## CHELTENHAM - FESTIVAL TRENDS 2022 - THURSDAY

Past race trends can often help punters draw up a short list of horses to follow in the current year's races. The records below cover the last 10 years (2012-21) with the figure in brackets after the race name being the favourite's strike rate in the race. As Irish trained horses are frequently targeted for this meeting the past record of these runners is also highlighted for all races. A full 10-year result table is also included for the feature race of the day.

## **THURSDAY**

(GR 1) 2M 4F TURNERS 'GOLDEN MILLER' NOVICES' CHASE (33%): Irish trained runners have won 7/10 races including four by Willie Mullins. All winners also had at least three runs in current season, finishing 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> on their last <u>completed</u> start 29-77 days earlier 7yo have won 6/10 races with all others aged 6/8yo. Only one past winner had odds greater than 9/1.

(GR 3) 3M PERTEMPS FINAL (HANDICAP HURDLE) (20%): 6/10 Irish trained winners in this race (two were won by P G Kelly & three by G Elliott) and importantly they were the last six renewals of the race. 7/10 winners carried 11st 9lbs or less. All past winners were rested between 12-76 days since last race. The last eight winners all had odds of 14/1 or shorter.

**(GR 1) 2M 5F RYANAIR CHASE (50%):** 5/10 Irish trained winners in this race (four for W P Mullins). 8/10 of the recent winners were well backed at odds of 9/2 or shorter, with eight being either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. 8/10 winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> LTO.

**(GR 1) 3M 'PADDY POWER' STAYERS HURDLE (30%):** 4/10 Irish trained winners in the last 10 years (two trained by Willie Mullins). 9/10 winners finished 3<sup>rd</sup> or better in last <u>completed</u> prep race with the other finishing 4<sup>th</sup> LTO. Since 2012, five winners had last run 47 days earlier (Cleeve Hurdle) with three winning that race and the others 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. 8/10 winners also had SP's of 12/1 or shorter with others 14/1 & 50/1 shots. All past winners were rested for at least 46 days before winning here.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2011	1111-11	Big Bucks (78)	8 11 10	R Walsh	10/11F	P Nicholls	13
2012	111-111	Big Bucks (47)	9 11 10	R Walsh	5/6F	P Nicholls	11
2013	1222-21	Solwhit (54)	9 11 10	P Carberry	17/2	C Byrnes (Ire)	14
2014	/1-111	More Of That (89)	6 11 10	B Geraghty	15/2	J O'Neill	10
2015	02-1234	Cole Harden (47)	6 11 10	G Sheehan	14/1	W Greatrex	16
2016	51-2111	Thistlecrack (47)	8 11 10	T Scudamore	1/1F	C Tizzard	12
2017	33-312F	Nicholls Canyon (46)	7 11 10	R Walsh	10/1	W P Mullins (Ire)	12
2018	114112-	Penhill (323)	7 11 10	P Townend	12/1	W P Mullins (Ire)	15
2019	20-1111	Paisley Park (47)	7 11 10	A Coleman	11/8F	E Lavelle	18
2020	3-230F3	Lisnagar Oscar (47)	7 11 10	A Wedge	50/1	Ms R Curtis	15
2021	2-13211	Flooring Porter (80)	6 11 10	D E Mullins	12/1	G Cromwell (Ire)	15

(GR3) 2M 5F 'PADDY POWER PLATE' - H'CAP CHASE (40%): 4/10 Irish trained winners since 2012 (all in last six years). Only two winners managed to carry more than 10st 13lbs with highest winning weight at 11st 4lbs (twice). David Pipe is the leading trainer with 2 wins (latest in 2014).

**2M 1F (GR 2) 'PARNELL PROPERTIES' (MARES) NOVICES' HURDLE (50%):** Irish trained winners 6/6. New race in 2016 with 5/6 winners to date trained by W P Mullins with four aged 5yo (the others were 6yo). Also, all six winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> or better LTO and were rested at least 39 days before winning here. Surprisingly, Willie Mullins filled the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> places in 2019 with 50/1 & 66/1 shots (although he did have

seven runners in the race) and in 2020 a 9/2 shot won for the yard. In total, three winners carried 11st 7lbs and the others 11st 2lbs.

**3M 2F 'FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR' H'CAP CHASE (20%):** No amateur jockeys allowed in 2021. 5/10 Irish trained winners since 2012. 9/10 winners aged 7-9 yrs. G Elliott/Mrs D Foster are leading trainers with 3 wins. The last five winners were all 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> LTO.

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