

# CHELtenham – Festival Trends 2024 - 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 (2014-23) 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 6/10 races including three by Willie Mullins (latest 2017). 9/10 winners had at least three runs in current season, finishing 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> on their last completed start 29-77 days earlier 7yo have won 7/10 races with all others aged 6/8yo. Only one past winner had odds greater than 9/1.

**3M PERTEMPS FINAL (HANDICAP HURDLE) (20%):** 7/10 Irish trained winners in this race ( three wins by G Elliott) and importantly they were all from the last eight renewals of the race. The last ten winners carried 10st 9lbs or more and 9/10 finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last completed run. All past winners were aged 5-8yo and were rested between 12-76 days since last race. 9/10 winners had odds of 14/1 or shorter (others both 25/1). Just one conditional jockey has won the race in the last 10 years.

**(GR 1) 2M 5F RYANAIR CHASE (50%):** 7/10 Irish trained winners in this race (five for W P Mullins). 9/10 of the recent winners were well backed at odds of 8/1 or shorter. 7/10 winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> LTO. All ten winners were aged 7-9yo with 7yo faring best with five wins. Also, all ten past winners had 2-4 previous runs in the current season. None of the last ten winners had fallen or pulled up on their last six runs (one did unseat its rider). *Envoi Allen* is seeking a second win in the race, although the last 10yo to win this race was in 2011.

**(GR 1) 3M 'PADDY POWER' STAYERS HURDLE (20%):** 5/10 Irish trained winners in the last 10 years (two each trained by Willie Mullins & Gavin Cromwell). 10/10 winners finished 4<sup>th</sup> or better in last completed prep race. Since 2015, four winners had last run 47 days earlier (Cleeve Hurdle) with two winning that race and the others 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. 8/10 winners also had SP's of 14/1 or shorter with one 50/1 shot and one 33/1 shot. All past winners were rested for at least 32 days before winning here. Ages of last ten winners were 6-11yo with 7yo faring best (five wins). Past winners Sire Du Berlais, Flooring Porter & Paisley Park are entered again this time. 9/10 winners had run 3-5 times in the current season (the other was making its seasonal return).

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
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
2022	111-FP2	Flooring Porter (79)	7 11 10	D E Mullins	4/1	G Cromwell (Ire)	10
2023	1-455P4	Sire Du Berlais (32)	11 11 10	M Walsh	33/1	G Elliott (Ire)	11

**2M 5F 'TRUST A TRADER PLATE' - H'CAP CHASE (30%):** 5/10 Irish trained winners since 2014 (all in last eight years). All ten winners carried 11st 4lbs or less. 9/10 past winners had also won at least one race

in the current season. Three of the last five winners last ran at Cheltenham 47 days earlier with two winning there and the other was 7<sup>th</sup>. In the betting, four winners were 5/1 or shorter and the rest 12/1+

**2M 1F (GR 2) 'RYANAIR' (MARES) NOVICES' HURDLE (37%):** Irish trained winners 6/8 – last two winners trained in UK. New race in 2016 with 5/8 winners to date trained by W P Mullins (latest 2020). All eight winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> or better LTO and were rested at least 28 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 that race) and in 2020 a 9/2 shot won for the yard. In the betting, 6/8 winners had odds of 15/2 or shorter.

**3M 2F 'FULKE WALWYN KIM MUIR' H'CAP CHASE (10%):** 6/10 Irish trained winners since 2014 (three for G Elliott/D Foster). 8/10 winners aged 7-8yrs with 7yo faring best (5 wins). The last seven winners were all either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> on their last *completed* race. 9/10 winners carried a weight of 11st 4lbs or more. In the betting, 6/10 winners had odds of 9/1 or shorter and the rest were 12/1 or more (two at 40/1). NB No amateur jockeys allowed in 2021 due to Covid-19 rules.

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