

NTF NH SUMMER STUNNERS 2018



*A 'Dirty Dozen' of jumpers to keep in
mind for the summer*

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NTF Summer Stunners – 2018

June, July, August, September specialists...

Yes! NTF Summer Stunners is back for 2018! Year FIVE of sunning itself during the long hot summer (!?) months!

Although the main part of the National Hunt game has now gone into hibernation that doesn't mean that there isn't anything to keep us jumping enthusiasts entertained, far from it in fact.

The National Hunt game rumbles on throughout the summer and there are plenty of angles that we can get stuck into and plenty of horses who simply relish having the sun on their back.

This free NTF guide uncovers **12 National Hunt horses** that have an excellent record throughout the main core months of the summer season (Jun, Jul, Aug & Sep) and highlights not only their summer form figures but also pinpoints important areas where they act at or near their optimum (i.e. if they run out with these months but still have optimum conditions then they are well worth consideration).

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PEREGRINE RUN (P Fahey) 8yo

2018 P/L - 1/3, 1p +£6.41

Summer record

32132111311 (6 from 11) (Record in May - 00 | Record in October - 1)

Other notes

Strong record on Good ground (7/12, 3 places)

Has taken well to fences (21131U)

Good record when starting at 4-1 or less (6/10)

Summary

Connections sent this one chasing last June and he duly fired in a form string of 21131 over the larger obstacles before being off the track from August until the Scottish National meeting at Ayr in April. He was laboured that day and probably needed the outing and given that he has G2 & G3 victories on his CV it would be disappointing should he not prove some way better than that effort (UR in G2 Future Champions Novice Chase). There will be races to be won with him over the summer months if connections fancy it.

SANDYMOUNT DUKE (J Harrington) 9yo

2018 P/L - 0/1, 1p -£1.00 BFLSP

Summer record

09111111115521 (9 from 14) (Record in May – 2210 | Record in October - 234)

Other notes

All 10 of his wins have come on Good or Good to Firm (0/7 on other going)

Strong form when sent off at 4/1 or less (112131111521)

Unbeaten in July (4 from 4)

Summary

This Hernando gelding had a wonderful campaign last summer, pulling together a form string of 11152 between the end of May & August and it looks like they are prepping him for another summer campaign again this year, with the 9yo having a couple of warm-up spins in April & May. He's higher in the weights this summer round but he finished a decent 5th in the Galway Plate last August off 1lb higher than his current mark and that could well be a feasible target again this time round.

THEFLYINGPORTRAIT (J Candlish) 9yo

2018 P/L - 0/3, 1p -£3.00 BFLSP

Summer record

121140P11145 (6 from 12) (Record in May – 68557 | Record in October 13)

Other notes

All 7 career wins on Good or better ground (0/13 on Good to Soft or softer)

All 7 wins in fields of 11 or less (0/8 in fields of 12+)

All 6 wins over 2m – 2m1.5f trips (0/6 over 2m3f+)

Strong form at Kelso (113) & Perth (115)

Summary

Connections have had this front-running grey out twice in the spring, clearly with a view to getting him fit and firing for his prime months. Those two efforts will have blown away the winter cobwebs and the added bonus of those runs is that he's been dropped 6lbs to OR 133, a mark that should definitely see him be competitive during his favoured summer months.

DREAMSOFTHREATRE (JJ O'Neill) 9yo

2018 P/L - 2/5, 1p - +£40.35 BFLSP

Summer record

2221291111372 (5 from 13) (Record in May - 031445 | Record in October - 0P54215)

Other notes

He has strong August form (4 from 6, 2 places)

7 of his 8 wins have come on Good or quicker ground (he is 1/17 on Good to Soft or softer ground)

7 of his 8 wins have come at 3m+ (he is 1/17 over 2m7.5f or less)

All 8 of his wins have come in fields of 11 or less (he is 0/8 in fields of 12+)

Richard Johnson is 3 from 4 on him

Summary

From a handicapping perspective this lad, like this time last year, is insanely well-handicapped, as he goes into the summer campaign from the lowly mark of OR 103, some 24lbs below his highest winning mark and 16lbs below his last winning mark. If Jonjo can in any way get him firing again he could pick off at least a couple of low grade races over the summer months. He did hint there is still something in the locker with a 5th at Huntingdon on the 22nd of May and if building on that he could reward followers at decent odds.

KYLECRUE (JP Ryan) 11yo

2018 P/L - 0/5, 1p -£5.00

Summer record

835461151414234121151P35 (8 from 24) (Record in May – 297P3F6
| Record in October - 1365)

Other notes

All 12 wins over 2m4.5f or less (0 from 39 over 2m5f+)

All 12 wins have come wearing blinkers

0 from 9 in fields of 16+

0 from 17 at G2 level+

Summary

This 11yo is a hardened veteran of the summer game and shows no sign of slowing down just yet, with his most recent run being a solid third in the Pat Taaffe Handicap Chase at the Punchestown Festival. He should again continue to run to his usual levels throughout the summer months, the time when he's at his most potent.

TAMARILLO GROVE (S Leech) 11yo

2018 P/L - 2/4, 2p +£7.32

Summer record

8233511476512777114162F15 (7 from 25) (Record in May - 0/8 |
Record in October - 0/4)

Other notes

All wins on Good or Good to Firm ground (0/12 on softer ground)

All wins over 2m1f & shorter (0/11 over 2m1.5f+)

All wins Left-Handed (0/15, 1p Right-Handed)

Summary

This one doesn't operate at much of a level but has won at least once during the summer months on five of the last six summer seasons (only year he didn't was the year he only ran once in the summer). He's had a couple of 'liveners' during the spring and should be ready to fire in his prime months from what is currently an attractive mark (OR 96).

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HEIST (P Griffin) 8yo

2018 P/L - 0/2, 0p -£2.00

Summer record

131053411401133 (9 from 15) (Record in May - 53U10 | Record in October - 32517)

Other notes

Yet to win in 4 starts off a break of 61+ days

Perhaps best on undulating tracks (7 of 8 wins on tracks with at least some undulations and 'only' 1/8 on flat tracks)

Summary

A relatively adaptable horse when it comes to conditions, but he does seem to like things when the sun is shining and connections are not scared to travel with him as he's raced more this side of the Irish Sea than he has on home soil (19 starts in the UK – 10 starts in Ireland).

SONNEOPRESENTING (K Bailey) 8yo

2018 P/L - 0/1, 0p -£1.00

Summer record

1214123112 (5 from 10) (Record in May - 3 | Record in October - 6)

Other notes

All wins over 2m4.5f – 2m7f (0/3 over 2m3.5f & shorter – 0/8 over 3m+)

Possibly best on better ground – 4 wins on Good, 1 on Good to Soft, 0 from 3 on Soft

Yet to win from OR 133+ (0/4)

Summary

The 8yo crept up the handicap after a successful summer last term but after a couple of spring runs he's back down to a mark (OR 131) where he should be more competitive, and it would be disappointing should he not pick up a race over two over the summer months. Although not yet winning over 3 miles he would be of interest over the trip on an easy track such as Perth or Southwell.

WISTY (M Todhunter) 9yo

2018 P/L - 0/1 0p -£1.00

Summer record

975F1F83901231311 (5 from 17) (Record in May 0P018 | Record in October 0807)

Other notes

Strong record at Cartmel (4/7, 2p)

All wins in fields of 11 or less (0/15, 1p in fields of 12+)

All wins off a break of 60 days or less (0/7, 0p off breaks of 61+ days)

Possibly at absolute best on LH tracks (5/14 LH – 1/16 RH)

Summary

A 13lb rise in the weights for his 17L romp at Cartmel last August left this one too high in the weights to be competitive but he's now back down 5lbs (possibly will go down further after flopping at Cartmel on 28th May) and with a couple of pipe-openers under his belt in the spring (after a winter holiday) he should be primed and ready to strike somewhere in the next few months.

RASHAAN (C Kidd) 6yo

2018 P/L - 1/1 +£7.03

Summer record

170711151 (5 from 9) (Record in May - 22 | Record in October 2)

Other notes

Unbeaten at Down Royal (3 from 3)

Possibly best on Right-Handed tracks (6/13 RH – 1/7 LH)

Strong record away from Graded level (1121112122)

Summary

The 6yo has just embarked on a career over fences, finishing second on both starts by a length or less and I'd be surprised should he not open his account over the bigger obstacles before too long. He could be interesting if going handicapping at the back end of the summer.

EVER SO MUCH (B Haslam) 9yo

2018 P/L - 2/5, 1p +£6.10

Summer record

531111371225765 (5 from 15) (Record in May – 2/8 | Record in October - 0/3)

Other notes

7 of 8 wins on Good ground (1/17 on Good to Soft or softer ground

Doesn't seem to stay past 2m5f (0/4 over 2m5.5f+)

All wins in fields of 12 or less (0/14 in fields of 13+)

Possibly best on Left-Handed tracks (7/28 LH – 1/13 RH)

Summary

A bit of a tricky customer but he ended a long losing spell recently (first win since May 2016) and if Haslam can keep him sweet then he's definitely got a well-handicapped horse, over both hurdles and fences, to work with over the summer.

VOSNE ROMANEE (DR R Newland) 7yo

2018 P/L - 2/2, +£2.46

Summer record

21212213131 (5 from 11) (Record in May – 271P | Record in October – N/A)

Other notes

All 7 wins on Good or quicker (0/10 on slower ground)

All wins off a break of 30 days or less (0/5 off longer breaks)

All wins in fields of 11 or less (0/7 in larger fields)

Strong record at Class 3 level & below (6/15 at C3 level & below – 1/10 at C2 level+)

Summary

The 7yo returned to the track in February after spending the entire period between September & January in his stable but he never managed to get his ground in four starts and that showed in his results (4583). Saying that he did run well for a long time in a 3-runner handicap at Perth in April but just couldn't quicken on the rain softened ground. He's still pretty unexposed over fences after only 7 starts and he'd be of plenty interest if kept going over the summer again. I'd also be a bit more flexible on the field size angle and consider him up to 15/16 runners if he gets his ground.

Closing notes...

Hopefully the horses in this FREE NTF guide hit the mark this summer and you are able to make profitable use of the material included within. The aim of this guide is to pinpoint a clutch of horses that in previous seasons have excelled during the summer months and shown themselves more than capable of hitting the mark. That, of course, is no guarantee of future success for them but hard work and study does pay off and hopefully at least a handful of them will pay their way during the summer jumping months, with any luck there will be a juicy priced winner somewhere amongst the pack!

Horse patterns and profiling is a large part of my own betting arsenal (and also a large part of my [NTF Subscription service](#)) and it does pinpoint numerous winners throughout the season for myself. If you can source patterns in amongst a horses wider form then profits are there waiting for you.

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