

CHEL TENHAM – FESTIVAL TRENDS 2022 - WEDNESDAY

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.

WEDNESDAY

(GR 1) 2M 5F BALLYMORE NOVICES' HURDLE (50%): 7/10 winners trained in Ireland with two each trained by W P Mullins & G Elliott. All 10 past winners had finished either 1st/2nd in last prep race with 9/10 finishing 1st/2nd in all races in the current season. 6yo have won 9/10 races since 2012. Generally, few real shocks, with only one winner having odds greater than 8/1. The last 10 winners had all run 3 or 4 times in the current season.

(GR 1) 3M 1F 'BROWN ADVISORY' NOVICES' CHASE (40%): 4/10 Irish trained winners. A 1st/2nd placed run in last completed prep race (within last 25-77 days) was seen in 8/10 winners. 7yrs is best age group with 7/10 wins. No winner in last 10 yrs finished worse than 4th in any of its last three completed races in current season. In the betting seven winners were at odds of 9/2 or shorter with the others all 8/1 to 12/1. Whilst many pundits view winners of this race as a future Gold Cup winner there have actually only been four such winners in the last 26 years – namely Garrison Savannah (1990), Looks Like Trouble (1999), Denman (2007) & Lord Windermere (2014). All won the Gold Cup the year after their RSA/Brown Advisory wins! Top trainer is Nicky Henderson with 3 wins since 2012.

(GR 3) 2M 5F CORAL CUP H'CAP HURDLE (10%): Irish trained runners have taken 4/10 races. 6/10 past winners finished 1st/2nd on last outing with 9/10 winners also winning at least one of previous three completed races. All past winners rested at least 24 days since their last run. Since 2013, three winners had last run 39 days earlier. 8/10 winners had odds of 12/1 to 33/1. 8/10 winners had run four times or less in the current season and none of the winners had fallen in the current season either. N Henderson is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2014.

(GR 1) 2M QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (40%): 2/10 Irish trained winners (both Henry De Bromhead). 8/10 past winners were placed 3rd or better on last run (others were both 5th LTO) with 6/10 winners finishing 1st on their last run. All ten winners were aged 10yo or younger. Willie Mullins is yet to win this race. N Henderson is leading trainer with 5 wins since 2012.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
2012	1121-12	Finians Rainbow (53)	9 11 10	B Geraghty	4/1	N Henderson	8
2013	1111-11	Sprinter Sacre (46)	7 11 10	B Geraghty	1/4F	N Henderson	7
2014	1-12111	Sire De Grugy (53)	8 11 10	Jamie Moore	11/4F	G L Moore	11
2015	245-311	Dodging Bullets (53)	7 11 10	S T-Davies	9/2	P Nicholls	9
2016	P/2P2-11	Sprinter Sacre (80)	10 11 10	N de Boinville	5/1	N Henderson	10
2017	23-6315	Special Tiara (46)	10 11 10	N Fehily	11/1	H De Bromhead (Ire)	10
2018	1/1111-1	Altior (32)	8 11 10	N De Boinville	1/1F	N Henderson	9
2019	111-111	Altior (53)	9 11 10	N D Boinville	4/11F	N Henderson	9
2020	4422-25	Politologue (95)	9 11 10	H Skelton	6/1	P Nicholls	5
2021	1211-13	Put The Kettle On (80)	7 11 3	A Coleman	17/2	H De Bromhead (Ire)	9

3M 6F CROSS COUNTRY STEEPLCHASE (16%): 4/6 Irish trained winners. New race in 2016 – previously run as a handicap. Three of the six winners* last ran at Cheltenham in a cross-country chase with two finishing 5th and the other 8th. The exceptions were triple winner *Tiger Roll* who opted to warm up in a hurdle race at Navan instead last two times and *Easysland* who won a similar event in France LTO. Winner's odds were 5/4 to 11/1 (just one sent off as favourite). Only one UK trained winner in the last six years (was later disqualified) with G Elliott/Mrs D Foster the leading trainer on 4 wins.* The 2016 winner was later disqualified but these comments treat the result on the day as correct.

2M JOHNNY HENDERSON 'GRAND ANNUAL' H'CAP CHASE (20%): Race brought forwards from Friday in 2021. 4/10 Irish trained winners since 2012. A 4th place or better on last completed outing was seen for 7/10 previous winners with 9/10 winners aged 9yo or younger. In the wights 8/10 carried no more than 11st 5lbs. Six of the last ten winners had odds of 14/1 to 66/1.

(GR 1) 2M NH 'WEATHERBYS CHAMPION BUMPER (20%): Irish trained runners have won 8/10 races with five trained by Willie Mullins. 5 & 6yo is the preferred age group with 10/10 wins – with 5yo faring slightly better with 6 wins. All ten winners since 2012 had also won their last race. Of the Willie Mullins runners all were ridden by different jockeys. Indeed, none were favourites with many not particularly fancied with odds of 11/1, 16/1 & 25/1 (twice) seen. All ten past winners were rested at least 18 days before winning here. 8/10 winners carried a weight of 11st 5lbs with the others carrying 10st 12lbs.

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