

Persian War Novices Hurdle

CHEPSTOW

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The NTF Approach



Dosage Trends & Dosage Points

+ Extended Trends Analysis

The alternative approach to handicapping the 2011

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Introduction

Welcome to the first NTF guide of the 2011/12 NH Season. Today's guide looks at the **PERSIAN WAR** Hurdle from **CHEPSTOW** and puts the Grade 1 contest under the spotlight and subjects it to the usual rigorous NTF Dosage analysis and extended trends analysis.

If the Dosage method is still an alien concept to you then please take a look through the example guide that I have recently been giving away.

Each race that I analyse is split over 6 sections –

- Section 1 highlights the Dosage trends, sourced from the previous 15 renewals, as well as running style trends and other key Dosage trends.
- Section 2 looks at this year's entrants and splits the field into likely winners, possible winners and unlikely winners based on Dosage
- Section 3 looks at the important trends that the past 15 winners had in common and looks to see which of today's runners best fit the trends
- Section 4 looks at the pace of the race and how each runner is likely to run and how the race may ultimately shape up
- **Section 5 is the race overview and where I look at compiling a short list based on trends, Dosage and Going**
- Section 6 is my selection section. This section always includes the **NTF selection** (the horse I think has a big chance based on its Dosage figures and trends profile) but depending on the size of field and/or competitiveness of the race there may also be an **NTF outsider/danger horse** (an outsider who I feel has a better chance than the market suggests or a horse I feel is a big danger to my selection) and/or a **potential Dosage buster** (a horse that has the potential to outperform its Dosage figures)

This NTF release is a guide to who are the likely winners based on the Dosage method and extended trends analysis. Although I have added a section with my own selections this segment is not the only way you can utilise the guide. What I have presented to you is a Dosage and trends breakdown of today's race. The entries for this race have been broken down, using trends and stats from the previous 15 renewals(if available), into likely winners, possible winners and unlikely winners based on Dosage. How you use these stats is entirely up to yourself. You could, if you wanted, follow my selections blindly, you could interpret the figures in your own way and come to your own conclusions, you could incorporate the figures into your own analysis and/or ratings, you could follow only the Dosage figures, you could follow only the extended trends analysis - the choice is exclusively yours. I have presented the stats in my regular NTF fashion and you can use them how you see fit.

I personally use Dosage and trends to aid my betting in a number of ways and hopefully you will too.

****We must remember that although trends and stats are a good pointer they are not a guarantee for future success.***

I hope enjoy the latest **NTF** guide 😊

Abbreviations that are used in this publication

Dosage Trends

DP = Dosage Profile

DI = Dosage Index

CD = Centre of Distribution

Dosage Points Angle (DPA)

PATB = Points Across The Board

Horses that have points in each category of their Dosage Profile

20+ = 20 or more total Dosage Points

Horses that have equal to or more than 20 points in their Dosage Profile

DQ = Dual Qualifier

Horses that have BOTH points across the board AND 20 or more points in their Dosage Profile

Best of luck for today, enjoy the guide and Happy Punting 😊

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Chepstow

**3.40 Grade 2 Novices' Hurdle –
Persian War Novices' Hurdle**

Persian War Novices' Hurdle

Grade 2 / 2m4f / 4yo+ - Race Dosage rating ★★

Dosage Trends

DP - 12/15 had 12 points or more
11/15 had between 14 and 26 points

DI - 11/12 had a DI of 0.67 or above
9/12 had a DI of 0.78 or above
2/12 had a DI above 3.00

Majority Range: 0.67 to 2.11 67% of winners

CD - 10/12 had a CD of -0.15 or above
2/12 had a CD above 0.88

Majority Range: -0.15 to 0.88 67% of winners

DI & CD Average - DI 2.17 / CD 0.29 **DI & CD Median -** DI 1.05 / CD 0.11

Running Style

Front runners – 0
Close to Pace – 9
Hold Up – 6

Dosage points angle

7/15
(PATB) = 1 / (20+) = 2 / (DQ) = 4

2011 Persian War Novices' Hurdle Entrants

Probable winners *(Based on Dosage)*

Form	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
/	TROP FORT	5-1-3-3-0	/	12	1.67	0.67	CP/FR
6141	BEDOUIB BAY	9-1-18-4-0	20+	32	1.46	0.47	CP/FR
/	WASSAILING QUEEN	4-1-5-4-0	/	14	1.15	0.36	CP
/	CHARM SCHOOL	8-1-16-9-0	20+	34	1.00	0.24	HU
213222	COCK OF THE ROCK	2-1-9-4-0	/	16	0.88	0.06	CP/FR
/	CURRENT EVENT	3-0-12-5-0	20+	20	0.82	0.05	FR/CP

Possible winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
1	SWEET IRONY	3-0-5-0-0	/	8	2.20	0.75	HU/CP
/	BAILE ANRAI	0-0-4-0-0	/	4	1.00	0.00	CP
412	THE BIG FREEZE	0-0-5-1-0	/	6	0.71	-0.17	CP

Unlikely winners *(Based on Dosage)*

FORM	HORSE	DP	DPA	TOT	DI	CD	R/S
/	FINGAL BAY	4-0-6-8-2	20+	20	0.54	-0.20	CP
2	HARD TO SWALLOW	1-0-5-3-9	/	18	0.24	-1.06	CP/HU
/	WAR OF THE WORLD	0-0-4-8-6	/	18	0.13	-1.11	HU

Persian War Novices' Hurdle Extended Trends Analysis





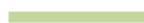







- 1 10/11 had finished in the top 3 on their National Hunt debut
- 2 10/11 had either won a bumper or never before contested a bumper
- 3 10/11 had previously run over hurdles
- 4 9/11 had a 70%+ w-p National Hunt Strike Rate
- 5 9/11 had no more than 5 previous National Hunt Starts
- 6 8/11 finished in the top 3 last time out
- 7 8/11 had between 1 & 3 previous National Hunt wins
- 8 8/11 ran within the past 28 days
- 9 8/11 were aged 4 or 5
- 10 8/11 had already run that season
- 11 Only 2/11 had previously raced on the flat

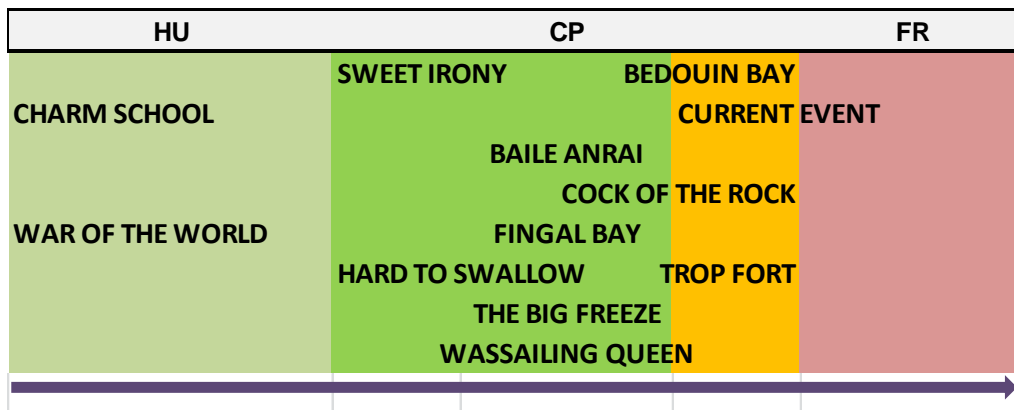
NTF Trends

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Tot
COCK OF THE ROCK	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	9/11
HARD TO SWALLOW	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	9/11
BEDOJIN BAY	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	8/11
FINGAL BAY	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	8/11
THE BIG FREEZE	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	8/11
CURRENT EVENT	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	7/11
TROP FORT	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	7/11
SWEET IRONY	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	6/11
WASSAILING QUEEN	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	6/11
BAILE ANRAI	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	5/11
WAR OF THE WORLD	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	4/11
CHARM SCHOOL	N/A	Y	N	N/A	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N	N	2/8

Trend follower (s) – COCK OF THE ROCK – HARD TO SWALLOW

Persian War Novices' Hurdle Analysis

Horse	RS	Running Style
BEDOUIB BAY	CP/FR	 CP/FR
CURRENT EVENT	FR/CP	 FR/CP
SWEET IRONY	HU/CP	 HU/CP
BAILE ANRAI	CP	 CP
CHARM SCHOOL	HU	 HU
COCK OF THE ROCK	CP/FR	 CP/FR
FINGAL BAY	CP	 CP
HARD TO SWALLOW	CP/HU	 CP/HU
THE BIG FREEZE	CP	 CP
TROP FORT	CP/FR	 CP/FR
WAR OF THE WORLD	HU	 HU
WASSAILING QUEEN	CP	 CP



The above is just a quick snapshot of how the race may be run based on the perceived running styles of each horse.

No out and out front runner in the field but I would expect one of **CURRENT EVENT, BEDOUN BAY, TROP FORT** or **COCK OF THE ROCK** to be in the firing line from the off. In a race that is hard to win from the front this 4 could set it up for one coming from behind.

2011 Persian War Novices' Hurdle Overview

TRENDS

The runners that look best suited to this Grade 2 on the trends front are –

COCK OF THE ROCK – 9/11

HARD TO SWALLOW – 9/11

BEDOIN BAY – 8/11

FINGAL BAY – 8/11

THE BIG FREEZE – 8/11

DOSAGE

COCK OF THE ROCK – BEDOUIN BAY

Dosage green zone

THE BIG FREEZE

Dosage Orange Zone

HARD TO SWALLOW – FINGAL BAY

Dosage Red Zone

GROUND (Ground conditions currently – Good to soft)

Form on the ground -

COCK OF THE ROCK – n/a

HARD TO SWALLOW – 2

BEDOIN BAY – n/a

FINGAL BAY – n/a

THE BIG FREEZE – n/a

2011 Persian War Novices' Hurdle Selections

First thing to mention about this race is that it isn't the strongest from a Dosage angle (2 stars (out of 5)). Last 2 winners would have been difficult to find using Dosage alone so I generally take the dosage side of things with a pinch of salt for this race. (The Dosage figures are more robust after this seasonal opener and the next 2 star or less Dosage race is not until around 20 races down the line and the next 9 races are all 4 star Dosage races)

NTF Selection – FINGAL BAY (P Hobbs) – Went in the notebook after his demolition job last season in his sole bumper start at Exeter and if we are honest he doesn't fall that far down on the Dosage figures. The progeny of his sire Kings Theatre have an excellent recent record at Chepstow – 9/33 | 27% S/R | +£8.22 BFSP – W&P 21/33 | 64% S/R – and trainer Philip Hobbs often targets this race (2 winners and a clutch of placed horses in the past 10 renewals). Despite this being his first start of the campaign he is unlikely to be short of fitness (Hobbs 2/8 with his seasonal debutants this month) and the trainer has also made no secret of how highly he rates this one. This looks a good opening for this potentially high class 5yo who is expected to take high rank in the novice hurdle scene this term.

In a race that lacks strength in depth (in my opinion anyway) I'm happy to stick with the Hobbs horse and save my punting pennies for Wetherby next weekend.