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ABSTRACT

Micro systems for fifteen of the country's top national hunt trainers

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Introduction

Hello, Josh here. Thanks for reading my newest report, which with any luck will guide us through this winter jumps season 2020/21. Inside you can find micro systems for fifteen of the country's leading jumps trainers...

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The research period goes back to the start of 2015 where possible and focusses on the October through to the end of April, the main winter jumps season.

This year the angles have been researched without 'odds caps', so there's no need to agonise over whether a horse 'qualifies' or not. Of course, for some angles there are some pointers as to price, and while there will be the odd biggie fly in, focussing on 10-12/1< more generally, may be no bad thing.

Qualifiers will be posted in the Members Daily Posts, up the evening before racing by 6pm at the latest. Except for Monday's, where the content will often follow first thing, by 8am.

While the hope is always that this portfolio will work 'systematically', given the historical research has never been tested in live play, there's always a risk that it doesn't – however hard I've tried to apply logic and solid research methods.

Betting bank – if wanting to follow systematically I would start with a bank of at least **75 points, if not 100**. If betting £5 per point that means a starting bank of £350-500

The early evidence from October in live play is promising, the stats are highlighting winners and plenty of placed horses.

A starting point... if nothing else the qualifiers should provide you with a good 'way in' and 'starting point' to a day's racing.

I have pulled together a 'punting pointers' document that may help in any puzzle solving deliberations, touching on various factors you could consider. [YOU CAN FIND THIS HERE>>>](#)

RTP 'star ratings'

Next to the Jumps Profiles qualifiers you can also find my own 'star ratings' – there is nothing too scientific here but I do look at each qualifier and make a subjective judgement as to how confident I am, based on how I look at a race (which of course is subjective).

I am using a x3 'star' scale 

One star is limited confidence, but they may well surprise me. Two stars indicates they look interesting enough to my eyes and should run well. And three stars indicates I'm confident as I can be that they will run a big race.

I suppose this is a bit of fun to use as you please. I'll keep track of results and see how my various confidence levels perform over the season. In theory the more stars, the higher the win SR may be, but we all know what will happen! As with all of my content, never use it to dissuade you from a horse, rather to positively influence your own thinking.

You can find the trainers/research below. Do feel free to print off the document and indeed the 'punting pointers' document above.

As always, if you have any questions on anything I do, you can email me: info@racingtoprofit.co.uk

Happy Punting,

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THE TRAINERS

Nigel Twiston- Davies

- Handicap Chases (standard, not novice handicaps)
- Horse had 0-1 handicap chase wins
- Distance: up to 24.5f
- Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	194	53	27.32	161.27	87	44.85	219.3	46.76	1.72
2020	14	4	28.57	25.75	8	57.14	37.26	12.36	1.89
2019	26	9	34.62	21.25	15	57.69	25.96	11.86	1.84
2018	34	7	20.59	11.41	8	23.53	17.66	-13.02	1.33
2017	31	8	25.81	29.88	15	48.39	41.54	11.04	1.5
2016	43	13	30.23	26.98	21	48.84	38.85	8.54	1.79
2015	46	12	26.09	46	20	43.48	58.02	15.98	2.01

The logic... Twister is generally decent with chasers and this angle, like many in this report, focusses on unexposed horses who should show more at some point. With 0-1 handicap chase wins in theory there should be more to come. The stats indicate that trips shy of 25f are best, and they tend to tail off in March/April. I suspect this may be because they've run their races and for many the handicapper may have them by the spring, and/or they need a rest. As I write in late October the yard hasn't been firing fully, many running as if they are needing it, which is unlike the yard. Maybe a big November ahead or there are deeper problems.

Harry Fry

- Handicap Hurdles / Novices Handicap Chases
- Clear Top or Joint Top Weight
- Any Odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	77	26	33.77	74.86	39	50.65	101.86	37.26	1.94
2020	7	4	57.14	20.73	5	71.43	26.27	6.02	2.6
2019	15	8	53.33	33.88	9	60	40.24	12.83	2.8
2018	20	3	15	-3.75	7	35	-1.31	-0.3	1.14
2017	17	6	35.29	10.5	9	52.94	14.71	4.25	2.05
2016	8	2	25	4	3	37.5	6.4	-1.1	1.74
2015	10	3	30	9.5	6	60	15.56	15.56	1.3

The logic... in essence I'm focussing on the ability of Harry Fry/his team to place his handicappers in the right races, finding the opportunities for those top rated in the race, outclassing the opposition. The placement of horses is obviously important, and some trainers are better than others at finding winning opportunities.

Nicky Henderson

- Handicap Hurdles (standard, not novice handicaps)
- Class 2
- Saturdays Only
- Trainer has 1-3 runners in the race
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	Races	Race%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	74	19	25.68	49.5	32	43.24	57	33.33	68.88	11.71	1.89
2020	7	2	28.57	11.25	3	42.86	6	33.33	16.03	2.22	1.69
2019	12	3	25	16	7	58.33	8	37.5	22.86	11.7	1.89
2018	15	4	26.67	3	6	40	11	36.36	6.21	-2.32	1.58
2017	15	4	26.67	6.75	8	53.33	12	33.33	8.36	6.86	2.3
2016	11	3	27.27	7.5	4	36.36	8	37.5	8.91	-1.48	2.34
2015	14	3	21.43	5	4	28.57	12	25	6.5	-5.27	1.72

The logic... the Champion Trainer has decent ammunition to work with and he's very good at targeting the big C2 handicap hurdles run on Saturdays. 1-3 runners suggests they haven't just been thrown into the race for the sake of it, and maybe more thought has gone into the placement.

Phillip Hobbs

- Handicap Hurdles (standard, not novice handicaps)
- Races for Males only
- Horse had 1+ career wins
- Horse had 0-1 handicap hurdle wins
- Ran in a handicap LTO, and completed (ie didn't PU/F/UR)
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	107	32	29.91	103.32	54	50.47	146.83	59.21	1.8
2020	7	3	42.86	2.5	4	57.14	3.03	0.3	1.83
2019	19	5	26.32	6.38	9	47.37	9.11	0.81	1.95
2018	19	3	15.79	0.2	11	57.89	3.52	13.37	0.95
2017	28	7	25	14.5	11	39.29	19.97	12.76	1.41
2016	22	7	31.82	26	10	45.45	34.19	10.73	2.26
2015	12	7	58.33	53.74	9	75	77.02	21.24	3.02

The logic... here I'm looking at horses who know how to win but are unexposed in handicap hurdles, but have experience of running in a handicap and completed when last seen. These sorts of angles do rely on the quality of horses the trainers get to work with but provided they have some ability, Hobbs usually gets wins out of them. Of course, in any angle such as this there may be a serial loser or two. Hobbs' record with mares, in mares only races and those open to females isn't very good as yet. It may be his sourcing of mares and/or an ability to get the best out of them, requires improvement.

Tom Lacey

- Handicap Hurdles (all, inc Novice) / Maiden Hurdles
- Age 5+
- 0-1 wins in hurdle races
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	119	41	34.45	164.09	65	54.62	223	76.75	1.97
2020	10	1	10	-4.5	2	20	-4.48	-0.58	0.88
2019	23	9	39.13	17.45	15	65.22	21.53	9.63	1.86
2018	27	11	40.74	45.5	18	66.67	55.77	14.54	2.01
2017	26	11	42.31	77.14	14	53.85	114.35	19.55	2.4
2016	22	8	36.36	34	10	45.45	40.99	4.43	2.29
2015	11	1	9.09	-5.5	6	54.55	-5.16	29.18	0.8

The logic... as simple as it gets really... Lacey has historically been superb with unexposed hurdlers that have some maturity, aged 5 or older. It usually doesn't take him long to find the key. Again, another angle that depends to some degree on the stock they buy and get to work with – for any trainer this can fluctuate year to year, especially if owners come and go, and can be a reason for inconsistency year to year.

Emma Lavelle

- Handicap Chases (all, inc Novice handicaps), Handicap Hurdles (exc novice handicaps)
- Aged 4, 5 or 6
- 0-2 runs in National Hunt Handicap Type (ie 0-2 runs in handicap hurdles)
- Any odds (11/1< SP has been best, 1/22,3p, -7 bigger)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	102	30	29.41	78.23	44	43.14	93.61	16.2	1.95
2020	2	0	0	-2	0	0	-2	1.24	0
2019	20	6	30	13.83	9	45	17.6	0.26	1.78
2018	37	12	32.43	45.15	19	51.35	52.06	15.93	2.11
2017	11	4	36.36	7.5	5	45.45	10.07	0.45	2.29
2016	14	2	14.29	-3.5	3	21.43	-2.98	-3.79	1.21
2015	18	6	33.33	17.25	8	44.44	18.87	2.1	2.17

The logic... another trainer who's historically done well with unexposed horses in said code, this time with just 0-2 runs in the National Hunt Handicap Type. The market has been some guide but the odd bigger priced one will go in. Emma's string is growing and she's getting better horses to work with. With any luck she'll maintain the consistency of recent years.

Kerry Lee

- Handicap Chase/ Handicap Novice Chase
- Class 3/4/5
- 0-3 handicap wins
- Any odds (all wins 12/1< SP in period, 0/11,0p above)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	124	35	28.23	69.44	59	47.58	92.21	27.05	1.65
2020	14	6	42.86	23.25	8	57.14	26.86	5.73	2.8
2019	29	5	17.24	4.95	13	44.83	6.58	8.14	1.2
2018	20	3	15	-9.5	6	30	-7.94	-8.53	1.02
2017	27	7	25.93	9.33	15	55.56	16.17	7.01	1.23
2016	22	10	45.45	34.91	11	50	42.23	12	2.27
2015	12	4	33.33	6.5	6	50	8.32	2.7	2.16

The logic... the Lee team have always been particularly good with handicap chasers – what with Kerry, her father’s input, and the planning influence of her brother Tom, they’re worth keeping onside. Again with 0-3 handicap wins I’m looking at unexposed horses who should show themselves to be ahead of the handicapper at some point. Of course, there may be the odd horse devoid of much ability. The lower classes have generally been best with this type, the team having struggled at C1 and 2, ‘systematically’ at least. In part this will be down to the quality of horses they get to work with but also the competitive nature of such races. The likes of Happy Diva clearly indicate they do know what they’re doing with a good chaser.

Dr Richard Newland

- Handicap Chases (exc novice handicaps)
- Age 7, 8 or 9
- Class 3, 4 or 5

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	61	22	36.07	43.33	33	54.1	58.39	16.3	1.71
2020	4	0	0	-4	3	75	-4	3.81	0
2019	19	6	31.58	19.38	7	36.84	27.03	2.08	2.23
2018	11	4	36.36	0.18	7	63.64	1.09	3.95	1.65
2017	4	2	50	8.5	3	75	10.65	2.85	2.33
2016	14	8	57.14	14.39	9	64.29	17.1	1.7	1.83
2015	9	2	22.22	4.88	4	44.44	6.52	1.9	1.08

The logic... well Dr Newland is just a very good trainer who can find opportunities for any horse in his yard and especially those he's acquired from elsewhere, who he generally improves. This sort of angle again relies on the horses he gets to work with but they're a shrewd operation who know how to plunder the lower classes, esp with chasers that have some maturity but as yet may not have been over faced.

Paul Nicholls

- Handicap Chase (standard, not novice handicaps)
- Class 2 or 3
- Horse had 1,2 or 3 chase wins
- Horse had run at Grade 1/2/3 level previously in career
- Horse beaten more than 10L on last start (inc not completing)
- Any Odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	76	27	35.53	96.79	40	52.63	128.26	34.31	1.88
2020	3	1	33.33	1.5	1	33.33	1.72	-0.78	1.59
2019	14	8	57.14	16.58	11	78.57	19.1	9.63	2.11
2018	19	7	36.84	15.01	10	52.63	20.73	3.82	1.95
2017	11	2	18.18	7.75	4	36.36	10.98	-0.85	1.1
2016	12	4	33.33	13.25	8	66.67	16.86	14.23	2.33
2015	17	5	29.41	42.7	6	35.29	58.86	8.26	1.75

The logic... well much like Nicky Henderson, Nicholls generally gets quality horses to work with, given the owners he has and the money they can spend. The profile of horse here makes sense – chasers, of a decent level of ability (C2, C3), unexposed (1-3 chase wins) whom the trainer thought worthy of running in graded races at some point in their career – possibly some indication of expectations. Unsurprisingly with a yard like Nicholls, finding systematic value angles/ways in is tricky – but within this profile, those who looked well beaten LTO help point the way. They appear to be underestimated and given the profile of horse and the trainer it's no shock many of these chases can leave behind a 'poor' run.

Fergal O'Brien

- Handicap Hurdles (all, inc novice handicaps)
- 1-2 wins in all hurdle races
- 1+ wins in handicap hurdles
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	78	22	28.21	69.86	33	42.31	86.12	11.07	1.61
2020	9	4	44.44	23	5	55.56	26.44	6.99	2.68
2019	24	8	33.33	5.36	11	45.83	8.38	-1.08	1.6
2018	14	1	7.14	20	3	21.43	21.06	-2.06	0.5
2017	15	5	33.33	14.5	6	40	21.54	4.17	1.57
2016	10	4	40	13	7	70	14.7	6.45	2.42
2015	6	0	0	-6	1	16.67	-6	-3.39	0

The logic... a rising force in the training ranks, with superb new facilities and a growing band of loyal owners and better animals – although in truth they can win at all levels. Having a quality trainer onside is a decent foundation for any angle. Again, another angle looking at unexposed horses, this time in handicap hurdles with 1 or 2 hurdles wins, but who had already won in handicap hurdles.

Jeremy Scott

- Handicap Chase / Handicap Hurdle (both standard/not novice handicaps)
- Class 5
- Any odds (9/1 < SP best, bigger... 1/19, 2p, -2 SP)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	ROI(SP)	P/L(BF)	P/L(Pic)	BF A/E
ALL	96	28	29.17	59.34	47	48.96	61.81	80.07	11.59	1.77
2020	4	2	50	2.13	3	75	53.25	2.21	0.65	2.33
2019	20	7	35	15.08	11	55	75.4	24.12	2.48	1.5
2018	24	9	37.5	32.25	11	45.83	134.38	36.75	1.18	1.95
2017	20	4	20	2	11	55	10	3.58	8.45	1.72
2016	12	3	25	6.13	6	50	51.08	9.62	3.98	1.71
2015	16	3	18.75	1.75	5	31.25	10.94	3.78	-5.14	1.85

The logic... Jeremy Scott is a decent trainer who probably deserves better horses to work with. But he has a superb record at the basement level in jumps handicaps, which takes some doing. The placement of such types will play a big part but so will the quality of the training operation, I think. His classes/ability having an impact at this level.

Michael Scudamore

- Handicap Chase/ Handicap Novice Chase
- Horse had 1-3 chase wins
- Horse ran 21+ days ago
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	85	28	32.94	127.68	39	45.88	153.84	29.12	2.51
2020	4	2	50	2.5	2	50	2.84	-0.71	2.35
2019	12	6	50	41.5	6	50	47.2	3.41	4
2018	23	4	17.39	14.5	11	47.83	20.43	15.36	1.59
2017	28	7	25	32.43	10	35.71	40.11	5.11	2.1
2016	14	7	50	19.25	8	57.14	22.96	3.73	2.98
2015	4	2	50	17.5	2	50	20.3	2.21	3.45

The logic... a simple angle. This yard is generally geared towards handicap chasers and they know what they're doing. Again, by looking at those with 1-3 chase wins I am homing in on those still with potential who may not be in the grip of the handicapper as yet. The days rest appears important to some degree. I suspect plenty of these have hard races and they do seem best when Scudamore gives them at least three weeks between runs.

Sandy Thomson

- All Chases
- Horse had 0-1 runs this season
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	66	21	31.82	79.5	31	46.97	107.43	24.61	1.89
2020	9	3	33.33	11	4	44.44	13.62	3.52	3.06
2019	12	4	33.33	17	4	33.33	24.02	0.89	2.3
2018	14	3	21.43	16.5	5	35.71	26.81	5.31	2.05
2017	9	3	33.33	29.38	4	44.44	34.96	6.89	2.56
2016	9	3	33.33	1.63	5	55.56	2.82	2.73	1.46
2015	13	5	38.46	3.99	9	69.23	5.2	5.27	1.36

The logic... Sandy Thomson's operation is all about the chasing game also, and he usually gets them to strike on their first couple of starts of the season. It appears to be a clear pattern of trainer behaviour. Outside of their first two runs it's generally hard to predict how well they'll go, certainly systematically.

Christian Williams

- Handicap Chase/ Handicap Hurdle/ Handicap Novice Hurdle
- Horse Runs in previous 90 Days: 3 or more
- Any odds (20/1< best, bigger: 0/16, 0p)

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	110	31	28.18	93.48	47	42.73	155.9	16.31	2.09
2020	19	6	31.58	30	7	36.84	38.26	-0.09	4.17
2019	69	19	27.54	64.23	31	44.93	117.22	15.02	1.88
2018	16	4	25	-1.87	6	37.5	-1.29	-1.61	2.08
2017	6	2	33.33	1.12	3	50	1.7	3	1.5

The logic... another trainer who has a clear MO when it comes to fitness/readiness. Whereas Sandy likes to have them well forward, Christian's usually need a few runs to get up to full fitness. This appears to be a deliberate strategy and in part may be why a few of his run up winning sequences. The market has been some sort of guide. He is a trainer on the up and will hopefully be supported with decent animals.

Venetia Williams

- Handicap Chase/ Handicap Novice Chase
- Races restricted to 4YO+
- Age 4-7
- Horse had 0 handicap chase wins
- Any odds

	Bets	Wins	Win%	P/L(SP)	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	P/L(Plc)	BF A/E
ALL	85	28	32.94	78.95	46	54.12	105.93	37.5	1.76
2019	23	8	34.78	15.5	14	60.87	19.25	9.41	1.53
2018	20	4	20	8	10	50	15.05	8.93	1.17
2017	7	0	0	-7	0	0	-7	-7	0
2016	16	6	37.5	21.7	10	62.5	33.22	12.86	2.6
2015	19	10	52.63	40.75	12	63.16	45.41	13.3	2.7

The logic... again, unexposed chasers – Venetia usually doesn't take too long getting a handicap chase win out of her horses. Given this angle most of the winners are from Oct-December, as after that many have got their handicap chase win on the board. She seems particularly adept at targeting/placing in those handicaps open to younger chasers, 4YO+.

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