



Do you remember the first time?

*FREE NTF Angles Guide*

*10 National Hunt Trainers that regularly hit the spot at the first time of asking...*



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# Introduction

**Do You Remember The First Time?** To be fair when it comes to the trainer angles in this guide you might not have even KNOW about the first time?!?!

As you may have guessed this guide look at trainers that excel when doing something for the first time with their horses... **mainly first time off a wind-op, first time with headgear or first time(ish) in a handicap...**

The **TEN angles in this guide** are taken from a much larger selection of angles that I have plugged into my databases... **I currently have 35 (and counting) 'First Time' angles plugged in** and I'm in the process of tidying up the remainder, so that number could yet (and probably will) grow...

This National Hunt season I'll be highlighting **ALL First Time Angle qualifiers** on my **NTF Daily Stats Sheets**, exclusively for full members of the NTF 2022/23 National Hunt service.

Now I don't personally follow these angles blind, I use them more as 'pointers' or 'ways in', but as always how you make use of them is up to yourself (same as when they appear on the NTF Members Stats Sheets, the choice is, as always, yours).

All of the angles in this guide (and the angles stored on my own databases) have been profitable over at least the past five years and I'd be hopeful that they continue to prove profitable going forward (although that, clearly, can never be guaranteed). I've actually spent the last week and a bit concentrating almost exclusively on these types of angles, picking through the many I had plugged in... weeding out the weak, pulling in some shiny new ones and tweaking the ones that... well... needed a tweak!

## **How do you profit from Do You Remember The First Time?**

Luckily for you I've done most of the hard work! I've sourced the angles and laid out the 'rules' for you. All you need to do is keep an eye out for them running and then consider if you want to be backing them or not, with the knowledge that the trainer in question has regularly been hitting the mark with similar 'first timers' in recent seasons.

### **What to do now...**

Read the guide and get familiar with the trainers and their 'First Time' traits. If you use a racing database then you will be able to plug them in to follow the qualifiers as and when they appear (some of the filters won't, however, be found on all racing databases).

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 in the place markets.

***\*Note. These angles are taking from a much larger stock of my own personal punting angles and ALL of those angles will be available to full NTF Members for the duration of the 2022/23 NTF Members Service (doors open end of October 2022). Again, I will be highlighting ALL qualifiers on the NTF Daily Stats Sheets, which are available as part of the full NTF Members Subscription package.***

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## PAUL NICHOLLS – 1<sup>st</sup> time Wind-Op Angle

### Rules

**Paul Nicholls | 1st run off a wind-op AND wearing a Tongue-Tie | 2m-2m5f | 5yo-7yo | C1-C4 level**

### Results (2017-present)

**22/48 | 46% S/R | +£59.01 BFLSP – W&P 32/48 | 67% S/R – 75% above expectation**

*Notes: Nicholls likes to go with the 'belt and braces' approach when it comes to Wind-Ops, sticking a Tongue-Tie on as well just to make doubly sure that the airway is fully clear... and it works! The above are some very hefty stats to have at your disposal...*

## KIM BAILEY – 1<sup>st</sup> time Wind-Op Angle

### Rules

**Kim Bailey | 1st run off a wind-op | Chase or Hurdle | DSLR 121-300**

### Results (2017-present)

**13/38 | 34% S/R | +£34.87 BFLSP – W&P 21/38 | 55% S/R – 65% above exp**

*Notes: You may have heard me mention this angle on the first episode of the newly launched Podcast that myself and my good pal Tony McCormick have started working on ([The Racing Podblast](#)) but it's well worth noting again here in print. The angle is even stronger if concentrating on Kim Bailey geldings.*

## OLLY MURPHY – 1<sup>st</sup> time Wind-Op Angle

### Rules

**O Murphy | 1st run off a wind-op | Male horses | October-March | 2m6f or shorter | finished 4th or worse LTO**

### Results (2017-present)

**11/34 | 32% S/R | +£71.28 BFLSP – W&P 20/34 | 59% S/R – 100% above exp**

*Notes: This one is interesting from an EW perspective as he has had some 'lean' spells without winners on it but backing all qualifiers EW would have returned +£67.41 LSP, which is only a smidge down on the Betfair SP Win profits.*

## CHARLIE LONGSDON – 1<sup>st</sup> time Tongue-Tie Angle

### Rules

**Charlie Longsdon | 1st time TT | C3 or less Hurdles | 5yo-6yo | 3-11 career starts**

### Results (2012-present)

**16/47 | 34% S/R | +£41.12 BFLSP – W&P 22/47 | 47% S/R – 69% above exp**

*Notes: Longsdon has been making this angle pay for a number of years and although qualifiers can be thin on the ground each year he does generally manage to slot at least one home in the winners enclosure.*

## NICKY HENDERSON – 1<sup>st</sup> time Cheekpieces Angle

### Rules

**Nicky Henderson | 1st time CP's | NH C2 level or less | 4yo-7yo Geldings | DSLR 56 or less**

### Results (2017-present)

**13/22 | 59% S/R | +£36.70 BFLSP – W&P 15/22 | 68% S/R**

*Notes: I've a few Henderson 'First Time' angles plugged in as he, unsurprisingly, is a bit of an expert on the 'First Time' angles. This angle becomes even more potent when you look at those horses that **finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> LTO...** 5111311131 (7/10, 1p)*

## JAMES EWART – 1<sup>st</sup> time Headgear Angle

### Rules

**James Ewart | 1st time Headgear | NO Tongue-Tie | LH tracks | Travelling no more than 90 miles**

### Results (2017-present)

**11/30 | 37% S/R | +£78.61 BFLSP – W&P 16/30 | 53% S/R – 213% above exp**

*Notes: I like the James Ewart yard, he's a trainer that isn't scared to try new things and he still skips under the radar plenty, which is great for us punters. His use of first time headgear under the above conditions has been particularly fruitful...*

## TOM LACEY – Different Headgear Angle

### Rules

**Tom Lacey | Wearing headgear (different headgear to last start) | less than 3m | Aged 5yo+ | 5+ career starts**

### Results (2017-present)

**20/55 | 36% S/R | +£102.45 BFLSP – W&P 30/55 | 55% S/R – 107% above exp**

*Notes: Not quite a 'First Time' angle here, more a changing of headgear play this time, but nevertheless it falls into roughly the same ballpark in that it involves headgear. This angle throws up an even tighter strike-rate when you look at runners that finished in the first 3 LTO... 10/19 | 53% S/R | +£34.33 BFLSP...*

## CHRIS GORDON – 1<sup>st</sup> time in a Handicap Chase Angle

### Rules

**Chris Gordon | First run in a handicap chase | 4yo-6yo | DSLR 56 or less**

### Results (2016-present)

**8/16 | 50% S/R | +£56.58 BFLSP – W&P 10/16 | 63% S/R – 219% above exp**

*Notes: The Gordon yard is very much one that is on the up and up and he's a trainer that places his horses very well, these Handicap Chase debutant stats highlighting just one of the many areas he excels in.*

## VENETIA WILLIAMS – 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Hcp Chase start Angle

### Rules

**V Williams | Hcp Chases in Nov-Dec | 0-1 previous Hcp Chase starts | 4yo-7yo | NO Headgear or TT**

### Results (2017-present)

**21/70 | 30% S/R | +£53.62 BFLSP – W&P 35/70 | 50% S/R – 48% above exp**

*Notes: Opposite the phrase 'Whatever they do over hurdles is a bonus' you will find a picture of Venetia Williams! She is an expert at placing her horses, especially her chasers, to their best advantage in the deep mid-winter months and if you just extend the parameters from 1<sup>st</sup> handicap chase start to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> handicap chase start you get some very tasty figures indeed...*

## **RICHARD BANDEY – 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Hcp Chase start Angle**

### Rules

***RJ Bandey | Handicap Chase | 0-1 previous Hcp Chase starts | 9 or less career starts***

### Results (2017-present)

***7/16 | 44% S/R | +£91.03 BFLSP – W&P 13/16 | 81% S/R - 90% above exp***

*Notes: The Bandey yard is very much a yard to keep an eye on over the next couple of seasons, especially over fences and his string really do improve leaps and bounds for a switch to the larger obstacles, as highlighted by the above handicap chase angle.*

## What to do now...

Naturally, if you have the time, you can source the qualifiers for yourself. It's a time consuming process, especially if you are doing it manually, although the use of a database will certainly cut down the manual labour intensive work, but it's a worthwhile task however you do it and it WILL point you towards plenty of winners that the wider betting public won't always have on their radars.

Alternatively you can **hook up to the full NTF members service where I will be highlighting all 'First Time' qualifiers on the daily NTF Stats Sheets**, that way you definitely won't be missing any!

The forthcoming NTF Members service - **the 2022/23 NTF service** – will be kicking off at the end of October and you'll be able to sign up for the full membership package for a discounted price as a member of the FREE NTF list. Just keep a close eye on your inboxes for those exclusive sign-up links...

As previously mentioned, I don't personally follow these angles blind (as in when there is a qualifier I back the horses without looking any deeper)... you *could* have, if you were so inclined, backed the angles in this guide over the past five or so years and you WOULD have made a profit... but my own personal preference is to use the angles as a starting point and as a positive way in for the qualifying horse on the specific 'first time' angle...

As always though how you use this free guide is entirely up to yourself 😊

Cheers and best of punting luck

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