

# The 'S..AND' King

A trainer to always keep onside on the All-Weather

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As with all free reports I produce my aim is to make your betting enjoyable and even more profitable. My reports will always be for all punters , however big your betting bank – from those who bet £2 a horse through to those who bet £50 or higher – or for those who rarely bet at all but just like discovering something new. Hopefully you find this report interesting and it adds to your experience of racing; however you decide to utilise it.

Today I'm going to introduce you to one trainer you should always keep onside on the All-Weather.

As you no doubt know by now I have a few approaches to making money from horse racing and one of my favourites is following trainers. Identifying profitable habits, behaviours and mini angles is the cornerstone of my betting and I'm excited to 'introduce' this trainer to you.

Enjoy this free report and I hope that together we can find some winners and make some profit along the way. (although that is never guaranteed ☺ )

Happy Punting,

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I understand that gambling can become an addiction that can cause great harm if not controlled. Despite the excellent historical track record of our trainer, I remind you that you should only ever bet with an amount of money that you can afford to lose. For help with regard to a gambling addiction, or more information on the subject, please visit:

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## **Introducing David ‘The Sprint King’ Nicholls**

In truth I don’t think ‘Dandy’ Nicholls really needs introducing. Ex-jockey turned trainer he is best known for his exploits in the big sprints. He has won the Ayr Gold Cup six times, the Nunthorpe twice, the Stewards cup three times, the July Cup and the Prix L’Abbaye to name just a few. (info from his website, which you can check out [here](#) )

Clearly he is a master of his trade. However, as well as his superiority on the turf he also has a habit of consistently producing winners on the all-weather and at two tracks in particular. He is profitable to follow all year round with this type of runner and we should have some fun following the selections.

So, let’s have a look at ‘The Sand King’…

### **Micro-System Rules**

1. Horses trained by David Nicholls
2. Wolverhampton and Southwell (All-Weather)
3. Class 5 and Class 6 ONLY
4. Claimers and Handicaps ONLY
5. 14/1 or under

So, let’s have a look at the results (since the beginning of 2010):-

	Bets	Wins	Win%	Places	Place%	P/L(BF)	ROI(BF)	P/L(Plc)	A/E
<b>ALL</b>	174	49	28.16	87	50	146.27	84.06	56.91	1.5
<b>2014</b>	19	8	42.11	8	42.11	48.29	254.16	6.33	2.03
<b>2013</b>	28	9	32.14	14	50	19.14	68.37	7.19	1.64
<b>2012</b>	29	6	20.69	14	48.28	12.41	42.78	6.28	1.22
<b>2011</b>	56	13	23.21	26	46.43	35.11	62.69	14.06	1.31
<b>2010</b>	42	13	30.95	25	59.52	31.33	74.58	23.04	1.56

### **So, looking at the results:-**

- A £10 bet on each of the selections would have won you £1462.70 which is not too bad at all – averaging 29.25 points a year to Betfair SP. It is encouraging that 2014 could be his best year yet.
- Since the beginning of 2010 the longest losing run has been 11, which happened once.
- He has a great place strike rate. In fact with horses price 5/1 or over at Industry SP he has a 47% each way strike rate – perfect for those of you who prefer to back each way. 85 qualifiers, 19 winners, 40 places in total (including the 19 winners)

Just a quick note on the tabs in the table, hopefully the majority are self-explanatory:-

- **P/L (BF)** - is profit/loss at Betfair SP. This is a price that in a worst case scenario the majority of punters can get (closed bookie accounts etc), and it is why I like to highlight it. I would always recommend using Best Odds Guaranteed Bookmakers. Exceptions would be 16/1 /20/1 + shots which can often be much higher on the exchanges –but then you have to take a chance that the price doesn't shorten.
- **Places** – This includes all those horses that have won and placed. Subtract the number of winners from this place figure to determine how many just placed, without winning.
- **P/L (Plc)** is the points profit from a single point bet on each selection in the Betfair Place Market, at Betfair Place SP.
- **A/E** stands for Actual/Expected and is the index of actual winners to expected winners. Calculating an index this way shows 'value' and thus value bets. If a stat/angle/system has *more winners than expected* then we have found a good thing for backing. If a stat has *fewer winners than expected* then we've found a weakness - an indicator of bad 'value' for betting purposes. So, if it is **1.00** that is exactly in line with what the market expects should happen – i.e. the exact number of winners you would expect based on the starting price of selections. Anything above 1.00 indicates that, based on the odds of the horses, the trainer/angle is having more winners than expected. In this case Nicholls has 50% more winners than expected based on their starting price, indicating that his winners are going off at bigger odds than they should be – which is a good thing! In this game you always want to be backing horses at a bigger price than their actual chance of winning- that is the key to long term profit.

### How to use this Micro-System

As with all micro-systems you have two choices as to how you use this one:-

1. You can back the qualifiers systematically, either to win or each way. I personally place 1 point each-way bets on all selections.
2. You can use this information to further enhance your own selection process when looking at Southwell and Wolverhampton. Given he has a 50% win or place strike rate with all qualifiers you have a pretty good starting point from which to use your own form analysis. It really is up to you.

## **Staking Advice**

Staking is very personal and punters have different approaches that they are comfortable with. Firstly, and I know it's stating the obvious, but you should only ever bet what you can afford to lose.

I personally only ever bet to level stakes and have always done so. I am not into complicated staking plans. No doubt some of you will look at the results above and have clear views on the approach you would like to take.

As a general rule of thumb any approach that has around a 25% win strike rate can expect to hit a maximum losing run of 24 per 1000 bets. As I have said this angle has had a maximum losing run of 11 which happened once, and also one of 10 which happened once also. From 2010 to 2013 there has been an average of nearly 39 selections a season.

Therefore, as with the Emma Lavelle system, if you are going to back the selections systematically I would recommend using a 40 point bank for 1 point level stakes bets. I think it is safe to say that if Nicholls loses a 40 point bank this angle would need to be re-evaluated.

I recommend using Best Odds Guaranteed bookmakers. BFSP is the best approximation of BOG that we have and I would be confident returns would be better if able to take early prices as opposed to BFSP.

Some of you may like to back these selections each way. You could either bet  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point EW or 1 point EW. The former would reduce your profit but would ensure you are collecting winnings more often than not.

## **How to Find Selections**

1. Go to [www.racingpost.com](http://www.racingpost.com)
2. Use the search bar in the top right hand corner to search for 'David Nicholls'. Click on his name and a pop up box with his record should appear.
3. Click on the third tab along at the top of this box – 'Entries' – and from there scan down to see if there are any qualifiers that match the rules.
4. Go to [oddschecker.com](http://oddschecker.com) and check that the horse is 14/1 or under. Then place your bets with your preferred bookmaker (preferably the one with the biggest odds!) or Betfair SP.\*

Of course you may have an easier way of doing this and you can always just wait for Southwell and Wolverhampton meetings to come along before checking his entries. If you do use system building software you can enter these rules and get the selections sent to you automatically.

\*I am conscious that some of you will place bets the evening before racing and odds can sometimes fluctuate dramatically leading to some horses become qualifiers and vice versa. Obviously there is a chance you may miss the odd winner but you may also miss the odd loser. I find this tends to even itself out over time. Limiting selections to 14/1 or under

ensures that losing runs are kept to a minimum. It's not profitable to back Dandy Nicholls qualifiers above this price. (that's not to say he won't have the odd big priced winner every now and then, but over time, they lose more money than they make)

### **Happy Punting**

And that's it. I'm a true believer that the best micro-systems are simple and selections should be easy to find. It doesn't come much easier than this. As you have seen Dandy Nicholls cleans up in the lower classes of racing on the all-weather and does extremely well in claimers and handicaps.

As with all trainer angles and systems I will be keeping a close eye on performance to ensure that they stay profitable. I am a firm believer that trainers are creatures of habit and if they have found a successful method that works for them they will keep doing the same thing. The problem comes if the method or circumstances change. A trainer can suffer a virus in the yard which can affect performance for a whole season or more. They can start buying a different type of horse from a different source, or make changes to how and where they train. (such as the relaying of a different type of surface on their all-weather gallops, or the increased use of a swimming pool for example) There are numerous reasons why a trainer's results or speciality may change. That is also the reason why with trainer angles I don't think it is worthwhile to look beyond the last five or six years of results.

The great thing though is that when you do find a profitable angle based on the success and habits of a trainer that is still performing above market expectations, you can have increased confidence that it will continue – at least for the next two or three years, if not more.

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That's it from me today.

I hope you enjoy this guide. I have every confidence that together we can make some extra spending money by following these selections.

I will be producing more guides like this over the coming months so keep a look out for those.

Do check out my blog – [www.racingtoprofit.co.uk](http://www.racingtoprofit.co.uk) - where you will be able to find even more profitable information over the coming weeks and months. I have a few ideas for some regular features that I will share soon.

Until the next time,

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