

## Racing To Profit Members' Club: Cheltenham Festival Handicap Stats/Trends/Pointers

### Intro

*This report focusses on the ten handicaps to be run at this year's Cheltenham Festival. They are always the main focus of my week because I see them as the hardest punting puzzles of all and my main buzz comes from trying to solve them.*

*As with any stats/trends approach it is very subjective and this is my own take. Others who I respect (mainly Ben Aitken and Gavin Priestley) have a different approach that works for them. I have found my unique approach- 'a winning profile' - works for me, or has done in recent years anyway! I like to focus on a set of traits that every winner over the last decade has shared. I have used the big race trends 'query' tool within Horse Race Base to dig into the last 10 renewals of each race. I have simply detailed the stats/trends/pointers that looked of most importance to my eyes. I went through each race using the same stats template and the stat/profiles I focus on can be unique/obscure.*

*From the list of stats/trends for each race I will create my own 'winning profile' - the initial stats I will use in the hope of forming a shortlist for each race. Clearly you are free to pull together your own profile, using the stats that are most interesting to you. In general, the bigger the 0 from X figure, and the smaller the number of placed horses for the negative stats, the better. I like to create a shortlist using as few stats as possible. It may transpire that the stats this year for race X do not help with shortlisting. If that is the case with any luck my non-race focussed micro systems / pointers / research will come in handy!*

*As always, such research is only ever a guide. If you like the price of a horse, especially any 20/25/1 or bigger, do not let the odd stat put you off. I would also treat any ratings (OR) or weight stats with extreme caution. The handicaps are becoming ever more compressed and any such pointers should certainly be a guide, rather than using such stats to strike out certain horses. I would not be surprised if in time more horses with proven class, and as such near the top of the handicap, win more races. That's something to keep an eye on anyway.*

*Also note that as always with stats from HRB they DO NOT take account of runs outside of the UK/Ireland. For example French form (number of runs say, or wins, distance move etc) will not be included. Certainly, any horses that have yet to run in the UK/Ireland should be analysed separately although clearly stats such as age will still apply. For each handicap I will post up my own shortlist and my tips for each race.*

*I think that covers everything for now. Let's get to it..*

## Tuesday 13 March 2018 – Champion Day

13:30 The Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1) (4yo+, 2m 110y)  
14:10 The Racing Post Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase (Grade 1) (5yo+, 2m)  
14:50 The Ultima Business Solutions Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (5yo+, 3m 110y)  
15:30 Unibet Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy (Grade 1) (4yo+, Class 1, 2m 110y)  
16:10 The OLBG Mares' Hurdle Race (Registered As The David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle) (Grade 2) (4yo+, 2m 4f)  
16:50 The JT McNamara National Hunt Chase (Listed Amateur Riders' Novices' Chase) (5yo+, 4m)  
17:30 The Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase (0-140) (5yo+, 2m 4f 110y)

## Wednesday 14 March 2018 – Ladies Day

13:30 Ballymore Novices' Hurdle (Registered As The Baring Bingham Novices' Hurdle) (Grade 1) (4yo+, 2m 5f)  
14:10 The RSA Steeple Chase (Novices' Grade 1) (5yo+, 3m 110y)  
14:50 The Coral Cup Hurdle (Grade 3 Handicap Hurdle) (4yo+, 2m 5f)  
15:30 The Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase (Grade 1) (5yo+, 2m)  
16:10 The Glenfarclas Chase (Cross Country Chase) (5yo+, 3m 7f)  
16:50 The Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (4yo, 2m 110y)  
17:30 The Weatherbys Champion Bumper (Grade 1 Standard Open NH Flat Race) (4-6yo, 2m 110y)

## Thursday 15 March – St Patrick's Thursday

13:30 The JLT Novices' Chase (Registered As The Golden Miller Novices' Chase) (Grade 1) (5yo+, 2m 4f)  
14:10 The Pertemps Network Final (Listed Handicap Hurdle) (5yo+, 3m)  
14:50 The Ryanair Chase (Registered As The Festival Trophy Chase) (Grade 1) (5yo+, 2m 5f)  
15:30 Sun Bets Stayers Hurdle (Grade 1) (4yo+, 3m)  
16:10 The Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate (Grade 3 Handicap Chase) (5yo+, 2m 4f)  
16:50 The Trull House Stud Mares' Novices' Hurdle (Grade 2) (2 miles 1f)  
17:30 The Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Handicap Chase (Amateur Riders) (5yo+, 3m 1f 110y)

## Friday 16 March – Gold Cup Day

13:30 The JCB Triumph Hurdle (Juvenile Grade 1) (4yo, 2m 1f)  
14:10 The Radox Health County Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (5yo+, 2m 1f)  
14:50 The Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (Registered As The Spa Novices' Hurdle) (Grade 1) (4yo+, 3m)  
15:30 The Timico Cheltenham Gold Cup (Grade 1) (5yo+, 3m 2f 110y)  
16:10 The St James' Place Foxhunter Chase Challenge Cup (5yo+, 3m 2f 110y)  
16:50 The Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (4yo+, 2m 4f 110y)  
17:30 The Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Chase (Grade 3 Handicap) (5yo+, 2m 110y)

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**Tuesday 13 March 2018 – Champion Day**

14:50 The Ultima Business Solutions Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (5yo+, 3m 110y)

17:30 The Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase (0-140) (5yo+, 2m 4f 110y)

**14:50 The Ultima Business Solutions Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (5yo+, 3m 110y)**

*10/214 runners, 39 places*

10/10 Irish or GB Bred

- GB: 1/42,11p
- IRE: 9/126,21p
- FR: 0/38,6p

10/10 Aged 7-10

- 6: 0/15,3p
- 11+ : 0/22, 2p
- 8/10 aged 7/8: 8/99,21p ... 80% winners from 46% runners

10/10 were moving up in distance 0.5f or more from last run. 0/59,7p were not

10/10 had run at Cheltenham (0/31,5p had not)

10/10 had been ridden by jockey previously (0/32,3p had not)

10/10 had 0-2 runs in the class (G3) (3+, 0/82,8p)

10/10 0-3 chase runs at Cheltenham (4+, 0/62,6p)

10/10 had 0-2 handicap wins (3+, 0/60,6p)

10/10 had 0-3 chase wins (4+, 0/61,5p)

10/10 had 0-1 handicap chase wins (2+ , 0/75,6p)

10/10 top 6 LTO

- 7<sup>th</sup> or worse: 0/75,12p
- PU LTO: 0/25,2p

10/10 ran Left Handed LTO

- Right Handed: 0/78,9p

8/10 maximum distance win between 3m-3m1.5f (8/117,25p, 80% winners, 55% runners, 64% places)

8/10 had 0-4 handicap chase runs (8/90,26p, 80% winners, 42% runners, 67% places)

7/10 had 3-6 chase runs (7/54,15p, 70% winners, 25% runners, 38% places)

7/10 OR 142-148 (7/80,19p, 70% winners, 37% runners, 48% places)

5/10 OR 5lb or higher than last run (5/46 runners, 9 places)

## Other

Grade 3 the highest class had run in: 0/35,5p

Running at same class as LTO (G3): 0/58,6p

Horse ran 1-15 days ago: 0/17,0p

Horse Ran over 3m1f or further LTO: 0/50,5p

Horse ran over hurdles LTO: 4/26,6p

Horse last race: hurdle / beginners chase/Novice chase/hncp hurdle/hncp novice chase

- 7/59,15p (70% winners, 29% runners, 38% places)
- Handicap Chase: 3/133,22p

Horse ran in Non-handicap LTO: 5/55,14p

Horse ran in G3 LTO: 0/58,6p

## Track LTO

- Chelt: 3/42,11p / Donc: 3/21,6p / Hayd: 2/16,4p
- Newbury: 0/22,2p / Ascot: 0/15,1p / Kemp: 0/25,1p
- Ran South East England LTO: 0/74, 5p
  - Ascot/Font/Kemp/Newb/Plump/Sand

## Trainers

- Jonjo (3/15,4p), D Pipe (3/14,6p)
- 1 win: N Mulholland/J Moffatt/C Tizzard / A King
- NTD: 0/15,0p / V Williams 0/13,0p / P Nicholls 0/11,1p / N Henderson 0/10,2p
- Irish Trained: 0/20,6p

## **17:30 The Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase (0-140) (5yo+, 2m 4f 110y)**

*10/199 runners, 40 places*

10/10 sent off 16/1 or shorter

- 18/1 or bigger SP: 0/97,11p

9/10 had 3-4 chase runs (9/114,30p, 90% winners, 57% runners, 75% places)

- Not 3-4 chase runs: 1/85,10p

8/10 aged 5-7 (8/131,28p, 80% winners, 65% runners, 70% places)

## Other

### Track LTO

- Kempton (2/21,7p), Chelt (2/25,4p)

### Trainers

*No trainer has won this more than once in last 10 years*

- 1 win: A Fleming/P Hobbs/N Henderson/J Snowden/T Taaffe/R Curtis/P Nicholls/I Williams/Kieran Burke
- V Williams (0/10,1p)

## Wednesday 14 March 2018 – Ladies Day

14:50 The Coral Cup Hurdle (Grade 3 Handicap Hurdle) (4yo+, 2m 5f)

16:50 The Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (4yo, 2m 110y)

### 14:50 The Coral Cup Hurdle (Grade 3 Handicap Hurdle) (4yo+, 2m 5f)

10/261 runners, 40 places

10/10 aged 5-8 (9+, 0/34,4p)

10/10, 0 class wins (1 win in class: 0/30,4p)

9/9 ran in a 'hurdle' (as defined by HRB) or a hncp hurdle LTO (Did not: 0/63,7)

9/9 running at same distance or further than LTO (down in trip: 0/50,7p)

9/10 had 0-1 handicap wins (2+ : 1/98,12p)

9/10, 16/1 or shorter SP

- 18/1 + : 1/165,14p

8/9 (of those with UK/Irish form) had won at least once last 3 starts (1/114,11p had not)

8/9 ran 31-90 days ago (ran outside of this: 1/126,19p)

7/10 had 4-5 career wins (7/89,17p, 70% winners, 34% runners, 42% places)

- Outside of this: 3/172,23p (those with no UK run 1/4)

5/10 French Bred (5/61,12p)

- GB: 2/62,9p
- IRE: 3/121,18p

### Other

Bottom weights (exc claim): 0/35,3p

Horse ran over 2m6f or further LTO: 0/44,5p

Horse ran in a novices race LTO: 0/42,5p

Horse ran in a chase LTO: 0/25,2p

Track LTO:

- Ffos Las (2/5,2p)
- Leopardstown (0/16,1p) , Cheltenham (0/26,4p), Ascot (0/31,3p)

Trainers

- G Elliot (2/10,4p), N Henderson (2/29,3p) 1 win (P Nicholls/D McCain/J Harrington/T Taffe/A King)
- D Pipe (0/15,2p) P Hobbs (0/12,0p) , W Mullins (0/21,3p)
- Irish Trained: 4/64,12p

### **16:50 The Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (4yo, 2m 110y)**

*10/229 runners, 40 places*

10/10 had yet to race at Cheltenham (had... 0/45,5p)

10/10 ran in Non Handicap LTO (ran in handicap, 0/37,7p)

8/9 had won at least once in last three starts (1/77,10p had not)

8/10 had NO run at the distance (8/102,19p, 80% winners, 45% runners, 48% places)

6/10 had 0-3 career runs (6/86,22p)

- 4/10 had 12-14 career runs (4/36,6p)

#### Other

Horse finished 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> LTO: 0/89, 12p

Horse last ran 46+ day ago: 0/61,10p

Horse ran in a race with 6 or fewer runners LTO: 0/49, 9p

#### Track LTO

- Kempton (2/21,5p)

#### Trainers

- P Nicholls (3/17,9p) , 1 win (T Easterby/G Elliot/A Moore/Nick Williams/N Henderson/E Lavelle)
- D Pipe (0/11,3p), A King (0/16,4p) , W Mullins (0/10,0p)

**Thursday 15 March – St Patrick's Thursday**

14:10 The Pertemps Network Final (Listed Handicap Hurdle) (5yo+, 3m)

16:10 The Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate (Grade 3 Handicap Chase) (5yo+, 2m 4f)

17:30 The Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Handicap Chase (Amateur Riders) (5yo+, 3m 1f 110y)

**14:10 The Pertemps Network Final (Listed Handicap Hurdle) (5yo+, 3m)**

*10/235 runners, 40 places*

10/10 GB or IRE bred

- GB: 4/55,9p
- IRE: 6/125,21p
- FR: 0/42,8p
- GER: 0/9,1p

10/10 were Up 1 or 2 classes from last run

- Drop 1 or more: 0/47,1p
- Up 3+ : 0/17,2p

10/10 had run over a max 3m2.5f in career (had raced 3m3f+, 0/32,4p)

10/10 had been ridden by jockey previously (0/41,5p had not)

10/10 had 0-2 handicap hurdle wins (3+ : 0/32, 3p)

10/10 ran in a non major race LTO (Did not..G1/2/3/Listed...0/50,2p... G1/Listed only 0/4,1p)

10/10 ran in a handicap hurdle or novice hurdle LTO (0/49,5p did not)

9/10 Top 8 LTO

9/10 Top 10 in the market

- 11<sup>th</sup> or below: 1/124, 12p

8/10 placed on their last start (8/106,25p)

8/10 had 1-4 handicap hurdle runs (8/102,22p)

8/10 Top 4 LTO (8/135,28p)

8/10 had 1 or 4 runs only in last 90 days (2/149,24p outside this)

- 4 runs last 90 days (hard fit?): 4/14,5p, +68 BFSP

8/10 had 6-10 hurdle runs (8/91,22p, 80% winners, 38% runners, 55% places)

- 1-5: 0/32,4p
- 6+7: 6/38,10p, +65 (inc the last 5 winners)

6/10 had 6-10 career runs (6/56,14p, 60% winners, 21% runners, 35% places)

## Other

Horse had 3 career wins only: 0/61,4p

### Position In Weights (exc claims)

- Bottom (inc joint) : 0/23,2p
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>: 0/57, 8p

### Track LTO

- Haydock (2/47,8p) Warwick (2/13,2p) FairyH (2/5,2p)
- Chelt (0/22,2p)

### Trainer

- D Pipe (2/21,5p) , P G Kelly (2/2) 1 win (Hobbs/V Williams/N Henderson/NTD/Jonjo O'Neill/M Jefferson)
- P Nicholls: 0/13,3o



**16:10 The Brown Advisory & Merriebelle Stable Plate (Grade 3 Handicap Chase) (5yo+, 2m 4f)**

10/225 runners, 40 places

10/10 5<sup>th</sup> or lower in the weights (top 4, 0/45,7p)

10/10 had 0-3 runs in the class (4+ runs in the class (G3): 0/57,5p)

10/10 had 0 wins in the class (1+ : 0/36,4p)

10/10 ran in a handicap chase or novice chase LTO (0/45,7p did not)

9/10 carried 10-13 or less on back exc claims

- 11-00+ , 1/84,13p (0/26,4p last 4 years)

9/10 had finished top 2 at least once last three starts (1/80,10p had not)

9/10 ran over 2m3.5f -2m5f LTO (9/116,22p, 90% winners, 51% runners, 55% places)

**Other**

**Owners**

- Gigginstown: 2/3,2p, +35
- Trevor Hemmings: 1/2,1p, +61

**Highest class run:**

- G2 – 0/40,3p
- C2/Listed/G3: 7/63,18p, 70% winners, 28% runners, 45% places)

Horse had 1 run only previous 90 days: 0/74,9p

**Track Direction LTO**

- LH: 8/117,26p
- RH: 2/103, 14p

PU LTO: 2/21,5p, +55

**Track LTO**

- Cheltenham: 3/44,9p
- Kempton: 0/32,1p
- Ascot: 0/15,1p

**Trainer**

- D Pipe: 3/21,6p
- V Williams: 2/19,4p
- N Henderson: 0/17,1p , P Nicholls: 0/14,2p

Irish Trained: 2/25,6p

**17:30 The Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Handicap Chase (Amateur Riders) (5yo+, 3m 1f 110y)**

10/236 runners, 40 places

10/10 had 3-7 runs in previous 365 days (0/60,10p outside this)

10/10 had 6+ chase runs (3-5, 0/43,8p)

10/10 had 0-4 runs in the class (5+, 0/67,9p)

10/10 had 1-3 chase wins (0/62,6p outside this)

10/10 had 0-2 handicap chase wins (3+, 0/45,3p)

9/10 aged 7-9 (9/164,29p)

- 10+, 1/62,9p

9/10 16/1 or shorter SP (18/1+, 1/137,10p... 18/1-20/1, 0/25,7p)

9/10 OR 134+

- 133<, 1/87,11p
- 137-142: 8/76,18p

9/10 OR was between 2lb lower and 2lb higher than last run (9/143,24p, 90% winners, 61% runners,60% places) (outside of this, 1/93,16p)

9/10 had 11-4 or more on back, exc claims (9/136,29p)

8/10 ridden by non claiming jockey (8/145,33p)

- Claiming jockeys 3lb-7lb: 2/91,7p

**Other**

French Bred: 0/41,4p

Owners: JP McManus, 1/10,4p

PU LTO: 2/25,8p

Track LTO

- Haydock: 2/20,3p
- Newbury: 0/17,1p, Sandown 0/16,3p, Doncaster 0/19,2p

Trainers

- D Pipe: 2/28,4p
- 1 win: JJ Quinn, J Culloty, G Elliot, NTD, E Williams, D McCain, S Edmunds, Jonjo O'Neill

Irish Trained: 2/41, 11p

Jockey

- JJ Codd: 4/9,4p

## Friday 16 March – Gold Cup Day

14:10 The Radox Health County Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (5yo+, 2m 1f)

16:50 The Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (4yo+, 2m 4f 110y)

17:30 The Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Chase (Grade 3 Handicap) (5yo+, 2m 110y)

### 14:10 The Radox Health County Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (5yo+, 2m 1f)

10/260 runners, 40 places

10/10 had 1+ runs in handicap hurdles (0 hncp hurdle runs, 0/39,5p)

10/10 had 0-2 distance runs (3+, 0/54,6p)

10/10 had 0-2 handicap wins (3+, 0/66,8p)

10/10 were 16/1 or shorter on last start (18/1+, 0/57,7p)

9/10 OR 139 or lower (140+, 1/107,12p...last year's winner who was top weight/had class)

9/10 carried 11-4 or less (exc claims) (11-5+ 1/60,7p)

9/10, 9<sup>th</sup> or lower in the weights (Top 8, 1/86,9p)

8/10 aged 5 or 6 (8/143,23p)

- Age 7: 0/62,11p
- Age 8: 2/29,3p
- 9+ : 0/26,3p

8/10 had won at least once on last four starts (2/85,12p had not)

8/10 had 1-3 career wins (8/120,23p, 80% winners, 46% runners, 57% places)

6/10 were top 3 LTO (6/114,17p)

### Other

Horse moving up 1 class (0/27,1p)

Jockey hadn't ridden horse previously: 1/64,8p

Ran in a Listed race LTO: 0/27,1p

Horse ran in a novice hurdle LTO: 0/27,4p

### Track LTO

- Leopardstown: 5/32,10p, +70
- Cheltenham: 2/20,3p
- Newbury: 0/54,7p

### Trainers

- W Mullins: 4/22,8p
- P Nicholls: 2/15,3p
- 1 win: T Mullins/ T Hogan/A J Martin/D Skelton
- N Henderson: 0/16,1p

Irish trained: 7/80,18p

## 16:50 The Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle (4yo+, 2m 4f 110y)

9/209 runners, 36 places

9/9 Aged 5 or 6 (9/126,25p, 90% winners, 60% runners, 69% places)

- Age 7+ : 0/82,10p
- Age 4: 0/1,1p

9/9 28/1 or shorter SP (33/1 or bigger SP: 0/84,6p)

9/9 were moving in class from last run (running at same class: 0/63,6p)

- 5/52,13p were dropping 2 or 3 classes

9/9 had 1+ run previous 90 days (0: 0/24,1p)

9/9 had 0-1 runs at Cheltenham (2+, 0/63,6p)

9/9 had 0-4 career wins (5+, 0/55,3p)

9/9 ridden by jockeys with no claim or 3lb (5lb+ , 0/34,6p)

9/9 were sent off 13/2 or shorter on last start (9/117,29p, 90% winners, 56% runners,80% places)

9/9 ridden by non-claiming jock or 3lb claim LTO (5lb+ , 0/35,2p)

9/9 ran 21-60 days ago (9/131,26p)

9/9 did not run in a C2 LTO (0/63,6p did)

8/9 had 1-11 career runs (8/111,29p, 80% winners, 53% runners,80% places) (1/98,7p had 12+)

7/9 were 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in the weights (exc claims) (7/67,16p, 70% winners, 32% runners, 44% places)

- Top 2: 0/25,3p ; 11<sup>th</sup> or lower: 2/107,16p

6/9 Irish Bred (6/92,15p)

- GB: 1/46,8p
- FR: 2/58,12p

### Other

Horse had 1 or 2 runs in handicap hurdles: 0/59,8p

Horse had 3 hurdle wins only: 0/48,4p

5/9 ran in a G3 or G2 LTO (5/52,13p)

Horse was 2<sup>nd</sup> LTO: 0/30,1p

6/9 ran in a non handicap LTO: (6/75,19p... handicap... 3/134,17p)

### Track LTO

- Cheltenham: 0/18,0p
- Newbury: 0/18,0p
- Ascot: 0/18,1p

### Trainer

- W Mullins: 3/14,5p
- P Nicholls: 2/17,6p
- 1 win: N Henderson, 1/22,5p, G Elliot (1/10,4p) E Lavelle, M Jefferson
- P Hobbs 0/14,2p, D Pipe 0/18,1p,

Irish Trained: 4/35,12p

**17:30 The Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Handicap Chase (Grade 3 Handicap) (5yo+, 2m 110y)**

10/212 runners, 40 places

10/10 carried 11-6 or less, exc claims (11-7+, 0/29,5p)

10/10 had run at G1 or G2 in career (had not... 0/58,10p)

10/10 last ran 26 or more days ago (1-25 days... 0/40,3p)

9/10 were moving down 1f or 0.5f or up 0.5f from last run (9/105,23 places)

9/10 had 4-12 chase runs (9/102,24p)

9/10 had 1-3 Grade 3 runs to their name (9/105,26p) (0 – 1/69,10p)

9/10 ran over 2m LTO or 2m1f-2m1.5f (9/105,25p)

8/10 OR between 2lb lower and 2lb higher than last race

- 8/127,25p,80% winners,60% runners,62% places
- Outside this: 2/85,15p... number of places in line with expected

8/10 had 0-4 handicap chase runs (8/95,23p)

7/10 had yet to win a handicap chase (7/74,19p) (1+, 3/138,21p)

**Other**

**Track LTO**

- Newbury, 2/13,3p
- Ascot 0/18,4p, Doncaster 0/31,6p, Sandown 0/23,4p

**Trainer**

- No trainer has won this more than once in the period
- 1 win : M Scudamore/J Harrington/C Tizzard/A J Martin (Tony) / A Moore /A King/NTD/T Mullins/P Nicholls/N Henderson
- V Williams 0/12,2p,

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## **BONUS RACES**

### **National Hunt Chase**

178 runners, 10 winners, 30 places

10/10 16/1 or shorter

- 18/1+ : 0/87,5p

10/10 OR was same or higher than last race (lower: 0/35,2p)

9/10 had 2+ wins in non handicaps (0-1, 1/60,4p)

9/10 ran in Non-handicap LTO (1/68,6p ran in handicap)

8/10 had placed 3-5 times in Chases (inc wins) (8/80,17p)

6/10 had 2-4 runs at track (6/36,9p,+43)

6/10 had 3-5 chase runs (6/93,16p)

4/10 had 9+ chase runs (4/22,5p)

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Horse had placed twice at track: 4/7 runners, 4p, +43

#### Trainers

- G Elliot: 3/5,3p, +38
- A King: 2/10,3p
- 1 win: Jonjo O'Neill, W Mullins, NTD, R Curtis

#### Owners

- JP McManus: 2/4,2p, +18
- Gigginstown: 1/7,3p, +19

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## RSA

10/10 Irish/GB Bred (FR: 0/25,3p)

10/10 16/1 or shorter (18/1+, 0/32,4p)

10/10 had all run at G1 level (0/29,4p had not)

10/10 had 4-6 runs in last year (0/46,9p outside this)

10/10 3-5 runs this season (0/35,7p outside this)

10/10 had 4+ wins in non handicaps (3 or fewer, 0/31,3p)

8/10 aged 7 (8/59,17p, Not 7... 2/51,13p)

Ran in handicap LTO: 0/15,1p

### Track LTO

- Leopardstown: 5/25,11p, +28
- Ascot: 3/18,5p
- 1 win: Donc / Wetherby

### Trainers

- W Mullins: 2/15,5p
- N Henderson: 2/11,6p
- 1 win: NTD, C Byrnes, Jonjo O'Neill, R Curtis, J Harrington, J Culloty

## **Albert Bartlett Novices Hurdle**

10/176 runners, 30 places

10/10 OR 135+ (no rating or lower, 0/53,1p)

10/10 had run at G1 or G2 (had not: 0/63,8p)

10/10 running at same trip or moving up from LTO (down in distance 0/28,1p)

10/10 yet to run beyond 3m in career (0/47,3p had)

10/10 had 4+ runs in previous year (0/41,2p, 3 or less)

10/10 had been ridden by today's jockey previously (0/38,4p had not)

10/10 had 3+ runs in non handicap hurdles (1-2: 0/38,4p)

10/10 had 2+ wins in career (0-1, 0/27,2p)

10/10 ran over 2m4f-3m LTO (0/57,3p Did not)

10/10 ran in races worth 10,501 – 30,000 LTO (0/79,3p Did not)

9/10 were moving up just 1 class (outside of this: 1/114,10p)

9/10 ran in G2 LTO

8/10 highest class win was G2 or 3 (2/126,13p outside this)

### Track LTO

- Chelt: 2/18,4p
- Leop: 2/14,5p
- Donc: 0/20,1p

Trainers: no trainer has won more than once



## **OWNERS**

*All stats from start of 2013 unless stated (previous 5 Festivals)*

### **Gigginstown House Stud**

**All runners:** 113 bets / 12 wins / 37 places / 11% sr / +51 SP / +104 BFSP / AE 1.01

- Handicap Chases (exc novice hncp): 4/12,6p, +69 BFSP
- 'Non Major' races: 3/13,8p, +30 (inc the 2 hncp hurdle winners)

### **Chases**

- 18/1 + SP, 0/7,0p
- Ran in handicap chase LTO: 3/5,4p, +61

### **Handicaps**

**All handicappers:** 40 bets / 6 wins / 10 places / +51 SP / +71 BFSP

- 18/1 + SP : 0/11,0p
- 16/1 or shorter SP: 6/29,10p, +82 BFSP
  - 12/1-16/1 SP: 6/19,6p, +92
- *So, 16/1 or shorter SP >>>*
- 'Non Major' races: 3/10,7p, +42
  - Listed: 0/6,0p
- Handicap Debut in NH Race Type: 3/15,5p, +30
- 0 Handicap Wins in career: 4/20,7p, +45
- 0 runs at Cheltenham: 5/14,7p, +74
- 0 runs on the official 'going' : 4/9,4p, +59
  - (sloshing around in Irish soft/heavy, they hit 'good/good to soft' and improve)
- Class Move
  - Drop 2 classes (ie G3>C2, or G1>G3) 4/6,5p, +67
  - Up 1, Drop 1, Drop 2: 14 bets / 6 wins / 7 p / +97
- Ran In a Novice race LTO: 3/6,5p,
- 'Micro angles'
  - Ran on Soft>Heavy LTO, running on 'Good' today: 5/12,6p, +75
  - Ran in Novice Chase/Novice Hurdle/Handicap Chase LTO: 6/10,8p, +101

## JP McManus

**All runners:** 189 bets / 14 wins / 50 places / 7.4% / -94 SP / -82 BFSP / AE 0.73

### **Odds**

- 10/1 or bigger SP: 1/113,14p
  - Handicaps: 0/76,9p
- 9/1 or shorter SP: 13/76,36p, +12 BFSP. AE 0.98

9/1 or shorter SP >>>

- 'Hurdle' + 'Chase' (as defined by HRB, not handicaps, not novice): **8/22,14p, +31**
- Dropping in class from LTO: 4/12,6p, +21 (inc Cause of Causes x2)
  - Handicap Chase: 2/7,4p
- 3m2f or further: 6/17,9p, +28 (inc Cause of Causes/On The Fringe multiple winners)
- Trainers
  - Jonjo O'Neill: 2/10,5p, +11
  - Gordon Elliot: 3/7,4p, +14
  - E Bolger: 2/8,4p, +3
- Handicaps: 2/38,3p
- All Non Handicaps: 11/38,23p, +40
  - 1-3 runs at Cheltenham: **9/19,14p, +47**

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## FIVE MICRO ANGLES

*Qualifiers will be posted*

### Unexposed Handicappers

#### **MICRO 1**

- Handicaps
- Horse Run Career: 1-3
- Horse Win Career: 1
- Trainers: N Henderson / E Lavelle / W Mullins / P Nicholls / D Pipe
- 2008-

34 bets / 8 wins / 15 places / 24% sr / +92 SP / +116 BFSP / AE 2.37

- 0/6,1p at the last two meetings
- N Henderson: 2/6,4p, +65; D Pipe: 2/9,4p, +11; P Nicholls: 2/11,4p, +24; E Lavelle: 1/2,1p, +16; W Mullins: 1/6,2p, +1
- Nick Williams also 1/1, +53... will add him in...

## Track Last Time Out Micros

### MICRO 2

- All Handicaps
- Irish Bred
- Horse Win Career: 0-4
- Track LTO: **Leopardstown**
- 25/1 or shorter SP
- 2012-

30 bets / 6 wins / 13 places / 20% win / +95 BFSP / AE 2.54

- 0/3,1p last year. (22/1 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Found at least one winner each year prior to that
- Class move from last run: Drop 1-3 classes: 5/14,8p, +82
- Distance move from last run: Down 0.5f, or UP 0.5f, Up 1f: 6/16,9p, +109
- Career wins: 3 exactly - 5/16,8p, +85
- 1 Win only in National Hunt Race Type: 4/9,6p, +64

### MICRO 3

- 5yo+ Handicaps
- Horse Aged 8 or younger
- 0-1 wins in handicaps only
- Track LTO: **Cheltenham**
- 16/1 or shorter SP
- 2012-

39 bets / 10 wins / 17 places / 26% sr / +78 BFSP / AE 2.51

- 1/9, 4 places last year
- DID NOT run 61-90 days ago: 10/31,16p, +86
- 1 career win to their name: 4/7,5p, +44
- 1-3 career wins to name: 8/24,11p, +72
- Other Track LTO
  - Donc: 2/8,5p, +16
  - Fairyhouse: 2/7,2p, +30
  - Navan: 2/5,2p, +19
  - (these tracks saved and will be flagged)

## First Time Headgear

### MICRO 4

- First time Visor / Blinkers / Hood
- Aged 6 or 7
- 33/1 or shorter (0/12,0p above, guide)
- All races
- 2013-

28 bets / 7 wins / 9 places / +157 BFSP

- Non handicaps: 4/8, 4p

*Any age, other rules as above...*

- Class Move
  - Drop 2 classes: 3/10,5p, +58
- Distance Move
  - Down 1-3 furlong: 3/6,3p, +105
  - UP 1.5f-4f: 3/8,3p, +55
- Race Type LTO
  - Chase / Novice Chase / Handicap Chase
    - 6/21,8p, +136
    - Age 6 or 7: 5/8,6p

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Time Cheekpieces

- Novice Hurdle / Handicap Novice Chase
- 33/1<

11 bets / 3 wins / 5 places / +79 BFSP

- *All first time CP, all races, 33/1<.... 3/57,14p, +33 BFSP*

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## Irish Class Droppers

### MICRO 5

- Irish Trained
- Class Move: Drop 2 or 3 classes from last run
- 25/1 or shorter

37 bets / 9 wins / 16 places / 24% sr / +97 SP / +128 BFSP / AE 2.72

- 0/15,1p bigger than 25/1 SP
- Race Type:
  - Handicap Chase: 4/16,6p, +46
  - Handicap Hurdle: 4/13,8p, +51
  - Handicap Novice Chase: 0/4,0p
  - Handicap Novice Hurdle: 1/4,2p, +34
- Trainers: Elliot (3/8,4p,+51), Mullins (3/16,7p,+33), 1 win: Culloty/Martin/Murphy

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### TRAINERS OF NOTE

#### Intro

*A handful of trainer angles/micros/notes/pointers to focus on for the Festival handicap hurdles and handicap chases. Following that there are some notes on horses wearing first time headgear at the meeting.*

*As always you can use these stats in any way you please. Qualifiers from the 4 'MICROS' (3 in the other report) will be highlighted in the daily posts and I will endeavour to highlight any relevant horses against other stats below and the 'owners' notes. Every Gigginstown horse running in a handicap will be getting plenty of attention- cue a blank year!*

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### Handicap Chases

*(exc Novice handicap)*

2013- (last 5 meetings)

#### **David Pipe**

- Horse Run 90 Days: 0-2
- 16/1 or shorter SP (all wins 12/1<)

15 bets / 4 wins / 7 places / 27% sr / +30 SP / +36 BFSP / AE 2.7

## Tony Martin

- All Handicap Chases
- (no runners at previous two meetings)

9 bets / 2 wins / 4 places / 22% sr / +25 SP / +34 BFSP / AE 3.17

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## Other

All Handicap Chases (exc Novice)

- 20/1 or bigger SP: 5/297,23p
- 18/1 or shorter SP: 18/213,69p

18/1 or shorter SP, other trainers of note

- P Hobbs: 1/6,2p, 0
- N Meade: 1/3,3p, +12
- M Scudamore: 1/3,2p, +16
- J Harrington: 1/3,3p, +13
- G Elliot: 1/10,4p, -4
- NTD: 1/5,1p, +12
- Jonjo O'Neill: 1/16,5p, -3
- N Henderson: 0/16,5p
- W Mullins: 0/8,1p
- P Nicholls: 0/16,1p

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## Handicap Hurdle

*(exc Novice handicap)*

### **Paul Nicholls**

- Age 4-6
- 0-1 wins in handicap hurdles
- Any odds

29 bets / 6 wins / 12 places / 21% sr / +59 SP / +78 BFSP / AE 2.83

Within this set of figures/rules above...

- NOT moving up in distance 1f+ from last run: **13 bets / 4 wins / 8 places / +75**
- 1<sup>st</sup> run in UK/Ireland and/or WON LTO: **10 bets / 5 wins / 6 places / +72**

### **Nicky Henderson**

- Age 6
- 1<sup>st</sup> or second LTO
- Any odds

7 bets / 2 wins / 2 places / +18 SP / +19 BFSP / AE 3.92

- Against overall handicap hurdle stats in period of: 2/45,4p, -19
- 14/1 or shorter: 2/4,2p, +22

### **Willie Mullins**

- 25/1 or shorter
- NOT ridden by Ruby Walsh

20 bets / 4 wins / 12 places / 20% sr / +48 SP / +56 BFSP / AE 2.07

- Walsh 0/11,1p
- 2m1f-2m4.5f: **14 bets / 4 wins / 9 places / +62**
- *Including Walsh rides....*
- Dropping 2 or 3 classes: 3/9,7p, +40
- UP 0.5-1f from last run: 3/12,6p, +50
- Ran in Novices hurdle LTO: 2/9,5p, +15
- Top 3 LTO or PU: 4/18,9p, +58 (Walsh 0/5,0p)
- Ran in G1/2/3 LTO: 4/20,11p, +56
  - NOT Walsh: **4/12,10p, +64**

## Gordon Elliot

- 12/1 or shorter
  - 12 bets / 2 wins / 6 places / +21 BFSP
- 2m4.5f-2m5f: 2/15,6p, +18

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## Other

### All Handicap Hurdles (exc Novice hncp)

- All winners 33/1 or shorter SP
- Bigger: 0/122,6p

### 33/1 or shorter SP, other trainer of note:-

- Patrick Kelly: 2/2, +28
- J Harrington: 1/7,2p, +12
- N Williams: 1/5,3p, +49
- Tony Martin: 1/10, 2p, +2
- D Skelton: 1/10,2p, +2
- P Hobbs: 1/27,5p, -20
- A King: 1/16,6p, +22
- Jonjo O'Neill: 1/24,5p, +6
- D Pipe: 0/21,1p

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## JOCKEYS

*All stats for previous 5 Festivals*

### Davy Russel

- All Handicaps: 18 bets / 5 wins / 10 places / 28% sr / +56 SP / +73 BFSP / AE 3.18
- 'Micro' –
- Class Move: Same/Drop 1/Drop 2 / Up1,2,3,4 ; 20/1 or shorter SP...
  - 32 bets / 9 wins / 19 places / 28% sr / +113 BFSP / AE 2.79
    - **0-1 run at track: 23 bets / 9 wins / 16 places / +122**

### Tom Scudamore

*33/1 or shorter...*

- Handicap Chase (standard) : 15 bets / 4 wins / 7 places / 27% sr / +43 BFSP
- Tuesday + Thursday: 26 bets / 6 wins / 11 places / 23% sr / +64
  - 'Hurdle/Chase' (HRB definition- graded)/Novice Chase/Handicap (standard) Chase: 19 bets / 6 wins / 10 places / 32% sr / +71
- Aged 8: 12 bets / 5 wins / 6 places / +38
- 0 Runs prev 90 days: 3/10,5p, +29
- Ran at Cheltenham LTO: 5/18,8p, +28

### Paul Townend

*25/1 or shorter...*

- Last 3 years: 5/29,10p, +62 BFSP
- Last 3 years...
- Handicaps: 3/6,3p, +60
- 2m1f-2m4.5f: 4/9, 5p, +65
  - 2m1f+ : 5/19,7p, +72
- Grade 3 or Listed: 3/6,3p, +60
- Distance Move: Same, Down ½ F, Down 1f, Up ½ F, Up 1f: 5/19,7p, +72
- Tuesday + Friday: 5/18,9p, +73