



NTF Winter Warmers 2020/21

FREE Guide

*Horses that love running and **WINNING**
in the deep-mid-winter months...*



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Introduction

NTF Winter Warmers, you know the sort... those horse that just love getting out of bed in the deep-mid-winter months and running to the peak of their abilities when the mud is flying and we are all wrapped up in our winter coats and dog-walking wellies! Yeah them, that's what a **Winter Warmer** is and this guide highlights ten such types for you to take advantage of, cherrypicked from my deep reserve of horse notes.

But what makes an NTF Winter Warmer?

This Winter Warmers guide concentrates on monthly patterns for individual horses and focuses on those types that excel in the November to January period, a period I personally see as the deep-mid-winter months. On some occasions, when applicable, I've also extended the parameters to include October and/or February.

The runners in this guide...

For those of you that have followed me for some time this won't be a completely new concept to you. I've produced many similar free posts/guides like this over the past ten or so years, highlighted similar types of horses to keep an eye on and to profit from. All horses on the list are here because their form tells me that they excel in the winter months and given their Prime Conditions can be expected to perform at or very near their best. The horses are taken from a much larger set of personal notes that I constantly update, refine and tweak, making sure I'm as ahead of the game as I possibly can be. Like all the horses from my own personal notes the runners in this guide will be [highlighted to full NTF Members when they are set to run](#) under their Prime Conditions and look like we have a chance of profiting from them.

How do you profit from Handicap Sleepers?

Luckily for you I've done most of the hard work! I've sourced the horses and laid out their **Prime Conditions** for you. All you need to do is keep an eye out for them running, ideally under their Prime Conditions, and then back them accordingly.

What to do now...

Read the guide, familiarise yourself with the runners and their traits. If you use an alerts tool then enter them in there with my notes attached.

As is always the case with an NTF guide it is entirely up to yourself how you wish to utilise the information and how you add it to your own punting armoury. I would, however, suggest having some sort of each-way cover for the larger priced runners, whether that is with the traditional bookies or indeed on the exchanges.

****Note. Sometimes these runners will win out with ideal conditions, without our money down. It happens; we deal with it and move on.***

*****Note. It's not always a case of waiting for ALL conditions to be ticked for a horse, you can sometimes be waiting forever for that to happen. If for example 4 of the 5 conditions are ticked it's a case of making a judgement call based on price and how important the missing angle is in conjunction with that days race.***

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FIRST FLOW (K Bailey)

9yo – 20 career starts, 10 wins

Overall Form line - 4/4111P/5/22132111/1116-6

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Feb: 12211131114211 (9/14)

All other months: P51664 (1/6)

Prime Conditions

Nov – Feb | NOT Very Undulating tracks = 111123122111 (9/13, 3p – 9 of 10 career wins)

Notes: Progressed from handicaps into a G1 winner at Ascot in January although couldn't add to that win at the spring festivals. His best chance at top level success this term looks likely to come in the Nov-Feb period where he's likely to be getting his preferred Soft/Heavy underfoot conditions.

CHARMANT (J Ewart)

9yo – 26 career starts, 6 wins

Overall Form line - 3/3365324/11424/1141F/451P/874P-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Jan: 6511411445175 (5/13)

All other months: 333324241FP8P (1/13)

Prime Conditions

C3 or less | OR 136 or less | fields of 9 or less = 114114211 (6/9, 1p – all 6 career wins)

Add in Nov-Jan filter to main PC conditions = 141111 (5/6 – 5 of 6 career wins)

Notes: Spent last season either too high in the handicap (above OR 136) or running out with his Prime Conditions. Starts this season on a very workable mark (OR 128) and it would be disappointing she he not add to his 6 career wins, especially during the winter months.

SENSULANO (N Williams)

8yo – 22 career starts, 5 wins

Overall Form line - 4/2321302/1124/21129/52545-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Jan: 31121125122 (5/11)

All other months: 34409542225 (0/11)

Prime Conditions

Nov-Jan | races worth 21k or less = 211211123 (5/9, 2p – all 5 career wins)

Notes: The mare failed to shine last season but connections evidently thought she had a breathing issue and send her for a wind op in January. She returned in February but by then it was out of her Prime Months (Nov-Jan) so it's easy to ignore her well-beaten final two starts of the season. The up-shot of last season's efforts are that she starts this season on the very eye-catching mark of OR 129, a mark she should be able to capitalize upon during the winter months.

LIMITED RESERVE (C Williams)

9yo – 27 NH career starts, 6 wins

Overall Form line - 6453551125/24211/403011/33UP6P-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Feb: 521031113031U1P (6/15)

All other months: 76P256442995345 (0/15)

Prime Conditions

G/S or softer | DSLR 45 or less | Nov-Feb | Flat-Slightly Und tracks | Handicaps = P11031111 (6/9 – all 6 career wins)

Notes: Another that disappointed last season but he rarely had his Prime Conditions to attack and hopefully he'll be better placed this term during his Prime Months.

MESSIRE DES OBEAUX (A King)

9yo – 16 career starts, 5 wins

Overall Form line - 55637/111233/4/114P-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Jan: 11111 (5/5)

All other months: 324473P3 (0/9)

Prime Conditions

November to January!!

Notes: A horse that has had his career stunted by injury but he showed last season he still retains plenty ability and I'd expect him still to be a force during the deep mid-winter before probably finding the 'heat' of the second part of the season just a shade out with his pay-grade.

STRONG RESEMBLANCE (O Greenall)

10yo – 22 career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 52436F/756421121135/3/PPF-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Jan: 61121P1 (4/7)

All other months: 3P5FF5725463423 (0/15)

Prime Conditions

C4 or less Handicaps | Nov-Jan | OR 110 or less | Flat tracks = 11211 (4/5, 1p – all 4 career wins) ...possibly best with a run under his belt

Notes: Three non-completions last season don't make for great reading but none of the runs were under Prime Conditions and he starts this year back on his last winning mark, which is clearly a positive.

MR WHIPPED (B ELLISON)

8yo – 9 career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 1112P/314/P-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Jan: 13111 (4/5)

All other months: 2P4P (0/4)

Prime Conditions

Still lightly raced for an 8yo due to injury breaks but does seem best during the deep mid-winter months of Nov-Jan (unraced in October so unknown if he's ready to fire prior to November)

Notes: Only ran once last year and that was in a competitive G3 Handicap Chase at the Grand National meeting off a 736-day break, so no surprise to see him struggle and end up PU. He was dropped 5lbs for the run though so his new connections to have plenty wiggle room to work with on the ratings front.

COUNT MERIBEL (N Twiston-Davies)

9yo – 27 career starts, 5 wins

Overall Form line - 5/5233222/111265P/1147/26P/U7P56-

Winter Warmer Form

Oct-Jan: P7UP6241162111332 (5/17) improving to PU11111332 (5/10) when looking at Oct-Jan | C2 & below (17k or less)

All other months: 225F66378 (0/9)

Prime Conditions

Oct-Jan | C2 or less (17k or less to winner) | OR 137 or less = 11111332 (5/8, 3p – all 5 career wins)

Notes: Has been poorly placed in the past couple of seasons and simply has not had his Prime Conditions to attack. That hopefully changes this winter.

ALBERTS BACK (M Easterby)

7yo – 10 NH career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 11/2/3325/11F-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Jan: 131113 (4/6)

All other months: 225F66378 (0/9)

Prime Conditions

NH | Nov-Dec = 113311 (4/6 – all 4 career wins)...improves to 1111 (4/4 – all 4 career wins) in fields of 6 or more (likes a decent pace to aim at)

Notes: Was sent back hurdling last season, winning two of his three starts, but I'd like to see them give Chasing another crack as he looks on a workable mark in that sphere and he never faced absolute Prime Conditions in his first season chasing (2019/20).

ADRIMEL (T LACEY)

6yo – 8 career starts, 5 wins

Overall Form line - 110/111PP-

Winter Warmer Form

Nov-Feb: 11111 (5/5)

All other months: OPP (0/3)

Prime Conditions

Early days still for the 6yo but signs are that he's maybe not quite up to G1 level so G2 level & below in November to February may prove his Prime Conditions.

Notes: Was a winning point-to-pointer and has the potential to make into an above average chasing type this season

Where to get Prime Condition/Winter Warmer horses...

Naturally, if you have the time, you can source your own. It's a time consuming process, no doubt about that, but it IS a worthwhile task and it WILL point you towards plenty of winners that the wider betting public are ignoring.

Alternatively you can **hook up to the full NTF members service where I will be highlighting Multiple Handicap Sleepers/Prime Condition horses each and every week.**

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It's not easy finding the time to pick through the form book and source those horses that have strong patterns to their form figures, patterns that allow us to profit from them when meeting with their Prime Conditions. There are so many horses in training it's like picking your way through a thoroughbred handicap minefield! But that's where I come in...

I find the horses for YOU. Then all we need to do is wait for the correct conditions and get the money down!

Cheers and best of punting luck

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