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*Trends, Stats, Profiles and Analysis
for 2018 Grand National Festival*

I have been interested in the makeup of the winner of a certain race (ie Trends) for a while now and, while still basing my findings on the basic Trends, I have extended certain criteria.

I must also point out, and this is purely my opinion, I only research the last eight running's of the race in question. This is not because of laziness; rather, it is because over the last six years or so of researching Trends, I have found a high percentage of races being upgraded or otherwise having the race conditions altered.

It is also because racing is constantly changing in other ways – Training methods, faster times, new/relayed courses, a new era of stallion, a changing method of prep races used on the way to the race in question.

In that time, I have found that the best result are gained from researching Group and Graded races only.

I also encourage a little bit of human interaction when using the trends, if, for instance, you are a follower of form and your fancy appears in the shortlist, then I would encourage you to stay with your selection.

My selection is just that, my selection, my take on the trends, I would encourage you to have your own take on the trends and come up with your own selection from the shortlist.

I hope you enjoy this guide and use it alongside your other betting information to help you highlight possible winners (and losers!!).

The trends lead us in a general, rather than specific, direction. It's important not to be handcuffed to them, such that we ignore horses with strong form claims who may fail to tick a couple of boxes.

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R.A.G. Status© – **Red, Amber** and **Green** is a handy 'traffic light' system, which helps us understand the historical strength of a race in trends terms.

When the trends are strongest, the race will be awarded a Green Status. When they're helpful but not conclusive in finding the winner, Amber is the colour; and, when the race is new or has no discernible pattern to the winners of its recent history, Red will be applied. Of course, this status is an indicator only and it is perfectly possible for Red races to highlight winners and for there to be 'trends busters' in Green races. Such is the nature of horse racing and betting!

Dutching

For some time, I have been looking at the benefits of 'dutching'. I was looking at the possibility of backing shortlisted horses and still making a profit. After a couple of emails with Kit, the owner of iDutch Dutching Calculator, he has kindly explained how his excellent product can work for you. Dutching allows you to share the risk of losing across a number of horses in a race so you have more chance of winning when compared to relying on a single horse such as the favourite. The iDutch Dutching Calculator will calculate exactly how much stake you will need to place on each horse to guarantee a profit if any of the chosen horses' win.

How to do this:

1. Open up the [iDutch Dutching Calculator](#)
2. Type in the amount of stake you are willing to wager. This field is seen next to the drop-down menu containing "Stake").
3. Type the odds for each horse into each row (note, for convenience the Stake, Return and Profit columns will be updated automatically for real-time results).
4. When you have entered the odds for each horse, click on the "Optimise" button in the menu. This will run some background calculations and automatically disable any horses that you will not be able to cover for this race, leaving you with the horses you can cover (usually the top favourites).
5. Now, proceed to your favourite bookmaker website and place a bet on each of the horses with same amount that is displayed in the "Stake" column.



Factor5 is another helpful tool to highlight important criteria applied to the shortlisted horses for the race being covered.

Win and places are covered in the table, helping you to make your decision on the shortlist.

Surface

Takes in all form on today's surface, which in turn will take in performances on the track. Surfaces researched are Flat, Slight undulations, Undulating and Very undulating.

Going

The performances of the shortlisted horses on the predicted ground.

Distance

How the shortlisted horses have fared at today's race distance.

Direction

Highlighting the performances of horses running either left or right handed or on a straight track.

Class

Data from how the highlighted runners have performed in today's class of race.

Irish Grand National – 28 ran

Monday 6th April



Chase starts	Surface (Flat)			Going (Soft)			Distance			Class (Grade 1)			Direction (Right Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
Perfect Gentleman	1	0		5	1	3				1	0		11	4	4
Thunder And Roses	5	1	1	5	2	2				1	0		15	2	6
Rivage D'or	5	0	2	3	1	2				2	0		26	3	10
She's Got Grit	1	1		2	2								6	2	1

Thunder And Roses unseated amateur in the Toby Balding race, following a third place in the Grade Two Ten Up Novice Chase at Navan. Sure to go better for Katie Walsh. Stallion Presenting has produced Niche Market to win in 2009, Home Farm 3rd in 2013 and Whatuthink 3rd in 2010

Each Way Selection:

Thunder And Roses@25/1

She's Got Grit@33/1

Thunder And Roses wins @25/1

5.0 Fairyhouse

Irish Grand National Chase (Grade A) (5yo+) €270,000 3m5f Soft To Heavy 30 run

RAG Race Status:

AMBER

Primary Trends

The last 8 winners...

Irish bred

First four in one of their last three starts

No more than four starts since a win

Up to three handicap chase wins

Age between six and 10

Carried up to 11-4

Running within 75 days

7 of the last 8 winners...

Age between seven and 10

Running within 60 days

Two or more starts in the season

Officially rated 131+

One/two starts in the last 90 days

Last run in Novice or handicap chase

Shortlist

Race card order –

Monbeg Notorious, Snow Falcon, Pairofbrowneyes, Mall Dini, General Priciple, Killaro Boy and Fine Theatre

Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners...

Sixth or lower in the market

Eighth or lower in the weights

Last 31 Win and place positions...

31 *Running within 75 days*

29 *Carried up to 10-13*

28 *Irish bred*

Trainer Check:

M Morris (1w, 4pl)

****Check the shortlist to finalise your own selection**

Trends Tapping is a quick at-a-glance table of some of the main trends of the researched race.

As always I encourage you to make your own mind up from the information gathered.

****Just a reminder Favourite and Headgear information are from the last eight years.***

Further info is from the last four years.

Trends Tapping

	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	
Favourites (8yrs)	8	2	25	6.50	3	37.50	F/3/P/P/1/P/P/1
Headgear (8yrs)	64	3	4.69	-17.00	10	15.63	
Irish Trained Runners (4yrs)	97	3	3.09	-53.50	15	15.46	
GB Trained Runners (4yrs)	12	1	8.33	-3.00	1	8.33	
GB bred (4yrs)	5	0	0	-5.00	1	20	
Irish bred (4yrs)	89	4	4.49	-36.50	15	16.85	
French bred (4yrs)	14	0	0	-14.00	0	0	
Age five - eight (4yrs)	64	4	6.25	-11.50	9	14.06	
Age nine+ (4yrs)	45	0	0	-45.00	7	15.56	

Key Race Log (At the Irish National 2010 – 2017)

Class	Race	Track	Win	Pl	2017/18 Season Result		
Grade 1	Leinster National	Gowran Park	1	3	1. Pairofbrowneyes	2. Space Cadet	3. Glencairn View
					4. Fine Theatre	5. Rogue Angel	F. Thunder And Roses
					F. Sutton Manor	P. Scoir Mear	P. Close Shave
Grade 2	Handicap Chase	Leopardstown	1	1	1. Spider Web	2. Uncle Danny	3. Blast Of Koeman
					4. Killaro Boy	6. General Principle	10. Jepstream Jack
Class 2	Kim Muir	Cheltenham	1		1. Missed Approach	2. Mall Dini	3. Squoater
Grade 2	Ten Up Novice Chase	Navan	1		1. Monbeg Notorious	2. Mossback	3. Moulin Vent
Class 2	Cross Country Chase	Cheltenham		3	F. Bless The Wings		



	Surface (Slight Undulations)			Going (Soft to Heavy)			Distance (3m2f+)			Class (Grade A)			Direction (Right Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
All starts															
Monbeg Notorious	4	2	1	4	2	1	1	1		1	1		7	3	4
Snow Falcon	14	5	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	9	0	2	11	2	3
Pairofbrowneyes	5	1	2	2	1	1				4	1	3	15	5	6
Mall Dini	4	0	2	6	1	4	3	0	1				16	2	9
General Principle	5	1		3	1		1	0		3	0	1	10	3	3
Killaro Boy	3	2		1	1								8	3	1
Fine Theatre	5	1		3	1	1	1	0		2	0		16	2	3

Pace

- Pace Profits:** - **Ground conditions offers advantage to those usually ridden in Mid Div or Held Up**
- Early Pace:** - Call It Magic, Kilcarry Bridge, **Monbeg Notorious**, Outlander, Arkwrisht, Kemboy, Tell Us More
- Prominent:** - Sutton Manor, Moulin A Vent, **Fine Theatre, Snow Falcon**, Folsom Blue
- Mid Div:** - Dounikos, Lord Scoundrel, Westerner Point, Belshill, Thunder And Roses, Bless The Wings, **Killaro Boy** Woods Well, **Pairofbrowneyes**, The Papparazi Kid, **General Principle**, Oscar Knight, Forever Gold
- Held Up:** - **Mall Dini**, Jetstream Jack, Champagne Harmony, Islaofhopensdreams, Squoateur

Final Analysis

Could well be a contested lead in the early stages here but those listed are expected to challenge for the lead in one way or another.

From the shortlist **Pairofbrowneyes** won the Leinster National in comfortable fashion and the 9lb hike may not be enough to stop him here while **Mall Dini** was beaten favourite in the Kim Muir at the Cheltenham festival going down by ½L behind Missed Approach. Runs here off the same mark and has the assistance of Mark Walsh who appears to have been released from his J P McManus connections to reunite with the eight-year-old.

General Principle and **Killaro Bay** may be worth a small interest following their runs in the Grade B TRI Equestrian handicap chase at Leopardstown last month finishing behind Spider Web.

** All three reserves SCOIR MEAR, ROGUE ANGEL and CLOSE SHAVE will need a market check if making the race.

EW Selection: **Pairofbrowneyes@7/1**

Mall Dini@9/1

EW Selection: **General Principle@33/1**

Killaro Boy@66/1

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**Check the shortlist to finalise your own selection