



NATIONAL HUNT JUMPERS TO FOLLOW 2020/2021

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Foreword

Thanks for signing up to our Jumpers to Follow for the 2020 – 2021 Season.

Due to recent family events in my hometown Cardiff, I have spent a lot of time back and forth Cheltenham and Cardiff over the last two weeks. It means I have had to cut this year's edition to 30 horses. I believe the 30 included will produce very good profits over the season.

Last year's eBook produced 24 points profit to level stakes, and I believe by narrowing it down a touch and adding more handicap horses, we can beat that return this time around.

We have started the season very well and I am aiming to make this season the best in 12 years of operating.

I hope you enjoy the read and any questions please get in touch.

Acknowledgement

I would also like to say a big thank you to Ben Jenkins who is our website manager, developer, excel spreadsheet Whiz kid. He makes sure everything runs smoothly and deals with all the techie stuff which makes everything function on a daily basis.

Another big thank you goes to our newest member of staff, Claire Bond who is our administrator and takes care of all payments, queries, refunds, support on a daily basis, allowing myself, James Walsh, to direct the companies in the right direction.

A special mention to my wife Gemma Walsh. I spend a lot of time running three businesses, www.jpwracingtipster.com, www.tipstersempire.co.uk and www.jpwscoop6.com. Without her by my side looking after our two kids, I would not be able to dedicate the time needed to run three successful websites. A big mention also goes to my two kids, Roisin and Quinlan Walsh who, alongside Gemma, give me the drive to succeed and provide the very best for my family, in anything I do. You heard it here first, but Quinlan Walsh is going to make a very good jumps jockey. Absolutely fearless that boy whose eyes light up when he sees racing on the TV or the rocking horse in his sister's bedroom. Roisin is clever beyond her years so I am sure she will be taking over Daddy's empire one day.

Jokes to one side, all of the above allow me to concentrate on producing content of the highest quality and keep pushing JPW Racing Tipster and Tipsters Empire to the top of the game.

Jumpers to Follow for the National Hunt Season 2020/2021

You can add all of these horses to a horse tracker to receive notifications whenever they are due to run. A great resource to use for this is NagMe, At the Races, Racing UK, Racing Post and even bet365 have a tracker built-in.

A PLUS TARD

Trainer – Henry De Bromhead

Form – 12231/2121/3213-

Hard to believe this horse is only a 6-year-old and he has been jumping fences since he was a 4-year-old. He was one of the most impressive winners at the 2019 Cheltenham Festival, when winning the Novice Handicap Chase by a massive 16 lengths, a 5-year-old at the time. He was a Grade 1 winner last season when beating Chacun Pour Soi at Leopardstown and sent straight to the Cheltenham Festival for a crack at the Ryanair Chase. He came home a respectable 2nd to Min that day but I have a feeling he underperformed, and we did not see the best of him. He is still a 6-year-old as mentioned above so this season he should very much be in his prime. I still feel he has more improvement to come. A horse who has never finished out of the first 3 makes the current 12/1 for the Ryanair look absolutely huge.

Likely target: Ryanair Chase

CHANTRY HOUSE

Trainer – Nicky Henderson

Form – U11/113-

An absolutely gorgeous horse trained by Nicky Henderson, who has the size and scope made for fences. He went to the Cheltenham Festival in March to contest the Supreme Novice Hurdle, coming home 3rd behind Shishkin. Going into a Cheltenham Festival after only two starts over hurdles is never easy, so to come home 3rd was a great effort. For me anything he done over hurdles was a bonus and he has chaser written all over him. He has speed mixed with stamina which he showed to good effect at Cheltenham and Newbury, when winning both hurdle races. With more experience this horse has the world at his feet, and I have no doubt he will go into the Cheltenham Festival in 2021, with a leading chance in whatever race he contests.

Likely target: Arkle Chase or Marsh Novice Chase.

EMITOM

Trainer – Warren Greatrex

Form – 1/11112/614-23

I have been following Emitom with a view to chasing for sometime now, as that is where I always thought he would thrive. He has always been highly thought of by connections ever since chasing home Champ in the 2019 Sefton Novice Hurdle, at the Grand National Meeting. Last season he was a Grade 2 winner when winning the Remdlesham Hurdle at Haydock, and this was followed up with a 4th of 15, in the Stayers Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. He has had two starts over fences this season and, on the whole, has jumped well. He got beaten on both starts but both races were over a trip too short. He will be seen at best when stepped up in trip and the 25/1 for the National Hunt Chase looks very big at this early stage.

Likely target: RSA Chase or National Hunt Chase

ENVOI ALLEN

Trainer – Gordon Elliott

Form – 1/1111/1111-

He was included in last year's eBook and I said it then before he even jumped a hurdle, "he would win a gold cup one day". I am still saying that now as I think he is a very special horse. He has had 8 starts under rules and remains unbeaten from 2 miles – 2m 5f. He is a two-time winner at the Cheltenham Festival, winning the Champion Bumper and the Ballymore Novice Hurdle. This is a horse who originally cost £400k after winning a point to point in 2018. The further they go the better. This season he will now embark on a chasing career. Everything much depends on what distance they run him over, whether stepped up to 3 miles or remains over 2m 5f. Personally I think they will go over the shorter distance and end up in the Marsh Novice Chase instead of the RSA Chase. You need a dour stayer in the RSA and although I think he stays 3 miles no problem, it can often ruin horses. When you have a horse of his class, they need to be looked after. He can win the Marsh Novice Chase this season and then come 2022, I think we could well be looking at a Gold Cup winner. I don't see jumping should cause any problem and the reports are that he is a natural.

Likely target: Marsh Novice Chase or RSA Chase

EPATANTE

Trainer – Nicky Henderson

Form – 211/119/111-

I absolutely love Epatante and have done for a few years. She was even recommended as a 25/1 bet for the Champion Hurdle before she won on her first start of last season, on a handicap mark of 137. She went up the handicap nearly 30lb last season which ended with her winning the Champion Hurdle in fine style. She reminds a bit of Istabraq, fast over hurdles and nice and slick, with plenty of gears and speed to burn. I really think she can go on and win the next 3 or 4 Champion Hurdles as she is only a 6-year-old. She has the world at her feet and could go down as one of the greatest. It will take a special horse to beat her in my opinion, as she is going to be even better this season than she was last season. A superstar in the making.

Likely target: Champion Hurdle

FERNY HOLLOW

Trainer – Willie Mullins

Form – 1/2211-

Last season's Champion Bumper winner at the Cheltenham Festival, securing the winner of the bumper two years running for Cheveley Park Stud, following Envoi Allen's win in 2019. This is a horse purchased for £300k following an emphatic win in a point to point in February 2019. He made his debut under rules for Willie Mullins last December when 2nd at Fairyhouse, and this was followed up with another 2nd at Leopardstown over the Christmas period. You could say he disappointed on his first two starts of the season. Things finally clicked at Fairyhouse in February where a change of tactics were applied and Ferny Hollow was waited with. He won impressively by 4 lengths and was then sent to the Cheltenham Festival. Paul Townend took the ride and had him at the back of the field throughout and, when he pushed the button, he went through the pack and sauntered up the hill to win by 2 ½ lengths. This is a horse who was purchased to jump so anything he done in bumpers was a bonus. They clearly know how the horse needs to be ridden and he obviously has so much class. The frightening thing is he still has so much to learn and with age has so much more improvement.

Likely target: Supreme Novice Hurdle or the Ballymore Novice Hurdle

FLINTEUR SACRE

Trainer – Nicky Henderson

Form – 21-

This full brother to Sprinter Sacre had to make my horses to follow for this season. He has a tough task on his hands if he is to follow his brother, but the early signs are certainly there. He was purchased back in 2017 and sent to Nicky Henderson. He has had lots of time to mature and finally made his debut at Newbury last January. He came home 2nd on debut and looked very green but it was a good start nonetheless. He then ran again a month later at Kempton, winning very impressively despite showing some signs of inexperience. He was put away for the season and looked after following his win. He looks made for jumping just like his brother and I think he could be another superstar.

Likely target: Has to be the Supreme Novice Hurdle a race in which his full brother finished 3rd.

FLORESSA

Trainer – Nicky Henderson

Form – 12/12129-

Floressa is a very slick hurdler who progressed nicely last season. Trained by Nicky Henderson who does well with his mares. I can't help but think she will improve massively this season. She had 5 starts over hurdles last season with two wins, two 2nds and 9th of 22 in the Mares Novice Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. She is better than what she showed in the Mares Hurdle, I have no doubt about that and let's not forget, Epatante was easily beaten in the Mares Hurdle and went on to win the Champion Hurdle this season. I am not putting her in the same league as Epatante as I don't think she is up to that but I do expect her to take start off in the same race Epatante won last season, at Newbury at the end of November. Floressa is rated 141 by the handicapper and she should turn out to be much better than that mark.

Likely target: Not sure what race she will be targeted at but I do think she has a decent race in her, especially if she progresses as I expect.

HARRY SENIOR

Trainer – Colin Tizzard

Form – 33/42211P-

A lovely big horse built for fences. He progressed nicely last season with his best run coming at Cheltenham when winning a Grade 2 at the Cheltenham Trials Day, in January. He then went to the Cheltenham Festival but was pulled up in the Albert Bartlett. Colin Tizzard's horses were terrible during Cheltenham Festival and clearly something was amiss with them. I am happy to put a line through that run and look towards this season where he will be sent over fences. Maybe short of top class but if he takes to fences, the Ultima Handicap Chase could be a race, if on the right handicap mark.

Likely target: Could be better than handicap company so although I say the Ultima, you could easily find him in the RSA Chase or National Hunt Chase come the Cheltenham Festival.

IMPERIAL AURA

Trainer – Kim Bailey

Form – 31/11/31221-

A horse who got better with every start last season, particularly when sent chasing after contesting the Silver Trophy over hurdles, on his first start of last season. His form over fences last season was 1221 and ended with an emphatic win in the Northern Trust Handicap Chase at the Cheltenham Festival. He was very good that day and showed he is a horse who is massively on the up. He pulled 3 lengths clear of Galvin and 12 lengths of the 3rd. He has gone up the to a handicap mark of 157 but he proved he is much better than a handicapper at the festival. The way he finished out his race also told me that a step up to 3 miles on a flat track would be no problem. Not sure how much he can improve this season but does go down as a horse with bags of improvement given he has only had 9 career starts. I imagine they will go down the Ladbrokes Trophy route at Newbury and let the horse decide tell them what is next on the agenda.

Likely target: Ladbrokes Gold Cup and then possibly the Ryanair Chase

ISRAEL CHAMP

Trainer – David Pipe

Form – 1/6110-

A big horse who is going to come into his own now sent over hurdles and stepped up in trip. He was winner of two Listed bumpers last season, at Cheltenham and Ascot. Both times he went from the front and used his stamina to win races. 2 miles is far too short for him, given the size of the horse and now going over hurdles, he looks a stayer for the future. I think David Pipe could have a decent horse on his hands and if he was mine, I would be running him at 3 miles with a view to the Albert Bartlett Novice Hurdle. He is a tough horse with a great attitude, and I have no doubt he will be winning races.

Likely target: Albert Bartlett Novice Hurdle has to be on the agenda.

KING ROLAND

Trainer – Harry Fry

Form – 1/11/212-

A forgotten horse for many but I think King Roland will turn out to be top drawer over fences. His season was cut short last season after coming home 2nd to Harry Senior on Cheltenham Trials Day in January. Prior to that he was a very good winner at Exeter and looked to have all the talent in the world. I think now he goes over fences he will be even better given his point to point background and should be aimed towards all the top races at the Cheltenham Festival come March.

Likely target: No target as such but I think he has a nice handicap in him this season.

LATEST EXHIBITION

Trainer – Paul Nolan

Form – 21/12112-

Latest Exhibition is a horse I absolutely love, and he is a horse who is as tough as they come, no matter what trip he runs at. A winner at 2 miles, 2m 4f and 2m 6f last season taking a Grade 1 at Leopardstown along the way. He was sent to the Albert Bartlett and came home 2nd to Monkfish, with a neck splitting the front three. You could not ask for anymore and he is a horse who wears his heart on his sleeve and doesn't mind getting into a scrap. He will be sent over fences this season and has to be aimed at the RSA. I believe he is a Gold Cup horse for next season and the current 14/1 for the RSA looks very appealing given Envoi Allen will surely head for the Marsh Novice Chase.

Likely target: The RSA will be high on the agenda and would be surprised if he wasn't close to favourite for the race come the day in March.

LOSTINTRANSLATION

Trainer – Colin Tizzard

Form – 4/221672/231221/11P3-

A horse who I think has unfinished business this season. He is a smashing chaser who ended up winning the Mildmay Novice Chase at Aintree as a novice, beating an RSA winner, Topofthegame that day. Out of novice company his season got off to a flyer last season with a win at Carlisle and then a winner of the Betfair Chase at Haydock. He was that impressive he was sent 15/8 for the King George. He flopped in the King George but that was clearly not the horse we know and the fact he went for a wind operation, just 4 days later, tell us he had his problems. He was then sent straight to the Gold Cup which is hardly ideal following a wind operation and not a run for nearly 3 months. He ran a cracker in the Gold Cup to come home 3rd and travelled like the winner for a long way. With a better preparation this season, I am sure he can go close to winning the Gold Cup this season, with no interruptions throughout the season.

Likely target: Betfair Chase and then on to Cheltenham Gold Cup

MINELLA INDO

Trainer – Henry De Bromhead

Form – 13/321/1212-

For me, this horse has still has bags of improvement to come over fences. He has only had 3 starts over fences and was a whisker away from winning the RSA Chase but for a mistake at the last fence. It was still a top-class effort and with more runs under his belt, should turn into a nice Gold Cup prospect. We know he loves it around Cheltenham after winning the Albert Bartlett Novice Chase in 2019 and 2nd in the RSA Chase. The extra 2f for the Gold Cup will be just what he wants as he is a dour stayer. I don't expect him to have many starts through the season but come March, Henry De Bromhead will have him spot on for one day only.

Likely target: Cheltenham Gold Cup

PRESENTING PERCY

Trainer – Gordon Elliott

Form – 21/741154116/131121/18/353F-

I always look for a horse to include with the Grand National in mind and this year that horse is Presenting Percy. Trained by Patrick Kelly until being sent to Gordon Elliott who, I have no doubt, will get lots of improvement out of the horse. It is funny as two years ago Gordon Elliott said, if I could train any horse it would be Presenting Percy. Since winning the RSA in 2018 he has disappointed but he still remains relatively lightly raced for his age. I imagine they will want a crack at the Gold Cup with him but will then go on to the Grand National. I think this season we will really see the best of Presenting Percy under the care of Gordon Elliott who is simply a magician.

Likely target: The Cheltenham Gold Cup followed by the Grand National.

SIMPLY THE BETTS

Trainer – Harry Whittingdon

Form – 13420/1184/11211-

Simply The Betts did nothing but improve last season. He started his season off at Chepstow when winning a Novice Handicap Chase off a mark of 125 and his season finished with a win at Cheltenham in the Novice Handicap Chase off a mark of 149. He is now rated 157 by the handicapper. He had 5 starts in total last season, with 4 wins and a 2nd to his name. Even the 2nd was an excellent run as he absolutely hated going right-handed and I am sure they will avoid going right-handed this season. He clearly loves jumping fences and I am sure he will get 3 miles quite easily given how well he finishes his races, particularly up the Cheltenham Hill. A race like the Ladbrokes Trophy will surely be the early target, given it is a left-handed course and flat, meaning his first try at 3 miles will not be the biggest stamina test. From that point the horse can tell them which direction they go in.

Likely target: Ladbrokes Trophy must surely be early target and I would aim him at the Cotswold Chase at Cheltenham in January.

SOLO

Trainer – Paul Nicholls

Form – 2118-

A horse who was purchased from France last January and was sent straight to the Grade 2 Adonis Juvenile Hurdle at Kempton, absolutely destroying the field by 13 lengths. He was then sent to the Triumph Hurdle and ran a very below par race and was not half the horse we saw at Kempton. Maybe the race came to quickly after winning the Adonis, but whatever the reason, I know for sure he is better than that. He has the potential to be an absolute superstar over fences but given he is only a 4-year-old, I expect that debut over fences will come next year. You never know though he may go straight over them as he is a big horse, and Paul Nicholls has even likened him to Master Minded. One to keep an eye on as he has not had much experience and will develop into a very nice sort.

Likely target: Hard to say where he will go but with a summer on his back he will be much stronger this season.

THE BIG BREAKAWAY

Trainer – Colin Tizzard

Form – 1/114-

A horse who was purchased for £360k after winning a point to point in April 2019. He made his debut under rules last November and was very impressive. He then won in easy fashion at Newbury in December. He was not seen on the racecourse again until the Cheltenham Festival when coming home 4th in the Ballymore Novice Hurdle behind Envoi Allen. His lack of experience was his undoing and you would have to think, with more experience this season, he is going to be top class. He is a big horse with a big engine and looks tailor-made for fences. He looks a stayer and I would be surprised if he couldn't win some decent races before being sent to the RSA or 4 miler in March.

Likely target: RSA Chase or National Hunt 4 Mile Chase.

THYME HILL

Trainer – Philip Hobbs

Form – 123/1114-

It was music to my ears that they are keeping Thyme Hill over hurdles, to have a crack at the Stayers Hurdle in March. He had 4 starts over hurdles last year, going unbeaten in 3 races before the Cheltenham Festival and then coming home 4th of 19 in the Albert Bartlett Novice Hurdle. One could argue he was a little unlucky in defeat as he didn't have much room and had to be switched a few times before the final hurdle, and after the final hurdle. It didn't help that his last run was nearly 3 months prior to the Cheltenham Festival and if they had got a run in beforehand, he may have been a stronger horse. He is obviously very lightly raced with only 4 starts over hurdles and being just a 6 year old, who stays all day long, he should turn into a very good horse this season and will be hard to beat over staying trips.

Likely target: Stayers Hurdle

Handicappers to Follow

ANNIE MC

Trainer – Paul Nicholls

Form – 1610-

Annie MC has been top class over fences and won 3 races on the bounce last season before going for the Marsh Novice Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, where she was outclassed. She is a very good jumper and Jonjo O'Neil has done a great job with her. She made her seasonal reappearance at Aintree on Sunday in the Old Roan Chase where she finished down the field. She should come down the handicap to a mark of around 141 and a race like the Bet Victor Gold Cup should suit her well.

ARDLETHEN

Trainer – Dan Skelton

Form – 1F118/123520-

I can't help but think Ardlethen is well treated on a handicap mark of 138. He ran 6 times last season over fences and ran well in 3 Grade 2s. His season ended at the Cheltenham Festival when coming home midfield in the Kim Muir Handicap Chase. That was a tough race for a Novice but he would have learned a lot from it. He should come on now in his 2nd season chasing and although I can't give a race he will be targeted at, I do believe he will turn on to better than his current mark of 138.

CARNADIER

Trainer – Willie Mullins

Form – 1/35/1233153/7/F7F-

One of these days Carnadier is going to win a big handicap. He is so consistent in them and really deserves to get his head in front. He is now an 8-year-old but is so lightly raced with only 14 career starts. He was 5th in the 2019 Coral Cup at the Cheltenham Festival and then 3rd in the Merseyrail Handicap at the 2019 Grand National meeting. He switched trainers in February to the legend Willie Mullins and was sent to Cheltenham for another crack at the Coral Cup off a mark of 145. He looked set to place but was an unfortunate faller at the last hurdle. He has since dropped to a mark of 143 and I am sure they will have a target in mind, having him fit and ready to try and take advantage of the workable mark. He could not be in better hands.

GREANETEEN

Trainer – Paul Nicholls

Form – 3/611/01114-

I was seriously impressed with how Greaneteen progressed last season over fences and he looked a natural. He won 3 races on the bounce in good style and was sent to the Cheltenham Festival to have a go at Grand Annual. He run a decent race to come home 4th of 18 off a mark of 150. He has gone up the handicap 1lb to a mark of 151 but now a 2nd season chaser, I think he can win off that mark. He is a super jumper who takes lengths out of the field at every fence. He's only a 6-year-old and I am looking forward to seeing how far he progresses this season.

HOLD THE NOTE

Trainer – Mick Channon

Form – 14312/3P23-

Hold The Note ran two excellent races on his last two starts last season. He travelled supremely well on his penultimate start at Warwick but just got done on the line. He didn't quite see out the 3 miles. He was then sent to the Cheltenham Festival for a crack at the Novice Handicap Chase and came home 3rd of 20 to Imperial Aura. I think Hold The Note will progress nicely this season and I am already eyeing up the Bet Victor Gold Cup off a mark of 146.

MARIO DE PAIL

Trainer – Sam Thomas

Form – 3/2112P-5

Mario De Pail is a horse who has had 4 starts over hurdles with his form reading 12P5. His first start over hurdles was back in December last year with a convincing 12 length win on soft ground. He then went to Chepstow in another heavy ground race and was beaten just a short head to the talented Eden Du Houx. Connections tried their luck in the Supreme Novice Hurdle where ultimately, he was outclassed. His first start this season was at Ffos Las in the Welsh Champion Hurdle where he ran with credit to come home 5th off a handicap mark of 135. He has since been dropped 2lb to a mark of 133 and given how well he plugged on in the Welsh Champion Hurdle, I think it is a winnable mark. Optimum conditions would be soft ground, so I am looking for races around Chepstow or Ffos Las for this improving horse. Given he is trained by a not so high-profile trainer in Sam Thomas, he may go under the radar and get a decent price.

MICK PASTOR

Trainer – Paul Nicholls

Form – 1610-

A horse who came over from France and was a bit of a talking horse last season. His undoing was how hard he pulled, often using up too much energy. That was the case in both runs at Cheltenham in Triumph Hurdle Trial and then the Fred Winter at the Festival. In between he did win at Ludlow and was very impressive so the talent is obviously there. As he gets older and as he learns to settle, he will only improve. In fact, I believe the plan is to jump fences and that also should help him settle. He is rated 137 by the handicapper and he is surely a better horse than that mark.

RATHHILL

Trainer – Nicky Henderson

Form – 2/14/00-

Just 4 career starts and you can't help but think Rathhill is seriously well handicapped on a mark of 133. He was a winner on his debut over hurdles at Newbury in 2018 and was then sent to Sandown for the Grade 1 Tolworth Hurdle. He was sent off 6/5 fav and was well fancied that day, but he flopped. He then didn't get to the track until November last year when sent off short-priced favourite in a handicap but again flopped coming home last. He was sent for a wind op 10 days after and kept fresh for the Cheltenham Festival, obviously protecting his handicap mark. He lacked a recent run and 17th of 24 in the County Hurdle. I think if he can get a few runs together and build up his fitness he should be winning a race this season.

RELEGATE

Trainer – Colm Murphy

Form – 1117/215/45-

Relegate is a horse who won the 2018 Champion Bumper at the Cheltenham Festival and was destined for the top under the care of Willie Mullins. Unfortunately, she had trouble with her jumping and it let her down badly in the 2018 – 2019 season. She switched trainers last season and sent to Colm Murphy and her first start under new trainer was at Punchestown in February. She jumped much better that day and came home 4th of 16. She was then sent to the Cheltenham Festival for the Pertemps Hurdle and again jumped ok to come home 5th of 24. She is now on a mark of 135 and surely they will want to take advantage of that mark and keep her over hurdles. She has a big win her season somewhere along the way.

SON OF CAMAS

Trainer – Nicky Henderson

Form – 0113P-

Son Of Camas looks well treated on a handicap mark of 133. He was a winner of a decent Maiden Hurdle on his debut over hurdles last season, beating a good horse in King Roland. His next start was in the Grade 1 Tolworth Hurdle where he was well fancied and came home 3rd of 7 to Fiddlerontheroof. He was sent for a wind operation 5 days later so clearly made a noise during the race. His final start last season was in the Ballymore Novice Hurdle where he was pulled up and clearly outclassed. I imagine they will go novice chasing and I would not be surprised to see him win a few on the bounce before being stepped up in class. Hopefully they can look after his mark as I am sure he has a big handicap in him.

Resources

JPW Scoop 6

Have you ever thought about betting as a group? Over at JPW Scoop 6, we pool our shares together to play the Jackpot, Scoop 6, and more recently Yankees. We've won the Scoop 6 and Jackpot several times, as well as winning over £2,000 nine times in the first two months of the Yankee Syndicate's inception.

www.jpwscoop6.com

NagMe

This is a free horse tracker that will send alerts whenever your chosen horses are racing. Some of our newcomers are so far under the radar that they may not be available straight away, but rest assured they will become available at some point in the near future. Some websites may have them on, but not all are free, as NagMe is.

www.nagme.com

Tipsters Empire betting guide

We've created a Betting Guide over at Tipsters Empire that will be added to and expanded over the coming months. This guide covers commonly used betting terms, examples of different bet types, odds conversion techniques and more.

www.tipstersempire.co.uk/betting-guide/

Where to watch Horse Racing

There are multiple places to watch racing these days, AtTheRaces, RacingUK and ITV, to name but a few. These generally cover almost all racing between them.

www.attheraces.com / www.racinguk.com / www.itv.com/racing

SportingLife has the ability to watch race replays for free, which is a great tool. All you need to do is register a free account, then head over to their results page.

www.sportinglife.com/racing/results

Horse Racing Glossary

Below we have a list of commonly used terms in horse racing that may not be known to all.

A

Agent

An agent is a person who handles a jockey's riding assignments. The top jockeys have the best agents to provide them with the best rides.

All Action in the Saddle

This term is used for jockeys who are throwing everything at their horse to get them home in the best possible position.

All Out

Means a horse is hanging on to the lead with the winning post looming up thick and fast.

All Weather Racing

Commonly known as the British dirt racing such as running on the tapeta. Other synthetic surfaces are known as the AW, which are mostly run at Wolverhampton, Kempton, Chelmsford and Lingfield.

Also Ran

When the rest of the field haven't finished in the first trio.

Apprentice

A jockey who has been riding for less than one year or hasn't won at least 45 races. Horses who are ridden by apprentices are allowed to carry five pounds less, sometimes a bit more.

At the Post

A term meaning all horses are secure in the starting gate or at the starting point, ready for the race to begin.

B

Bolted Up

Won with clear dominance.

Boxed / Boxed in

Surrounded by horses with no clear run and suffering trouble in-running.

Blinkers

Fitted to the horse's head to keep their concentration on track with no visual distractions during a race.

Bay

A horse colour varying from tan to bright auburn.

Blanket Finish

Horses who finish so closely, they could be covered by a blanket.

Brought Down

When a horse has been brought to the floor by another runner who has fallen or made a very bad mistake.

Broke Down

A horse who has suffered a serious injury in the race and is unable to continue.

C

Cheekpieces

Partially obscure a horse's rear vision and to help them concentrate more in a race.

Class

The quality of competition the horse competes in.

Condition

Condition on how the horse looks before it takes to the race (mainly during the paddock).

Course

Specific section of the track used for racing as some racecourses use more than one. As an example, Cheltenham uses the "old course" and the "new course" at different fixtures.

Chestnut

A horse colour that can vary from red-yellow to deep red.

Chasing in Vein

When the horse in second place is chasing down the winner all the way to the finishing line.

Change of Gear

A horse that is able to quicken up smartly off a slow pace or a truly run race.

Colt

An ungelded male horse aged four or younger.

Closer

Horses that do their best running in the closing stages of a race.

D

Dead Heat

A tie.

Dark Horse

When a horse is flying under the radar and could be one to spring a surprise when people least expect it to happen.

Dwelt

Remained in the starting gate long after the jockey, starter and prudence suggested leaving.

Derby

Commonly known as races such as the "Epsom Derby" and "Kentucky Derby" and all others in different countries.

Declarations

Horses that have been entered for a race.

Dying Strides

As close as you can get to the winning post in a race.

Digging Deep

When a racehorse won't give up lightly and is pulling out more.

Dam

The female parent.

Disqualification

A change in the order of finish, by the stewards ruling often following an objection or inquiry.

E

Entry

A horse is an owner's entry in to the race.

Entry Fee

Money paid to enter a horse in a race.

Ear Plugs

Used to muffle background noises during racing.

Eased

Having surrendered, the horse is slowed down during a race.

F

False Start

An invalid start to the race, mainly when a horse tries to grab a lead before the rest of the field.

Filly

Female horse that is four-years-old or younger.

Foal

A horse in its first year of life.

Flags are Raised

When the starter is happy to let the race begin.

G

Gelding

A castrated male horse.

Going Away

To win with an increasing margin.

Graded / Group Races

Jump racing is Grade 1, 2, 3 and Flat racing is Group 1, 2, 3 – both equal to the best horses contesting them.

Gamble

A horse that is heavily backed in betting means a horse is being gambled.

Game Gorse

A horse that is extremely tough to get past, a runner that tries very hard.

H

Handicap

To analyse the past performances and rate the horses in a race. Also designed to give the best horses more weight to carry to make the field more competitive.

Hands and Heels

Jockeys who don't use the whip and have the race in safe keeping use just their hands and heels to get their horse across the line without being given a hard time.

Head Bob

Usually when two horses are neck to neck and cross the line together is often called by the commentators as a "head bob".

Held Up

Horses who are at the back of the field and like to be played late on the scene is known as being "held up".

Held On

When a horse has just held to beat the horse behind them.

I

In Form / Out of Form

A horse said to be in-form can mean that they are performing at their peak level or the horse has been running well lately. Out of form is the complete opposite and has been running poorly.

J

Juvenile

A two-year-old.

Jet Propelled

When jockeys ask their horse for a big jump towards the end of the race.

K

Keen

Horses that are running too freely in a race and are wanting to go quicker than the jockey wants them to which often wastes energy.

Keeping On

Horses that are keeping on well in a race when pressure is applied from their rider.

L

Lame

Describes an inability to walk, gallop or run properly because of a pain or injury.

Listed

A race that is better than a Class 2 race but just short of group/graded company.

M

Missed the Break

Broke slowly from the starting gate, and didn't break with the rest of the runners.

Mount

A horse that a jockey is booked to ride.

N

Nose Band

Keeps the horse's mouth closed so they can breathe through the nose, and it can also help a horse settle throughout a race instead of pulling hard.

Nag

A slang for a racehorse, mostly a bad one.

Neck

Measurement for beaten horses, approximately equal to a horse's "neck".

Nod

Lowering the head so it's fully extended, as in to win in the nod.

O

Off the Bridle

When a horse is 'off the bridle' the bit in its mouth is loose. This indicates that the horse is tiring so the jockey has to lower their stance and really push the horse for more effort.

On the Bridle

When a horse is 'on the bridle' the bit is comfortable in its mouth and allows the jockey to be in contact with the horse through the reins; which then allows the jockey to remain almost stood. This occurs when the horse is travelling well.

Oaks

Races such as the Kentucky Oaks and the English version, Epsom Oaks.

Odds-on

Odds less than even money; staking £10 with a chance to make £8 profit for example.

Outsider

A horse with high odds, given little chance of winning by the public. They do occasionally spring a surprise which is always great to see.

P

Pacemaker

Trainers who have more than one in the race usually use one of them as a pacemaker to set it up for the Closer, ensuring the race is run at a true gallop.

Plodder

A horse that keeps the same pace all the way. A slow, methodical gainer.

Plater

A claiming horse, who is cheap.

Photo Finish

A finish that is so close that a photograph is necessary to determine the precise outcome.

Paddock

The enclosure where horses are saddled before a race, or an enclosure near a stable where horses can be exercised.

Pulled Up

To slow and stop a horse from further competition.

Post Time

Time for a race to start.

Prominent

Horses who are racing towards the front.

Q

Quickened Up

Jockeys who ask their horse for a little more and the response is immediate.

R

Ran Out

Horses who have decided to not continue and run off the track.

Rating

A horse that has been given a rating based on their previous performance.

Refuse

Refused to either break from the starting gate or refused to jump a hurdler or a fence.

Ruled Off

Suspended.

Ridden Out

Having finished under mild urging.

Reverse Forecast

A bet that involves two horses, in which you try and get the 1-2 in the race in any order.

Rallying

When a horse has been headed by another or has been outpaced, they have the ability to come back for more which is known as "rallying".

S

Sire

Male parent.

Shed the Maiden Tag

When a horse has finally won their first race.

Sex Allowance

The weight allowance fillies and mares receive when running against males.

Shut Off

Blocked in traffic or by another horse.

Sprint

A race of a mile or less.

Stallion

A male horse used for breeding.

Stick

A jockey's whip.

Stretch

The straightaway that leads to the wire, also known as homestretch.

Standing Start

When horses have approached the starting tape too quickly, they all have to line-up and start together off a standing start.

Stewards

Officials responsible for enforcing the rules of racing.

Stayer

A horse with stamina, who loves to run all day and excels in long distance races.

Switched Off

A patient ride from the jockey (held-up) means they have switched the horse off so they settle and can be lightened up when the pace of the race picks up.

Stood Down

Jockeys who have been injured or something else means they are stood down for the day and will no longer be riding on the rest of the card or day.

Set Sail

When a horse kicks clear to try and seal the race early.

T

Triple Crown

The American Triple Crown is the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

The English Triple Crown is the 2,000 Guineas, Epsom Derby and St Leger stakes.

The Canadian Triple Crown is the Queens Plate, Prince of Wales and Breeders Stakes.

Turn of Foot

A horse with a turn of foot can accelerate quickly and put distance between themselves and others in a matter of strides.

Tricast

A bet that involves three horses, in order to try and get the 1-2-3 in the race.

Tailed Off

When horses are not enjoying themselves in the race or are out of their depth, they are tailed off and out of the race.

Turning Up the Heat

Horses that are quickening and are applying pressure to the rest of the field from the front.

U

Under Pressure

Horses that need full assistance from their rider, with use of either the whip or being pushed along.

Unseated

Jockeys who have departed from their horse mid-race, mainly due to a bad mistake from the horse over a hurdle or fence.

W

Wind Operation

Designed to help a horse's breathing which can improve a horse to see out the distance of a race.

Weight

The jockey's riding weight on a horse.

Winning Post

The end of a race.

Winged

When a horse has jumped a fence to perfection.