# Kerry National Analysis: Race Trends

### Analysing the Kerry National from an alternative viewpoint

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## Kerry National (Grade A Hcp) 11<sup>th</sup> September – 4:15 Listowel

### **Kerry National: Winners Trends Analysis**

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

#### **Kerry National Trends**

- 1 15/15 IRE or GB bred
- 2 15/15 1-12 previous handicap chase starts
- 3 15/15 at least 1 previous start in current season
- 4 15/15 DSLR 48 or less (0/93 out with range)
- 5 15/15 top 8 finish LTO
- 6 15/15 at least 2lbs higher than their last victory
- 7 15/15 5+ starts in last 365 days
- 8 14/15 aged 6yo-9yo
- 9 14/15 ran over no further than 2m6.5f LTO
- 10 13/15 5-13 previous chase starts

#### 2019 Kerry National Entries: Trends Applied

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot
SOME NECK	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	9/10
ALL THE ANSWERS	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	9/10
RAVENHILL	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	9/10
YORKHILL	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	8/10
PRAVALAGUNA	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	8/10
DRUMCLIFF	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	8/10
POKER PARTY	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	8/10
BARRA	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	8/10
MOVEWITHTHETIMES	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	8/10
DELL' ARCA	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	8/10
ICANTSAY	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ζ	Ν	8/10
A TOI PHIL	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	7/10
INTERNAL TRANSFER	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ζ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Z	7/10
BLACK SCORPION (RES)	Υ	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Y	Y	Ν	7/10
NED STARK (RES)	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	Ν	7/10
VALSEUR LIDO	Ν	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Z	Υ	Ζ	6/10
NA TRACHTALAI ABU	Υ	N	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	N	6/10
SWINGBRIDGE	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	N	6/10
OSCAR KNIGHT	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	Ν	5/10
SHANTOU VILLAGE	Υ	Υ	Ν	Ν	N	Ν	Ν	Υ	Ζ	Ν	3/10
MONBEG RIVER (RES)	Υ	Ν	Ν	Ν	Υ	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν	3/10

Trend Follower(s) - SOME NECK | ALL THE ANSWERS | RAVENHILL

#### 2019 Kerry National: Pace analysis

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

Horse	RS	Running Style
YORKHILL	HU/CP	HU/CP
A TOI PHIL	HU	→ HU
SOME NECK	HU/CP	HU/CP
ALL THE ANSWERS	HU/CP	HU/CP
PRAVALAGUNA	CP/FR	CP/FR
DRUMCLIFF	CP/HU	CP/HU
POKER PARTY	CP/HU	CP/HU
BARRA	CP/HU	CP/HU
SHANTOU VILLAGE	CP/HU	CP/HU
RAVENHILL	СР	CP
INTERNAL TRANSFER	CP/FR	CP/FR
MOVEWITHTHETIMES	СР	CP
VALSEUR LIDO	СР	CP
DELL' ARCA	СР	→ CP
ICANTSAY	FR	FR
NA TRACHTALAI ABU	HU	HU
SWINGBRIDGE	СР	CP
OSCAR KNIGHT	HU	→ HU
BLACK SCORPION (RES)	HU	→ HU
NED STARK (RES)	HU/CP	HU/CP
MONBEG RIVER (RES)	CP/FR	CP/FR

HU		СР	FR
	YORKHILL		
A TOI PHIL	SOME NE	CK	
	ALL THE A	NSWERS	PRAVALAGUNA
	DRUMCLI	FF	
	POKER PA	RTY	
	BARRA		
	SHANTOU	VILLAGE	
		RAVENHILL	INTERNAL TRANSFER
	N	OVEWITHTHETIMI	ES
		VALSEUR LIDO	
		DELL' ARCA	ICANTSAY
NA TRACHTALAI ABU		SWINGBRIDGE	
OSCAR KNIGHT			
BLACK SCORPION (RES)	NED STAR	K (RES)	MONBEG RIVER (RES)

ICANTSAY looks the likely pacesetter here although both PRAVALAGUNA & INTERNAL TRANSFER will be close up with him helping to force the early speed.

MONBEG RIVER will be up in the van as well if he gets in.

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

Running Style fr-2 / cp-5 / hu-8

#### **Kerry National Summary**

Trends Shortlist...

SOME NECK - 9/10

ALL THE ANSWERS - 9/10

**RAVENHILL - 9/10** 

#### Conclusion/Selection(s)

**RAVENHILL (G Elliott) –** This 9yo comes here unexposed as a chaser after only 4 starts (form of 1-2-1-5) with the last time out 5th coming in the Galway Plate very much suggesting he's up to races of this level (first try in the grade). We know he stays well given he's won over 3m1f over hurdles and gone close on his two other starts over 3m, so stamina won't be an issue. It's also worth noting that Elliott has an excellent record at this Festival with his NH runners that fit the following profile...DSLR 11-75 | 2+ starts in season | SP of 10-1 or less...which returns...11/34 | 32% S/R | +£57.94 BFLSP – W&P 15/34 | 44% S/R and he's also saddled 2 of the last 3 winners of this race as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup> horse in last years renewal. My only real quibble with this one is Denis O'Regan in the saddle as he's 0/52 over 2m3f+ trips at the track. That, hopefully, won't be an issue and he'll manage to steer this unexposed gelding home in front.

**ICANTSAY (J Patrick Ryan)** – I want to dip down to the next set of trends qualifiers (8/10 group) for my second bet, primarily because of this one's record at the track (1-3-2-2) and also because of his trainers record at this meeting with his handicap chasers...7/16 | 44% S/R | +£36.53 BFLSP – W&P 10/16 | 63% S/R (since 2015). The horse himself was an eye-catcher 2 starts back when finishing 0.5L second in the Galway Blazers Handicap at the Galway Festival and he could well get a similarly free spin on the front end here, given we know he handles the fences (1 from 1 over the Listowel fences) that could make him hard to catch. He stays well (has won at up to 3m2f), handles most ground, has plenty form in large fields and looks over-priced in this.

Thoughts on others...

ALL THE ANSWERS was visually impressive last time out albeit the form doesn't look anything all that special, which is a small concern. He's untested beyond 2m4f so that brings a bit of a question mark but he is improving and there's no doubt he's interesting, I may yet back him...

SOME NECK is strong on the trends but his handicap chase form isn't great (0/5, 0p), he's yet to convince over 3m+ (4UF665) and Mullins is only 2/28, 4p with his first time blinker wearers. He is better off with Valseur Lido & Yorkhill at the weights from their last meeting and he is clearly strong on the trends but he's just not for me.

MOVEWITHTHETIMES, I get why he's fancied but at the end of the day he's 0/10, 1p in races worth more than 8k (4/4 below that) and I can let him win this without me backing him.

YORKHILL, well he's got all the talent but he's been very in and out since his novice chase days (1 win in 10) and he's been well beaten all 4 starts at 3m+ (41L, 59L, 25L & 26L).

DELL' ARCA ran well in this last year off 6lbs higher but he's done precious little since. Second start of a wind op though so he might (big might!) run well at a price.

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