

FESTIVAL TRENDS 2018



Aintree Grand National Meeting April 12th - 14th

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THURSDAY 12TH APRIL

RACE 1. Manifesto Novices' Chase

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RACE 3. Bowl Chase

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RACE 5. Fox Hunters' Chase

RACE 6. Red Rum Handicap Chase

RACE 7. Mares NH Flat Race

MANIFESTO NOVICES' CHASE

2M 4F, Grade 2 Cl1, 5yo+

RACE HISTORY

A race that was run for the first time in 2009 and catering for those novices stuck in the middle of being speedsters (2m) and stayers (3m+).

KEY TRIALS

THE ARKLE. Cheltenham 2m. Grade1. Good to Soft

2018 RESULT: 13th March

1ST: FOOTPAD 5/6F 2ND: BRAIN POWER 14/1 3RD: PETIT MOUCHOIR 4/1

JLT NOVICES CHASE. Cheltenham 2m4f. Grade 1. Good

2017 RESULT: 15th March

1ST: SHATTERED LOVE 4/1 2ND: TERREFORT 3/1F 3RD: BENATAR 10/1

LAST YEARS WINNER RAN IN: JLT Novices Chase – See Above (6th at 9/1) very badly hampered by a faller at the 11th

Year	Form	Horse	Chase Runs	Age	Weight	Rated Odds	Trainer
2017	-1FP16	FLYING ANGEL	5	6	11-04 150	5/1	N. TWISTON-DAVIES
2016	-81132	ARZAL	6	6	11-04 151	4/1	H. WHITTINGDON
2015	121128	CLARCAM	5	5	11-04 153	5/1	G. ELLIOTT
2014	5-1152	UXIZANDRE	4	6	11-04 153	11/4	A. KING
2013	-1115	CAPTAIN CONAN	4	6	11-04 152	6/5F	N. HENDERSON
2012	411F3	MENORAH	5	7	11-04 151	3/1	P. HOBBS
2011	F1212	WISHFUL THINKING	6	8	11-04 155	9/4	P. HOBBS
2010	18-134	MAD MAX	3	8	11-04 152	4/1	N. HENDERSON
2009	123215	TARTAK	9	6	11-04 147	11/2	T. GEORGE

2017 winner ran 21 days previously in the JLT where he finished 6th

2016 winner did not run at Cheltenham. Last ran 67 days ago at Doncaster in Gr. 2 Chase (2nd)

2015 winner ran 30 days previously in the Arkle where he finished 8th

2014 winner ran 21 days previously in the Jewson where he finished 2nd

2013 winner ran 21 days previously in the Jewson where he finished 5th

2012 winner ran 30 days previously in the Arkle where he finished 3rd

2011 winner ran 21 days previously in the Jewson where he finished 2nd

2010 winner ran 23 days previously in the Arkle where he finished 4th.

2009 winner ran 23 days previously in the Arkle where he finished 5th

At least three chase starts, a rating of 150+ and a run in the Arkle or JLT at Cheltenham looks the best place to start.

ANNIVERSARY 4-Y-O NOVICES' HURDLE

2M 110YDS, GRADE 1, 4YO ONLY

RACE HISTORY

The Aintree version of the Triumph Hurdle never seemed to attract all the main principles from Cheltenham with most bypassing this race in favour of the 4yo race at the Punchestown festival later in the month. However since being upped to Grade 1 class in 2004 the race is now targeted by more and more of the top 4yo hurdlers making for a better standard of competition and a better class of winner including 2008 victor, and subsequent Champion Hurdle winner, Binocular.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 17 of the last 19 winners ran at the Cheltenham Festival (Exceptions 2001 - Cheltenham Abandoned & 2013)

Age

- 18 of the last 19 winners had made their hurdling debut by 19th January

Betting

- 8 of the last 13 favourites have won

Class

- 18 of the last 19 winners had run placed in a Graded Hurdle

Distance

- 16 of the last 19 winners had won over the distance (all 19 had finished 1st or 2nd at distance)

Previous runs

- 18 of the last 19 winners had all run a minimum of 3 times over hurdles (max. 7 times)
- 17 of the last 19 winners had won 1 of their last 3 starts
- 16 of the last 19 winners had been beaten at least once over hurdles

Interesting Fact: Since becoming a Grade 1 race in 2005 12/13 winners had finished Top 5 at the Cheltenham Festival, 12/13 winners had finished no worse than 3rd on any of their last 3 runs and 8/13 winners have been favourite.

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Ran at Cheltenham	Had 3+ hurdle runs	Placed in Gr. Hurdle	Won 1 of last 3 starts	1 st or 2 nd over 2m ½f
DEFI DU SEUIL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 16/18 (88.9%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 23/36 (63.9%)

Win & Place: 39/54 (72.2%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	HUR Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	111111	DEFI DU SEUIL	7	4	11-00	155	4/11	P. HOBBS
2016	112	APPLES JADE	3	4	10-07	145	3/1	W. MULLINS
2015	F125	ALL YOURS	4	4	11-00	138	16/1	P. NICHOLLS
2014	1212113	GUITAR PETE	7	4	11-00	144	13/2	D. HUGHES
2013	4113	L'UNIQUE	4	4	10-07	135	10/1	A. KING
2012	1F113	GRUMETI	5	4	11-00	148	11/4F	A. KING
2011	11	ZARKANDAR	2	4	11-00	154	4/6F	P. NICHOLLS
2010	233123	ORSIPPUS	7	4	11-00	130	40/1	M. SMITH
2009	12112	WALKON	5	4	11-00	152	2/1F	A. KING
2008	112	BINOCULAR	3	4	11-00	143	11/8F	N. HENDERSON
2007	1121111	KATCHIT	7	4	11-00	159	EVSF	A. KING
2006	8111	DETROIT CITY	4	4	11-00	146	3/1F	P. HOBBS
2005	11122	FAASEL	5	4	11-00	144	11/4F	N. RICHARDS
2004	1120	AL EILE	4	4	11-00	-	25/1	J. QUEALLY

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 0-1-1-1-1-1-3-1-1-5-3-6-2-1 **To £1 Level Stake:** +£7.91
Position of winner in market: 0-1-1-1-1-1-9-1-1-5-4-6-2-1

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
4yo	5	3	22	11 – 00	8 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 18 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	4YO	HURDLE RUNS	2 – 7
LAST RUN	1 – 15	DAYS SINCE RUN	11– 45
WEIGHT	10-07 – 11-00	ODDS	4/11 – 40/1
RATING	130 - 159		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	59	1	11	20.3%	21%
Irish Bred	82	6	14	24.4%	35.1%
French Bred	63	10	12	34.9%	38.6%
German Bred	10	0	0	0%	0%
Other	14	2	1	21.4%	5.3%

KEY TRIAL

Triumph Hurdle. Cheltenham 2m1f. Grade 1. Good

2018 RESULT: 16th March

1ST: FARCLAS 9/1

2ND: MR ADJUDICATOR 8/1

3RD: SAYO 33/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	23	3	6	
P. HOBBS	11	2	2	1ST
JJ O'NEILL	3	1	1	
A. KING	9	4	1	
N. HENDERSON	16	1	3	2ND
G.L. MOORE	9	0	0	
V.WILLIAMS	11	0	1	

RACE ANALYSIS

A run at Cheltenham, though not necessarily in the Triumph, is the first place to start when building up the profile of a usual winner. 3 runs and a place in a Graded hurdle come next with preferably at least one defeat in the form book. A win at the distance and fancied in the betting should have you looking at a typical winner.

BOWL CHASE

3M 1F, GRADE 1 CL1, 5YO+

RACE HISTORY

If the Anniversary Hurdle is the Aintree Triumph then this is surely the Aintree Gold Cup although no Cheltenham Gold Cup winner has won this race in recent times and small fields are usually the order of the day. 8 recent winners of this race did however run in the Cheltenham Blue Riband event including 2 runners-up.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 16 of the last 19 winners ran at the Cheltenham Festival (2001 Cheltenham abandoned)

Age

- 17 of the last 19 winners were aged 8+ (8 of the last 16 were 10 or 11yo's)

Betting

- 18 of the last 19 winners came from the top 5 in the betting
- 18 of the last 19 winners returned 14/1 or under

Class

- 18 of the last 19 winners had already won a Graded Race

Distance

- 15 of the last 19 winners had won over 3m 1f+

Previous runs

- 16 of the last 19 winners had a minimum of 3 chase runs that season (18/18 – max. 6)
- 17 of the last 19 winners had raced at least 10 times over fences
- 17 of the last 19 winners were beaten on their previous start
- 22 of the last 31 winners ran in the Cheltenham Gold Cup

Interesting Fact: French Breds have been responsible for over 40% of all win and placed horses in the last 19 years with over 50% of all French Bred runners making the frame.

Interesting Fact 2: Only 1 horse placed in the Gold Cup has come on to win this race in the last 17 years (Exotic Dancer in 2007)

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Ran at Cheltenham	Won a Graded race	Won at 3m1f+	10 runs over fences	8yo +
TEA FOR TWO	✓	✓	X	X	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 16/19 (84.2%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 31/38 (81.6%)

Win & Place: 47/57 (82.4%)

2004 – 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Ch' Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	-5241U	TEA FOR TWO	7	8	11-07	158	10/1	N. WILLIAMS
2016	-4111F	CUE CARD	22	10	11-07	176	6/5F	C. TIZZARD
2015	-5117	SILVINIACO CONTI	18	9	11-07	173	7/4f	P. NICHOLLS
2014	3-314	SILVINIACO CONTI	13	8	11-07	177	9/4	P. NICHOLLS
2013	42322	FIRST LIEUTENANT	12	8	11-07	168	7/2	M F MORRIS
2012	16244	FOLLOW THE PLAN	20	9	11-07	152	50/1	O. MCKIERNAN
2011	-1433	NACARAT	23	10	11-10	155	7/2	T. GEORGE
2010	161-21	WHAT A FRIEND	6	7	11-10	159	5/2	P. NICHOLLS
2009	-6118	MADISON DU BERL'	32	8	11-10	169	12/1	D. PIPE
2008	3-221	OUR VIC	18	10	11-10	168	9/1	D. PIPE
2007	211212	EXOTIC DANCER	10	7	11-12	168	6/4F	JJ O'NEILL
2006	137-U	CELESTIAL GOLD	10	8	11-08	160	8/1	M. PIPE
2005	1-115	GREY ABBEY	28	11	11-12	166	7/2	H. JOHNSON
2004	422F3	TIUTCHEV	21	11	11-12	167	11/2	M. PIPE

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 3-2-5-1-4-F-U-5-P-3-2-1-1-2 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£6.55
Position of winner in market: 2-2-3-1-2-5-2-2-10-2-2-1-1-5

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	CHASE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
9	16	4	30	11 – 07	8 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	7 – 11YO	CHASE RUNS	6 – 32
LAST RUN	1 – 8 (UR)	DAYS SINCE RUN	14 – 100
WEIGHT	11-07 – 11-12	ODDS	6/5 – 50/1
RATING	152 – 177		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	28	4	5	32.1%	15.8%
Irish Bred	56	8	16	42.8%	42.1%
French Bred	46	7	16	50%	40.3%
German Bred	2	0	0	0%	0%
Other	1	0	1	100%	1.7%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: Gold Cup. Cheltenham 3m2½f. Grade 1. Good

2018 RESULT: 16th March

1ST: NATIVE RIVER 5/1 2ND: MIGHT BITE 4/1 3RD: ANIBALE FLY 33/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	19	4	3	6TH
JJ O'NEILL	7	1	5	
W. MULLINS	3	1	2	
D.PIPE	7	2	3	
A. KING	5	0	3	3RD

RACE ANALYSIS

Good class horses who have run without success at Cheltenham are the ones to focus on with only Our Vic winning at the Festival en route to Aintree. The superstars of the jumping game tend to swerve this race allowing a few of the lesser lights of the chasing game to have their moment in the spotlight.

AINTREE HURDLE

2M 4F, GRADE 1, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

With the exception of the mighty Istabraq (who also suffered a defeat in this race) horses that finished in the first three of the Champion Hurdle used to have a terrible record in the Aintree Hurdle with most finding the step up in trip beyond them but recent renewals have seen the Champion Hurdler win here also. One horse who relished this trip, and the track, was the remarkable Al Eile who won this race three times in four years to go with his 4yo Novice Hurdle win at the Aintree Festival in 2004.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All of the last 20 winners had raced at least 6 times over hurdles (Only 1 had more than 17)

Age

- 18 of the last 20 winners were aged 6-8 (There have been only three 5yo winners in the last 25 years)

Betting

- 18 of the last 19 winners were 12/1 or shorter

Class

- 18 of the last 20 winners had already won a Graded hurdle

Distance

- 16 of the last 21 winners had won a hurdle over at least 2m 4f

Previous runs

- 17 of the last 18 winners had run between 2-4 times over hurdles that season
- 16 of the last 19 winners had won that season (two exceptions race specialist Al Eile)
- 8 of the last 15 winners were Irish trained

Interesting Fact: 17 of the last 21 winners ran at the Cheltenham Festival. The 4 exceptions were all Irish trained.

Interesting Fact 2: 17 of the 18 Champion Hurdle runners-up to have run in this race have been beaten (exception was Kyber Kim in 2010)

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	6+ career hurdle runs	Aged 5-8	Won Graded hurdle	Ran at Chelt or Irish	2-4 season hurdle runs
Buveur D'Air	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 15/19 (78.9%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 31/38 (81.6%)

Win & Place: 46/57 (80.7%)

2004 – 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	-1111	BUVEUR D'AIR	6	6	11-07	167	4/9F	N. HENDERSON
2016	F-111	ANNIE POWER	16	8	11-00	162	4/9F	W. MULLINS
2015	12234	JEZKI	16	7	11-07	166	3/1	Mrs J. HARRING'
2014	-1123	THE NEW ONE	10	6	11-07	167	4/9F	N. TWISTON-DA
2013	-1114	ZARKANDAR	13	6	11-07	167	11/2	P. NICHOLLS
2012	F115	OSCAR WHISKEY	11	7	11-07	167	9/4	N. HENDERSON
2011	4-113	OSCAR WHISKEY	6	6	11-07	165	6/1	N. HENDERSON
2010	-5112	KYBER KIM	12	8	11-07	169	7/2	N. T-DAVIES
2009	1-121	SOLWHIT	6	5	11-07	140	6/1	C. BYRNES
2008	-3213	AL EILE	22	8	11-07	161	11/4J	J. QUEALLY
2007	6-754	AL EILE	17	7	11-07	-	12/1	J. QUEALLY
2006	1-12F	ASIAN MAZE	13	7	11-00	-	4/1	T. MULLINS
2005	96337	AL EILE	10	5	11-07	-	11/1	J. QUEALLY
2004	-1613	RHINESTONE COWBOY	9	7	11-07	170	5/2JF	JJ O'NEILL

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 1-F-2-10-1-4-3-7-3-2-1-F-1-1 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£6.03
Position of winner in market: 1-4-3-8-1-3-2-3-2-4-1-2-1-1

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
7YO	12	3	35	11 – 07	4 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 14 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 – 8YO	HURDLE RUNS	6 – 22
LAST RUN	1 – 7 (FELL)	DAYS SINCE RUN	16 – 106
WEIGHT	11-00 - 11-07	ODDS	4/9 – 12/1
RATING	140 - 170		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	28	2	10	42.8%	21%
Irish Bred	72	14	13	37.5%	47.4%
French Bred	53	3	12	28.3%	26.3%
German Bred	6	0	1	16.7%	1.7%
Other	9	0	2	22.2%	3.5%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: Champion Hurdle. Cheltenham 2m. Grade 1. Heavy (Soft in places)

2018 RESULT: 14th March

1ST: BUVEUR D'AIR 4/6f 2ND: MELON 7/1 3RD: MICK JAZZ 33/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	13	1	1	4TH
J. QUEALLY	5	3	0	
JJ O'NEILL	6	1	1	
P. HOBBS	7	0	2	
N. HENDERSON	22	3	5	1ST-2ND
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	8	3	2	3RD

RACE ANALYSIS

Multiple winners of this race are common and the Irish have a good record here. Graded hurdle winners with form over the distance do best but stay away from the Champion Hurdle runner up as 17 of the 18 to run in this race have been beaten.

APPLYING THE TRENDS

5yo or 10yo winners are very rare and it's always best to avoid the Champion Hurdle runner up in this race. 2-4 Seasonal runs looks ideal.

FOX HUNTERS CHASE

2M 5F 110YDS, CLASS 2, 6YO+

RACE HISTORY

Run over the same course as the Grand National this race gives Amateur riders the chance to experience the thrills and excitement of jumping over these unique fences. Very few horses come from behind in this race and those that race from the front or are ridden prominently do best. In fact nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of all winners and placed horses are ridden to the fore.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 16 of the last 19 winners had won at least one of their last two starts

Age

- 16 of the last 19 winners were aged 9 – 11yo
- 13 of the last 14 winners were aged 10yo+ (2010 was a 9yo)

Betting

- 16 of the last 19 winners were from the top 4 in the betting at 8/1 or under

Class

- 17 of the last 19 winners had their last run in a Hunters Chase

Distance

- 17 of the last 19 winners had won over at least 2m6f (2010/17 winners only 2m4f)

Previous runs

- Dual winner Katarino won both times on his seasonal debut but all the other 17 (of the last 19 winners) had run at least once since the start of February and a max of 3 times.
- 16 of the last 19 winners finished in the top 3 last time out

Interesting Fact: The 7 winners to run at Cheltenham finished 23FUU11 in the Foxhunters

Interesting Fact 2: Horses outside 9-11yo have provided just 4 winners (from 175 runners)

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Won 1 of last 2 races	Aged 9-11yo	Won a race at 2m6f+	1-3 runs since FEB.	Last run was Hunter Chase
DINEUR	X	✓	X	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 7/19 (36.8%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 12/57 (21%)

Win & Place: 19/76 (25%)

2004 – 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2017	13U72	DINEUR	25	11	12-00	129	16/1	M. BOWEN
2016	11-171	ON THE FRINGE	19	11	12-00	147	15/8F	E. BOLGER
2015	11221	ON THE FRINGE	15	10	12-00	141	5/2F	E. BOLGER
2014	4-4131	WARNE	25	10	12-00	135	7/2	B. HAMILTON
2013	55212	TARTAN SNOW	23	13	12-00	117	100/1	S. COLTHERD
2012	-216	CLOUDY LANE	25	12	12-00	126	4/1JF	D. McCAIN
2011	1U-11U	BABY RUN	14	11	12-00	136	3/1F	N. TWISTON-DA
2010	15P2	SILVER ADONIS	16	9	12-00	116	50/1	Dr.R. NEWLAND
2009	11P-1	TRUST FUND	18	11	12-00	136	13/2	R. BARBER
2008	111F1	CHRISTY BEAMISH	8	11	12-00	121	6/1	P. JONES
2007	03-F1	SCOTS GREY	33	12	12-00	130	9/2	N. HENDERSON
2006	5U/1-	KATARINO	8	11	12-00	-	11/2	R. WALEY-COHE'
2005	255U/	KATARINO	7	10	12-00	-	10/3F	R. WALEY-COHE'
2004	112-3	FOREST GUNNER	4	10	12-00	120	13/2	R. FORD

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 2-1-4-F-5-0-U-1-1-8/F-3-1-1-P **To £1 Level Stake:** +£3.21
Position of winner in market: 3-1-2-2-2-2-15-1-1-19-2-1-1-5

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	NH RUNS UNDER RULES	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
11YO	17	3	48	12 – 00	12 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 14 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	9 – 13YO	NH RULES RUNS	4 – 33
LAST RUN	1 – 6 (UR)	DAYS SINCE RUN	11 – 1000
WEIGHT	12-00	ODDS	15/8 – 100/1
RATING	116 - 147		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / No. of Places (76)	
GB Bred	116	6	15	18.1%	27.6%
Irish Bred	279	8	28	12.9%	47.4%
French Bred	74	5	14	25.7%	25%
German Bred	3	0	0	0%	0%
Other	8	0	0	0%	0%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: Foxhunters. Cheltenham 2m. Grade 1. Good

2018 RESULT: 16th March

1ST: PACHA DU POLDER 25/1 2ND: TOP WOOD 50/1 3RD: BAREL OF LAUGHS 14/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	19	1	2	4TH-9TH
R. WALEY-COHEN	5	2	2	
N. HENDERSON	2	1	0	
P. HOBBS	5	1	3	
Mrs C. BAILEY	4	1	2	
E. BOLGER	7	3	1	PU
R. BARBER	2	1	1	

APPLYING THE TRENDS

A 10 -12yo rated 115+ with a recent win and either a top 3 finish at Cheltenham (unless falling or unseating) or a run away from the Festival is a good place

RED RUM HANDICAP CHASE

2M, GRADE 3, 5YO+

RACE HISTORY

Named after the legendary Grand National winner this race changed from a Class A Limited Handicap to a Class B race in 2001 as the number of runners were dwindling. It reverted to a Class A race in 2002 but not as a Limited Handicap and has been run as such ever since. With more competitive and larger fields the race has now earned Grade 3 status.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 18 of the last 19 winners had won at least a Class 3 race

Age

- 12 of the last 14 winners were aged 6-9yo

Betting

- 10 of the last 14 winners came from the top 6 in the betting

Class

- 13 of the last 14 winners were rated 129-143 (exception 2013 rated 149)
- 12 of the last 14 winners carried 11-01 or less (after jockey claimers)

Distance

- 18 of the last 20 winners had won at the distance

Previous runs

- 13 of the last 14 winners had finished Top 6 last time or failed to complete the course
- 13 of the last 14 winners had run in the previous 60 days
- 12 of the last 14 winners had their previous start in a class 1-3 handicap.
- 10 of the last 14 winners had raced at Aintree before

Interesting Fact: 8 of the 11 winners that ran at Cheltenham contested the Grand Annual

Interesting Fact 2: Jockeys claiming 3 or 5lbs have won 4 of the last 13 from just 26 such runners and show a LSP of +52

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Aged 6-9	Won at the distance	Rated 129-143	Won Class 3 race	Run in last 60 days
DOUBLE W's	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 11/19 (57.9%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 22/38 (57.9%)

Win & Place: 33/ 57 (57.9%)

2004 – 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Chase Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	211729	DOUBLE W's	5	7	11-01	139	8/1	M. JEFFERSON
2016	-21223	KATACHENKO	6	7	10-10	133	9/1	D. McCAIN
2015	23222	SURF AND TURF	18	9	10-05	132	33/1	K. FROST
2014	-10246	PARSNIP PETE	9	8	10-10	134	16/1	T. GEORGE
2013	16663	OISEAU DE NUIT	36	11	11-08	149	20/1	C. TIZZARD
2012	14352	EDGARDO SOL	4	5	11-00	143	9/2F	P. NICHOLLS
2011	12-5U	SILK DRUM	4	6	10-00	141	9/1	H. JOHNSON
2010	8401P	CHANINBAR	12	7	10-08	135	20/1	M. HARRIS
2009	23F21	OH CRICK	7	6	11-01	139	7/1CF	A. KING
2008	F3725	STAN	13	9	10-00	129	25/1	Miss V WILLIAMS
2007	2P375	BAMBI DE L'ORME	24	8	10-02	130	13/2	IAN WILLIAMS
2006	22121	JACKS CRAIC	8	7	10-02	134	10/1	J SPEARING
2005	32121	FOTA ISLAND	8	9	11-10	142	10/3F	M MORRIS
2004	1221F	TIDOUR	5	8	10-11	135	5/1F	P. WEBBER

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 1-1-3-7-4-1-7-F-1-P-3-P-P-3 **To £1 Level Stake:** +£3.47
Position of winner in market: 1-1-5-3-16-1-13-6-1-10-5-16-6-4

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	CHASE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
8	11	3	34	10 – 10	12 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 14 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 – 11YO	CHASE RUNS	4 – 36
LAST RUN	1 – PU/UR/FELL	DAYS SINCE RUN	11 – 160
WEIGHT	10-00 - 11-10	ODDS	10/3 – 33/1
RATING	129 – 149		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	53	3	7	18.9%	17.5%
Irish Bred	117	9	16	21.4%	43.9%
French Bred	83	6	13	22.9%	33.3%
German Bred	6	0	1	16.7%	1.7%
Other	10	1	1	20%	3.5%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: Grand Annual Handicap Chase. Cheltenham 2m. Grade 3. Soft

2018 RESULT: 16th March

1ST: LE PREZIEN 15/2 2ND: GINO TRAIL 25/1 3RD: TOP GAMBLE 8/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	24	1	4	5TH
P. WEBBER	10	3	0	
Miss V. WILLIAMS	15	1	2	
N. HENDERSON	16	0	2	2ND
I. WILLIAMS	8	1	2	
P. HOBBS	7	0	2	

RACE ANALYSIS

A race where those who haven't been chasing that long seem to do well and it usually (2008 winner Stan was a definite trends buster) goes to a lightly weighted, decent horse with quite a few runs that season.

MARES STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE

2M 1F, LISTED, 4-6YO ONLY

RACE HISTORY

Only 12 runnings so far but it has still managed to throw up some decent horses with Whiteoak and Theatre Girl both competing in this race. 2007 winner Turbo Linn trumped any performance either of those two have achieved so far when winning a Group 2 race on the flat and running with credit at Group 1 standard including in the Coronation Cup at Epsom.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All 13 winners had finished in the top 5 last time out (7 out of 13 won)

Age

- 11 of the 13 winners were aged 4 or 5

Betting

- 6 of the 13 winners were from the top 4 in the betting
- 7 of the 13 winners were 9/1 or under

Class

- 10 of the 13 winners had yet to win a race worth more than 2k

Distance

- Turbo Linn and Senorita Rumbilita had both won NH Flat races at a distance of less than 2 miles. Turbo Linn had won an All Weather NH Flat race.

Previous runs

- 11 of the 13 winners had won at least 1 of their last 2 runs
- 9 of the 13 winners had won a race with 11+ runners in the field
- 8 of the 13 winners had won at least 50% of their races
- 6 of the 13 winners had run 1 or 2 times (13/13 had run 1-4 times)
- 9 of the 13 winners had won a single race

Interesting Fact: Surprisingly 8 of the 13 winners were British Bred.

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 0/13 (0%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 2/26 (7.7%)

Win & Place: 2/36 (5.5%)

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
N. HENDERSON	15	2	1	9TH
A. KING	21	2	5	
P. HOBBS	3	0	0	
W. MULLINS	9	0	4	
GA SWINBANK	5	1	0	
P. BOWEN	5	2	1	

2005 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Odds	Trainer
2017	515	DAME ROSE	3	4YO	10-08	14/1	R. HOBSON
2016	33-21	KAYF GRACE	4	6YO	11-00	14/1	N. HENDERSON
2015	3211	HOLLIES PEARL	4	5YO	10-11	8/1	P. BOWEN
2014	414	AVISPA	3	5YO	11-00	25/1	A. KING
2013	11	LEGACY GOLD	2	5YO	11-01	9/1	S. CRAWFORD
2012	1-223	ELEVEN FIFTY NINE	4	6YO	11-01	6/1	A. HONEYBALL
2011	334	TEMPEST RIVER	3	5YO	11-00	20/1	B. CASE
2010	1	BIG TIME BILLY	1	4YO	10-05	28/1	P. BOWEN
2009	14	CANDY CREEK	2	5YO	11-04	9/2	J KEILY
2008	1	CAROLE'S LEGACY	1	4YO	10-12	25/1	N HENDERSON
2007	1111	TURBO LINN	4	4YO	11-04	5/2F	G SWINBANK
2006	61	RHACOPHORUS	2	5YO	11-04	7/1	C DOWN
2005	12	SENRORITA RUMBALITA	2	4YO	10-12	9/2	A KING

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 5-2-1-0-3-4-4-2-5-0-5-2-3 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£9.50

Position of winner in market: 2-4-1-11-2-11-10-2-9-12-3-5-6

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	NH RUNS UNDER RULES	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
5YO	3	2	42	11 - 00	12 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 10 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	4 - 6YO	NH RULES RUNS	1 - 4
LAST RUN	1 - 5	DAYS SINCE RUN	10 - 110
WEIGHT	10-05 - 11-04	ODDS	5/2 - 28/1

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (39)	
GB Bred	120	8	12	16.7%	51.3%
Irish Bred	111	4	13	15.3%	43.6%
French Bred	16	1	1	12.5%	5.1%
German Bred	1	0	0	0%	0%
Other	1	0	0	0%	0%

KEY RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: MARES LISTED BUMPER. Sandown 2m. Listed. Soft

2018 RESULT: 10th March

1ST: QUEENOHEARTS 9/2 2ND: QUEENS CAVE 7/1 3RD: POSH TRISH 4/1

RACE ANALYSIS

4 or 5yo's with a top 4 finish away from the Festival are the types to focus on. Alan King runners can always be relied upon to run well and don't be put off from backing an outsider. Pay special attention to the Mares NH Flat race from the Sandown meeting before Cheltenham.

DAY 2
FRIDAY 13TH APRIL

RACE 1. Handicap Hurdle (2M4F)

RACE 2. Top Novices' Hurdle

RACE 3. Mildmay Novices' Chase

RACE 4. Melling Chase

RACE 5. Topham Chase (Handicap)

RACE 6. Sefton Novices' Hurdle

RACE 7. Champion NH Flat Race

ALDER HEY HANDICAP HURDLE

2M 4F, GRADE 3, CLASS A, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

Surprisingly, few winners of this race ran at Cheltenham with the notable exception of Kayhrawani who ran twice there before coming to Aintree. He recorded both a second and a first in the Coral Cup in 98-99 to go with his two successes here and no horse has come close to matching those achievements since. This is a race where it seems to pay to be held up well off the pace with over two thirds of all winners and placed horses coming from the back of the field. The race was elevated to Listed status in 2002 and it's the 16 years worth of results since that we have looked at....

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 15 of the last 16 winners had run at least twice that season (8 maximum)

Age

- 13 of the last 16 winners were 5-7yo

Betting

- 14 of the last 16 winners were 10/1 or greater

Class

- 15 of the 16 winners have carried 10-1 to 11-04 (after jockey claims)
- 13 of those 16 winners were rated 119-139 (3 exceptions were rated 144 & 145)

Distance

- 15 of the last 16 winners had yet to win a race at further than 22f

Previous runs

- All of the last 16 winners had their last run in a hurdle race
- 15 of the last 16 winners had been rested at least 16 days since their last run
- 13 of the last 16 winners had been placed at least once in their last 3 starts

Interesting Fact: Just 8 winners in the last 16 years had their last run at the Cheltenham Festival including dual winner Khayrawani who ran there both times before his wins here.

Interesting Fact 2: All 20 horses ridden by 7lb claimers have been beaten

Interesting Fact 2: All 30 horses that last raced in Listed company have been beaten

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Top 3 in 1 of last 3 races	Rated 119-139	2+ runs this Season	5-8yo	Rested 16 days since last run
Rather Be	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 8/16 (50%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 22/48 (45.8%)

Win & Place: 30/64 (46.9%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	-112U	RATHER BE	4	6	11-02	136	10/1	N. HENDERSON
2016	06P-P	PARTY ROCK	25	9	10-08	130	33/1	J. CAVENDISH
2015	61521	THEINVAL	13	5	11-04	144	7/1	N. HENDERSON
2014	P-930	CLONDAW KAEMPF'	6	6	11-04	137	10/1	D. McCAIN Jnr
2013	7-311	MINELLA FOR FITN'	3	6	10-03	135	10/1	N. HENDERSON
2012	35P11	ATTAGLANCE	14	6	11-12	144	14/1	M. JEFFERSON
2011	10110	RUSSIAN WAR	12	8	10-01	128	16/1	G. ELLIOT
2010	-FV17	SIR HARRY ORMES'	7	7	11-01	139	16/1	A. KING
2009	31110	SUNNYHILL BOY	6	6	11-00	133	8/1	JJ O'NEILL
2008	C62FF	AURORAS ENCORE	7	6	10-07	129	50/1	MRS S SMITH
2007	-8509	TWO MILES WEST	8	6	10-07	125	25/1	JJ O'NEILL
2006	87322	STRANGELY BROWN	12	5	11-00	145	10/1	E MCNAMARA
2005	26611	GENGHIS	5	6	10-13	130	10/1	P. BOWEN
2004	34549	ZIBELINE	6	7	10-06	124	12/1	B ELLISON

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 2-2-0-5-0-7-0-P-8-3-0-2-3-2 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£14.00
Position of winner in market: 4-3-5-12-19-4-7-8-6-5-6-2-17-5

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
6YO	9	9	43	10 - 10	14 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 14 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 - 9YO	HURDLE RUNS	3 - 25
LAST RUN	1 - 25 (FELL/PU/UR)	DAYS SINCE RUN	16 - 144
WEIGHT	10-01 - 11-12	ODDS	7/1 - 50/1
RATING	124 - 145		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (63)	
GB Bred	88	2	12	15.9%	22.2%
Irish Bred	160	13	22	21.9%	55.6%
French Bred	61	1	10	18%	17.5%
German Bred	14	0	2	14.3%	3.1%
Other	12	0	1	8.3%	1.5%

KEY RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: CORAL CUP. Cheltenham 2m5f. Grade 3. Good

2018 RESULT: 14th March

1ST: BLEU BERRY 20/1 2ND: TOPOFTHEGAME 9/1 3RD: BARRA 16/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	29	0	4	6TH
P.HOBBS	22	0	7	22ND
Miss V. WILLIAMS	13	0	3	
P. BOWEN	7	1	1	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	9	0	1	14TH
N. HENDERSON	29	3	6	1ST-4TH
JJ O'NEILL	13	2	3	2ND-16TH

RACE ANALYSIS

Irish Bred lightly raced 6yo's that last ran in the Coral Cup have been to the fore recently and are a good place to start. It used to be those carrying less than 11-00 that were the ones to side with but in recent years we have seen some good weight carrying performances and it may be better to go with horses rated under 145 instead.

TOP NOVICES' HURDLE

2M 110YDS, GRADE 2, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

A race that is run over the same trip as the Supreme Novices hurdle but winners at Cheltenham have tended to bypass this race in recent years, although Captain Cee Bee did pull up in the 2008 renewal when the well fancied 5/4 favourite. This means that the last Supreme Novices winner to win this race was Browns Gazette in 1984.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All of the last 21 winners had raced within the last 45 days

Age

- 2007 and 2017 winners Blythe Knight & Pingshou are the only 7yo's to win this race.
- 5/6yo have won 16 of the last 19

Betting

- 17 of the last 19 winners were from the top 6 in the betting

Class

- 16 of the last 18 winners had yet to win a race higher than Class 3

Distance

- 18 of the last 19 winners had won at the distance

Previous runs

- All of the last 19 winners had run between 2-5 times over hurdles (16/19 2-4 runs)
- 16 of the last 19 winners finished in the top 4 last time out. (14/18 top 3)
- Only 3 winners in the last 18 years started their career in France
- 8 of the last 19 winners started their career on the flat.

Interesting Fact: 5 of the last 12 winners had started out as Flat horses, finished in the top 2 last time out, had run no more than three times over hurdles and had not won a hurdle race higher than Class 4.

Interesting fact 2: 2013 winner Mytentoryours is the only winner to have run in a handicap

Interesting fact 3: 7 of the last 14 winners bypassed Cheltenham

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Raced in last 45 days	2-5 hurdle runs	4-6yo	Top 4 finish last run	Not won higher Cl. 3
PINGSHOU	✓	✓	✓	x	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 12/19 (63.1%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 18/38 (47.4%)

Win & Place: 30/57 (52.6%)

2004- 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Hur. Runs	Age	W'ght	Rated Odds	Trainer
2017	-4140	PINGSHOU	4	7	11-04 133	16/1	C. TIZZARD
2016	4-113	BUVEUR D'AIR	3	5	11-04 152	11/4	N. HENDERSON
2015	4-311	CYRUS DARIUS	2	6	11-04 141	8/1	M. JEFFERSON
2014	21122	JOSES HILL	3	6	11-04 148	6/4F	N. HENDERSON
2013	12112	MYTENTORYOURS	5	6	11-04 158	4/11F	N. HENDERSON
2012	111F2	DARLAN	5	5	11-04 148	7/4F	N. HENDERSON
2011	11	TOPOLSKI	2	5	11-04 145	11/2	D. ARBUTHNOT
2010	12U	GENERAL MILLER	3	5	11-04 138	7/1	N. HENDERSON
2009	621	EL DANCER	3	5	11-00 128	14/1	MRS L WADHAM
2008	212	PIERROT LUNAIRE	4	4	10-08 137	5/1	P. NICHOLLS
2007	132	BLYTHE KNIGHT	2	7	11-00 128	14/1	J. QUINN
2006	112	STRAW BEAR	5	5	11-03 142	2/1F	N. GIFFORD
2005	111	MIGHTY MAN	2	5	11-00 -	3/1	H. DALY
2004	11	ROYAL SHAKESPEARE	2	5	11-03 -	25/1	S. GOLLING

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 6-2-1-3-PU-2-2-3-1-1-1-4-3-2 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£4.39
Position of winner in market: 8-2-1-6-2-6-4-2-1-1-1-3-2-6

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
5YO	3	2	25	11 – 04	8 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 16 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	4 – 7YO	HURDLE RUNS	2 – 5
LAST RUN	1 – 10 (UR)	DAYS SINCE RUN	11 – 45
WEIGHT	10-08 - 11-04	ODDS	4/11 – 25/1
RATING	128 - 158		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	52	3	7	19.2%	17.5%
Irish Bred	82	8	17	30.4%	43.9%
French Bred	39	4	10	35.9%	24.6%
German Bred	16	2	1	18.8%	5.3%
Other	19	2	3	26.3%	8.8%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: SUPREME NOVICES HURDLE. Cheltenham 2m½f. Grade 1. Good/Soft

2018 RESULT: 13th March

1ST: SUMMERVILLE BOY 9/1 2ND: KALASHNIKOV 5/1 3RD: MENGLI KHAN 14/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. HOBBS	7	3	1	
N. HENDERSON	20	5	4	5TH
P. NICHOLLS	13	1	4	4TH
Miss V. WILLIAMS	6	1	0	
A. KING	6	0	1	3RD

RACE ANALYSIS

5 & 6yo's dominate as do lightly raced horses who ran within the last month and a half. Classy horses who have won Graded races should be overlooked in favour of novice hurdle winners from a lower grade of race who showed good form last time out. Phillip Hobbs won this race three times on the trot from 2000-2002 but hasn't troubled the judge since with any of his runners. Nicky Henderson also won this race 3 times on the trot with horses who had finished runner up in the Supreme Novice Hurdle at Cheltenham.

MILDMAY NOVICES' CHASE

3M 1F, GRADE 2, 5YO+

RACE HISTORY

A race that seems to attract the horses who were fancied but disappointed in the Cheltenham RSA Chase with only classy Star of Mohaison managing the double in the past decade. Big name winners in the past have included Burrough Hill Lad, Rhyme N Reason and Royal Athlete and with those last two in mind it may be worth noting the winner for future Grand National success.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All of the last 21 winners had run within the last 2 months

Age

- 17 of the last 21 winners were aged 5-7

Betting

- 20 of the last 21 winners came from the first 5 in the betting

Class

- 17 of the last 18 winners can be split into two groups; Those that had won a Graded Chase (10) or those yet to win higher than a Class 3 Novice Chase (7)

Distance

- 16 of the last 19 winners had already won a Chase over 3miles+

Previous runs

- The last 19 winners had all run between 3-6 times over fences
- The last 19 winners had all run 3-6 times that season
- 15 of the last 19 winners had won 2 or more chases
- 16 of the last 17 winners had all won at least one of their last 3 races

Interesting Fact: Like A Butterfly in 2005 was a real stat-buster as not only was he the oldest winner of this race at 11yo but he was also the only horse to have run at Cheltenham and to have had another run in between.

Interesting Fact 2: All of the last 14 winners had their last start in Listed or better company. There have been 30 losers that had their previous run in Class 2 or below.

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	4-6 chase runs	Run since February 1 st	Aged 5-7	Won 1 of last 3 runs	Won a chase 3m+
Might Bite	✓	✓	x	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 15/19 (77.8%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 23/38 (60.5%)

Win & Place: 38/57 (66.7%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Ch. Runs	Age	W'ght	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2017	-21F11	MIGHT BITE	6	8	11-04	161	8/13F	N. HENDERSON
2016	11332	NATIVE RIVER	6	6	11-04	149	11/2	C. TIZZARD
2015	U1F12	SAPHIR DU RHEU	3	6	11-04	163	13/8F	P. NICHOLLS
2014	2U111	HOLYWELL	6	7	11-04	157	7/2	JJ O'NEILL
2013	-1112	DYNASTE	4	7	11-04	157	9/4jt	D. PIPE
2012	-3124	SILVINIACO CONTI	4	6	11-04	154	7/4F	P. NICHOLLS
2011	-1211	QUITO DE LA ROC	4	7	11-04	152	6/1	C. MURPHY
2010	21112	BURTON PORT	5	6	11-04	152	9/2	N. HENDERSON
2009	5-11P	KILLYGLEN	3	7	11-03	139	7/1	H. JOHNSON
2008	12137	BIG BUCKS	5	5	11-03	148	11/4	P. NICHOLLS
2007	F1124	ACES FOUR	5	8	11-05	138	5/2F	F. MURPHY
2006	12311	STAR DE MOHAISON	5	5	11-00	153	11/4F	P. NICHOLLS
2005	/1P51	LIKE-A-BUTTERFLY	4	11	11-02	-	6/1	C. ROCHE
2004	2341F	SIMPLY SUPREME	5	7	11-02	123	13/2	MRS S. SMITH

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: F-3-1-1-3-F-8-4-1-1/3-5-1-4-1 **To £1 Level Stake:** +£1.86
Position of winner in market: 3-3-1-1-2-5-2-3-1-1-2-1-3-1

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	CHASE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
7YO	5	3	30	11 - 04	3 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 - 11YO	CHASE RUNS	3 - 6
LAST RUN	1 - 7 (PU/F)	DAYS SINCE RUN	8 - 55
WEIGHT	11-00 - 11-05	ODDS	8/13 - 7/1
RATING	123 - 163		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	28	2	8	35.7%	17.5%
Irish Bred	87	11	17	32.2%	49.1%
French Bred	39	6	12	46.2%	31.6%
German Bred	2	0	1	50%	1.8%
Other	4	0	0	0%	0%

RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: RSA CHASE. Cheltenham 3m. Grade 1. Good

2017 RESULT: 14th March

1ST: PRESENTING PERCY 5/2F 2ND: MONALEEM 10/3 3RD: ELEGANT ESCAPE 9/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	19	4	8	
N. HENDERSON	16	3	3	1ST-2ND
P. HOBBS	6	1	2	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	5	0	3	5TH

RACE ANALYSIS

Young, lightly raced fancied horses who have recent winning form over this sort of distance have been the ones to follow in recent years. Winners have also tended to be either very good chasers with top class Graded form or those still learning their trade by winning minor Novice Chases. A recent run is a must and Paul Nicholls is the trainer to respect here.

APPLYING THE TRENDS

6 and 7yo's along with Paul Nicholls runners have been the ones to follow in this race recently

MELLING CHASE

2M 4F, GRADE 1, 5YO+

RACE HISTORY

With most of the Aintree Races featuring similar distances and conditions to those run at Cheltenham it's a bit surprising that there is no 2m Championship event for Chasers at this meeting. This forces the speedier Chasers to try and stay an extra 4 furlongs in the Melling Chase and has caused quite a few reversals of form from the Queen Mother Chase over the years. None more so than in 2008 when Voy Por Ustedes beat his Cheltenham conqueror and the then seemingly invincible Master Minded.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 18 of the last 19 winners ran at the Cheltenham festival (Exception 2001- no Festival)

Age

- The last 12 winners were aged 7-9yo

Betting

- 16 of the last 19 winners were from the top 3 in the betting
- 15 of the last 19 winners were 5/1 or under

Class

- 18 of the last 19 winners had won a Gr. 1 Chase (exception 2nd in Gr. 1, Won Gr.2)

Distance

- 17 of the last 19 winners had won a race at between 2m 2f – 2m 5f

Previous runs

- 18 of the last 21 winners finished in the top 4 last time out
- 15 of the last 19 winners had run 4 or 5 times that season
- 18 of the last 19 winners had run at least 8 times over fences

Interesting Fact: 2006 winner Hi Cloy managed to fit a run in between Cheltenham and Aintree finishing 3rd in his native Ireland.

Interesting Fact 2: 8 winners contested the Tingle Creek chase finishing 12211211

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Aged 8-11	8+ Chase starts	Ran at Cheltenham	1 st or 2 nd in Gr. 1 Chase	Won over 2m2f-2m5f
Gods Own	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 18/19 (94.7%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 28/37 (75.7%)

Win & Place: 46/ 57 (80.7%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Chase Runs	Age	Weight	Odds	Trainer
2017	-1122	FOX NORTON	12	7	11-07 166	4/1	C. TIZZARD
2016	F-324	GOD'S OWN	13	8	11-10 162	10/1	T. GEORGE
2015	11113	DON COSSACK	11	8	11-10 166	3/1JF	G. ELLIOTT
2014	F-166	BOSTON BOB	5	9	11-10 154	5/1	W. MULLINS
2013	-1111	SPRINTER SACRE	8	7	11-10 188	1/3F	N. HENDERSON
2012	21-121	FINNIANS RAINBOW	8	9	11-10 173	13/8F	N. HENDERSON
2011	-1118	MASTER MINDED	21	8	11-10 172	11/2	P. NICHOLLS
2010	13621	ALBERTAS RUN	18	9	11-10 168	8/1	JJ O'NEILL
2009	-4312	VOY POR USTEDES	20	8	11-10 169	11/8F	A. KING
2008	22122	VOY POR USTEDES	15	7	11-10 168	5/1	A. KING
2007	-1614	MONET'S GARDEN	8	9	11-10 -	4/1	N. RICHARDS
2006	11463	HI CLOY	19	9	11-10 -	14/1	M. HOURIGAN
2005	11111	MOSCOW FLYER	23	11	11-10 -	4/9F	Mrs H'RRINGTON
2004	U111U	MOSCOW FLYER	17	10	11-10 -	EVSF	Mrs H'RRINGTON

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 1-1-P-3-2-1-2/F-2-1-1-7-1-F-2 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£1.23
Position of winner in market: 1-1-8-2-2-1-5-4-1-1-3-1-3-3

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	CHASE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
9YO	15	3	25	11 - 10	9 - 2

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 11 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	7 - 11YO	CHASE RUNS	5 - 23
LAST RUN	1 - 6 (UR)	DAYS SINCE RUN	11 - 30
WEIGHT	11-10	ODDS	1/3 - 14/1
RATING	154 - 188		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	25	0	6	24%	10.5%
Irish Bred	66	12	19	47%	54.4%
French Bred	53	6	11	32.1%	30%
German Bred	3	1	2	100%	5.2%
Other	1	0	0	0%	0%

KEY RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: RYANAIR CHASE. Cheltenham 2m5f. Class 1. Good

2017 RESULT: 16th March

1ST: BALKO DES FLOS 8/1 2ND: UN DE SCEAUX 8/11F

3RD: CLOUDY DREAM 10/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	21	3	7	
A. KING	4	2	0	
N. HENDERSON	16	2	2	7TH
N. RICHARDS	3	1	1	
P. HOBBS	4	0	2	PU

APPLYING THE TRENDS

A recent run at the Cheltenham festival looks essential as does Grade 1 winning form (or something very close to it).

TOPHAM CHASE (HANDICAP)

2M 6F, CLASS B, 5YO+

RACE HISTORY

A big field handicap that is run over the National fences and serves as a great appetiser for the main event the following day. It usually goes to an unfancied outsider with very few winners of this race going on to be anything other than good handicappers and although the race is run over the National Fences not many recent winners have made any great impression in the big race itself with perhaps the possible exception of Clan Royal in 2003.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All of the last 18 winners had run at least 3 times that season (17/18 4+ runs)

Age

- 11 year olds and over are 1 win from 56 runners in the last 14yrs
- 8 of the last 14 winners were aged 9 or 10yo

Betting

- 8 of the last 10 winners were 14/1 or shorter

Class

- 13 of the last 14 winners had won a Class 3 Chase or better
- 11 of the last 14 winners carried 10-11 or under
- 12 of the last 14 winners were rated 142 or less

Distance

- 11 of the last 14 winners had won at 2m4f or further

Previous runs

- All of the last 14 winners had their last race in a handicap
- 13 of the last 14 winners had their last run in the previous 30 days
- 10 of the last 14 winners had run at Aintree before.
- 6 of the last 14 winners finished in the top 4 last time out
- Only 2 of the last 14 winners were ridden by claiming jockeys (from 51 such runners)
- Irish runners are 1 winner from 78 runners in the last 14 years

Interesting Fact: All 37 horses who had their last run at Newbury (since 2004) got beat here

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	6 – 10yo	Ran since March 1 st	Run at least 3 times	Last ran in a handicap	Rated 142 or less
ULTRAGOLD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 9/18 (50%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 19/54 (35.2%)

Win & Place: 28/ 72 (38.9%)

2004- 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	1B679	ULTRAGOLD	29	9	10-05	136	50/1	C. TIZZARD
2016	-P5P9	EASTLAKE	28	10	10-11	142	22/1	JJ O'NEILL
2015	U4678	RAJDHANI EXPRESS	15	7	11-08	152	10/1	N. HENDERSON
2014	2-3P12	MA FILLEULE	8	6	11-07	150	9/1	N. HENDERSON
2013	-2P38	TRIOLO D'ALENE	8	6	10-07	132	14/1	N. HENDERSON
2012	84409	ALWAYS WAINING	33	11	10-11	138	11/1	P. BOWEN
2011	6704	ALWAYS WAINING	31	10	10-04	133	14/1	P. BOWEN
2010	0F8P	ALWAYS WAINING	27	9	10-00	128	22/1	P. BOWEN
2009	69PU0	IRISH RAPTOR	26	10	10-00	133	8/1	N. TWIST'-DAVIE
2008	34532	GWANAKO	3	5	11-08	141	7/1jf	P. NICHOLLS
2007	44402	DUNBRODY MILLAR	30	9	10-00	129	25/1	P. BOWEN
2006	-7U58	LIBERTHINE	12	7	10-04	130	16/1	N. HENDERSON
2005	-6164	CREGG HOUSE	36	10	10-05	124	50/1	S. DONOHOE
2004	423P2	CASSIA HEIGHTS	28	9	10-00	115	33/1	S. BROOKSHAW

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: F-4-2-6-1-F-7-2-7-B-5-5-UR-5 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£10.00
Position of winner in market: 15-23-8-12-1-3-15-5-4-7-2-4-16-22

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	NH RUNS UNDER RULES	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
8YO	22	6	25	10 - 08	22 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 - 11YO	CHASE RUNS	3 - 36
LAST RUN	2 - 10 (PU)	DAYS SINCE RUN	10 - 90
WEIGHT	10-00 - 11-08	ODDS	7/1 - 50/1
RATING	115 - 152		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (76)	
GB Bred	106	4	10	13.2%	18.4%
Irish Bred	272	8	33	15.1%	53.9%
French Bred	135	6	13	14.1%	25%
German Bred	3	0	0	0%	0%
Other	13	1	1	15.4%	2.6%

KEY RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: TOPHAM CHASE. Aintree 2m5½f. Grade 3. Soft

2017 RESULT: 7th April

1ST: ULTRAGOLD 50/1 2ND: KATNAP 22/1 3RD: PORTRAIT KING 66/1 4TH: O O SEVEN 12/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACE)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	42	1	3	5TH-10TH
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	22	1	2	FELL
N. HENDERSON	29	3	3	4TH-FELL
V. WILLIAMS	15	0	3	FELL
W.MULLINS	14	1	5	PU
P. BOWEN	16	4	2	
JJ O'NEILL	13	2	2	17TH-PU
P. HOBBS	12	1	2	
H. DALY	6	0	0	

RACE ANALYSIS

It's better to look away from Cheltenham and instead concentrate on horses that got beat in a handicap last time out, are carrying less than 11-00 and have run in the last month. Pay special attention to the Henderson runners and don't be afraid to take a chance on an outsider

APPLYING THE TRENDS

The trends for this race are shaky at best and unreliable at worst so caution is advised.

Typically the best place to look for the winner of this race is from last years renewal and by applying the main trends.

SEFTON NOVICES' HURDLE

3M 110YDS, GRADE 1, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

In the past the winners of this race were sent Novice Chasing the following season with the ultimate goal being the RSA Chase at Cheltenham but more recently the winners have been kept over hurdles to target the following years major staying hurdle races. And some fairly decent hurdlers have won this race with Iris's Gift, Black Jack Ketchum and Thistlecrack all lifting this prize before going on to Graded Hurdle success in their second season over timber.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 12 of the last 14 winners finished in the top 5 last time out

Age

- The last 14 winners were all aged 5-7yo

Betting

- The last 28 horses that were odds-on on their last start got beat here
- 6 of the last 13 beaten favourites in this race posted a top 3 finish at Cheltenham

Class

- 11 of the last 13 winners with a rating were rated 135+
- 9 of the last 14 winners had their last run in Graded company

Distance

- Only 1 of the last 14 winners was dropping down in trip from their last run

Previous runs

- All of the last 14 winners were having their first run at the track
- 12 of the last 14 winners had run 4 times or more since Sept. 1st
- 13 of the last 14 winners had raced in the previous 12-50 day period
- 13 of the last 14 winners had won at least 1 of their last 2 starts
- 3 of the last 14 winners had their last run in a handicap

Interesting Fact: 17 of the last 19 winners had started off in NH Flat Races.

Interesting fact 2: The last 16 horses to run here after being placed in the Neptune Hurdle at Cheltenham have all been beaten.

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Aged 5-7	Top 5 finish LTO	Started career in NH flat race	Won 1 of last 2 races	Run in last 50 days
The Worlds End	✓	X	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 10/19 (52.6%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 20/38 (52.6%)

Win & Place: 30/ 57(52.6%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Hur Runs	Age	W'ght	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2017	111F	THE WORLDS END	5	6YO	11-04	149	3/1	T. GEORGE
2016	511	BALLYOPTIC	2	6YO	11-04	138	9/1	N.TWIST'-DAVIES
2015	51715	THISTLECRACK	4	7YO	11-04	135	25/1	C. TIZZARD
2014	26-12	BEAT THAT	2	6YO	11-04	142	6/1	N. HENDERSON
2013	11111	AT FISHERS CROSS	7	6YO	11-04	152	11/8F	R. CURTIS
2012	41F14	LOVECEN	5	7YO	11-04	142	8/1	A. KING
2011	27F3	SAINT ARE	7	5YO	11-04	129	33/1	T. VAUGHAN
2010	2212	WAYWARD PRINCE	3	6YO	11-04	140	9/1	I. WILLIAMS
2009	32231	OGEE	11	6YO	11-04	139	25/1	Mrs P. ROBESON
2008	4211	PETTIFOUR	2	6YO	11-04	129	16/1	N.TWIST'-DAVIES
2007	11118	CHIEF DAN GEORGE	18	7YO	11-04	145	20/1	J.MOFFATT
2006	1111	BLACK JACK KETCHAM	4	7YO	11-04	150	8/13F	JJ.O'NEILL
2005	11121	ASIAN MAZE	9	6YO	10-11	-	7/1	T.MULLINS
2004	21151	ACCIPITER	5	5YO	11-04	140	14/1	G.BALDING

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 8-4-1-2-6-4-2-3-2-1-3-P-2-4 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£10.02

Position of winner in market: 6-5-1-5-6-8-5-13-3-1-3-11-5-2

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
6YO	6 or 7	2	36	11 - 04	11 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 - 7YO	HURDLE RUNS	2 - 33
LAST RUN	1 - 8 (FELL)	DAYS SINCE RUN	12 - 120
WEIGHT	10-11 - 11-04	ODDS	8/13 - 33/1
RATING	129 - 152		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	54	5	8	24.1%	22.8%
Irish Bred	166	11	25	21.7%	63.2%
French Bred	39	1	5	15.4%	10.5%
German Bred	1	1	0	100%	1.8%
Other	8	1	0	12.5%	1.8%

KEY RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: ALBERT BARTLETT. Cheltenham 3m. Grade 1. Good

2018 RESULT: 15th March

1ST: KILBRICKEN STORM 33/1 2ND: OK CORRAL 16/1 3RD: SANTINI 11/4F

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	15	0	3	
JJ O'NEILL	7	2	1	
A. KING	13	2	0	
P. HOBBS	10	0	5	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	15	3	2	5TH
N. HENDERSON	10	1	2	2ND-4TH

RACE ANALYSIS

We're looking for good class horses who have won already at longer distances and were bred for National Hunt racing. Plenty of races and a hard season doesn't necessarily mean a horse can't win the Sefton Novices Hurdle and 7yo's have a fairly good record too. Jonjo O'Neill's horses are worth noting.

APPLYING THE TRENDS

A 5-7yo with a top 5 finish within the last 50 days and a recent win

There have been a number of shock results in the last decade with horses progressing from handicap company to win here.

CHAMPION STANDARD OPEN NH FLAT RACE

2M 1F, GRADE 2, 4-6YO

RACE HISTORY

Some very good horses have contested this race without winning; Iris's Gift & Tidal Bay both finished 2nd, Wichita Linesman finished 8th, Alfie Flits finished 4th as the favourite, Vodka Bleu managed to unseat his rider and Cape Tribulation finished 3rd as the beaten 11/2 favourite in 2008.

RECENT TRENDS

There are very few trends for this race with a real mixture of horses winning throughout the last 11 years. Ranging from the once run to the 5 race veteran, Class 1 winner to the lowly maiden and the recently raced (16 days) to the horse with the 10 month lay-off.

The following trends should be treated with caution....

Killer stat: All of the last 18 winners had finished 1st or 2nd in one of their last two runs

- 13 of the last 14 winners had run at least twice under rules
- 12 of the last 14 winners had run from Feb 1st onwards
- 8 of the last 14 winners had yet to win a race above Class 6
- 12 of the last 18 winners had finished 1st or 2nd in a race with 13+ runners
- 17 of the last 18 winners had run 1-3 times that season.
- 7 of the last 17 winners were 28/1 or bigger
- Since 2002, all 17 runners coming from Kempton have been beaten (2 placed). All 16 runners coming on from Huntingdon finished unplaced.

Interesting Fact: 7 of the last 18 winners were 1st or 2nd last time out with 6 exceptions finishing unplaced in Listed or better races.

Interesting Fact 2: All 18 Nicky Henderson trained horses finished unplaced

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 5/16 (31.2%) -Finished 9th, 11th, 5th 6th and 3rd
Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 8/32 (25%) **Win & Place:** 13/48 (27.1%)

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	10	0	2	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	10	3	0	17TH
JJ O'NEILL	11	1	1	
Miss V. WILLIAMS	6	0	2	
N. HENDERSON	18	0	0	5TH
A. KING	7	1	2	
W. MULLINS	4	0	2	

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Odds	Trainer
2017	121	LALOR	3	5YO	11-04	33/1	R. WOOLACOTT
2016	13	BACARDYS	2	5YO	11-04	15/2	W. MULLINS
2015	111	BARTERS HILL	3	5YO	11-04	11/2	B. PAULING
2014	11	BALLYBOLLEY	2	5YO	11-04	14/1	N. TWIST-DAVIES
2013	15	KILLYGLASS	2	6YO	11-04	20/1	E. LAVELLE
2012	116	THE NEW ONE	3	4YO	10-12	8/1	N. TW-DAVIES
2011	1F	STEPS TO FREEDOM2	5YO	11-04	12/1	G. ELLIOTT	
2010	125	MEGASTAR	3	5YO	11-04	9/1	G. MOORE
2009	7-221	SITTING TENANT	4	6YO	11-04	66/1	Mrs K WALTON
2008	2	HONEST JOHN	1	4YO	10-12	14/1	T. TATE
2007*	ABANDONED						
2006	02119	PANGBOURNE	5	5YO	11-04	28/1	A.KING
2005	21	THE COOL GUY	2	5YO	10-11	50/1	N. TWIST-DAVIES
2004	2-225	DIAMOND SAL	4	6YO	10-06	33/1	MRS M.REVELEY

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 3-4-4-1-3-2-19-2-6-7-0/0-7-4-9 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£11.80
Position of winner in market: 10-11-10-AB-9-16-4-6-3-10-7-2-3-12

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	NH RUNS UNDER RULES	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
5YO	3	3	34	10 - 12	22 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	4 - 6YO	NH RULES RUNS	1 - 5
LAST RUN	1 - 9 (FELL)	DAYS SINCE RUN	12 - 9 months
WEIGHT	10-06 - 11-04	ODDS	6/5 - 66/1

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (54)	
GB Bred	123	4	15	15.4%	35.2%
Irish Bred	178	11	18	16.3%	53.7%
French Bred	31	2	3	16.1%	9.3%
German Bred	6	1	0	16.7%	1.8%
Other	6	0	0	0%	0%

RACE TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: CHAMPION BUMPER. Cheltenham 2m. Grade 1. Good

2017 RESULT: 15th March

1ST: RELEGATE 25/1 2ND: CAREFULLY SELECTED 6/1 3RD: TORNADO FLYER 14/1

RACE ANALYSIS

A race that is nowhere near as competitive as the Cheltenham Bumper and gets nowhere near the class of runner. Once raced runners don't do so well as the usual winner was in form before coming unstuck in a recent Listed or better race. Not many horses come on from the Cheltenham Festival but those that do are always worth noting.

DAY 3
SATURDAY 14TH APRIL

RACE 1. Handicap Hurdle (3M)

RACE 2. Mersey Novices' Hurdle

RACE 3. Maghull Novices' Chase

RACE 4. Handicap Chase (3M1F)

RACE 5. Liverpool Hurdle

RACE 6. Grand National Chase

RACE 7. H'cap Hurdle (conditional jock's)

HANDICAP HURDLE

3M 110YDS, LISTED, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

Usually a big field of handicappers contest this race but recently there has been a shift towards the novices as they have taken 6 of the last 9 runnings of this race. It's best to forget the 2001 running of this race as Martin Pipe ran classy top-weight Deanos Beano that year causing three quarters of the field to run from out of the handicap.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 17 of the last 19 winners carried 11-03 or less

Age

- 17 of the last 19 winners were aged 5-8

Betting

- 4 of the last 12 favourites have won

Class

- 6 of the last 7 winners were rated 137+
- 13 of the last 18 winners had won a race at Class 2 or higher

Distance

- 18 of the last 19 winners had won a race at 2m 4f or further

Previous runs

- 29 of the last 30 winners had run at least 4 times that season
- 17 of the last 19 winners ran between 4-7 times that season
- 15 of the last 19 winners had their last race in March
- 14 of the last 18 winners had won at least one race already that season

Interesting Fact: 4 of the last 11 winners ran in the Sandown Grade 3 novice handicap on the Saturday before Cheltenham.

Interesting Fact 2: Claiming jockeys are just 1 win (3lbs) from 71 runners. All 22 5lb claimers and all 20 7lb claimers have been beaten.

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	11-03 or less	Aged 6-8	Won a race 2m 4f+	4-7 Seasonal runs	Rated 137+
Fountains Windfall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 9/19 (47.4%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 32/57 (56.1%)

Win & Place: 41/76 (53.9%)

2004 – 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	17311	FOUNTAINS WINDFALL	7	7YO	10-12	137	11/1	A. HONEYBALL
2016	4U423	UBAK	10	8YO	11-00	146	16/1	G. MOORE
2015	11144	TAGLIETELLE	10	6YO	11-06	145	7/1	G. ELLIOTT
2014	11513	DOCTOR HARPER	5	6YO	11-03	138	8/1	D. PIPE
2013	65F03	BATTLE GROUP	21	8YO	10-09	131	8/1F	K. BISHOP
2012	P5041	CAPE TRIBULATION	11	8YO	11-10	150	14/1	M. JEFFERSON
2011	2344	BATTLE GROUP	15	6YO	11-01	137	16/1	D. PIPE
2010	0-1P1	RINGAROSSES	8	9YO	11-00	130	10/1	JJ O'NEILL
2009	87110	TIME FOR RUPERT	4	5YO	10-10	134	50/1	P.WEBBER
2008	23114	FOREST PENNANT	5	6YO	10-13	130	9/2F	P.NICHOLLS
2007	-1411	ALBERTAS RUN	4	6YO	10-04	128	9/2F	JJ O'NEILL
2006	11113	REFINEMENT	6	7YO	10-12	131	11/4F	JJ O'NEILL
2005	FF081	HOLLAND PARK	10	8YO	11-00	130	10/1	Mrs S WILLIAMS
2004	24254	HIS NIBS	12	7YO	10-10	130	14/1	Miss V WILLIAMS

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: F-2-1-1-1-0-6-8-F/P-1/2-0-2-2-4 **To £1 Level Stake:** +£9.75
Position of winner in market: 7-3-1-1-1-19-2-11-8-1-2-2-8-4

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
7YO	9	3	32	10 – 12	12 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 13 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 – 9YO	HURDLE RUNS	4 – 21
LAST RUN	1 – 10	DAYS SINCE RUN	16 – 75
WEIGHT	10-04 - 11-10	ODDS	11/4 – 50/1
RATING	128 – 150		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (76)	
GB Bred	105	7	14	20%	27.6%
Irish Bred	190	8	34	22.1%	55.3%
French Bred	56	3	4	12.5%	9.2%
German Bred	6	1	1	33.3%	2.6%
Other	14	0	4	28.6%	5.3%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: NOVICE HANDICAP Sandown 2m4f

2018 RESULT: 10th March

1ST: SAMS GUNNER 12/1 2ND: DENTLEY DE MEE 16/1 3RD: FIRST ASSIGNMENT 10/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	15	1	2	20TH
JJ O'NEILL	22	4	3	5TH-19TH-PU
Miss V. WILLIAMS	14	1	0	
P. HOBBS	19	1	2	2ND-15TH
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	17	0	1	21ST
A. KING	10	0	3	8TH
N. HENDERSON	19	0	2	
L.LUNGO	4	0	2	

RACE ANALYSIS

Good class horses running off a high weight, who have won a race already this season and can boast winning form at the distance regularly win this race. A run at Cheltenham isn't important but a recent race is, old timers need not apply and give any Jonjo O'Neill runner plenty of respect.

APPLYING THE TRENDS

The last 7 winners were all aged 6-9yo and finished in the top 4 last time out. 6 of those 7 carried 11-00 or more and had run at least 4 times this season.. Claimers don't have a great record in this race.

MERSEY NOVICES' HURDLE

2M 4F, GRADE 2, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

A race worth noting for it's fencing stars rather than hurdlers as future Cheltenham Chase winners Best Mate, Tidal Bay and, to a lesser extent, Garde Champetre all tasted victory here before going on to Festival Glory. Paul Nicholls has run 12 horses in the last decade and 4 have won (plus 3 places).

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 17 of the last 19 winners had 6 or less hurdle runs

Age

- 5 and 6yo's have won 17 of the last 19 races

Betting

- 17 of the last 19 winners came from the top 5 in the betting
- 15 of the last 19 winners came from the top 2 in the betting

Class

- 15 of the last 21 winners had made the top 3 in a Grade 1 or Grade 2 hurdle

Distance

- 19 of the last 21 winners had won a hurdle race between 2m-2m5f

Previous runs

- 13 of the last 14 winners had raced at least 3 times over hurdles
- 11 of the last 18 winners of this race were beaten last time out
- 19 of the last 21 winners had won 1 of their last 4 starts
- 16 of the last 19 winners had finished in the top 4 last time out (3 exceptions 5th 6th & 7th in Supreme Novice Hurdle)

Interesting Fact: 4 of the last 8 winners won this race and a race at the Cheltenham Festival. 10 of the 14 winners had their last run at Cheltenham

Interesting Fact 2: 2014 winner Lac Fontana was the first winner to move up from handicap company to win this race

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Top 4 last time out	5 or 6yo	3+ hurdle runs	Won hurdle up to 2m 5f	Top 3 in G1/G2 Hurd
Finians Oscar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 13/19 (68.4%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 22/38 (57.9%)

Win & Place: 35/57 (61.4%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	W'ght	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2017	111	FINIANS OSCAR	3	5	11-04	149	3/1F	C. TIZZARD
2016	1-1111	YORKHILL	3	6	11-04	156	3/10F	W. MULLINS
2015	11U13	NICHOLS CANYON	5	5	11-04	149	3/1F	W. MULLINS
2014	8-1411	LAC FONTANA	7	5	11-04	148	9/2 F	P. NICHOLLS
2013	-2347	UBAK	6	5	11-04	130	22/1	G. MOORE
2012	11211	SIMONSIG	4	6	11-04	157	4/9F	N. HENDERSON
2011	1112	SPIRIT SON	4	5	11-04	149	3/1	N. HENDERSON
2010	111	PEDDLERS CROSS	3	5	11-04	148	5/4F	D. McCAIN
2009	1	BOUGGLER	1	4	10-07	-	16/1	Miss E LAVELLE
2008	14214	ELUSIVE DREAM	6	7	11-08	152	7/2	P. NICHOLLS
2007	11122	TIDAL BAY	5	6	11-05	149	9/4	H JOHNSON
2006	11436	NATAL	9	5	11-03	142	7/2JF	P. NICHOLLS
2005	1133	TURPIN GREEN	4	6	11-00	130	14/1	N. RICHARDS
2004	21225	GARDE CHAMPETR	5	5	11-00	-	9/2	P. NICHOLLS

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 4-3-1-5-3-5-1-2-1-6-1-1-1-1
Position of winner in market: 2-5-1-2-2-8-1-2-1-6-1-1-1-1
To £1 Level Stake: +£6.74

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
5YO	5	3	30	11 - 04	4 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 14 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	4 - 7YO	HURDLE RUNS	1 - 9
LAST RUN	1 - 7	DAYS SINCE RUN	16 - 47
WEIGHT	10-07 - 11-08	ODDS	3/10 - 22/1
RATING	130 - 157		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	56	5	9	25%	24.6%
Irish Bred	86	9	20	33.7%	50.9%
French Bred	42	5	8	30.9%	22.8%
German Bred	4	0	1	25%	1.8%
Other	3	0	0	0%	0%

TOP TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: NIM NOVICE HURDLE. Cheltenham 2m5f. Grade 1. Good

2018 RESULT: 14th March

1ST: SAMCRO 8/11F

2ND: BLACK OP 8/1

3RD: NEXT DESTINATION 4/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
P. NICHOLLS	12	4	3	5TH
A. KING	11	0	5	3RD
Miss V. WILLIAMS	4	1	1	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	6	0	3	
P. HOBBS	8	0	2	
N. HENDERSON	12	2	2	8TH-PU

RACE ANALYSIS

Like most of the novice Hurdles at Cheltenham 5 and 6yo's have dominated this race in recent years but unlike those races, last time out winning form isn't as important. That's not to say previous winners hadn't won races before, just that the typical winner had won earlier in the season and has more recent good placed form in Top Grade hurdles.

APPLYING THE TRENDS

A 5 or 6yo rated 148+ that finished top 4 last time out (or was beaten at Cheltenham)

MAGHULL NOVICES' CHASE

2M, GRADE 1, 5YO

RACE HISTORY

The Aintree 'Arkle' and plenty of horses come here on the back of competing in the Cheltenham race. Tidal Bay, Flagship Uberalles and Well Chief have all completed the double and all were favourites to do so. This race, run on such a flat course, is usually run at break-neck speed and accuracy of jumping is essential as is the ability to lay up with the pace. Very few horses come from behind in this race.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 15 of the last 21 winners ran in the Arkle (4 exceptions were in last 5 years)

Age

- All of the last 19 winners were aged 5-8

Betting

- 18 of the last 19 winners were 6/1 or under
- 18 of the last 19 winners were from the first 4 in the betting

Class

- 16 of the last 19 winners had made the top 3 in a Graded Chase

Distance

- All of the last 19 winners had won at the distance

Previous runs

- 16 of the last 19 winners had 2-5 Chase starts
- 16 of the last 19 winners finished in the top 3 last time out. 2 others Fell (exc. 5th)

Interesting Fact : The Irish hadn't won this race for 24 years until 2013 but have now won 3 of the last 5 renewals

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Ran in the Arkle	Top 3 in Graded CH.	2-5 Chase starts	6-8yo	Top 3 or fell last time
San Benedeto	X	X	X	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 13/19 (68.4%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 27/38 (71%) **Win & Place:** 40/57 (70.2%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Chase Runs	Age	W'ght	Odds	Trainer
2017	U3111	SAN BENEDETO	10	6	11-04	4/1	P. NICHOLLS
2016	1-1111	DOUVAN	4	6	11-04	2/13F	W. MULLINS
2015	91U11	SIZING GRANITE	4	7	11-04	9/2	H. D' BROMHEAD
2014	1F1511	BALDER SUCCES	6	6	11-04	7/2	ALAN KING
2013	21125	SPECIAL TIARA	3	6	11-04	28/1	H. D' BROMHEAD
2012	-1111	SPRINTER SACRE	4	6	11-04	1/7F	N. HENDERSON
2011	1112	FINIANS RAINBOW	4	8	11-04	10/11fN	N. HENDERSON
2010	41-112	TATANIANO	3	6	11-04	10/3	P. NICHOLLS
2009	11212	KALAHARI KING	5	8	11-04	9/4	F MURPHY
2008	11121	TIDAL BAY	5	7	11-04	6/4F	H JOHNSON
2007	P-12F	TWIST MAGIC	3	5	11-01	9/4F	P. NICHOLLS
2006	-6913	FOREMAN	4	8	11-04	4/1	F. DOUMEN
2005	11242	ASHLEY BROOK	5	7	11-04	3/1	K. BISHOP
2004	-1511	WELL CHIEF	2	5	11-01	15/8F	M. PIPE

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 1-2-2-1-1-2-2-1-1-3-3-2-1-3
Position of winner in market: 1-2-2-1-1-2-2-1-1-6-2-3-1-3

To £1 Level Stake: -£3.08

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	CHASE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
6 or 7YO	4	2	30	11 - 04	4 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 13 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	5 - 8YO	CHASE RUNS	2 - 6
LAST RUN	1 - 5 (FELL)	DAYS SINCE RUN	6 - 71
WEIGHT	11-01 - 11-04	ODDS	2/13 - 28/1

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (57)	
GB Bred	23	1	3	17.4%	7%
Irish Bred	47	6	15	44.7%	36.8%
French Bred	45	10	17	60%	47.4%
German Bred	8	2	2	4.4%	7%
Other	4	0	1	25%	1.8%

TOP TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: THE ARKLE. Cheltenham 2M. Grade1. Good to Soft

2017 RESULT: 14th March

1ST: FOOTPAD 5/6F 2ND: BRAIN POWER 14/1 3RD: PETIT MOUCHOIR 4/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	21	6	8	1ST-FELL
N. HENDERSON	7	2	1	
P. HOBBS	4	0	1	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	5	0	1	
A. KING	2	1	1	

RACE ANALYSIS

Fancied horses that have had 3 – 5 starts over fences usually win this race and it also pays to go with one of the first three home in the Arkle. But, a fall in that race is no barrier to success here either.....

APPLYING THE TRENDS

The Arkle is the best pointer to this race with those posting a top 3 finish or falling doing the best.

BETWAY HANDICAP CHASE

3M 1F, CLASS 2, 5YO+

RACE HISTORY

Small fields were always the case at the start of the millennium but recent runnings have seen more runners but not necessarily more class. The possible exception is State of Play who won as a novice in 2006 before winning the Hennessy later that year.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: 17 of the last 20 winners had raced no more than 14 times over fences

Age

- 17 of the last 21 winners were aged 6-9yo
- 4 of the last 14 winners have been aged 10yo+

Betting

- 8 of the last 14 winners were 10/1 or under
- 15 of the last 32 winners came from the top 2 in the betting

Class

- 19 of the last 21 winners had won a class 3 Chase or better (14/21 – Class 2 or better) Both exceptions were maiden over fences.
- 18 of the last 19 winners were rated 124-145

Distance

- 16 of the last 21 winners had already won a Chase at 2m 5f+

Previous runs

- 17 of the last 18 winners had raced between 3-6 times that season
- 15 of the last 20 winners had finished in the top 6 last time out
- 14 of the last 19 winners had a top 3 finish in one of their last two runs
- 13 of the last 14 winners had raced in the previous 45 days

Interesting Fact: Since 1998, all 51 horses that failed to complete the course on their last start (Fell, Pulled Up or Unseated) were beaten here (5 placed)

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Won Class 3 Chase	3-6 season runs	Maximum 14 chase runs	Ran in last 45 days	8yo+
Sizing Codelco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 11/18 (61.1%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 23/54 (42.6%)

Win & Place: 34/72 (47.2%)

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Chase Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	P240	SIZING CODELCO	13	8YO	11-03	139	10/1	C. TIZZARD
2016	-1356	MAGGIO	18	11YO	10-09	140	50/1	K. REVELEY
2015	57U8	DUKE OF LUCCA	25	10YO	10-04	137	9/2	P. HOBBS
2014	60264	DUKE OF LUCCA	18	9YO	10-07	134	12/1	P. HOBBS
2013	5F031	BATTLE GROUP	11	8YO	10-09	131	7/2F	K. BISHOP
2012	524U0	SAINT ARE	6	6YO	10-13	137	11/1	T. VAUGHAN
2011	U535	PRINCE DE BEAUCHENE	10	8YO	10-05	138	10/1	H. JOHNSON
2010	1-383	FROM DAWN TO DUSK	8	11YO	11-00	138	12/1	P. HOBBS
2009	P8227	DON'T PUSH IT	8	9YO	10-11	143	9/1	JJ O'NEILL
2008	221-0	OEDIPE	6	6YO	10-04	134	20/1	N HENDERSON
2007	1-F86	REVEILLEZ	7	8YO	11-08	145	9/2f	J FANSHAWE
2006	41115	STATE OF PLAY	3	6YO	10-02	128	22/1	E WILLIAMS
2005	-1U11	SLEEPING NIGHT	13	9YO	11-00	142	3/1	P NICHOLLS
2004	5-721	LORD OF THE RIVER	14	12YO	10-00	124	9/1	N HENDERSON

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 5-2-4-1-F-P-4-6-3-1-P-5 -P-4 **To £1 Level Stake:** -£4.00
Position of winner in market: 6-2-11-1-11-5-7-5-4-1-7-2-14-7

AVERAGE JOE - THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	CHASE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
9YO	11	5	32	10 - 09	12 - 1

THE RANGE - SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 14 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	6 - 12YO	CHASE RUNS	3 - 25
LAST RUN	1 - 15	DAYS SINCE RUN	2 - 120
WEIGHT	10-00 - 11-08	ODDS	7/2 - 50/1
RATING	124 - 145		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (76)	
GB Bred	72	4	18	30.6%	29%
Irish Bred	130	8	23	23.8%	40.8%
French Bred	62	6	15	33.9%	27.6%
German Bred	7	0	1	14.3%	1.3%
Other	3	1	0	33.3%	1.3%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: FESTIVAL HANDICAP. Cheltenham 3m1f. Grade 3. Good to Soft

2018 RESULT: 13th March

1ST: COO STAR SIVOLA 5/1 2ND: SHANTOU FLYER 14/1 3RD: VINTAGE CLOUDS 7/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	18	1	3	
P. BOWEN	10	0	3	6TH
N. HENDERSON	10	2	2	
H. DALY	4	0	2	
P. HOBBS	18	3	6	PU
Miss V. WILLIAMS	16	1	1	
JJ O'NEILL	9	4	1	
E. WILLIAMS	4	1	0	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	12	0	1	

RACE ANALYSIS

Just an average staying chase nowadays where you can expect a first or second season chaser to win. Age isn't a factor and recent form doesn't seem to play much of a part either. What we do need is a lowly weighted horse who ran at the Cheltenham Festival.

APPLYING THE TRENDS

I'm going to side with an 8yo+ who completed the course at Cheltenham and is in the bottom half of the handicap.

LIVERPOOL HURDLE

3M 110YDS, GRADE 2, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

Surprisingly the Liverpool Long Distance hurdle has only been run 13 times, beginning in 2004, but what isn't surprising is that it attracts the horses that have run in the World Hurdle at Cheltenham. With 10 of the past 11 winners taking the Cheltenham route it's safe to say that is the best place to start when trying to find the winner of this race. The race doesn't seem to attract the large fields of runners that you get in other festival staying races and more emphasis is placed here on race tactics.

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All 14 winners had raced within the last 45 days

Age

- 6yo's won 4 and 7yo's have won six (Big Bucks as an 8yo & 9yo and Thistlecrack 8yo)

Betting

- All 14 winners came from the top 3 in the betting
- All 14 winners returned 11/2 or under

Class

- 13 of the 14 winners had won a Grade 1 or Grade 2 hurdle (exception Grade 3)
- All 14 winners were officially rated 155+

Distance

- 11 of the 14 winners had won over the distance. All had won over at least 2m4½f

Previous runs

- 12 of the 14 winners finished in the top 4 last time out (13/14 Top 5)
- 10 of the 14 winners had run between 8 and 17 times over hurdles
- All 14 winners had run between 2-5 times that season
- 11 of the 14 winners finished in the top 5 of the World Hurdle last time out

Interesting Fact: 12 of the 14 winners had previously had a top 2 finish at this fixture

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Top 4 finish LTO	8+ hurdle runs	Won Graded Hurdle	Rated 155+	Top 2 finish at Aintree
Yanworth	X	✓	✓	✓	X

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 13/14 (92.8%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 21/28 (75%)

Win & Place: 34/42 (80.9%)

2004 – 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Hurdle Runs	Age	W'ght	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2017	2-117d	YANWORTH	9	7	11-07	163	9/4F	A. KING
2016	-21111	THISTLECRACK	10	8	11-07	174	2/7F	C. TIZZARD
2015	11-25	WHISPER	12	7	11-07	163	5/1	N. HENDERSON
2014	-33121	WHISPER	10	6	11-07	159	4/1	N. HENDERSON
2013	22-211	SOLWHIT	21	9	11-07	164	9/4F	C. BYRNES
2012	1-1111	BIG BUCKS	29	9	11-07	174	2/9F	P. NICHOLLS
2011	11-111	BIG BUCKS	24	8	11-07	174	4/6F	P. NICHOLLS
2010	11-111	BIG BUCKS	20	7	11-07	174	3/10F	P. NICHOLLS
2009	-U111	BIG BUCKS	16	6	11-10	174	5/6F	P. NICHOLLS
2008	84124	BLAZING BAILEY	17	6	11-10	163	5/1	A. KING
2007	1-212	MIGHTY MAN	12	7	11-10	165	15/8	H. DALY
2006	91223	MIGHTY MAN	8	6	11-06	158	11/4	H. DALY
2005	-1552	MONET'S GARDEN	8	7	11-10	155	11/2	N. RICHARDS
2004	21-21	IRIS'S GIFT	9	7	11-10	173	4/7F	JJ O'NEILL

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

Favourites finishing position: 1-U-2-2-3-1-1-1-1-1-2-2-1-1 **To £1 Level Stake:** +£1.43

Position of winner in market: 1-3-2-2-2-1-1-1-1-1-3-3-1-1

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	HURDLE RUNS	LAST RUN	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	WEIGHT	ODDS
7YO	16	2	25	11 – 07	2 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 13 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	6 – 9YO	HURDLE RUNS	8 – 29
LAST RUN	1 – 7d	DAYS SINCE RUN	11 – 45
WEIGHT	11-06 – 11-10	ODDS	2/9 – 11/2
RATING	155 - 174		

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (42)	
GB Bred	31	4	5	29%	21.4%
Irish Bred	57	1	15	28.1%	38.1%
French Bred	38	9	7	42.1%	38.1%
German Bred	2	0	1	100%	2.4%
Other	0	0	0	0%	0%

KEY TRIAL

TOP TRIAL: WORLD HURDLE. Cheltenham 3m. Grade 1. Good

2017 RESULT: 16th March

1ST: PENHILL 12/1 2ND: SUPASUNDAE 6/1 3RD: WHOLESTONE 14/1

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS - WINS - PLACED)			(LAST YEARS RUNNERS)
JJ O'NEILL	8	1	2	4TH
A. KING	9	2	2	1ST
W. MULLINS	4	0	2	
N. RICHARDS	3	1	1	
H. DALY	5	2	2	
P. BOWEN	2	0	2	
N. TWISTON-DAVIES	8	0	0	5TH
D.PIPE	7	0	2	
P.NICHOLLS	14	4	0	6TH-8TH

RACE ANALYSIS

It's the natural target for all the principles from the World Hurdle to do battle again and concentrating on the main horses from that race seems the best course of action here. 6 and 7yo's have the best record as do those at the top of the betting market.

RANFOX HEALTH GRAND NATIONAL

HANDICAP CHASE

Saturday 8th April 2017 5.15pm
4m 4f (30 fences), Grade 3 (Class 1), 6-y-o +

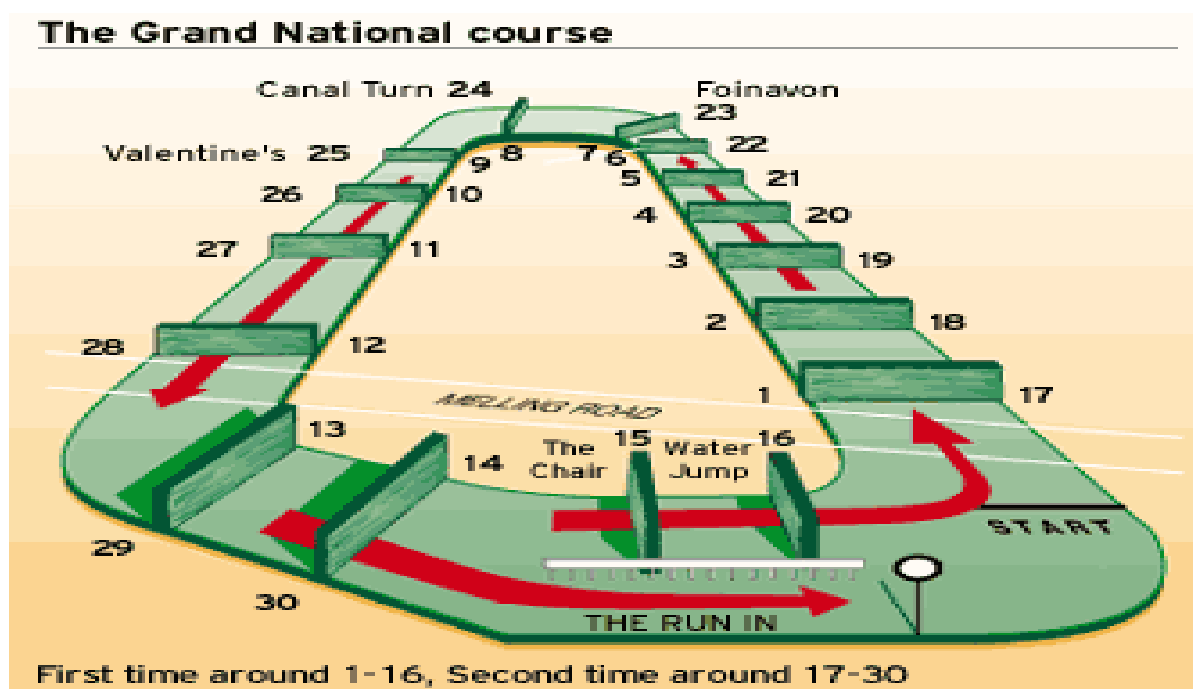
RACE HISTORY

Without doubt, The Grand National is the most famous steeplechase in the world and since its inception in 1839 it has provided numerous stories and many famous winners. Void races, false starts, bomb scares, Foinavon's 100/1 shock win in 1967, Bob Champion's tear-jerking victory on Aldaniti in 1981 and Party Politics winning in a General Election year have provided just a few of the memorable moments in recent years but the one horse that will always be associated with The Grand National is the remarkable Red Rum. He ran in this great race 5 times between 1973 - 1977 winning three times, finishing second twice and thus establishing himself as the greatest and most famous Grand National horse of all time. Racing in the days when the fences were bigger and the fields larger it is surely testament to the horse's ability that no horse has come anywhere close to matching those results in the Grand National before or since.

The race itself is run over a marathon 4 ½ mile trip with 30 unique and demanding fences providing a thorough test for both horses and jockeys alike. It also makes for a wonderful spectacle and is one of the most watched sporting events of the year with millions of people having their one and only bet of the year on this race. These once-a-year punters regard the race as a lottery where any horse can win and results over the last few years have only reinforced that view. In the not so distant past this was though one of the best and most reliable trends races and hopefully it will return to such a race soon. Until then we'll keep on trying to find that elusive National winner.

Welcome to the Grand National Trends Guide.....

COURSE MAP



2001 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Age	Ch.Runs	Trainer	Odds	Weight	Rating
2017	3-151	ONE FOR ARTHUR	8	10	L. RUSSELL	14/1	10-11	148
2016	32254	RULE THE WORLD	9	13	M. MORRIS	33/1	10-07	148
2015	-1116	MANY CLOUDS	8	10	O. SHERWOOD	25/1	11-09	160
2014	F2713	PINEAU DE RE	11	14	Dr R. NEWLAND	25/1	10-06	143
2013	P45F5	AURORAS ENCORE	11	23	S. SMITH	66/1	10-03	137
2012	-P422	NEPTUNE COLLONGES	11	27	P. NICHOLLS	33/1	11-06	157
2011	1-112	BALLABRIGGS	10	12	D. McCAIN	14/1	11-00	150
2010	-423P	DON'T PUSH IT	10	12	J. J. O'NEILL	10/1JF	11-05	153
2009	18278	MON MOME	9	24	Miss V. WILLIAMS	100/1	11-00	148
2008	-0P21	COMPLY OR DIE	9	14	D. PIPE	7/1JF	10-09	139
2007	-8242	SILVER BIRCH	10	14	G. ELLIOT	33/1	10-06	138
2006	4B443	NUMBERSIXVALV'DE	10	10	M. BRASSIL	11/1	10-08	138
2005	24061	HEDGEHUNTER	9	11	W. MULLINS	7/1F	11-01	144
2004	342P5	AMBERLEIGH HOUSE	12	37	D. McCAIN	16/1	10-10	139
2003	31364	MONTYS PASS	10	41	J. MANGAN	16/1	10-07	139
2002	53367	BINDAREE	8	15	N. TWIST'-DAVIES	20/1	10-04	136
2001	4552F	RED MAURADER	11	13	N. MASON	33/1	10-11	140

2017

1ST	ONE FOR ARTHUR	8YO	L. RUSSELL	14/1	10-11	(148)
2ND	CAUSE OF CAUSES	9YO	G. ELLIOTT	16/1	10-08	(150)
3RD	SAINT ARE	11YO	T. GEORGE	25/1	10-06	(147)
4TH	BLAKLION	8YO	N. TWISTON-DAVIES	8/1F	11-01	(152)

40 RUNNERS - 19 FINISHED - 4 FELL - 4 UR - 13 PU

2016

1ST	RULE THE WORLD	9YO	M. MORRIS	33/1	10-07	(148)
2ND	THE LAST SAMURAI	8YO	K. BAILEY	8/1JF	10-08	(149)
3RD	VICS CANVAS	13YO	D. McLOUGHIN	100/1	10-06	(147)
4TH	GILGAMBOA	8YO	E. BOLGER	28/1	11-01	(156)

39 RUNNERS - 16 FINISHED - 5 FELL - 6 UR - 12 PU

2015

1ST	MANY CLOUDS	8YO	O. SHERWOOD	25/1	11-09	(160)
2ND	SAINT ARE	9YO	T. GEORGE	25/1	10-06	(143)
3RD	MONBEG DUDE	10YO	M BRASSIL	40/1	10-07	(144)
4TH	ALVARADO	10YO	F O'BRIEN	20/1	10-03	(140)

39 RUNNERS - 19 FINISHED - 8 FELL - 2 UR - 9 PU - 1 BD

2014

1ST	PINEAU DE RE	11YO	Dr. R. NEWLAND	25/1	10-06	(143)
2ND	BALTHAZAR KING	10YO	P HOBBS	14/1	10-13	(150)
3RD	DOUBLE SEVEN	8YO	M BRASSIL	10/1JF	10-11	(148)
4TH	ALVARADO	9YO	F O'BRIEN	33/1	10-02	(139)

40 RUNNERS - 18 FINISHED - 8 FELL - 6 UR - 7 PU - 1 RR

2013

1ST	AURORAS ENCORE	11YO	S.SMITH	66/1	10-03	(137)
2ND	CAPPA BLEU	11YO	E. WILLIAMS	12/1	10-11	(145)
3RD	TEAFORTHREE	9YO	R. CURTIS	10/1	11-03	(151)
4TH	OSCAR TIME	12YO	M. LYNCH	66/1	10-11	(145)

40RUNNERS - 17 FINISHED - 2 FELL - 6 UR - 14 PU - 1 REF

2012

1ST	NEPTUNE COLLONGES	11YO	P. NICHOLLS	33/1	11-06 (157)
2ND	SUNNYHILLBOY	9YO	JJ O'NEILL	16/1	10-05 (142)
3RD	SEABASS	9YO	T WALSH	8/1JF	10-12 (149)
4TH	CAPPA BLEU	10yo	E WILLIAMS	16/1	10-10 (147)

40 RUNNERS - 15 FINISHED - 11 FELL - 6 UR - 4 PU - 3 BD - 1 REF

2011

1ST	BALLABRIGGS	10YO	D. McCAIN	14/1	11-00 (150)
2ND	OSCAR TIME	10YO	M. LYNCH	14/1	10-09 (145)
3RD	DON'T PUSH IT	11YO	JJ O'NEILL	9/1	10-11 (160)
4TH	STATE OF PLAY	11YO	E. WILLIAMS	28/1	10-12 (142)

40 RUNNERS - 19 FINISHED - 11 FELL - 3 UR - 5 PU - 2 BD

2010

1ST	DON'T PUSH IT	10YO	JJ. O'NEILL	10/1JF	11-05 (153)
2ND	BLACK APALACHI	11YO	D T HUGHES	14/1	11-06 (154)
3RD	STATE OF PLAY	10YO	E WILLIAMS	16/1	10-11 (145)
4TH	BIG FELLA THANKS	8YO	P. NICHOLLS	10/1JF	10-12 (146)

40RUNNERS - 14 FINISHED - 11 FELL - 7 UR - 7 PU - 1 RR

2009

1ST	MON MOME	9YO	Miss V WILLIAMS	100/1	11-00 (148)
2ND	COMPLY OR DIE	10YO	D PIPE	14/1	11-06 (154)
3RD	MY WILL	9YO	P NICHOLLS	8/1	11-04 (152)
4TH	STATE OF PLAY	9YO	E WILLIAMS	14/1	11-02 (150)

40 RUNNERS - 17 FINISHED - 12 FELL - 3 UR - 7 PU - 1 BD

2008

1ST	COMPLY OR DIE	9YO	D PIPE	7/1JT	10-09 (139)
2ND	KING JOHNS CASTLE	9YO	A MOORE	20/1	10-11 (141)
3RD	SNOWY MORNING	8YO	W MULLINS	16/1	11-01 (145)
4TH	SLIM PICKINGS	9YO	T TAAFFE	10/1	11-03 (147)

40 RUNNERS - 15 FINISHED - 11 FELL - 8 UR - 6 PU

2007

1ST	SILVER BIRCH	10YO	G ELLIOT	33/1	10-06 (138)
2ND	MCKELVEY	8YO	P BOWEN	12/1	10-04 (136)
3RD	SLIM PICKINGS	8YO	T TAAFFE	331	10-08 (140)
4TH	PHILSON RUN	11YO	N WILLIAMS	100/1	10-05 (137)

40 RUNNERS - 12 FINISHED - 7 FELL - 7 UR - 12 PU - 2 REF

2006

1ST	NUMBERSIXVALVERDE	10YO	M BRASSIL	11/1	10-08 (138)
2ND	HEDGEHUNTER	10YO	W MULLINS	5/1JT	11-12 (156)
3RD	CLAN ROYAL	11YO	JJ O'NEIL	5/1JT	10-10 (140)
4TH	NIL DESPERANDUM	9YO	F CROWLEY	33/1	10-07 (137)

40 RUNNERS - 9 FINISHED - 11 FELL - 6 UR - 12 PU - 2 REF

RECENT TRENDS

22 of the last 23 winners had their prep run within the previous 2 months (All within 3 months)

All of the last 19 winners had won a £13000+ race (17/18 £17K+)

All of the last 19 winners had raced at least 10 times over fences

Every winner since 1990 had raced no more than 7 times that season (minimum 3 runs)

18 of the last 20 winners had won no more than 1 chase race that season

19 of the last 20 winners had won a Class 1 or 2 Chase already

21 of the last 24 winners had won a race with 13 or more runners.

30 of the last 33 winners carried 11-01 or less (exceptions – 2010, 2012, 2015)

16 of the last 19 winners were rated 136-150 (exceptions – 2010, 2012, 2015)

Myth Buster:

You often read or hear people saying that to win the National you need a 2 ½ mile horse (i.e. a horse that has won and does all his racing at around this distance) but this is not true as;

- Every winner, bar one*, since 1970 had already won a race at 3 miles or further. 2012 beaten favourite Seabass was a horse without a win at further than 3 miles and, although running well in third, was a tired horse from the Elbow.

*Exception 2016 Rule The World. He had though finished second in the Irish National in 2015

Interesting Facts:

Mr What in 1958 was the last Novice before Rule The World to win the Grand National. French bred horses have won 3 of the last 9 Nationals but prior to 2009 the last winning French Bred to have won was way back in 1909 (Lutteur III). Seagram in 1991 was the last horse to win the National having won a race at that years Cheltenham Festival

Interesting Weight Facts:

Before 2012, Red Rum was the only horse in the previous 52 years to have carried more than 11-05 to victory.

Between 1977 and 2012, 96 horses had tried and failed, to lump more than 11-05.

In fact, before Don't Push It managed to do it in 2010 Hedgehunter was the only other winner to have managed to carry more than 11 stone (when he won in 2005 off 11-01) since 1992

Bobbyjo is the only horse in the last 19 years to win from 'out-of-the-handicap'.

16 of the last 18 winners carried no more than 14lb higher than the bottom weight

Interesting Age Facts:

No 13-y-o has won since Sergeant Murphy in 1923

No 13-y-o+ has made the frame since 1969.

No 7-y-o has won since Bogskar in 1940

No 6-y-o has won since Ally Sloper in 1915!!

Slightly Tenuous Stats which may help to produce a final selection:

25 of the last 27 winners had gone no more than 9 races without a win

24 of the last 27 winners had gone no more than 18 months without a win.

17 of the last 18 winners had at least 1 top 3 finish in one of their last 3 runs

9 of the last 15 winners had raced over hurdles that season.

STATISTICS (since 1999)

AGE	WINS	PLACES	RUNNERS	W&P % to Runners
6YO	0	0	10	0
7YO	0	0	36	0
8YO	2	12	106	13.2%
9YO	6	15	189	11.1%
10YO	5	9	155	9%
11YO	3	12	110	13.6%
12YO	1	2	48	6.3%
13YO	0	1	15	6.7%
14YO	0	0	3	0

HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED:- To £1 Level Stake: -£1.50

Favourites finishing position: F-UR-F-3-PU-2-1-2-PU-1-7-1-6-3-13-3-5-2-4

Position of winner in market: 4-2-18-10-8-8-1-5-16-1-29-1-6-21-28-15-14-16-5

PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST FOUR FINISHERS RACED

LED or WITH LEADERS	9	RACED PROMINENTLY	24
MID-DIVISION	29	HELP UP IN REAR	14

AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CHASE RUNS	ODDS
10	10 – 12	4	5	33	15	20 – 1

THE RANGE – SMALLEST & LARGEST FIGURE FOR LAST 12 RUNNINGS

AGE RANGE	9 – 11YO	CHASE RUNS	10 – 27
LAST RUN	1 – 8 (PU)	DAYS SINCE RUN	21 – 84
WEIGHT	10-03 – 11-09	ODDS	7/1 – 100/1
RATING	137 – 160		

PAST WINNERS

- Since 1990 19 horses have gone for the double and finished: PPPPP004640262F3600
- Since 1988 only one horse that finished in the previous years top 4 has gone onto win the National the following year.
- Only three horses in the history of the Grand National have won the race in consecutive years. The greatest Aintree horse ever, Red Rum, was the most recent (1973-4).

HEADGEAR

Until 2008, horses wearing headgear (blinkers, visors or cheekpieces) hadn't won a National since Earth Summit in 1998. 146 had tried unsuccessfully until Comply or Die sported blinkers to success. L'Escargot in 1975 was the last horse previous to that.

Horses wearing headgear in 2017 finished: 2-3-5-6-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-18-19-F-F-P(x7)-U-U

Horses wearing headgear in 2016 finished: 3-5-7-9-11-13-15-F-F-F-P-P-P-P-U-U-U

Horses wearing headgear in 2015 finished: 2-5-8-9-10-11-14-16-18-19-P-P-F-P-P-P-F-F

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN-

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE)	
				to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (76)	
GB Bred	111	2	7	8.1%	11.8%
Irish Bred	441	14	40	12.2%	71.1%
French Bred	179	3	9	6.7%	15.8%
German Bred	3	0	0	0%	0%
USA Bred	6	0	1	16.7%	1.3%
NZ Bred	8	0	0	0%	0%

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
2017	IRE	USA	FR	GB
2016	GB	IRE	IRE	IRE
2015	IRE	FR	IRE	IRE
2014	FR	IRE	IRE	IRE
2013	IRE	IRE	IRE	IRE
2012	FR	IRE	IRE	IRE
2011	IRE	IRE	IRE	GB
2010	IRE	IRE	GB	GB
2009	FR	IRE	FR	GB
2008	IRE	IRE	IRE	IRE
2007	IRE	IRE	IRE	IRE
2006	IRE	IRE	FR	IRE
2005	IRE	FR	GB	IRE
2004	IRE	FR	IRE	IRE
2003	IRE	IRE	IRE	GB
2002	IRE	IRE	FR	IRE
2001	GB	IRE	FR	IRE
2000	IRE	FR	IRE	IRE

Note: I think this shows just how dominant Irish Bred horses have been in the last 18yrs.

Also worth noting is that French Breds have won the National three times in the last 8 years and have finished 2nd four times & 3rd five times in the last 18 years . It may not be the strong 'anti-trend' it once was.

TRAINER & JOCKEY RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WIN – PLACE)			(Last years runners – 40 ran)
W. MULLINS	29	1	2	9TH
P. NICHOLLS	65	1	3	12TH-14TH-19TH-FELL-FELL
JJ O'NEILL	30	1	5	PU
N. TWIST'-DAVIES	37	1	1	4TH
T. WALSH	10	1	2	
P. HOBBS	24	0	2	
N. HENDERSON	20	0	0	FELL
McCAIN	25	2	1	
Miss V. WILLIAMS	19	1	0	10TH-17TH
A. KING	11	0	0	

	Wins	Places	Rides	Form Figures since 2004
Richard Johnson	0	0	12	BD/PU/PU/REF/F/F/9/PU/0/0/2/F/PU
Barry Gerraghty	0	4	12	4/0/6/3/4/F/4/F/9/UR/PU/-/9/PU
Tom Scudamore	0	0	12	UR/0/PU/8/F/0/F/-/F/0/0/9/UR/6
David Casey	0	2	11	F/-/UR/PU/3/0/6/F/F/0/-/PU/3
Davey Russell	0	0	10	UR/0/7/UR/9/F/0/F/F/-/PU/-/8
Jason McGuire	1	0	9	-/0/PU/UR/6/UR/8/1/6/PU/-
Paul Moloney	0	6	10	PU/-/-/F/P/4/3/4/4/2/4/4/0
Noel Fehily	0	1	11	PU/F/5/PU/PU/F/-/-/UR/UR/5/F/PU/4

TOP TRIAL

HENNESSY GOLD CUP (Run at Newbury November 25th 2017)

8 winners / 15 placed horses in the last 27 years.

TRACK LAST RACED AT

Track	Bets	Wins	WinStrike	SP_PL	Places	PlaceStrike
Cheltenham	260	5	2%	-142.00	27	10%
Haydock	74	3	4%	2.00	9	12%
Kelso	22	2	9%	60.00	2	9%
Uttoxeter	35	2	6%	81.00	4	11%
Naas	20	2	10%	26.00	6	30%
Fairyhouse	35	1	3%	-27.00	6	17%
Newcastle	11	1	9%	-3.00	2	18%
Down Royal	15	1	7%	-4.00	2	13%
Punchestown	7	1	14%	10.00	1	14%
Doncaster	33	1	3%	-16.00	4	12%
Warwick	17	1	6%	-2.00	1	6%
Leopardstown	33	1	3%	-22.00	3	9%

Track	Bets	Wins	WinStrike	SP_PL	Places	PlaceStrike
Newbury	40	0	0%	-40.00	4	10%
Kempton	29	0	0%	-29.00	0	0%
Chepstow	27	0	0%	-27.00	1	4%
Sandown	24	0	0%	-24.00	1	4%
Ascot	19	0	0%	-19.00	2	11%

GREY HORSES

And for those of you who like 'to back the grey horse' here's one more stat to help you out... Neptune Collonges became only the second grey horse to win the Grand National in the last 140 years! Nicholaus Silver in 1961 is the only other grey to have won in that time.

Since 1997:

Bets	Wins	WinStrike	SP_PL	Places	PlaceStrike
45	1	2.22%	-11	4	8.89%

2017 2 runners - 15th-UR

2015 4 runners - Fell, PU, BD and Fell

2013 3 runners - 6th, PU, PU

2011 4 runners - 12th, 15th, 19th and UR

2009 1 runner - brought down at the 3rd fence

2007 2 runners - both fell

2016 2 runners - UR, 10th

2014 4 runners - 9th, UR, PU and Fell

2012 4 runners - 1st, 10th, Fell and BD

2010 4 runners - 7th, 13th, RR and PU

2008 3 runners - best finisher 2nd

2006 1 runner who fell

H'CAP HURDLE (CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS)

2M 110YDS, CLASS 2, 4YO+

RACE HISTORY

In 2009 the Conditional Jockeys Handicap **Hurdle** replaced the Conditional Jockeys Handicap **Chase** that always used to be run as the race after the Grand National and also acts as a replacement for the competitive handicap hurdle that always used to open the card on the Saturday. It's run over the same course and distance as the old handicap hurdle although it has been downgraded from Listed to Class 2 and conditional jockeys now take over from the pro's.

2004 - 2017 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	Hurdle Runs	Age	W'ght	Rating	Odds	Trainer
2017	-002	CHESTERFIELD	8	7	10-05	132	8/1	S. MULLINS
2016	-008	IVAN GROZNY	8	6	11-09	141	16/1	W. MULLINS
2015	F-51	ASTRE DE LA COUR	6	5	10-10	135	10/1	R.WALFORD
2014	-874	COURT MINSTREL	8	7	11-12	147	16/1	E. WILLIAMS
2013	2121	COCKNEY SPARROW	4	4	9-09	130	5/1	JJ QUINN
2012	1430	LIFESTYLE	8	6	11-02	138	28/1	N. HENDERSON
2011	1789	FAR AWAY SO CLOSE	11	6	9-10	130	14/1	P. NOLAN
2010	4203	DEE EE WILLIAMS	8	7	11-12	139	11/1	N. GIFFORD
2009	4160	CULCABOCK	55	9	11-10	130	66/1	MISS L. RUSSELL

RECENT TRENDS

Killer stat: All 9 winners had their last run in a hurdle race

Age

- 8 of the 9 winners (the last 7) were aged 4-7yo

Betting

- 7 of the 9 winners returned at double figure odds

Class

- 8 of the 9 winners were rated 130-141
- 6 of the 9 winners carried 10-10 or more (2 exceptions carried less than 10-00)
- 6 of the 9 winners had their last run in a Graded race

Distance

- All 9 winners ran over 2m½f or 2m1f last time out

Previous runs

- 6 of the 9 winners had their last race at Cheltenham
- 8 of the 9 winners ran in the last 21-45 days
- All of the last 8 winners had run 4 - 11 times over hurdles

Interesting Fact: All 13 runners that failed to complete last time out finished unplaced here.

JOCKEYS CLAIMS:

(0) 3-2-24 (3) 1-9-68 (5) 2-9-47 (7) 2-5-40 (10) 1-2-6

HOW LAST YEARS WINNER FITTED THE TOP TRENDS

	Aged 4-7	Last run in Hurdle race	Ran over 2m½f or 2m1f	Rated 130-141	Run in last 21-45 days
Chesterfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Winners who ran at Cheltenham: 6/9 (66.7%)

Placed horses who ran at Cheltenham: 4/27 (14.8%) **Win & Place:** 10/ 36 (27.8%)

TRAINER RECORDS

	(RUNNERS – WINS – PLACED)			(Last years runners)
P. NICHOLLS	7	0	1	
N. HENDERSON	15	1	2	
JJ QUINN	9	1	1	
P. HOBBS	9	0	1	
D. McCAIN Jnr	9	0	1	4TH-PU
D. PIPE	7	0	2	
E. WILLIAMS	6	1	1	FELL

APPLYING THE TRENDS

The winner is most likely to be a 6 or 7yo who is rated 130+ and has run around 4-11 times over hurdles.