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★ CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STATS ★



Featuring...

- The BEST profile to find winners of the G1 Chase
- The BEST profile to find winners of the G1 Novice Hurdles
 - The Angle that has pulled in +£431.92 profit
 - KILLER STATS for 8 of the Grade 1 races
 - And MUCH MORE...

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Introduction

13 Stats to help you profit from the 2025 Cheltenham Festival...

Welcome to the first **FREE Narrowing The Field (NTF)** guide for the **2025 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL...**

This report highlights **13 Stats and Angles** associated with the **Cheltenham Festival...**

There were any number of my own saved angles I could have included in this guide... the 13 I eventually settled on are ones I feel will give you an excellent chance of finding winners, and whittling out the losers, at the **2025 Cheltenham Festival...**

Some of these angles I've made available at previous Cheltenham Festivals, and when adding them to this guide I've made sure they are all bang up to date and correct for this year's meeting...

As is always the case with an NTF guide, it is entirely up to yourself how you wish to utilise the information and how you want to add it to your own punting methods...

You may wish to make use of all these stats and angles... you may want to pick and choose a couple that appeal to your own punting style... you may find the guide sparking your brain to go off and source your own similar angles... the choice, as always, is up to you...

Happy Cheltenham Punting

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STAT #1***The Best Stats Profile to find the winners of the Grade 1 Chases***

30 of the 30 Grade 1 (Non-Novice) Chase winners at the last 10 Cheltenham Festivals passed ALL of the following Stats...

- ✓ ***Aged 7yo-10yo***
- ✓ ***SP 16/1 or less***
- ✓ ***Previously WON at least at Grade 2 level***
- ✓ ***Ran in a NON-Handicap Chase Last Time Out (LTO)***
- ✓ ***Days Since Last Run (DSLRL) 31-120***
- ✓ ***Last win came in a Class 1 Chase***

It's maybe a tad 'general' and bit of a 'one size fits all' type of an approach... and the overall stats for the races in question (**QMCC – Ryanair Chase – Gold Cup**) do vary from race to race... BUT if you are looking for a VERY quick method of finding **the most likely winners of the Festival Grade 1 (Non-Novice) Chases** then the above set of trends is as good a starting point as any....

If you had backed all qualifiers to Betfair SP (131 of them) then you would have made a profit of **+£94.85 BFLSP**... although the stats are probably much more useful as a 'starting point'... and they would have **knocked out 179 of the G1 Chase 'losers' in the past 10 years**. You'd still have some work to do, but you'd certainly be well on your way to finding the likeliest winners (based on previous stats)...

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STAT #2***Previously Won/Placed in the SAME Festival race***

Horses that had previously Won or Placed in the SAME Festival race have pulled in serious profits...

'**Festival Form**' will be a term that you hear plenty of during, and especially in the lead up to, the 2025 festival... and whilst it may be overplayed, to a certain extent, there is actually some merit to it... especially when **the horse in question is once again running in a race where they have previously banked some Festival Form...** and by that I mean **they have previously WON or PLACED in the SAME RACE at previous Cheltenham Festivals...**

Last season **STATE MAN, LANGER DAN, CAPTAIN GUINNESS, TEAHUPOO, SHAKEM UPARRY** and **GALOPIN DES CHAMPS** all won in a race they had previously won or placed in... whilst **FLOORING PORTER** and **PIED PIPER** both placed (at a 9/1 & 14/1) in a race they had previously won or placed in...

At the 2023 Festival **SIRE DU BERLAIS, DELTA WORK, ENERGUMENE, HONEYSUCKLE** and **CORACH RAMBLER** all won in a race they had previously won or placed in... whilst **QUEENS BROOK, CAMPROND, GLOBAL CITIZEN, MILL GREEN & SHANTOU FLYER** all placed (at a double figure price) in a race they had previously won or placed in...

The 10-year stats read...

Cheltenham Festival | Horses that had previously WON or PLACED in the SAME race | Rated no more than 15lbs below top-rated horse

43/273 | 16% S/R | +£431.92 BFLSP – W&P 92/273 | 34% S/R

21% above expectation | E/W returns = +£218.06

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STAT #3***The Best Stats Profile of Novice Hurdle Winners***

**27 of the 30 Grade 1 Novice Hurdle winners
(excluding the Triumph) at the last 10 Cheltenham
Festivals passed ALL the following Stats...**

- ✓ ***Had an official rating of 136+ (or were yet to be allocated a rating)***
- ✓ ***Had a 67%+ Win & Place Hurdle strike-rate***
- ✓ ***Top 3 finish LTO in a C1-C4 Hurdle race and starting at an SP of 8/1 or less***
- ✓ ***DSLR 28 or more***

Again, like the G1 Chase angle that started this guide, this is a tad on the 'general' side, but nevertheless it has captured **90% of the last 30 G1 Novice Hurdle winners** and if you had backed the angle blind it would have returned the following figures...

27/186 | 15% S/R | +£204.24 BFLSP – W&P 63/186 | 34% S/R
12% above expectation | E/W returns = +£76.64

Almost certainly best as a 'way-in' rather than a follow blind type of angle... but it has been a damn good shortlist builder for the **Cheltenham Festival G1 Novice Hurdles**, that's for sure...

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STAT #4***Narrowing the Handicap Hurdle Fields***

39 of the 40 Handicap Hurdle winners were aged 5yo-8yo and had 22 or less career starts

**The Boodles 4yo Handicap Hurdle is not included in these stats*

You probably don't need me to tell you that the best place to look for the winners of Cheltenham Festival Handicap Hurdles is the younger and less exposed types... but the fact that **98% of the winners of those races could be found by using just the two trends - aged 5yo-8yo and 22 or less career starts** - is well worth highlighting...

...and we can add three more stats to help narrow these fields further... with **37 of the 40 winners** passing the following five trends...

- ✓ **Aged 5yo-8yo**
- ✓ **22 or less Career starts**
- ✓ **0-5 previous CAREER wins**
- ✓ **0-3 previous HANDICAP Hurdle wins**
- ✓ **Ran in a Hurdle race last time out**

Nothing overly groundbreaking there and you would still have to do plenty of work to whittle the races down further... but the above stats knocked out **313 Handicap Hurdle losers** (and only the 3 winners) and still left you with **125 of the 160 Win and Place horses** from the ultra-competitive Cheltenham Festival Handicap Hurdle races...

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STAT #5***The Mares Races***

22 of the 23 winners of the Mares' races at the last 10 festivals ALL passed the following stats...

- ✓ ***Had between 2 & 20 previous career starts***
- ✓ ***1-5 starts in the current season***
- ✓ ***Had an official rating of 135+ (or were yet to be allocated a rating)***
- ✓ ***Finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd Last Time Out in a Class 1, 2 or 3 race***

Giving an overall set of figures of...

22/107 | 21% S/R | +£134.12 BFLSP – W&P 42/107 | 39% S/R

17% above expectation | E/W returns = +£72.19

A bit of a rough and ready approach but the simple facts are that using the above would have found you **22 of the 23 winners of the Mares' races at the last 10 Cheltenham Festivals...**

Ideally you would still be looking to do a bit more trimming once the above stats had produced a shortlist for you... but they *have* proven to be an excellent starting point for your Mares' races analysis...

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 1 KILLER STATS

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2025 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 1 - Tuesday 11th March

1:20 SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

**The last 12 winners all had an official rating of 144+
and had 2-8 previous career starts**
(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 106, 12 places)

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2025 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 1 - Tuesday 11th March

4:00 CHAMPION HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

**The last 12 winners all had an OR of 157+, 5-17 Hurdle
starts and won or were beaten no more than 4L LTO**
(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 70, 13 places)

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 2 KILLER STATS

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Day 2 - Wednesday 12th March

1:20 TURNERS NOVICES' HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners all had an OR of 146+, 2-4 Hurdle starts and finished 1st or 2nd LTO

(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 95, 9 places)

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Day 2 - Wednesday 12th March

4:00 QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners all started at 11/1 or less, had 5+ Chase wins and ran in a G1 or G2 Chase LTO over < 2m1.5f

(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 65, 16 places)

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 3 KILLER STATS

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Day 3 - Thursday 13th March

3:20 RYANAIR CHASE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners all had an OR of 161+, 25 or less career starts and 2-4 starts in the current season

(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 71, 10 places)

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Day 3 - Thursday 13th March

4:00 STAYERS HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners all had previously run over at least 2m4f (but no further than 3m1f), were DSLR >31 and their last win came in a Graded Hurdle

(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 77, 6 places)

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 4 KILLER STATS

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Day 4 - Friday 14th March
1:20 TRIUMPH HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners all had 12 or less career starts, 1-2 starts in the last 90-days, were DSLR 18-56 and Won or were beaten no more than 10L LTO
(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 85, 13 places)

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2025 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 4 - Friday 14th March
4:00 GOLD CUP

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners all had previously won a G1, had 26 or less career starts, Won 1 of their last 4 starts and were DSLR 32-105
(those that didn't meet this are 0 from 81, 6 places)

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DOORS OPEN SOON...

As always, there are many ways you can slice and dice the festival races when using trends and stats as your starting point. For example, I like to dig into the stats associated with individual races when pulling together the analysis on my **full NTF Members service**... but the more rounded view, using some of the stats in this guide, is also something I like to consider, and although it's a bit more rough and ready than the individual race approach, it is still a potent and profitable method to attack some of the trickiest races you'll find on the entire racing calendar...

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