

NARROWING THE FIELD

2026 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

DAY 3 ANALYSIS

Thursday 12th March

1:20 Mares' Novices Hurdle

2:00 Jack Richards Novice Chase

2:40 Mares Hurdle

3:20 STAYERS HURDLE

4:00 RYANAIR CHASE

4:40 Pertemps Final

5:20 Kim Muir Chase

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2:40 Cheltenham

🏆 David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle 🏆

Grade 1 Hurdle | 2m4.5f | 4yo+

The last 11 have been a G1 level and I've used them to construct the trends...

- 1 11/11 OR 140+
- 2 11/11 previously won at Class 1 level
- 3 11/11 20 or less career starts
- 4 11/11 DSLR 56 or less
- 5 11/11 WON 1 of last 3 starts
- 6 11/11 previously won over at least 2m1f but no further than 3m

...giving a current trends table of (Top 14 in betting covered)...

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Tot |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| LOSSIEMOUTH | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| BRIGHTERDAYSAHEAD | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| JADE DE GRUGY | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| KARGESE | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| NURSE SUSAN | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| WODHOOH | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 5 |
| FEET OF A DANCER | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 5 |
| GOLDEN ACE | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 5 |
| DREAM ON BABY | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 |
| KATEIRA | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 5 |
| MURCIA | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 4 |
| PARK PRINCESS | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 4 |
| TAKE NO CHANCES | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | 3 |
| JETARA | Y | Y | N | Y | N | N | 3 |

3:20 Cheltenham

🏆 Stayers' Hurdle 🏆

Grade 1 Hurdle | 3m | 4yo+

A Grade 1 that has produced some strong Race Trends to work with and I've used the following to narrow this year's field...

- 1 15/15 previously won at G1 or G2 level
- 2 15/15 27 or less career starts
- 3 15/15 DSLR 32+
- 4 15/15 ran in a Graded Non-Handicap Hurdle LTO
- 5 15/15 last win came in a Class 1 Non-Handicap Hurdle
- 6 15/15 2-7 starts last 365-days
- 7 14/15 rated OR 152+

...giving a current trends table of (Top 12 in betting covered)...

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Tot |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| TEAHUPOO | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| HONESTY POLICY | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| KABRAL DU MATHAN | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| MA SHANTOU | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| IMPOSE TOI | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| WODHOOH | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| THE YELLOW CLAY | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| BOB OLINGER | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | 6 |
| BALLYBURN | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 6 |
| HOME BY THE LEE | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| HEWICK | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | 5 |
| FLOORING PORTER | Y | N | Y | N | N | N | Y | 3 |

4:00 Cheltenham

🏆 Ryanair Chase 🏆

Grade 1 Chase | 2m4.5f | 5yo+

A race that always throws up some strong Race Trends and I've used the following to help narrow this year's field...

- 1 15/15 OR 161+
- 2 15/15 previously run at Cheltenham Festival
- 3 15/15 ran in a G1 or G2 non-Hcp Chase LTO
- 4 15/15 last win came in a Class 1 Chase
- 5 14/15 were top-rated or no more than 6lbs below top-rated

...giving a current trends table of (Top 12 in betting covered)...

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Tot |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| FACT TO FILE | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 |
| GAELIC WARRIOR | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 |
| IL ETAIT TEMPS | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 5 |
| JONBON | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 4 |
| JANGO BAIE | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 4 |
| BANBRIDGE | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | 4 |
| ROMEO COOLIO | N | Y | Y | Y | N | 3 |
| IMPAIRE ET PASSE | N | Y | Y | Y | N | 3 |
| FIREFOX | N | Y | Y | Y | N | 3 |
| HEART WOOD | N | Y | N | Y | N | 2 |
| THISTLE ASK | N | N | Y | Y | N | 2 |
| HANDSTANDS | N | Y | N | Y | N | 2 |

4:40 Cheltenham

Pertemps Final Handicap Hurdle

Class 1 Hcp Hurdle | 3m | 5yo+

This can be a bit of a tough race to dig into... but if you concentrate on the last 12 renewals then some strong Race Trends do appear...

- 1 **12/12 aged 5yo-9yo**
- 2 **12/12 22 or less career starts**
- 3 **12/12 6-14 Hurdle starts**
- 4 **12/12 10 or less Hcp Hurdle starts**
- 5 **12/12 previously run over at least 3m but no further than 3m1f**
- 6 **12/12 carried 10-08+**
- 7 **12/12 DSLR 12-77**
- 8 **12/12 0-3 previous career Hcp wins**
- 9 **11/12 0-1 win in current season**

...giving a current trends table of (Top 30 in weights covered)...

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Tot |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| MINELLA SIXO | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 8 |
| RED DIRT ROAD | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 8 |
| CLASSIC KING | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 8 |
| STAFFORDSHIRE KNOT | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 7 |
| ELECTRIC MASON | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | N | Y | Y | 7 |
| ACE OF SPADES | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 7 |
| ABSOLUTELY DOYEN | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 7 |
| LAVIDA ADIVA | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| MELBOURNE SHAMROCK | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| LETOS | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| CHAMPAGNE CHIC | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 7 |
| ONEWAYWEST | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 7 |
| BEACHCOMBER | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | ? | Y | Y | Y | 7 |
| TURNDLIGHTSDOWNLOW | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 7 |
| IMPOSE TOI | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 6 |
| SUPREME WEST | Y | Y | N | N | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 6 |
| C'EST DIFFERENT | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | ? | Y | N | N | 6 |
| IDEM | Y | Y | N | N | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 6 |

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| KIKIJO | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | ? | N | Y | N | 5 |
| IKARAK | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | ? | Y | N | N | 5 |
| DUKE SILVER | Y | Y | N | N | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 5 |
| YEAH MAN | Y | N | N | Y | N | ? | Y | Y | Y | 5 |
| IDY WOOD | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | ? | Y | N | N | 5 |
| KEABLE | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | ? | Y | N | N | 5 |
| MINELLA EMPEROR | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | ? | Y | Y | N | 5 |
| IKE SPORT | Y | N | N | N | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 5 |
| BOLD ENDEAVOUR | N | N | N | N | Y | ? | Y | Y | Y | 4 |
| GOWEL ROAD | N | N | N | N | N | ? | Y | Y | Y | 3 |
| MILLSTREAM LADY | Y | N | N | N | Y | ? | Y | N | N | 3 |
| LIHYAN | Y | N | N | N | N | ? | Y | N | Y | 3 |



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