

Trainer Jockey Combos: Jumps 2017

What follows are 10 'trainer jockey combos' for us to track in National Hunt handicaps throughout the rest of 2017.

They look good on paper but as always proof will be in the eating. Some will do well, some won't. Hopefully they will prove profitable as a portfolio throughout the year, and can give us some confidence moving into next year.

I haven't ever really focussed on non-track based trainer/jockey combos I don't think, so it was probably about time I did.

The foundation set of stats stem from..

- National Hunt
- 2014,15,16,17-

I have focussed on the last three full years so that, with any luck, the data is more relevant.

Combos must have had at least 10 winners in the period, and be operating a 25%+ win strike rate as a minimum.

When doing the first search through I implemented an odds cap of 12/1 SP. This just ensures that I am not wasting time on combos whose profit may be down to just one big winner.

This report will focus on Handicaps. I may have a look at non-handicaps at some point down the line.

I will track all qualifiers on the Free Daily Blog Posts, so we can see how they do.

I will jump straight to the combos....

TJC #1

- **Nicky Richards/Brian Harding**
- Handicap Hurdles + Handicap Novice Hurdles
- 6/1 or shorter SP (guide)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	69	28	40.58	45.94	36	52.17	66.58	57.88	-0.27	1.54
2017	2	0	0	-2	0	0	-100	-2	-2	0
2016	16	5	31.25	11	8	50	68.75	14.78	0.84	1.33
2015	28	14	50	25.77	15	53.57	92.04	30.95	0.49	1.9
2014	23	9	39.13	11.17	13	56.52	48.57	14.14	0.39	1.41

Notes:

- 13/2-12/1 SP: 3/31,13 places, +5 SP (novice handicaps, 1/5,3p)
- 14/1+ : 0/15, 0 places
- A case can be made to back all those 12/1 or shorter SP. Indeed taking morning prices when a horse is around 12/1 will no doubt improve that profit figure of +5 points. Of course it means more bets and longer losing runs. But a case could also be made to back those in the 13/2>12/1 each way, given the place stats.

TJC #2

- **Sue Smith/Danny Cook**
- Handicap Chase + Handicap Novice Chase
- November-March only (not April/May/June/July/Aug/Sept/Oct)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	105	32	30.48	52.51	56	53.33	50.01	62.02	30.33	1.51
2017	6	4	66.67	12.25	4	66.67	204.17	12.61	2.86	3.25
2016	62	17	27.42	30.01	33	53.23	48.4	34.51	21.36	1.37
2015	33	9	27.27	8	16	48.48	24.24	12.16	3.53	1.37
2014	4	2	50	2.25	3	75	56.25	2.75	2.58	2.02

Notes:

- All winners 12/1 or shorter SP, but only 0/4,0p over this so far, which isn't enough to exclude just yet I don't think.
- When teaming up in April-Oct they are 1/23,8p, -20 SP so far. The core winter season appears to be the time to focus on their chasers.
- Class 2- I have left them in for now but such runners are now 0/18,6p, and if you removed those you get: 32/87,50p,37% wsr, +71 SP. But, I am unsure if there is a logical reason to exclude them really and doing so could be classed as 'back fitting'. Her C2 handicap chasers may be worth looking at on a horse by horse basis but I will include for now.

TJC #3

- **Fergal O'Brien/Paddy Brennan**
- Handicap Hurdles (NOT novice handicaps)
- 12/1 < SP (guide)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	56	17	30.36	39.39	25	44.64	70.34	49.07	3.98	1.54
2017	5	1	20	-2.25	2	40	-45	-2.3	-0.41	0.83
2016	27	11	40.74	24.64	13	48.15	91.26	27.67	-0.62	1.89
2015	14	3	21.43	3	5	35.71	21.43	6.29	0.15	1.22
2014	10	2	20	14	5	50	140	17.4	4.87	1.26

Notes:

- Not much to say here. They are 0/7,1p currently when going off over 12/1, so a price guide at this stage. They may well fire in a decent priced one at some point.

TJC #4

- **Evan Williams/Adam Wedge**
- Handicap Hurdles (not Novice handicaps etc)
- 12/1 < SP (guide)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	62	16	25.81	46.5	26	41.94	75	60.23	2.33	1.4
2017	2	0	0	-2	1	50	-100	-2	-0.33	0
2016	18	4	22.22	9.25	8	44.44	51.39	13.97	0.74	1.1
2015	27	8	29.63	30.25	12	44.44	112.04	35.61	5.54	1.84
2014	15	4	26.67	9	5	33.33	60	12.66	-3.63	1.43

Notes:

- They are 1/24,6p with runners sent off bigger than 12/1, -7 SP. So, they will have big priced winners/placed horses moving forwards but the more fancied ones seem the place to focus.

TJC #5

- James Ewart/Dale Irving
- Handicap Hurdle+ Handicap Novice Hurdle
- 14/1 < SP

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	64	17	26.56	54	32	50	84.38	72	26.59	1.66
2017	1	0	0	-1	0	0	-100	-1	-1	0
2016	22	3	13.64	-5.25	10	45.45	-23.86	-2.76	4.22	0.92
2015	29	11	37.93	54.25	15	51.72	187.07	67.14	16.66	2.24
2014	12	3	25	6	7	58.33	50	8.61	6.71	1.62

Notes:

- Currently 0/9,0 places those going off bigger than 14/1.
- 2016 was a poor year profit wise but the place stats suggest it was just one of those years. All in all I think they are worth keeping an eye on this year.

TJC #6

- **Gary Moore/Jamie Moore**
- Handicap Chase (not novice handicaps)
- 14/1 < SP

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	57	14	24.56	44.5	26	45.61	78.07	52.86	12.1	1.42
2017	2	0	0	-2	0	0	-100	-2	-2	0
2016	21	6	28.57	24.5	11	52.38	116.67	26.97	7.65	1.78
2015	20	7	35	31.5	10	50	157.5	37.26	7.58	1.97
2014	14	1	7.14	-9.5	5	35.71	-67.86	-9.37	-1.13	0.36

Notes:

- They are 0/9,0p with those sent off over 14/1 SP

TJC #7

- **Dai Burchell/Robbie Dunne**
- Handicap Chase (not novice handicaps)
- 16/1 < (guide)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	50	13	26	53.6	20	40	107.2	65.41	13.44	1.68
2016	22	6	27.27	34.5	10	45.45	156.82	42.29	10.84	2.17
2015	10	0	0	-10	1	10	-100	-10	-5.22	0
2014	18	7	38.89	29.1	9	50	161.67	33.12	7.82	2.04

Notes:

- 0/9,2p over 16/1 SP to date.
- 2015 was clearly a poor year. Maybe the yard had issues or it was the case of getting the handicap marks down for a few of his chasers. We shall see if 2017 is more like last year or a repeat of 2015!

TJC #8

- **Jeremy Scott/Nick Schofield**
- Handicap Chase (not novice handicaps)
- 9/1 < SP (guide)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	39	11	28.21	30.13	16	41.03	77.26	36.3	4.36	1.54
2016	13	3	23.08	7.5	5	38.46	57.69	10.36	2.88	1.39
2015	7	2	28.57	4.25	3	42.86	60.71	4.88	1.18	1.48
2014	19	6	31.58	18.38	8	42.11	96.74	21.06	0.31	1.65

Notes:

- 0/15,4p when sent off over 9/1 SP, so the market appears to be some guide albeit as with most of these, a small enough sample. No doubt a bigger one will go in at some point.

TJC #9

- **Kerry Lee/Jamie Moore**
- Handicap Chas + Novice Handicap Chase
- 12/1 < SP

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	39	12	30.77	54	16	41.03	138.46	60.25	10.88	1.81
2016	31	8	25.81	38.5	12	38.71	124.19	43.28	8.36	1.56
2015	8	4	50	15.5	4	50	193.75	16.97	2.52	2.65

Notes:

- 0/9,1p with those sent off over 12/1 SP.
- Kerry Lee had a fantastic start to her career and with any luck that continues into 2017.

TJC #10

- **Kenneth Slack/Henry Brooke**
- Handicaps (ALL Types)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
ALL	58	20	34.48	30.67	34	58.62	52.88	39.46	20.39	1.43
2016	39	14	35.9	13.67	23	58.97	35.05	16.59	12.82	1.36
2015	19	6	31.58	17	11	57.89	89.47	22.87	7.57	1.6

Notes:

- 0/5,0p those going off over 9/1 so far, so something to watch.
- Brooke did have an injury I think and doesn't appear to have ridden for Slack since, Challoner riding a lot of his. So, this one may never have another qualifier again! We shall see. If there is a new preference for jockeys then this angle should be monitored closely. Sometimes simple is best, often it isn't!

That is all for this guide.

Hopefully the selections/research may add to your enjoyment of horse racing.

As with all such reports I produce, I will not be held accountable for any losses you may make following this information. With anything new, untested in the real world, a sensible approach should be adopted at the start. Hopefully the portfolio will turn a profit over time but that can never be guaranteed and they may not perform very well at all.

All the best,

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