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## FREE CHELTENHAM GUIDE



### ★ CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STATS ★



#### FEATURING...

- THE BEST PROFILE TO FIND THE WINNERS OF THE 61 CHASES
- THE BEST PROFILE TO FIND THE WINNERS OF THE 61 NOVICE HURDLES
- THE ANGLE THAT HAS PULLED IN +£428.29 LEVEL STAKES 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 2026 Cheltenham Festival...

Welcome to the first **FREE Narrowing The Field (NTF)** guide for the **2026 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 **2026 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 12/1 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) 31-110**
- ✓ **Had 9-27 previous (UK & IRE) career starts**

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 (106 of them) then you would have made a profit of **+£104.22 BFLSP**... although the stats *are* probably much more useful as a 'starting point'... and they would have **knocked out 191 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' is a term you'll hear plenty during, and especially in the lead up to, the 2026 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 again running in a race they have previously banked some Festival Form...** by that I mean **they have previously WON or PLACED in the SAME RACE at previous Cheltenham Festivals...**

Last season **DINOBLUE & LOSSIEMOUTH** both won a race they had previously won or placed in... whilst **BALLYADAM (16/1) & HAPPYGOLUCKY (28/1)**, amongst others, both placed in a race they had previously won or placed in...

In 2024 **STATE MAN, LANGER DAN, CAPTAIN GUINNESS, TEAHUPOO, SHAKEM UPARRY & GALOPIN DES CHAMPS** all won a race they had previously won or placed in... whilst **FLOORING PORTER (9/1) & PIED PIPER (14/1)** both placed in a race they'd previously won or placed in...

In 2023 **SIRE DU BERLAIS, DELTA WORK, ENERGUMENE, HONEYSUCKLE and CORACH RAMBLER** all won 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 previously WON or PLACED in SAME race | Aged 12yo or less | OR no more than 15lbs below top-rated horse | Same/Up in trip/Down no more than 2f from last run***

***41/237 | 17% S/R | +£428.29 BFLSP – W&P 88/237 | 37% S/R  
21% above expectation | E/W returns = +£246.0.***

## 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 2-7 previous (UK & IRE) career starts*
- ✓ *Had 2-5 (UK & IRE) seasonal starts*
- ✓ *Ran in a C1-C4 Hurdle race LTO, completed race and started at an SP of 12/1 or less*
- ✓ *DSL R 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...

**27/193 | 14% S/R | +£220.17 BFLSP – W&P 66/193 | 34% S/R**  
*15% above expectation | E/W returns = +£106.12*

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*

**38 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 **95% 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***
- ✓ ***0-3 previous CAREER HANDICAP wins***
- ✓ ***0-10 previous HANDICAP Hurdle starts***
- ✓ ***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 **323 Handicap Hurdle losers** (and only the 3 winners) and still left you with **127 of the 160 Win and Place horses** from the ultra-competitive Cheltenham Festival Handicap Hurdle races...

## CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL STAT #5

### *The Mares Races*

**23 of the 25 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Time Out in a Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 race*

Giving an overall set of figures of...

**23/119 | 19% S/R | +£144.44 BFLSP – W&P 43/119 | 36% S/R**

*15% above expectation | E/W returns = +£61.79*

A bit of a rough and ready approach but the simple facts are that using the above would have found you **23 of the 25 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 Cheltenham Festival Mares' races analysis...

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# CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 1 KILLER STATS

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Day 1 - Tuesday 10th March  
1:20 SUPREME NOVICES' HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL had an official rating of 144+  
and had between 2 & 8 previous career starts  
*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/106, 12p)*

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Day 1 - Tuesday 10th March  
4:00 CHAMPION HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL had won at G1 or G2 level,  
had 5-14 Hurdle starts & 1-3 wins in current season  
*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/68, 11p)*

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# CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 2 KILLER STATS

## NARROWING THE FIELD KILLER STATS 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 2 - Wednesday 11th March  
1:20 TURNER NOVICES' HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL had an official rating of 146+  
and 2-3 previous hurdle starts

*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/106, 14p)*

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## NARROWING THE FIELD KILLER STATS 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 2 - Wednesday 11th March  
4:00 QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL started at SP of 11/1 or less  
and ran in a G1 or G2 Chase over <2m1.5f LTO

*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/57, 14p)*

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## CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 3 KILLER STATS

### NARROWING THE FIELD KILLER STATS 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 3 - Thursday 12th March

3:20 STAYERS HURDLE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL were DSLR 31+, had run over further than 2m4f but NOT further than 3m1f and last win came in a G1 or G2 Hurdle

*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/82, 6p)*

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### NARROWING THE FIELD KILLER STATS 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 3 - Thursday 12th March

4:00 RYANAIR CHASE

★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL had an OR of 161+, 2-4 starts in current season and were DSLR 31-90

*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/76, 11p)*

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## CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY 4 KILLER STATS

### NARROWING THE FIELD KILLER STATS 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 4 - Friday 13th March  
3:20 ALBERT BARTLETT HURDLE

#### ★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL were DSLR 29-80, 1-2 starts last 90-days, previously ran over at least 2m3f but NO further than 3m0.5f, SP 6/5 or bigger LTO  
*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/109, 4p)*

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### NARROWING THE FIELD KILLER STATS 2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Day 4 - Friday 13th March  
4:00 CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

#### ★ KILLER STAT ★

The last 12 winners ALL were DSLR 31-80, previously won at G1 level, 26 or less career starts and had WON 1 of their last 4 starts  
*(Horses that didn't meet this were 0/87, 11p)*

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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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**Happy Festival Punting**

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