

Betting Insiders Club: June Article

What follows is my June article for The Betting Insiders Club that they kindly allow me to send to Donations Club Members at the end of the month.

They have started to track/test these micro angles within their members' forum which is another part of their members club.

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To the article....

Trainers in Focus:

Following on from last month's article on William Haggas I thought I would have a look at a few more trainers and see if there were any micro angles we could follow.

This month I look at three trainers, in no particular order: Martyn Meade / Brendan Powell / Ann Duffield.

Let's get to it...

Martyn Meade

I am going to start with Martyn Meade, who trains from Newmarket. He sent out his first runners in 2014 I believe.

To start with I have looked in my HorseRaceBase account and ordered all trainers with Flat runners since the start of 2013, by profitability to SP. Martyn Meade is 9th on the list.

His stats for all flat runners in the last 3 full seasons, plus 2016 to date are:-

173 bets / 29 wins / 69 places / 17% win SR (sr) / +59 SP / +111 BFSP / AE 1.08

Let's have a dive into those figures and see if there is a micro angle lurking...

ODDS

As always I like to have a brief look to see if market support is significant or if those top level stats include a few bigger priced winners...

12/1 or bigger...

He has had a winner at 33/1 and one at 50/1. That obviously influences those top level stats somewhat. Indeed those going off at 12/1 or bigger SP are:-

66 bets / 3 wins / 17 places / 5% sr / +34 SP / +71 BFSP / AE 0.8

That leaves his runners that go off at 11/1 or shorter SP...

107 bets / 26 wins / 52 places / 24% sr / +26 SP / +40 BFSP / AE 1.12

Those are decent enough stats and I suppose it is useful to know that his more fancied runners have a near 25% win SR.

Let's ignore any odds caps for now and see if we can find some angles worth pursuing...

Non Handicaps?

It is interesting to note that his Non-handicap runners can also be backed blind...

84 bets / 16 wins / 40 places / 19% sr / +71 SP / +111 BFSP / AE 1.09

This is against handicap runners...

89 bets / 13 wins / 29 places / 15% sr / -11 SP / 0 BFSP / AE 1.06

So, let's stick with the non-handicaps for now.

It should be noted at this point that those two big priced winners (33/1+50/1) were with his non-handicap runners, bringing all of the profit.

AGE

His 2 year olds, in non-handicaps, are worth noting...

56 bets / 11 wins / 26 places / 20% sr / +86 SP / +126 BFSP / AE 1.37

MICRO

- Martyn Meade
- Non-Handicaps
- Horse Runs In Career: 0 or 1

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	46	10	21.74	94.01	19	41.3	204.37	133.95	76.81	1.75
2016	2	1	50	-0.2	1	50	-10	-0.2	-0.72	1.2
2015	24	3	12.5	24	10	41.67	100	39.36	56.06	1.26
2014	20	6	30	70.21	8	40	351.05	94.78	21.46	2.39

Clearly the majority of these runners have been in maidens, but not all. With the reduction in maiden races and the increase in novice races it will be interesting how that pans out over-time. Clearly 2014 was a high but 2015 wasn't bad and the places were decent enough – as is the profit level in the betfair place market, +77 points isn't a bad return there!

Most of these winners are with 2 year olds but he is 2/7, 4 places with 3 year olds in that angle above.

Track? Well his runners at Newmarket (Rowley) should be taken very seriously:

8 bets / 4 wins / 7 places / 50% sr / +97 SP / +132 BFSP / AE 6.9

Handicaps...

Let's just have a look at his handicap runners.

The market has been a more reliable guide to date with these.

Indeed, those going off at bigger than 10/1 SP are:

33 bets / 0 wins / 7 places / -33 SP

Which means those going off at 10/1 SP or shorter are...

56 bets / 13 wins / 22 places / 23% sr / +22 SP / +33 BFSP / AE 1.26

MICRO

- Martyn Meade
- Handicaps
- 2yo only + 3yo only handicaps
- 10/1 or shorter SP

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Pic)	A/E
ALL	34	11	32.35	27.58	17	50	81.12	35.51	6.74	1.58
2016	6	3	50	4.5	4	66.67	75	4.7	2.28	2.33
2015	23	5	21.74	8.33	9	39.13	36.22	11.96	-1.47	1.02
2014	5	3	60	14.75	4	80	295	18.84	5.93	3.95

If you split it down by age restrictions...

2 year old only handicaps: 6 bets / 3 wins / 4 places / 50% sr / +13 SP / +17 BFSP / AE 2.91

3 year old only handicaps: 28 bets / 8 wins / 13 places / 29% sr / +15 SP / +19 BFSP / AE 1.35

Clearly Martyn Meade hasn't been training for very long but he has made a decent enough start and there are a couple of angles/ways in to keep an eye on there, moving forward.

Moving on....

Brendan Powell

As usual let's start with the top level flat stats since the start of 2013...

329 bets / 41 wins / 101 places / 12% sr / +10 SP / +84 BFSP / AE 1.03

Non Handicaps

65 bets / 4 wins / 14 places / 6% sr / -39 SP / -32 BFSP / AE 0.81

Handicaps

264 bets / 37 wins / 87 places / 14% sr / +49 SP / +115 BFSP / AE 1.06

ODDS

A look at the odds of his handicap winners doesn't reveal too much albeit those going off at bigger than 25/1 are a negative to date...

21 bets / 0 wins / 2 places

Just focusing on those at 25/1 or shorter...

It should be noted that all bar two of his handicap runners have run in 'normal' handicaps – he has run 2 in nurseries and none it would appear in handicap sellers/maidens etc

Before we have a look to see if we can find any micro angles, let's have a look at a few tracks of interest...

TRACK

Positives

- Bath: 27 bets / 8 wins / 14 places / 30% sr / +80 SP / +121 BFSP / AE 2.23
- Chepstow: 18 bets / 4 wins / 7 places / 22% sr / +3 SP / +5 BFSP / AE 1.44

Could Do Better?

- Windsor: 33 bets / 1 win / 8 places / 3% sr / -29 SP / -28 BFSP / AE 0.21

What about Class?

Well his Class 6 winners have been hard to find...

57 bets / 6 wins / 19 places / 11% sr / -17 SP / -10 BFSP / AE 0.77

Finishing Position LTO...

This could well be an area worth exploring.

He has struggled to follow up a win LTO with another one. Those that won LTO...

38 bets / 2 wins / 18 places / 5% sr / -30 SP / -30 BFSP / AE 0.28

BUT, those that showed some kind of form (and of course finishing position can be a crude measure given it doesn't cover 'distance beaten', but it is some indication), finishing 2nd or 3rd LTO...

So...

MICRO

- Brendan Powell
- Flat Turf Handicaps
- 2nd or 3rd LTO

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	A/E
ALL	72	19	26.39	68.84	28	38.89	95.61	101.4	1.57
2016	6	1	16.67	1	2	33.33	16.67	1.46	1.27
2015	23	6	26.09	31.38	8	34.78	136.43	55.85	1.63
2014	26	8	30.77	26.83	10	38.46	103.19	32.77	1.67
2013	17	4	23.53	9.63	8	47.06	56.65	11.33	1.43

This looks to be a decent enough guide to his runners. These stats are derived from 12 different horses so we can have some confidence moving forward.

ODDS...I have removed the odds cap as on closer inspection, within this angle, he has only had two runners go off over 25/1, and one of those placed at 40/1.

The stats for those going off over 12/1 are:

11 bets / 1 win / 2 places / 9% sr / +15 SP / +37 BFSP / AE 1.96

Meaning those going off at 12/1 or shorter SP...

61 bets / 18 wins / 26 places / 30% sr / +26 SP / +64 BFSP / AE 1.56

This angle also covers his one winner from Windsor and is decent enough in Class 6 races – no reason to exclude those runners in the angle above.

And, I think that's it for Mr Powell. It is quite hard to find 'ways in' but I think this angle looks decent, as well as keeping all of his handicappers at Bath onside. We shall see how it does for the rest of this season.

We have space to fit one more trainer in I believe...

Ann Duffield

There hasn't been much method to my madness in picking out these three trainers this month. Ann Duffield has been on my radar because a few weeks ago I noted down her record with 1st time out 2 year olds and as yet hadn't dived into the stats.

But, that is getting ahead of ourselves, so let's row back to the top level stats for all of her flat runners... (2013-)

670 bets / 68 wins / 172 places / 10% sr / -116 SP / -4 BFSP / AE 0.87

And a quick look at the breakdown between handicaps and non-handicaps...

Handicaps...

350 bets / 35 wins / 90 places / 10% sr / -129 SP / -105 BFSP / AE 0.8

Non-Handicaps...

320 bets / 33 wins / 82 places / 10% sr / +12 SP / +101 BFSP / AE 0.96

The number of bets/wins etc are pretty much identical but clearly the profit levels are not. This indicates that many of her non-handicap winners are left well alone by the market, going in at decent prices.

Let's focus on those non-handicap runners. It looks quite challenging to turn that handicap base metal into gold.

NON-Handicaps

Odds...

It is true that there has been the odd biggie go in and they have been hard to find. Indeed those priced 22/1 > 50/1 are:

89 bets / 3 wins / 11 places / 3% sr / +29 SP / +79 BFSP / AE 1.16

Those priced 66/1+ are: 0/21, 0 places

Let's ignore odds for now and go on that elusive treasure hunt for a micro angle or two...

Claimers...

Well, you could keep her runners in non-handicap claimers onside...

20 bets / 4 wins / 5 places / 20% sr / +37 SP / +13 BFSP (looks like an anomaly of sorts?) / AE 1.45

AGE...

Well this is worth some closer inspection...

AGE	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
2	253	28	11.07	53.66	64	25.3	21.21	-9.87	1.06
3	56	0	0	-56	12	21.43	-100	-7.91	0
4	8	4	50	13.75	5	62.5	171.88	1.42	2.47
10	3	1	33.33	1	1	33.33	33.33	-1.34	1.27

So, her older horses are worth keeping onside, albeit you may have to wait a while between drinks. Her 3 year olds have struggled somewhat and may well be best avoided!

Let's see if we can find a 'way in' for her 2 year olds...

I think I want to focus on those that have yet to have any run in their career to date. This is getting rather 'micro' but could be worth exploring. So, those with 0 career runs (so making their debut)..

89 bets / 10 wins / 24 places / 11% sr / +27 SP / +53 BFSP / AE 1.22

Let's dive into those a bit deeper...

JOCKEY

Jockey bookings are interesting, not least because one P J McDonald has been on all of her 2 year old winners...

60 bets / 10 wins / 20 places / 17% sr / +56 SP / +82 BFSP / AE 1.7

Meaning those not ridden by him are... 0/29, 4 places so far, since 2013.

2013 was actually a bad year and you could do a lot worse, as a micro angle, than...

MICRO

- Ann Duffield
- Flat Turf
- 2 year olds
- Horse Run Career: 0
- Jockey: P J McDonald

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	60	10	16.67	55.5	20	33.33	92.5	82.2	8.61	1.7
2016	8	3	37.5	9	4	50	112.5	9.03	0.32	2.46
2015	25	4	16	32.5	8	32	130	41.36	3.05	1.57
2014	16	3	18.75	25	5	31.25	156.25	42.81	6.67	2.56
2013	11	0	0	-11	3	27.27	-100	-11	-1.44	0

While the win% SR may be lower than ideal for some, the profit levels arguably make up for that.

You could improve further by just focussing on those priced 20/1 or shorter because to date those going off above this are: 0/13, 1 place.

So, 20/1 or shorter leaves...

47 bets / 10 wins / 19 places / 21% sr / +69 SP / +95 BFSP / AE 1.81

DISTANCE...

With the odds cap and those rules above, those running at 6f do best:

17 bets / 6 wins / 7 places / 35% sr / +58 SP / +83 BFSP / AE 3.59

So, I think we have a decent angle there to follow for the rest of this season and into next. Clearly she will have the odd dud year, but hopefully over time the profits from other seasons more than make up for this. Ann Duffield is clearly adept at sourcing decent horses and priming them to perform on their first ever career start.

That is it for this month's article. I hope you have found it useful/interesting, that it gives you something to think about and apply to your own betting.

Happy Punting,

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