

Cheltenham 2020

Ten MORE essential Cheltenham Festival stats you NEED to be aware of...



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**Stats are taken from the last ten Cheltenham Festivals unless otherwise stated*

Cheltenham Stat #1

**48 of Willie Mullins 50 Festival winners had
WON 1 of their last 3 starts**

2/94 | 2% S/R | -£61.12 BFLSP

Win & Place 17/92 | 18% S/R (66% below exp)

The above are the stats for the Mullins horses that HADN'T won 1 of their last 3 starts, highlighting exactly why you want a recent victory on the CV of any Mullins horse you plan on punting at the Festival. Interestingly both the horses that DID defy the stat failed to finish Last Time Out.

Cheltenham Stat #2

**Davy Russell is always worth looking out for in
the Handicaps...**

Especially under the following conditions...

D Russell | Cheltenham Handicaps | SP 16/1 or less |
Horse ran in IRELAND last time out | top 3 finish 1
of last 3 starts

Where he is...

8/20 | 40% S/R | +£103.95 BFLSP

Win & Place 11/20 | 55% S/R

That's not fired in winners every year but it's a solid little angle to keep in mind and has found all 8 of Russell's recent Handicap winners.

Cheltenham Stat #3

Tom Scudamore has only managed to convert ONE of his 112 festival rides over hurdles...

1/112 | <1% S/R | -£109.84 BFLSP

Win & Place 13/112 | 12% S/R

79% below exp

That one winner came four years ago in the shape of Thistlecrack, before that and since then he has drawn an almighty blank over the festival hurdles.

Cheltenham Stat #4

Daryl Jacob has only ridden 2 of his 108 festival rides into the winners' enclosure...

2/108 | 2% S/R | -£87.54 BFLSP

Win & Place 27/108 | 25% S/R

69% below expectation

Jacob gets plenty of rides at the festival, but he really struggles to get them home in front, particularly recently, with the jockey failing to register any wins at the last five festivals (from 48 rides). In fairness to him the place stats aren't all that bad but converting them into winners has simply been a struggle, especially since he left the post as Paul Nicholls stable jockey.

Cheltenham Stat #5

14 of David Pipe's 15 Cheltenham Festival winners had returned from a rest period of between 38 - 150 days ...

14/130 | 11% S/R | +£80.58 BFLSP

Win & Place 31/130 | 24% S/R

David Pipe has become a bit of an expert at laying off his festival runners a touch and then building them up to peak condition at home, away from the rough and tumble of a race track appearance. Those figures become even more noticeable when you consider the record of his festival runners returning WITHIN 37 days of their last start...

1/119 | <1% S/R | -£103.00 BFLSP

Win & Place 11/119 | 9% S/R

The one winner being GASPARA (2007) who was chasing the Imperial Cup/Cheltenham double bonus pot.



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Cheltenham Stat #6

Venetia Williams has been struggling to hit the mark in recent festivals...

1/109 | 1% S/R | -£46.03 BFLSP

Win & Place 11/109 | 10% S/R

Had it not been for Carrickboy springing a 66.23 (BFSP) surprise in 2013 her P&L figures would be significantly worse than they are. Despite that, her overall stats really are not what you'd expect from a trainer of her stature, highlighted by the fact her festival runners are performing 77% below expectation. She's actually failed to record any winners in the last 6 years and has only picked up a measly 4 placed finishers.

Cheltenham Stat #7

Philip Hobbs has been struggling to get a win with his runners that were not strongly fancied by the market (past six seasons)...

...specifically, those that started at 5/1 or bigger...

0/70 | 0% S/R | -£70.00 BFLSP

Win & Place 9/70 | 13% S/R

For a trainer of Hobbs' stature and ability that's a fair old quiet spell for those that didn't have an 'obvious' chance of success. Zero winners and a paltry nine making the frame is a poor showing. For the record, 7 of the 9 placed horses came in handicaps.

Cheltenham Stat #8

The W Mullins/P Townend combo has been quietly building up some tasty profits...

...particularly in the last 5 years under the following conditions...

Townend ridden horse at least twice previously | 5yo-8yo

8/28 | 29% S/R | +£86.07 BFLSP

Win & Place 14/28 | 50% S/R

With Ruby Walsh now retired the Mullins spotlight very much falls on Paul Townend. Recent evidence suggests, however, he's unlikely to be fazed by the challenge, with the above stats running at 140% above expectation and pulling in some tasty profits.

Cheltenham Stat #9

21 of Gordon Elliott's 25 winners had their last start in a NON-Handicap race...

21/130 | 16% S/R | +£171.06 BFLSP

Win & Place 45/130 | 35% S/R

That may not seem all that impressive at first glance but when you compare it against his runners that ran in a Handicap last time out (4/54) you begin to see that Elliott (who is obviously a damn shrewd operator) is almost certainly planning his Cheltenham attacks and sees a Non-Handicap 'warm-up' as the ideal route in. 8 of his 10 Festival Handicap winners ran in a Non-Handicap last time out.

Cheltenham Stat #10

**Alan King's last 60 Non-Handicap Hurdlers have
ALL been beaten...**

0/62 | 0% S/R | -£62.00 BFLSP

Win & Place 12/62 | 19% S/R

The festival glory days for Alan King seem a distant memory now, with 10 years stats of 4/163 (63% below expectation) showing that he fires plenty of bullets, but the majority miss their target. Indeed, four-year stats of 0/62 highlight that things are getting worse instead of better. The area hit the hardest are certainly the Non-Handicap Hurdlers, which are currently on a losing streak of 62.

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