

**Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle – Drinmore Novices' Chase –
Hatton's Grace Hurdle**

Fairyhouse

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The NTF Approach



Dosage Trends & Dosage Points

+ Extended Trends Analysis

The alternative approach to handicapping the 2011

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Introduction

Welcome to the latest NTF guide of the 2011/12 NH Season. Today's guide looks at the **Royal Bond Hurdle, the Drinmore Chase and the Hatton's Grace Hurdle** and puts all 3 contests under the spotlight and subject them to the usual rigorous NTF Dosage analysis and extended trends analysis.

If the Dosage method is still an alien concept to you then please take a look through the example guide that I have recently been giving away.

Each race that I analyse is split over 6 sections –

- Section 1 highlights the Dosage trends, sourced from the previous 15 renewals, as well as running style trends and other key Dosage trends.
- Section 2 looks at this year's entrants and splits the field into likely winners, possible winners and unlikely winners based on Dosage
- Section 3 looks at the important trends that the past 15 winners had in common and looks to see which of today's runners best fit the trends
- Section 4 looks at the pace of the race and how each runner is likely to run and how the race may ultimately shape up
- **Section 5 is the race overview and where I look at compiling a short list based on trends, Dosage and Going**
- Section 6 is my selection section. This section always includes the **NTF selection** (the horse I think has a big chance based on its Dosage figures and trends profile) but depending on the size of field and/or competitiveness of the race there may also be an **NTF outsider/danger horse** (an outsider who I feel has a better chance than the market suggests or a horse I feel is a big danger to my selection) and/or a **potential Dosage buster** (a horse that has the potential to outperform its Dosage figures)

This NTF release is a guide to who are the likely winners based on the Dosage method and extended trends analysis. Although I have added a section with my own selections this segment is not the only way you can utilise the guide. What I have presented to you is a Dosage and trends breakdown of today's race. The entries for this race have been broken down, using trends and stats from the previous 15 renewals(if available), into likely winners, possible winners and unlikely winners based on Dosage. How you use these stats is entirely up to yourself. You could, if you wanted, follow my selections blindly, you could interpret the figures in your own way and come to your own conclusions, you could incorporate the figures into your own analysis and/or ratings, you could follow only the Dosage figures, you could follow only the extended trends analysis - the choice is exclusively yours. I have presented the stats in my regular NTF fashion and you can use them how you see fit.

I personally use Dosage and trends to aid my betting in a number of ways and hopefully you will too.

****We must remember that although trends and stats are a good pointer they are not a guarantee for future success.***

I hope enjoy the latest **NTF** guide ☺

Abbreviations that are used in this publication

Dosage Trends

DP = Dosage Profile

DI = Dosage Index

CD = Centre of Distribution

Dosage Points Angle (DPA)

PATB = Points Across The Board

Horses that have points in each category of their Dosage Profile

20+ = 20 or more total Dosage Points

Horses that have equal to or more than 20 points in their Dosage Profile

DQ = Dual Qualifier

Horses that have BOTH points across the board AND 20 or more points in their Dosage Profile

Best of luck for today, enjoy the guide and Happy Punting 😊

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12.50 - Grade 1 Novices' Hurdle

Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle

1.20 – Grade 1 Novices Chase

Drinmore Novices Chase

1.50 – Grade 1 Hurdle

Hatton's Grace Hurdle

Royal Bond Hurdle

Grade 1 / 2m / 4yo+



Dosage Trends

DP - 14/15 had 8 points or more in DP
11/15 had 14 points or more in DP

DI - 13/15 had a DI of 0.78 or above
10/15 had a DI of 0.88 or above

Majority Range: 0.78 to 1.80 - 53% of winners

CD - 12/15 had a CD of -0.17 or above
11/15 had a CD of 0.06 or above
1/15 had a CD above 0.71

Majority Range: xx to xx - xx% of winners

DI & CD Average - DI 1.57 / CD 0.19

DI & CD Median - DI 1.22 / CD 0.27

Running Style

Front runners – 2
Close to Pace – 8
Hold Up – 5

Dosage points angle

5/15
(PATB) = 2 / (20+) = 2 / (DQ) = 1

2011 Royal Bond Hurdle Entrants

Probable winners *(Based on Dosage)*

Form	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
5411	IL FENOMENO	3-9-11-0-1	20+	24	2.69	0.54	CP
1	GALILEO'S CHOICE	5-7-16-6-0	20+	34	1.43	0.32	CP

Possible winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
2	MIDNIGHT GAME	2-0-8-4-0	/	14	0.75	0.00	CP/FR

Unlikely winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
1	SOUS LES CIEUX	1-1-6-6-0	/	14	0.56	-0.21	CP/HU
263121	MISS NOMER	1-0-4-6-5	/	16	0.23	-0.88	CP
4137	DAZZLING SUSIE	0-0-4-1-5	/	10	0.25	-1.10	HU/CP

Royal Bond Hurdle Extended Trends Analysis

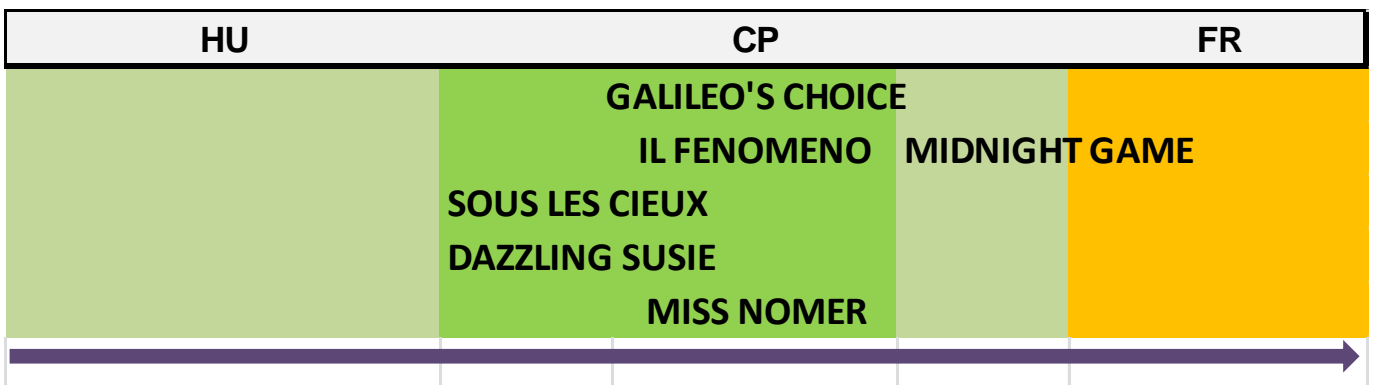
- 1 15/15 had no more than 7 previous NH starts
- 2 15/15 recorded a top 2 finish last time out
- 3 14/15 were IRE bred
- 4 13/15 were aged 4 or 5
- 5 13/15 had 1, 2 or 3 starts in current season
- 6 13/15 had run within past 29 days
- 7 13/15 had at least 1 previous hurdle victory
- 8 13/15 had either won a bumper or had run on the flat
- 9 13/15 had a 100% W-P hdl S/R
- 10 12/15 had 1, 2 or 3 previous hurdle runs
- 11 11/15 recorded a top 2 finish on their National Hunt debut

NTF Trends	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Tot
GALILEO'S CHOICE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/11
SOUS LES CIEUX	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	9/11
MIDNIGHT GAME	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	9/11
IL FENOMENO	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	7/11
DAZZLING SUSIE	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	6/11
MISS NOMER	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	6/11

Trend follower (s) – GALILEO'S CHOICE

Royal Bond Hurdle Pace Analysis

Horse	RS	Running Style
GALILEO'S CHOICE	CP	CP
IL FENOMENO	CP	CP
SOUS LES CIEUX	CP/HU	CP/HU
MIDNIGHT GAME	CP/FR	CP/FR
DAZZLING SUSIE	HU/CP	HU/CP
MISS NOMER	CP	CP



The above is just a quick snapshot of how the race may be run based on the perceived running styles of each horse.

MIDNIGHT GAME looks the most likely runner to have a go from the front.

2011 Royal Bond Hurdle Overview

TRENDS

The runners that look best suited to this Grade 1 on the trends front are –

GALILEOS CHOICE – 10/11

SOUS LES CIEUX – 9/11

MIDNIGHT GAME – 9/11

DOSAGE

GALILEOS CHOICE

Dosage Green zone

MIDNIGHT GAME

Dosage Orange Zone

SOUS LES CIEUX

Dosage Orange Zone

GROUND (Ground conditions currently – Soft to Heavy)

Form on the ground -

GALILEOS CHOICE – N/A

SOUS LES CIEUX – 1-4-4-3-2-1

MIDNIGHT GAME – 2

2011 Royal Bond Hurdle Selections

NTF Selection – SOUS LES CIEUX (W Mullins) – This horse is held in pretty high regard by trainer Willie Mullins and the way he disposed of his opposition at the track on his last start its clear this is a horse with abundant talent. He isn't actually that far removed on the Dosage front for the race and it could be he is good enough to overcome the figures anyway. Mullins is a man to be feared at Fairyhouse in November/December, his recent record reads 13/36 | 36% S/R with his hurdlers having a record of 7/19 | 37% S/R. Mullins comments after his last run were "I wouldn't have any problem dropping him back to 2 miles and I wouldn't be afraid to bring him anywhere" and the horse looks to have a big shout of backing up his trainers confidence here.

Drinmore Novice Chase

Grade 1 / 2m4f / 4yo+



Dosage Trends

DP - 13/15 had 8 points or more in their DP
11/15 had between 10 & 18 points in DP

DI - 11/15 had a DI of 0.85 or above
10/15 had a DI of 1.00 or above
1/15 had a DI above 3.00

Majority Range: N/A

CD - 11/15 had a CD of -0.08 or above
10/15 had a CD of 0.05 or above

Majority Range: N/A

DI & CD Average - DI 1.90 / CD 0.18

DI & CD Median – DI 1.00 / CD 0.10

Running Style

Front runners – 1

Close to Pace – 13

Hold Up – 1

Dosage points angle

2/15

(PATB) = 1 / (20+) = 0 / (DQ) = 1

2011 Drinmore Novice Chase Entrants

Probable winners *(Based on Dosage)*

Form	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
375470	IMPERIAL SHABRA	6-4-10-4-0	20+	24	1.67	0.50	CP/FR
1	BOG WARRIOR	3-4-7-0-2	/	16	1.91	0.38	FR

Possible winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
4231	RIVAGE D OR	4-0-2-0-0	/	6	5.00	1.33	CP/HU

Unlikely winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
52	SHINROCK PADDY	4-1-15-4-4	DQ	28	0.81	-0.11	CP
2	ALPHA RIDGE	0-0-7-5-0	/	12	0.41	-0.42	FR
3121	FIRST LIEUTENANT	1-1-2-4-2	PATB	10	0.43	-0.50	CP

Drinmore Novice Chase Extended Trends Analysis

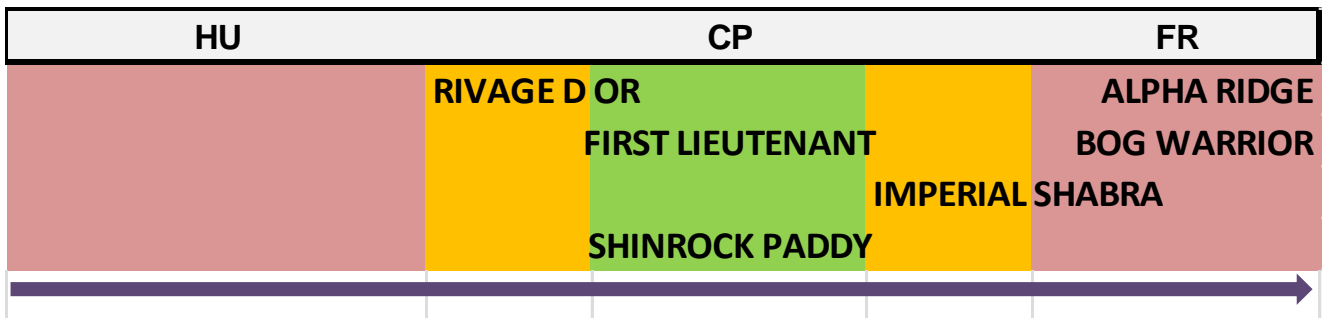
- 1 15/15 had recorded 1 or 2 previous chase victories
- 2 15/15 ran within past 36 days
- 3 15/15 had previously won over 2m4/5f
- 4 14/15 had 1, 2 or 3 previous chase starts
- 5 13/15 were aged 6 or 7
- 6 13/15 won last time out
- 7 13/15 had previously finished in the top 2 at graded level
- 8 12/15 were IRE bred
- 9 12/15 had 1 or 2 starts in current season
- 10 12/15 had a 100% W-P chase S/R
- 11 12/15 had 15 or less previous NH starts
- 12 12/15 did NOT run at previous seasons Cheltenham Festival
- 13 11/15 had previously finished in top 2 at Fairyhouse

NTF Trends	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Tot
BOG WARRIOR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/13
FIRST LIEUTENANT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	10/13
SHINROCK PADDY	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	9/13
ALPHA RIDGE	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	6/13
RIVAGE D OR	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	6/13
IMPERIAL SHABRA	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	4/13

Trend follower (s) – BOG WARRIOR

Drinmore Novice Chase Pace Analysis

Horse	RS	Running Style
ALPHA RIDGE	FR	FR
BOG WARRIOR	FR	FR
FIRST LIEUTENANT	CP	CP
IMPERIAL SHABRA	CP/FR	CP/FR
RIVAGE D OR	CP/HU	CP/HU
SHINROCK PADDY	CP	CP



The above is just a quick snapshot of how the race may be run based on the perceived running styles of each horse.

Should be plenty of pace on in this race with both **BOG WARRIOR** and **ALPHA RIDGE** likely to go from the front and **IMPERIAL SHABRA** pushing the pace in-behind.

2011 Drinmore Novice Chase Overview

TRENDS

The runners that look best suited to this Grade 1 on the trends front are –

BOG WARRIOR – 12/13

FIRST LIEUTENANT – 10/13

SHINROCK PADDY – 9/13

DOSAGE

BOG WARRIOR

Dosage Green zone

FIRST LIEUTENANT – SHINROCK PADDY

Dosage Red Zone

GROUND (Ground conditions currently – Soft to Heavy)

Form on the ground -

BOG WARRIOR – 1-F

FIRST LIEUTENANT – 3-1-1-1

SHINROCK PADDY – 1-1-1-1-5-1-5-2

2011 Drinmore Novice Chase Selections

NTF Selection – BOG WARRIOR (A J Martin) – The trends topper has a slightly unorthodox jumping style but the facts are he gets up and over his fences in super quick fashion and if he gets into a similar rhythm here as he did on his chase debut they may struggle to get a grip on him. He beat a horse called Flemenstar on his last start who then went on and won his next race by a massive 19 lengths! Flemenstar is no mug but he didn't see which way BOG WARRIOR went when the 2 of them met at Navan. He meets a couple of well above average sorts here but the Martin horse could be pretty special himself and he is taken to land this Grade 1 contest.

Hatton's Grace Hurdle

Grade 1 / 2m4f / 4yo+



Dosage Trends

DP - 15/15 10 points or more in DP

11/15 14 points or more in DP

DI - 14/15 had a DI of 1.43 or below

1/15 had a DI below 0.43

Majority Range: 0.43 to 1.43 - 87% of winners

CD - 14/15 had a CD of 0.38 or below

1/15 had a CD below -0.61

Majority Range: -0.44 to 0.38 - 80% of winners

DI & CD Average - DI 1.16 / CD 0.05

DI & CD Median – DI 1.33 / CD 0.25

Running Style

Front runners – 7

Close to Pace – 4

Hold Up – 4

Dosage points angle

9/15

(PATB) = 4 / (20+) = 5 / (DQ) = 0

2011 Hatton's Grace Hurdle Entrants

Probable winners *(Based on Dosage)*

Form	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
65	FINAL APPROACH	2-1-10-1-0	/	14	1.30	0.29	HU
141	VOLER LA VEDETTE	4-0-4-6-0	/	14	1.00	0.29	HU
24	MOURAD	4-3-6-4-1	PATB	18	1.25	0.28	HU

Possible winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Unlikely winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
12411	THE REAL ARTICLE	0-8-2-0-0	/	10	9.00	0.80	CP

Hatton's Grace Hurdle Extended Trends Analysis

- 1 15/15 had previously won a Grade 1 or Grade 2 race
- 2 15/15 had previously won a race over 2m4/5f
- 3 14/15 ran within the past 30 days
- 4 13/15 were IRE bred
- 5 13/15 had a 68%+ W-P hurdle S/R
- 6 12/15 were aged 6, 7 or 8
- 7 12/15 finished in the top 2 last time out (11 won)
- 8 12/15 were rated 150+
- 9 12/15 had 11+ previous hurdle starts
- 10 12/15 had 5+ previous hurdle wins
- 11 11/15 had no more than 24 previous national hunt starts
- 12 10/15 had previously won at the track

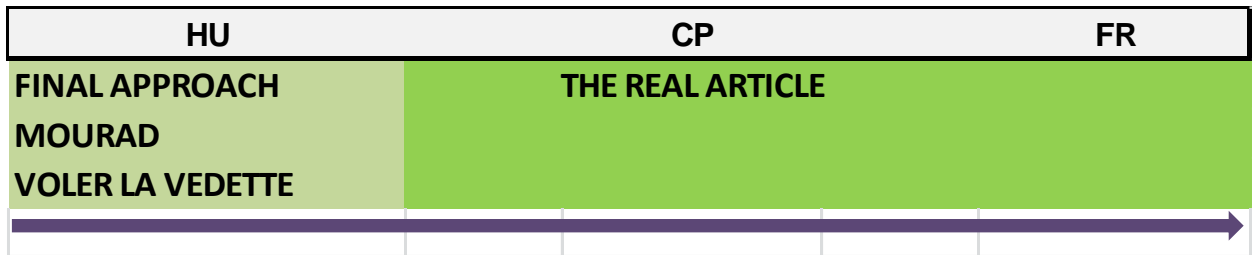
NTF Trends

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
VOLER LA VEDETTE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
MOURAD	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/12
THE REAL ARTICLE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	9/12
FINAL APPROACH	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	1/12

Trend follower (s) – VOLER LA VEDETTE

Hatton's Grace Hurdle Pace Analysis

Horse	RS	Running Style
FINAL APPROACH	HU	HU
MOURAD	HU	HU
THE REAL ARTICLE	CP	CP
VOLER LA VEDETTE	HU	HU



The above is just a quick snapshot of how the race may be run based on the perceived running styles of each horse.

Unsurprisingly no obviously front runner in this small field graded Irish Hurdle. I imagine this could be tactical.

2011 Hatton's Grace Hurdle Overview

TRENDS

The runners that look best suited to this Grade 1 on the trends front are –

VOLER LA VEDETTE – 12/12

MOURAD – 10/12

THE REAL ARTICLE – 9/12

DOSAGE

VOLER LA VEDETTE – MOURAD

Dosage Green zone

THE REAL ARTICLE

Dosage Orange Zone

GROUND (Ground conditions currently – Soft to Heavy)

Form on the ground -

VOLER LA VEDETTE – 1-1-1-1-1-2-3-4-1

MOURAD – 3-2-4-2-2-1-2-1-4-1-1-4

THE REAL ARTICLE – 1-1

2011 Hatton's Grace Hurdle Selections

NTF Selection – VOLER LA VEDETTE (C Murphy) – The mare may never get a better chance to break here Grade 1 duck as this looks like an ideal opportunity to get her name down as a top level performer. She is unbeaten when returning to the track after a break of 16 – 30 days (4 from 4) has an excellent record in December (1-1-3) and jockey Andrew Lynch gets on superbly with the 7yo (3 wins from 4 starts). The ground should be fine, she gets full marks on the trends and sits clear at the top of the table and also sits in the Dosage Green zone; if she is to win a Grade 1 this is her perfect chance.

NARROWING THE FIELD

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