

Newbury & Newcastle Analysis: Trends & Pedigree

***Analysing the Fighting Fifth
from Newcastle and the Long
Distance Hurdle & Hennessy
Gold Cup from Newbury from
an alternative viewpoint***

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Fighting Fifth Hurdle (Grade 1)

30th November – 2.05

Newcastle

Fighting Fifth: Winners Trends Analysis

This section compiles the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Fighting Fifth so that we can apply them to this year's entries.

Fighting Fifth Trends

- 1 15/15 ran at a Grade 1 track last time out**
- 2 15/15 had a 50%+ W-P Hurdle S/R**
- 3 14/15 had at least 3 previous hurdle victories**
- 4 14/15 finished in the top 5 last time out**
- 5 13/15 were rated 146+**
- 6 13/15 were aged 5, 6, 7 or 8**
- 7 13/15 had no more than 18 previous NH starts**
- 8 13/15 had previously won at Graded level**
- 9 12/15 had previously run on the flat**
- 10 12/15 ran in a Graded race last time out**
- 11 11/15 had no more than 14 previous hurdle starts**

2013 Fighting Fifth Entries: Trends Applied

This section applies the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Fighting Fifth to this year's entrants.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Tot
COTTON MILL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/11
GRUMETI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/11
MELODIC RENDEZVOUS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10/11
MY TENT OR YOURS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	10/11
DUKE OF NAVAN	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	7/11
COCKNEY SPARROW	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	7/11
ROCK RELIEF	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	5/11
STORMY WEATHER	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	5/11

Trend Follower(s) – COTTON MILL | GRUMETI

Fighting Fifth: Winners Pedigree Analysis

This section compiles the *Dosage trends of the past 15 winners of the Fighting Fifth and applies them to this year's entries.

**Dosage is a powerful statistical analysis tool that is used to dissect a horse's pedigree.*

DP 15/15 had 12 points or more in their DP
14/15 had 16 points or more on their DP

DI 13/15 had a DI of 0.82 or above
11/15 had a DI of 1.00 or above
1/15 had a DI above 1.82 or above

CD 13/15 had a CD of -0.05 or above
11/15 had a CD of 0.17 or above
1/15 had a CD above 0.50

DPA (12/15) - DQ - 3 / 20+ - 7 / PATB - 2

2013 Fighting Fifth Entries: Dosage Applied

Here the runners are split in 4 groups based on their Dosage strength for the race –

Snug Fit

COTTON MILL	5-5-10-6-0	20+	26	1.36	0.35
MELODIC RENDEZVOUS	2-1-7-2-0	/	12	1.18	0.25

Can't be discounted

ROCK RELIEF	4-1-9-6-0	20+	20	0.90	0.15
DUKE OF NAVAN	2-3-1-4-2	PATB	12	0.85	-0.08

Not ideal

N/A

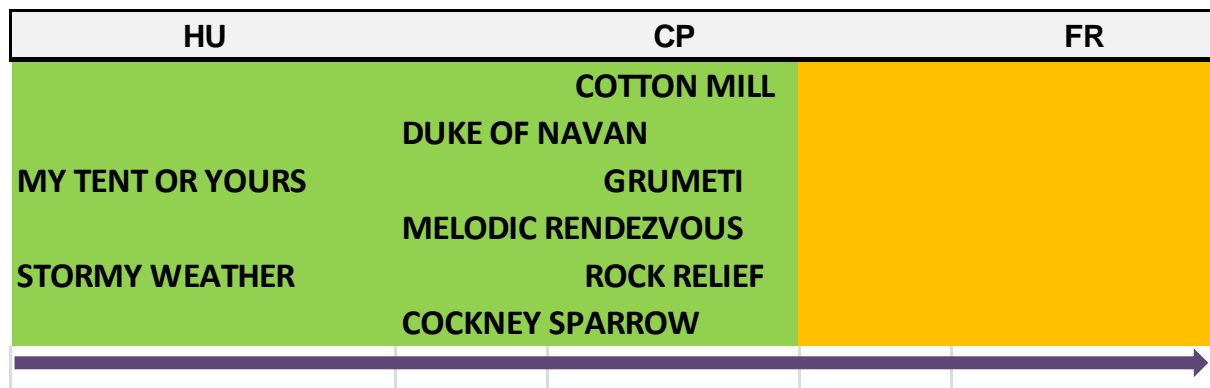
Wide of the mark

GRUMETI	4-3-12-8-3	DQ	30	0.76	-0.10
MY TENT OR YOURS	2-3-8-5-8	DQ	26	0.53	-0.54
STORMY WEATHER	5-5-6-0-0	/	16	4.33	0.94
COCKNEY SPARROW	4-4-9-1-0	/	18	2.27	0.61

2013 Fighting Fifth: Pace analysis

Here we take a look at the race from a Pace angle –

Horse	RS	Running Style
COTTON MILL	CP	→ CP
DUKE OF NAVAN	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
GRUMETI	CP	→ CP
MELODIC RENDEZVOUS	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
MY TENT OR YOURS	HU	→ HU
ROCK RELIEF	CP	→ CP
STORMY WEATHER	HU	→ HU
COCKNEY SPARROW	HU/CP	→ HU/CP



No obvious front-runner here but the first-time blinkers may dictate that **COTTON MILL** goes from the front, he does like to be quite prominent anyway so it wouldn't surprise me if he were to go from the front.

Here is the how the past 15 winners of the race have run in the race –

Running Style fr-2 / cp-7 / hu-6

Fighting Fifth Summary

Dosage & Trends COMBINED shortlist (Total possible score 13)...

COTTON MILL – 13/13

MELODIC RENDEZVOUS – 12/13

GRUMETI – 10/13

Most likely winner

MELODIC RENDEZVOUS (J Scott) – The 7yo has done precious wrong in his career to date and with a fitness edge over the fav this is his chance to land an early blow. Ground, track & trip should all be in his favour and with decent Graded form in the bank he is taken to land this.

Alternative(s)

GRUMETI (A King) – We haven't seen him much since his Juvenile season (which included 2 G2 wins and a G1 1st & 3rd), only once in fact in the Scottish Champion Hurdle when he finished a fine 4th under top-weight, actually coming out of the race best at the weights. He is 3 from 3 on Good to Soft ground and he is of interest at double figure odds here.

I was half considering putting up COTTON MILL as the first time blinkers angle interested me but just has too many questions to answer for me at present.

Long Distance Hurdle (Grade 2)

30th November – 2.25

Newbury

Long Distance Hurdle: Winners Trends Analysis

This section compiles the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Long Distance Hurdle so that we can apply them to this year's entries.

Long Distance Hurdle Trends

- 1 15/15 Ran at a Grade 1 track last time out**
- 2 14/15 had at least 3 previous hurdle victories**
- 3 14/15 had previously won over 3m+**
- 4 14/15 had previously won at G1 or G2 level**
- 5 14/15 had a 60%+ W-P Hurdle S/R**
- 6 13/15 ran in a G1 or G2 race last time out**
- 7 13/15 were making their seasonal debut**
- 8 13/15 were rated 160+**
- 9 13/15 were NOT 2nd season hurdlers**
- 10 12/15 were aged 6, 7 or 8**
- 11 12/15 ran at previous seasons Cheltenham Festival (8 recorded a top 3 finish)**
- 12 11/15 had 18 or less previous Hurdle runs**

2013 Long Distance Hurdle: Trends Applied

This section applies the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Long Distance Hurdle to this year's entrants.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
REVE DE SIVOLA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/12
AT FISHERS CROSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	10/12
CELESTIAL HALO	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	8/12
MEDINAS	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	8/12
BATTLE GROUP	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	5/12

Trend Follower(s) – REVE DE SIVOLA

Long Distance Hurdle: Winners Pedigree

Analysis

This section compiles the *Dosage trends of the past 15 winners of the Long Distance Hurdle and applies them to this year's entries.

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DP 14/15 had 10 points or more in their DP

10/15 had 14 points or more in their DP

DI 13/14 had a DI of 1.29 or below

10/14 had a DI of 0.56 or below

CD 12/14 had a CD of 0.13 or below

10/14 had a CD of -0.29 or below

DPA (9/15) - DQ - 0 / 20+ - 7 / PATB - 2

2013 Long Distance Hurdle Entries: Dosage Applied

Here the runners are split in 4 groups based on their Dosage strength for the race –

Snug Fit

AT FISHERS CROSS	4-0-16-10-2	20+	22	0.47	-0.27
CELESTIAL HALO	3-0-16-4-5	20+	28	0.65	-0.29
REVE DE SIVOLA	1-2-16-2-5	DQ	26	0.73	-0.31

Can't be discounted

MEDINAS	3-0-8-1-2	/	14	1.00	0.07
BATTLE GROUP	2-0-13-7-0	20+	22	0.63	-0.14

Not ideal






N/A

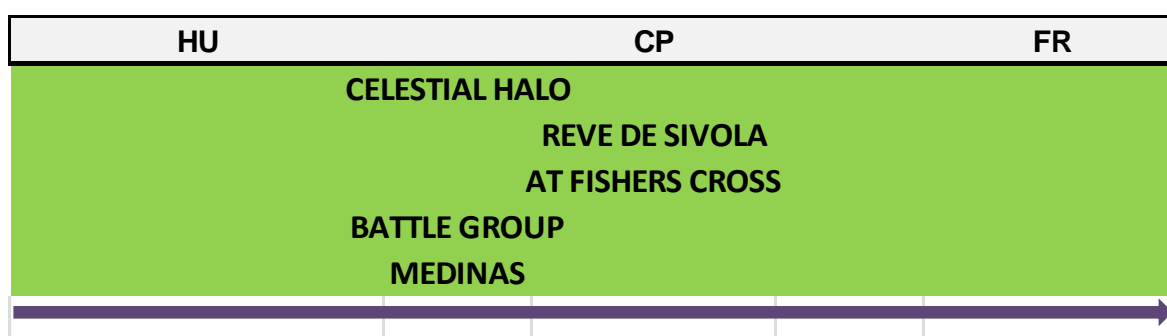
Wide of the mark

N/A

2013 Long Distance Hurdle: Pace analysis

Here we take a look at the race from a Pace angle –

Horse	RS	Running Style
CELESTIAL HALO	HU/CP	 HU/CP
REVE DE SIVOLA	CP	 CP
AT FISHERS CROSS	CP	 CP
BATTLE GROUP	HU/CP	 HU/CP
MEDINAS	HU/CP	 HU/CP



No out and out front-runner but **REVE DE SILVOLA** has front-run in the past and may be the one to try and steal it from the front.

Here is the how the past 15 winners of the race have run in the race –

Running Style fr-4 / cp-6 / hu-5

Long Distance Hurdle Summary

Dosage & Trends COMBINED shortlist (Total possible score 14)...

REVE DE SIVOLA – 13/14

AT FISHERS CROSS – 12/14

Most likely winner

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Looks a bit muddling to me, unfortunately. If it was softer I would be jumping on Reve De Sivola but Good to Soft makes me want to hold fire. Could be tricky giving weight to At Fishers Cross as well and it isn't overly clear how this will pan out from a pace perspective. Watch, take notes and prepare for future races with this contest I say.

Hennessy Gold Cup (Grade 3)

30th November – 3.00

Newbury

Hennessy Gold Cup: Winners Trends Analysis

This section compiles the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Hennessy Gold Cup so that we can apply them to this year's entries.

Hennessy Gold Cup Trends

- 1 15/15 aged between 6 & 9**
- 2 15/15 had previously won at class 2 level or above**
- 3 14/15 had previously won at 3m+**
- 4 14/15 ran at a Grade 1 track last time out**
- 5 14/15 had 20 or less previous NH starts**
- 6 14/15 were either making their seasonal debut or had run within the past 28 days**
- 7 14/15 were IRE or GB bred**
- 8 14/15 had no more than 1 run in current season**
- 9 12/15 won 1 of last 3 starts**
- 10 12/15 had 13 or less previous chase starts**
- 11 12/15 had a 60%+ W-P chase S-R**
- 12 12/15 had an OR of 152 or below**
- 13 12/15 had previously run in no more than 2 handicap chases**
- 14 12/15 had between 2 & 5 previous chase victories**
- 15 12/15 recorded a top 3 finish last time out**

2013 Hennessy Gold Cup Entries: Trends Applied

This section applies the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Hennessy Gold Cup to this year's entrants.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Tot
ROCKY CREEK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15/15
INVICTUS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	15/15
LORD WINDERMERE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	14/15
TRIOLO D ALENE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	13/15
OUR FATHER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	13/15
OPENING BATSMAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	13/15
THEATRE GUIDE	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	13/15
CLOUDY TOO	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	12/15
SAME DIFFERENCE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	12/15
HIGHLAND LODGE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/15
HOUBLON DES OBEAUX	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	11/15
SUPER DUTY	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	11/15
HADRIANS APPROACH	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	11/15
KATENKO	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	10/15
MERRY KING	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	10/15
LOCH BA	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	10/15
CAPE TRIBULATION	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	9/15
PRINCE DE BEAUCHENE	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	8/15
TERMINAL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	8/15
IMPERIAL COMMANDER	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	7/15
WHODOYOUTHINK	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	5/15

Trend Follower(s) – ROCKY CREEK | INVICTUS

Hennessy Gold Cup: Winners Pedigree

Analysis

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DP 12/15 had 8 points or more in their DP

10/15 had between 10 & 20 points in their DP

DI 10/12 had a DI of 1.55 or below

9/12 had a DI of 0.89 or below

CD 10/12 had a CD of 0.36 or below

8/12 had a CD of 0.06 or below

DPA (5/15) - DQ - 1 / 20+ - 2 / PATB - 2

2013 Hennessy Gold Cup Entries: Dosage Applied

Here the runners are split in 4 groups based on their Dosage strength for the race –

Snug Fit

CLOUDY TOO	2-1-11-4-0	/	18	0.89	0.06
PRINCE DE BEAUCHENE	2-0-6-4-0	/	12	0.71	0.00
MERRY KING	2-0-6-4-0	/	12	0.71	0.00
ROCKY CREEK	3-1-8-8-0	20+	20	0.67	-0.05
WHODOYOUTHINK	2-0-9-5-0	/	16	0.68	-0.06
HADRIANS APPROACH	2-0-7-4-1	/	14	0.65	-0.14
HOUBLON DES OBEAUX	2-0-13-5-0	20+	20	0.74	-0.15
OPENING BATSMAN	2-1-11-5-3	DQ	22	0.63	-0.27
LORD WINDERMERE	2-0-6-8-2	/	18	0.38	-0.44
CAPE TRIBULATION	3-3-13-2-13	DQ	34	0.58	-0.56
SAME DIFFERENCE	0-0-6-2-2	/	10	0.43	-0.60

Can't be discounted

THEATRE GUIDE	4-0-6-6-0	/	16	0.78	0.13
IMPERIAL COMMANDER	3-2-4-2-1	PATB	12	1.40	0.33
HIGHLAND LODGE	3-2-4-2-1	PATB	12	1.40	0.33
TRIOLO D ALENE	2-1-6-3-0	/	12	1.00	0.17

Not ideal

KATENKO	0-0-2-0-0	/	2	1.00	0.00
TERMINAL	1-1-2-0-0	/	4	3.00	0.75
LOCH BA	0-0-4-2-0	/	6	0.50	-0.33

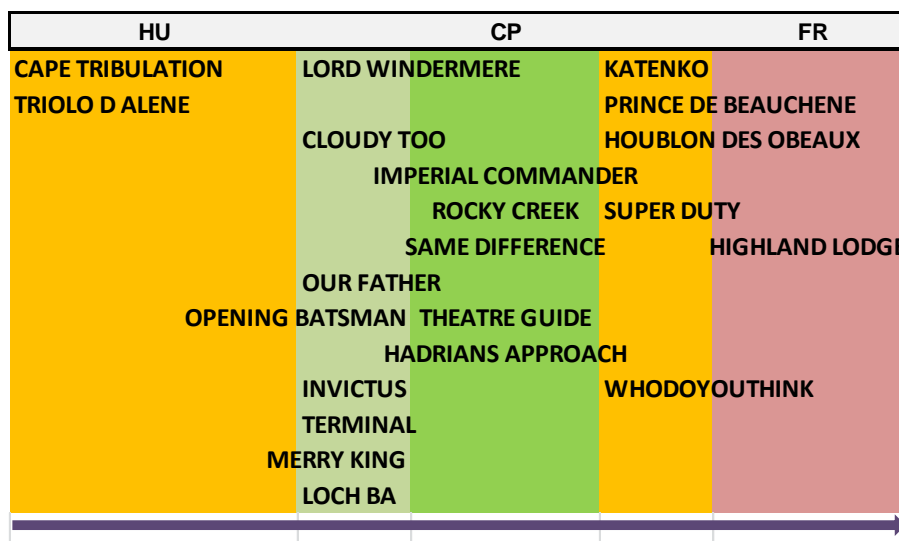
Wide of the mark

INVICTUS	4-5-8-0-1	/	18	2.60	0.61
SUPER DUTY	3-2-4-0-1	/	10	2.33	0.60
OUR FATHER	3-2-4-0-1	/	10	2.33	0.60

2013 Hennessy Gold Cup: Pace analysis

Here we take a look at the race from a Pace angle –

Horse	RS	Running Style
CAPE TRIBULATION	HU	→ HU
KATENKO	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
PRINCE DE BEAUCHENE	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
LORD WINDERMERE	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
HOUBLON DES OBEAUX	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
IMPERIAL COMMANDER	CP	→ CP
ROCKY CREEK	CP	→ CP
CLOUDY TOO	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
SUPER DUTY	FR/CP	→ FR/CP
TRIOLO D ALENE	HU	→ HU
SAME DIFFERENCE	CP	→ CP
OUR FATHER	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
OPENING BATSMAN	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
HADRIANS APPROACH	CP	→ CP
INVICTUS	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
THEATRE GUIDE	CP	→ CP
TERMINAL	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
HIGHLAND LODGE	FR	→ FR
MERRY KING	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
LOCH BA	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
WHODOYOUTHINK	FR/CP	→ FR/CP



HIGHLAND LODGE likes to be out front and he should get a fairly clear run at the head of affairs here. **PRINCE DE BEAUCHENE, HOUBLON DES OBEAUX, SUPER DUTY, KATENKO & WHODOYOUTHINK** should be close behind the pace-setter.

Here is the how the past 15 winners of the race have run in the race –

Running Style fr-1 / cp-11 / hu-3

Hennessy Gold Cup Summary

Dosage & Trends COMBINED shortlist (Total possible score 15)...

ROCKY CREEK – 15/15

INVICTUS – 15/15

LORD WINDERMERE – 14/15

TRIOLO D ALENE – 13/15

OUR FATHER – 13/15

OPENING BATSMAN – 13/15

THEATRE GUIDE – 13/15

Most likely winner

ROCKY CREEK (P Nicholls) – This 7yo has always been viewed as a potential future star by connections and this looks a prime spot to put down a marker for the season, especially with the Nicholls chasers in rude form at the track over the past couple of days. The only time he has really run 'below-form' in his career is when meeting with Good ground (Good form of 283 compared to form of 12111 on Good to Soft and softer) so the likely Good to Soft form will suit him perfectly. Daryl Jacob gets on well with the horse (1811) and the horse is unbeaten on slightly undulating tracks light Newbury (1111); this race has been the plan for some time and he looks in a prime spot to collect.

Alternative(s)

INVICTUS (A King) – The most appealing aspect of this horse (apart from the fact he scores full marks on the trends) is most certainly his handicap mark. He could really be thrown in off 145 and could have any amount of improvement in him after only 4 chase starts. The 651 lay-off is undoubtedly a concern but you feel King has had this race as

his return date ear-marked for some time and he should have him spot on. The lay-off risk is also factored into the 10-1 price, in my opinion anyway.

TRIOLO D'ALENE (N Henderson) – There isn't many at the bigger odds that really catch my eye (disappointingly) but this one does interest me. Early in his career it looked like he maybe wasn't going to be a stout stayer but he had only just turned 5 when Henderson got him and he is quite a big horse and probably needed a bit of time to fill into his frame. His last 3 races have been more like the horse they thought he could be and although he did flatten out into 3rd on his last start he did possibly need that run. The horse has been at the back of mind ever since Geraghty slimmed down to 10-01 in last season's Paddy Power Gold Cup to ride him (the lowest he has done since then is 10-04) and it is certainly interesting that he chooses this one again instead of the better fancied stable-mate; he is worth an E/W punt at decent odds.

Only ever bet what you are happy to lose. Never put more on than you usually would just because you are winning.

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