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# 2010 DONCASTER 'PORTLAND HANDICAP' TRENDS GUIDE

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**FEATURING:**

**STATISTICS, TRENDS, IN-DEPTH RACE ANALYSIS, HORSE PROFILES  
AND INCLUDING  
THE EXCLUSIVE NAG3 RATINGS**



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# PORTLAND HANDICAP

5F 140YDS, CLASS 2, 3YO +

## RACE HISTORY

The Portland handicap is a highly competitive, large field sprint handicap that has not surprisingly thrown up some big priced winners in the last 10 years or so. One horse has dominated the race since the turn of the century though with Halmahera managing a hat-trick of wins between 2002-2004. This was some achievement when you consider the size of the fields and the nature of the race.

Next stop is usually the Ayr Gold Cup but BEWARE as since 1996 winners of the Portland to have gone to Ayr have finished 7-28-13-3-23-14-14-15 and 17th

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** 11 of the last 13 winners had won a race with 16 or more runners in it

### Age

- If we ignore race specialist Halmahera 3-5yo's have won 10 of the last 11 Portlands
- The last 3yo winner was in 2000. The last 6yo winner was in 1993.

### Betting

- 10 of the last 13 winners returned 10/1 - 20/1

### Class

- The last 12 winners were rated 89-100
- The last 10 winners had all won at Class 2 or above (Last years winner a 13k H'cap)
- 6 of the last 10 winners had run in a Group race

### Distance

- 9 of the last 11 winners had won over 6f. 10 of the last 11 winners had won over 5f. 8 of the last 11 winners had won over both trips.

### Previous runs

- The last 10 winners had all run within the last 11 – 28 days
- 7 of the last 11 winners finished in the top 4 last time out (all 4 exceptions ran unplaced in the Great St Wilfrid)
- 13 of the last 14 winners had won a handicap
- The last 10 winners all ran in a handicap last time out
- All of the last 10 winners had run 4 or more times that season
- All of the last 11 winners had 8 or more career starts
- 11 of the last 13 winners had a top 4 finish in at least 1 of their last 3 runs (both exceptions were multi-race winning Halmahera)

**Interesting Fact:** All of the last 14 winners were males

**Interesting Fact 2:** 4 of the last 7 winners ran in the Great St Wilfred at Ripon last time out

## **HOW THE LEADING FANCIES FIT THE TOP TRENDS**

	Rated 89-100	Run in last 4 weeks	Won at Class 2 or above	Top 4 or unpl. in St. Wilfrid	Won 16+ runner race	8+ career starts
Masamah	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signor Peltro	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quest for Success	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Judge 'n Jury	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Striking Spirit	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Monsieur Joe	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Noble Storm	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Bay Knight	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Arganil	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Poet's Place	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X
Bajan Tryst	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Johannes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fol Hollow	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Singeur	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Hotham	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Tiddliwinks	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Hogmaneigh	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Jack my Boy	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Tawaabb	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓
Deacon Blues	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Duchess Dora	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Confessional	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Fathom Five	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Rasaman	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓

## THE DRAW

YEAR	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	NO. OF RUNNERS	GOING
2009	16	22	2	17	22	Good/Firm
2008	18	9	14	21	21	Soft
2007	21	11	14	12	21	Good/Firm
2006	5	6	3	8	19	Good
2005	5	22	7	4	21	Good/Firm
2004	13	1	8	12	22	Good
2003	15	22	8	9	22	Good
2002	20	16	11	2	22	Good
2001	9	16	19	14	22	Good/Firm
2000	8	11	9	16	22	Good
1999	16	20	22	18	21	Good/Firm

## DRAW NOTES

All of the last 14 winners were drawn stall 5 or higher (last winner from stalls 1-4 was in 1995)

Stalls 1-5 have had 2 winners and 5 places

Stalls 6-10 have had 2 winners and 8 places

Stalls 11-15 have had 2 winners and 8 places

Stalls 16-20 have had 4 winners and 7 places

Stalls 21+ have had 1 winner and 5 places (from just 16 runners)

## TRAINER RECORDS

(RUNNERS – WINS - PLACED)

K.RYAN	16	3	1
S.WILLIAMS	2	1	1
J.GOLDIE	7	0	1
D.NICHOLLS	31	0	2
T.EASTERBY	8	0	2
T.ETHERINGTON	3	1	0
C.COX	5	1	1
N.LITTMODEN	13	0	2
JJ.QUINN	9	1	1
M.JARVIS	2	0	2
W.MUIR	3	0	2
J.BRADLEY	10	0	3
G.BUTLER	3	1	1
B.MEEHAN	3	0	0
B.HILLS	7	0	1
M.CHANNON	5	0	0
J.CULLINAN	1	1	0
J.HAMMOND	1	1	0
M.BELL	3	0	0

## 1999 – 2009 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Flat Runs	Age	Weight	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2009	0-46511	SANTO PADRE	8	5	9-01	95	14/1	D.MARNANE
2008	70-5648	HOGMANEIGH	20	5	9-06	100	11/1	S.WILLIAMS
2007	348100	FULLANDBY	31	5	9-02	97	20/1	T.TETHERINGTON
2006	148101	FANTASY BELIEVER	95	8	8-13	93	20/1	J.J.QUINN YORK
2005	411952	OUT AFTER DARK	18	4	8-12	100	14/1	C.COX
2004	605069	HALMAHERA	87	9	9-10	98	11/1	K.RYAN
2003	072806	HALMAHERA	70	8	9-04	93	11/1	K.RYAN
2002	564283	HALMAHERA	57	7	8-13	91	6/1F	K.RYAN
2001	010712	SMOKIN BEAU	33	4	9-04	98	14/1	J.CULLINAN
2000	519244	COMPTON BANKER	10	3	8-08	89	7/2F	G.BUTLER
1999	136-251	ASTONISHED	8	3	9-06	99	11/2F	J.HAMMOND

### AGE OF THE WINNER (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

3yo (2/3/35) 4yo (2/10/52) 5yo (3/5/48) 6yo (0/7/43) 7yo (1/2/23) 8yo (2/6/23) 9yo (1/0/10)

### OFFICIAL RATINGS

36 horses rated 101 or higher have run in the last decade without success.

### HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

**Favourites finishing position:** 1--1--0--1--0--9--6--3--0--7--0      **To £1 Level Stake:** +£7.00

**Position of winner in market:** 1--1--6--1--5--5--8--11--10--5--6

### PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST THREE FINISHERS RACED

LED	5	RACED PROMINENT	6
MID-DIVISION	11	HELP UP IN REAR	22

### AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CAREER RUNS	ODDS
5	9 – 02	5	8	25	40	12 – 1

### THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 11 RUNNINGS

<b>AGE</b>	3 – 9	<b>DAYS SINCE LAST RUN</b>	11 – 28
<b>LAST RUN</b>	1 – 10	<b>CAREER RUNS</b>	8 - 95
<b>SEASONAL RUNS</b>	3 – 13	<b>ODDS</b>	7/2 – 20/1
<b>WEIGHT</b>	8-08 – 9-10	<b>OFFICIAL RATINGS</b>	89 – 100

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (44)	
GB Bred	133	4	20	18%	54.5%
Irish Bred	82	7	11	13.4%	40.9%
French Bred	6	0	1	16.7%	2.3%
Can Bred	1	0	0	0%	0%
USA Bred	13	0	1	8.3%	2.3%

## **APPLYING THE TRENDS**

**First to go are those rated over 100.....**

Masamah and Monsieur Joe

**and those drawn 1-4....**

Fathom Five, Duchess Dora, Fol Hollow and Bay Knight

**Now we'll remove any without a recent run....**

Hogmaneigh, Striking Spirit and Poet's Place

**Forgetting Halmahera and the 2006 race when it was run at York the vast majority of winners were aged 3 – 5 so I'm going to remove the 6yo's and overs....**

Signor Peltro, Judge N Jury, Johannes, Hotham and Rasaman (reserve)

**It's time to take out those outside the top 4 last time unless they ran in the St Wilfrid....**

Noble Storm, Arganil and Tawaabb

**and those without a win at Class 2 or above....**

Singeur and Deacon Blues

This leaves us with a very strong shortlist of 5 who all fit the preferred odds band of 10/1 – 20/1; Quest For Success, Bajan Tryst, Tiddliwinks, Jack My Boy and Confessional

With the St Wilfrid handicap proving such a good recent guide I'm going to concentrate on that race and split my stake on two.....

**LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNERS: QUEST FOR SUCCESS and TIDDLIWINKS**

### **NAG RATINGS**

<b>TIDDLIWINKS</b>	<b>86</b>
QUEST FOR SUCCESS	85
JOHANNES	84
JACK MY BOY	83
BAJAN TRYST	83