

# LEOPARDSTOWN

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## The NTF Approach



**Dosage Trends & Dosage Points**

**+ Extended Trends Analysis**

*The alternative approach to handicapping the 2011*

**MCR Handicap Hurdle**

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## Introduction

Welcome to the latest NTF guide and the next race in focus for us in the 2010/11 National hunt season. Today's guide looks at the **MCR Handicap Hurdle** and puts the Grade B contest under the spotlight and subjects it 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 in this guide or the Dosage explained Chapters that are in the 2010/11 NTF book that you should have downloaded when you first signed up to the service.

Each race that I analyse is split over 4 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 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, 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 ☺

## Summer Plate

### Class 1 – Listed Handicap / 2m6f / 4yo+

#### Dosage Trends

**\*This section highlights the Dosage trends of the past 15 runnings of the race**

*DP - 9/11 had 8 points or more in their Dosage Profile*

**\*Only horses that had 8 or more points are included in DI & CD analysis – Out of the DP, DI & CD stats these are the ones I rely on least unless they show a really strong preference i.e. all winners had 8 or more points**

*DI - 7/9 had a DI of 1.50 and below*

*5/9 had a DI of 0.86 and below*

*CD - 7/9 had a CD of 0.40 and below*

*5/9 had a CD of 0.00 and below*

*0/9 had a CD below -0.88*

*DI & CD Average - DI 2.01 / CD 0.16*

*Median – DI 0.86 / CD 0.00*

**\*This is the average and median DI & CD ratings of the past 15 winners. The averages are a good guide but should not be stuck to religiously, they are merely a guide.**

#### *Running Style*

*Front runners – 3*

*Close to Pace – 5*

*Hold Up – 3*

#### *Dosage points angle*

*3/11*

*(PB) = 0 / (20+) = 5 / (DQ) = 1*

**\*This is the positions the last 15 winners vacated during the race**

**\*This is a breakdown of the Dosage point's winners from the last 15 winners. In the above example 3/11 fitted 1 of the 3 Dosage points angles.**

## 2010 Summer Plate Entrants

### Probable winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
<b>1</b>	TEMPSFORD	3-0-14-9-2	20+	28	0.56	-0.25	HU
<b>0</b>	NOSTRINGSATTACHED	0-0-5-3-0	/	8	0.45	-0.38	HU
<b>1</b>	KING TROY	2-1-1-6-2	PATB	12	0.41	-0.42	HU
<b>13</b>	VALLEY RIDE	0-0-5-5-0	/	10	0.33	-0.50	CP/HU
<b>11</b>	GRAND SLAM HERO	1-1-2-6-2	PATB	12	0.33	-0.58	HU
<b>32111</b>	PUTNEY BRIDGE	1-1-7-7-6	DQ	22	0.33	-0.73	FR/CP
<b>1</b>	TEMPSFORD	3-0-14-9-2	20+	28	0.56	-0.25	HU

**\*This section highlights the runners that best suit the Dosage trends mentioned on the previous page. The running style of the horse is also included here.**

**From this example you can see that eventual winner GRAND SLAM HERO sits comfortably in the Dosage green zone. Amongst other positives was the fact he was also still an improving horse, the 9/1 that was available really was too big to pass over 😊**

### Possible winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
<b>21</b>	PICAROON	10-2-15-6-1	DQ	34	1.34	0.41	FR/CP
<b>-</b>	BALLYAGRAN	4-1-7-4-0	/	16	1.13	0.31	CP
<b>2F4</b>	SILVERBURN	0-1-1-6-2	/	10	0.18	-0.90	CP/FR
<b>2</b>	BROOKLYN BROWNIE	0-1-3-4-4	/	12	0.26	-0.92	HU
<b>1P</b>	KEEPITSECRET	0-0-1-7-2	/	10	0.05	-1.10	HU
<b>/</b>	WAR OF THE WORLD	0-0-4-8-6	/	18	0.13	-1.11	HU/CP
<b>1</b>	POLYFAST	1-0-5-0-0	/	6	1.40	0.33	CP/HU
<b>/</b>	SEYMOUR WELD	2-0-0-0-0	/	2	INF	2.00	FR/CP
<b>23P</b>	STAN	2-1-3-0-0	/	6	3.00	0.83	CP

**\*This section highlights runners that cannot be totally discounted using their Dosage rating but also do not fit into the stronger section of the trends or one or two of their Dosage figures gain minor negatives. Some of these horses do fit the overall trends but not as strongly as the probable winners section.**

### Unlikely winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
<b>7</b>	PABLO DU CHARMIL	4-0-12-0-0	/	16	1.67	0.50	HU/CP

**\*This section highlights the runners that, based on Dosage, have the least likely chance of success. Some horses are just not suited to the rigors of a particular race or are not as suited as other runners.**

## 2010 Summer Plate Extended Trends Analysis

- 1 11/11 had a top 2 finish in 1 of their last 3 starts
- 2 10/11 had no more than 2 previous chase hcp wins
- 3 10/11 had an OR of 134 and below
- 4 10/11 were aged between 6 & 10
- 5 9/11 finished in the top 2 last time out (7 won)
- 6 9/11 had no more than 4 chase wins
- 7 9/11 had previously won a chase at cl3 level or better
- 8 8/11 had 11 or fewer chase starts
- 9 8/11 ran within last 60 days
- 10 8/11 carried 10-13 or less to victory
- 11 8/11 were either a novice or a 2nd season chaser

\*This selection lists historical trends that a majority of the past 15 winners passed. The table below is used to see which of today's field fits in with these historical trends.

<b>NTF Trends</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Tot</b>
<b>POLYFAST</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/11
<b>GRAND SLAM HERO</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	10/11
<b>PUTNEY BRIDGE</b>	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/11
<b>VALLEY RIDE</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	9/11
<b>BALLYAGRAN</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	9/11
<b>SILVERBURN</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	9/11
<b>PICAROON</b>	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	8/11
<b>NOSTRINGSATTACHED</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	8/11
<b>KING TROY</b>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7/11
<b>TEMPSFORD</b>	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	7/11
<b>KEEPITSECRET</b>	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	6/11
<b>WAR OF THE WORLD</b>	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	5/11
<b>BROOKLYN BROWNIE</b>	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	4/11
<b>STAN</b>	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	4/11
<b>SEYMOUR WELD</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	4/11
<b>PABLO DU CHARMIL</b>	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	3/11

### **Trend follower – POLYFAST**

\*Trend follower(s) is the horse or horses that best fit the trends. From the above you can see that 3 were given full marks or 1 away from full marks including the eventual winner and runner up. This strengthened the case for GRAND SLAM HERO and is an excellent example of Dosage and trends working in tandem.

## **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

For more on the Dosage Points Angle please look at the chapter dedicated to the subject in the 10/11 version of the NTF book.

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

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**Leopardstown**

**2.25 – Grade B Handicap Hurdle –  
MCR Hurdle**

## MCR Hurdle

Grade B / 2m / 4yo+

### Dosage Trends

**DP -** 14/15 had 10 points or more in their Dosage Profile

10/15 had 16 points or more in their Dosage Profile

**DI -** 14/14 had a DI of 0.76 and above

11/14 had a DI of 1.00 and above

9/15 had a DI of 1.25 and above

**Majority Range: 0.76 to 1.86 - 79% of winners**

**CD -** 13/14 had a CD of -0.11 and above

12/14 had a CD of 0.04 and above

10/14 had a CD of 0.29 and above

**Majority Range: 0.04 to 0.64 - 79% of winners**

**DI & CD Average -** DI 1.57 / CD 0.33

**DI & CD Median –** DI 1.40 / CD 0.39

### Running Style

Front runners – 0

Close to Pace – 9

Hold Up – 6

### Dosage points angle

7/14

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

## 2011 MCR Hurdle Entrants

### Probable winners *(Based on Dosage)*

Form	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
5	FINAL APPROACH	2-1-10-1-0	/	14	1.30	0.29	HU
P8	MR CLYDE	2-1-7-0-0	/	10	1.86	0.50	HU/CP
P	SOME SLAM	3-3-8-2-0	/	16	1.67	0.44	CP
*008	VITAL PLOT	6-0-19-1-0	20+	26	1.48	0.42	CP/HU
U57	PRINCE OF FIRE	1-1-6-0-0	/	8	1.67	0.38	CP

### Possible winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
37	UN HINGED	3-3-10-0-0	/	16	2.20	0.56	HU
21	LANCETTO	6-1-10-5-0	20+	22	1.20	0.36	CP
94	CAPELLANUS	5-2-10-5-0	20+	22	1.20	0.32	HU
4031	NEW PHASE	5-2-12-5-0	20+	24	1.18	0.29	CP
18	MONTAN	5-1-8-0-0	/	14	2.50	0.79	HU
452835	MUTADAREK	16-9-20-2-1	DQ	48	2.69	0.77	CP
141F0	SLIEVEARDAGH	4-0-8-4-0	/	16	1.00	0.25	CP
513	ALPINE EAGLE	6-1-10-2-3	DQ	22	1.20	0.23	HU
*05	MOSSTOWN	5-0-9-2-2	/	18	1.12	0.22	CP
22PP82	FOSTERS CROSS	3-1-8-4-0	/	16	1.00	0.19	CP/HU
/	CALL THE POLICE	7-2-15-6-2	DQ	32	1.06	0.19	CP/HU
1F1	PRIMA VISTA	6-3-17-7-1	DQ	34	1.06	0.18	CP/HU
*021	BELORD	4-0-11-1-2	/	18	1.12	0.17	CP
3522	TIJUANA DANCER	2-3-9-6-0	20+	20	0.90	0.05	HU/CP
271	ASIGH PEARL	2-0-8-4-0	/	14	0.75	0.00	CP/HU
4	MUBROOK	2-1-10-1-2	PATB	16	1.00	0.00	HU/CP
90	WHODOYOUTHINK	2-0-9-5-0	/	16	0.68	-0.06	HU
31222	CASEY TOP	0-1-2-3-0	/	6	0.50	-0.33	FR

### Unlikely winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
11550	ISLAND OSCAR	3-1-6-8-2	DQ	20	0.54	-0.25	HU/CP
864202	WILDE WIT PLEASURE	2-0-8-8-2	20+	20	0.43	-0.40	HU
5508	NORTHERN ALLIANCE	2-0-11-4-5	20+	22	0.52	-0.45	HU

## MCR Hurdle Extended Trends Analysis

- 1 15/15 aged between 5yo & 8yo
- 2 15/15 had an OR of 127 & below
- 3 15/15 had 9 or less previous hurdle starts
- 4 15/15 had 10 or less previous NH starts
- 5 14/15 ran at a Grade 1 track last time out
- 6 14/15 were 2nd season hurdlers
- 7 13/15 recorded a top 4 finish last time out
- 8 13/15 carried 10-10 or less to victory
- 9 13/15 were either making their track debut or had previously recorded a top 2 finish at the track
- 10 12/15 had 2 or less previous hurdle victories
- 11 12/15 had 0 or 1 previous hcp hurdle victories (15/15 had 2 or less)
- 12 12/15 recorded a top 2 finish on 1 of their last 3 starts
- 13 12/15 were (IRE) bred (other 3 were (GB) bred)
- 14 11/15 ran within the past 35 days
- 15 11/15 had 1, 2 or 3 starts in current season


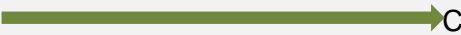

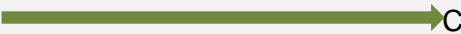


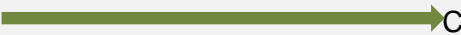








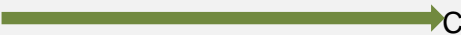


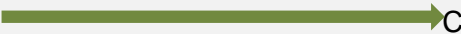
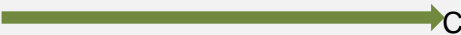




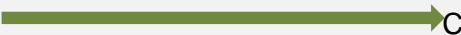
### NTF Trends

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Tot
PRIMA VISTA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	13/15
CALL THE POLICE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	13/15
FINAL APPROACH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	13/15
TIJUANA DANCER	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	13/15
CASEY TOP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	12/15
CAPELLANUS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12/15
MOSSTOWN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12/15
MUBROOK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	12/15
WHODOYOUTHINK	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	11/15
LANCETTO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	11/15
WILDE WIT PLEASURE	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	11/15
ASIGH PEARL	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/15
PRINCE OF FIRE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	11/15
ISLAND OSCAR	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	11/15
MR CLYDE	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	11/15
SOME SLAM	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	10/15
BELORD	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	10/15
MONTAN	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10/15
ALPINE EAGLE	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	8/15

SLIEVEARDAGH	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	8/15
NEW PHASE	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	8/15
UN HINGED	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7/15
VITAL PLOT	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	7/15
NORTHERN ALLIANCE	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	7/15
FOSTERS CROSS	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6/15
MUTADAREK	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	6/15

**Trend follower (s) – PRIMA VISTA, CALL THE POLICE, FINAL APPROACH & TIJUANA DANCER**

## MCR Hurdle Pace Analysis

Horse	RS	Running Style
PRIMA VISTA	HU	 HU
CALL THE POLICE	CP	 CP
FINAL APPROACH	CP/HU	 CP/HU
TIJUANA DANCER	CP	 CP
CASEY TOP	HU	 HU
CAPELLANUS	HU	 HU
MOSSTOWN	CP	 CP
MUBROOK	FR	 FR
WHODOYOUTHINK	CP/HU	 CP/HU
LANCETTO	CP/HU	 CP/HU
WILDE WIT PLEASURE	HU	 HU
ASIGH PEARL	CP/HU	 CP/HU
PRINCE OF FIRE	HU	 HU
ISLAND OSCAR	CP/HU	 CP/HU
MR CLYDE	HU	 HU
SOME SLAM	CP	 CP
BELORD	CP	 CP
MONTAN	HU	 HU
ALPINE EAGLE	CP	 CP
SLIEVEARDAGH	HU/CP	
NEW PHASE	CP	 CP
UN HINGED	HU	 HU
VITAL PLOT	HU/CP	 HU/CP
NORTHERN ALLIANCE	HU/CP	 HU/CP
FOSTERS CROSS	HU/CP	 HU/CP
MUTADAREK	CP	 CP

hu		cp		fr
PRIMA VISTA		CALL THE POLICE		MUBROOK
	FINAL APPROACH			
CASEY TOP		TIJUANA DANCER		
CAPELLANUS		MOSSTOWN		
	WHODOYOU THINK			
	LANCETTO			
WILDE WIT PLEASURE		ALPINE EAGLE		
	ASIGH PEARL			
PRINCE OF FIRE		NEW PHASE		
MR CLYDE		ISLAND OSCAR		
MONTAN		SOME SLAM		
SLIEVEARDAGH		BELORD		
UN HINGED		VITAL PLOT		
	NORTHERN ALLIANCE			
	FOSTERS CROSS			
		MUTADAREK		

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

MUBROOK should get a free lead out front with plenty others sitting in behind.

## 2011 MCR Hurdle Selections

**NTF Selection** – The usually competitive field line up here and the one that stands out at me is the 3x (hurdles) raced **FINAL APPROACH** (W Mullins). He has shown up well in the 3 large field hurdle events he has taken part in (1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) and he looks like a horse with plenty room for improvement. His best runs on the flat all came when the ground was on the soft side as did his debut hurdle victory so I can't see the ground being a problem here, his sire PIVOTAL has also produced numerous soft/heavy winners. The Mullins/Townend partnership have a solid strike rate at the track in hurdle races over 2 miles – 4/9 | 44% S/R | +£1.73 LSP – and this one can add to that record.

**NTF Danger – TIJUANA DANCER (A J Martin)** – Two excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes on his last 2 starts in competitive handicaps should have him spot on for this challenge and he looks a much better horse than his 113 rating. Jockey Timmy Murphy is an extremely eye-catching booking considering his record at the track over hurdles reads 4/22 | 18% S/R | +£5.25 LSP and he has also ridden 55% of those rides (12/22) into the top 4. Soft ground should hold no fear for the horse (on form & breeding) and is a danger to all in this competitive handicap.

\*Note – If you are backing EW with some of the online firms (out with the exchanges) then look out for the ones pay down to 5<sup>th</sup> place.

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