

The Galway Festival Trends 'Lite'

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AT GALWAY RACES

W. B. Yeats (1865-1939)

THERE where the course is,
Delight makes all of the one mind,
The riders upon the galloping horses,
The crowd that closes in behind:
We, too, had good attendance once,
Hearers and hearteners of the work;
Aye, horsemen for companions,
Before the merchant and the clerk
Breathed on the world with timid breath.
Sing on: somewhere at some new moon,
We'll learn that sleeping is not death,
Hearing the whole earth change its tune,
Its flesh being wild, and it again
Crying aloud as the racecourse is,
And we find hearteners among men
That ride upon horses.

INTRODUCTION

I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN THE MAKE UP OF A WINNER OF A CERTAIN RACE (IE TRENDS) FOR A WHILE NOW AND, WHILE STILL BASING MY FINDINGS ON THE BASIC TRENDS, I HAVE EXTENDED CERTAIN CRITERIA.

I MUST ALSO POINT OUT THAT, AND THIS IS PURELY MY OPINION, I ONLY RESEARCH THE LAST EIGHT RUNNINGS OF THE RACE IN QUESTION. THIS IS NOT BECAUSE OF LAZINESS. RATHER, IT IS BECAUSE OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS OR SO OF RESEARCHING TRENDS, I HAVE FOUND A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF RACES BEING UPGRADED OR OTHERWISE HAVING THE RACE CONDITIONS ALTERED – A LOT OF IT DOWN TO RACECOURSES EXTENDING THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF THE MEETING.

IT IS ALSO BECAUSE RACING IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING IN OTHER WAYS – TRAINING METHODS, FASTER TIMES, NEW/RELAYED COURSES, A NEW ERA OF STALLIONS, A CHANGING METHOD OF PREP RACES USED ON THE WAY TO THE RACE IN QUESTION.

PLEASE USE THIS ONLY AS A GUIDE TO THE MAKE UP OF THE PAST WINNERS OF THE RACE BEING RESEARCHED.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS GUIDE AND USE IT ALONGSIDE YOUR OTHER BETTING INFORMATION TO HELP YOU HIGHLIGHT POSSIBLE WINNERS (AND LOSERS!).

DONT FORGET TO CHECK BACK TO <http://horse-racing.ie/big-race-trends/> FOR UPDATES AND THE VERDICTS'.

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PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A SAMPLE VERSION. THE FULL GUIDE, PLUS DAILY SELECTIONS, CAN BE PURCHASED BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW

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Tuesday 27th July 2010

5.45	<i>Latin Quarter Steeplechase</i>	2m6f
7.00	<i>Topaz Mile E.B.F. Handicap</i>	1m

Wednesday 28th July 2010

5.25	<i>www.thetote.com Galway Plate Handicap Steeplechase (Grade A)</i>	2m6f
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Thursday 29th July 2010

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4.00	<i>Low Low Handicap</i>	7f

Sunday 1st August 2010

3.55	<i>Connacht Tribune Handicap Steeplechase</i>	2m1f
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INTRODUCING R.A.G. STATUS

R.A.G. Status – Red, Amber and Green is a handy ‘traffic light’ system, which helps us understand the historical strength of a race in trends terms.

When the trends are strongest, the race will be awarded a Green Status. When they’re helpful but not conclusive in finding the winner, Amber is the colour; and, when the race is new or has no discernible pattern to the winners of its recent history, Red will be applied.

Of course, this status is an indicator only and it is perfectly possible for Red races to highlight winners and for there to be ‘trends busters’ in Green races. Such is the nature of horse racing and betting!

Monday 26th July 2010

5.10 hotelmeyrick.ie & ghotel.ie Novice Hurdle (4yo only) 2m

Race RAG Status: **GREEN**

Primary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners carried between 10-9 and 11-0 (i.e. were not carrying a penalty)

+ 3 other primary trends

Shortlist

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Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners had their last run over 24 days ago

+ 4 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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7.00 carlton.ie/galwaycity (Q.R.) Handicap (70-100) (4yo+) 2m

Race RAG Status: **AMBER**

Primary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners were aged 4 -6

+ 4 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

5 of the last 8 winners were double figure prices

+ 1 other secondary trend

Selection(s)

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Tuesday 27th July 2010

5.45 Latin Quarter Steeplechase (5yo+) 2m6f

Race RAG Status: **GREEN**

Primary Trends

The last 8 winners were priced 10/1 or under

+ 4 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners had run 4 or more times that season

+ 4 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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7.00 Topaz Mile E.B.F. Handicap (3yo+) 1m

Race RAG Status: **AMBER**

Primary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners were priced 10/1 or under

+ 2 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

The last 8 winners had finished in the first 3 in a handicap in their careers

+ 6 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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Wednesday 28th July 2010

5.25 www.thetote.com Galway Plate Handicap Steeplechase (Grade A) (4yo+) 2m6f

Please note ANSAR won this in 2004 and 2005

Race RAG Status: **AMBER**

Primary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners carried between 10-1 and 10-13

+ 4 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners were Irish bred

+ 4 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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Thursday 29th July 2010

3.35 Arthur Guinness E.B.F. Fillies Handicap (3yo+) 7f

Race RAG Status: **RED**

Primary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners had run 3 or more times that season

+ 2 other primary trends

Shortlist

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Secondary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners were Irish bred

+ 4 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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4.50 Guinness Galway Hurdle Handicap (Grade A) (4yo+) 2m

Please note The Galway Hurdle was promoted to a Grade A race in 2003 (7 runnings)

Race RAG Status: **AMBER**

Primary Trends

6 of the last 7 winners carried 9-10+

+ 6 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

5 of the last 7 favourites finished in the first 3 (0102132)

+ 2 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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Friday 30th July 2010

6.15 Guinness Galway Blazers Handicap Steeplechase (0-123) (4yo+) 2m6f

Race RAG Status: **AMBER**

Primary Trends

The last 8 favourites were unplaced

+ 4 other primary trends

Shortlist

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Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners were running within 20 days

+ 3 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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6.50 Guinness Handicap (3yo+) 1m4f

Please note race run over 1m4f since 2004 after previously been run over 1m6f

Race RAG Status: **GREEN**

Primary Trends

5 of the last 6 winners had run between 2 and 4 times that season

+ 5 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

4 of the last 6 winners were Irish bred

+ 1 other secondary trend

Selection(s)

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Saturday 31st July 2010

4.00 Low Low Handicap (3yo+) 7f

Race RAG Status: **GREEN**

Primary Trends

The last 8 winners had finished in the first 2 earlier in the season

+ 6 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners had run 4 or more times that season

+ 2 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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2.55 Freshways Handicap Hurdle (4yo+) 2m 5f

Race RAG Status: **GREEN**

Primary Trends

7 of the last 8 winners were running within 5 days

+ 5 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners were aged between 5 and 7

+ 4 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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Sunday 1st August 2010

3.55 Connacht Tribune Handicap Steeplechase (4yo+) 2m1f

Race RAG Status: **GREEN**

Primary Trends

The last 8 winners had between 2 and 5 runs that season

+ 6 other primary trends

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Secondary Trends

The last 8 winners were from a USA or GB bred stallion

+ 4 other secondary trends

Selection(s)

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