

# Irish Grand National Analysis: Race Trends

***Analysing the Irish Grand  
National from an alternative  
viewpoint***

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**Irish Grand National (Grade A Hcp)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April – 5:00 Fairyhouse**

# Irish National: Winners Trends Analysis

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

## Irish National Trends

- 1      **15/15 aged 6yo-10yo**
- 2      **15/15 had 8-31 previous career starts**
- 3      **15/15 1-4 previous Chase wins**
- 4      **15/15 DSLR 18-90**
- 5      **14/15 had 13 or less Chase starts**
- 6      **14/15 had 8 or less Handicap Chase starts**
- 7      **14/15 OR 142 & below**
- 8      **14/15 carried 10-13 & below**
- 9      **14/15 previously won at 2m6f+**
- 10     **14/15 had 1 or 2 starts in the past 90 days**
- 11     **14/15 ran over 2m5.5f+ LTO**
- 12     **13/15 were IRE bred**

*\*As you will see in the trends table I've made a very small change to how I look at the trends. Essentially, I run the horses through the most important trends first (on this occasion it's the first 8) and those that fail three or more of the trends (that will vary between 2 or 3 from race to race) are exempt from the final trends. If a horse fails a number of the stronger trends at the start of the process it would be highly unlikely they'll a) end up on the shortlist and b) even more unlikely that I would then end up selecting them. As always, I'm looking for the horses with the strongest trends profiles for any given race and this small tweak just allows me to cut out some unnecessary wasted time.*

## 2018 Irish National Entries: Trends Applied

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

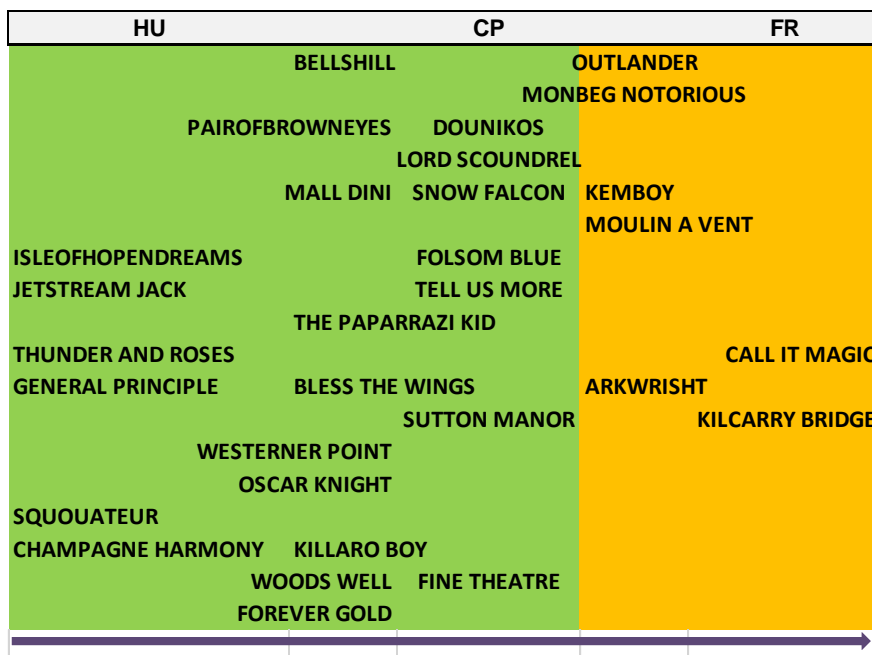
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot
<b>JETSTREAM JACK</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
<b>CALL IT MAGIC</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
<b>GENERAL PRINCIPLE</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
<b>CHAMPAGNE HARMONY</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	12/12
<b>MONBEG NOTORIOUS</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	11/12
<b>SUTTON MANOR</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	11/12
<b>KILLARO BOY</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	11/12
<b>BELLSHILL</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/12
<b>DOUNIKOS</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	10/12
<b>MOULIN A VENT</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	10/12
<b>MALL DINI</b>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10/12
<b>ISLEOFHOPENDREAMS</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	10/12
<b>ARKWRISHT</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	10/12
<b>SNOW FALCON</b>	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	9/12
<b>WESTERNER POINT</b>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	9/12
<b>OSCAR KNIGHT</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	9/12
<b>SQUOUATEUR</b>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	9/12
<b>WOODS WELL</b>	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	9/12
<b>KEMBOY</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	8/12
<b>TELL US MORE</b>	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	8/12
<b>THE PAPARRAZI KID</b>	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	8/12
<b>FINE THEATRE</b>	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	8/12
<b>OUTLANDER</b>	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	X	X	X	X	X
<b>LORD SCOUNDREL</b>	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	X	X	X	X	X
<b>PAIROFBROWNEYES</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	X	X	X	X	X
<b>FOLSOM BLUE</b>	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	X
<b>THUNDER AND ROSES</b>	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	X
<b>BLESS THE WINGS</b>	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	X
<b>KILCARRY BRIDGE</b>	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	X
<b>FOREVER GOLD</b>	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	X

**Trend Follower(s) – JETSTREAM JACK | CALL IT MAGIC | GENERAL PRINCIPLE | CHAMPAGNE HARMONY**

## 2018 Irish Grand National: Pace analysis

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

Horse	RS	Running Style
OUTLANDER	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
BELLSHILL	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
MONBEG NOTORIOUS	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
DOUNIKOS	CP	→ CP
LORD SCOUNDREL	CP	→ CP
SNOW FALCON	CP	→ CP
PAIROFBROWNEYES	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
KEMBOY	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
MOULIN A VENT	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
MALL DINI	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
FOLSOM BLUE	CP	→ CP
TELL US MORE	CP	→ CP
ISLEOFHOPENDREAMS	HU	→ HU
JETSTREAM JACK	HU	→ HU
THE PAPARRAZI KID	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
THUNDER AND ROSES	HU	→ HU
CALL IT MAGIC	FR	→ FR
GENERAL PRINCIPLE	HU	→ HU
ARKWRISHT	CP/FR	→ CP/FR
BLESS THE WINGS	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
SUTTON MANOR	CP	→ CP
WESTERNER POINT	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
KILCARRY BRIDGE	FR	→ FR
OSCAR KNIGHT	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
SQUOUATEUR	HU	→ HU
CHAMPAGNE HARMONY	HU	→ HU
KILLARO BOY	CP/HU	→ CP/HU
WOODS WELL	HU/CP	→ HU/CP
FINE THEATRE	CP	→ CP
FOREVER GOLD	HU/CP	→ HU/CP



Should be a steady enough pace on here, with **CALL IT MAGIC & KILCARRY BRIDGE** the two likely to be bang on the pace and around 5 others keeping them honest just in behind them.

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

Running Style      fr-1 / cp-7 / hu-7

## Irish Grand National Summary

### Shortlist...

**JETSTREAM JACK – 12/12**

**CALL IT MAGIC – 12/12**

**GENERAL PRINCIPLE – 12/12**

**CHAMPAGNE HARMONY – 12/12**

**MONBEG NOTORIOUS – 11/12**

**SUTTON MANOR – 11/12**

**KILLARO BOY – 11/12**

### Conclusion/selections

**GENERAL PRINCIPLE (G Elliott)** – The 9yo came a decent 5<sup>th</sup> (if you ignore the fact no-one was beating Our Duke!) in this last year off 11lb higher and I'd say that run deserves to be marked up a touch given that the ground was probably a shade too quick for him (Good-Yielding). The ground will be perfect for him this time around (almost certainly likely to be somewhere in the Soft – Heavy region) with all 4 of his wins coming with Soft or Heavy in the description (0/7 on quicker ground) and with form of 511261 on RH tracks in the Feb-Apr period it would be no surprise to see him out-run his lofty odds here.

**CALL IT MAGIC (R O'Sullivan)** – This one has hinted that a valuable handicap is somewhere within his locker and he's very interesting stepping back up over a marathon trip. The application of blinkers 4 starts back certainly seemed to unlock his talents and with form of 115P2121 on RH tracks in the Apr-Oct period he's another that should out-run his odds.

**JETSTREAM JACK (G Elliott)** – It's hard to know exactly where this one is at currently as his saddle slipped 3 out last time out when just making his move into a threatening position, a run that was his first since falling late on in a valuable handicap at the 2017 Punchestown Festival. There are a few pieces of his Novice form, however, that suggest OR 140 is a winnable mark and there's always been that bit of class about him, making him an interesting runner here.

Thoughts on other trends-topper CHAMPAGNE HARMONY...he's a massive price so I can't say I'm not tempted but PU LTO runners in this are 0/33, 3p and first time headgear wearers are 0/20, 0p and with his record in races worth more than 10k to the winner being a rather miserable 0/9, 1p, I just find it difficult to frame a solid case for him. If he wins I'm sure you will hear my wounded howls far and wide...

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