

N&M RACING CLUB'S CHELTENHAM

OPEN MEETING (NOVEMBER) FESTIVAL GUIDE

A brief summary of key trends is detailed below for each race over the three-day meeting (2010-19). Trends alone will not usually find winners but they may help you to draw up a short-list and then use your own skill and judgement to find that elusive winner! The figure after each race name/detail is the favourites win rate e.g. 5 wins in 10 years = 50%. The main race of the day is also highlighted in the grid showing details of the last 10 winners.

FRIDAY

2M 5F H/cap Hurdle for Conditional Jockeys (50%): Race moved back to Friday in 2020 (run on the Sunday 2013-2019). Always a large field and apart from a 40/1 winner in 2013, all others had odds of 7/1 or shorter. David Pipe has won 4 times since 2011 and is represented by *Induno* this time.

2M H/cap Chase (22%): Friday's card was abandoned in 2019 but all other winners since 2010 were aged either 7yo or 8yo with 8yo taking 6/9 wins. 8/9 past winners have carried a weight of 11st 7lbs or less so it may pay to concentrate on the lower weighted horses.

2M 4F+ Novice Chase (30%): Four of the nine past winners were making their seasonal return whilst the remainder had just one previous race in the current season (including three winners, a 2nd and a 6th place LTO). 6yo fare best in the race with 7/9 wins with the other winners aged 5yo & 7yo. A 4th place or better LTO was seen for 7/9 past winners. The 7/9 winners were either 1st/2nd favourites with all winner's having odds of 4/1 or shorter.

3M 6F Cross Country Chase (40%): Race moved from Sunday at last year's renewal. The race changed to a handicap in 2015 and since then has thrown up two winning favourites and other winners at 13/2, 14/1 and 50/1. Whilst trends are limited to five years all were aged 6yo to 10yo years* and all carried 10st 11lbs or less. *Kingswell Theatre* won the race in 2017 and is still 9lbs higher in the handicap than that win. In terms of where the winners were trained the current score is France 2, Ireland 2, UK 1. *2016 race run in Jan 2017 and age adjusted to that on the day the race should have been run.

2M 5F (Gr 2) 'Ballymore' Hyde Novices' Hurdle (20%): Race moved from its Saturday slot in 2019. All 10 past winners had raced in the current season with six winning, three 2nd and one faller LTO. 5yo have a strong record in this race with 7/10 wins with all others aged 6yo. All winners had odds of 10/1 or shorter.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	R'nrs
2010	-12	Champion Court (32)	5 11 0	W Marston	5/1	M Keighley	8
2011	1-1	Fingal Bay (22)	5 11 7	R Johnson	4/5Fv	P Hobbs	10
2012	10-1	Coneygree (16)	5 11 4	M Batchelor	8/1	M Bradstock	9
2013	4F22-12	Creepy (28)	5 11 0	I Popham	9/2	M Keighley	8
2014	-12102	Parlour Games (26)	6 11 4	B Geraghty	10/1	J P Ferguson	6
2015	11-1	Shantou Village ((29)	5 11 4	N Fehily	9/2	N Mullholland	4
2016	0-00111	Peregrine Run (33)	6 11 7	R Loughran	13/2	Peter Fahey (Ire)	9
2017	1-1	On The Blind Side (19)	5 11 0	N De Boinville	9/2	N Henderson	6
2018	1205-F	Coolanly (33)	6 11 0	P Brennan	7/2	F O'Brien	9
2019	123-1	Thyme Hill (36)	5 11 5	R Johnson	11/8Fv	P Hobbs	8

2M Novices' H/Cap Hurdle (18%): 7/9 past winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter with the others having odds of 16/1 & 33/1. All 9 past winners were 4th or better LTO. Finishing positions of the winners LTO were 1st (5), 2nd (2), 4th (2). 7/10 winners carried 11st or more.

SATURDAY

2M (Gr 2) Juvenile Hurdle for 3yo only (50%); Paul Nicholls is leading trainer in the race with 4 wins since 2010. The last nine winners also won LTO with the other 2nd LTO. The betting usually acts as a good guide with 9/10 winners having odds of 4/1 or shorter.

3M 1F H/cap Chase for Conditional & Amateur Riders (N/A); Previous races were restricted to amateur riders only.

2M (Gr 2) 'November' Novices' Chase (40%); Race moved from Sunday in 2020. P Nicholls has trained 4 winners since 2011 and 10 since 1995 so *Quel Destin* should be on most short lists. Of the stable's more recent winners all were 1st/2nd on their last run and 2/4 were favourites. Overall, 6/10 winners won LTO and all were 2nd or better on their last start. Oldest winner since 2010 was aged 9yo with 5 & 6yo winning 9/10 races.

2M 4F (Gr 3) Paddy Power H/cap Chase (0%); The last winning favourite was in 2009 and only one 2nd favourite has won in the last ten years. Six winners had odds of 10/1 or shorter with the longest price seen since 2010 being 25/1. No 10yo has won the race since my records started in 1986. 7/10 winners had run once in the current season with all others making a seasonal re-appearance. 7/10 winners carried a weight of 11st or less. Last year's winner *Happy Diva* is seeking back to back wins (now 8lbs higher). *Bradbury Star* was the last horse to win back to back in 1993/94.

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2010	F1F16-1	Little Josh (13)	8 10 8	S T-Davies (3)	20/1	N Twiston-Davies	18
2011	41/62F6-	Great Endeavour (217)	7 10 3	T Murphy	8/1	DE Pipe	20
2012	1/11343-	Al Ferof (219)	7 11 8	R Walsh	8/1	P Nicholls	18
2013	26033-1	John's Spirit (28)	6 10 2	R McLernon	7/1	J O'Neill	20
2014	21532-0	Caid Du Berlais (108)	5 10 13	S T-Davies	10/1	P Nicholls	18
2015	0/3P10F-	Annacotty (218)	7 11 0	I Popham	12/1	A King	20
2016	/156-6	Taquin Du Seuil (35)	9 11 11	A Coleman	8/1	J O'Neill	18
2017	2500-4	Splash Of Ginge (15)	9 10 6	T Bellamy	25/1	N Twiston-Davies	17
2018	12122/2	Baron Alco (34)	7 10 11	J Moore	8/1	G L Moore	18
2019	231U2-2	Happy Diva (15)	8 11 3	R Patrick (3)	14/1	Kerry Lee	17

3M (Listed) H/cap Hurdle (25%); In-form horses should usually be followed with 7/10 winners being 6th or better on last completed run. Lower weighted horses fare best with those carrying 10st 11lbs or less taking 9/10 races. The last four winners had also run at the October meeting at Cheltenham 21/22 days earlier finishing 7th/1st/1st/14th there. The last ten winners were all aged 8yo or younger.

2M 5F Intermediate H/cap Hurdle (35%); In-form horses fare best in general with all 10 winners finishing 1st/2nd on at least one of their last two outings. 5 & 6yo have between them won 9/10 races (other was aged 4yo). 4/10 winners had odds of 12/1 or greater.

2M (Listed) Mares Only NH Flat Race (28%): New race in 2013 with 2016 ending in a dead heat. All past winners had won at least one of their last two races. Four past winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter with the rest available at odds of 14/1, 16/1 (twice) and 28/1. Just one 6yo has won since 2013.

SUNDAY

3 M+ Novices' Chase (40%); P Nicholls is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2011. None of the three were either 1st/2nd favourites. 8/10 past winners were 3rd or better on their last completed race. 8/10 winners had odds of 4/1 or shorter

3M 3F (Gr 3) H/cap Chase (5%); Race moved from Saturday in 2020. Notwithstanding the poor favourite's record, it usually tends to pay to concentrate on the more fancied runners as 7/10 winners had SP's of 9/1 or shorter. Five of the last ten winners last ran at Cheltenham at the October meeting finishing 1st/UR/5th/10th/2nd..

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	R'nrs
2010	311-411	Midnight Chase (29)	8 11 9	D Costello	8/1	N Mullholland	17
2011	U1141-3	Galaxy Rock (20)	7 10 10	A P McCoy	9/1	J O'Neill	11
2012	5213P-U	Monbeg Dude ((29)	7 10 0	J Moore	25/1	M Scudamore	16
2013	156R3-5	Alvarado (35)	8 10 0	P Molony	12/1	F O'Brien	13
2014	3125P-	Sam Winner (217)	7 11 12	S T-Davies	15/2	P Nicholls	14
2015	122F-P	Sausalito Sunrise (35)	7 11 3	R Johnson	7/1	P Hobbs	17
2016	1333-3	Viconte Du Noyer (180)	7 11 2	H Cobden (3)	20/1	C Tizzard	17
2017	02P1P-0	Perfect Candidate (21)	10 10 12	P Brennan	7/1	F O'Brien	9
2018	/1P2-6	Rock The Kasbah (35)	8 10 13	R Johnson	9/1	P Hobbs	15
2019	2066-2	West Approach (21)	9 11 1	R M Power	11/4JF	C Tizzard	7

2M (Gr 2) 'Shloer' Cheltenham Chase (60%); A new race in 2009 with listed status upgraded to Gr 2 status in 2017. 9/10 past winners were 1st/2nd favourites with 6/10 making their seasonal re-appearance. In the last 5 years four of the winners here have finished 4th or better in the Queen Mother Chase in the following March.

2M (Gr 3) 'Greatwood' H/cap Hurdle (0%); Oldest winner since 2010 was aged 6yo All but two past winners finished 6th or better LTO and 6/10 had a 1st/2nd place on at least one of last two outings. 7/10 winners had odds of 10/1 to 20/1. Since my records commenced in 1986 no horse has won the race twice with *Harambe* now 6lbs higher than winning last year.

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2010	121212-	Menorah (219)	5 11 12	R Johnson	6/1	P Hobbs	17
2011	3100-1	Brampour (15)	4 11 11	H Derham (7)	12/1	P Nicholls	24
2012	0/42F50-	Olofi (247)	6 10 11	P Brennan	8/1	T R George	18
2013	/212	Dell'Arca (157)	4 10 5	T Scudamore	12/1	DE Pipe	18
2014	24011-3	Garde La Victoire (22)	5 11 9	R Johnson	10/1	P Hobbs	15
2015	1P2031	Old Guard (23)	4 11 3	H Cobden (7)	12/1	P Nicholls	17
2016	21204-	North Hill Harvey (219)	5 11 0	H Skelton	6/1	D Skelton	16
2017	220-41	Elgin (15)	5 10 8	W Hutchinson	10/1	A King	13
2018	3/6000-6	Nietzsche (179)	5 10 0	D McMenamin (7)	20/1	B Ellison	18
2019	44112-0	Harambe (37)	6 11 0	T Bellamy	16/1	A King	14

2 Mile (Gr 2) 'Sky Bet' Sharp Novices' Hurdle (40%); 4&5yo have won 9/10 races – with 5yo having a better record on 6/10 wins with the last 6yo winner in 2003. Since 2010 all winners had finished 1st/2nd on last run. In the past the winners of the race included top horses such as *Cue Card, Dodging Bullets & Altior..*

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2010	11-1	Cue Card (19)	4 11 7	J Tizzard	8/13 Fv	C Tizzard	7
2011	1F1-011	Steps To Freedom (29)	5 11 7	RM Power	11/8 Fv	Mrs J Harrington (Ire)	9
2012	246-1	Dodging Bullets (27)	4 11 7	R Walsh	5/4 Fv	P Nicholls	8
2013	2/2141-1	The Liquidator (18)	5 11 4	T Scudamore	6/4	DE Pipe	7
2014	53/11	Vyta Du Roc (155)	5 11 7	B Geraghty	3/1	N Henderson	6
2015	136-11	Altior (15)	5 11 7	N De Boinville	2/1 Fv	N Henderson	5
2016	111/21	Moon Racer (52)	7 11 4	T Scudamore	9/4	D E Pipe	6
2017	5/1-1	Slat House (23)	5 11 0	H Cobden	5/2	C Tizzard	5
2018	16-F2	Elixir Du Nutz (23)	4 11 0	H Cobden	5.1	C Tizzard	5
2019	/342-U1	Hang In There (26)	5 11 0	A Wedge	6/1	E Lavelle	5

2Mile (Listed) NH Flat Race (10%); 8/10 winners were 3rd or better on their last run including six winners that also won LTO although no NH debutants have won the race since 2008. Whilst the favourites record is modest 7/10 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter (includes three 2nd favourites) with the rest coming in at 16/1 (twice) and 25/1. 4yo is the preferred age group with 6/10 wins with 5yo next best on 3 wins. Recent well known winners include *Rock On Ruby, Definitely Red and Ballyandy.*