



Saturday Handicap



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I have been interested in the makeup of the winner of a certain race (Trends) for a while now and, while still basing my findings on the basic Trends, I have extended certain criteria.

I must also point out, and this is purely my opinion, I only research the last eight running's of the race in question. This is not because of laziness; rather, it is because over the last eight years or so of researching Trends, I have found a high percentage of races being upgraded or otherwise having the race conditions altered.

It is also because racing is constantly changing in other ways – Training methods, faster times, new/relayed courses, a new era of stallion, a changing method of prep races used on the way to the race in question.

In that time, I have found that the best results are gained from researching Group and Graded races only.

I also encourage a little bit of human interaction when using the trends, if, for instance, you are a follower of form and your fancy appears in the shortlist, then I would encourage you to stay with your selection.

My selection is just that, my selection, my take on the trends, I would encourage you to have your own take on the trends and come up with your own selection from the shortlist.

I hope you enjoy this guide and use it alongside your other betting information to help you highlight possible winners (and losers!!).

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“The trends lead us in a general, rather than specific, direction. It’s important not to be handcuffed to them, such that we ignore horses with strong form claims who may fail to tick a couple of boxes.”

Matt Bisogno – Geegeez.co.uk

R.A.G. STATUS©

R.A.G. Status© – **Red**, **Amber** and **Green** is a handy 'traffic light' system, which helps us understand the historical strength of a race in trends terms.

When the trends are strongest, the race will be awarded a Green Status. When they're helpful but not conclusive in finding the winner, Amber is the colour; and, when the race is new or has no discernible pattern to the winners of its recent history, Red will be applied.

Of course, this status is an indicator only and it is perfectly possible for Red races to highlight winners and for there to be 'trends busters' in Green races. Such is the nature of horse racing and betting!

Dutching

For some time, I have been looking at the benefits of 'dutching'. I was looking at the possibility of backing shortlisted horses and still making a profit. After a couple of emails with Kit, the owner of iDutch Dutching Calculator, he has kindly explained how his excellent product can work for you. Dutching allows you to share the risk of losing across a number of horses in a race so you have more chance of winning when compared to relying on a single horse such as the favourite. The iDutch Dutching Calculator will calculate exactly how much stake you will need to place on each horse to guarantee a profit if any of the chosen horses' win.

How to do this:

1. Open up the [iDutch Dutching Calculator](#)
2. Type in the amount of stake you are willing to wager. This field is seen next to the drop-down menu containing "Stake").
3. Type the odds for each horse into each row (note, for convenience the Stake, Return and Profit columns will be updated automatically for real-time results).
4. When you have entered the odds for each horse, click on the "Optimise" button in the menu. This will run some background calculations and automatically disable any horses that you will not be able to cover for this race, leaving you with the horses you can cover (usually the top favourites).
5. Now, proceed to your favourite bookmaker website and place a bet on each of the horses with same amount that is displayed in the "Stake" column.



Factor5 is another helpful tool to highlight important criteria applied to the shortlisted horses for the race being covered. Win and places are covered in the table, helping you to make your decision on the shortlist.

Surface

Takes in all form on today's surface, which in turn will take in performances on the track. Surfaces researched are Flat, Slight undulations, Undulating and Very undulating.

Going

The performances of the shortlisted horses on the predicted ground.

Distance

How the shortlisted horses have performed at today's race distance.

Direction

Highlighting the performances of horses running either left or right handed or on a straight track.

Class

Data from how the highlighted runners have performed in today's class of race.

Monday 6th April Irish Grand National – 28 ran

	Surface			Going (Soft)			Distance			Class(Grade 1)			Direction (RH)		
<i>All National Hunt Starts</i>	<i>Races</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Plcs</i>	<i>Races</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Plcs</i>	<i>Races</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Plcs</i>	<i>Races</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Plcs</i>	<i>Races</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Plcs</i>
Perfect Gentleman	1	0		5	1	3				1	0		11	4	4
Thunder And Roses	5	1	1	5	2	2				1	0		15	2	6
Rivage D'Or	5	0	2	3	1	2				2	0		26	3	10
She's Got Grit	1	1		2	2								6	2	1

Thunder And Roses

Unseated amateur in the Toby Balding race, following a third place in the Grade Two Ten Up Novice Chase at Navan. Sure to go better for Katie Walsh. Stallion Presenting has produced Niche Market to win in 2009, Home Farm 3rd in 2013 and Whatutthink 3rd in 2010

Each Way Selection: Thunder And Roses@25/1 She's Got Grit@33/1

Thunder And Roses wins@25/1

2.55 Haydock

Silver Bowl Handicap (Class 2) (3yo) £37,350 1m Good to Firm 14 run

RAG Race Status:

GREEN

PRIMARY TRENDS

The last eight winners...

SP up to 12/1
Between three and six career starts
One/two career wins
No more than one handicap success

Officially rated between 84 and 95
One/two starts in the season
Running between 11 and 30 days
Debut at two

Seven of the last eight winners...

GB or Irish bred
Carried 8-2+
One or two starts in the last 90 days
One or two handicap starts

SP up to 15/2
Won one of their last three starts
First two last time out

SHORTLIST

Race card order –

Mustarrid, Naval Warfare, Graphite Storm and Private Mission

SECONDARY TRENDS

6 of the last 8 winners...

Won/beaten no more than 5L last time out

Made debut at 6f/7f

Last **26** Win and place positions...

26 *Running within 45 days*
25 *First three in one of their last three starts*
24 *Carried 8-2+*

One/two starts in the season
One/two career wins

Trainer Check:

R Fahey (2w, 1pl) M Johnston (1w, 2plc)

Trends Buster?

58 with an SP 14/1+ produced no winners

All starts	Surface (Flat)			Going (Good to Form)			Distance			Class (Class 2)			Direction (Left Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
Mustarrid				1	0	1	3	1	2				2	2	
Naval Warfare	2	1	1	1	1								2	1	1
Graphite Storm	1	1		4	1	1	1	0	1	1	0				
Private Mission				1	1								1	1	

Pace Profits: Advantage for those running with the pace or prominently
Early Pace: Masham Gold, Naval Warfare and Rusumaat
Prominent: Mustarrid, Indian Dandy and First up

Most of the pace will be coming from the lower part of the draw, with Naval Warfare left to give Maths Prize a pull in to the race.

With Masham Star and Rusumaat building the pace from the lower part of the draw, I'm hoping champion jockey, Jim Crowley will have Mustarrid ready to pounce in the later stages of the race.

Each Way Selection: **Mustarrid@7/1**

Smaller EW Selection: **Graphite Storm@8/1**

****[Go to the iDutch Calculator](#)**

****Check the shortlist to finalise your own selection**