

# 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 (2014-23). 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 (40%):** 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 8/1 or shorter. David Pipe & Harry Fry both have 3 wins since 2013.

**2M H/cap Chase (11%):** Friday's card was abandoned in 2019 but all other winners since 2013 were aged 6-8yo. Besides the sole winning favourite there were two winning 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. None of the last 8 winners had finished better than 5<sup>th</sup> LTO.

**2M (Gr 2) 'Arkle Trial' Novices' Chase (40%):** Race moved from Sunday to Saturday in 2020 and to Friday in 2023. P Nicholls, P Hobbs & D Skelton have all trained 2 winners since 2013. Overall, 8/10 winners won LTO and all others were 2nd on their last start. 6yo horses have won 6/10 races with 5yo next best with 3/10 wins.

**3M 5F Cross Country Chase (37%):** Race moved from Sunday at the 2020 renewal. The race changed to a handicap in 2015 and since then has thrown up three winning favourites and other winners at 13/2, 6/1, 14/1, 22/1 and 50/1. All were aged 6yo to 11yo years\* and all carried 10st 11lbs or less. *Back On The Lash* won the last two renewals and is 2lbs lower in the handicap since the last win. In terms of where the winners were trained the current score is France 2, Ireland 2, UK 4. \*2016 & 2022 races run in January instead (firm ground in November).

**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 seven winning, two 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
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
2020	1/22-11	Does He Know (21)	5 11 3	D Bass	11/8Fv	K Bailey	7
2021	52/541-1	Blazing Khal (38)	5 11 0	D McInerney	9/2	C Byrnes (Ire)	6
2022	1	Hermes Allen (27)	5 11 2	H Cobden	9/4	P Nicholls	7

**2M Novices' H/Cap Hurdle (18%):** 4/9 past winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter with the others having odds of 16/1, 28/1 & 33/1 (three times). All 9 past winners were 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO. Finishing positions of the winners LTO were 1<sup>st</sup> (3), 2<sup>nd</sup> (2), 4<sup>th</sup> (3) & 5<sup>th</sup> (1). 6/9 winners carried 11st or more.

## SATURDAY

**2M (Gr 2) Juvenile Hurdle for 3yo only (40%);** The last ten winners also won LTO. The betting usually acts as a good guide with 9/10 winners having odds of 9/2 or shorter. Three winners since 2018 had last run 27 days earlier.

**3M 1F H/cap Chase for Amateur Riders (16%);** All winners had odds of 11/1 or shorter. Also, all winners were 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last completed run.

**3 M+ Novices' Chase (40%);** Race moved back to Saturday (from Sunday) in 2023. P Nicholls is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2015. None of the three were favourites. 7/10 past winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> or better on their last completed race. 8/10 winners had odds of 11/2 or shorter. Three winners since 2015 had last run at Cheltenham 22/23 days earlier – finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> .

**2M 4F (Gr 3) Paddy Power H/cap Chase (0%);** The last winning favourite was in 2009 and only two 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites have won in the last ten years. Seven winners had odds of 10/1 or shorter with the longest price seen since 2013 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.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	R'nrs
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
2020	4P-122	Coole Cody (21)	9 10 5	T O'Brien	10/1	E Williams	16
2021	/02P-3	Midnight Shadow (20)	8 11 5	R Mania	9/1	Mrs S J Smith	19
2022	1132/3	Ga Law (20)	6 11 0	J J Burke	5/1	J Snowden	14

**3M H/cap Hurdle (20%);** The last ten winners were all aged 8yo or younger. The last three winners were making a seasonal re-appearance but prior to that there were four winners that last raced here at he October meeting.

**2M 5F Intermediate H/cap Hurdle (33%);** Run as a class 3 hurdle since 2020. All three winners were aged 5yo and were 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run.

**2M (Listed) Mares Only NH Flat Race (40%);** New race in 2013 with 2016 & 2020 ending in dead heats. All past winners had won at least one of their last two races. 8/12 past winners had odds of 11/2 or shorter with the rest available at odds of 14/1, 16/1 (twice) and 28/1. 4yo have provided 7/12 winners.

## SUNDAY

**2m Maiden Hurdle (n/a):** New race in 2023.

**2m 4f Novices' Handicap Chase (n/a):** New race in 2022.

**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 8/10 winners had SP's of 9/1 or shorter. Three of the last ten winners last ran at Cheltenham at the October meeting finishing 5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	R'nrs
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
2020	4110-5	Ramses De Taille (29)	8 11 5	T Scudamore	11/2	D Pipe	6
2021	F314U-	Yala Enki (218)	11 11 12	B Frost	3/1	P Nicholls	5
2022	1210-F	Does he Know (22)	7 12 0	D Bass	6/1	K Bailey	11

**2M (Gr 2) 'Shloer' Cheltenham Chase (60%);** A new race in 2009 with listed status upgraded to Gr 2 status in 2017. 10/10 past winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites with 7/10 making their seasonal re-appearance. In the last eight years, four of the winners here have finished 4<sup>th</sup> or better in the Queen Mother Chase in the following March.

**2M (Gr 3) 'Greatwood' H/cap Hurdle (0%);** Oldest winner since 2013 was aged 7yo All but two past winners finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better LTO and 8/10 had a 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place on at least one of last two outings. 7/10 winners had odds of 10/1 to 20/1.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Wt	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	R'nrs
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
2020	P-4114	The Shunter (14)	7 10 0	R M Power	13/2	E Mullins (Ire)	14
2021	22112/	West Cork (631)	7 10 13	H Skelton	11/1	D Skelton	19
2022	11520-	I Like To Move It (240)	5 12 0	S T-Davies	17/2	N T-Davies	13

**2Mile (Listed) NH Flat Race (5%);** 7/10 winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> or better on their last run including five winners that also won LTO although no NH debutants have won the race since 2008. Whilst the favourites record is poor 7/10 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter (includes four 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites) with the rest coming in at 12/1 and 16/1. 4yo is the preferred age group with 6/10 wins with 5yo next best on 4 wins.

