

NTF National Hunt 2021/22

Prime Conditions Taster



A small taster of the NTF PC Horses...

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Prime Condition (PC) Horses have been a staple of my personal punting approach for a long time. I'll happily spend hour upon hour digging through the CV of a group of horses, looking for patterns and profiles in their wider form so that I can compile a list of the exact conditions they excel under (as well as the conditions they are not as effective under).

I make it my job to know as much about certain horses as I possibly can so that I'm ready to strike when conditions suit. Indeed, there are some horses I will back regardless of the opposition if they have their Prime Conditions, so confident am I that they will excel under the conditions they face in the race they are about to contest.

On the [full NTF subscription service](#) I highlight these Prime Condition on my **NTF Daily Stats Sheets**, pinpointing those horses I feel have conditions in their favour and look set to run a big race (on the Summer NTF Service these PC horses pulled in **+£114.85 points profit** to Betfair SP). I spent many hours this past summer delving into my own personal mound of National Hunt notes, making sure my comments were all up to scratch and ready for this 2021/22 National Hunt season, although in truth this is a continual process and the work never really stops! Whilst undertaking the notes upkeep I also **compiled a guide of 50 PC Horses**, detailing those horses prime conditions; the exact conditions where I feel **we can profit from them during the 2021/22 National Hunt season**. This guide is **now available to my full NTF members** and that's in addition to all the normal analysis methods I've been supplying my members with for the past 12 seasons.

We, that's NTF Members and I, will be tracking these horses throughout the season, waiting for the right time and correct conditions to get our money down and profit from the '**Prime Condition Horses**'.

When I'm using this type of trends analysis I'm not necessarily looking for a horse to tick all the boxes/positive conditions I've highlighted for them and, as always, I'm using it as a guide to help me assess a horse's overall chances in any given race. Clearly if all boxes are ticked then brilliant, however, you can be waiting a very long time for some horses to get bang-on-all-boxes-ticked conditions and you do need to be flexible to a certain extent when considering a horse's Prime Conditions compared to what it faces in any given contest.

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A PLUS TARD (H De Bromhead)

7yo – 11 (UK) career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 2121/3213/212-

Prime Conditions

DSLRL 60 days or less = 113121 (4/6, 2p – all 4 career wins)

Notes

A horse that is likely to still have plenty more to offer being that he is only a 7yo. His Prime Conditions could be tightened up further to... DSLRL 60 or less | LH tracks...where he is 1111 (4/4 – all 4 career wins) but he has placed all 3 starts on RH tracks so I wouldn't quite be pinning him as needing left-handed tracks to be at his best quite yet.

ALMAZHAR GARDE (C Longsdon)

6yo – 17 career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 5/448461F15/51P71-66

Prime Conditions

C3 or less handicaps | DSLRL 45 or less | fields of 11 or less | NOT Galloping tracks = 111F1 (4/5 all 4 career wins)

Notes

Won a handicap chase at Kelso on 11th May from a mark of OR 133 by 11L and then was pumped in the ratings to a mark of OR 140. I suspect OR 140 is too high for him and his ceiling sits somewhere between OR 133 & OR 139.

ASK DILLON (F O'Brien)

8yo – 18 career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 2251201/320/F422461-4

Prime Conditions

DSLRL 45 or less | C2 & below = 142211 (3/6, 2p – all 3 career wins)

Notes

Will have needed his seasonal debut run at Chepstow (8th of October) but he was still there at 3-out and he'll come on plenty for the outing. They aborted a chasing career after one run last season (fell) but hopefully they persevere with chasing this term as he was a winning point-to-pointer and he does have scope to make it a decent chaser.

BUSTER EDWARDS (D Pipe)

8yo – 21 career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 2/054/133801134/3265P643-

Prime Conditions

OR 113 or less | Hcps | NOT V Undulating tracks | wearing CPs or Blinks | DSLRL 30 or less = 311331 (3/6, 2p - all 3 career wins)

Notes

Had an unsuccessful first season over fences last season and they reverted to hurdles for his final two starts of the campaign, his final start yielding a solid third placed effort where he bumped into a couple of well-handicapped types (given they both went on to win multiple times in subsequent starts, including next time out). Buster Edwards starts this season on OR 102 and that should almost certainly be a winnable mark for him, providing they can find suitable targets under PC for the horse.

CHAMPAGNE COURT (J Scott)

8yo – 21 career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 4155343/21158/9P58402-32

Prime Conditions

2m4f or shorter | C2 level & below | DSLR 45 or less = 11331 (3/5, 2p – all 3 career wins)

Notes

Had a solid pipe-opener over hurdles at Fontwell on the 20th October (2nd of 10) and it's worth noting that all 3 of his career wins to date have come during November and on his second or third start of the campaign, so he's worth looking out for in coming weeks, on his Novice form he could be very well-handicapped at present off OR 130 (OR 126 over hurdles).

COPPERHEAD (C Tizzard)

7yo – 17 career starts, 5 wins

Overall Form line - 779/03811/5111F/PP50-

Prime Conditions

Chase/Hurdle | G2 & below | DSLR 60 or less | Dec-Feb = 111118 (5/6 – all 5 career wins)

Notes

The bare bones of his recent form reads poorly (F-P-P-5-0) but none of those races came under Prime Conditions and he's much better than that form line suggests. One of those where it's not easy to figure exactly where his handicap ceiling may be but he's back below OR 150 now and that gives him a fighting chance of being competitive.

DANNY KIRWAN (P Nicholls)

8yo – 11 career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 10/22/6/31671-2

Prime Conditions

RH tracks | 9 or less runners | G3 level & below = 1121 (3/4 - all 3 career wins)

Notes

Hard to gauge his actual class ceiling but I suspect not Grade 2 or Grade 1 but better than Class 3, so tentatively I'd put him at G3 level or less, albeit a very weak Grade 2 could come his way in the Novice Chase ranks. He was a decent hurdler but looks to have the scope to make into a better chaser, albeit he may be limited by his need to go right-handed (or at least the fact he's probably better going right-handed).

GOLDEN SOVEREIGN (P Hobbs)

7yo – 12 career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 3/8354/2711/P31-

Prime Conditions

3m+ | Soft or Heavy | DSLR 45 or less = 1117 (3/4 – all 3 career wins)

Notes

Still unexposed over fences after only 3 chase starts last season and he looks one that is bogged down with stamina and could be interesting in staying handicap chases when the mud is flying.

I K BRUNEL (O Murphy)

7yo – 12 career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 136/1841/23807-

Prime Conditions

Soft | C2 level & below = 21411 (3/5, 1p – all 3 career wins)

Notes

Failed to win on his first two starts over fences last season so connections sent him back hurdling for the remainder of the season to keep his novice status intact for this season (I believe fences are the plan this term). Has the scope to make into a decent chaser so hopefully he kicks on in that sphere this season. Soft ground looks ideal for him but he's yet to race on heavy so that could also be ground he enjoys as well, from what we've seen so far he does appear to need cut underfoot.

KEEP MOVING (P Hobbs)

9yo – 29 (NH) career starts, 3 wins

Overall Form line - 7F5F4/5543D5/32/514251/F15/452943-35

Prime Conditions

2m3.5f+ | Good to Soft or quicker | DSLR 26-60 | OR 118 or less = 331121 (3/6, 3p – all 3 career wins)

Notes

Starts this season off a mark of OR 109 over fences and connections should be able to find suitable opportunities for him as long as the ground doesn't get too testing.

MELLOW BEN (C Gordon)

8yo – 36 career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 5055631/251F84272/38211476/655U34767-273

Prime Conditions

Good | field of 8 or less | NOT Very Undulating tracks | OR 135 or less = 211F11 (4/6, 1p, - all 4 career wins)

Notes

Not won for a while but barely had a sniff of his Prime Conditions since his last win. Hopefully that changes this season as he is exceptionally well-handicapped under both codes at present (Chase = OR 123 | Hurdle = OR 118).

MISTER FISHER (N Henderson)

7yo – 16 career starts, 6 wins

Overall Form line - 10/2118/72114/P1PU2-

Prime Conditions

Fields of 11 or less | G2 level & below = 21112111 (6/8, 1p – all 6 career wins)

Notes

A horse that just falls a shade below the top level but away from G1 races is a very reliable type, especially in the smaller fields. Also worth noting that he is 11111 (5/5) in the Dec-Jan period and he loves the deep mid-winter months.

MISTER MALARKY (C Tizzard)

8yo – 28 career starts, 6 wins

Overall Form line - 360/3517320/131142/06P1P/6U173P-0

Prime Conditions

fields of 14 or less | Nov-Feb | OR 150 or less = 11P11313713 (6/11, 2p - all 6 career wins)

Notes

Struggled off lofty marks after winning at Ascot last December but has been working his way back down the weights since. He may not need to go all the way back down to OR 150 to get competitive again.

NOTEBOOK (H De Bromhead)

8yo – 16 career starts, 6 wins

Overall Form line - 22120/211116/12377-

Prime Conditions

2m1f or less trips | Oct-Feb = 21111112 (6/8, 2p - all 6 career wins)

Notes

Speed trips (2m1f or less) and the period of the year before the Spring Festival hit us (Oct-Feb) are very much his bag and he's capable of running well at the very top level, providing he gets his PC to attack.

RAMSES DE TEILLEE (D Pipe)

9yo – 30 career starts, 7 wins

Overall Form line - 4326/322121279/5122P/14110/517049-3

Prime Conditions

G/S or softer | Oct-Feb | 0-5 starts in season | OR below 150 = 3111121121222 (7/13, 6p - all 7 career wins)

Notes

A seriously consistent horse that has won at least once in each of the last 4 season, each time winning under his Prime Conditions, conditions he is yet to fail to at least place under. He starts this season below his handicap ceiling and there's every reason to believe he'll continue his solid profile when meeting with his PC.

SHAN BLUE (D Skelton)

7yo – 13 career starts, 4 wins

Overall Form line - 3/2F1326/111252-

Prime Conditions

Oct – Dec = 112F11 (4/6)

Notes

Nice and simple; he loves the Autumn – early winter period. From Jan-Apr he is 5232236 (0/7) and although he has run some decent enough races during those months it is the October – December period where he has, to date, accumulated all of his victories.

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