss, too.

Then there are the Scorchers (8.00).

It was bad enough losing stalwarts like Shaun Marsh, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Michael Klinger and Hilton Cartwright to retirement and other franchises but to then lose their two best bowlers in Andrew Tye and Jason Behrendoff to injury just gives them too many problems to solve.

So far Liam Livingstone is their only overseas signing for a Top 3 position in the batting and he should do well but with a few question marks about the experience levels of coach Adam Voges, I can't be siding with them, either.

The Brisbane Heat are also as short as 6.0 with some bookmakers but that's a poor price. It's mostly based on the fact that they'll have [AB de Villiers around for the second half of the tournament](#), one of the very best limited-overs batsmen to have ever graced the game.

But:

a) he's obviously not there for the first part and may find it hard to hit the ground running given he's never played Bash cricket before.

b) he hasn't enjoyed much success in T20 franchise cricket before anyway and

c) he doesn't actually play much these days, so his signing is arguably two or three years' too late in terms of the impact it could make.

As ever, they look a little weak in the bowling department where apart from classy spinner Mujeeb Ur-Rahman, they don't have anyone who can change a game with the ball.

So who's the bet?

The two Melbournes (last year's finalists) are hard to split but my preference goes for the runners-up, the Stars.

They'll have Steyn available for the first half and fellow fast bowler Pat Brown (who was decent enough in England's T20 win over New Zealand) for the second half and I think that between them they'll take plenty of wickets, which is an area they've struggled in over the past few years. Nepalese spinner Sandeep Lamichhane should keep batsmen honest in the middle-overs and will benefit from having played in the competition last year.

But the best thing about the Stars is their riches when it comes to local players. Glenn Maxwell, Nathan Coulter-Nile and Adam Zampa are important members of the ODI side while Marcus Stoinis and Peter Handscomb have been but aren't in the side at the moment. All the better for us because it means that they won't miss a week or two of Bash action by touring India.

Hopefully if the aforementioned trio have to play those ODIs, they'll already have enough points on the board by then to challenge for a Top 2 finish and unlike some other sides, have other players in the squad who can come in and fill the void.

The fly in the ointment is Maxwell, the big-hitting batsman and skipper, who is currently taking time out from the game to deal with some mental health issues.

Only he will know if he feels he's ready to return to cricket in time for the competition but even if he doesn't, they're certainly well-stocked in terms of batting resources though it's anyone's guess who might take over as captain. Stoinis would be my own guess but of course it may not come to that. The 6.50 on them looks decent enough.

And I'm also going with the Adelaide Strikers but in their case, for a Top 2 finish.

Following what I said about past performance not being that big a deal, I'm not put off by the fact they finished seventh from eight last year.

They won it the year before, by the way, it says a thing or two about Rashid Khan's stock in T20 cricket that he was first pick in the draft for The Hundred a few weeks ago and he'll be joined by Englishman Phil Salt, who's been excellent in the Blast for the last few years.

Of all the sides in the tournament, they seem to be the one who put the most thought into how they want to play the game and the roles of each individual player.

And unlike last year, they'll have fast bowlers Billy Stanlake and Peter Siddle around for the whole tournament and they've added the uber-experienced Cameron White to their ranks who will now be playing for his third Bash side. It was exactly in their middle order that they looked a little light last year so he's a good signing.

As an added bonus they welcome back captain Travis Head, who is highly unlikely to be called up to play Tests after a poor Ashes series in the summer; he missed most of the tournament last year on international duty and his return will more than make up for vice-captain, wicket-keeper batsman Alex Carey playing in those ODIs.

There's a lot to like about them at a decent-looking 3.25 for a Top 2 Finish in the Group Stages.

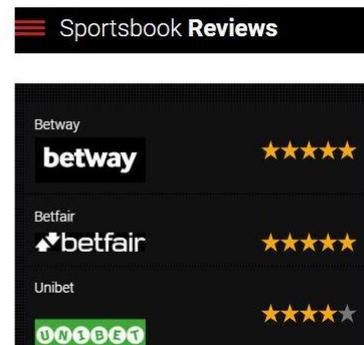
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