

Punting pointers for Signposts today's British action

Hot trainers

▶▶ TRAINERS with best wins-runs % from at least two wins in last 14 days, Flat & Jumps

Daniel Kubler	2 -2 100 %	6
Tom George	5 -12 42 9	6
Kevin Ryan	2-5 40 %	6
Henry Daly	4-11 36%	6
Harry Whittington	2-6 33 9	6
Emma Lavelle	2 -7 29 %	6
Jeremy Scott	2 -7 29 %	6
Kerry Lee	3-11 279	6
Nicky Henderson	11 -44 25 %	6

Cold trainers

▶▶ TRAINERS with most runs since last win, Flat & Jumps; X = Never trained a winner in GB, Ireland or European Group race; 1st=first runner in GB; excludes those with at least 25% placed runners in past 14 days

Since a win:		KUNS
Caroline Bailey	98	34
Michael Mullineaux	87	32
Mark Gillard	85	31
Shaun Harris	64	31
Pat Murphy	286	30
Katie Stephens	279	29
Nick Mitchell	217	29
George Baker	65	29
Polly Gundry	215	28
Kim Bailey	20	27

Course trainers

>> TRAINERS with best wins-runs % from at least three course wins

Oliver GreenallNewc	3 -3	100%
Kerry LeeHayd	3 -6	50 %
Hugo PalmerNewc	6 -19	32%
Paul NichollsTntn	47 -152	2 31%
Matt SheppardTntn	3 -10	30%
Nicky HendersonTntn	8 -28	29%
David SimcockNewc	7 -25	28%
James BethellNewc	7 -26	27%
Harry FryTntn	14 -60	23%
Peter NivenNewc	4 -20	20%
Nick WilliamsHayd	3 -15	20%

Trainers off course

>> Trainers with most course losers since last win (today's code)

>> X=no course wi			
	Since a win:		
Richard Phillips	Tntn	4285	45
Seamus Mullins	Tntn	1877	35
Tracy Waggott	Newc	Х	32
Pat Murphy	Tntn	6889	30

Tracking trainers

TRAINERS with first course runner in more than two years, showing years since previous

Confined to trainers with course winner or having first course runner

Course wins-runs re	cord is	from Jan	1, 1	988
Pat Murphy	Tntn	3 -59	5%	4.9
John O'Shea	Tntn	5 -56	9%	2.7
Nick Mitchell	Tntn	1 -19	5%	2.1
Clare Ellam	Newc			1st

Class of 5-30

>> Trainers with best winners-horses % under all codes in the past 12 months.

► Restricted to trainers with between 5 and 30 individual runners. Total wins in brackets.

Pauline Robson (19)11-14 79%

Kevin Bishop (12)7-12 58%

Karen McLintock (16)8-17 47% Garry Moss (17)7-16 44% Roy Bowring (9)7-17 41%

Class of 31-60

>> Trainers with best winners-horses % under all codes in the past 12 months.

Restricted to trainers with between 31 and

60 individual runners. Total wins in brackets.

SIGNPOST SWEETSPOTS

Magic can make the long trip pay off for Palmer

>> Hugo Palmer has a 27 per cent strike-rate with runners he sends on a 200-mile-plus trip. Paris Magic travels 245 miles for the 1.50 at Newcastle having won a course-and-distance maiden last

Sam Twiston-Davies strike at 37 per cent when teaming up at Taunton. They are represented by Clo Sacre in the 2.00 and Coillte Lass in the 3.00.

Rigadin De Beauchene has a fine record at Haydock and landed the 3m3f handicap chase 12 months ago. It's likely he holds fair claims off just a 2lb higher mark in the 2.40.

>> Island Confusion is fitted with a tongue-tie in the Haydock 3.40 on his first run for Dan Skelton and the trainer strikes at 21 per cent with those wearing the aid for the first time. The eight-year-old is returning from 342 days off, but has won after a 196-day break in the past.

Richard Guest (41)	58% 49% 49% 45% 43% 42% 41% 41%
Paul Midgley (29)16-39 Ben Case (19)15-37	41% 41%
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Trainer trace

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▶ HORSES having first run for new train	ier
AminabadHayd	1.10
Gordon Elliott→Patrick Griffin	
Island ConfusionHayd	3.40
Lucinda Russell→Dan Skelton	
What UsainNewc	3.20
David O'Meara→Michael Appleby	
Secret InterludeNewc	4.20
Jamie Osborne→Roger Fell	
HahnenkamTntn	1.00
Seamus Durack→Ali Stronge	
Peal Of BellsTntn	1.30
Mike Sowersby→Harry Whittington	
PresidingTntn	2.00
W J Burke→Nick Mitchell	
Queen Of EpirusTntn	4.00
Brian Rothwell→Nigel Hawke	
Silver StreakTntn	4.00
Ann Duffield→Evan Williams	

Trainers & jockeys

TRAINER-JOCKEY combinations with best % from at least three course wins

Peter Bowen-Sean Bowen .. Hayd 50% all Hayd; trainer 19%; jockey 38% David Pipe-Michael Heard ... Tntn 50% all Tntn; trainer 14%; jockey 35% **Paul Nicholls-Sam Twiston-Davies**

all Tntn; trainer 31%; jockey 23%

Hugo Palmer-Josephine Gordon ..Newc 36% all Newc: trainer 32%: iockev 16% James Bethell-P J McDonald Newc 33% all Newc; trainer 27%; jockey 10% Johnny Farrelly-Brendan Powell

all Tntn; trainer 15%; jockey 13% Richard Guest-Connor BeasleyNewc 24%

all Newc; trainer 14%; jockey 7%

Evan Williams-Paul Moloney Tntn 23% all Tntn; trainer 18%; jockey 17%
Alan King-Wayne Hutchinson Tntn 20% all Tntn; trainer 7%; jockey 15%

Hot jockeys

▶ JOCKEYS with best wins-rides % from at least three wins in last 14 days. Flat & jumps

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A P HeskinTntn	5 -16	31%
Andrew TinklerTntn	3 -10	30%
Andrew MullenNewc		
Jeremiah McGrathTntn	4 -19	21%
Darvi Jacob Havd	4-20	20%

Cold jockeys

▶ JOCKEYS with most losers since last win, Flat & jumps; X=Never ridden a winner in GB or Ireland; 1st=first ride in GB; excludes those with at least 25% placed runners in past 14 days

	Since a win:		
Alice Mills	Tntn	359	50
Kieran Schofield	lNewc	250	48
Steve Drowne	Newc	65	48
Brodie Hampsor	1Tntn	222	41
Paula Muir	Newc	143	37
Paddy Aspell	Newc	70	35

Course jockeys

▶▶ JOCKEYS with best wins-rides % from at least three course wins

Charlie DeutschHayd	3 -7	43%
Sean BowenHayd	6 -16	38%
Michael HeardTntn	8 -23	35%
Daryl JacobHayd	11 -32	34%
Jack SherwoodTntn	3 -11	27%
Paddy BrennanHayd	10 -39	26%
David NoonanTntn	9 -35	26%
Sam Twiston-Davies Tntn	16 -71	23%
George DowningNewc	4 -18	22%
David NolanNewc	9 -46	20%
Lewis EdmundsNewc	5 -25	20%

Jockeys off course

▶ Jockeys with most course losers since last win (today's code)

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Since a win:		
Dougie CostelloNewc	148	46
Dale SwiftNewc	Х	42
Andrew MullenNewc	126	38
Phil DennisNewc	Х	31

One-trick jockeys

▶ JOCKEYS (excl amateurs, apprentices & conditionals) with one ride at a meeting

Daryl Jacob Stowaway Magic Kielan WoodsCrookstown David BassKnockanrawley Robert Dunne	Hayd Hayd Hayd	2.10 2.40
Rigadin de Beauchene	Hayd	2.40
Tom Scudamore		
Doctor Harper	Hayd	2.40
John Kington Captain Clayton	Hayd	3.40
Martin LaneRelated	Newc	1.20
Paddy Aspell Diamond Eagle	Newc	2.20
lan PophamNext Lot	Tntn	1.30
Richie McLernon Samdibien	Tntn	2.00
Andrew Tinkler		
Altesse de Guye	Tntn	2.30
David England .Chief Brody	Tntn	4.00
Alice MillsHija	Tntn	4.00
Jamie Moorellewindelilah	Tntn	4.00
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Owning up

>> WINNING owner having first runner with today's trainer (min 20 wins trained in last 12

Listen To The ManHayd 3.10
Mrs Susan Carsberg / Dan Skelton

First-time blinkers

>> Horses wearing blinkers, hood or visor for the first time

>> Trainer's wins-runs record with 1st-time blinkers/hood/visor is compared with trainer's strike rate with all runners

>> Current and previous year, any code **Berea Boru** (v)Hayd 2.40 *Peter Bowen 3-12 25%; all 15%* **Goodtoknow** (b)Hayd 2.40 *Kerry Lee 1-4 25%; all 18%*Newc 3.20 What USain (n) ... Ne Michael Appleby 3-15 20%; all 10% Carqalin (b) ... T David Pipe 9-59 15%; all 15% Citrus (h) ... T David Pipe 4-33 12%; all 15% Cleni Wells (h) ... T Mattin Hill 0-2 0%; all 6% The bis better 15 20%.Tntn 1.00Tntn 1.00 ...Tntn 1.00 Gary Moore 4-24 17%; all 13% Magnus Romeo (b)Tntn 4.00 Johnny Farrelly 3-17 18%; all 12%

Tongue-tied

►► HORSES wearing tongue strap for the first

>> Trainer's wins-runs record with 1st-time tongue strap is compared with trainer's strike rate with all runners

>> Current and previous year, any code	
Back To BrackaHayd	3.40
Lucinda Russell 2-25 8%; all 10%	
Island ConfusionHayd	3.40
Dan Skelton 11-54 20%; all 19%	
Norse LightTntn	1.00
David Dennis 1-21 5%; all 10%	
PresidingTntn	2.00
Nick Mitchell 0-1 0%; all 8%	
SamdibienTntn	2.00
Sam Thomas 0-3 0%; all 3%	
Prince MahlerTntn	2.30
Richard Woollacott 2-11 18%; all 8%	

Cheekpieces

▶ HORSES wearing cheekpieces for the first

>> Trainer's wins-runs record with 1st-time cheekpieces is compared with trainer's strike rate with all runners

>> Current and previous year, any code Reilly's MinorT Warren Greatrex 4-25 16%; all 17% ..Tntn 1.00 WesterbeeTntn 3.00 Seamus Mullins 0-7 0%; all 10% General RossTntn 4.00 Adrian Wintle 0-2 0%; all 7%



Signposts

Punting pointers for today's British action

Travellers	' check
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▶ Today	's farthes	st travellers	(top	10 & ties;
minimum	distance	200 miles).		

>> Trainer's wins-runs record with horses

with overall GB strike rate since Jan		
with overall GB strike rate since Jan	1, 199	b
AminabadHayd	1.10	IRE
Patrick Griffin all GB 46-388 12%		
Portrait KingHayd	2.40	IRE
Patrick Griffin all GB 46-388 12%		
MetronomicNewc	12.50	303
Richard Hannon 8-48 17%; all 149	%	
Juan HorsepowerNewc	12.50	303
Richard Hannon 8-48 17%; all 149		
IntibaahNewc	1.20	290
George Baker 4-32 13%; all 12%		
OutrageNewc	1.20	284
Daniel Kubler 6-23 26%; all 10%		
AmazourNewc	1.20	245
Ismail Mohammed 10-48 21%; all	14%	
Paris MagicNewc	1.50	245
Hugo Palmer 25-92 27%; all 17%		
AdaleneNewc		245
David Simcock 44-184 24%; all 14	4%	

Trying a trip

►► HORSES who have run at least once this season and now race over 2f+ (4f+ jumps) more than before

ZamjarNewc 12.50 **244** *Ed Dunlop 30-252 12%; all 12%*

Diamond EagleNewc	2.20	+3f
Island FlameNewc	1.50	+2f
John MiltonNewc	2.20	+2f
Persian SteelNewc	2.20	+2f

Handicap debut

▶ HORSES running in a British handicap for the first time under today's code/obstacles

Showing trainer's win-run record with handicap debutants (in last 12 months)

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Maximum 2 qualifiers in same race	
Clancy's CrossHayd 1	2.40
Kevin Frost 0 -3 0%; -£3.00	
Druid's FollyHayd	3.40
Fergal O'Brien 2-17 12%; +£2.00	
VancouverHayd	3.40
Neil Mulholland 4-36 11%; -£24.38	
Killermont StreetNewc1	2.50
Mark Johnston 14 -100 14%; -£43.30	
Lac LemanNewc	1.50
Pauline Robson 0 -0 0%; £0.00	
Glorious AssetNewc	2.50
Ivan Furtado 0 -6 0%; -£6.00	
Camron de ChaillacTntn	1.00
Nigel Hawke 2 -8 25%; +£30.33	
Badger RunTntn	1.30
Pat Murphy 0 -0 0%; £0.00	
Silver StreakTntn	4.00
Evan Williams 1 -21 5%; -£4.00	

Best of rivalries

▶▶ Head-to-head record of horses who have run against one another three or more times in the past two years.

First figure is number of times horse has beaten rival; bracketed figure is number of race

2.40 Haydock

Subtle Grey 2 (1) v 0 (0) Courtown Oscar Berea Boru 2 (0) v 0 (0) Courtown Oscar Spookydooky 2 (0) v 0 (0) Berea Boru Spookydooky 1 (0) v 1 (0) Goodtoknow 1.20 Newcastle (A.W) Related 4 (0) v 0 (0) Tatlisu

Poyle Vinnie 2 (1) v 2 (0) Tatlisu
4.20 Newcastle (A.W)

Canford Belle 2 (0) v 1 (1) Mr Potter
1.30 Taunton

Yur Next 2 (1) v 1 (0) Titch Strider

Anything to report

>> HORSES whose last outing has official explanation from connections. See form for

Spirit Of HaleHayd	
Spanish FleetHayd	2.10
Doctor HarperHayd	2.40
Mr McGoHayd	

	3.10
Captain DionNewc	1.20
Lac LemanNewc	1.50
HighwaymanNewc	2.20
HydrantNewc	2.50
Billy BondNewc	
DominannieNewc	3.20
What UsainNewc	3.20
Great ColaciNewc	4.20
Jebel TaraNewc	4.20
Sea Of GreenNewc	4.20
PhobiaphiliacTntn	2.00
Royal SupremoTntn	2.00
FollowmybuttonsTntn	2.30
Abracadabra SivolaTntn	3.30
BadilouTntn	4.00
General RossTntn	4.00

Repeat performance

▶▶ HORSES who ran in same race in previous

Harry The Viking	Hayd 2.40
15: 2 of 8, btn 3l, OR128, 11/1	
Rigadin de Beauchene	Hayd 2.40
15: 1 of 8 , OR127, 4/1	Robert Dunne
Kahdian	Tntn 1.30
15: P of 15 , OR99, 20/1	Gary Derwin
Dusky Legend	Tntn 3.00
14: 2 of 12, btn 4l, RPR121, 16,	/1
Way	ne Hutchinson

Week link

▶▶ HORSES with 2+ wins in this period (7 days before & after today) in previous seasons, showing form figures that preceded the most

571 Federici	Hayd	2.40
2m Tram 1.1.14; 2m 2f Li	imk 29.12.	13
/07 Wood Yer	Hayd	2.40
3m 1/2f Wwck 31.12.13; 2	m 4f Hntg	
26.12.11		

5F KingstonHayd 3.40 **2m 3f** Cagn 5.1.14; **2m 2**1/2**f** Cagn 26.12.12 35F Kingston

Fresh start

▶► SHOWING days since last run of horses off the track for 180+ days, who have won previously after such an absence.

Data is current plus last four years, any

code, incl PTP

KnockanrawleyHayd	2.40 412
30.11.13 won after 195 days off	
Island ConfusionHayd	3.40 342
21.10.12 won after 196 days off	

Following favourites

▶ RACES that show a profit for favourites

 Hayd H'cap Hdles
 +13.50

 Newc 3yo + Non-H'caps
 +5.25

 Tntn H'cap Chses
 +4.69

 Newc 2yo H'caps +2.60

Lower class

▶▶ HORSES dropping 2+ classes compared to previous lowest British class (current and previous season)

Kingston Cls1→Cls4Hayd 3.40

Ahead of handicapper

▶▶ HORSES raised for future handicaps and potentially well handicapped today

Mighty Missile	Tntn	1.00	+5
Yur Next	Tntn	1.30	+4
Queen Of Epirus	Tntn	4.00	+4
Distant Sound	Tntn	1.30	+3
Island Confusion	Hayd	3.40	+2
Zamjar	Newc	12.50	+2
Sea Of Green	Newc	4.20	+2
Dancin Alpha	Newc	4.20	+1
Beau Du Brizais	Tntn	1.00	+1

RPR improvers

▶▶ HANDICAPPERS with improved RPR since weights were published, showing pre- and post-race RPR. Improvement figure reduced by any increase of official rating (OR). **>>** Early-closing handicaps may have additional qualifiers; excludes runs vesterday

Dancin Alpha (OR54)Newc 4.	20
2nd, Sthl, Tue, Dec 20 (OR54) 53→55	
Mighty Missile (OR110)Tntn 1.	00
2nd, Tntn, Tue, Dec 20 (OR110) 110→117 -	
Beau Du Brizais (OR116, EX7)Tntn 1.	00
1st, Tntn, Tue, Dec 20 (OR109) 112→120 -	
Yur Next (OR96, EX7)Tntn 1.	30
1st, Tntn, Tue, Dec 20 (OR89) 91→101	+3

Postmark pick

▶▶ RP RATING's most clear in handicaps ZamjarNewc 12.50 3 Altesse de GuyeTntn 2.30 3

Most popular nap

▶▶ MOST popular tip in Racing Post/Coral Naps Competition

▶▶ Data excludes yesterday's results

Dusky LegendTntn 3.00 6 From Jan 1: W 188; L 398; £1 bet -69.31

Tipsters' trainers

▶► TIPSTERS in our Racing Post/Coral Naps Competition who are showing a profit from at least two wins from stable of today's nap (current & previous year)

Chris GouldingClo Sacre Tntn 2.00 Paul Nicholls 14-33 +£5.60 Paul microins 14-33 + £5.00
Fortunatus.....Spookydooky Hayd 2.40
Jonjo 0'Neill 4-10 + £1.63
Gary Nutting......Viva Steve Hayd 2.40
Fergal 0'Brien 3-5 + £21.50 The Duke.....Dusky Legend Tntn 3.00 Alan King 11-22 +£26.36 Mercury......**Dusky Legend** Tntn 3.00 Alan King 10-21 +£1.41