

## AINTREE FESTIVAL - 10 YEAR TRENDS

A brief summary of key trends is detailed below for each race over the three-day meeting - trends alone will not usually find winners but they may help you to draw up a shortlist and then use your own skill and judgement to find that elusive winner! The figure after each race name/detail is the favourites win rate e.g. 5 wins in 10 years = 50%. The main race of the day is also highlighted. The statistics cover races run from 2012-21 (with the 2020 meeting cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions).

### THURSDAY

**(Gr 1) 'SSS Super Alloys' Manifesto' Novices' Chase over 2M 4F (11%);** All previous winners (since 2012) last ran 21-68 days earlier with all but two last running at Cheltenham (Arkle Chase/Golden Miller Chase runners have fared the best so far). Whilst only one favourite since 2009 has, to date, won the race there were no major shocks either with the last nine winner's odds being 17/2 or shorter. 8/9 winners had completed on their last outing and none had won their last race. Three of the last nine renewals were won by the 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites.

**(Gr 1) 'Jewson Anniversary' Juvenile Hurdle over 2M for 4yo (33%);** A last run at Cheltenham is a common feature with the Triumph Hurdle producing the most past winners. All nine past winners were 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run with the last four winners also winning on their previous start. Alan King/Nicky Henderson/Paul Nicholls are joint leading trainers on 2 wins with the Henderson winners both winning LTO.

**(Gr 1) 'Betway' Bowl over 3M 1F (55%);** Many winners last ran at Cheltenham in the festival often running in the Gold Cup (20/27 days earlier). Only one winner ran worse than 5<sup>th</sup> on their last completed outing. Oldest winners seen since 2012 were 10yo with the youngest being 7yo. P Nicholls is now leading trainer with three wins since 2014. Kemboy & Clan Des Obeaux are seeking a second win in the race (Silviniaco Conti being the last dual winner) whilst Protektorat won the Manifesto Chase on this day in 2021. 7/9 were either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2012	3-16244	Follow The Plan (33)	9 11 7	T Doyle	50/1	O McKiernan (Ire)	11
2013	3-42322	First Lieutenant (21)	8 11 7	B Cooper	7/2	M Morris (Ire)	8
2014	1F3-314	Silviniaco Conti (20)	8 11 7	N Fehily	9/4	P Nicholls	6
2015	41-5110	Silviniaco Conti (27)	9 11 7	N Fehily	7/4F	P Nicholls	7
2016	2-4111F	Cue Card (20)	10 11 7	P Brennan	6/5F	C Tizzard	9
2017	3-5241U	Tea For Two (20)	8 11 7	Lizzie Kelly	10/1	Nick Williams	7
2018	111-112	Might Bite (27)	9 11 7	N De Boinville	4/5F	N Henderson	8
2019	F11-11U	Kemboy (20)	7 11 7	R Walsh	9/4F	W P Mullins (Ire)	6
2020		NO RACE					
2021	210-232	Clan Des Obeaux (46)	9 11 7	H Cobden	5/2F	P Nicholls	9

**(Gr 1) 'Betway Aintree Hurdle' over 2M 4F (33%);** Irish trained runners have taken 3 of last 6 races. Frequently won by a horse that last ran at the Cheltenham festival - often last running in the Champion Hurdle and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> or better. However, the last three winners included two that had last run in the Stayers Hurdle instead with the most recent winner falling in the Champion Hurdle. Apart from the 2018/19 winners, the remainder finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last completed run. Oldest winner since 2012 was aged 9 years. Last nine winners all had odds of 15/2 or shorter. N Henderson is leading trainer with 3 winners since 2012. All winning favourites since 2012 had odds of 4/9.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2012	1-F1115	Oscar Whisky (30)	7 11 7	B Geraghty	9/4	N Henderson	5
2013	5F-1114	Zarkandar (23)	6 11 7	R Walsh	11/2	P Nicholls	9
2014	12-1123	The New One (23)	6 11 7	S T-Davies	4/9f	N T-Davies	7
2015	1-12234	Jezki (30)	7 11 7	A P McCoy	3/1	Mrs J Harrington (Ire)	6
2016	2/1F-111	Annie Power (23)	8 11 0	R Walsh	4/9F	W P Mullins (Ire)	6
2017	31-1111	Buveur D'air (23)	6 11 7	B Geraghty	4/9F	N Henderson	6
2018	212230	L'ami Serge (28)	8 11 7	D Jacob	5/1	N Henderson	9
2019	21-2220	Supasundae (21)	9 11 7	R M Power	15/2	Mrs J Harrington (Ire)	7
2020		NO RACE					
2021	2-2152F	Abracadabras (23)	7 11 7	J Kennedy	5/1	Mrs D Foster	11

**2M 5.5F 'Radox Health' Foxhunter Chase (28%);** 5/9 winners had odds of 11/2 or shorter with the others including 14/1, 16/1, 66/1 & 100/1 shots. A 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place in either of last two completed starts (under NH rules) appears a common theme. All winners aged between 9-13 yrs.

**(Gr 3) Close Brothers 'Red Rum Chase' over 2M (11%);** A last completed run finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better was seen in 7/9 winners. All off track at least 14 days since last race. Lighter weighted horses carrying 11st 1lb or less have won 8/9 races. A very competitive race with 7/9 winners having odds of 8/1 to 33/1. The last seven winners were all 2<sup>nd</sup> on at least one of their last three runs.

**(Gr 2) 'Goffs UK Nickel Coin' (Mares) NH Flat Race over 2M 1F (11%);** All past winners finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO with 4/9 races won by horses that also won LTO. 5yo have won 6/9 races. 6/9 winners were sent off at odds of 8/1+.

## FRIDAY

**(Gr 3) 'Alder Hey & Aintree' Handicap Hurdle over 2M 4F (0%);** A very difficult race to fathom out with 8/9 winners having odds of 8/1 or greater – including winners at 14/1, 20/1, 22/1 & 33/1. Leading trainer is Nicky Henderson with three wins since 2013 ~ latest in 2017. 6/9 past winners carried a weight of 10st 8lbs or more. 7/9 winners finished 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> on at least one of their last two runs. Last year's winner Tronador is now 8lbs higher in the ratings

**(Gr 1) Betway 'Top Novices' Hurdle over 2M (33%);** Status changed to Gr 1 in 2016. A 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place in either of last two completed races was seen for 8/9 winners. All rested at least 17 days since last run. Six of the last nine winners last ran at Cheltenham, 24/31 days earlier, in the Supreme Novices Hurdle with the latest winner coming here after winning the County Hurdle at Cheltenham.. Nicky Henderson has trained four of the last nine winners (latest 2016) – all four starting as 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. All of the stable's past winners last ran in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle.

**(Gr 1) Betway 'Mildmay Novices' Chase' over 3M 1F (61%);** Status changed to Gr 1 in 2016. All nine winners had finished 1st/2nd on either of last 2 outings. All also last raced within the last 55 days with 8/9 appearing at the Cheltenham Festival. N Henderson is the leading trainer on 3 wins since 2017.

**(Gr 1) 'Marsh' Melling Chase' over 2M 4F (50%);** Several dual winners seen in the past – latest being *Voy Por Ustedes* in 2008/9. *Fakir D'oudairies* is trying to complete a double win this year. 8/9 winners were placed 6th or better in last race with only two having odds higher than 11/2. Irish trainers once had a firm grip on this race and whilst their dominance is not quite what it was, they have won four of the last seven renewals. All nine recent winners last ran at the Cheltenham Festival with six running in the QM Chase and three in the Ryanair Chase. Nicky Henderson/Willie Mullins remain joint top trainers with two wins each.

2012	121-121	Finians Rainbow (30)	9 11 10	B Geraghty	13/8F	N Henderson	8
2013	111-111	Sprinter Sacre (23)	7 11 10	B Geraghty	1/3F	N Henderson	6
2014	1FF-166	Boston Bob (22)	9 11 10	P Townend	5/1	W P Mullins (Ire)	10
2015	411113	Don Cossack (29)	8 11 10	A P McCoy	3/1JF	G Elliott (Ire)	10
2016	22F-324	Gods Own (23)	8 11 10	P Brennan	10/1	T George	6
2017	31-1122	Fox Norton (23)	7 11 7	R M Power	4/1	C Tizzard	9
2018	F-11124	Politologue (30)	7 11 7	S T-Davies	11/1	P Nicholls	6
2019	224-115	Min (23)	8 11 7	R Walsh	2/1F	W P Mullins (Ire)	6
2020		NO RACE					
2021	22-2P22	Fakir D'oudairies (22)	6 11 7	M Walsh	2/1F	J P O'Brien (Ire)	7

**(Gr 3) Radox 'Topham' H/Cap Chase over 2M 6F (0%);** All nine past winners last ran within 33 days – including five horses that ran at the Cheltenham Festival (one finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and the rest were 8<sup>th</sup> or worse). 7/9 winners also carried 11st 2lbs or less. Only three winners seen with odds below 10-1 thus often best looking for some value in this 26-30 runner field. Nicky Henderson is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2013 (latest 2015).

**(Gr 1) Cavani Menswear 'Sefton Novices' Hurdle' over 3M 1F (33%);** The last nine winners have finished no worse than 5th on their last completed outing before winning here. 8/9 winners last ran 20-39 days earlier. Five winning horses previously ran at Cheltenham and an 8<sup>th</sup> place or better in the Spa Novices Hurdle is the preferred form requirement for this race, albeit the 2017 winner fell in that race. As indicated in the table below 6yo are the preferred age group with 6/9 wins. Two of the last nine winners had odds of 25/1 or greater including Ahoy Senior (66/1). Nicky Henderson is the leading trainer on 3 wins since 2014.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2012	1-41F14	Lovcen (28)	7 11 4	R Thornton	8/1	A King	19
2013	5-11111	At Fishers Cross (21)	6 11 4	A McCoy	11/8F	Ms R Curtis	9
2014	/26-12	Beat That (119)	6 11 4	B Geraghty	6/1	N Henderson	18
2015	1-51015	Thistlecrack (34)	7 11 4	T Scudamore	25/1	C Tizzard	16
2016	-5111	Ballyoptic (20)	6 11 4	R Hatch	9/1	N T-Davies	16
2017	1-3111F	The Worlds End (21)	6 11 4	A P Heskin	3/1	T George	12
2018	1-113	Santini (28)	6 11 4	N De Boinville	6/4F	N Henderson	14
2019	2-11112	Champ (23)	7 11 4	M Walsh	9/4F	N Henderson	12
		NO RACE					
2021	U-121	Ahoy Senior (39)	6 11 4	D R Fox	66/1	Mc L V Russell	12

**2M 'Park Palace Ponies' Handicap Hurdle (Cond/Amat Jockeys) (5%);** 8/9 winners last raced 19-36 days earlier. Odds of 10/1+ seen for 6/9 winners including 16/1 & 28/1 winners. Of the three winning horses that last ran at Cheltenham, the County Hurdle runners have won this race once, whilst there was one Fred Winter Hurdle runner who won here. Of those that missed the festival, four had finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> on their last run. 6/9 winners carried a weight of 11st 1lb or greater.

## SATURDAY

**(Gr 3) 'EFT Systems' H/cap Hurdle over 3M 1F (26%);** All nine winners carried 10st 12lbs or more. 7/9 winners finished 4th or better in last race with 7/9 winners also having won at least one of last three races. David Pipe is the leading trainer with 2 wins – latest 2018. Five past winners last ran at the Cheltenham Festival faring best if they were 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> in the Coral Cup with one winner of the Pertemps Final also winning here in 2012 and the 2018 winner finishing down the field in the Martin Pipe race for conditional jockeys. All nine winners had last run 24-70 days earlier. In the betting all winners had odds of 6/1 to 16/1.

**(Gr 1) Betway 'Mersey' Novices' Hurdle over 2M 4F (66%);** 8/9 winners had finished 1st/2nd/3rd on either of last two outings with 5-year-olds having best record with 5/9 wins. All winners off track for 21-55 days. Of the six winners which last ran at Cheltenham five had finished 7<sup>th</sup> or better in the Baring Bingham Novices' Hurdle with one County Hurdle winner. All of the winners that avoided Cheltenham had won their last race at either Kempton, Kelso or Exeter. 7/9 winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites with the others having odds of 20/1 & 22/1. C Tizzard & W Mullins have each trained 2 winners since 2015.

**(Gr 1) 'Poundland' 'Maghull Novices' Chase' over 2M (38%);** H De Bromhead is the top trainer with 3 wins since 2013. A 1st/2nd place in either of last two completed runs is a common factor. All winners last raced some 6-42 days earlier. Apart from 2013 (28/1) all other winners had odds of 5/1 or shorter. Four of the last nine winners last ran in the Arkle Chase at Cheltenham where a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish was seen for three of them whilst the other (Ornua) was a faller at Cheltenham.

**(Gr 1) JRL Group 'Liverpool Hurdle' over 3M 1F (55%);** The last nine winners were aged 6-9yo and 8/9 finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better (within last 23-112 days) on last outing being well backed at 7/1 or shorter. 7/9 last ran at Cheltenham with four placed 5<sup>th</sup> or better in the Stayers Hurdle and the others winning the Coral Cup or finishing 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> in the Champion Hurdle. N Henderson is the leading trainer with two wins (latest 2015).

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2012	11-1111	Big Bucks (28)	9 11 7	R Walsh	2/9F	P Nicholls	8
2013	222-211	Solwhit (23)	9 11 7	P Carberry	9/4F	C Byrnes (Ire)	13
2014	1-33121	Whisper (24)	6 11 7	B Geraghty	4/1	N Henderson	7
2015	1211-25	Whisper (30)	7 11 7	N De Boinville	5/1	N Henderson	9
2016	1-21111	Thistlecrack (23)	8 11 7	T Scudamore	2/7F	C Tizzard	6
2017	12-1110	Yanworth (25)	7 11 7	B Geraghty	9/4F	A King	11
2018	460-624	Identity Thief (32)	8 11 7	S W Flanagan	14/1	H De Bromhead (Ire)	10
2019	11-2132	If The Cap Fits (41)	7 11 7	S Bowen	7/1	H Fry	15
2020		NO RACE					
2021	1114-12	Thyme Hill (112)	7 11 7	T O'Brien	5/2F	P Hobbs	15

**(Gr 3) 'Betway' H/cap Chase over 3m 1f (33%);** P Hobbs is leading trainers with 2 wins. 5/9 past winners last ran at Cheltenham, none of which finished better than 2<sup>nd</sup> there. 6/9 winners were placed 6th or better in last completed race whilst 6/9 winners carried 10<sup>st</sup> 13lbs or less. Apart from a shock 50/1 winner, all other winners were 12/1 or shorter.

**4M 2F (Gr 3) 'Randox' Grand National (11%);** Irish trained runners have taken 4 of last 5 races. No winner since 2012 has carried more than 11st 9lbs. That was a new weight carrying feat by *Many Clouds* in 2015 being the highest weight carried for over 30 years. Lowest weight carried since 2012 was 10st 3lbs (*Auroras Encore & Minella Times*). A last run 23-84 days earlier appears essential. In terms of age the last nine winners were all aged between 8-11 years. All winners since 2012 had completed their last race finishing 6th or better LTO. The last nine winners had all run at least three times in the current season. Of the horses that last ran at the Cheltenham Festival, one had run in the Pertemps Hurdle final (finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>) with *Many Clouds* finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the Gold Cup whilst the latest dual winner, *Tiger Roll*, had won the cross-country chase on both occasions.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2011	111-112	Ballabriggs (35)	10 11 0	J Maguire	14/1	D McCain Jr	40
2012	06-P422	Neptune Collonges (56)	11 11 6	D Jacob	33/1	P Nicholls	40
2013	0P45F5	Auroras Encore (35)	11 10 3	R Mania	66/1	Mrs S J Smith	40
2014	5F2013	Pineau De Re (23)	11 10 6	L Aspell	25/1	Dr R Newland	40
2015	B4-1116	Many Clouds (29)	8 11 9	L Aspell	25/1	O Sherwood	39
2016	532254	Rule The World (34)	9 10 7	D J Mullins	33/1	M F Morris (Ire)	39
2017	243-151	One For Arthur (84)	8 10 11	D Fox	14/1	Ms L V Russell	40
2018	P-22P51	Tiger Roll (31)	8 10 13	D N Russell	10/1	G Elliott (Ire)	38
2019	511-411	Tiger Roll (24)	9 11 5	D N Russell	4/1F	G Elliott (Ire)	40
2020		NO RACE					
2021	120-122	Minella Times (62)	8 10 3	R Blackmore	11-1	H De Bromhead (Ire)	40

**(Gr 2) 'Weatherbys Champion Bumper' NH Flat Race over 2M 1F (11%);** A 1st/2nd finish in either of last two outings appears essential. 4/9 winners had SP's of 14/1 or greater (including 20/1, 25/1 and 33/1) so not the best 'getting out stakes' race to close the final day. 5yo age group is slightly preferred with 6/9 wins. Since 2012 two winners had last run in the Cheltenham Festival 'bumper' finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better. The next best race for providing the winner is the listed bumper at Newbury in early February (Denman Chase day) with *The New One* 6<sup>th</sup> there in 2012 & *Barbers Hill* the winner in 2015. N Twiston-Davies & P Nicholls are leading trainers with two wins since 2012.

