

AINTREE: THE GRAND NATIONAL MEETING 2016

DONATIONS CLUB: EXCLUSIVE REPORT

This report covers the trends/stats profile for 5 races, as mentioned below, in addition to The Grand National already covered on the blog.

I then go through every other race with a few trainer stats and the performance of those that ran at Cheltenham Festival last time out. Finally there are *5 trainer micro systems* and some more notes on those that ran at The Festival last time out.

Thanks for your continued support of the blog. Without you, it wouldn't exist in its current form. I hope this report points you to a few winners and some decent profits.

Good Luck and Happy Punting,

Josh

In addition to The Grand National already covered on the blog (and repeated below) this report looks at the stats/ trends for the following races: -

- Red Rum Handicap Chase: Day 1
- Topham Chase: Day 2
- Handicap Hurdle (2m4f): Day 2
- Handicap Chase (3m1f): Day 3
- G3 Handicap Hurdle (3m1/2f): Day 3

DAY 1

4.40 Red Rum Handicap Chase

19 renewals

259 runners, 19 wins, 62 placed horses

TRENDS

Previous Place

- 13/19 Top 6 LTO
 - 13/151,47 places...68% winners...58% runners...76% places
 - 7th worse (completed): 1/71, 4 places
 - Fell: 2/12, 4 places
 - PU: 1/13, 5 places
 - UR: 1/9, 2 places

Horse Age

- 18/19 Aged 5-9
 - 10+ : 1/41, 5 p...5% winners...16% runners...8% places

Days Since Run

- Nothing significant

Horse Weight

- Nothing too significant
 - 11-11/11-12: 0/12, 0 places
 - 12 st: 1/4, 2 places

Horse Official Rating

- Nothing overly significant
- 17/18 OR 143 or below
 - OR 144+ : 2/59,14 places..11% winners...23% runners...23% places
 - OR 128 or below: 0/32, 5 places

Season Runs

- Nothing significant

Position In Market

- Nothing significant

Odds

- Nothing significant

OTHER STATS

Miscellaneous 1

Origin of Horse

- GB: 4/55, 11 places
- IRE: 7/108, 29 places
- FR: 6/80, 19 places
- Other: 2/16, 3 places

Headgear

- CP: 0/10, 0 places
- Blinkers: 0/24, 3 places
- Visor: 1/5, 2 places

Weight (excl J-Claim)

- Nothing significant

Pos Wgts (ex Clm) –

- Nothing significant

'The 'Running' Characteristics'

H- Run (Hncp/Non Hncp)

- 18+ handicap runs: 2/65, 8 places...11% winners...25% runners...13% places

H-Run (NH Race Type)

- 22+ chase runs: 1/25, 8 places

H- RUN (Hncp NH Race Type)

- 19+ handicap chase runs: 1/22, 1 place

H-Run (Last Placing)

- 17/19 had placed on at least one of last 3 starts.

The 'Winning' Characteristics

H-Win (Career)

- 9+ : 0/26, 3 places

H-Win (Hncp/Non)

- 5+ handicap wins: 1/36, 5 places

H-Win (Hcap NH)

- 14/19 had 0-1 handicap chase wins
- 18/19 had 0-3 handicap chase wins
 - 4+ : 1/34, 5 places

Miscellaneous 2

Best in Three Runs

- 19/19 Top 3 at least once in last 3 runs
 - DID NOT: 0/36, 2 places

Jockey Claims

- 7lbs: 0/11, 1 place

Horses 'Last Race' Characteristics

(LR) Hcap/Non

- Non handicap: 2/50, 8 places

(LR) Track

- Cheltenham: 9/133, 30 places
- Newbury: 2/14, 2 places
- Weth: 2/3, 2 places
- Donc: 1/22, 10 places
- Other 1 win: Ludlow/Naas/Sand/Kempton/Aintree
- Haydock: 0/9, 1 p
- Ascot: 0/9, 0 p

(LR) Festival

- Cheltenham: 9/129, 30 places

Trainers (of interest)

- P R Webber: 3/11, 4 p
- Nicholls: 1/25, 5 p
- Spearing: 1/3, 2p
- Many others, 1 win each: King/Tizzard/Tate/George/Frost/Morris/V Williams/I Williams/
- D Pipe: 0/5, 0 p
- Henry De Bromhead: 0/4, 2 p
- Hobbs: 0/8, 1 p
- NTD: 0/10, 3 p
- N Henderson: 0/16, 1 p

DAY 2

1.40: G3 Handicap Hurdle (2m4f)

19 renewals

356 runners, 19 wins , 71 placed horses

TRENDS

Previous Place

- 16/19 Top 10 LTO
 - 11th or worse (completed): 2/67, 10 places...11% winners...19% winners...14% places
 - Fell: 1/7, 1 p
 - PU: 0/14, 1 p

Horse Age

- Nothing too significant.
 - 10+ : 0/16, 0 places

Days Since Run

- 11/19 ran 16-30 days ago...11/198 runners, 40 places
- 1-15 days: 2/49, 9 places
- 31-60 days: 3/68, 13 places
- 61-120 days: 0/21, 4 places
- 121-365: 3/19, 5 places

Horse Weight

- 10-00 or less: 0/60, 9 places

Horse Official Rating

- Nothing significant

Season Runs

- Nothing significant

Maximum Distance Winners Had RUN Over

- 19/19 had RUN over minimum of 2m3f in careers
 - Had NOT: 0/58, 11 places

Position In Market

- 18/18 top 12 in market
 - 13th or below: 1/120, 11 places

Odds

- Nothing too significant
 - 22/1+ : 2/139, 14 places

OTHER STATS

Miscellaneous 1

Origin of Horse

- GB: 3/97, 15 places
- IRE: 14/168, 40 places
- FR: 2/58, 12 places
- USA: 0/12, 1 place
- GER: 0/17, 3 places

Headgear

- CP: 0/13, 1 p
- Blinkers: 1/29, 3 places
- Visor: 1/13, 1 p
- Hood: 0/3, 2 p

Weight (excl J-Claim)

- 10-00: 0/44, 6 places

'The 'Running' Characteristics'

H – Run (career)

- 21+ : 3/106, 16 places..16% winners...30% runners...23% places

H- Run (Hncp/Non Hncp)

- 16+ career runs: 1/64, 8 places

H-Run (NH Race Type)

- 12+ hurdle runs: 3/112, 16 places
- 20+ : 0/28, 2 places

H- RUN (Hncp NH Race Type)

- 9+ handicap hurdle runs: 0/60, 6 places

The 'Winning' Characteristics

H-Win (Career)

- 7+ : 0/44, 6 places

H-Win (Hncp/Non)

- 4+ handicap wins: 0/51, 9 places

H-Win (Hcap NH)

- 4+ : 0/21, 5 places

Miscellaneous 2

Best in Three Runs

- 19/19 Top 5 at least once in last 3 starts
 - Did Not: 0/22, 3 places

Distance Move

- Down 2.5f or more from last run: 0/34, 5 places
- Same Distance: 0/35, 6 places

H-Places (NH Race type)

- 10+ (incs wins): 0/32, 5 places

Jockey Claims

- 7lbs: 0/20, 3 places

Horses 'Last Race' Characteristics

(LR) Grp/Grd/Lst

- Listed: 0/28, 2 places

(LR) Festival

- Cheltenham: 8/150, 31 places

(LR) Track

- Chelt: 9/155, 32 places
- Chep: 2/5, 2 places
- Newbury: 1/27, 4 places
- Newbury: 1/26, 3 places
- Other 1 win: Ascot/Tipperary/Donc/Kempt/Carlisle/Utttox
- Haydock: 0/12, 3 places

Trainers (of interest)

- Jonjo O'Neill: 2/11, 3 places
- C Roche: 2/3, 2 places
- N Henderson: 2/26, 6 places
- 1 win many: Ellison/McCain/S Smith/Swan/Elliot/Jefferson/G Moore/A King/P Bowen
- C Longsdon: 0/8, 0 places
- D Pipe: 0/13, 1 place
- P Nicholls: 0/17, 4 places
- V Williams: 0/22, 6 places
- P Hobbs: 0/22, 6 places
- NTD: 0/8, 1 place

4.05: Topham Chase

19 renewals

513 runners, 19 wins , 76 placed horses

TRENDS

Previous Place

- Nothing too significant
 - 11/19 Top 4 LTO
 - Fell: 0/11, 2 p
 - PU: 1/61, 7 p

Horse Age

- Nothing too significant
 - 12+ : 0/30, 3 places

Days Since Run

- 91+ days: 0/37, 3 places

Horse Weight

- 9-13 of below: 0/31, 2 places
- 11-9+ : 0/34, 5 places

Horse Official Rating

- Nothing too significant
 - 142+ : 2/77, 13 places...*11% winners, 15% runners...17% places*
 - 123 or below: 2/132, 16 places

Season Runs

- 0,1,2: 0/50, 3 places

Position In Market

- 15/19 Top 9 in market

Odds

- Nothing too significant

OTHER STATS

Miscellaneous 1

Origin of Horse

- GB: 4/116, 16 places
- IRE: 8/255, 39 places
- FR: 6/124, 18 places
- Other: 1/18, 3 places

Headgear

- CP: 3/48, 7 places
- Blinkers: 0/39, 2 p
- Visor: 0/14, 1 p
- Hood: 1/5, 2 p

Weight (excl J-Claim)

- 11-12+: 0/16, 3 places
- 11-9+ : 1/40, 6 places

Pos Wgts (ex Clm) –

- Top weights: 0/20, 3 places

'The 'Running' Characteristics'

H (Horse) -Run (90 days)

- 0 runs: 0/37, 3 places
- 5+ : 0/19, 1 place

H – Run (career)

- 0-2: 0/12, 2 places

H- Run (Hncp/Non Hncp)

- 0-2: 1/38, 6 places

H-Run (Fences).

- 0 runs over very stiff (National fences/Chelt/Haydock)
 - 1/103, 13 places

The 'Winning' Characteristics

H-Win (Career)

- 0: 0/25, 4 places

H-Win (Hncp/Non)

- 0: 1/93, 11 places

H-Win (Season).

- 3+ : 0/46, 6 places

Miscellaneous 2

Class Move

- Dropping in Class: 2/99, 14 places

Distance Move

- Dropping 4.5 f or more: 0/46, 2 places

Highest Class Run

- No run above C3: 0/40, 3 places

Highest Class Win

- Class 4: 0/42, 3 places
- G1 winner: 0/26, 4 places

H-Places (NH Race type)

- 0: 0/17, 1 places

Horses 'Last Race' Characteristics

(LR) Hcap/Non

- Non-Handicap: 1/57, 6 places

(LR) No. of Runners

- 6 or fewer runners: 0/73, 7 places

(LR) Festival

- Cheltenham: 9/140, 29 places

(LR) Track

- Cheltenham: 9/148, 30 places
- Ludlow: 2/8, 2 places
- Newbury: 1/48, 5 places
- Sand: 1/24, 4 places
- Uttox: 1/24, 4 places
- Other 1 win: Bang/Wethb/Ascot/Chept/FairyH
- Warw: 0/11, 0 places
- Haydock: 0/16, 2 places
- Winc: 0/9, 0 places
- Newcastle: 0/12, 1 place
- Doncaster: 0/13, 1 place
- Kempton: 0/24, 3 places
- Leopardstown: 0/15, 2 places

Trainer Location

- Ireland: 2/88, 15 places

Trainers (of interest)

- P Bowen: 4/16, 6 places
- N Henderson: 4/28, 6 places
- Hobbs: 2/14, 4 places
- Nicholls: 1/40, 5 places
- NTD: 1/20, 3 places
- Jonjo O'Neill: 1/11, 3 places
- W P Mullins: 1/12, 6 places
- D Pipe: 0/13, 0 places
- Miss Venetia Williams: 0/14, 3 places
- R Rowe: 0/5, 3 places
- Mrs S J Smith: 0/8, 0 places
- Tom George: 0/8, 0 places

DAY 3

1.45: The Aintree Handicap Hurdle

19 renewals

363 runners, 19 wins , 72 places horses

TRENDS

Previous Place

- 13/19 Top 4 LTO
- 18/19 Top 11 LTO
 - 12th or worse (completed): 0/64, 6 places
- Fell: 0/13, 2 places
- PU: 1/19, 3 places

Horse Age

- Nothing too significant,given no runners, places...
 - 15/19 Aged 6-8
 - Age 5: 2/40, 4 places
 - Age 9: 2/41, 9 places
 - 10+ : 0/28, 4 places

Days Since Run

- 19/19 ran 16-90 days ago
 - 1-15 days: 0/27, 3 places
 - 91+ : 0/31, 3 places

Horse Weight

- Nothing significant

Horse Official Rating

- OR 125 or below: 0/34, 4 places

Season Runs

- 0,1,2: 0/43, 11 places

Maximum Distance Winners Had RUN Over

- Run over 26f or further in career: 0/44, 6 places

Position In Market

- 18/19 Top 12 in market
 - 13th or below: 1/122, 8 places

Odds

- Nothing too significant

OTHER STATS

Miscellaneous 1

Origin of Horse

- GB: 6/107, 21 places
- IRE: 9/180, 41 places
- FR: 3/52, 6 places
- USA: 0/15, 2 places
- Other: 1/9, 2 places

Headgear

- CP: 1/24, 3 places
- Blinkers: 1/38, 4 places
- Visor: 1/11, 2 places

'The 'Running' Characteristics'

H (Horse) -Run (90 days)

- 0: 0/31, 3 places

H – Run (career)

- 0-3: 0/18, 3 places

H- Run (Hncp/Non Hncp)

- 0: 0/19, 2 places
- 22+ : 0/35, 5 places

H-Run (NH Race Type)

- 0-3: 0/27, 5 places
- 15+ : 2/88, 16 places...11% winners..24% runners...22% places

H- RUN (Hncp NH Race Type)

- 16/19 had 1-7 handicap hurdle runs
 - 0: 0/26, 3 places
 - 8+ : 3/113, 24 places...16% winners...31% runners...33% places

H-Run (Last Win)

- 11/19 won on at least one of last two starts
- 14/19 had won at least once of last 5 starts

H-Run (Last Placing)

- 16/19 had placed on at least one of last 3 starts

The 'Winning' Characteristics

H-Win (Hncp/Non)

- 6+ : 0/14, 0 places

H-Win (Hcap NH)

- 5+ : 0/12, 0 places

Miscellaneous 2

Distance Move

- Up 5f or more: 0/30, 3 places

Highest Class Run

- 18/19 had run at Gr3 or above
 - Listed: 0/39, 5 places
 - Class 2: 1/48, 10 places
 - C3 or below: 0/16, 1 place

H-Places (NH Race type)

- 11+ : 0/34, 5 places

Jockey Claims

- 3lbs: 2/26, 5 places
- 5lbs: 0/25, 4 places
- 7lbs: 0/22, 2 places

Horses 'Last Race' Characteristics

(LR) Race Class (inc Irish)

- 17/19 ran C1 or 2 LTO
 - C3 or below: 2/88, 16 places

(LR) No. of Runners

- 10 runners or fewer: 0/70, 5 places

(LR) Festival

- Cheltenham: 9/184, 38 places

(LR) Track

- Cheltenham: 10/196, 40 places
- Sandown: 5/15, 5 places
- Hayd: 2/17, 6 places
- Uttox: 1/15, 2 places
- Hunt: 1/4, 1 place
- Kempton: 0/17, 1 place
- Doncaster: 0/12, 1 place

Trainers (of interest)

- Jonjo O'Neill: 4/19, 7 places
- D Pipe: 2/18, 5 palces (Martin: 2/30, 8 places)
- 1 win many: of interest...
- NTD: 1/20, 5 places
- V Williams: 1/15, 1 p
- Hobbs: 1/19, 1 p
- Nicholls: 1/13, 2 p
- Others: Tony Martin/Elliot/Webber/Bishop/Jefferson

4.20: The Betfred Handicap Chase

19 renewals

259 runners, 19 wins , 62 placed horses

TRENDS

Previous Place

- Nothing too significant
 - PU: 0/31, 1 place
 - Fell: 1/12, 2 places

Horse Age

- Nothing too significant

Days Since Run

- Nothing too significant
 - 121+ : 0/18, 2 places

Horse Weight

- Nothing significant

Horse Official Rating

- OR 146+ : 1/33, 7 places (winner OR 165)

Season Runs

- Nothing significant

Position In Market

- 19/19 Top 11 in market
 - 12th or lower: 0/57, 5 places

Odds

- 50/1+ : 0/24, 1 place

OTHER STATS

Miscellaneous 1

Origin of Horse

- GB: 4/70, 17 places
- IRE: 9/119, 27 places
- USA: 1/3, 1 place
- FR: 5/59, 16 places
- GER: 0/8, 1 place

Headgear

- CP: 1/20, 4 places
- Blinkers: 4/19, 6 places
- Visor: 0/10, 2 places

Pos Wgts (ex Clm) –

- Top Weight: 3/18, 7 places

'The 'Running' Characteristics'

H- Run (Hncp/Non Hncp)

- 21+: 0/31, 5 places

H-Run (NH Race Type)

- 15+ : 2/76, 15 places

H- RUN (Hncp NH Race Type)

- 17/19 had 0-8 handicap chase runs
 - 9+ : 2/81, 12 places

H-Run (Last Placing)

- 15/19 placed on at least one of last two starts
 - 15/158, 47 places...79% winners...61% runners...76% places

The 'Winning' Characteristics

H-Win (NH Race Type).

- 6+ : 0/20, 4 places

H-Win (Hncp/Non)

- 6+ : 0/14, 2 places

H-Win (Hcap NH)

- 4+ : 0/21, 2 places

H-Win (Class)

- 2+ : 0/22, 4 places

Miscellaneous 2

Class Move

- Up 2 or more: 0/28, 2 places

H-Places (NH Race type)

- 11+ : 0/29, 5 places

Horses 'Last Race' Characteristics

(LR) Race Class (inc Irish)

- C4 or below: 0/17, 2 places
- 17/19 ran C1 or 2 LTO
 - C3: 2/58, 16 places

(LR) Festival

- Cheltenham: 11/103, 28 places

(LR) Track

- Chelt: 11/111, 30 places
- Newb: 2/28, 6 places
- 1 win: Kelso/Kempt/Aintree/Newc/Ascot/Sand
- Donc: 0/9, 2 places
- Hayd: 0/14, 1 place
- Uttox: 0/9, 1 place

Trainer Location

- Ireland: 0/12, 4 places

Trainers (of interest)

- Jonjo O'Neill: 4/9, 5 places
- Hobbs: 3/17, 8 places
- N Henderson: 2/10, 4 places
- V Williams: 1/16, 2 places
- Nicholls: 1/17, 4 places
- Others: Todhunter/E Williams/Bishop/Vaughan/N Richards
- D Pipe: 0/8. 2 places
- NTD: 0/12, 1 place

5.15 The Grand National

Last 5 renewals, 2011-

199 runners, 5 wins, 20 places

CHECKLIST

TRENDS

Previous Place

- 5/5 Top 6 LTO
 - 7th or worse (completed): 0/36, 4 places
 - WON LTO: 0/36, 4 places
 - Fell: 0/5, 0 places
 - PU: 0/25, 1 place

Horse Age

- 5/5 Aged 8-11
 - 7yo: 0/10, 0 places
 - 12+ : 0/23, 1 place
 - 8yo: 1/32, 2 places
 - 9yo: 0/51, 5 places
 - 10yo: 1/54, 6 places
 - 11yo: 3/29, 6 places

Days Since Run

- 5/5 ran 21-60 days ago
 - 1-20 days: 0/5, 0 places
 - 61+ days: 0/42, 3 places

Horse Weight

- Nothing overly significant...?...
 - 10-2 or less: 0/22, 1 place
 - 10-3-10-6: 2/55, 6 places
 - 10-7-10-13: 0/71, 8 places
 - 11-11-5: 1/28, 2 places
 - 11-6+ : 2/23, 3 places

Horse Official Rating

- Nothing overly significant, with winners rated OR 137 through to 16-
 - 157+ : 2/16, 3 places

Season Runs

- 5/5 Had 3 or more runs this season
 - 0,1,2: 0/53, 3 places

Maximum Distance Winners Had RUN Over

- Previous Run in THIS Race: 0/64, 8 places (2nd/3rd/4th last year all previous runners in race)
- Yet to run over at least 25.5f: 0/26, 2 places

Maximum Distance Winners Had WON Over

- 5/5 had WON over a minimum of 25f (3m1f)
 - Had NOT: 0/69, 3 places
 - Had WON over 3m5f or further: 0/39, 4 places

Position In Market

- Nothing too significant. 4/5 were 11th or worse in market

Odds

- Nothing too significant, winners at all odds really. Those over 66/1 SP are now 0/27, 0 places

OTHER STATS

Miscellaneous 1

Origin of Horse

- GB: 0/27, 1 p
- IRE: 3/129, 16 p
- FR: 2/40, 3 p (French Breds 'never' used to win)

Headgear

- Cheekpieces: 0/33, 2 places
- Blinkers: 0/18, 0 places
- Visor: 0/3, 0 places
- NONE: 5/143, 18 places

Pos Wgts (ex Clm) –

- Clear Top: 0/5, 1p
- Clear 2nd: 1/5, 1p
- 3rd/4th: 1/8, 1p
- Bottom Weight (s): 0/16, 0 places

'The 'Running' Characteristics'

H (Horse) -Run (90 days)

- 0: 0/19, 2 p
- 1: 1/84, 9 p
- 2: 3/77, 7 p
- 3: 1/19, 2 p

H – Run (career)

- 5/5 had 19 or more career runs...
 - 0-18 career runs: 0/65, 4 places

H- Run (Hncp/Non Hncp)

- 0-2 handicap runs: 0/22, 0 places
- 0-8 : 1/77, 6 places...20% winners...37% runners...30% places

H-Run (NH Race Type)

- 0-9 chase runs: 0/41, 2 places
- 24+ : 0/20, 0 places

H- RUN (Hncp NH Race Type)

- 0-6: 1/85, 7 places...20% winners...43% runners...35% places

H- Run (track)

- 0: 0/61, 5 places

H- Run (Track-NH Code)

- 5/5 had 0 or 1 run at Aintree over fences
 - 2+ chase runs here: 0/66, 4 places

H-Run (Fences) (very stiff, which is Cheltenham/Aintree GN/Haydock in HorseRaceBase)

- 0: 0/29, 3 places

H-Run (Last Win)

- Nothing significant

H-Run (Last Placing)

- 4/5 placed on at least one of last two starts.
 - 5/113, 17 places
 - DID NOT: 1/73, 3 places

The 'Winning' Characteristics

H-Win (Career)

- 0-5 career wins: 0/99, 7 places...50% runners...35% places

H-Win (NH Race Type).

- 0-2 chase wins: 0/46, 5 places
- 7+ : 0/13, 2 places

H-Win (Hncp/Non)

- 0 handicap wins: 0/43, 1 place
- 5+ : 0/28, 4 places

H-Win (Hcap NH)

- 5/5 1-3 handicap chase wins
 - 0 handicap chase wins: 0/54, 1 place
 - 4+ : 0/29. 4 places

Miscellaneous 2

Best in Three Runs

- 4/5 in top 2 at least once on last three starts

Class Move

- Up 3 or more classes: 0/15. 1 p

Highest Class Run

- G1: 3/126, 15 places
- G2: 1/24, 1 p
- G3: 0/38, 3 p
- Listed: 0/5, 0 p
- C2: 1/5, 1 p

Highest Class Win

- Yet to win above C3: 0/19, 0 places
- G3: 0/38, 4 p.

H-Places (NH Race type)

- 0-5 places (incs wins) in all chase races: 0/60, 1 p
- 12+ : 0/21, 1 place

H –Places (Hncp NH)

- 0: 0/22, 0 places
- 7+ : 0/30, 2 places

Horses 'Last Race' Characteristics

(LR) Hcap/Non

- Non handicap: 3/68, 5 places
- Handicap: 2/130, 15 places

(LR) Race Class (inc Irish)

- 5/5 ran in C1 or 2 LTO
 - C3 or below: 0/33, 1 place

(LR) Track

- Chelt: 2/52, 7 places
- Kelso: 2/9, 2 places
- Haydock: 1/14, 2 places
- Kempton: 0/7, 0 places
- Fairyhouse: 0/12, 1 place
- Doncaster: 0/14, 1 place
- Ascot: 0/8, 2 places
- Leop: 0/11, 1 place
- Newbury: 0/12, 0 places

Location of Trainers

- Ireland: 0/57, 4 places

Trainers (of interest)

- Nicholls; 1/15, 1 p
- Sherwood: 1/1
- Mrs S J Smith: 1/4, 1 p
- Dr R Newland: 1/3, 1 p
- D McCain: 1/10, 1 p
- D Pipe: 0/10, 0 p
- Jonjo O'Neill: 0/11, 2 p
- Gordon Elliot: 0/6, 0 places
- W Mullins: 0/12, 0 places
- P Hobbs: 0/8, 1 place
- N Henderson: 0/6, 0 places

THE WINNING PROFILE?

- Aged 8-11 (albeit cannot fully discount 7yo)
- Ran 1-60 days ago
- Weighted with 10-3 or more
- 3 or more runs this season
- Has WON over a minimum of 25f
- 19 or more career runs
- 3 or more runs in handicaps
- 10-23 chase runs
- Had RUN at Aintree at least once (all race types)
 - chase runs here only (covers both fence types)
- Had run over 'very stiff' fences (Aintree Grand National/Cheltenham/Haydock)
- 6 or more career wins
- 1-3 handicap chase wins
- 6 -13 places in chases (which includes wins) in chases (no more than 6 places in handicap chases)
- Ran in C1 or C2 LTO

Other points of note

- Top 6 LTO
- NOT PU LTO
- Previous win over 3m5f or further a negative
- GB Bred a negative in last 5 years
- Any form of Headgear a negative to date
- NOT bottom weight
- 1+ run in last 90 days
- Grade 3 being highest grade had won at or run at is a negative
- Irish trained horses a poor record last 5 years

RACE BY RACE TRAINER POINTERS

THURSDAY APRIL 7 (Grand Opening Day)

1.40: The Merseyrail Manifesto Novices' Chase (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- P Hobbs: 2/3, 3 places
- N Henderson: 2/4, 3 places
- One win each: King / George / Elliot

Could do better?

- P Nicholls: 0/8, 2 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 7/7
- No: 0/13, 1

2.15: The Anniversary 4YO Juvenile Hurdle (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- A King: 4/8, 5 places
- P Nicholls: 3/21, 9 places
- P Hobbs: 2/11, 4 places
- 1 win each, of note: Micky Hammond/G Moore/M Smith/Jonjo O'Neill/N Richards/N Henderson
- G Elliot: 0/4, 2 places

Could do better?

- D McCain: 0/6, 0 places
- V Williams: 0/12, 1 place

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 15/19...15/97, 39 places
- No: 4/19...4/137, 17 places

2.50: The Betfred Bowl (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- P Nicholls: 4/17, 7 places
- D Pipe: 2/6, 4 places
- One win: M Morris/George/Jonjo O'Neill/W Mullins (1/1)

Could do better?

- N Henderson: 0/8, 2 places
- P Hobbs: 0/5, 1 place

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 15/88, 34 places
- No: 4/41, 10 places

3.25: The Doom Bar Aintree Hurdle (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- John Queally: 3/5, 3 places
- NTD: 3/7, 4 places
- N Henderson: 2/19, 3 places
- 1 win: T Easterby/T Mullins/C Byrnes/A P O'Brien/E J O'Grady/P Nicholls/Jonjo O'Neill/Mrs John Harrington
- D Pipe: 0/4, 2 places
- W Mullins: 0/6, 4 places

Could do better?

- A King: 0/6, 1 place
- P Hobbs: 0/7, 2 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 14/116, 37 places
- No: 5/47, 13 places

4.05: The Crabbie's Foxhunters' Chase (Grade 2)

Trainers

Positive

- E Bolger: 2/6, 4 places
- R Waley-Cohen: 2/5, 4 places
- 1 win: NTD/R Barber/Manners/Dr Newland/Mahon/N Henderson/P Hobbs/S W Coltherd/BR Hamilton/Mrs A Hamilton/C Bailey/Jones/Ford/D McCain/P Nicholls

Could do better?

- W Mullins: 0/6, 1 place
- Mrs D Grissell: 0/8, 0 places
- S Flook: 0/8, 0 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 6/50, 10 places
- No: 13/413, 46 places

4.40: The Red Rum Handicap Chase (Grade 3)

Previously covered.

5.15: The Goffs Nickel Coin Mares' Standard Open (Grade 2)

Trainers

Positive

- P Bowen: 2/5, 3 places
- A King: 2/19, 7 places
- SR B Crawford: 1/3, 1 place
- N Henderson: 1/12, 2 places
- Other one win: Kiely/Case/Swinbank/Honeyball/Down

Could do better?

- O Sherwood: 0/5, 0 places
- Nicholls: 0/3, 0 places
- B Powell: 0/5, 0 places
- W Mullins: 0/8, 3 places
- D McCain: 0/6, 0 places
- J W Mullins: 0/6, 0 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 0/3, 1 place
- No: 11/205, 32 places

FRIDAY APRIL 8 (Ladies Day)

1.40: The Alder Hey Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3)

Previously covered

2.15: The Top Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- N Henderson: 4/21, 8 places
- P Hobbs: 3/7, 4 places
- 1 win: Gifford/Jefferson/Daly/C Roche/P Nicholls (1/12,5 p)/ V Williams/Gollings

Could do better?

- G Moore: 0/7, 2 places
- A King: 0/6, 0 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 9/51, 25 places
- No: 10/152, 29 places

2.50: The Betfred Midway Novices' Chase (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- P Nicholls: 4/21, 9 places
- N Henderson: 2/15, 3 places
- 1 win: Jonjo O'Neill/C Roche/D Pipe/Morris/Hobbs/C A Murphy/Mrs S J Smith/T Easterby
- NTD: 0/4, 2 places

Could do better?

- None of note

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 12/85, 31 places
- No: 7/77, 20 places

3.25: The JLT Melling Chase (Grade 1)

Trainers

Positive

- Nicholls: 2/20, 7 places
- N Henderson: 2/15, 3 places
- A King: 2/4, 2 places
- Mrs J Harrington: 2/2, 2 places
- 1 win each: N Richards/G Elliot/W Mullins/Jonjo O'Neill

Could do better?

- None of note

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 16/99, 34 places
- No: 3/41, 11 places

4.05: The Crabbie's Topham Chase (Grade 3)

Previously covered.

4.40: The Doom Bar Sefton Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)

Positive

- NTD: 2/16, 4 places
- A King: 2/13, 2 places
- Jonjo O'Neill: 2/7, 3 places
- 1 win each: T Mullins/Tizzard/T Easterby/I Williams/J Moffatt/N Henderson/Rebecca Curtis

Could do better?

- P Nicholls: 0/14, 3 places
- Mrs S J Smith: 0/6, 1 place
- V Williams: 0/5, 0 places
- P Hobbs: 0/11, 5 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 9/92, 28 places
- No: 10/173, 29 places

5.15: Aintree Champion Standard Open National Hunt Flat Race (Grade 2)

Positive

- NTD: 4/10, 4 places
- 1 win each: Swinbank/O'Grady/E Lavelle/A King/G Elliot/K Walton/G Moore/Jonjo O'Neill/Ben Pauling

Could do better?

- D McCain: 0/8, 0 places
- P Nicholls: 0/11, 2 places
- V Williams: 0/6, 2 places
- N Henderson: 0/18, 1 place
- O Sherwood: 0/5, 0 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 5/33, 13 places
- No: 13/296, 41 places

SATURDAY APRIL 9 (Grand National Day)

1.45: The Aintree Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3)

Previously covered

2.25: The EZ Trader Mersey Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1)

Positive

- P Nicholls: 4/10, 6 places
- N Henderson: 2/13, 4 places
- 1 win each: N Richards/D McCain/E Lavelle/G Moore/R Easterby/A P O'Brien/W Mullins/V Williams/

Could do better?

- NTD: 0/7, 1 place
- A King: 0/10, 4 places
- Hobbs: 0/8, 2 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 13/78, 34 places
- No: 6/113, 20 places

3.00: The Doom Bar Maghull Novices' Chase (Grade 1)

Positive

- P Nicholls: 5/21, 11 places
- Henry De Bromhead: 2/3, 2 places
- N Henderson: 2/9, 2 places
- 1 win each: A King/Bishop/O Sherwood
- N Richards: 0/4, 2 places

Could do better?

- P Hobbs: 0/5, 2 places

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 14/60, 27 places
- No: 5/68, 13 places

3.40: The Liverpool Stayers' Hurdle (Grade 1)

Positive

- P Nicholls: 4/12, 4 places
- N Henderson: 2/10, 2 places
- A King: 2/10, 4 places
- H Daly: 2/5, 3 places
- 1 win: N Richards/Jonjo O'Neill/C Byrnes

Could do better?

- D Pipe: 0/7, 2 places
- NTD: 0/9, 1 place

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 16/101, 35 places
- No: 3/59, 14 places

4.20: The Betfred Handicap Chase (Listed)

Previously covered

5.15: The Crabbie's Grand National (Grade 3)

Previously covered on blog.

6.10: The Pinsent Masons Handicap Hurdle (Class 2)

Positive

- 1 win: Russell/Walford/E Williams/P Nolan/JJ Quinn/N Gifford/N Henderson

Could do better?

- Hobbs: 0/8, 1 place
- Pipe: 0/6, 2 places
- Nicholls: 0/6, 1 place

Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO?

- Yes: 4/35, 8 places
- No: 3/114, 20 places

TRAINER STATS/ANGLES

Firstly let's just list all those trainers with 3 or more winners at the last 5 Festivals...

- N Henderson: 21/134, 36 places... -0.5 SP
- P Nicholls: 13/132, 32 places... -41 SP
- A King: 6/52, 19 places... +6 SP
- G Elliot: 5/28, 8 places...+20 SP
- P Hobbs: 4/49, 11 places...-23 SP
- NTD: 4/45, 10 places...-15 SP
- D Pipe: 3/63, 13 places... -33 SP
- M Jefferson: 3/14, 4 places...+25 SP
- D McCain: 3/64, 10 places... -33 SP
- P Bowen: 3/26, 7 places...+ 10 SP

Let's try and dig a bit deeper into some of those...

NICKY HENDERSON

MICRO 1

- NON handicaps
- Aged 5 or older
- Ran in C1 race LTO
- 6/1 or shorter SP

| | Bets | Wins | Win% | P/L(SP) | Places | Place% | ROI(SP) | P/L(BF) | P/L(Plc) | A/E |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| ALL | 32 | 15 | 46.88 | 17.51 | 20 | 62.5 | 54.72 | 19.9 | 3.96 | 1.49 |
| 2015 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 40 | 20 | 2.27 | -0.98 | 0.91 |
| 2014 | 5 | 3 | 60 | 9.5 | 4 | 80 | 190 | 9.79 | 3.65 | 2.27 |
| 2013 | 7 | 3 | 42.86 | -2.11 | 4 | 57.14 | -30.14 | -1.93 | 0.28 | 1.12 |
| 2012 | 8 | 5 | 62.5 | 3.21 | 6 | 75 | 40.13 | 3.41 | 0.74 | 1.57 |
| 2011 | 7 | 3 | 42.86 | 5.91 | 4 | 57.14 | 84.43 | 6.36 | 0.28 | 1.64 |

Henderson is fairly consistent with this type. All of his non-handicappers going off over 6/1 are 0/32, 2 places in last 5 seasons here. He is 0/5, 0 places with 4yos. Those that did not run in a C1 race last time out are 0/5, 1 place. Within this set above it may be best to focus on his hurdles which are...10/18, 12 places...+22 SP...opposed to his chasers... 5/14,8 places...-4.5 SP. I find it surprising that his chasers seemed to be better backed. You would have won +11 points more taking 'opening prices' (first show 10 mins before race or so). Something to go on there.

MICRO 2

- Handicaps
- 1-2 Handicap Wins only in THIS National Hunt Race Type (ie in a handicap hurdle only 1-2 handicap hurdle wins)
- Aged 5-8
- NOT Irish Bred
- 28/1 or shorter SP

| | Bets | Wins | Win% | P/L(SP) | Places | Place% | ROI(SP) | P/L(BF) | P/L(Plc) | A/E |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| ALL | 12 | 5 | 41.67 | 61 | 6 | 50 | 508.33 | 96.47 | 16.7 | 5.38 |
| 2015 | 3 | 2 | 66.67 | 16 | 2 | 66.67 | 533.33 | 19.32 | 3.55 | 7.41 |
| 2014 | 3 | 1 | 33.33 | 7 | 2 | 66.67 | 233.33 | 7.03 | 4.04 | 3.57 |
| 2013 | 3 | 1 | 33.33 | 12 | 1 | 33.33 | 400 | 13.4 | 4.08 | 5.88 |
| 2012 | 3 | 1 | 33.33 | 26 | 1 | 33.33 | 866.67 | 56.72 | 5.03 | 4.76 |

Quite a niche angle I suppose but it appears to home in on those handicappers we should focus on. Indeed both these angles find 20 of his 21 winners from last 5 festivals. Where to start...those over 28/1 are 0/5, 0 places. With those 28/1 or shorter...Those with 0 handicap wins in NH race type are 1/17, 4 places.. – 6 points – hard to pick out. Those with 3 or more are 0/7, 1 place. Irish Breds is interesting in that those are currently 0/6, 1 place – I wouldn't automatically dismiss those but the GB and FR breds have been best to date – may have something to do with the track, unsure. Those aged 9+ are 0/7, 1 place. Those going off 14/1 or shorter are... 4/8, 6 places. Those aged 5/6 are 4/12, 6 places.

We shall see if he can nab a winner this year! A good EW micro system.

ALAN KING

- NOT Irish Bred
- Distance Move from last run: Down 0.5f, Same, Up 0.5f

| | Bets | Wins | Win% | P/L(SP) | Places | Place% | ROI(SP) | P/L(BF) | P/L(Plc) | A/E |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| ALL | 17 | 5 | 29.41 | 36.5 | 11 | 64.71 | 214.71 | 40.71 | 17.27 | 2.13 |
| 2015 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | -100 | -1 | -1 | 0 |
| 2014 | 3 | 2 | 66.67 | 26.75 | 3 | 100 | 891.67 | 29.05 | 9.66 | 4.55 |
| 2013 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 7 | 3 | 75 | 175 | 7.04 | 6.98 | 2.63 |
| 2012 | 5 | 2 | 40 | 7.75 | 3 | 60 | 155 | 9.62 | 1.52 | 2.15 |
| 2011 | 4 | 0 | 0 | -4 | 2 | 50 | -100 | -4 | 0.11 | 0 |

A decent, simple EW angle for Alan King's runners. His record with all Irish Bred runners is 0/21, 4 places at the last 5 festivals. Those that are running around the same distance as LTO do best, albeit all those dropping in trip are worthy of a second glance. He has had winners at all odds, including a big priced winner/places. Those under 10/1 show profits of 16 points. Those running at the same class or up one class from LTO are 5/11, 8 places from those above – which is pretty decent!

GORDON ELLIOT

- 26 days or more since last run
- NOT Handicap Chase

| | Bets | Wins | Win% | P/L(SP) | Places | Place% | ROI(SP) | P/L(BF) | P/L(Plc) | A/E |
|------|------|------|------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| ALL | 10 | 5 | 50 | 38 | 6 | 60 | 380 | 55.16 | 12.18 | 4.39 |
| 2015 | 6 | 3 | 50 | 12 | 4 | 66.67 | 200 | 15.09 | 4.71 | 3.3 |
| 2014 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | -100 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| 2011 | 2 | 2 | 100 | 28 | 2 | 100 | 1400 | 42.08 | 9.47 | 14.29 |

Elliot is currently 0/7, 0 places in handicap chases here. Those stats will improve at some point of course. Those returning within 25 days, (outside of Hncp chases) are 0/8, 2 places. All winners so far have been 16/1 or shorter, which would take those stats to 5/8, 6 places. A repeat of either 2015 or 2011 would be welcome! Cheltenham is closer to Aintree this year and it will be interesting what impact that has.

PHILLIP HOBBS

- Aged 7-10
- Runs last 90 days: NOT 0
- 12/1 or shorter

| | Bets | Wins | Win% | P/L(SP) | Places | Place% | ROI(SP) | P/L(BF) | P/L(Plc) | A/E |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| ALL | 12 | 4 | 33.33 | 13.75 | 6 | 50 | 114.58 | 17.04 | 3.78 | 2.33 |
| 2015 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 3.5 | 1 | 50 | 175 | 4.13 | 0.1 | 3.45 |
| 2014 | 3 | 1 | 33.33 | 10 | 2 | 66.67 | 333.33 | 12.32 | 4 | 3.7 |
| 2013 | 1 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | -100 | -1 | -1 | 0 |
| 2012 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 0 | 0.13 | 0.74 | 1.61 |
| 2011 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 1.25 | 1 | 50 | 62.5 | 1.47 | -0.06 | 2.17 |

This angle covers all of Hobbs' winners here in recent seasons. Those priced over 12/1 are 0/24, 3 places, so the market would appear to be a good sign. Those aged 6 or younger are 0/6, 1 place. 11ys are 0/2, 0 places. One winner would be nice from this angle!

NIGEL TWISTON-DAVIES

- Non Handicaps
- 14/1 or shorter

| | Bets | Wins | Win% | P/L(SP) | Places | Place% | ROI(SP) | P/L(BF) | P/L(Plc) | A/E |
|------|------|------|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|------|
| ALL | 12 | 4 | 33.33 | 17.44 | 7 | 58.33 | 145.33 | 21.17 | 9.56 | 1.81 |
| 2015 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 1 | 50 | -100 | -2 | 0.53 | 0 |
| 2014 | 3 | 2 | 66.67 | 13.44 | 3 | 100 | 448 | 13.71 | 7.23 | 2.38 |
| 2013 | 4 | 0 | 0 | -4 | 1 | 25 | -100 | -4 | -0.6 | 0 |
| 2012 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 8 | 1 | 100 | 800 | 11 | 2.19 | 9.09 |
| 2011 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 100 | 2.47 | 0.22 | 3.03 |

NTDs horse going off over 14/1 here are 0/21, 1 place. Of those 14/1 or shorter, in handicaps NTD is 0/12, 2 places. This angle is a good 'way in'. Over 3m or further he is 0/3, 0 places. In Novice Hurdles 0/3, 1 place.

There is no easy 'way in' for **Paul Nicholls'** (albeit there is one below) runners from the filters etc that I like to use. It may be best with his runners to focus on those races where he has a decent record.

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL LAST TIME OUT ANGLES

NON HANDICAPS

These are just some pointers...

- Those running in Non-Handicaps that finished Top 8 LTO, and go off 22/1 or shorter, are:
 - 180 bets / 45 wins / 50 places / 25% wsr / +26 SP / +58 BFSP / AE 1.16
- Using this above criteria, some trainers of interest...
 - N Henderson: 14/35, 18 places...+8 SP
 - P Nicholls: 10/31, 16 places...+18 SP
 - Other winners include: King (3/13) / Elliot, Hobbs,NTD,W Mullins (all 2 wins apiece)
- **Those running over 17f to 21.5f...**
 - 86 bets / 25 wins / 45 places / 30% wsr/+56 SP / +83 BFSP / AE 1.45

HANDICAPS

There isn't too much to go on here, given the number of runners etc. There have been 16 such handicap winners in the time period, who ran at The Festival LTO. Interestingly, 8 of those have been aged 6...

- Aged 6 / Top 10 in the weights (exc jockey claims)
 - 35 bets / 8 wins / 15 places / 23% wsr / +82 SP / +128 BFSP / AE 2.63
 - Those priced 33/1 or over are 0/5, 2 places. 2013 was a blank year (0/5, 1 place) but there has been one winner every season outside of that. Interesting.

That is all for this report. Plenty there to get stuck into!

Enjoy,

All the best,

Josh

p.s if you do like the contents of this report and think other readers are mad for not joining The Donations Club, do leave a comment on the blog ☺ (if you want to of course, and without giving away any of the secrets in these pages!)

p.p.s as always, if you have any questions, then drop me an email and I will do my best to answer them.