

## Aintree Grand National Meeting 2017

### Handicap Angles

#### Cheltenham Festival Last Time Out

2012/13/14/15/16

590 horses turned up at Aintree having run at 'The Festival' last time out (LTO)..

560 runners / 66 wins / 176 places / 11% sr / -100 SP / AE 0.96.

Best not to back them all then..

Let's see what angles we can find.

### **ODDS**

Those sent off at Aintree 33/1 or bigger: 0/109, 11 places. For now I will exclude those from my research.

### Micro 1

- Running in an Aintree Handicap
- Chelt Festival LTO
- Age 6
- Ran In Handicap Hurdle LTO
- Down In Distance from last run
- Any Odds

17 bets / 4 wins / 8 places / 24% sr / +55 SP / +91 BFSP / AE 3.13

*NOTE: An exciting EW micro angle in which to go to war with. Plenty of logic here... we are dealing with 6 year olds who by nature may be still open to improvement. They would have run in a competitive, big field, handicap LTO, adding to their experience. They are moving down in distance, so doing something different, as well as running at a completely different course, which could be another reason for an improved performance. Of course they may have been aimed at Aintree all along. One qualifier was sent off at 33s, and he placed.*

*Effectively, we are looking at those who ran in the 2m1/2 f and the 2m4f handicap hurdle at Aintree. Those under these rules running in the 3m1/2 handicap hurdle: 1/13,3p, -6.*

16.5f: 2/6,4p.. +40 SP ... +71 BFSP

## Micro 2

- Running in an Aintree Handicap
- Chelt Festival LTO
- Age 6
- GB or French Bred (Irish 1/21)
- Any odds

23 bets / 6 wins / 10 places / +68 SP / +107 BFSP / AE 3.45

*Note: Of some interest... those 8<sup>th</sup> or lower in the weights are 0/7,1p within this angle, and those running over a trip ½ furlong shorter than at Cheltenham are **3/6,4p.. +55***

*The Irish Bred horses, certainly the younger ones, don't seem to do as well within this angle. Given the track is flatter and more about speed than the Festival (in general, you still need to stay!) and Irish breds may be stouter stayers, I suppose that makes some sense. And it would also be a reason for why these horses may have underperformed at Cheltenham.*

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## All Handicaps/Breeding

A quick note on breeding.... 28/1<... for the 17 handicap winners in the period that ran at Cheltenham LTO...

- GB/FR: 12/109,29p, +145 BFSP, AE 1.32
- IRE: 5/107,26p.. -9 BFSP, AE 0.6

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## Micro 3

- Running in an Aintree Handicap
- Chelt Festival LTO
- GB or French Bred
- Top 4 LTO
- Any odd

31 bets / 8 wins / 15 places / 26% sr / +86.5 SP / +116 BFSP / AE 2.28

*Note: Those outside of the top 4 at the Festival, 4/108,17p. The IRE breds within this angle – 1/30,10p,-17. They seems to run well and place enough but maybe this less demanding straight/need for more finishing speed, does play a role/suits GB/FR bred horses better.*

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There will no doubt be plenty of cross over with qualifiers on those angles above, but at least that will help add to any confidence...

Let's switch to those handicappers that ***DID NOT*** run at Cheltenham Festival LTO...

#### **Micro 4**

- Aintree Handicaps
- 16-21.5f
- Horse Age 4-8
- 3-5 runs in handicaps
- Did NOT run at Cheltenham Festival LTO
- 16/1 or shorter SP

25 bets / 6 wins / 11 places / 24% sr / +42 SP / +46 BFSP / AE 2.45

*Note: Plenty of logic here, in general dealing with handicappers with some experience but who are not yet full exposed in handicaps. Those running beyond 21.5f are 0/9,0p. Outside of 3-5 handicap runs.. 2/56,11p, those over 16/1.. 0/21,3p.*

*Those within this angle who **WON LTO: 3/8,5p... +17***

And also within this angle...Nicky Henderson: 2/4,4p.. +19 SP

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#### **Trainers**

Now to the most successful handicap trainer ...***Nicky Henderson...***

6/58,13p +26 ... all handicappers 2012-

#### **Micro 5**

- Nicky Henderson
- Aintree Handicaps (2012-)
- Horse Age 5 Or 6
- 0-5 runs in handicaps
- Any odds

17 bets / 5 wins / 9 places / 29% sr / +56 SP / +89 BFSP / AE 3.27

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Which trainers' handicappers should we wary of?

- C Longsdon: 0/14,0p
- V Williams: 0/23,1p
- Nigel Twiston-Davies: 0/26,3p

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## Class

I did have a look to see if 'class told' in the handicaps, mainly by looking at those near the top of the handicap. This has turned into another 'Festival LTO' angle and no doubt crosses over with many above, but useful to know nonetheless...

## Micro 6

- Aintree Handicaps
- Horse Age 5-8
- Top 2 in the weights (inc joints)
- Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO

23 bets / 5 wins / 9 places / 22%sr / +61 SP / +79 BFSP / AE 2.53

*Note: Those sent off under 10/1... 0/9,2p. Those who did not run at The Festival LTO wipe their face, 1/17,4p..0 SP*

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That is all for this report.

Along with any race trends/stats/'winning profiles' those will be the handicap angles for us to go to war with. Unless I have any brighter ideas in the meantime! But, I don't want too many system qualifiers really and this collection of 6 should be manageable. They all look decent EW angles and with any luck will throw up some decent priced winners.

Qualifiers against those 6 micros will be posted in the Members Area within relevant daily posts.

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