

NTF NH SUMMER STUNNERS 2019



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

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NTF Summer Stunners – 2019

June, July, August, September specialists...

Yes! NTF Summer Stunners is back for 2019! Year SIX 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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THEFLYINGPORTRAIT (J Candlish) 10yo

Summer record

425121140P11145 (6 from 15) (Record in May – 768557 | Record in October 1331)

Other notes

All 9 career wins on Good to Soft or better ground (0/10 on Soft or Heavy)

All 9 wins in fields of 11 or less (0/10 in fields of 12+)

All 9 wins over 2m1.5f trips or shorter (0/6 over 2m3f+)

Strong form at Kelso (1133), Perth (1154) & Wetherby (11)

Summary

This 10yo has been a stalwart of the Summer Stunners guides and connections look to be priming him for another fruitful summer campaign. He returned from his obligatory winter break on a career high mark of 144 but after four defeats he's starting to find himself back down to a mark in the mid-130's, a place where he will start to become competitive again, just in time for his favourite months of the year.

LEAPAWAY (P Hobbs) 7yo

Summer record

11111 (5 from 5) (Record in May - 33 | Record in October - 3)

Other notes

He is 5/9, 3p on Good or quicker ground (0/4, 0p on Good to Soft or softer)

He's possibly best on a Left-Handed track (5/9 LH | 0/4 RH)

Richard Johnson has ridden him to 4 of his 5 wins

Summary

Options look open for this 7yo son of Stowaway, who could stay hurdling and gun for some of the decent handicap pots in the next few months or go over the larger obstacles and try his hand at the chasing game. Whatever route connections take you'd be disappointed should he not find himself in the winners enclosure on at least a couple of occasions.

ERIC THE THIRD (T Vaughan) 10yo

Summer record

12121210339800139 (5 from 17) (Record in May – 8005 | Record in October – 541P1)

Other notes

All wins have come off a break of 60 days or less (0/7 off longer breaks)

All wins have come on Good or better ground (0/10 on ground with cut)

All wins have come in fields of 14 or less (0/14, 0p in fields of 15+)

Summary

This 10yo's Prime Conditions look to be... Good or better ground | 14 or less runners | DSLR 45 or less | June-Oct | Hcps...where he has form figures of 112121213113 (7/12, 5p - all 7 career wins)...and Tim Vaughan should still be able to squeeze more out of him this summer from his lowly marks (OR 115 over fences – OR 100 over hurdles). He's been off since November so it's pretty clear that he's been saved for another crack at some summer victories.

HATCHER (D Skelton) 6yo

Summer record

1211119 (5 from 7) (Record in May – F4 | Record in October - 25)

Other notes

Unbeaten in July & August (4 from 4)

All wins in fields of 11 or less (0/6 in fields of 12+)

6 from 7 in fields of 7 or less (small fields suit his front-running nature)

Summary

Connections have already fired this one over fences this term, with the 6yo winning his first 2 starts over the larger obstacles in very easy fashion in March & April, after taking a winter break off the back of a very successful summer last year. The tried him in a handicap last time out (12th may – Ludlow) and although he failed to sparkle there (4th of 7) he's worth sticking with as he almost certainly plenty better than that result suggests.

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HALLINGS COMET (S Lycett) 10yo

Summer record

11121P12U12 (6 from 11) (Record in May – 1P0 | Record in October - 564)

Other notes

All 7 NH wins came on a flat left-handed track

6 of 7 NH wins came on Good ground

Unbeaten (3 from 3) in September

Summary

Returned to the track this February after a 445 day lay-off and although he's shown little in five starts none of those runs were under prime conditions and connections have been able to get his handicap mark down to the very attractive mark of sub-113. He's actually a horse with very strong performance patterns to his profile and ideally you'd be backing him under the following conditions... National Hunt | May-Sept | OR 113 or less | LH - Flat track | 11 or less runners...where he has form figures of...1112112U11 (7/10, 1p - all 7 NH wins).

ROBIN DES FORET (W Mullins) 9yo

Summer record

13311212124 (5 from 11) (Record in May - 112 | Record in October - 12)

Other notes

Unbeaten (3 from 3) at Kilbeggan

Paul Townend has only finished unplaced on the horse once in 11 rides (winning 5)

Finished in the frame on all 8 hurdle starts (winning 5)

Summary

The 9yo ran a solid race in second behind subsequent Irish National winner Burrows Saint at Limerick in March, a run that gave plenty hope there is still more to come over the larger obstacles. He's still a threat out with the summer months although he strikes me as one that's just a shade below top-class but certainly has the ability to scoof up some 'weaker' pots when the sun is shining.

SYMPHONY OF ANGELS (D Skelton) 7yo

Summer record

8411311 (4 from 7) (Record in May 2 | Record in October N/A)

Other notes

All 4 wins have come on Left-Handed tracks

All 4 wins have come off breaks of 16 – 60 days

Unbeaten (2 from 2) at Southwell

Summary

Dan Skelton quickly fired two victories into this son of Sulamani when the horse transferred from the yard of Graeme McPherson last May. He was then packed away for the season, presumably with a summer of chasing the plans in the pipe-line for this term. He should improve further for the larger obstacles and he could very easily pick up a couple of weak novice contests this summer before his sights are raised.

MISTER FIZZ (I Pickard)11yo

Summer record

111014 (4 from 6) (Record in May - 7 | Record in October 3)

Other notes

All 5 NH wins have come between 2m3f & 2m5.5f

Unbeaten (3 from 3) at Newton Abbot

All NH wins have come in fields of 11 or less (0/11 in fields of 12+)

4 of his 5 NH wins have come on Left-Handed tracks

Summary

The 11yo had a very productive summer in 2018, winning all 3 starts and climbing 23lbs in the weights as a consequence. He struggled on his next 4 starts, albeit he was completely out of his depth in Grade 3's at both the Cheltenham & Aintree Festivals, but the upshot of that is he now finds himself below his last and highest winning mark and he could be ripe for picking off another race or two in the coming months. His Prime Conditions look to be...

National Hunt | June-Nov | 2m3f-2m5.5f | 11 or less runners | OR 140 or less...where he is...1117311 (5/7, 1p – all 5 NH wins).

VIVANT (T Lacey) 6yo

Summer record

133111 (4 from 6) (Record in May – 4 | Record in October – N/A)

Other notes

All 4 wins on Good to Soft or quicker

All 4 wins over 2m4.5f – 2m7.5f

All 4 wins have come on Left-Handed tracks

Richard Johnson has good form on the horse (1311P)

Summary

The 6yo really kicked on when she moved to Tom Lacey last summer, ending the summer with form figures of 133111 (she was 0/7 prior to his move to the Lacey yard). She returned at Ayr this year after a 207-day break (PU) and then made her debut over fences at Warwick, where she finished a disappointing 4th of 5. There's a chance she just needed those runs to get herself back to full fitness and she's almost certainly better than the bare form of those runs suggests, she should be up to picking off at least a couple of novice chases this summer, possibly novice handicap chases, and I wouldn't be convinced she's done improving over hurdles either.

MONBEG LEGEND (N Henderson) 9yo

Summer record

111211 (5 from 6) (Record in May – 1 | Record in October – 22)

Other notes

Good record at Worcester (112)

Strong record at Class 3 level & below (01111121 – 2223 at Class 2 level+)

Yet to win outside of the May-Sept period (1112111 in those months compared to 22203 in all other months)

Summary

Very much one who seems to need the sun on his back to perform to his optimum as with only 12 career starts on his CV (as of 16-05-19) there every chance he's still got progression to come this summer, quite possibly over 3m+ trips, which is an untapped area for him at present.

PASS THE BALL (N Madden) 10yo

Summer record

111413 (4 from 6) (Record in May – 0092 | Record in October – P1)

Other notes

All 5 NH wins have come on Good to Yielding or quicker (0/8 on softer ground)

All 5 NH wins have come over 2m4f+ (0/6 over shorter trips)

All 5 NH wins have come when returning within 75 days of last run (0/4 off longer breaks)

Niall Madden has ridden him to all 5 of his NH wins

Summary

This 10yo is seriously unexposed over the larger obstacles with only 3 starts to his name and given that he's around 10lbs below his hurdle mark it's not hard to see him landing a couple of handicap chase pots before the handicapper catches up with him. He returned off his winter break with a down the field run on the flat at Navan in March but backed that up with an eye-catching second over fences at Punchestown on May 15th and that effort very much suggests he's got wins in him yet over the larger obstacles.

GO ANOTHER ONE (J McConnell) 7yo

Summer record

112321211 (5 from 9) (Record in May – 25 | Record in October – 42)

Other notes

Sean Bowen has an excellent record on the horse (1112)

Strong record in fields of 11 or less (1122112143411)

Excellent record on Flat & Slightly-Undulating tracks (1111112)

Summary

This son of Stowaway has always looked a chaser in the making so the fact he's already bagged 7 victories before even seeing a fence in public bodes extremely well for his future. He rounded his novice hurdle season out with a Listed victory at Perth and a G1 5th at the Punchestown Festival and he should be more than capable of picking up at least a couple of victories over the larger obstacles during the summer months.

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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