

CHESTER (MAY) FESTIVAL - 10 YEAR TRENDS

A brief summary of key trends is detailed below for each race over the three-day meeting - trends alone will not usually find winners but they may help you to draw up a shortlist 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.

The meeting did not take place in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Drawfacts data assumes the stalls are split into three sections: Low/Middle/High. For fuller details of the draw effects please use the North & Midlands RC Members Drawfacts Data website: www.northernracingclub.com

WEDNESDAY

5 Furlong 'Lily Agnes' Stakes for 2yo (38%); 6/9 past winners had 2/3 runs before this race and the remainder had won on their only start. 7/9 having won a race previously. The draw is usually a big factor with 7/9 winners drawn 5 or lower. All had odds of 6/1 or shorter. Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 33%; High 11%.

5 Furlong Handicap (22%); Interestingly for a sprint race at Chester, neither stall 1 or stall 2 have provided the winner in the last ten years with stall 3 producing 3/9 winners. Good recent form is also a common theme with all past winners finishing 6th or better on their last run in the current. In the wights all winners since 2012 carried 8st 7lbs or more. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 56%; High 11%.

(Listed) Cheshire Oaks over 1m 3f for 3yo Fillies (55%); Apart from 2021 we have to go back to 2002 to find a winner that was making her seasonal re-appearance with 8/9 recent winners all finishing either 1st or 3rd on their last run in the current season. A P O'Brien is the leading trainer in the race with 3 wins since 2015 (all sent off as favourites). Just one second favourite has won the race in the last 9 years and apart from the 1st/2nd favourites the winners odds were 9/1, 16/1 & 50/1. Race Fact: *Enable* won the race in 2017 before winning the Oaks and multiple other Gr 1 races as a 3yo and winning the Arc twice. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 56%; High 11%.

(Gr 3) 'Chester Vase' over 1m 4f for 3yo (55%); Often referred to as a 'Derby Trial' although in truth most winners are likely to fare best at the Curragh in the Irish equivalent rather than at Epsom! *Ruler of the World* was the exception to the rule in 2013 though. AP O'Brien is now the top trainer with 6 wins since 2013 – five of the last six ridden by R L Moore (longest odds were 13/2 when ridden by D O'Brien) with the remainder all favourites. 7/9 recent winners had also won LTO (all but one in current season) with the others 2nd & 4th. The last nine winners all had odds of 8/1 or shorter. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 22%; High 45%.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2012	1-62142	Mickdaam (21)	8st 12lbs	T Hamilton	8/1	R Fahey	5 of 5
2013	-1	Ruler Of The World (32)	8st 12lbs	R L Moore	10/11F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	4 of 5
2014	21-	Orchestra (259)	9st	R L Moore	3/1F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	2 of 9
2015	4-21	Hans Holbern (22)	9st	R L Moore	7/4F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	5 of 6
2016	-1	U S Army Ranger (32)	9st	R L Moore	4/11F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	3 of 6
2017	2-31	Venice Beach (21)	9st	R L Moore	5/2F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	3 of 8
2018	2-1	Young Rascal (18)	9st	J Doyle	10/3	W Haggas	2 of 10
2019	-1	Sir Dragonet (13)	9st	D O'Brien	13/2	A P O'Brien (Ire)	8 of 8
2020		No Meeting (Covid-19)					
2021	413-4	Youth Spirit (22)	9st	T Marquand	15/2	A Balding	4 of 8

6 Furlong Handicap for 3yo (11%); As with many sprints at the track, a low draw usually helps and since 2012, 6/9 winners have come from stalls 1-6. Most sprinters tend to run best when already in reasonable form thus it's no surprise to see that 7/9 winners were 6th or better on their last run (all but one in current season). In the betting 8/9 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter. The last nine winners all carried between 8st 5lbs & 9st 6lbs. Drawfacts: Low 55%; Middle 45%.

1m 2f Maiden for 3yo (44%): When the favourites were beaten only two 2nd favourite has obliged (other odds were 5/1, 11/2 & 14/1). Stall 3 has provided three of the last six winners. All winners since 2012 had finished 5th or better LTO in the current season. 5/9 recent winners had run only once before with no debutant winners since 1987 (when my records started). Drawfacts: Low 45%; Middle 33%; High 22%.

7 Furlong Handicap (0%): All winners since 2012 carried between 9st 4lbs & 9st 7lbs and had odds ranging from 11/2 to 25/1. R Fahey is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2012 – all having odds between 11/2 & 7/1. 7/9 recent winners had last run 10-60 days earlier). Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 33%; High 11%.

THURSDAY

5 Furlong Handicap (33%); All past winners since 2012 came from stall 4 or lower. The last nine winners carried a weight between 8st 6lbs & 9st 5lbs with 7/9 finishing 6th or better LTO. 3/9 winners had odds of 10/1 to 22/1 with no second favourites winning in the last 10 years. Drawfacts: Low 100%

7.5 Furlong Handicap for 3yo (33%); Apart from R Fahey (2021) no other Northern trainer has won this race in the last 10 years. 8/9 winners came from stalls 1-5 with stalls 1,2 & 4 producing two winners. All winners since 2013 had run once or twice in the current season. No 2nd favourite has won the race in the last ten years although there were two winning joint favourites. Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 33%; High 11%.

(Listed) 'Dee Stakes' over 1m 2f for 3yo (61%): Surprisingly stalls 1 & 2 have not provided a winner of this race in the last 10 years with a middle draw generally seen as an advantage. Aiden O'Brien is now leading trainer on 6 wins since 2012 all of which started as sole/joint favourites (four winners ridden by R L Moore). In years when the O'Brien team has not won we have seen 11/1 & 12/1 winners recently. Drawfacts: Middle 67%; High 33%.

(Gr 3) 'Ormonde Stakes' over 1m 5f (44%); No real shocks in this race since 1998 (Stretarez @ 25/1) with all winner's odds being 8/1 or shorter since 2012, with 2nd favourites faring as well as favourites with 4/9 wins as well. Ryan Moore is the leading jockey with 3 wins since 2016 (two for A P O'Brien). 7/9 winners were making their seasonal re-appearance. No winner has come from a middle third of the draw in the last 10 years. Drawfacts: Low 55%; High 45%.

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2012	51/243-	Memphis Tennessee (320)	4 9 0	JP O'Brien	1/1 F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	4 of 5
2013	4/11150-	Mount Athos (166)	6 9 0	J Spencer	11/8	L Cumani	5 of 6
2014	30/1150-	Brown Panther (185)	6 9 0	R Kingscote	6/4	T Dascombe	6 of 6
2015	111064-	Clever Cookie (238)	7 9 0	G Lee	8/1	P Niven	7 of 8
2016	61153-1	Dartmouth (20)	4 9 3	R L Moore	1/1F	Sir M Stoute	2 of 7
2017	366451-	Western Hymn (191)	6 9 0	L Dettori	7/2	J Gosden	3 of 11
2018	1U/6130-0	Idaho (40)	5 9 0	R L Moore	8/11F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	5 of 6
2019	2/30521-	Morando (194)	6 9 3	S De Sousa	3/1	A Balding	1 of 6
2020		No Meeting (Covid-19)					
2021	4/43350-	Japan (201)	5 9 0	R L Moore	13/8F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	3 of 8

5 Furlong Maiden for 2yo (44%); Whilst two of the last nine winners were making their racecourse debuts, all but one of the remainder had finished 3rd or better on their only previous run. 8/9 winners had odds of 15/2 or shorter. No winner has come from the favoured stall 1 since 2000 although 8/9 winners came from stall 6 or lower. Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 33%; High 11%.

1M 2f Handicap rated 0-90 (5%); It is interesting to see that 7/9 past winners came from stall 5 or higher. In the betting 8/9 had odds of 7/1 or greater with the others both 5/1 shots including one joint favourite and one second favourite. In the weights 8/9 past winners carried between 9st 3lbs or less. Drawfacts: Low 22%; Middle 22%; High 56%.

1m 4f Handicap for 3yo (22%); This should be a very trappy handicap bearing in mind that most 3yo will be trying this trip for the first time. However as 7/9 winners all had odds of 15/2 or shorter so the betting market should provide a decent guide. 8/9 winners also ran 3rd or better on last start with 5/9 winning LTO. 3/9 winners were making their seasonal re-appearances so a recent prep race is often preferred. 7/9 winners carried a weight between 8st 8lbs & 9st 6lbs. Drawfacts: Low 22%; Middle 33%; High 45%.

FRIDAY

7.5 Furlongs Handicap for 4yo+ (22%); Three of the last seven winners came from stall 1 and 8/9 winners came from stalls 1-5. 6/9 winners had run at least twice in current season with one seasonal debutant seen. The last nine winners finished no better than 4th on their last run. 7/9 recent winners carried a weight of 9st or less. Drawfacts: Low 89%; Middle 11%

1m 2f Handicap for 4yo+ (33%); 8/9 winners had odds of 13/2 or shorter. 8/9 winners carried a weight of 9st 1lb or less. 4/9 recent winners were making their seasonal reappearance. Drawfacts: Low 55%; Middle 11%; High 33%.

(Gr 2) 'Huxley Stakes' over 1m 2f (44%); Ryan Moore is the top jockey with 4 wins since 2012. All of the last nine races were won by 4/5yo. Three seasonal debutants have won the race since 2013. Drawfacts: Middle 77%; High 23%.

2m 2f+ Chester Cup (0%); Regarded by many as the highlight of the meeting. Despite the long trip the draw can still be a big factor. 6/9 recent winners were making their seasonal re-appearance with those carrying 9st 4lbs or less winning 7/9 races. Last year's winner *Falcon Eight* is now 5lbs higher in the ratings. The last back-to-back winner was *Anak Pekan* in 2004/5 and the last horse to win carrying 9st 12lbs or more was *Rainbow High* in 2001. Last nine winners had odds of 15/2 to 16/1. Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 22%; High 22%.

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2012	61400U-	Ile De Re (184)	6 8 11	J Crowley	10/1	D McCain Jr	13 of 19
2013	002130-	Address Unknown (242)	6 9 0	J Spencer	12/1	R Fahey	2 of 19
2014	04252-3	Suegioo (11)	5 9 4	R L Moore	10/1	M Botti	4 of 19
2015	004-411	Trip To Paris (11)	4 8 9	G Lee	10/1	E Dunlop	11 of 19
2016	3/13656/	No Heretic (940)	8 8 13	J Spencer	11/1	N Henderson	4 of 18
2017	053200-	Montaly (186)	6 9 6	O Murphy	16/1	A Balding	2 of 19
2018	550150-	Magic Circle (209)	6 9 3	F Berry	8/1	I Williams	6 of 17
2019	3003-51	Making Miracles (13)	4 9 0	F Norton	16/1	M Johnston	16 of 17
2020		No Meeting (Covid-19)					
2021	2145/34	Falcon Eight (314)	6 9 10	L Dettori	15/2	D Weld (Ire)	10 of 16

5 Furlong Conditions Stakes (38%); New race in 2012. 8/9 winners to date were aged 5yo+. 8/9 had odds of 7/1 or shorter (6/9 were 1st/2nd favourites) with the other (Silvanus) a surprise 25/1 winner. 4/9 winners have come from stall three. 7/9 winners since 2012 had a previous run in the current season. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 45%; High 22%.

1M 4f (Apprentices) Handicap for 4yo+ (42%); New race in 2014. 6/7 past winners were 4th or better LTO with the other unplaced on its last run. All seven carried a weight of 9st 2lbs or more. Drawfacts: Low 14%; Middle 28%; High 58%.

2m 2f+ 'Chester Plate' Handicap (33%); New 'consolation' race in 2018 for those that miss the cut in the Chester Cup. All winners to date were either 2nd/3rd LTO. The three winners have all carried 9st 8lbs or less. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 67%.

