

# **NTF 2022/23**

# **SIRES THAT FIRE!**



***Progeny that hit the mark straight off  
the bat...***

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Sire stats... for National Hunt racing...

That's far from a 'new' thing for me... I did start on this NTF journey as the 'Dosage man' after all...

But I have moved away from the pedigree/breeding side of things in the past few years...

Not intentionally... it's just how things have progressed... some other angles come to the fore whilst others just slip and slide into the background a bit...

I have, however, been longing to get back to digging into sire stats as **I do firmly believe it is STILL an untapped and underused edge for us National Hunt punters...**

My NTF Weekend Notes are stuffed full of a large variety of stats, trends, angles, pointers, prime conditions...

You know the score I'm sure...

**But I've also now begun to pull in Sire stats as well... to add EVEN MORE VALUE to the service and the notes...**

This info is simply NOT readily available in other places, not in the way I look at it anyway and, again, **I strongly believe it STILL offers a MASSIVE EDGE to you in the National Hunt game...**

A lot of people are simply just not giving it anywhere near the attention it deserves...

**But that is GREAT for punters like you and I who ARE looking at it...**

I've recently cleared out/tidied up all my racing databases, dropped all those angles that were sitting there doing nothing and replaced them with all the bits and pieces of sire stats and analysis that has been on my 'to do list' for far too long...

My current approach, of which I'll be sharing plenty of in this guide, **is to concentrate on the sires that produce offspring that are sharp enough to get the job done at the first time of asking in their new discipline...**

So that would be...

**Making their Bumper debut**

**Making their Hurdle debut**

**Making their Chase debut**

But I haven't restricted it to *just* their debut runs...

Sometimes you need to stretch it out a bit to their first couple starts...

Sometimes you need to start paying attention AFTER they've had their debut runs...

As always, flexibility is a key factor to keep in mind when sourcing and researching these angles... if you are too rigid then you might miss the juiciest of juicy fruits...

# **BUMPER SIRES**

**SHANTOU**

**SOLDIER OF FORTUNE**

**WELL CHOSEN**

**GETAWAY**

## SHANTOU

***4yo-5yo IRE bred horses on Bumper debut | Bumpers over 2m+ on Right-Handed tracks***

*19/69 | 28% S/R | +£295.50 BFLSP - W&P 29/69 | 42% S/R*

*56% above expectation*

**Notes:** Shantou sadly died in 2021 but there are still some of his kids coming through from his final few crops and Paul Nicholls trained a winner on this angle at the end of October at Ascot

## SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

***4yo Geldings on Bumper debut | SP 11/1 or less***

*11/27 | 41% S/R | +£44.07 BFLSP – W&P 20/27 | 74% S/R*

*85% above expectation*

**Notes:** Soldier Of Fortune is yet to produce a really top-class NH performer but plenty of his bumper youngster know their job straight of the bat (and I'd be flexible enough on the SP filter)

## WELL CHOSEN

### *4yo & 5yo Geldings on Bumper debut*

*10/23 | 43% S/R | +£41.84 BFLSP – W&P 11/23 | 48% S/R*

*186% above expectation*

**Notes:** Ireland is the best place to find these types but Lucinda Russell did saddle one at Perth in October (JEM IN EM) so the UK trainers are taking note of the sire and his bumper prowess

## GETAWAY

### *Fillies & Mares in Bumpers | finished 1st or 2nd LTO | SP <7/2*

*18/29 | 62% S/R | +£25.85 BFLSP – W&P 24/29 | 83% S/R*

*59% above expectation*

**Notes:** Angles with SP filters attached are not always the easiest to follow but this one has such strong strike-rates I wanted to include it. There are 22 individual horses in the stats and 17 of them won at least once, 3 of the 5 that didn't win managed to place

# **HURDLE SIRE**

**SHANTOU**

**SEA THE MOON**

**COASTAL PATH**

**KAYF TARA**

## SHANTOU

***4yo-6yo Geldings on Hurdle debut | 2m2f+***

*20/69 | 29% S/R | +£223.52 BFLSP - W&P 37/69 | 54% S/R*

*57% above expectation*

**Notes:** The second appearance in the guide for Shantou and his Hurdle runners show some strong stats on hurdle debut

## SEA THE MOON

***GB & GER bred Hurdlers | 0-1 Hurdle starts | 2+ career starts***

*15/42 | 36% S/R | +£56.11 BFLSP - W&P 21/42 | 50% S/R*

*109% above expectation*

**Notes:** Sea The Moon kids have proven profitable to catch on their first and second starts, his 3yo & 4yo kids in particular strike at a high rate under this angle (44%)



## COASTAL PATH

*Geldings on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hurdle start | <2m5f | NOT wearing a TT  
21/61 | 34% S/R | +£90.93 BFLSP - W&P 30/61 | 49% S/R  
54% above expectation*

**Notes:** The wearing no TT (Tongue-Tie) may seem like a strange filter but overall Coastal Path offspring have a lesser S/R when wearing a TT so it makes sense to exclude it here as well

## KAYF TARA

*5yo-6yo's on 2nd or 3rd Hurdle start | UK tracks | finished 1st-3rd LTO | NOT seasonal debut  
39/97 | 40% S/R | +£86.43 BFLSP - W&P 61/97 | 63% S/R  
18% above expectation*

**Notes:** Some good profits on offer for Kayf Tara kids coming off a top 3 finish last time out and that are still in the early stages of their hurdle careers

# **CHASE SIRE**

**MALINAS**

**DOYEN**

**SAINT SES SAINTS**

**NETWORK**

**FAME AND GLORY**

**MUHTATHIR**

**KAPGARDE**

**MILAN**

**SHIROCCO**

**MAHLER**

## MALINAS

### *5yo-7yo geldings on 2nd and 3rd Chase start*

*25/49 | 51% S/R | +£68.17 BFLSP - W&P 34/49 | 69% S/R*

*84% above expectation*

**Notes:** Some potent stats there for the Mailinas kids and the stats improve again for those that finished 1st-4th in a Chase LTO (24/38 | 63% S/R | +£77 BFLSP)

## DOYEN

### *Geldings on Chase debut | 5+ previous career starts | SP 7/1 or less*

*17/24 | 71% S/R | +£53.15 BFLSP - W&P 18/24 | 75% S/R*

*210% above expectation*

**Notes:** Some insanely strong chase debut figures there for Doyen Geldings when they are set to start near enough the head of the market. As always I'd be flexible enough on the SP filter

## SAINT DES SAINTS

***4yo-7yo geldings on 1st- 3rd Chase start | C2 or less | Sept-May***

*32/76 | 42% S/R | +£82.57 BFLSP - W&P 44/76 | 58% S/R*

*42% above expectation*

**Notes:** Nicholls, Mullins & Henderson appear plenty in the stats above and they know where best to place the Saint Des Saints kids in the early days of their chasing careers

## NETWORK

***6yo+ Geldings on Chase debut | 0-6 previous career starts***

*11/27 | 41% S/R | +£127.13 BFLSP - W&P 11/27 | 41% S/R*

*114% above expectation*

**Notes:** On Good to Soft or softer the Network chase debutants strike at an even higher level, returning even tighter figures of 10/19 | 53% S/R

## FAME AND GLORY

***5yo-7yo IRE or FR bred geldings on Chase debut | NO TT or Headgear***

*10/32 | 31% S/R | +£33.71 BFLSP - W&P 14/32 | 44% S/R*

*67% above expectation*

**Notes:** This son of Montjeu has been producing some decent looking chasers and they are more than capable of getting the job done on Chase debut

## MUHTATHIR

***1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Chase start | NOT seasonal debut | SP <5/1***

*19/32 | 59% S/R | +£26.65 BFLSP - W&P 25/32 | 78% S/R*

*56% above expectation*

*(No date filter on this one)*

**Notes:** Paul Nicholls appears in these stats with 7 individual horses and his overall record with progeny of the sire does read strongly

## KAPGARDE

***1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> chase start | C4 or lower Beginners & Novice Chases | SP 7/1 or less***

*16/37 | 43% S/R | +£40.31 BFLSP - W&P 21/37 | 57% S/R*

*83% above expectation*

**Notes:** Figures become even stronger away from Heavy ground (15/31 | 48% S/R)

## MILAN

***6yo+ geldings on chase debut | 1+ career victory | NO Headgear | SP 5/1 or less***

*18/41 | 44% S/R | +£27.94 BFLSP - W&P 24/41 | 59% S/R*

*42% above expectation*

**Notes:** Milan offspring are built for fences and it's no real surprise that nearer the head of the market is the place to concentrate on when it comes to his chase debutants

## SHIROCCO

***Second Chase start (ran in a Chase LTO) | C3 or C4 | 2m1f-2m7f***

*12/25 | 48% S/R | +£57.25 BFLSP - W&P 14/25 | 56% S/R*

*108% above expectation*

**Notes:** A little bit of a niche one this and if you look at it from 2018-present it's even tighter (12/22 | 55% S/R | +£60.25)

## MAHLER

***6yo's on 2nd chase start | UK tracks | DSLR 42 or less | completed race LTO***

*13/32 | 41% S/R | +£46.30 BFLSP - W&P 17/32 | 53% S/R*

*78% above expectation*

**Notes:** Horses that failed to complete LTO are 0/7, 1p and 3 of them also failed to complete next time out as well, so it makes sense to drop them from the angle

Sire stats remain a very much untapped source of profits for punters, especially under National Hunt rules, and are a vital piece in the analysis jigsaw for any race, but even more so when the horse in question is in the very early stages of its new discipline.

As I often highlight in guides, using such stats to form a 'system' is not some I really do myself or would advise other to do.

What I would advise, and it's something I utilise in my own betting, is to use the knowledge gained from this guide to source profitable betting opportunities with the sires highlighted, when one of their offspring looks to be running under the highlighted conditions where they have proven to run well, and above market expectation, in the past.

For example, you see that a son of **DOYEN** is making his chasing debut, it's the 8th start of his career and he's hovering around the 6-1/7-1 sort of mark... BAM! That's your way in. **You know this is a profitable starting point.** You know these types of Doyen kids strike at a hefty 71%... you also know there is a healthy level of profits at play and the market has regularly been letting them start at a bigger prices than they should be.

From there you can do a bit more digging (does horse handle ground, is it fit/likely to be fit...) to see if you can find further positives and strengthen your case for getting your money down.



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*Best Regards*

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