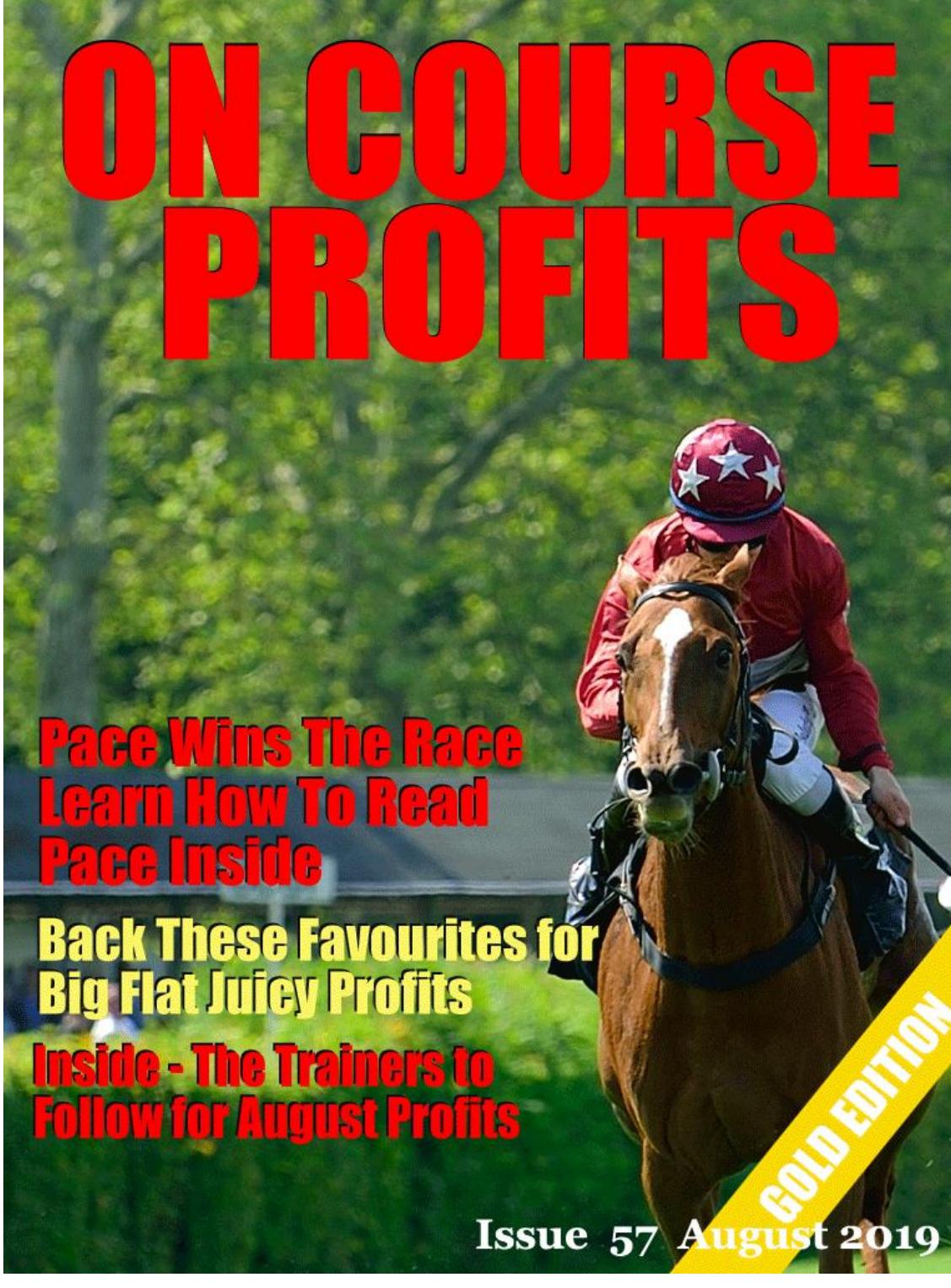


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Inside this month's mag Nick Hardman has a look at how we can profit from betting favourites on the Flat and All Weather and has some surprising ROI's.

We have an interview with Gav Summerhill who is the man behind the Horse Race Predictor which has been well reviewed by various sites, he has a lot of history and it's a very interesting read.

John Burke has some trainer based research and systems for us and has also written a beginners guide to pace which is a huge factor in winner finding, if you do your own form study you should pay attention to pace.

As I write the whole country is still celebrating the win in the Cricket World Cup and James Pacheco has tips for us for the upcoming Ashes.

I hope you enjoy this issue, if you don't have time to follow the systems yourself you can sign up to have them found for you every day.

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Something a little different this month.

Race favourites are a curious thing and the way they are viewed pretty much divides a betting nation depending on your style of punting. A lot of people, myself included, view the favourite in a race as something that is, or is not, worth taking on. In other words, my first instinct is not to look at a favourite with a view to it winning, but rather to look at it with a view to it getting beaten.

If I feel that the race has a strong favourite that will most likely win, I move on and look at the next race with a view to getting that one beaten. That is my style of punting, getting favourites beaten by one at much longer odds. Of course, it can be a blinkered view.

If I feel the favourite is going to win, why not just back it? Good question.

For me it is all about risk and reward.

Backing favourites is low risk, low reward as across the course of a season and all races, they win about 30% of the time. That suits some people down to the ground. I would not knock it at all.

What I am going to do this month is look at where favourites consistently perform above the average expectation and in doing so make better than average profits. In other words, low risk but slightly better rewards.

The plan is to come up with a portfolio of race conditions that is set-and-forget for favourite backers. Sometime these things work and sometimes they don't so caution is advised if you fancy having a go. Low stakes or paper trading is advisable until you get a feel for how things are going.

I am going to look at all races in the UK and Ireland on the flat and AW since 2012 and cover every conceivable race distance and we are only looking at outright favourites, any joint or co-favourites are eliminated.

I am looking for an above average strike rate (>30% if I can), consistency in terms of year on year profit (I will eliminate anything where a couple of standout years bias the overall results) and, most importantly, return on investment (how much you get back per £1 staked).

Windsor

Windsor racecourse is unusual in that not only is it situated on an island, but it is also a figure of eight. It hosts regular Monday night meetings, so plenty of action to be had, and is a course right up there with the best for favourite backers.

Windsor 1m and 1m ½f

Combining the races of 1m and 1m ½f sees some nice, steady profits since 2012.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
282	117	41.49	60.1	196	69.5	282	41.49	21.31	69.03	24.48

The strike rate is over 40% and, more importantly the ROI is a very healthy 24.5%.

Backing all the outright favourites in 1m and 1m ½f races at Windsor would have seen you make a profit in all years since 2012 where a small loss would have occurred.

We can now tweak the results a little since handicap favourites over these distances generate the most profit, more than ten times the profit of the non-handicappers.

In doing so, we increase the ROI but the strike rate dips below 40%.

I will take that any day of the week.

So, we lose 46 non-handicappers that won, but only drop around 7 points of profit in doing so. That now gives us less action, a slightly lower strike rate (but still exceptional at 39%) and we boost the ROI to 34%.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
184	71	38.59	53.52	120	65.22	184	38.59	29.09	62.18	33.79

Windsor 6f

This one requires a little more digging.

The results are skewed somewhat by a couple of good years in 2012 and 2013. However, we can begin to sort the wheat from the chaff if we focus on the favourites in non-handicap races over the 6f trip.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
165	82	49.7	26.13	121	73.33	165	49.7	15.84	30.91	18.74

As you can see, this lot have a 50% strike rate and the profits and ROI are respectable too.

We can improve on those figures a little if we concentrate on the lower race classes; Class 4, 5 and 6 to be precise. That gives us 7 out of 8 winning years and in 2019 the one qualifier has won.

It is not much overall profit, but it is a decent ROI and we can add this to the 1m and 1m ½f favourites to give us a favourite backers system for Windsor.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
157	80	50.96	27.38	118	75.16	157	50.96	17.44	31.71	20.2

Summary Windsor:

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flat	All Weather						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Track	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Windsor							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Distance	Between 1m And 1m.5f								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Favouritism Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Favourites							

System 7: Back outright favourites in 1m and 1m ½f handicap races at Windsor.

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
168	86	51.19	28.44	125	74.4	168	51.19	16.93	33.24	19.78	-43.4	-14.91	126	75.45	-2.91	-1.15	5.00	1.19

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	Flat	All Weather													
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Track	Windsor														
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Distance	Exactly 6f														
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Class	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6												
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Non Handicap														
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019							

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 8: Back favourites in 6f non-handicap Class 4, 5 and 6 races at Windsor.

Redcar

Redcar is a flat, oval track with a long run in that can suit hold up horses. It is also a track where favourites have an above average strike rate.

Redcar 7f

Seven furlongs is a specialised trip. You need a combination of the speed of a 6f horse and the stamina for a mile so no surprise to see that quite often out-and-out sprinters fail to see out the trip and pure milers lack the speed required.

Given it is a specialised trip, proven 7f horses are the way to go and they are often sent off favourite. At Redcar, such horses do especially well.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
185	76	41.08	34.21	123	66.49	185	41.08	18.49	42.23	22.83

The strike rate is above the typical average for your favourites (normally around 30 to 33%) and the P/L and ROI figures for Redcar 7f favourites is encouraging. There have been a couple of losing years, one marginal, the other a loss of 9 points at Betfair SP, but all other years have been profitable.

In order to improve those figures, we are going to have to wield the axe in no uncertain terms.

The axe is going to come down on the non-handicappers and the table below shows you just why:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
Non Handicap	124	52	41.94	2.01	88	70.97	124	41.94	1.62	4.72	3.81
Handicap	61	24	39.34	32.2	35	57.38	61	39.34	52.79	37.51	61.49

We lose two thirds of our bets, but we end up focussing on where the profits lie, and it is with the handicappers.

Redcar 6f

Hot on the heels of the Redcar 7f favourites come the jollies in 6f races.

These guys weigh in with a 35% win strike rate and show a decent P/L of £29.10 at Betfair SP and an ROI of 15%. Again, we have just the two losing years, one marginal and one around the 9 points mark.

Digging into those numbers a little deeper we find that it is the handicappers that offer the best value for money. However, this time, the non-handicappers do chip in with £8 of the overall £29 profit. However, the difference in ROI between the two sets of runners is 8% and 24% so we will stick with the handicappers.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
Non Handicap	103	41	39.81	5.48	74	71.84	103	39.81	5.32	8.02	7.79
Handicap	88	25	28.41	14.17	51	57.95	88	28.41	16.1	21.08	23.95

We can increase the ROI again when we stick to the basement boys in Class 5 and Class 6. Their record is 22-73, P/L £22.91 at Betfair SP and the ROI is just over 30%.

Summary Redcar:

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Code	Flat All Weather								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Track	Redcar								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Race Distance	Exactly 7f								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Handicap/Non	Handicap								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Horse Data - These categories specify the individual traits of each horse in THIS race.											
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Favouritism Status	Favourites								

System 17: Back outright favourites in 7f handicap races at Redcar.

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
75	23	30.67	17.92	43	57.33	75	30.67	23.89	23.74	31.66	-30.33	-10.56	45	60	4.85	-8.18	7.00	1.23

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	Flat	All Weather						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Redcar							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly	6f						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Class	Class 5	Class 6						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Handicap/Non	Handicap							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 18: Back favourites in 6f handicap Class 5 and 6 races at Redcar.

Beverley

On to Beverley next and this is a bit of a specialist's course especially over the stiff 5f which is a right-handed dogleg. The run-in is quite short so it can favour those that like to go from the front.

We kick off our look at the performance of the Beverley favourites with those racing over the 1m ½f trip.

Beverley 1m ½f

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
127	53	41.73	21.4	82	64.57	127	41.73	16.85	28.29	22.27

Not a bad set of bare figures with an impressive 42% strike rate, a decent P/L of £28.29 at Betfair SP and an ROI over 22%.

Normally that could be left alone right there but there is no harm in seeing if we can add some simple filters to improve on them.

The answer to that is pretty much no.

We see the usual trend of the handicappers offering up more value in terms of ROI but this time the ROI of the non-handicappers is respectable at 14% and I would happily take that most days of the week.

Beverley 1m 2f

Stepping things up in distance to 1m 2f we see that the favourites maintain a positive performance overall.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
152	56	36.84	15.8	97	63.82	152	36.84	10.39	26.18	17.22

The strike rate is an excellent 37% and the P/L and ROI are again both very respectable.

This time we can add in a very simple filter to improve on those figures.

We are going to concentrate on class 5 and 6 races, the typical basement affairs. Combining these two race classes produces the following results:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
115	45	39.13	22.14	78	67.83	115	39.13	19.25	30.95	26.91

We are now not far off a 40% win strike rate and we have greatly improved the ROI to 27%. The P/L has nudged up a little, but it is the other two increases that have greater overall significance – a better strike rate and a greater return for the money invested.

Summary Beverley:

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
132	55	41.67	20.75	85	64.39	132	41.67	15.72	27.83	21.09	-37.2	-11.41	90	68.18	6.39	-11.04	5.50	1.17

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	Flat	All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Beverley	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly 1m.5f	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012	2013
		2014	2015
		2016	2017
		2018	2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 19: Back outright favourites in 1m ½f races at Beverley.

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
123	48	39.02	23.44	83	67.48	123	39.02	19.06	33.09	26.9	-42.53	-12.87	84	68.29	9.55	-14.05	6.00	1.19

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	Flat All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Beverley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly 1m2f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Class	Class 5 Class 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 20: Back favourites in 1m 2f Class 5 and 6 races at Beverley.

Goodwood

Goodwood needs no introduction as an idiosyncratic, undulating course where a low draw benefits those in races up to 7f.

This one is most definitely one of those horses-for-courses places and course form counts for a lot here as it does at places like Epsom (the good old camber) and Cheltenham. No surprise then that those with previous here are usually well backed into favouritism.

So, let us look at just how those favourites have fared over the last few years.

Goodwood 6f

We start with 6f races and overall the favourites in these races have a very good record since 2012.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
155	54	34.84	23.6	92	59.35	155	34.84	15.23	30.72	19.82

A 35% strike rate is slightly above the overall average performance of favourites right across the board. Backing all of them would have resulted in 54 winners since 2012 from a total of 155 bets, generating profits of £30.72 at Betfair SP and an excellent ROI of 20%.

Again, adding a couple of simple filters can see us improve on these already impressive results.

Again, it is the lower class races that produce the best results. This time we are looking at class 3, 4 and 5 races over 6f at Goodwood.

The favourites in such races have produced the following set of impressive figures since 2012:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
102	43	42.16	33.31	69	67.65	102	42.16	32.66	38.38	37.63

Goodwood 7f

I like 7f races at Goodwood as the course form and draw aspects do help narrow things down to a few that are in with a reasonable chance.

The favourites in 7f races are about bang on the money in terms of your average favourites' strike rate but they are profitable to follow and produce a decent enough ROI.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
159	54	33.96	17.25	94	59.12	159	33.96	10.85	27.01	16.99

The angle for improvement here also lies in race class, but this time it is the higher class races that produce all the profit.

This time we can drop the basement races and concentrate on class 1 to 3 races. In doing so we see the following set of results:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
98	39	39.8	27.46	63	64.29	98	39.8	28.02	34.3	35

The key here is that not only is the strike rate now closer to 40% but the ROI has doubled. In other words, you get twice as much of your investment back compared to simply backing all 7f favourites, irrespective of race class.

Summary Goodwood:

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
111	46	41.44	32.97	74	66.67	111	41.44	29.7	37.86	34.1	-46.52	-16.76	79	71.17	14.6	-18.65	6.00	1.21

You currently have 6 categories with specifications in your system.

Race Data - All of these categories specify only the types of races included.		
X	Race Code	Flat All Weather
X	Track	Goodwood
X	Race Distance	Exactly 6f
X	Race Class	Class 3 Class 4 Class 5
X	Date (Year)	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

X	Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 21: Back outright favourites in Class 3, 4 and 5 races over 6f at Goodwood.

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
100	39	39	25.46	63	63	100	39	25.46	32.3	32.3	-40.26	-12.8	63	63.64	4.8	-8.75	8.00	1.26

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	Flat	All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Goodwood	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly	7f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Class	Class 1	Class 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012	2013
		2014	2015
		2016	2017
		2018	2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 22: Back favourites in Class 1, 2 and 3 races run over 7f at Goodwood

Newmarket July Course

Next up is Newmarket's July course and this one is a pretty straightforward angle on which I do not intend to waste much type space.

Newmarket July course 7f

Again, we turn to our 7f runners and this time it is at Headquarters. The favourites in such races have a 37% strike rate since 2012 and produce a steady profit of £31.62 on the exchanges and a respectable 11% ROI.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
279	105	37.63	19.2	181	64.87	279	37.63	6.88	31.62	11.33

I always like to try and get that ROI up to around 20% if I can and this time, we can do so by simply concentrating on the 2yo races.

This is without doubt the most effective filter we have added to date when looking to improve the results, which are shown in the table below:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
144	68	47.22	37.77	106	73.61	144	47.22	26.23	44.19	30.69

Put simply, we can leave it there.

Summary Newmarket July course:

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
145	69	47.59	38.44	107	73.79	145	47.59	26.51	44.9	30.96	-55.06	-18.68	111	77.08	19.36	-23.77	5.50	1.21

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	Flat All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Newmarket (July)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly 7f
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 23: Back outright favourites in 7f, 2yo races at Newmarket (July).

Sandown

Next up is Sandown and it is the 10f races we are going to concentrate on.

This is yet another track that seems to suit some horses more than others. The emphasis here is more on stamina than speed with the run in being up a steadily increasing hill.

Sandown 1m 2f

The favourites in 10f races have a 39% strike rate, return a nice profit and a fair ROI for good measure.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
179	70	39.11	19.06	107	59.78	179	39.11	10.65	27.43	15.32

The filter this time is field size.

Fields less than 5 and greater than 11 are not profitable. This may be down to the small field favourite being over bet (less rivals to beat) and bigger field sizes acting in the opposite way (has to beat a lot of rivals).

Adding this filter produces some very good results indeed:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
122	54	44.26	30.03	77	63.11	122	44.26	24.61	36.82	30.18

We can leave that one there as introducing any other filter does not change the results in any way.

Summary Sandown:

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
129	58	44.96	31.96	83	64.34	129	44.96	24.78	39.06	30.28	-48.4	-16.44	85	65.89	1.24	-5.82	5.50	1.26

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	All Weather						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandown							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly	1m2f						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 No. of Runners	Between	6 And 11						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Favourites
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System 57: Back outright favourites 1m 2f races in fields of 6 to 11 runners at Sandown.

Doncaster

We take a trip to Doncaster next and we see our first profitable favourites over 1m 4f.

Doncaster 1m 4f

12f is the trip here and favourites at this race distance have won 48 of the last 119 races (40.34% strike rate), for a profit of £23.87 at an ROI of 20%.

Those sorts of numbers speak for themselves as they give us the strike rate and ROI we are looking for. However, the handicappers are the way to go if we want to improve on them further:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
98	38	38.78	18.67	63	64.29	98	38.78	19.05	23.74	24.23

We have taken a bit of a drop in strike rate but increased the ROI to 24% and added a couple of extra points in the kitty.

Summary Doncaster:

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
102	39	38.24	16.29	64	62.75	102	38.24	15.97	21.35	20.93	-28.94	-10.19	67	66.34	7.63	11.52	8.50	1.13

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	Flat	All Weather						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Doncaster							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly	1m4f						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Handicap/Non	Handicap							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 58: Back outright favourites 1m 4f races handicap races at Doncaster.

Ripon

Back to Yorkshire we go and this time to Ripon where we are back down in trip to a mile.

Ripon 1 mile

The favourites over a mile clock in at a 42.5% win strike rate, a profit of £22.59 at Betfair SP and an ROI of 20%. What we want to concentrate on now is to limit our qualifiers to those in 2yo only, 3yo only and 3yo+ races.

In other words, we ditch the races restricted to 4yo runners and those for 4yo+ runners. We now see the following results:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
84	40	47.62	24.64	55	65.48	84	47.62	29.33	28.3	33.68

Ripon 1m 2f

We see a very similar pattern in 1m 2f races at Ripon. These ones have no 2yo races, but the 3yo only, 3yo+ and 4yo+ age restricted races produce the following results for favourite backers:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
95	39	41.05	17.41	60	63.16	95	41.05	18.33	21.18	22.29

Summary Ripon:

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	42	47.73	25.69	59	67.05	88	47.73	29.19	29.72	33.78	-36.01	-17.95	61	70.11	3.77	-6.74	6.50	1.23

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	Flat All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Ripon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly 1m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Age Restrictions	2yo 3yo+ 3yo
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 59: Back the outright favourite in 1m races for 2yo's only, 3yo's only and 3yo+ at Ripon.

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
100	40	40	15.16	62	62	100	40	15.16	18.94	18.94	-26.09	-11.18	64	64	-2.66	-0.89	7.00	1.09

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	Flat All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Ripon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly 1m2f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Age Restrictions	3yo+ 3yo 4yo+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 60: Back outright favourite in 1m 2f races for 3yo's only, 3yo+ and 4yo+ age restrictions at Ripon.

Haydock

We finish things off at one of my favourite tracks, Haydock.

Haydock 1m 4f

This time we go back to field size and find that favourites in bigger field 1m 4f races at Haydock do not fare well at all.

No winners since 2012. So, sticking to fields of 13 or fewer sees the following set of figures:

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)
112	50	44.64	28.71	75	66.96	112	44.64	25.63	35.23	31.46

It does not matter which way we slice that up with race class, handicaps and non-handicaps so we can just leave it there. This one has been particularly strong in the last few seasons.

Summary Haydock:

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	51	42.86	23.21	78	65.55	119	42.86	19.5	29.7	24.96	-38.24	-14.78	82	68.91	2.26	-6.18	5.50	1.13

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	Flat All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Track	Haydock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Exactly 1m4f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 No. of Runners	Between 4 And 13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Favouritism Status	Favourites
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System 61: Back the outright favourite in 1m 4f races with fields of 4 to 13 runners at Haydock.

Note: Any differences in the HRB image results are as a result of additional races having been run between when I wrote the article and when the screen prints for HRB settings were taken.

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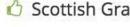
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Market Rasen: The Home of All Year Jumps Action.

In last month's OCP magazine I looked at Ripon racecourse. This month I'm moving from Yorkshire into the neighbouring county of Lincolnshire and changing race codes to look at a jumps track Market Rasen.

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.

History and Location

Market Rasen racecourse is located close to small market town of the same name on the edge of the Lincolnshire Wolds.

From the early years of the 19th century until 1924 racing took place on several sites close to the town. In 1924 the racing finally settled on its present location on Willingham Road.

Victor Lucas oversaw the running of the course between 1945 and 1971 and the present layout of the course and many of the facilities at the track came about under his stewardship. When he took charge of the track the course only had three fixtures a year.

When the course was sold to Racecourse Holding Trust, a subsidiary of the Jockey Club, now Jockey Club Racecourses, racing was taking place 13 times a year.

For racegoers going by car to the racecourse is accessible from the M1, A1 and M18 and A46. For those opting for public transport the town of Market Rasen has its own railway station which is about a mile from the racecourse. Taxi's are available from the station or it's just a short 25-minute walk to the track.

Track Configuration

Market Rasen has traditionally been known for its valuable summer meetings like the Summer Plate fixture but it does race throughout the year.

[Hurdle Course](#)

[Chase Course](#)

As the above images, from the Racing Post, show the course is a right-handed tight, slightly undulating and oval shaped, with seven "easy" fences per circuit. I say "easy", which they are, but you can often see horses fall or make a mistake at the third last and final fences which can change the complexion of race. It's never over till it's over here.

Given the bends are fairly, tight the track does favour front runners and horses that can travel well throughout a race. Turning into the straight you will often see horses quicken away and it's not easy for more patiently ridden horses to catch them. The run in from the last fence is a short one! However, the home straight is a long one and if the jockey goes too quick too early, they can be caught out.

Market Rasen Stats:

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 (10/07/19) and cover all 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 681 winners from 5199 runners

Favourites

Clear, joint & co-favourites have produced the following set of results:

262 winners from 736 runners 36% -45.07 445 placed 60%.

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

Non-handicap - 112 runners from 249 runners 45% -20.17 A/E 0.91 176 placed 71%.

Handicap – 150 winners from 487 runners 31% -24.9 A/E 0.97 269 placed 55%.

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 – 71 winners from 230 runners 31% -50.91 A/E 0.78 140 placed 61%.
- Favourites that had finished outside the top four on their last start produced – 77 winners from 222 runners 35% -4.55 A/E 0.98 132 placed 59%.

Trainers and Favourites:

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

Breakdown of Trainer

The trainer of the horse

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)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skelton, Daniel	87	36	41.38	6.15	55	63.22	87	41.38	7.07	10.16	7.00	7.00	2.81	1	0	35.91	1.07	0.28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Henderson, N J	30	13	43.33	-3.79	21	70	30	43.33	-12.63	-3.81	7.00	2.88	2.37	0.88	0.43	14.79	0.92	0.16
<input type="checkbox"/>	O'Neill, Jonjo	33	13	39.39	7.53	19	57.58	33	39.39	22.82	8.54	6.00	4.00	3.26	1.14	0.34	11.41	1.22	0.77
<input type="checkbox"/>	Murphy, Ollie	23	11	47.83	1.98	18	78.26	23	47.83	8.61	2.66	5.00	4.00	2.49	1.09	0.16	10.06	1.16	0.41
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newland, Dr R D P	29	10	34.48	-5.14	20	68.97	29	34.48	-17.72	-4.7	5.50	4.00	2.73	0.83	0.58	12.02	0.88	0.28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hobbs, P J	16	8	50	0.6	12	75	16	50	3.75	1.09	6.50	2.75	2.68	1.17	0.35	6.83	1.24	0.61
<input type="checkbox"/>	O'Brien, Fergal	23	8	34.78	-4.07	15	65.22	23	34.78	-17.7	-3.89	4.00	3.25	2.66	0.87	0.27	9.22	0.91	0.1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ellison, B	16	8	50	8.38	11	68.75	16	50	52.38	9.26	5.00	5.00	3.12	1.41	1.47	5.68	1.49	1.96
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twiston-Davies, N A	14	7	50	8.98	9	64.29	14	50	64.14	10.29	6.00	5.00	3.53	1.57	2.12	4.46	1.67	2.69
<input type="checkbox"/>	Smith, Mrs S J	17	5	29.41	0.13	10	58.82	17	29.41	0.76	0.68	5.50	4.50	3.42	0.93	0.04	5.38	0.99	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dennis, David	10	5	50	2.29	6	60	10	50	22.9	2.35	4.00	3.50	2.81	1.25	0.41	4.01	1.31	0.6
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pauling, Ben	12	5	41.67	2.44	9	75	12	41.67	20.33	3.27	5.50	4.50	3.17	1.16	0.17	4.32	1.23	0.33
<input type="checkbox"/>	King, A	13	5	38.46	-1.17	8	61.54	13	38.46	-9	-0.55	4.50	3.50	2.63	0.89	0.12	5.63	0.95	0.02
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bowen, P	19	5	26.32	-3.7	9	47.37	19	26.32	-19.47	-2.29	4.50	4.00	3.14	0.77	0.51	6.48	0.86	0.17
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fry, Harry	13	5	38.46	1.33	9	69.23	13	38.46	10.23	1.86	5.50	3.75	3.2	1.12	0.1	4.46	1.23	0.32
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ferguson, J P	10	4	40	0.02	6	60	10	40	0.2	0.92	6.00	4.00	2.63	0.87	0.14	4.59	0.92	0.06
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sherwood, O	6	4	66.67	4.74	5	83.33	6	66.67	79	4.98	4.50	4.33	3.12	1.87	2.51	2.14	2.07	3.27
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lavelle, Miss E C	6	4	66.67	6.88	4	66.67	6	66.67	114.67	7.58	5.50	3.75	3.9	2.42	4.62	1.65	2.61	5.35
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicholls, P F	9	4	44.44	-2.25	4	44.44	9	44.44	-25	-2.06	5.50	2.00	2.84	1	0	4.02	1.06	0.03
<input type="checkbox"/>	Longsdon, C E	15	4	26.67	-5.55	7	46.67	15	26.67	-37	-5.3	6.50	3.25	3.27	0.79	0.33	5.05	0.85	0.14
<input type="checkbox"/>	George, T R	8	4	50	4.1	5	62.5	8	50	51.25	5.24	4.50	4.00	3.22	1.52	1.05	2.64	1.64	1.44

Summary: The Brian Ellison & Nigel Twiston-Davies trained favourites also provide punters with a bit of value looking at their A/E stats.

Jockeys and Favourites:

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

Breakdown of Jockey

The name of the jockey riding the horse

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)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdds	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skelton, Harry	79	29	36.71	-7.23	47	59.49	79	36.71	-9.15	-4.45	7.00	7.00	2.8	0.89	0.71	32.68	0.95	0.15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Johnson, Richard	52	24	46.15	2.61	39	75	52	46.15	5.02	4.68	6.50	3.75	2.51	1.04	0.05	23.16	1.1	0.39
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coleman, A	47	20	42.55	9.12	29	61.7	47	42.55	19.4	10.85	6.00	4.00	2.95	1.08	0.21	18.47	1.14	0.53
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twiston-Davies, Mr S	34	13	38.24	1.36	22	64.71	34	38.24	4	3.04	5.50	5.00	3.09	1.02	0.01	12.74	1.08	0.13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fehily, Noel	19	11	57.89	8.12	13	68.42	19	57.89	42.74	8.78	4.00	3.75	2.76	1.43	2.36	7.71	1.55	3.4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan, P J	24	9	37.5	-1.46	16	66.67	24	37.5	-6.08	-0.48	5.00	4.00	2.92	0.99	0	9.12	1.04	0.02
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hughes, Brian	20	8	40	-0.31	12	60	20	40	-1.55	0.7	5.50	5.00	3.09	1.09	0.09	7.34	1.18	0.34
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boinville, Mr N de	16	7	43.75	2.04	9	56.25	16	43.75	12.75	2.31	5.50	4.50	2.83	1.07	0.06	6.52	1.14	0.19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob, Daryl	16	7	43.75	0.74	14	87.5	16	43.75	4.63	1.65	6.00	3.50	3.13	1.13	0.18	6.18	1.2	0.37
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aspell, Leighton	11	6	54.55	5.72	8	72.73	11	54.55	52	6.16	4.33	4.33	3.05	1.55	1.81	3.87	1.68	2.45
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bowen, Mr S P	22	5	22.73	-8.04	9	40.91	22	22.73	-36.55	-6.77	5.50	4.00	3.24	0.66	1.29	7.53	0.74	0.65
<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrews, Miss B	8	5	62.5	5.63	7	87.5	8	62.5	70.38	6.71	4.33	3.75	3.06	1.81	2.75	2.77	1.98	3.53
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cook, Danny	17	5	29.41	-0.37	11	64.71	17	29.41	-2.18	0.28	5.00	4.50	3.29	0.9	0.09	5.57	0.96	0.01
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sherwood, Mr J	7	5	71.43	6	6	85.71	7	71.43	85.71	6.47	4.50	3.75	2.96	1.97	3.74	2.54	2.13	4.5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bass, Mr D R	13	4	30.77	-2.12	5	38.46	13	30.77	-16.31	-1.35	5.00	3.75	2.89	0.75	0.55	5.31	0.81	0.28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scudamore, Tom	16	4	25	-6.09	7	43.75	16	25	-38.06	-5.92	5.50	3.75	3.05	0.68	0.94	5.87	0.73	0.63
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheehan, Gavin	12	4	33.33	-0.02	6	50	12	33.33	-0.17	0.35	5.50	4.00	3.25	0.96	0.01	4.18	1.02	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hutchinson, Wayne	10	4	40	-0.92	6	60	10	40	-9.2	-0.37	4.50	3.25	2.68	0.92	0.06	4.37	0.98	0

Summary: With the retirement of Noel Fehily, it might be worth noting any Leighton Aspell ridden favourites at the track.

General Stats

Now a few general course stats. Starting with market position.

Market Position:

- The top three in the betting provided 514 winners from 2116 runners 24% - 216.38 A/E 0.91 1031 placed 49%
- Odds SP: 18/1 & above – 12 winners from 1234 runners 1% -837 A/E 0.35 97 placed 8%

Summary: Big priced winners above 16/1 do occasionally pop up at Market Rasen, but they are few and far between and if you have backed all runners at the meeting that started 18/1 or bigger you would have lost a whopping £837 to a £1 level stake.

Last Time Out Placing:

Those horses that finished in the first three in their last race provided 374 winners from 1945 runners 19% -289.37 A/E 0.89 779 placed 40%.

Last Time Out Winners:

- Last time out winners provided 141 winners from 640 runners 22% -11.2 A/E 0.89 274 placed 43%

Previous Course Winners:

- Previous course winners provided 108 runners from 811 runners 13% -261.45 A/E 0.79 261 placed 32%.

Summary: As a comparison, the average for last time out winners in all UK NH races in the period under research is 21% with an A/E 0.91.

Whilst previous course winners average, in a NH races in the period have won 15% of races with an A/E 0.89. So, previous course winners are performing slightly below the national average in terms of winners and below market expectations.

If you had backed all previous course winners at Market Rasen, you would have lost £261.45 to a £1 level stake.

Trainer Stats and Angles

Here are a few interesting trainer track stats, which will hopefully enable you to identify some winners at Market Rasen, through the rest of this season at the course.

1. Trainers & Handicap Hurdle Runners Top-Three In The Betting.

- Nigel Twiston -Davies – 5 winners from 8 runners +8.2 63% A/E 2.19.
- Emma Lavelle - 4 winners from 7 runners 57% +10.38 A/E 2.35 5 placed 71%.
- Henry Oliver – 5 winners from 11 runners 45% +8.75 62% A/E 1.71 7 placed.
- Jennie Candlish – 3 winners from 7 runners 43% +6.91 A/E 1.55 5 placed 72%.
- Tom George – 2 winners from 5 runners 40% +2 A/E 1.45 4 placed 80%.
- Oliver Sherwood – 2 winners from 5 runners 40% +2 A/E1.47 3 placed 60%.
- Ben Pauling – 3 winners from 8 runners 38% +6.25 4 placed 50%.
- Brian Ellison – 6 winners from 19 runners 32% +12.5 A/E 1.64 7 placed 37%.

2.Trainers & Handicap Chase Runners Top-Three In The Betting.

- David Pipe – 4 winners from 7 runners 57% +12.63 A/E 2.22 5 placed 71%
Mark Walford – 4 winners from 8 runners 50% +9.5 A/E. 2.17 6 placed 75%.
- Tom George – 3 winners from 7 runners 43% +6 A/E 1.99.
- Dr Richard Newland – 5 winners from 13 runners 38% +2.88 A/E 1.44.
- Kim Bailey – 3 winners from 8 runners 38% +5.25 A/E 1.37.
- David Dennis – 3 winners from 8 runners 38% +10 A/E 1.59 5 placed 63%.

3. Trainers & Race Class – (Handicaps).

- Dr Richard Newland – Class 3 – 5 winners from 8 runners 63% +16.13 A/E 2.59.
- Jonjo O'Neill – Class 5 – 3 winners from 7 runners 43% +7 A/E 1.73 6 placed 86%.
- Jennie Candlish – Class 4 – 4 winners from 10 runners 40% +11.91 A/E 2.03 6 placed 60%.
- Tom George – Class 3 – 4 winners from 10 runners 40% +20 A/E 2.52.
- James Eustace – Class 4 – 3 winners from 8 runners 38% +7.5 A/E 2.26 6 placed 75%.
- Henry Daly – Class 4 – 3 winners from 8 runners 385 +7.83 A/E 2.8 4 placed 50%.
- Dan Skelton – Class 2 – 3 winners from 9 runners 335 +1 A/E 1.53 5 placed 56%.
- David Pipe – Class 4 – 5 winners from 15 runners 33% +7.83 A/E 1.57 8 placed 53%.

4. Trainers & Race Distance.

- Dan Skelton – 2m 1f/ 2m 1 ½ f – 8 winners from 24 runners 33% +25.43 A/E 1.55 10 placed 42%.

5. Trainers & NHF Races – Racecourse Debutants.

- Harry Fry - 3 winners from 3 runners 100% +6.08 A/E 2.7.
- Fergal O'Brien – 2 winners from 6 runners 33% +14 A/E 2.44 4 placed 67%.
- Ronnie O'Leary – 1 winner from 2 runners 50% +0.25 A/E 1.33 2 placed 100%.
- Ben Pauling – 1 winner from 2 runners 50% +1.5 A/E 1.612 placed 100%.

Summary: Plenty of interesting trainer stats to digest there, albeit the sample sizes are small.

Note any Nigel Twiston-Davies, Emma Lavelle & Henry Oliver trained handicap hurdlers who are in the first three in the betting.

In handicap chases keep onside any David Pipe, Mark Walford & Tom George runners that are in the top three in the betting. Dr Richard Newland's runners in all Class 3 handicaps have been profitable to follow.

When it comes to NHF races then Harry Fry's racecourse debutants, may have run in a point to point, will always be worth a second look.

Market Rasen Trainer Micro Angle:

Finally, here is a trainer micro angle for you:

- **Trainer:** Dan Skelton.
- **Race Type:** Handicaps.
- **Race Distance:** 2m 4f or Less.
- **Race Class:** 3 & 4.
- **Position In Betting:** Favourite.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																	
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
21	13	61.9	+20.51	16	76.19	21	61.9	97.67	22.52	5.50	5.50	3.05	1.75	6.49	7.42	1.88	8

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	Market Rasen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Distance	Between 2m.5f And 2m4f
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Class	Class 3 Class 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

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

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Trainer	Skelton, Daniel
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- 13 winners from 21 runners 62% +20.51 A/E 1.75 16 placed 76% with a tasty 97.67% return on investment for backing favourites.

System 62: Back Dan Skelton Favourites in handicap races at Market Rasen, in Class 3 & 4 races and race distances up to 2m 4f.

Hopefully you enjoyed this brief look at Market Rasen racecourse and some of the track's key stats.

The next instalment in this tour of British racecourses moves north to Scotland and the jumps track at the border's town of Kelso.

Until next time.

John

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Trainers to follow in August.

It's the final month of summer and the top-class racing rolls into a new month. By the time you read this the Goodwood and Galway Festivals will be in full swing and there's more to come later in the month with the four-day Ebor Festival beginning on Wednesday 21st August.

Given York is a local track to me, not surprisingly the Ebor Festival is my favourite flat festival of the year. Not only do we have Group 1 races such as the Juddmonte International Stakes, The Yorkshire Oaks, and Nunthorpe Stakes to look forward to. There are also plenty of other Group races to enjoy like the Gimcrack & Lowther Stakes.

The highlight for me and many others though is the race that gives the meeting its name the Ebor Handicap. The Ebor, already the richest Flat handicap in Europe will be worth an incredible £1 million this season and is sure to attract a top-class field of runners with the prize money on offer.

In last months 'Acorns' article I looked at trainers who are adept at using apprentice jockey's in handicap races. This month my attention stays with the trainers and looks at trainers worth following in August.

I will be highlighting trainers on both the flat turf and all-weather.

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 flat turf races run over the last two 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.

The Trainers

Let's begin by looking at the top trainers in the month ordered by win percentage on the turf:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Burrows, Owen	27	7	25.93	24.42	17	62.96	27	25.93	90.44	34.64	21.00	15.00	6.18	1.03	0.01	6.78	1.13	0.13
Watson, Archie	68	17	25	1.79	32	47.06	68	25	2.63	7.76	17.00	12.00	6.11	1.03	0.02	16.53	1.12	0.29
Cumani, L M	48	12	25	-2.19	25	52.08	48	25	-4.56	1.53	21.00	10.00	6.97	1.12	0.21	10.67	1.25	0.77
Appleby, Charlie	80	20	25	-0.83	36	45	71	28.17	-1.04	6.52	21.00	11.00	6.48	1.11	0.3	17.94	1.22	1.03
McConnell, John C	28	7	25	32.25	13	46.43	27	25.93	115.18	40.14	21.00	17.00	9.46	1.62	1.98	4.31	1.86	3.2
Elliott, Gordon	57	14	24.56	20.64	23	40.35	53	26.42	36.21	33.55	21.00	15.00	9.54	1.53	3.02	9.18	1.83	6.06
Morrison, H	62	15	24.19	30.21	32	51.61	60	25	48.73	48.56	21.00	17.00	8.58	1.29	1.19	11.64	1.41	2.16
Suroor, Saeed Bin	59	14	23.73	-12.39	29	49.15	56	25	-21	-9.07	21.00	7.50	6.26	0.92	0.14	15.25	1.01	0
Crisford, Simon	55	13	23.64	4.66	26	47.27	55	23.64	8.47	9.52	21.00	17.00	7.36	1.1	0.16	11.79	1.21	0.59
Prescott, Sir Mark	43	10	23.26	-8	21	48.84	43	23.26	-18.6	-5.25	17.00	9.00	6.51	0.91	0.13	11.03	1	0
Perrett, Mrs A J	43	10	23.26	9.13	15	34.88	43	23.26	21.23	17.7	21.00	13.00	9.63	1.57	2.44	6.36	1.8	4.05
Midgley, P T	87	20	22.99	64.1	35	40.23	76	26.32	73.68	86.59	21.00	17.00	10.19	1.7	6.68	11.76	1.99	11.14
Gosden, J H M	105	24	22.86	-6.5	48	45.71	96	25	-6.19	2.42	21.00	12.00	6.15	0.87	0.58	27.44	0.95	0.09
Candy, H	35	8	22.86	-5.25	15	42.86	35	22.86	-15	-4.25	21.00	5.50	7.05	1.14	0.18	6.99	1.27	0.57
Weld, D K	112	25	22.32	-27.48	49	43.75	105	23.81	-24.54	-19.8	21.00	11.00	7.33	1.02	0.01	24.56	1.14	0.51
Kelleway, Miss Gay	27	6	22.22	16.08	12	44.44	27	22.22	59.56	21.88	21.00	11.00	8.1	1.42	0.89	4.22	1.65	1.79
Balding, A M	177	38	21.47	36.09	92	51.98	174	21.84	20.39	68.27	21.00	21.00	8.17	1.09	0.34	34.92	1.21	1.63
Stoute, Sir Michael	132	27	20.45	-30.71	58	43.94	125	21.6	-23.27	-20.76	21.00	12.00	6.47	0.9	0.38	29.95	1.01	0
Haggas, W J	154	31	20.13	-18.17	68	44.16	143	21.68	-11.8	-3.66	21.00	17.00	6.88	0.9	0.47	34.53	0.99	0

Trainer performance in August for all races from 2017 onwards, runner SP 20/1 & under.

1. Andrew Balding.

The first trainer to interest me is Andrew Balding.

He's had the most winners with 38, at a healthy 21%-win strike rate and win and place strike rate of 52%.

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
177	38	21.47	36.09	92	51.98	174	21.84	20.39	68.27	21.00	21.00	8.17	1.09	0.34	34.92	1.21	1.63

Digging further into those stats and the difference between non - handicap and handicap races:

Add	Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non Handicap	79	17	21.52	14.37	45	56.96	79	21.52	18.19	30.55	21.00	21.00	8.66	1.05	0.05	16.19	1.16	0.48
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Handicap	98	21	21.43	21.72	47	47.96	95	22.11	22.16	37.72	21.00	17.00	7.78	1.12	0.34	18.73	1.24	1.2

There's not much to see here with no real difference between the two race types.

How about horses age and race class?

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
2	55	10	18.18	-10.74	30	54.55	55	18.18	-19.53	-6.34	21.00	13.00	7.5	0.84	0.39	11.92	0.93	0.07
3	75	19	25.33	20.67	39	52	74	25.68	27.56	31.94	21.00	17.00	7.81	1.17	0.59	16.26	1.27	1.39
4	31	5	16.13	-5.67	14	45.16	30	16.67	-18.29	-1.39	21.00	10.00	8.59	1.01	0	4.96	1.15	0.12
5	9	2	22.22	0.83	7	77.78	9	22.22	9.22	1.34	17.00	5.50	8.43	1.6	0.52	1.25	1.85	0.89
6	1	1	100	16	1	100	1	100	1600	26.89	17.00	17.00	17	16.67	15.67	0.06	33.33	32.33
7	2	1	50	19	1	50	2	50	950	19.82	21.00	21.00	16.5	7.69	6.23	0.13	10	8.53
8	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	13.00	0.00	13	0	0.09	0.08	0	0.05
9	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	7.00	0.00	7	0	0.16	0.14	0	0.16
10	2	0	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-100	-2	21.00	0.00	18	0	0.13	0.12	0	0.09

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Class 1	29	5	17.24	16.38	16	55.17	29	17.24	56.48	28.2	21.00	21.00	10.39	1.14	0.1	4.4	1.29	0.37
Class 2	36	8	22.22	17.83	15	41.67	34	23.53	49.53	22.49	21.00	15.00	10.18	1.76	3.02	4.54	2.04	4.73
Class 3	20	4	20	5.5	13	65	19	21.05	27.5	9.37	15.00	10.00	7.59	1.23	0.21	3.24	1.39	0.52
Class 4	48	11	22.92	-0.48	27	56.25	48	22.92	-1	3.46	21.00	13.00	6.23	0.91	0.13	12.07	0.99	0
Class 5	34	6	17.65	-4.37	15	44.12	34	17.65	-12.85	2.82	21.00	17.00	8.1	0.8	0.39	7.51	0.89	0.1
Class 6	10	4	40	1.23	6	60	10	40	12.3	1.93	15.00	3.75	5.24	1.27	0.33	3.16	1.36	0.54

Looking at race fitness and horses runs in the previous 90-days:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
0	23	3	13.04	-8.68	10	43.48	22	13.64	-37.74	-7.44	21.00	10.00	10.72	0.88	0.06	3.4	1.02	0
1	34	5	14.71	6.07	16	47.06	34	14.71	17.85	23.74	21.00	17.00	9.68	0.9	0.07	5.57	1.03	0
2	35	11	31.43	41.12	22	62.86	35	31.43	117.49	47.54	21.00	21.00	7.93	1.38	1.48	7.98	1.5	2.32
3	47	12	25.53	1.33	23	48.94	47	25.53	2.83	3.86	21.00	7.00	6.77	1.18	0.44	10.14	1.31	1.08
4	28	5	17.86	-9.25	17	60.71	28	17.86	-33.04	-8.06	17.00	5.00	6.76	0.79	0.37	6.34	0.85	0.16
5	10	2	20	5.5	4	40	10	20	55	8.63	21.00	10.00	8.58	1.34	0.21	1.49	1.53	0.42

Those runners with 2+ runs in the previous 90-days are the most interesting and look as good a starting point for further research.

We can leave it at that or dig further? Considering days since last run.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
6-10 days	2	0	0	-2	2	100	2	0	-100	-2	3.25	0.00	2.63	0	1.36	0.81	0	1.2
11-15 days	11	2	18.18	0	4	36.36	11	18.18	0	0.42	21.00	6.00	8.27	1.09	0.02	1.83	1.23	0.1
16-20 days	13	1	7.69	-9.25	6	46.15	13	7.69	-71.15	-8.95	15.00	3.75	6.04	0.32	1.91	3.13	0.35	1.55
21-25 days	17	7	41.18	13.38	11	64.71	17	41.18	78.71	15.4	21.00	7.00	7.07	2.01	4.44	3.49	2.2	5.64
26-30 days	15	6	40	15.25	10	66.67	15	40	101.67	18.12	15.00	13.00	6.65	1.91	3.29	3.14	2.08	4.18
31-45 days	17	3	17.65	7.93	7	41.18	17	17.65	46.65	8.73	21.00	21.00	8.68	0.8	0.18	3.73	0.89	0.05
46-60 days	5	2	40	13.75	3	60	5	40	275	15.98	17.00	15.00	9.6	2.44	2.03	0.82	2.74	2.59
61-75 days	1	1	100	3.33	1	100	1	100	333	3.59	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.35	3.35	0.23	4.76	3.76

Those making a relatively quick return to the track since their last race, within 20-days, are 3 winners from 26 runners 12% -11.25 A/E 0.52 12 placed 46%.

Concentrating on those racing three weeks and more since their last run 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)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
71	23	32.39	59.89	41	57.75	71	32.39	84.35	71.79	21.00	21.00	7.39	1.55	5.62	14.87	1.7	8.19	

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	Flat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	August

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.73 And 21.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Run (90 Days)	Between 2 And 5

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Balding, A M
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Horse Last Race Data - Categories relating to the most recent run of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		(LR) Days Since Run	Between 21 And 75
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A 32%-win strike rate with a decent 57% win & place strike. The Chi score indicates that these results are not down to luck and with the Exp/Wins just below 15 we have a decent sample size to work with.

By year.

Performance of System Overall and By Year																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
ALL	71	23	32.39	59.89	41	57.75	71	32.39	84.35	71.79	21.00	7.39	1.55	5.62	14.87	1.7	8.19	
2018	44	16	36.36	35.64	24	54.55	44	36.36	81	43.41	21.00	15.00	7.21	1.7	5.89	9.4	1.89	8.29
2017	27	7	25.93	24.25	17	62.96	27	25.93	89.81	28.37	21.00	21.00	7.69	1.28	0.54	5.47	1.38	0.92

Last two Augusts have produced profits.

You could go even niche and add a further filter focusing on those qualifiers who had won a race in their previous three runs. As they have produced 12 winners from 24 runners 50% +60.69 A/E 2.41 17 placed 71%.

System 63: Back Andrew Balding trained turf runners in August, that had at least 2 runs in the previous 90-days and are racing between 21 and 75 days since their last start and start at 20/1 or shorter.

Moving on to our second August trainer and it Yorkshire based trainer Paul Midgley.

2. Paul Midgley.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdds	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
87	20	22.99	64.1	35	40.23	76	26.32	73.68	86.59	21.00	17.00	10.19	1.7	6.68	11.76	1.99	11.14	

One again we have a trainer with healthy winning strike rate approaching 23%. As with Andrew Balding we could leave at that or dig further. The latter is the way I'm going. Starting with horses age.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdds	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
2	1	0	0	-1	1	100	1	0	-100	-1	17.00	0.00	17	0	0.06	0.06	0	0.06
3	10	1	10	-4.5	2	20	10	10	-45	-3.96	21.00	5.50	11.2	0.83	0.04	1.21	1.03	0
4	10	5	50	21.25	5	50	10	50	212.5	22.08	13.00	9.00	6.18	2.53	5.74	1.98	2.78	6.94
5	19	6	31.58	17.1	10	52.63	17	35.29	90	23.72	17.00	11.00	8.51	1.85	2.83	3.24	2.11	4.13
6	14	1	7.14	-9	3	21.43	13	7.69	-64.29	-8.65	21.00	5.00	10.32	0.57	0.38	1.76	0.64	0.23
7	16	4	25	22.25	7	43.75	16	25	139.06	25.07	21.00	17.00	12.42	2.47	3.89	1.62	2.99	5.76
8	11	1	9.09	-6	5	45.45	11	9.09	-54.55	-5.47	19.00	5.00	10.41	0.76	0.09	1.32	0.95	0
9	3	2	66.67	27	2	66.67	3	66.67	900	37.8	15.00	15.00	12.67	7.41	12.18	0.27	9.52	16.41
10	2	0	0	-2	0	0	2	0	-100	-2	15.00	0.00	10.5	0	0.27	0.24	0	0.2
12	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	17.00	0.00	17	0	0.06	0.06	0	0.04

Four-year-old plus horse look the ones to concentrate on. Given we are focusing on the trainer's older horses it's worth noting those that had won in August previously.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdds	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
40	13	32.5	62.1	20	50	34	38.24	155.25	78.31	21.00	17.00	9.74	2.28	10.86	5.71	2.65	15.26	

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	Flat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Year)	2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Date (Month)	August

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Horse Age	NOT Between 2 And 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Odds (SP)	Between 1.73 And 21.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		H-Win (Month)	Between 1 And 5

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Trainer	Midgley, P T
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A near 33%-win strike rate and a decent sample size with the Exp/Wins being over 5. 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)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
ALL	40	13	32.5	62.1	20	50	34	38.24	155.25	78.31	21.00	17.00	9.74	2.28	10.86	5.71	2.65	15.26
2018	23	8	34.78	12.1	14	60.87	22	36.36	52.61	15.65	17.00	8.50	7.9	2	4.81	4.01	2.34	7.2
2017	17	5	29.41	50	6	35.29	12	41.67	294.12	62.66	21.00	17.00	12.24	2.94	7.12	1.7	3.38	9.17

Both the last two Augusts have produced good profits with little filtering which is a positive.

System 64: Back Paul Midgley trained turf runners in August, aged 4-year-old+ and that had won previously in the month of August that start at 20/1 or shorter.

3. John Gosden.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
96	19	19.79	-4.78	40	41.67	88	21.59	-4.98	4.09	21.00	12.00	6.58	0.88	0.38	21.51	0.97	0.02	

Nothing much to really see with the trainer's overall record with his runners in August. Can we dig further to find a possible angle?

Looking at class move from last race.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Drop 3	2	1	50	10	1	50	2	50	500	13.78	12.00	12.00	7.05	1.79	0.48	0.56	1.96	0.63
Drop 2	1	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	-100	-1	5.50	0.00	5.5	0	0.22	0.18	0	0.19
Drop 1	12	4	33.33	5.16	6	50	12	33.33	43	6.78	15.00	9.00	5.63	1.11	0.06	3.6	1.2	0.18
Same	32	7	21.88	-0.42	15	46.88	31	22.58	-1.31	-0.03	21.00	7.50	6.05	0.94	0.04	7.46	1.01	0
Up 1	10	1	10	-3	4	40	10	10	-30	-2.95	9.00	7.00	5.19	0.43	1	2.34	0.45	0.85
Up 2	5	0	0	-5	2	40	5	0	-100	-5	21.00	0.00	10.27	0	0.72	0.63	0	0.51
Up 3	3	0	0	-3	0	0	3	0	-100	-3	21.00	0.00	10.11	0	0.57	0.48	0	0.49
Up 4	2	0	0	-2	1	50	2	0	-100	-2	21.00	0.00	12.5	0	0.35	0.3	0	0.3
Up 5	3	0	0	-3	1	33.33	3	0	-100	-3	15.00	0.00	8.03	0	0.9	0.69	0	0.75

Interesting that those runners stepping up in class from their last start have produced a poor return just 1 winner from 23 runners 4% -16 A/E 23 8 placed 35% with the Exp/Wins being 4.44.

Looking at non-handicap and handicap races:

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Non Handicap	27	4	14.81	-11.15	11	40.74	26	15.38	-41.3	-11.19	17.00	6.00	5.78	0.55	2.08	7.33	0.59	1.57
Handicap	20	8	40	24.89	11	55	19	42.11	124.45	30.72	21.00	12.00	6.24	1.79	3.59	4.47	1.96	4.7

He does have winners in non-handicap races but from our perspective let's just focus on his handicap runners.

Performance of System Overall and By Year																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
ALL	20	8	40	24.89	11	55	19	42.11	124.45	30.72	21.00	12.00	6.24	1.79	3.59	4.47	1.96	4.7
2018	13	5	38.46	12.89	7	53.85	12	41.67	99.15	16.98	12.00	12.00	5.46	1.67	1.73	3	1.82	2.33
2017	7	3	42.86	12	4	57.14	7	42.86	171.43	13.75	21.00	9.00	7.68	2.04	2.02	1.47	2.24	2.54

The profits for the trainer are not as big as for our previous two trainers but they are good enough. Not as many qualifiers either but won't do any damage to the betting bank either.

System 65 : Back John Gosden turf handicappers in August that are not stepping up in class from their last race, that start at 20/1 or shorter.

Finally, in brief I have two top Newmarket trainers who have runners that should be worth adding to this month betting portfolio.

The first trainer is on the turf and the second on the all-weather.

4. William Haggas.

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																		
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
23	11	47.83	29.59	15	65.22	23	47.83	128.65	34.08	15.00	9.50	5.23	1.84	5.67	5.99	1.96	6.88	

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	Flat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Race Class	Class 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Handicap/Non	Handicap
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2017
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Month)	August

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Odds (SP)	Between 1.73 And 21.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 H-Run (Hcap/Non)	NOT Between 0 And 1

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Trainer	Haggas, W J
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Performance of System Overall and By Year

Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
ALL	23	11	47.83	29.59	15	65.22	23	47.83	128.65	34.08	15.00	9.50	5.23	1.84	5.67	5.99	1.96	6.88
2018	9	4	44.44	11.5	5	55.56	9	44.44	127.78	13.92	15.00	9.50	6.36	1.93	2.34	2.07	2.06	2.79
2017	14	7	50	18.09	10	71.43	14	50	129.21	20.15	8.00	8.00	4.5	1.79	3.36	3.92	1.91	4.13

Looking at the stats it's the William Haggas turf handicap runners that are worth following during the month of August. Especially those with 2+ previous runs in handicaps and those Class 3, 4 or 5 races.

System 66: Back William Haggas handicap runners in August, racing in Class 3, 4 or 5 races with 2+ previous races in handicap company, that start at 20/1 or shorter.

5. Sir Michael Stoute.

Most of Sir Michael's runners during the month are on the turf.

Criteria	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
Flat	132	27	20.45	-30.71	58	43.94	125	21.6	-23.27	-20.76	21.00	12.00	6.47	0.9	0.38	29.95	1.01	0
All Weather	33	12	36.36	12.47	19	57.58	33	36.36	37.79	16.36	17.00	8.00	5.12	1.26	0.92	9.5	1.37	1.67

But it's his all-weather record that takes the eye. Digging further and adding two simple filters:

- **Career Runs:** 2+
- **Last Race Code:** Turf

Performance of System Based on Below Set Criteria.																	
Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi
20	11	55	22.97	14	70	20	55	114.85	26.79	17.00	8.00	4.49	1.7	4.71	6.46	1.83	5.95

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	All Weather
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Year)	2017 2018 2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Date (Month)	August

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 1

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 Trainer	Stoute, Sir Michael
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Horse Last Race Data - Categories relating to the most recent run of the analysed horse.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 (LR) Race Code	Flat
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All but one of his winners had run on the grass on their previous run and were now switching to the synthetics. Once again checking the 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)	MxOdd	MaxWINOdds	AvgOdd	A/E	chi	ExpWins	BF A/E	BF chi	
ALL	20	11	55	22.97	14	70	20	55	114.85	26.79	17.00	8.00	4.49	1.7	4.71	6.46	1.83	5.95
2018	10	4	40	8.13	5	50	10	40	81.3	10.49	17.00	8.00	5.42	1.34	0.5	2.98	1.48	0.84
2017	10	7	70	14.84	9	90	10	70	148.4	16.29	6.00	6.00	3.55	2.01	5.46	3.48	2.13	6.23

A slight dip last year after an excellent 2017 but as with Haggas backing his runners shouldn't do too much damage to the betting bank.

System 67: Back Sir Michael Stoute's all-weather runners that are switching from the turf to the all-weather and that had at least two previous career runs, that start at 20/1 or shorter.

It is important to remember that there may be too many or even two few bets during the month, depending on your betting style.

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

Next month I will be looking at profitable trainers in the month of September.

Until next time.

John

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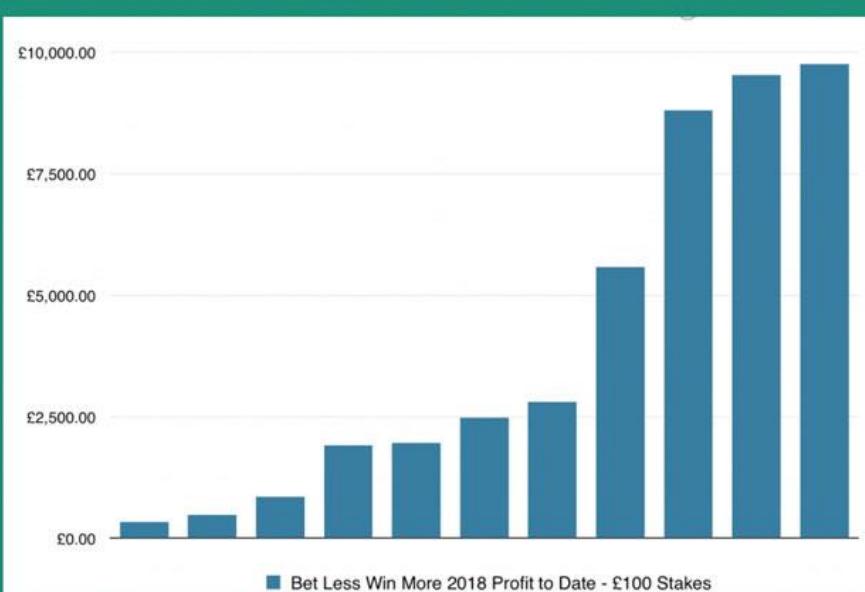
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A Q and A with Gav Summerhill

Hi Gav, 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 Richmond, London and have been married for 15 years with three young children. My Mother was French and my name is actually Gavroche, though many people assume it to be Gavin. I don't mind either way!

Originally, I trained to Bachelor level in Linguistics but have never really used it professionally, though it does assist me in discerning the most surprising things day to day. I write poetry with a number of books published over recent years under pseudonym and have a keen interest in yoga. In addition, I am a qualified Life Coach and ordained as a Taoist in the Tianshi tradition.

My earliest background to horse racing and betting comes from studying the Daily Mail racing pages while the afternoon racing used to be on ITV. I recall the commentators Jonathan Rickman, Lord Oaksey, Brough Scott etc. I would try and find (I am about 7 or 8 years old here) correlations between the form numbers and predictions by the newspaper and the horses that actually ran the race and won, lost or placed. To this day I have a deadly personal 'system' which uses the Daily Mail racing pages exclusively and takes me about 5 minutes to hook out a couple of decent bets.

Can't remember ever having a losing week in around 8 years, on that little pearl alone.

Surprisingly simple!

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

I get up around 4am each day and check the software for The Football Predictor and The Horse Race Predictor to see if it has built the daily bet prediction grids. Any issues and an alert is fired over to my tech team, in order that we can have all our daily bets in place by around 7am latest.

Then I check our live chat boxes, forum posts and comment sections within the site to see if there are any urgent messages from members which need attending to. I do one hours yoga, then have a cup of tea and some breakfast. This gets me to the time to stroll over to my local newsagent for the Daily Mail and my first inspection of the full race cards of the day.

3 or 4 times a week I will take the Racing Post to check in on how the industry is faring and catch up on any relevant issues within horse racing and the sports betting industry generally.

Around 7am I deal with emails, issues relating to The Football Predictor, The Horse Race Predictor and begin to assemble my own bets to be presented to our membership for the day. 8am I will take the kids to school then check over my garden to see what is new and might need doing that day.

10am I write until midday then break for some vegetable juice and salad. This gets me to begin my betting afternoon in time for the first race.

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?

Sports tipping is a fascinating world, for it deals with things which at their core are the realm of deep mathematics and probability theory. This is then aligned with human endeavour and the fascination of variables within competition and challenge. I am a Leeds United supporter and unfortunately used to let emotions get the better of reality and of course ‘emotions’ are the one thing that you need to keep under orders when it comes to sports betting.



One of our flagship products is called The Football Predictor, we have a daily 24/7 updating prediction suite with a largest winning run to date of 27 in one day! (yes, you read that right) 27 consecutive winning bets called in our Under/Over 2.5 Goals bet predictions.

So that brings me onto what people want from their ‘successful tipster’. They want winners, knowledge and a positive customer experience.

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.?

Yes, I bet every day and use a vast repertoire of bet techniques gained from over 20 years of experience, trial and error, plus hands on development. From multiples, to accumulators, from win singles, to dutching, from place betting to doubles. A sound staking strategy is key and without money management then nothing much can happen.

Loss retrieval is a perfectly sound approach if you understand your odds and strike rate ratios. I can tell you for a fact that most daily professionals use it in some form or another, dependent on the odds and strike rate of the betting approach they are covering. Any method which delivers a level staked profit will significantly increase its yield by a scientific and graded approach to stake management.

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

I love the depth of the industry and the fact that it is not just a spectator sport in set piece events but a living, breathing endeavour which must be attended to around the clock and every single day of the year.

Though we now get 3 days off at Christmas, the horses must still be mucked out, fed, watered, prepared, exercised and tended each day. There really is so much to it before you even start getting to the ‘form’ and betting as a proposition. I most enjoy following the various stables, jockeys and trainers - seeing how they fare through the ever changing seasons of the year.

What led you into the world of racing tipsters?

Some twenty years ago, I began to think again about my early enthusiasm with the ITV racing and the paper tipsters and its betting recommendations.

It occurred to me that a serious study could possibly be made and if my study was successful it could lead to appropriate reward and income. Thereafter, I started to buy the Racing Post each day and searched the internet for ‘Systems’ and began the work of learning the lexicon of horse racing form study and betting to odds.

Therefore, what my service can offer the client is a proven knowledge of absolutely every aspect of form, odds and betting strategy for profit and success.

I know the odds, percentages and margins as well as any on course bookmaker!

Though, I would not like to do it all with pen and paper and now the bookmaker odds are all automated via computer, it must make the bookies life a hell of a lot easier.

In 2001 I attended a seminar by a well known tipster of the day and that was where I really started to get ahead. I learnt how to read the form in the Racing Post, and multiple methods for betting successfully. What can't be taught at a seminar or established in the very early years I think, is the aspect of 'mastering yourself'. That is what stops many players from really making their betting pay.

Attitude is all wrong.

From the seminar I came across Che Van Der Wheil and the famous Moss Publications edited by Tony Peach. This set the seal on my total initiation into successful betting for profit. Some 7 years ago I had the opportunity to buy the entire publication catalogue of Moss, including all the much sought after Che Van Der Wheil publications. The fact of the matter is, whatever is worth knowing about practical betting for profit is in these books and I own the rights to every single one of them.

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 needs to do much more than tip horses, he needs to provide an approach and strategy which can be adapted by all types of people coming from all levels of experience. I think the average punter is really seeking 'strike rate / odds'. They want a good strike rate with some bets coming in at morale boosting odds.

In addition, a bank growth or money management strategy is imperative and that is why all our members within The Horse Race Predictor and The Football Predictor are provided with these insider secrets as standard.



What do you feel you can offer racing enthusiasts and punters that other tipsters can't?

One of the highlights of recent years occurred this April at the beginning of the flat season, where we held and hosted a live seminar Masterclass for The Horse Race Predictor.

Over 50 people turned up for a smashing weekend event where we divulged in great and enjoyable detail the exact procedures for making your betting pay with us.

Food, hospitality and accommodation were all laid on for our members in glorious surroundings and we also unveiled one of our flagship products the HRP Automiser.

This is a product which fully automates the selection and placement of bets and is absolutely invaluable if you are caught short for time on any given day or wish to cover an evening race programme and you are going out.

We recorded the entire weekend HRP Masterclass event and transferred it to video which are available to all our members (over 7 hours of information and knowledge packed videos in a dedicated suite) as part of the HRP Masterclass LITE package and which includes a membership offer along with access to the Automiser itself!



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?

Aim to learn one thing from someone who really knows and absolutely master it.

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?

Some years ago I enjoyed a drink with Henry Cecil at Newmarket and he advised me to have a ‘decent bet’ on his runner in 3.15.

£50 and 17/2 later, the day was more than paid for!

Conversely in my earliest days of frequenting bookmakers on a daily basis, I blew the last remnants of a £1,500 bank with an eye watering bet on a runner in the 4.20 at Plumpton called ‘Chris’.

It was the only time that I placed a bet in the bookies where the clerk told the floor manager and the floor manager told the office manager, who then phoned his head office (William Hills) to okay the bet.

The manager must have thought, ‘what the hell does this guy know? That will blow a hole straight through my returns today if it comes in’. Head Office must have said ‘Take the money, it can’t win’.

Unfortunately, they were right.

What about the gambling industry, is there anything you 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?

I think the industry provides an excellent service. The bookmaker is a middle man, who takes your money and returns it with an agreed interest if you have been successful and withholds it if you are not.

There is a question about shortening prices at SP but profit margins are squeezed everywhere and betting is not a realm to expect undue charity.

All our betting is using Betfair Exchange where any amount will get matched and BSP is really a guarantee of profit, if you know what you are doing.

Going back to ‘website forums’ in my early days I learnt that most people on these type of forums were not only negative people, but they were people who were opinionated with the least possible knowledge. The well known tipster I mentioned earlier, well he used to take an enormous amount of stick from people on forums - and yet he gave me the beginnings of an education and that was priceless.

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

Yesterday I bought the entire box DVD set for the TV series ‘Rumpole of the Bailey’ If I have to wait for my next target race, I might slip an episode on! (There are 44 of them).

I am a big boxing fan and used to box at club level in West London during my teens. British wrestling is an unusual hobby of mine, along with an interest in culture, ancestral heritage and politics.

Finally, I wrote a poem for the readers of On Course Profits and here it is:

Once More The Saddle

Endless rolls the turf
With the clack of countless hoof
Dreaming for all it’s worth
As my effort finds the truth
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- Gavroche Summerhill

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A Beginners Guide to Pace.

When looking at a race for the first time. How many of you consider pace before delving into the form of each runner?

I must confess until recently, I didn't. However, pace is now becoming a very important part of the way I go about analysing a race.

There's nothing more frustrating than spending time looking at the form of the runners in the race, picking what you think is an excellent bet, only to find out that the race might not be run to suit your pick.

This article is a very much a beginner's guide to pace but presents in a simple way the various category of running styles and pace scenarios.

Starting to Think About Pace.

For years, in North America, pace has been an important tool in a punters armoury when it has come to handicapping a race.

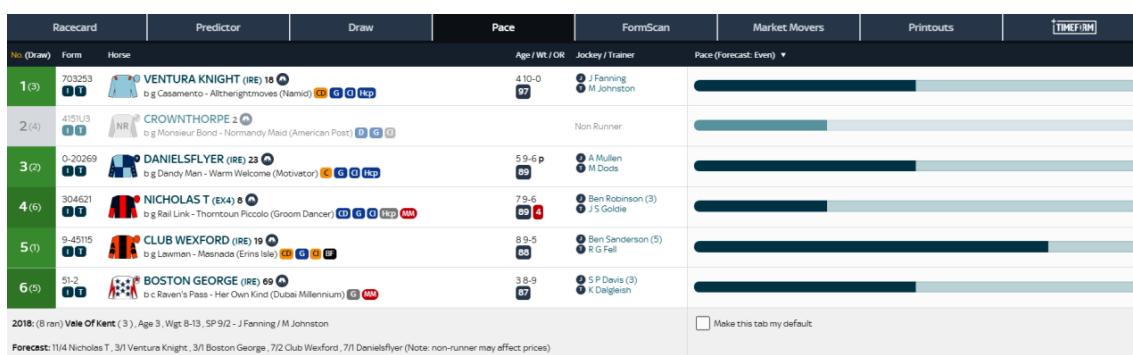
Until recently it was mostly overlooked by punters on this side of the Atlantic. Two reasons can be given why this happened.

Firstly, until recently there was a woeful lack of easily accessible data for punters to use. I say easily accessible for a reason. To fully understand how a race was run punters had to watch as many race replays as they could, or they had to wade through the in-running commentary in the results section of the like of the Racing Post, Raceform or Sporting Life.

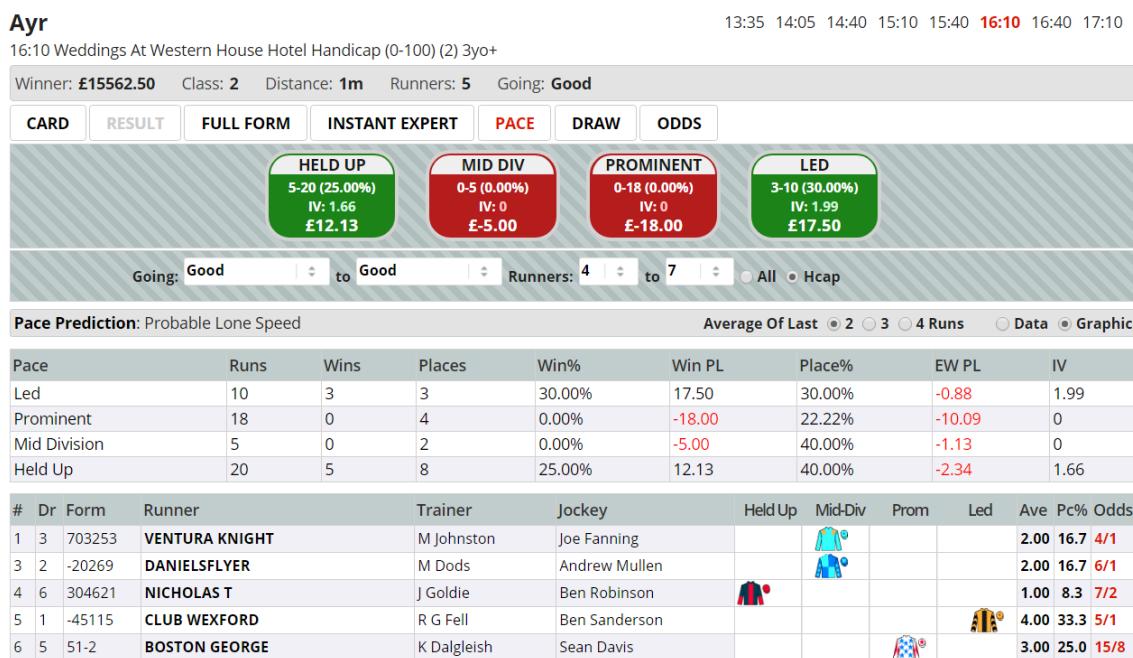
Of course, all of this is was insanely time consuming. Most punters just didn't have the time to devote to such a process and so it was mostly left alone.

Things have improved a lot in recent years and there are more sources where punters can go and find out how a race will be run from a pace perspective.

The www.attheraces.com website now has pace tab on its race cards and it's free to use.



Then there are the pace map features to be found on the racecards at www.geegeez.com



Never underestimate the power of visuals for delivering information as quickly and efficiently as possible.

For me the visual picturing has added a whole new dimension to how I see a race.

From a personal perspective, I really like the pace maps feature on geegeez. They are more comprehensive than the At The Races ones and just seem to do the same job.

Of course, geegeez is a subscription-based site but even free members get a few races each day where you can see the pace feature in action.

The second reason why pace hasn't been important for many UK based punters, is down to a lack of knowledge on how pace can affect the result of a race.

Pace Categories

Horses are basically herd animals, so theory goes, which tends to mean they have certain position when running within the herd. So, to fully grasp the concept of pace in the race you need to understand running styles.

Each horse has a running style that helps them to produce their best efforts. Some horses have the flexibility to produce their best efforts using different running styles, but they tend to be an exception to the rule.

Although there is no agreed definition regarding horses running styles.

Here are the four main ones:

Leaders or Early Speed Runners.

These are front runners. They like to be at the head of the herd. These horses will be leading (or very close to the lead).

If a horse has often been in the lead in the first quarter of a race or very close to it, they can be described as early speed horses.

Looking at the above GeeGeez pace map Club Wexford is the only horse in the race who likes to lead.

In the Racing Post results commentary, you will see the words “led”, or “with the leader”.

If they have the right conditions and the stamina, they can lead all the way from leaving the stalls to the winning post.

Prominent Runners.

The prominent racers sometimes called ‘pressers’ as they usually sit just behind the leader and press the pace. They usually have enough early speed to get a position close to the leader(s). They are often in an ideal position, if the early pace horses slow down.

In the Racing Post results section for a race you will often see comments like “prominent”, “tracked leader” or “chased leaders”. These comments indicate that the horse is a prominent racer. In some cases, they don’t have the speed to take the lead, but they have enough to stay within striking distance of the leaders.

Like leaders, prominent racers can win plenty of races when they get their right conditions.

Mid Division Runners.

Plenty of horses fall into this category. The ‘stalkers’, as the American’s often call them, are usually about 3 or 4 lengths off the leaders but they never get too far back and are close enough to strike in the latter stages of a race should the opportunity arise.

Since they are in a better position than closers, being near the front, and have not exerted as much energy as front runners up to this point in the race, the stalking style is popular and often successful.

The Racing Post comments will normally use the terms “mid division” or “midfield” to describe such runners

Closers.

These horses are most likely to sit well off the pace and attempt to come with one late run.

You will often see the jockey of a closer or hold up horse pull their mount back after the start to ensure that the horse is positioned towards the rear of the pack.

The Racing Post commentary of the race will use terms like “held up in rear”, “in the rear” or “behind”.

Hold up horses like these win less races than any of the four categories but should the race be run to suit they can pounce.

When using the in-race comments that are found in the Racing Post. I find it’s useful to also watch the race in question just make sure of the accuracy of the race readers comment.

I should briefly mention. That there are some rare horses trained by top trainers who can change their running style to suit the race. There are also a few great horses who are tactically versatile that they cannot be put into any single category as they have hybrid of running styles.

Pace Scenarios.

Now you know the running styles of the various runners you can then work out how the race will be run. For example; Will the closers get the strong gallop they need? If there are number of front runners in the race, can anyone of them sit behind the speed and still win?

Here are the four main types of pace scenario:

Fast Pace.

This normally means the race has two, three or more racers who like to lead. If the runners adopt their normal running styles, they may well go off at too fast a pace.

Here's an example of such a race from Gee Geez racecards.

Pace Prediction: Possible Contested Speed							Average Of Last	<input checked="" type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4 Runs	<input type="radio"/> Data	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graphic
Pace	Runs	Wins	Places	Win%	Win PL	Place%	EW PL	IV				
Led	286	27	72	9.44%	-97.80	25.17%	-37.18	1.07				
Prominent	825	82	217	9.94%	-144.19	26.30%	-152.88	1.13				
Mid Division	288	18	66	6.25%	-60.69	22.92%	-38.32	0.71				
Held Up	1285	109	352	8.48%	-173.11	27.39%	-112.60	0.96				
#	Dr	Form	Runner	Trainer	Jockey	Held Up	Mid-Div	Prom	Led	Ave	Pc%	Odds
1	1	42376/	STECANDO	R Menzies	Gerald Mosse					3.00	11.8	16/1
2	12	9-6857	DOCTOR WONDERFUL	K Frost	Daniel Muscutt					1.00	3.9	12/1
3	9	797942	FERN OWL	J Butler	Cieren Fallon					2.00	7.8	13/2
4	11	599-00	GENUINE APPROVAL	J Butler	Aaron Jones					4.00	15.7	16/1
5	6	595632	LAFLIA	A Watson	Luke Morris					4.00	15.7	2/1
6	2	456076	CAPTAIN SCOTT	Mrs H Main	Jane Elliott					3.50	13.7	6/1
7	3	0/318-	CARRAIGIN AONAIR	O Murphy	Josephine Gordon					1.50	5.9	18/1
8	5	-25067	BETANCOURT	S Keniry	Liam Keniry					1.50	5.9	11/1
9	7	5900-6	SPLASH AROUND	B Llewellyn	David Probert					1.50	5.9	25/1
10	4	-64677	RAASHDY	P Hiatt	Dane O'Neill					1.50	5.9	11/1
11	8	9-487	MAIDEN NAVIGATOR	D Simcock	Nicola Currie					1.00	3.9	16/1
12	10	-49056	SPIRITUAL BOY	D O'Meara	Shelley Birkett					1.00	3.9	16/1

As you will see there are three horses who can be categorised as leaders in the race.

The chances are this race will be won by the more patiently ridden runners rather than the leaders.

Given the race is being run over 1m 4f then it's likely the leaders will burn themselves out.

Even Pace.

Here's a good example of an even pace race scenario.

Going:		Good/Firm	to	Good/Firm	to	Runners:	9	to	12	to	All	Hcap			
Pace Prediction: Even										Average Of Last	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4 Runs	○ Data	○ Graphic
Pace		Runs	Wins	Places	Win%	Win PL	Place%	EW PL	IV						
Led		43	9	22	20.93%	15.50	51.16%	10.68	2.21						
Prominent		140	19	44	13.57%	10.51	31.43%	-21.42	1.43						
Mid Division		69	5	21	7.25%	-31.25	30.43%	2.09	0.77						
Held Up		181	8	37	4.42%	-95.50	20.44%	-51.41	0.47						
#	Dr	Form	Runner	Trainer	Jockey	Held Up	Mid-Div	Prom	Led	Ave	Pc%	Odds			
1	8	8-0747	PLUNGER	P Cole	Kieran Shoemark					2.75	11.7	12/1			
2	4	6-4922	KINGSTON KURRAJONG	W Knight	Jason Watson					2.75	11.7	13/2			
3	7	-19090	CAPRIOLLETTE	E Walker	Shane W Kelly					2.25	9.6	12/1			
4	3	26-156	SASH	Mrs A Perrett	Pat Dobbs					3.25	13.8	4/1			
5	5	237432	TAMERLANE	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby					1.25	5.3	6/1			
6	11	32-618	GIN PALACE	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop					3.25	13.8	13/2			
7	2	-00938	SIR PLATO	B Millman	Oisin Murphy					3.00	12.8	9/2			
8	9	141374	JAVELIN	W Muir	Martin Dwyer					1.50	6.4	16/1			
10	1	9-7070	FIELD OF VISION	J Flint	Rob Hornby					1.50	6.4	33/1			
11	10	4-9955	GOD HAS GIVEN	I Williams	Silvestre De Sousa					2.00	8.5	8/1			

The form of such races is usually reliable and the better fancied or form horses normally come to the fore.

Uncontested Lead.

The first example I gave from geegeez is a good example of a lone speed scenario with Club Wexford the only likely front runner in the race. In this case the lone speed horse has a good chance of winning if the pace scenario works out and they get an uncontested lead out in front.

For anyone wondering, Club Wexford did make all to win the race at Ayr at 9/2.

Falsely Run.

Here's an example of race that could be falsely run.

There are no definite front runners in the line up and seven of the ten runners fall into the category of hold up horse.

Pace Prediction: May Be Falsely Run		Average Of Last										
Pace		Runs	Wins	Places	Win%	Win PL	Place%	EW PL	IV			
Led		46	6	16	13.04%	13.50	34.78%	1.13	1.35			
Prominent		109	8	34	7.34%	-50.42	31.19%	-17.43	0.76			
Mid Division		67	10	19	14.93%	15.25	28.36%	-17.50	1.55			
Held Up		162	13	42	8.02%	-83.37	25.93%	-37.92	0.83			
#	Dr	Form	Runner	Trainer	Jockey	Held Up	Mid-Div	Prom	Led	Ave	Pc%	Odds
1	-11845	COLOUR CONTRAST	I Jardine	Lewis Edmunds						1.25	8.1	11/2
2	8	202890	ROARING FORTIES	R Bastiman	Connor Beasley					1.25	8.1	9/1
3	7	5-9007	NAPLES BAY	Miss K Scott	Jason Hart					1.25	8.1	15/2
4	3	380380	COSMIC CHATTER	Mrs R Carr	Andrew Mullen					1.25	8.1	16/1
5	2	0-3712	CLIFF BAY	K Dagleish	Shane Gray					1.50	9.7	11/4
5	5	5-4008	BRENDAN	J Goldie	C Madden					1.25	8.1	25/1
7	4	0-9451	KODIMOOR	M Walford	Dougie Costello					2.50	16.1	5/1
9	9	46-950	BAREED	Miss L Perratt	Kevin Stott					2.25	14.5	28/1
6	6	34-943	RETIREMENT BECKONS	Miss L Perratt	Ben Robinson					1.25	8.1	4/1
10	10	050-00	WEARRAAH	Alan Brown	K Schofield					1.75	11.3	66/1

This is the hardest race to work out. Unless you can find a horse that is versatile enough to win a potentially tactical contest.

Such races can often be won by an outsider and the form of such contests should normally be treated with caution.

Final Thoughts.

Now it would be great if every race worked out how the pace scenarios suggest on paper. However, in the real world, although many do, some races don't.

A front runner may miss the start and find themselves in the rear for example.

Trainers and Jockeys can also have a big say in how the horses will be raced. The jockey/trainer may have different ideas about where they want to position a horse during a race. They will look at the competition and decide where they need to be to get the best from their horse.

In the July Cup Aidan O'Brien decided to have Ten Sovereigns ridden up with the pace rather than be held up as he had been at Royal Ascot.

Looking at the pace maps for a race before you look at the form of the runners is something you should consider. It can save a lot of wasted time that's for sure.

When you start to factor in running styles and pace, you start to look at the race as a whole instead of solely at the individual runners. Knowing how the race will unfold or the shape of the race, can help identify a horse who could be suited by the pace of the race or a hot favourite that may not be suited by the likely pace scenario.

Pace is just one piece of the puzzle, there are many other factors, but an understanding of a horse's running style and the shape of how a race will be run and can give you a vital edge in the search for profits.

It's a skill that doesn't take too long to master either. Once learned the process can literally take just a few minutes.

Summary:

There you have it.

Using running style and pace can be an excellent way of separating runners in what looks a competitive race. It can also help to identify plenty of nice priced winners and avoid short priced losers.

There are no excuses now for the time short punter either as easily accessible pace maps can be found on the likes of geeguez.com and attheraces.com

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Ashes Betting: England will win but with what score?

First up a quick recap on the Cricket World Cup before we get to our preview of the Ashes.

There were some decent matches here and there in the Group Stages but no-one can complain that the final wasn't worthy of its name. Many will feel a huge amount of sympathy for New Zealand in light of the circumstances of that England win, while others could be forgiven for just being happy England won, irrespective of how it happened.

As for the tips I provided, there were a couple of near misses such as Trent Boult and Aaron Finch just missing out on each-way payouts at big prices for top tournament bowler and top batsman respectively, but we have one man to thank for finishing in profit.

Shakib-Al Hasan was flagged up as being a huge price at 7.00 to be Bangladesh top batsman thanks to his class and recent promotion up the order. His 606 runs were 239 more than anyone else from among Bangladesh's batsmen and he ended as the third-highest run scorer as a whole.

What the World Cup has taught us (or hasn't).

The most important thing one needs to bear in mind ahead of this Ashes series is that just about everything that has happened at the World Cup is largely irrelevant to what might happen when it comes to wearing whites and playing five-day matches.

The reason we say ‘almost’ is that the form of some players can’t be completely ignored. That Mitchell Starc is fully fit and bowling beautifully or that David Warner and Steve Smith have returned to international cricket without any signs of rustiness, simply can’t be considered an irrelevance.

Similarly, one must give some importance to how well the likes of Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow have batted of late, how solid all-rounder Chris Woakes and Ben Stokes have been and what a fillip to England Jofra Archer might be. Two months ago we didn’t know how he would cope in international cricket; now we know he’s more than ready for the challenge.

Similarly, we can’t pretend the form of Moeen Ali, a key player in England’s Test team, isn’t a concern. Or that of Jos Buttler, for that matter.

But having said all that, these factors pale in comparison to the really crucial ones: home advantage, historical trends and recent Test performances.

Home advantage is almost everything.

The Ashes are very similar to the Ryder Cup in that home advantage is almost a guarantee of winning it.

Eight of the last nine editions of the Ashes have been won by the home team. In the Ryder Cup it’s six out of the last seven won by the side on home soil. In both cases where the home team didn’t win, it was an excellent side winning away from home against a home team going through a poor patch in terms of personnel.

In the Ryder Cup that was in 2012- the famous European win known as Miracle of Medinah- in the Ashes it was the 2010-11 edition when Andrew Strauss led his side to a 3-1 win in Australia. As hinted already, that was a brilliant England side with Strauss, Cook, Trott, Pietersen, Broad, Anderson etc at the top of their games against a poor Australian team still recovering from high-profile retirements and before players like Starc, David Warner and Steve Smith were on the scene. The fact they fielded players including Doug Bollinger, Xavier Doherty and Marcus North- ok players but hardly world-beaters- tells its own story.

Now isn’t the time to go into the ins and outs of why home advantage makes such a difference; it just does and the numbers prove it.

It's England's to lose.

So on that note, and also because England have performed better than Australia over the past two years or so in the Test arena, as proven by the fact that they're one place above them in the rankings, we have to conclude that Australia's current side isn't strong enough to buck the trend.

So Australia is to be snubbed at around 2.8 and we're not particularly keen on the drawn series either, at 7.0. We'd have to go back to 1972 for the last time there was a drawn Ashes series. That was 24 series ago so that quote just mentioned about the drawn series, is hardly one to get excited about.

So unadventurous and obvious as it sounds, England to win the Ashes it is. They're a best price of 1.9 with Ladbrokes and all things considered, that's actually not a bad price given other big firms are going as short as 1.71. But we can do better than the straight win.

Series winner market.

So when looking at the possible series score, the first question is: how many draws are we likely to have across the series?

Looking at the last 10 editions of the Ashes, it's a perfect 50/50 split in terms of series which have had at least one draw.

Series result where there was a draw:

2-1, 2-1, 3-1, 3-0 and 4-0.

Series where there wasn't a draw:

4-1, 4-1, 5-0, 5-0, 4-0.

Looking at the last five editions in England (most recent first), it's:

3-2, 3-0 2-1, 2-1, 4-1. So three without a draw.

That last 4-1 win, by the way, was a win for the Aussies back in 2001 with a brilliant side containing the Waugh brothers, Ponting, Warne, McGrath and Gilchrist.

The fact that three of those series in England shouldn't come as a huge surprise because of: the weather. There's always a chance in England, whatever the time of year, that it will disrupt proceedings.

That of course is countered by the recent trend of teams playing a more aggressive brand of Test cricket where batting for hour after hour without taking any risk whatsoever (just the sort of play that increases the chances of a draw) has somewhat gone out of fashion.

And there are further reasons to think a draw in the 5-match series is unlikely. There wasn't one when England beat India 4-1 last year, or when Pakistan drew 1-1 in a two-match series earlier in the summer, or when England beat the Windies 2-1 at home the year before. In 2017 England also beat South Africa 3-1 (4-match series) and the summer before that, it was 2-2 when Pakistan were over. You guessed it: a four-match series.

So to re-cap: weather or no weather, it's now an incredible 18 Test matches staged in England where there hasn't been a draw. More than good enough for us to take the gamble there won't be one here.

I think logic and the history books dictates a 5-0 England win isn't on the cards so the smart move is to split stakes between a 3-2 England win (7.0) and a more ambitious but actually very credible, 4-1 (9.0).

- 0.5pts Back England to win 3-2 @ 7.0 with William Hill
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Systems Update

I suppose it had to happen after the huge profit in May that June would end up a down month and that's how it ended.

All systems combined showed a loss of 11.92 points at Betfair SP after commission for the month of June, the good news is that as I type July is in profit and since we started the detailed breakdown of the system results on April 18th we are still 61.91 points in profit to Betfair SP after commission.

June also saw half as many bets as May with 65 selections to May's 133.

The strike rate in June was exactly the same as May at 27% and overall the strike rate from 18th April to July 16th is just 24%!

So what is the average price at Betfair SP? The answer is 8.64 but the average price of the winners is 4.99 which might lead you to believe that the bigger priced selections should be left un backed.

But that would be a mistake because so far over half the profit (33.36) has come from selections that started with a BSP of 10.0 or greater.

In the race to be top system creator Nick Hardman is ahead and his systems have produced 46.78 points of profit since April 18th and John Burke's are on 15.13.

The average price for the selections from Nick's systems is 10.17 and for John is 6.41 BSP.

If you would like to analyse and break down the results yourself you can do so here

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The Trial: Much of the same for the latest month from this service with 42 winners from 259 selections which added another 80 points profit based on the advised prices.

We are now at almost 5 months with this trial and cumulatively we have had 161 winners from 1000 selections and an overall profit to the tune of 229 points, and average of 45 points per month. A resultant ROI of almost 15.50%.

The higher staked bets were once again the most profitable and we are confident that a higher ROI would have resulted had we concentrated solely on these high stake bets.

Conclusion: As mentioned previously this service is not going to be for everyone. Placing up to 23 bets a day, and where the prices advised are given the evening before, means that many may see very different results if placing bets in the morning when prices have changed significantly. Our best suggestion, give it a try for yourself, and if you can get on at the advised prices you could make a very healthy profit. Find out more [here](#).



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The Trial: First up be careful with the name of this service as there are a number of services out there which use “Elite” in their name.

EBS gives out a number of selections the evening before the days racing with staking of 1 point win or 0.50 point each way.

During the latest month there have been 68 selections with 12 winners producing a small loss overall of just over 4 points to the advised prices.

As we have mentioned many times, services which advise prices the night before are notoriously difficult to match. In our 12 winning selections just 3 of those went off at or above the advised prices and this can significantly affect the overall figures.

Conclusion: More needs to be seen before judgement can be passed, but you can find out more [here](#).



Cost: £2.99 28 day trial and then £34.99 pcm / £87.50 quarterly / £157.50 ½ yrly / £279.99 per year.

The Trial: This new service under review from Tipster Empire offers selections where all bets are staked 1 point win, and there are only one or two bets each day.

The bets are advised, once again, the evening before the days racing, around 9.00pm with a text alert and follow up email giving the rationale for the selection.

So far we have received 31 selections of which 6 won their race and we are showing a small profit of 3.70 points to the advised prices, and interestingly we were able to match the advised prices for each of the winners.

Conclusion: Early days so too early to call. In the meantime you can [find out more here](#).