

## **The Cheltenham Festival 2019: BIG RACE Stats/Trends/ Pointers**

### **Tuesday 12 March – 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 The Stan James 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 13 March – Ladies Day**

- 13:30 The 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 Handicap 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 14 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 15 March – Gold Cup Day**

- 13:30 The JCB Triumph Hurdle (Juvenile Grade 1) (4yo, 2m 1f)  
14:10 The Randox 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)

**Tuesday 12 March 2019 – 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 The Stan James 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)

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

10/218, 40p

10/10 had 0-1 WINS in handicap chases (2+: 0/81, 7p)

10/10 DID NOT run at G3 or Listed level LTO (did: 0/86, 10p)

10/10 had 0-2 runs in this class (Grade 3) (10/135, 32p) (3+ : 0/83, 8p)

10/10 had 3+ runs in this class or higher class (0-2: 0/66, 10p)

10/10 had 0-3 Chase runs at track (4+ 0/60, 5p)

10/10 had 0-3 chase WINS (4+: 0/60, 6p)

10/10 had all RUN at G1 or G2 Level (Had not: 0/59, 7p)

10/10 had 14 or fewer chase RUNS

- 15+ : 0/62, 5p
- 3-6: 7/58, 16p

10/10 had 9 or fewer handicap chase RUNS

- 10+ : 0/52, 4p
- 0-3 : 8/75, 22p

10/10 had 4+ runs in the last 365 days (0-3: 0/47, 5p)

10/10 had RUN at the track (0 track runs: 0/34,5p)

10/10 had been ridden by jockey previous (had not: 0/29,1p) )

10/10 top 6 LTO (7<sup>th</sup> or lower but completed – 0/37, 5p) (PU: 0/28,3p)

9/10 ran LEFT handed LTO: (RH: 1/80, 10p.. last year's winner)

9/10 ran 16-45 days ago (9/134, 27p)

9/10 had placed at least once on last 3 runs (had not: 1/49,7p)

8/10 Irish Bred (8/129,23p)

- GB: 1/42,11p
- FR: 1/39,5p

8/10 Aged 6-8 (8/116,26p)

- 9: 1/53,9p
- 10: 1/28,3p
- 11+: 0/21,2p

8/10 were moving Up 2/3/4 classes from last run (8/85, 13p)

- Same Class (G3) or Up 1: 0/85, 10p
- Drop 1: 3/24,9p

8/10 sent off 14/1 or shorter SP

- 5/1 < : 3/6,5p
- 16/1-25/1: 0/64, 7p
- 28/1-33/1: 2/40,6p
- 40/1+ : 0/38,0p

8/10 had run over 24 or 24.5f LTO (8/101, 21p)

- 25f+ LTO: 0/52, 7p

8/10 ran in said race type LTO:

- Hurdle -non hncp/graded)/ Novice Chase/Handicap Hurdle/Handicap Novice Chase
- Ran in 'handicap chase' LTO: 2/133, 20p

7/10 had 13-17 career runs (7/56, 20p)

7/10 had 1-2 wins at track (7/83, 17p)

#### Other

- Headgear: Blinkers + CP : 6/64, 12p
- Top 4 in the weights (exc claims): 1/49, 7p (winner 11-12)
- Yet to run over further than 24f in career: 0/25,3p
- Had WON over 26f or further: 0/35, 3p
- 0-1 runs this season: 0/19, 4p
- Had won at Festival before: 3/20,5p
- Ran over hurdles LTO: 4/23, 6p
- Irish Trained: 0/18,6p

#### Track LTO

- Chelt: 3/40, 10p
- Donc: 2/19, 4p
- Haydock: 2/17,4p
- X1: Exeter / Chepstow/ Warwick
- Ascot: 0/17,1p / Newbury: 0/19,2p / Kempton: 0/25, 1p

#### Trainers (21 years)

- D Pipe: 3/18,6p
- Jonjo O'Neill: 3/21,6p
- A King: 2/15,3p
- X1: Tony Martin/C Roche/F Doumen/N Williams/ C Tizzard/K Bailey/J Moffatt/H Morrison/ N Mulholland/N Henderson
- V Williams: 0/21,1p
- P Nicholls: 0/23,4p
- NTD: 0/27,2p
- P Hobbs: 0/11,1p

### 16:50 The JT McNamara National Hunt Chase (Listed Amateur Riders' Novices' Chase) (5yo+, 4m)

10/174, 30p

10/10 sent off 16/1 or shorter SP (18/1+ : 0/85, 5p)

10/10 had 0-2 runs prev 90 days (3+ : 0/50, 12p)

8/10 had RUN at G1/G2 Level (8/103,22p) (had not: 2/71, 8p)

8/10 had RUN at track previously (8/90 17p) (had not: 2/84, 13p)

8/10 had 2+ runs at this class or higher (8/72,16p... 0-1: 2/102, 14p)

7/10 had 1+ chase runs at track (7/45, 12p)

#### Other

- 1-2 chase runs: 0/22,3p
- Ran in a handicap chase LTO: 0/47, 3p (exc novice handicap chase)

#### Track LTO

- Leap: 3/6, 4p
- X1: Wexford/Ascot/Chelt/Gowran/Catt/Warw/Chep

#### Trainers (21 years)

- Jonjo O'Neill: 5/23,6p +63
- G Elliot: 3/7, 3p
- X2: W Mullins/A King
- X1: R Curtis / M Hourihan/I Duncan/H Daly/NTD
- P Nicholls: 0/19,2p

#### Jockeys

- Derek O'Connor: 2/9,5p
- P Mullins: 2/8,4p
- X1: S Waley Cohen/Lisa O'Neill/Josh Newman/JJ Codd

#### Owners (2012-)

- JP McManus: 2/5,2p
- Gigginstown: 1/8,3p

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

10/198, 40p

10/10 sent off 16/1 or shorter SP (18/1+ : 0/98, 10p)

10/10 had yet to win above C2: (had: 0/38,6p)

10/10 had max 3 runs at this class or higher class (4+ : 0/37, 6p)

10/10 ran 16-45 days ago (10/122,30p)

- 1-15: 0/10,2p (don't dismiss those)
- 46+ : 0/66, 8p)

9/10 had 7-12 career runs (outside this: 1/114, 21p)

9/10 had 1+ runs at track (0: 1/74,7p)

- 1 run: 7/62, 18p

9/10 had 3 or 4 chase RUNS (9/112, 29p) (Hunt Ball in 2012 the anomaly)

8/10 Official Rating was higher than last run

- Same: 1/62, 11p
- Lower: 1/36, 6p)

6/10 had raced once over fences at track previously (6/36,10p)

6/10 WON LTO (6/69,19p)

- 8/10 Top 3: 8/131, 31p

#### Other

- Top weights: 3/17,4p
- 0 runs prev 90 days: 0/18,0p
- 1 handicap chase run only: 0/41,7p

#### Track LTO

- Chelt: 3/24,5p
- Kempton: 2/15,5p
- X1: Donc/Exet/Navan/Ascot/Muss
- Leop: 0/17,3p

#### Jockeys

- B Hughes: 2/5,3p

#### Trainers (14 renewals)

- X1: A Fleming/K Burke/K Snowden/R Curtis/M Channon/I Williams/T Taffe/P Nicholls/P Hobbs/N Henderson/M Bradstock
- V Williams: 0/14,1p

**Wednesday 13 March 2018 – Ladies Day**

13:30 The 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 Handicap 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)

### **14:10 The RSA Steeple Chase (Novices' Grade 1) (5yo+, 3m 110y)**

10/109, 30p

10/10 Irish or GB Bred (FR: 0/28,3p)

10/10 sent off 16/1 or shorter SP (18/1+ : 0/31,2p)

10/10 had all RUN G1 level (had not: 0/28, 4p)

10/10 had 3-5 runs this season (outside this: 0/33,5p)

10/10 had 4+ career wins (3< , 0/22, 3p)

10/10 Top 3 LTO (4<sup>th</sup> or lower: 0/16,3p)

9/10 had 1x run at track (0: 1/30, 9p)

9/10 placed LTO (did not: 1/35,6p)

9/10 ran in a G1/G2 LTO (did not: 1/47, 7p)

8/10 had WON at G1/G2 Level (had not: 2/41, 5p)

8/10 aged 7 (8/61,17p) (don't be put off other ages, small numbers)

6/10 had won at track previously (6/40, 10p)

- 4/10 had won at the Cheltenham Festival... 4/10,8p

#### Other

- 6 runs previous 365 days: 5/15, 9p, +47
- 5 chase runs: 5/24, 9p, +38

#### Track LTO

- Leap: 5/28, 12p
- Ascot: 2/15,3p
- X1: Donc/Weth/Gowran

#### Owners

- Gigginstown: 1/8,2p
- JP: 0/3,1p

#### Jockeys

- D Russell: 3/8,6p
- B Geraghty: 2/8, 4p
- X1: Nico De Boinville/B Cooper/R Power/R Walsh

#### Trainers (21 years)

- W Mullins: 4/23,9p
- N Henderson: 3/17,7p
- P Nicholls: 2/18, 4p
- X1: P Kelly/NTD/P Hobbs/Jessie Harrington/C Byrnes/R Curtis/Jonjo O'Neill/ N Chance



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

10/263, 40p Note: treat any horse with NO UK/Irish as separate from some of those stats below. Aux Ptits Soins won this for Paul Nicholls on his first UK run, having been trained in France previously. His profile does not appear on many of these stats ...denoted by those x/9 stats.

10/10 aged 5-8 (9+ : 0/32,4p)

10/10 had 0-3 runs max at this class or higher (4+ : 0/93, 10p)

10/10 had 5 or fewer career wins (6+ : 0/50, 8p)

- 7/10 had 4 or 5 career wins (7/87, 16p)

9/9 ran over 17-17.5f or 20-21f LTO (did not: 0/118,15p)

9/10 had 9 or fewer hurdle runs (in UK/Ireland) (9/160, 30p) (10+ : 1/103, 10p)

9/10 had 5 or fewer handicap hurdle runs (6+ : 1/65, 5p)

9/9 were running at same distance as LTO or moving UP in trip (9/205, 32p)

- Drop 1f or more: 0/51, 5p

9/9 had 3-6 runs in prev 365 days (9/156, 28p) (outside this: 0/103, 10p)

9/9 ran 21-90 days ago (Did not: 0/70, 12p)

8/9 had won at least once on last three starts (8/141, 27p)

- 1/2,1p had 'no previous form' (Aux Ptits Soins -Nicholls, first run in UK/Ireland, French form)
- No win prev three runs: 1/120, 10p

8/10 were 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> in the weights (exc claims) (8/69,17p, +106)

- Clear bottom/joint bottom weight: 0/33,3p

7/9OR was higher than last run (7/127,23p)

- Same OR or lower: 2/134, 16p (2013> 0/85,8p)

7/10 carried 11-00- 11-11 (exc claims) (7/90,20p)

- 10-3- 10-7: 3/40, 3p
- 10-2 < : 0/24,3p
- 10-8 – 10-13 : 0/97, 13p
- Top weight/Joint Top: 0/12,1p

7/9 had yet to win above Listed level

- Grade 3 highest career win to date: 0/23,3p
- Grade 2: 2/42, 7p
- Grade 1: 0/20,3p

7/10 had 3 or 5 hurdle wins (7/111,23p)

6/9 Top 4 LTO (5<sup>th</sup> or lower: 3/105, 13p)

- Top 2 LTO: 5/96, 19p

5/10 were French Bred (5/64, 13p)

- GB: 2/60,7p
- Irish: 3/124, 19p

#### Other

- Horse worse headgear: 0/61, 7p
- Bigger than 33/1 SP: 0/62, 3p
- 4+ track runs: 0/41, 4p
- 2 runs only this season: 0/53, 6p
- 1+ win in class: 0/31,5p
- 3lb claimers: 0/28,6p
- Ran in a Novice race LTO: 0/41, 4p
- Did NOT run over hurdles LTO: 0/33, 3p
- UK winners all ran in C1 or C2 LTO: C3 or lower... 0/37, 1p

#### Track LTO

- Ffos Las 2/5, 2p (Henderson/King trained winners)
- X1: Navan/FairyH/Newbury/Kempton/Thurles/Leop/Punch
- Ascot: 0/31,3p
- Chelt: 0/26, 4p

#### Owners

- JP: 0/15,2p
- Gigginstown: 0/5,1p
- Mrs S Ricci: 0/7, 0p

#### Jockeys

- D Russell: 2/7, 2p
- X1: STD/M Walsh/Nico de Boinville/R Power/B Geraghty/P Flood/W hutchinson

#### Trainers (21 years)

- G Elliot: 2/12,5p
- P Hobbs: 2/26,4p
- N Henderson: 2/50,5p
- X1: Jessie Harrington/W Mullins/C Roche/Dr Newland/P Nicholls/D McCain/E OGrady/T Taffe/A King/Tony Martin/V Williams
- D Pipe: 0/16,2p
- Jonjo O'Neill: 0/15,6p
- N Meade: 0/14,3p
- NTD: 0/12,1p

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

*10/229, 40p ... As with the race above, there is a winner here with 'no previous Irish/UK form', Diego Du Charmil...another trained by Nicholls, first run since leaving France.*

10/10 Irish or French Bred (GB: 0/42, 6p)

10/10 carried 11-5 or less (exc claims) (11-6+ : 0/49, 9p)

10/10 had 0-1 handicap wins (all hncp inc flat) (2+ : 0/21, 6p) (1 only: 5/31, 6p)

9/9 ran in a race with 7+ runners LTO (6< : 0/59, 7p)

9/10 were 10<sup>th</sup> or lower in the weights, but not clear/joint bottom (9/120,23p) (top 9: 1/93, 16p)

9/10 OR 125-134 (9/144, 28p)

- 135+ : 0/55, 10p / 124< : 1/30, 2p

8/9 had won at least once last three runs (8/147, 30p) (Had not: 1/73, 8p)

6/9 did NOT place LTO (6/90, 13p) (did place: 3/130,25p)

6/10 priced 25/1-40/1 (6/67, 11p)

#### Other

- Running over same distance as LTO: 0/50, 9p
- Had run at Cheltenham previously: 0/44, 6p
- 6+ hurdle runs: 0/27, 2p
- 6+ runs this season: 0/27, 2p
- 4/9 ran in G1 or G2 LTO: 4/52, 8p
- 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> LTO: 0/93, 12p
- Ran in a handicap LTO: 0/34, 7p

#### Track LTO

- Kempton: 2/20,4p
- X1: Exeter/Navan/FairyH/Taunt/Leop/Hayd

#### Owners

- JP: 0/7, 2p
- Gigginstown: 0/5,0p
- Trevor Hemmings: 1/2, 1p

#### Jockeys

- X1: J Kennedy/N Schofield/J McGrath/STD/B Hughes/R Walsh/D Condon/P Townend/R Johnson / T O'Brien

#### Trainers (14 renewals)

- P Nicholls: 3/22, 9p
- G Elliot: 2/13,4p (both had 1 career handicap win only)
- X1: N Williams/D Pipe/T Easterby/N Henderson/E Lavelle/P Nolan/ M Quinlan/A Moore

**Thursday 14 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)

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

10/234, 40p

10/10 were moving up in class from last run

- Same class: 0/5, 2p
- Drop 1 or more: 0/45, 0p

10/10 max distance run 24-26f: (outside this: 0/57, 5p)

10/10 ran in a non-major race LTO (10/184, 38p)

- Did not: (G1/2/3/Listed): 0/50, 2p

10/10 ran in a handicap hurdle or novice hurdle LTO (Did not: 0/49, 3p)

10/10 had 0-2 wins in handicap hurdles (3+, 0/37, 4p)

- 0: 5/69, 16p

8/10 sent off 16/1 or shorter SP

- 18/1-25/1: 2/53, 4p
- 28/1+ : 0/87, 11p

8/10 had 6-10 hurdle runs (8/92, 22p) (outside this: 2/142, 18p)

8/10 had 1-4 runs in handicap hurdles (8/95, 23p) (5+: 2/135, 17p)

- Two outliers are Buena Vista, who won in both 2010 and 2011 for D Pipe.
- 7/7 since 2011 have had 6-10 hurdle runs, 1-4 runs in handicap hurdles

8/10 placed on their last start (8/112, 25p) (did not: 2/122, 15p)

7/10 carried 10-12 or less (7/118, 23p)

- 10-13-11-3: 0/47, 2p
- 11-4 – 11-10: 1/56, 9p
- 11-11+ : 2/13, 6p

7/10 sent off 11/2 or shorter LTO (7/82, 20p)

6/10 had yet to run at track (6/72, 16p)

- 1 track run only: 0/57, 8p

Other

- Jockey riding horse for first time: 0/41, 5p
- 3 career wins exactly: 0/62, 4p
- 4+ wins in all handicaps: 0/33, 1p
- Yet to place in a handicap hurdle: 0/18, 2p
- Ran 76+ days ago: 0/39, 6p

### Owners

- JP : 0/18, 4p
- Gigginstown: 1/5, 1p

### Jockey

- D Russell: 3/5, 3p
- X1: C OFarrel/A Tinkler/R McLernon/R Johnson/D ORegan/A Coleman

### Trainers (21 years)

- Jonjo O'Neill: 3/33, 5p
- D Pipe: 2/23, 6p
- P Kelly 2/2
- NTD: 2/23, 5p
- X1: N Henderson / G Elliot/ V Williams/P Hobbs

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

10/225, 40p

10/10 were top 2 at least once on last 3 runs (were not: 0/85, 11p)

10/10 highest class win either G1 or no higher than C2 (0/79, 15p outside this)

10/10 had 0-3 runs at track (4+ : 0/89, 16p)

10/10 placed at least once last 3 runs (did not: 0/57, 6p)

10/10 had 0-3 runs in this class (G3) (4+ : 0/60, 7p)

- 8/10 had 0-1 runs in this class (8/104, 23p)

10/10 had 0-4 runs max in this class or higher (5+ : 0/96, 13p)

10/10 had 0 wins at track (1+ : 0/75, 16p)

10/10 had 0 wins at Grade 3 level (1+ : 0/41, 5p)

10/10 ran in a handicap chase or novice chase LTO (Did not: 0/44,7p)

9/10 carried between 10-4 – 10-13 (exc claims) (9/118, 21p)

- 10-3< : 0/24, 7p
- 11-00-11-5: 1/56, 10p
- 11-6+ : 0/27, 3p

9/10 had 2-7 runs at a higher distance than today's race

- 8+ 0/45, 5p
- 0: 1/45, 7p
- 1: 0/33, 3p

8/10 ran over 2m4.5f or 2m5f LTO (8/87, 14p)

8/10 won at least once last 3 runs (8/98, 23p)

- 5/25, 6p won 3 starts ago, +74

Other

- Grade 2 was highest class run at: 0/41, 3p
- 1 run only prev 90 days: 0/73, 9p
- 3 chase runs: 4/16, 6p
- Headgear worn: 0/44, 6p
- 5/33, 10p had 1 chase win
- PU LTO: 2/25, 6p, +52
- Ran 11-20 days ago: 0/48, 4p

### Track LTO

- Chelt: 3/48, 9p
- Leop: 2/10,3p
- X1: Navan/Winc/Lingf/Sand/Chep
- Kempton: 0/30,1p
- Newbury: 0/20,3p

### Owners

- JP: 0/10,3p
- Gigginstown: 2/3
- T Hemmings: 1/2

### Jockeys

- B Cooper: 2/4 2p
- T Scudamore: 2/10, 5p
- X1: D Bass/D Cook/D Russell

### Trainers (21 years)

- D Pipe: 3/24, 6p (Martin Pipe: 4/28,6p)
- V Williams: 3/27, 9p
- N Henderson: 2/35, 7p
- X1: R Lee / H Daly / Sue Smith/G Elliot/C Murphy/K Bailey/G Moore/N Meade
- C Tizzard: 0/12,0p
- P Hobbs: 0/18, 2p
- Jonjo O'Neill: 0/18, 4p
- NTD: 0/15,3p
- P Nicholls: 0/31, 3p



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

10/232, 40p

10/10 OR 134 or higher (133<, 0/76, 7p)

10/10 carried 11-4+ (exc claims) (11-3<, 0/98, 8p)

10/10 had 3-7 runs in last 365 days (outside this: 0/58, 8p)

10/10 had 2-6 runs this season (outside this: 0/46, 7p)

10/10 had 4 or fewer runs at class (5+ : 0/60, 8p)

- 1 class run only: 0/51, 10p

9/10 aged 7-9

- 6: 0/10, 2p
- 10+ : 1/60, 9p

9/10 sent off 18/1 or shorter SP

- 20/1+ : 1/134, 9p

9/10 had 1-2 handicap chase wins (9/125, 24p)

- 0: 0/15, 4p
- 3: 1/43, 7p
- 4+ : 0/49, 5p

9/10 ridden by non-claiming jockeys (9/144, 35p)

- 3 or 5lb: 0/54, 3p
- 7lb: 1/34, 2p

Other

- French Bred: 0/39, 4p
- 11 or fewer career runs: 0/39, 3p
- 5 or fewer chaser RUNS: 0/41, 7p
- 7/10 wore headgear
- 0-1 handicap chase runs: 0/25, 6p
- 0 runs at class or higher class: 0/21, 3p
- 0 wins Left Handed: 0/23, 2p
- Ran in Novice or Beginners race LTO: 0/35, 8p

Track LTO

- Haydock: 2/20, 3p
- X1: Ayr/Leop/Muss/Leic/Chelt/Naas/Kemp/Aint

### Owners

- JP: 1/12,5p
- Gigginstown: 0/2,2p

### Trainers (21 years)

- D Pipe: 2/29, 4p (M Pipe, 2/29, 6p)
- N Henderson: 2/23, 6p
- D McCain: 2/11, 3p
- X1: S Gollings/G Elliot / W Greatrex/ NTD/Jonjo O'Neill/E Williams/S Edmunds
- P Hobbs: 0/14, 3p
- P Nicholls: 0/19,1p
- T George: 0/15, 2p
- V Williams: 0/20,3p

**Friday 15 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)

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

10/262, 40p

10/10 had 0-3 runs prev 90 days (3+ : 0/50, 7p)

10/10 had 21 or fewer career runs (22+: 0/66,6p)

10/10 had 1-10 handicap runs (10/163, 27p)

- 0: 0/27, 5p
- 11+ : 0/72, 8p

10/10 had 1-5 career wins (6+ : 0/52,4p)

10/10 had 0-2 handicap wins (3+ : 0/68, 11p)

10/10 had 0-3 places in handicap hurdles (inc wins) (4+ : 0/55,7p)

10/10 sent off 20/1 or shorter on last start (22/1+ : 0/48, 6p)

10/10 ran in C1/2/3 LTO (C4<: 0/28, 4p)

- 5/5 UK winners ran in C1/2 LTO (C3< : 0/45, 5p)

9/10 were 9<sup>th</sup> or lower in the weights (exc claims)

- Top 8: 1/86, 8p (winner carried 11-12, and OR 158...horses rated 152+ : 1/8,3p)

9/10 had won at least once on last four starts (had not: 1/84, 9p)

9/10 had been ridden by jockey previously (had not: 1/60,6p)

8/10 aged 5 or 6 (8/147, 24p)

- 7: 0/61, 8p
- 8: 2/28, 4p
- 9+ : 0/26,4p

8/10 carried 10-6-11-1 (exc claims) (9/138, 26p)

8/10 had 0-1 run over the distance (8/159, 28p) (4+ : 0/32, 3p)

7/10 had run at Cheltenham previously (0: 3/100,13p)

Other

- Bigger than 33/1 SP: 0/65, 6p
- Yet to RUN above listed level: 0/30, 6p
- UP 1 class: 0/27, 1p
- UP 4+ classes: 0/28, 4p
- 1 run only this season: 0/28,3p
- Ran in novice race LTO (non hncp) : 0/33,5p
- Ran in listed race LTO: 0/27,1p
- Ran in a race for 5yo+ LTO: 0/26, 2p

### Track LTO

- Leap: 5/36, 10p
- Chelt: 2/20,3p
- X1: Sand/Ascot/Kempton
- Muss: 0/15,1p
- Newbury: 0/55,7p

### Owners

- JP McManus: 0/20,5p
- Gigginstown: 0/7,0p

### Jockeys

- X2: P Townend / Ruby Walsh
- X1: D Jacob/B Cooper/B Andrews/H Skelton

### Trainers (21 years)

- W Mullins: 4/30, 10p
- P Nicholls: 4/28, 7p
- D Skelton: 2/6, 2p
- X1: Tony Martin/T Hogan/Jessie Harrington/P Hobbs/A Mullins/T Mullins/N Henderson/Jonjo O'Neill

**14:50 The Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (Registered As The Spa Novices' Hurdle) (Grade 1) (4yo+, 3m)**

10/178, 30p

10/10 OR 137+ (136< , inc no rating: 0/65, 4p)

- OR 148-152: 4/16, 7p

10/10 had RUN at G1/2 level (had not: 0/65, 8p)

10/10 were moving up by no more than 4 class bands from last run (5+ : 0/67, 3p)

10/10 had 4+ runs in previous 365 days (3<: 0/46, 4p)

10/10 had 3+ runs over hurdles (1-2: 0/36, 4p)

10/10 had 2+ career wins (0-1: 0/30, 2p)

10/10 had 2+ non handicap wins (0-1: 0/39, 3p)

10/10 were NOT moving down in trip from last run (were: 0/30,1p)

10/10 ran over 2m4f-3m LTO (did not: 0/59, 3p)

10/10 ran in races worth £10,501+ to the winner (did not: 0/68, 4p)

9/10 were running at same class or up 1 class from last run (9/75, 20p)

9/10 had 2+ hurdle wins (0-1: 1/64, 6p)

9/10 ran in a G1/2 on last run (9/75, 20p) (ran in non-major race: 1/83,7p)

8/10 highest class win was G3 or G2 (8/50, 16p)

5/5 UK winners ran in C1/2 LTO (did not: 55, 2p)

### Other

- 3< non handicap runs: 0/31, 2p
- 1-2 runs this season: 0/20, 2p
- Jockey had not ridden horse previously: 0/36, 4p

### Track LTO

- Chelt: 2/18,5p
- Leap: 2/15, 4p
- X1: Naas/Newbury/Exeter/Limerick/Navan/Haydock
- Donc: 0/21,1p

### Owners

- JP McManus: 1/5,2p
- Gigginstown: 1/8,3p

### Trainers (14 years)

- Jonjo O'Neill: 2/2
- X1: H Fry/L Russell/R Curtis/John P Gilligan/W Mullins/N Meade/C Byrnes / M Mullins/C Tizzard/A King / N Henderson/ F Doumen

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

10/232, 40p

10/10 aged 7 or younger (8+ : 0/42, 2p)

10/10 sent off 25/1 or shorter SP (bigger: 0/96, 8p)

10/10 were moving in class from LTO (running same class: 0/65, 6p)

10/10 had 0-1 run at track (2+ : 0/66, 6p)

10/10 sent off 7/1 or shorter LTO (bigger: 0/93, 9p)

10/10 ha 0-2 wins going LH (3+ : 0/65, 6p)

10/10 ran 21-60 days ago (outside this: 0/84, 12p)

9/10 had 8 or fewer hurdle runs (9+ : 1/87, 9p)

9/10 had 0-2 hurdle wins (9/142, 31p)

- 3: 0/51, 4p
- 4: 1/28, 4p
- 5+ : 0/11,1p

8/10 were top 9 in the weights (exc claims) (8/102, 22p)

8/10 had 1-2 wins this season (8/119, 27p)

- 0: 2/81, 9p
- 3+ : 0/32, 4p

5/10 were making handicap hurdle debut (5/48, 15p)

#### Other

- 0 runs prev 90 days: 0/26, 1p
- Wearing CP: 0/26, 2p
- 1-2 handicap hurdle runs only: 0/69, 9p
- 6+ career wins: 0/33, 1p
- 3+ handicap wins: 0/36, 3p
- 5lb/6lb/8lb claim: 0/37, 6p
- Ran in C2 LTO: 0/65, 6p

#### Track LTO

- Thurles: 2/3,2p
- X1: Haydock/Kempton/Sandown/Market Rasen/Leap/Clonmel/Navan/Muss
- Newbury: 0/21,0p
- Ascot: 0/18,1p
- Chelt: 0/18,0p



### Owners

- JP McManus: 0/14,2p
- Gigginstown: 3/8, 5p

### Trainers

- W Mullins: 3/17,5p
- P Nicholls: 2/18, 6p
- G Elliot: 2/14,6p
- X1: N Henderson/ M Jefferson/ E Lavelle
- P Hobbs: 0/15,2p
- D Pipe: 0/19,1p
- Jonjo O'Neill: 0/10,0p

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

10/217, 40p

10/10 aged 9 or younger (10+ : 0/46, 6p)

10/10 had all RUN G1/G2 level previously in career (had not: 0/55, 9p)

10/10 had 4-8 runs in prev 365 days (did not: 0/60, 8p)

10/10 ran 26+ days ago ( 25< : 0/39, 2p)

9/10 had 4-11 chase runs (9/92, 23p) (3 only: 0/21,3p)

9/10 had 0-8 handicap chase runs (9/137, 28p)

9/10 had 1-3 runs at the class (9/107, 27p)

8/10 had 2+ runs at track (8/135, 24p) (0-1: 2/82, 16p)

8/10 had 2-8 handicap runs (8/71, 17p)

8/10 had 0-2 places (inc wins) in handicap chases (8/111, 20p)

- 9/10 had 0-4 places in handicap chases
- 5+ : 1/66, 12p

7/10 had 0 handicap chase wins (7/76, 19p) (1+ : 3/141, 21p)

6/10 priced 16/1 or bigger SP

6/10 had 1 track win (6/42, 13p, +82)

5/10 had 13-15 career runs (5/23,11p, +72)

- 12 or fewer: 0/40, 4p

#### Other

- 8+ career wins: 0/37, 3p
- Jockeys claims:
  - 3lb: 0/18, 4p / 5lb 0/10,1p / 7lb 1/11,2p

#### Track LTO

- Newbury: 2/15, 3p
- Chelt: 2/26, 6p
- X1: Warwick/Kelso/Punch/Hereford/FairyH/Exet
- Sand: 0/24,5p
- Donc: 0/28, 4p

#### Owners

- JP McManus: 2/21, 6p
- Gigginstown: 1/3,1p

### Trainers (21 years)

- P Nicholls: 4/33, 8p
- A Moore: 2/10, 5p
- Jessie Harrington: 2/7,3p
- N Henderson: 2/41, 12p
- X1: C Tizzard/M Scudamore/Tony Martin/T Mullins/V Williams/H Daly/A King/M Morris/NTD

## MICRO SYSTEMS/POINTERS

### Micro 1: Irish Class Droppers

- Cheltenham Handicaps
- Class Move (inc Irish) Drop 2 or 3 (ie G1>G3, G2>C2)
- 25/1< guide
- 2014-

41 bets / 10 wins / 18p / 24% sr / +84 SP / +106 BFSP

- 0/8,1p in 'novice' handicaps (included in stats above) (exc those... 10/33, 17p, +92)
- **Gigginstown: 5/10, 6p, +78**
- JP McManus: 1/7, 3p
- Trainers: Elliot (4/12,6p), W Mullins (3/15, 7p), x1 (Culloty/T Martin/C Murphy)

### Micro 2: Track LTO – Leopardstown

- Cheltenham Handicaps
- Breeding: Irish/French/German
- Career wins: 3 or 4 (0-2 career wins: 0/16, 3p... 5+ : 0/11,3p)
- Track LTO: Leopardstown
- 25/1< guide (0/10,0p above)
- 2014-

28 bets / 6 wins / 11p / 21% sr / +58 SP / +81 BFSP

### Micro 3: Track LTO – Cheltenham

- Cheltenham Handicaps
- Age restriction: 5yo+ handicaps
- Track LTO: Cheltenham
- 12/1< guide (1/78, 7p above, inc 33/1 winner)
- 2014-

44 bets / 11 wins / 19p / 25% sr / +65 SP / +83 BFSP

- Trainers: D Pipe (3/4,3p), P Nicholls (2/8, 3p) , x1 Hobbs / Channon /Skelton /Mulholland /Curtis /J Harrington
- Other Tracks LTO within this angle –
  - Donc: 2/12,6p, +12
  - Exeter: 2/11,2p, +2

#### **Micro 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Time Headgear #1**

- All races EXCLUDING Handicap Hurdles
- All headgear
- Wearing headgear for 1<sup>st</sup> time
- Age 5 or 6
- Any odds (3x biggies)

23 bets / 5 wins / 9p / 22% sr / +141 BFSP

- Handicap Hurdles 0/44,4p
- 0/8,0p the last two festivals, due a winner!

#### **Micro 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Headgear #2**

- All races
- All headgear
- Wearing headgear for 1<sup>st</sup> time
- Fell / PU / UR on last run
- 33/1< guide

18 bets / 4 wins / 7p / 22% sr / +67 BFSP

#### **Micro 6: LTO Winners**

- All Cheltenham Handicaps
- Age 5-8
- 0-4 runs in handicap national hunt type (ie handicap hurdles)
- 0 wins in class
- 12/1 or shorter SP (0/50, 8p above this)

52 bets / 11 wins / 26p / 21% sr / +59 SP / +78 BFSP

- Had run at G1 level: 6/22, 10p, +45
- 1 or 2 handicap wins only: 8/25, 16p, +57

#### **Micro 7: Previous Festival Winners**

- ALL races at Cheltenham
- Had won at least once on last three starts
- Top 3 LTO
- Previous Chelt Festival Winner

78 bets / 18 wins / 33p / 23% sr / +25 SP / +41 BFSP

- Very much starting points, inc plenty of shorties (5/13,9p, +36 last year)
- Age 6 or 7 is the 'sweet spot': 12/26, 17p, +48 BFSP
- 4/1 or bigger SP: 6/42, 11p, +51 BFSP
- 10/1 or bigger SP: 4/23, 4p, +58 BFSP

### **Micro 8: Handicap Hurdles/Trainers**

- Cheltenham Handicap Hurdles
- Had run in a G1 in their career
- 3-6 career wins
- 33/1 or shorter SP
- Trainers: Willie Mullins / Gordon Elliot / P Kelly/Jessie Harrinton/ D Skelton

32 bets / 8 wins / 10p / 25% sr / +119 SP/ +175 BFSP

### **Micro 9: The Irish Maestros** (jockeys)

- All Cheltenham Handicaps
- 25/1< guide (0/13,0p above)
- Jockeys: D Russell/ P Townend / R Power/ JJ Codd

44 bets / 14 wins / 23p / 32% sr / +145 SP / +180 BFSP

### **Micro 10: Paul Nicholls**

- Cheltenham Handicaps
- Age 4-7
- Horse Runs this season: 0-3
- Distance move: Same distance or DOWN in trip from last run

16 bets / 5 wins / 10p / 31% sr / +75 SP / +96 BFSP / AE 4.76

- When you add in those that had '0' career runs in UK/Ireland, covering his winners from France yet to run in UK: 2/3,3p... we cover all his handicap winners at last 5 meetings...
- 19 bets / 7 wins / 13p / +90 SP / +116 BFSP (80 handicap runners in the period)

\*

That will be all for the micros, I think that's enough! They're all saved and will be posted – useful starting points if nothing else – just a case of me tipping/backing those that win!

*Maybe it will be the year the 'usual suspects' don't perform, but as starting points it's a case of Irish trained handicappers, Willie Mullins, Gordon Elliot, everything Gigginstown runs (8/27,11p all handicappers 16s< last 5 Festivals), Paul Nicholls, the likes of Dan Skelton and those Irish jockeys covered above. If those 8 trainer/jockeys + Gigginstown don't have handicap winners this year, it could be a long old week! : )*

\*

Josh