

# NARROWING THE FIELD FREE GUIDE



## ○ AINTREE FESTIVAL STATS ○



*FEATURING SPECIFIC STATS FOR...*

- AINTREE NON-HANDICAPS
- AINTREE HANDICAPS
- AINTREE GRADE 1'S
- THE GRAND NATIONAL
- AND MORE...

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## **2025 Aintree National Festival – Stat Attack**

The 2025 Aintree National Festival... 3 days in Merseyside topped off by the marathon chase of all marathon chases: **THE Grand National**.

Horses will have either been targeted at this meeting or will be coming here looking to bolster their Cheltenham Festival superiority or looking for compensation for a near miss/poor run at Prestbury Park. Either way it is a high-class meeting that brings together some strong trends that we can get stuck in to...

In this NTF 'Stat Attack' guide I'm going to look at some trends and stats we should be aware of to help us 'narrow the field' over the 3-days...

I have split the guide into five areas...

- **All races**
- **NON-Handicap**
- **Handicaps**
- **Grade 1's**
- **The Grand National**

...and the last six Aintree Grand National meetings have been used to source the data.

As always, I suggest you use these trends and stats as a guide rather than as gospel, using the information contained within this free NTF guide to help with your own analysis of the **2025 Aintree Grand National meeting**...

Cheers and Happy Aintree Punting

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## Aintree National Meeting - All Races...

There have been **126 races** at the past 6 Aintree Festivals...

### General Trends

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#### Age

##### Runners aged 11+

4/174 | 2% S/R | **-£135 LSP** – 43% below expectation

Win & Place – 21/174 | 12% S/R

For most it has been a long and hard season and for those runners that are in, or almost in, their teens Aintree in April has been a bridge too far for them. Four winners is a poor return for the older brigade, and **you really want a plenty of other factors in your favour before deciding to punt your hard earned on one of these runners.**

*\*Two of the four winners came in the Foxhunters Chase, which naturally attracts older runners anyway.*

#### Days since last run (DSLRL)

##### Running within **18 days** of last start

3/87 | 3% S/R | **-£31.00 LSP** – 35% below expectation

Win & Place – 16/87 | 18% S/R

The figures tell us that running at Aintree within 2 and a half weeks of your last start is less than desirable tactic. It's a highly competitive environment and you really don't want your selection to be feeling the effects of a recent race still ringing in their legs. **It can be done but it is certainly preferable to have had more than an 18-day break.**



## Days since last run (DSLR)

### Running off a break of 120-days+

2/112 | 2% S/R | **-£92.50 LSP** – 67% below expectation

*Win & Place* – 8/112 | 7% S/R

At the opposite end of the DSLR spectrum the figures also tell us that running at Aintree off a break of 120+ days is, again, a less than desirable tactic. A very recent run *leans* on the negative side and a break of 120-days leans *even further* on the negative side of things. **Like the shorter break return, it can be done (running off a long break) but it is certainly preferable to have a more recent spin under your belt.**

## Last time out course

### Ran at the Cheltenham Festival on last start

60/593 | 10% S/R | **-£208.28 LSP** – 17% below expectation

*Win & Place* – 174/593 | 29% S/R

***‘Horses that ran at the Cheltenham festival don’t run their race when they come on to Aintree?’***

That may be a phrase you will hear (or something similar) a few times during Aintree week, but it’s not exactly what the figures are telling us, with a healthy **60 of the 126 winners (48%) having their last start at the Cheltenham Festival**. Yes, a hefty enough 593 of Aintree runners *had* their last run at Cheltenham but **don’t be suckered into believing a run at the Cheltenham Festival is a full on negative**. For sure, Cheltenham *can* leave its mark on some runners and backing them ALL will have seen you drop a substantial amount of your betting bank, but they convert only 17%

below the expected rate at Aintree and its best to ignore the 'Cheltenham to Aintree' *myth*... to a certain extent, anyway...

If we add a few filters to the overall 'Cheltenham to Aintree' stats we *can* start to find a bit of a stronger 'angle' within the wider stats... with the following catching my eye...

**Aintree National Meeting | 1-2 starts last 90-days | SP 8/1 or less | Ran at Cheltenham Festival LTO (Didn't finish PU)**

**50/206 | 24% S/R | +£12.22 LSP (+£37.38 BFLSP) – 4% above expectation**

*Win & Place – 106/206 | 51% S/R*

As always, not necessarily something I'll be following 'blind'... but the 50%+ Win & Place strike-rate makes it an angle, that at the very least, is a great way to find horses coming to Aintree from the Cheltenham Festival that have a high chance of running themselves into the places... and a solid chance of landing a win...

There *are* obviously a few tracks that the stats tell us it is not desirable to have had your Aintree warm up at. The 3 main negative LTO tracks that's caught my eye were –

**SANDOWN – 2/67 | 3% S/R | -£15.00 LSP - W&P 10/67 | 15% S/R – 60% below exp**

**KELSO – 3/62 | 5% S/R | -£29.25 LSP - W&P 9/62 | 15% S/R – 11% below exp**

**DONCASTER – 1/60 | 1.5% S/R | -£43.00 LSP - W&P 4/60 | 7% S/R – 71% below exp**

## Aintree National Meeting – NON-Handicap Races...

*There have been **84 NON-Handicap races** at the past 6 Aintree National Festivals...*

### General Trends

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Some eye-catching trends concerning the **NON-Handicap races** at the Aintree National meeting...

- ✓ 79/84 had their last start in a Non-Handicap race
- ✓ 72/84 finished in the top 5 LTO
- ✓ 71/84 at least 1 WIN in the current season
- ✓ 62/84 started in the first 3 in the betting
- ✓ 56/84 finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> LTO
- ✓ 50/84 had their last start at Cheltenham (47 at Cheltenham Festival)
- × Horses that were PU LTO are 0/43, 2p in the Aintree Non Hcp races



## Aintree National Meeting – Handicap Races...

*There have been **42 Handicap races** at the past 6 Aintree National Festivals...*

### General Trends

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Some eye-catching trends concerning the **Handicap races** at the Aintree National meeting...

- ✓ **41/42 had an OR at least 4lbs BELOW top-rated horse** (1/83 those that were top-rated or 1, 2 or 3lbs lower than top-rated)
- ✓ **39/42 had 15 or less career Handicap starts**
- ✓ **39/42 were running off a break of 18-90-days** (3/129 those that were not)
- ✓ **38/42 were aged 9yo or younger**
- × **Horses running from a mark LOWER than their last winning mark are 1/125, 18p** (83% below expectation)
- × **Horses that started at an SP of 33/1+ LTO are 2/147, 19p** (66% below expectation)



## Aintree National Meeting – Grade 1 Races...

*There have been **66 Grade 1 races** at the past 6 Aintree National Festivals...*

### General Trends

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Some eye-catching trends concerning the **Grade 1 races** at the Aintree National meeting...

- ✓ 63/66 had previously run at Grade 1 or Grade 2 level
- ✓ 63/66 had 1-2 starts in the last 90-days
- ✓ 62/66 were top-rated (on Official Ratings) or no more than 12lbs below
- ✓ 61/66 ran in a NON-Handicap last time out
- ✓ 56/66 had previously WON at Graded level
- ✓ 52/66 started in the first 3 in the betting
- ✓ 45/66 had their last start at Cheltenham (43 at the Cheltenham Festival)





## Aintree National Meeting – The Grand National...

*The NATIONAL has changed shape in recent season, with modifications to the fences... distance of the race being reduced... weights being compressed at the top end to attract better horses... various conditions needing to be met before you can run in the race... field size reduction...*

*The long-term Race Trends that used to work so well in the race are not as reliable as they used to be, but more recent renewals of the National, since the modifications came in, have started to throw up a newer set of strong race trends... so it does look a race that can still be attacked using race trends... with the last NINE winners of the race passing ALL of the following...*

**9/9 aged 7, 8 or 9 (0/151 aged 10yo+)**

**9/9 7-19 Chase starts (0/93 out with range)**

**9/9 1-7 Handicap Chase starts (0/169 out with range)**

**9/9 3-7 starts in current season (0/73 out with range)**

**9/9 DSLR 24-85 (0/73 out with range)**

**9/9 ran in a C1 or C2 Chase LTO and were beaten no more than 25-lengths (0/172 out with range)**

**9/9 jockey ridden horse at least once previously (0/91 out with range)**

**9/9 top 2 finish 1 of last 3 starts (0/118 out with range)**



As I always suggest, these stats should be used as a guide rather than as gospel and should be used as pointers to help you narrow the field in the ultra-competitive 3 day Aintree National Festival.

There are many ways you can slice and dice the 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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**Happy Aintree National Meeting Punting**

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