

# CHELTENHAM – FESTIVAL TRENDS 2024 - 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 (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.

## WEDNESDAY

**(GR 1) 2M 5F GALLAGHER NOVICES' HURDLE (50%):** 9/10 winners trained in Ireland with four trained by W P Mullins & two by G Elliott. All 10 past winners had finished either 1st/2nd in last prep race with 9/10 winning LTO. 6yo have won 8/10 races since 2014 (but not for the last two renewals). Generally, few real shocks, with only one winner having odds greater than 8/1.

**(GR 1) 3M+ 'BROWN ADVISORY' NOVICES' CHASE (50%):** 3/10 Irish trained winners. A 1st/2nd placed run in last completed prep race (within last 25-77 days) was seen in 10/10 winners. 7yrs is best age group with 7/10 wins. No winner in last 10 years finished worse than 2<sup>nd</sup> in any of its last two completed races in current season. In the betting seven winners were at odds of 4/1 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 five such winners in the last 27 years – namely *Garrison Savannah (1990)*, *Looks Like Trouble (1999)*, *Denman (2007)*, *Bobsworth (2013)* & *Lord Windermere (2014)*. All won the Gold Cup the year after their RSA/Brown Advisory wins! Top trainers are Nicky Henderson & Willie Mullins with 2 wins since 2014.

**2M 5F CORAL CUP H'CAP HURDLE (10%):** Irish trained runners have taken 5/10 races (Two wins for G Elliott). 7/10 past winners finished 4<sup>th</sup> or better on their last outing with 9/10 winners also winning at least one of previous three completed races. All past winners rested at least 22 days since their last run. 7/10 winners had odds of 12/1 to 50/1. 7/10 winners had run four times or less in the current season and just one of the winners had fallen in the current season. N Henderson is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2014.

**(GR 1) 2M QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (40%):** 4/10 Irish trained winners (two from Henry De Bromhead & Willie Mullins). 8/10 past winners were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> or better on last run (others were both 5<sup>th</sup> LTO) with 5/10 winners finishing 1<sup>st</sup> on their last run. All ten winners were aged 10yo or younger. The Clarence House chase (run at Cheltenham 46/53 days earlier) is sometimes a key form guide if horses were either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> there). We have to go back to 2008 to find a winner that had also unseated its rider in the current season and to 1997 for a winner that had fallen in the current season.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Field
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
2022	111-112	Energumene (53)	8 11 10	P Townend	5/2	W P Mullins (Ire)	7
2023	121-113	Energumene ((46)	9 11 10	P Townend	6/5Fv	W P Mullins (Ire)	7

**3M 6F CROSS COUNTRY STEEPLCHASE (28%):** 5/7 Irish trained winners. New race in 2016 – previously run as a handicap. Winner's odds were 5/4 to 11/1 (just one sent off as favourite). Only one UK trained winner in the last seven years (was later disqualified) with G Elliott/Mrs D Foster the leading trainer on 5 wins.\* The 2016 winner *Any Currency* was later disqualified but these comments treat the result on the day as correct. **ABANDONED**  
**WEDNESDAY – WILL UPDATE IF RACE CAN BE RE-SCHEDULED.**

**2M JOHNNY HENDERSON 'GRAND ANNUAL' H'CAP CHASE (10%):** Race brought forwards from Friday in 2021. 4/10 Irish trained winners since 2014. 8/10 winners aged 9yo or younger. In the weights 8/10 carried no more than 11st 5lbs. eight of the last ten winners had odds of 10/1 to 66/1. Last years winner *Maskada* is carrying 8lbs more (in the ratings) this year.

**(GR 1) 2M NH 'WEATHERBYS CHAMPION BUMPER (30%):** Irish trained runners have won 8/10 races (all since 2017) with four 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 2014 had also won their last race. Of the Willie Mullins winners, all were ridden by different jockeys. Indeed, just one was a favourite and one second favourite, with some not particularly fancied with odds of 11/1, & 25/1 seen. All ten past winners were rested at least 18 days before winning here and since 2018, four winners last ran in a similar (Gr2) event at the Dublin Festival with all winning that race as well. The Leopardstown winner is not entered today but the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in that race are here (*You Oughta Know & The Yellow Clay*)

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