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Goodwood Angles, Stats & Pointers...

Goodwood Handicaps

The Jockeys...

Goodwood is undoubtedly one of the trickiest tracks for a jockey to navigate. Some jockeys make it look easy... whilst others...well...don't! That not a slight on their abilities, but as with any walk of life some people just excel in one area of their profession and others come to life elsewhere, that's just life.

At Goodwood I like to look at the jockey angle from two perspectives...the straight track (5f & 6f races) and the turning tracks (7f and longer races).

Jockeyship really comes to the fore in those turning track races (7f+) with each extra furlong in distance providing its own unique set of bends and undulations to navigate.

Take a look at the course map and see for yourself...



**image taken from GeeGeez.co.uk*

With that rollercoaster to try and navigate it's no surprise that it pays to know which jockeys to trust to get the job done on a regular basis, especially when it comes to **the Handicaps run round the Goodwood bends.**

The handicaps are generally well-supported and draw large fields, which at a track like Goodwood will naturally bring interference at vital junctures, plenty of argy-bargy as the field jostle for position and more than a fair share of 'hard luck' stories.

Knowing when to press on the gas pedal to get a good early and mid-race position and, equally, knowing when to ease off and let others waste petrol on the tougher parts of the track are vital tactics that jockeys need to have in their armoury (as well as all the other parts of the tactical jigsaw needed to successfully navigate the uber-competitive Goodwood bend handicaps) and the following group of jockeys master this art 'better' than others...

**Following stats look at ALL Goodwood handicap races run over 7f and further (bend handicaps) – 2017 to present*

🎯 **OISIN MURPHY:** 23/148 | 16% S/R | -£21.99 – W&P 56/148 | 38% S/R

🎯 **SILVESTRE DE SOUSA :** 14/101 | 14% S/R | +£33.18 – W&P 33/101 | 33% S/R

🎯 **WILLIAM BUICK:** 13/92 | 14% S/R | -£28.74 – W&P 27/92 | 29% S/R

🎯 **JAMES DOYLE:** 13/80 | 16% S/R | +£32.87 – W&P 30/80 | 38% S/R

🎯 **TOM MARQUAND:** 12/128 | 9% S/R | -£3.78 – W&P 34/128 | 27% S/R

🎯 **ROBERT HAVLIN:** 10/38 | 26% S/R | +£24.96 – W&P 14/38 | 37% S/R

🎯 **CIEREN FALLON :** 8/42 | 19% S/R | -£0.73 – W&P 16/42 | 38% S/R

Let's look at that group a bit closer...

👉 **OISIN MURPHY**

Murphy is an interesting one on this score as his record in the top handicaps round the Goodwood bends (Class 2 Handicaps) could definitely be better... **4/64 | 6% S/R | -£35.03 BFLSP – 60% below exp...** I wouldn't discount any mounts he has in those Class 2 Handicaps, but for angle purposes I'm happy to look elsewhere...

The following is what I settled on...

📊 **Oisin Murphy Goodwood 7f+ Handicaps | C3 & C4 level | Horses aged 3yo-4yo | Top-rated or no more than 8lbs below top-rated**

📊 16/44 | 36% S/R | +£36.51 BFLSP – W&P 27/44 | 61% S/R

📈 71% above exp | E/W = +£29.61

👉 **SILVESTRE DE SOUSA**

De Sousa's had a few years away from the UK, so there are 'gaps in his CV'... but he's always ridden Goodwood well, particularly under the following conditions...

📊 **S De Sousa | Goodwood 7f+ Handicaps | Class 2 | Male horses | DSLR 25 or less**

📊 9/28 | 32% S/R | +£68.37 BFLSP – W&P 14/28 | 50% S/R

📈 38% above exp | E/W = +£69.89

👉 WILLIAM BUICK

Buick's Goodwood 'bend' powers are seen at their strongest over the middle to long distances, particularly when the following angle is met...

 **W Buick | Goodwood 1m2f+ Handicaps | Horses with 0-8 Hcp starts | WON or beaten no more than 4L LTO**

 10/21 | 48% S/R | +£27.68 BFLSP – W&P 13/21 | 62% S/R

 133% above exp | E/W = +£27.49

👉 JAMES DOYLE

Doyle tends to struggle a little in the Goodwood 7f+ Hcps that are restricted to 3yo's... **1/19, 5p | -£14.85...** and if we remove those races and add in one other filter, we get a tidy angle for the jockey in the Goodwood 'bend' handicaps...

 **J Doyle | Goodwood 7f+ Handicaps | Horses with 0-13 Hcp starts | NOT Handicaps restricted to 3yo's**

 11/46 | 24% S/R | +£58.49 BFLSP – W&P 22/46 | 48% S/R

 40% above exp | E/W = +£28.45

👉 TOM MARQUAND

Marquand's overall Goodwood 'bend' handicap stats are only really average at best... but when you look at younger horses that start at a single figure SP and are yet to score more than once in handicap company, Marquand's stats improve significantly...

 **T Marquand | Goodwood 7f+ Handicaps | Horses aged 2yo-4yo | 0-1 Handicap wins | SP <8/1**

 9/28 | 32% S/R | +£40.21 BFLSP – W&P 16/28 | 57% S/R

 71% above exp | E/W = +£36.23

👉 ROBERT HAVLIN

Havlin's bare stats in the Goodwood 'bend' handicaps are solid enough as they are... but a couple of simple filters turn those solid stats into a seriously tight little angle...

 **R Havlin | Goodwood 1m1f+ Handicaps | Horses with 0-2 career wins**

 10/23 | 43% S/R | +£36.96 BFLSP – W&P 12/23 | 52% S/R

 102% above exp | E/W = +£31.49

👉 CIEREN FALLON

One simple filter added to Fallon's overall stats gives a tight angle to go to war with...

 **C Fallon | Goodwood 7f+ Handicaps | SP <9/1**

 8/20 | 40% S/R | +£21.27 BFLSP – W&P 15/20 | 75% S/R

 80% above exp | E/W = +£22.08



▼ GOODWOOD STRAIGHT TRACK JOCKEYS

Although the Goodwood straight track races (over 5f & 6f) are maybe not *quite* as challenging as the races contested over the longer trips, they are still run on a part of the track that holds some serious undulations... and, again, some jockeys are able to handle the test the straight track provides better than others...

The following two jockeys caught my eye on the stats...

👉 HOLLIE DOYLE

Hollie Doyle does well in the sprint handicaps away from extremes of going and at Class 3 & Class 4 levels...


 **H Doyle | Goodwood 5f-6f Handicaps | Good-G/S-Soft ground | C3 & C4 level**


 8/23 | 35% S/R | +£45.52 BFLSP – W&P 11/23 | 48% S/R

 138% above exp | E/W = +£32.50

👉 WILLIAM BUICK

Buick's Goodwood 'Straight' tracks strengths come on younger horses with a recent win on their CV...

 **W Buick | Goodwood 5f-6f Handicaps | 2yo-4yo's | Horses that WON 1 of last 2 starts**

 (Since 2020) 6/12 | 50% S/R | +£24.49 BFLSP – W&P 9/12 | 75% S/R

 114% above exp | E/W = +£27.21



I like to use the Jockey 'Angles' highlighted here as a guide rather than as gospel, and I use them as way of helping me form an overall picture of any race I am analysing and putting under race trends analysis...

I will highlight any 'qualifiers' on the angles in *this* guide in the **daily Glorious Goodwood Guides** that I will be producing for full NTF Members during the five days of Glorious Goodwood 2025...

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The Draw...

It's always worth a quick look at the draw stats at such an idiosyncratic track as Goodwood. Generally, I'd bunch the distances together at plenty of tracks, but if you flick back to the course map included earlier in this guide it's clear we need to consider each distance on their own merits at Goodwood, given different bends and loops are in play depending on which distance you are looking at.

For this piece of analysis, I've gone back to 2015 (and up to the present day) to give a bit more beef to the numbers, and I'm looking at **handicaps of 8 or more runners over 7f+ trips**. Then I'm breaking down the stalls into quarters. For example, in a 12-runner field stalls 1-3 would be quarter 1, stalls 4-6 would be quarter 2, stalls 7-9 would be quarter 3 and stalls 10-12 would be quarter 4.

This is how the draw map works out...

Distance	Draw Segement				# Races
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
7f	33%	41%	16%	10%	100
1m	38%	25%	19%	17%	52
1m1f	24%	34%	27%	15%	41
1m2f	18%	39%	25%	18%	61
1m3f	33%	33%	19%	14%	21
1m4f	27%	32%	27%	14%	37
1m6f	23%	34%	21%	21%	39
2m	19%	32%	32%	16%	31

The 7f figures are the most interesting, with the bottom half of the draw (Q1 & Q2) looking very strong and holding a healthy advantage over the top half of the draw, especially the top Quarter (Q4), **with 74% of the 7f races being won by a horse breaking from the bottom half of the draw (Q1 & Q2)...**

The bottom half remains strong at the 1m trip as well, with **63% of the 1m races being won by a horse drawn in the bottom half of the draw (Q1 & Q2)...**

Things begin to even out a little as you move up the distances, with the 1m6f stats telling you there is no major advantage to any part of the draw.

The 7f figures are definitely the most interesting though, and even more so when you consider races with 14 or more runners, with **the bottom half of the draw (Q1 & Q2) winning 82% of the races (23 of 28) and the top half (Q3 & Q4) only managing to win 18% of the races (5 of 28)...**



The great thing about this Goodwood guide is that you'll still be able to use it even AFTER Glorious Goodwood is finished... as the angles I've uncovered are for ALL Goodwood meetings... not just the Glorious Goodwood Festival...

I personally use the info in this guide as part of the wider picture for any given race run at Goodwood, to help me narrow the field and zone in on the likely contenders before making my final plays...

I recommend that you incorporate this type of analysis into your own betting approach... utilising the info provided in this NTF analysis guide will assist in refining your Goodwood punting strategies and improving your overall profitability.

Cheers - Ben (NTF)

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