

CHELTENHAM – FESTIVAL TRENDS 2022 - TUESDAY

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.

TUESDAY

(GR 1) 2M SKY BET 'SUPREME' NOVICES' HURDLE (25%): Irish trained runners tend to do well and have won 6/10 races with five trained by Willie Mullins. 9/10 winners also won LTO (last time out). 9/10 last ran after being rested for at least 30 days. Preferred age group is 5/6 years old with 9/10 wins although 6yo are slightly preferred. 8/10 winners had odds of 9/1 or shorter.

(GR 1) 2M SPORTING LIFE 'ARKLE' CHASE (60%): Irish trained runners have won 5/10 races including four wins by Willie Mullins. A 1st place on last completed run, (i.e. falls etc. excluded) was seen in all 10 past winners. All of the last ten winners were aged 6/7yo with 6yo faring slightly better. *Western Warhorse* won at 33/1 in 2014 (when fitted with a hood for the first time) and apart from that result nearly all other winners had odds of 6/1 or shorter (*Put The Kettle On* was the other exception when winning in 2020 at odds of 16/1). 6/10 winners had run 3 times in the current season. Nicky Henderson (3 wins) is the leading UK trainer since 2012.

(GR 3) 3M 1F 'ULTIMA' H'CAP CHASE (10%): Irish trained horses have won 0/10 races. 6/10 winners carried 11st 3lbs or less. 9/10 winners were aged between 6-9yrs. All ten finished 6th or better on their last race. Jonjo O'Neill & David Pipe are the leading trainers with 2 wins each since 2012. Three winners since 2015 had last run 45 days earlier at Cheltenham, finishing 4th/5th/6th LTO.

(GR 1) 2M 'UNIBET' CHAMPION HURDLE (60%): Irish trained horses have a very good record with wins in 6/10 races (willie Mullins winning three times) with N Henderson (3 wins since 2017) having the best record of the UK based trainers. That aside a common thread has been that 8/10 winners also won their last race with the other winners placed 2nd/4th LTO. Of these, seven of the last eight winners were unbeaten in the current season. Last prep race 27-78 days earlier with the last three Nicky Henderson winners all winning a listed race at Sandown 38 days earlier. 9/10 winners had run 2/3 times in the current season. *Annie Power (2016)*, *Epatante(2020)* & *Honeysuckle (2021)* were the latest mares to win the race and whilst *Honeysuckle* was the first winner of the Mares Hurdle race here to win a Champion Hurdle as well.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last NH run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2012	1223-12	Rock On Ruby (78)	7 11 10	N Fehily	11/1	P Nicholls	10
2013	131-111	Hurricane Fly (44)	9 11 10	R Walsh	13/8F	W P Mullins (Ire)	9
2014	31-1124	Jezki (44)	6 11 10	B Geraghty	9/1	J Harrington (Ire)	9
2015	1111-11	Faugheen (74)	7 11 10	R Walsh	4/5F	W P Mullins (Ire)	8
2016	12/1F-11	Annie Power (27)	8 11 3	R Walsh	5/2F	W P Mullins (Ire)	12
2017	131-111	Buveur D'Air (38)	6 11 10	N Fehily	5/1	N Henderson	11
2018	111-111	Buveur D'Air (38)	7 11 10	B Geraghty	4/6F	N Henderson	11
2019	114-111	Espoir D'Allen (44)	5 11 10	M Walsh	16/1	G Cromwell (Ire)	10
2020	1/110-11	Epatante (75)	6 11 3	B Geraghty	2/1F	N Henderson	17
2021	1111-11	Honeysuckle (38)	7 11 3	R Blackmore	11/10F	H De Bromhead (Ire)	10

(GR 1) 2M 4F CLOSE BROTHERS (MARES) HURDLE (40%): 9/10 winners trained in Ireland - including six wins by Willie Mullins, with the last ten winners finishing 3rd or better LTO. 7yo have won 5/10 races since 2012. The last winning favourite was in 2016.

(GR 3) 2M 'BOODLES' JUVENILE H'CAP HURDLE FOR 4YO (FRED WINTER) (10%): Irish trained runners have won 5/10 races with the Gordon Elliott yard sending out three of them. 8/10 winners finished 6th or better on last outing. 7/10 had won at least one of their last two races. In the weights 7/10 carried 11st 2lbs or less. In the betting, there are plenty of long priced winners with odds of 25/1 (twice), 33/1 (thrice), 40/1 and 80/1 seen since 2012. Leading UK trainer is Paul Nicholls with 2 wins since 2015.

(GR 2) 3M 6F NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES' CHASE (20%): No amateur jockeys allowed to ride last year. 6/10 winners trained in Ireland, with three coming from the Gordon Elliott yard. Of the last 10 winners, all but two of them had finished 1st/2nd in either of last two completed outings. Apart from one winner that unseated and one that fell LTO, the remainder all finished 5th or better in their last race. 7/10 winners had SP's of 8/1 or shorter albeit this trend has been diluted by three winners at 12/1 to 16/1 in the last five renewals. Leading rider is J J Codd with 3 wins since 2015.

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