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1:10 Cheltenham

Cond Jockey's Hcp Hurdle – Class 3 (3yo+) 2m5f

Race Trends…

Some strong Race Trends at play in this Conditional Jockey's Handicap Hurdle...

1 **12/12 aged 5yo-7yo**

2 **12/12 rated OR 124-114**

3 **12/12 carried 11-09 - 10-11**

4 **12/12 20 or less career starts**

5 **12/12 15 or less Hurdle starts**

6 **12/12 11 or less Hcp Hurdle starts**

7 **12/12 0-3 starts in current season**

8 **12/12 top 3 finish 1 of last 3 starts**

9 **12/12 ran over Hurdles LTO (Not beginner or maiden Hdl)**

...for a trends shortlist of...

GLANCING JACK

OUTMASTER

KENO BLACK

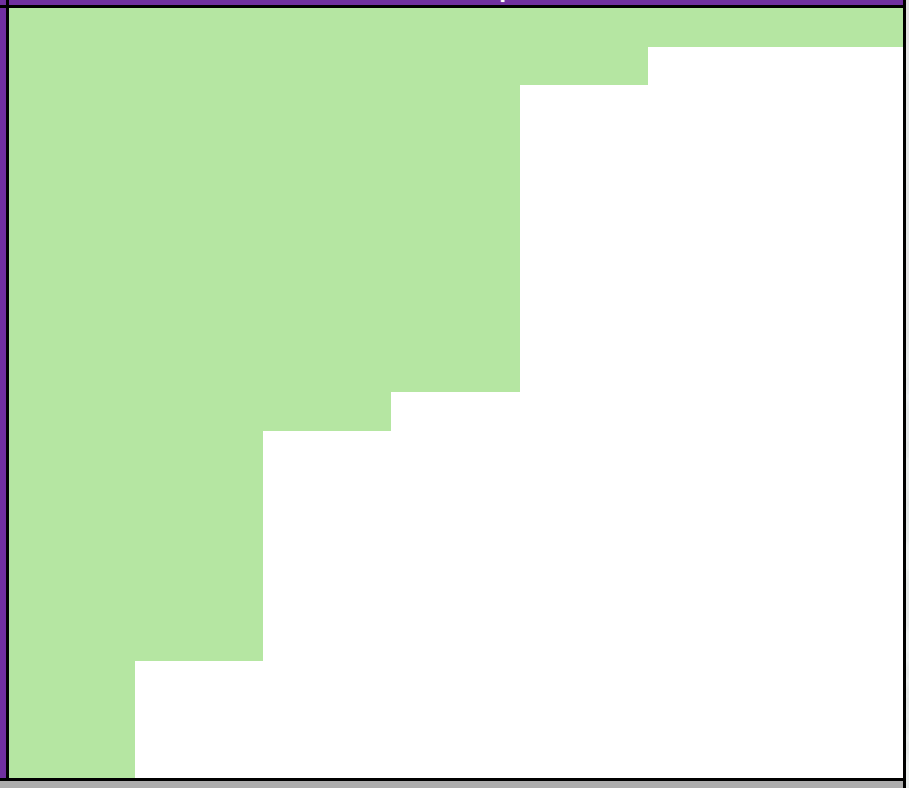
DIAMATISTE

STEP AHEAD

RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY

Pace thoughts…

Pace: **DIAMATISTE** looks the most likely early pace angle here and he could well get a solo lead in the early stages of this handicap **CHUTZPAL** can be prominent/up with the pace at times and may be the one sit and the head of the main group of runners...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
DIAMATISTE	FR	
CHUTZPAL	CP/FR	
KALIUM	CP	
KHAFRE	CP	
STEP AHEAD	CP	
OUTMASTER	CP	
THATS IT PADDY	CP	
MOON MISSION	CP	
RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY	CP	
NORMAN FLETCHER	CP	
BOSTON RAJJ	CP/HU	
GLANCING JACK	HU/CP	
NO ORDINARY JOE	HU/CP	
HIGH FIBRE	HU/CP	
DOUBLE OBAN	HU/CP	
ETON MES	HU/CP	
LOVELY GINO	HU/CP	
HEART OVER HEAD	HU	
KENO BLACK	HU	
SNATCH A GLANCE	HU	
Pace: Likely solo leader		
Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-0 | CP-2 | HU-10		

Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

NEIL MULHOLLAND has won this twice and had 2 others place from his 4 runners... his winners were both... **aged 5yo-6yo | 1-3 seasonal starts | NOT ridden by a claimer**... for race form of... **101 (2/3)**... **KENO BLACK** meets those stats here...

PAUL NICHOLLS holds solid stats at Cheltenham in conditional jockey handicaps (since 2012) under the following... **P Nicholls | Cheltenham Conditional Jockey Hcp Hurdles | 3yo-7yo's | 2-5 hurdle starts | Same/up 0.5f/down no more than 3f | Top 5 finish LTO = 5/9 | 56% S/R | +£60.32**... **OUTMASTER** meets those stats...

FERGAL O'BRIEN holds solid stats at Cheltenham in conditional jockey handicaps (since 2019) under the following... **F O'Brien | Cheltenham Conditional Jockey Hcp Hurdles | 4yo-6yo's | 2-3 career wins = 5/11 | 45% S/R | +£37.09 – W&P 8/11 | 73% S/R – 198% above exp**... **SNATCH A GLANCE** meets those stats...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

Thoughts on Trend Toppers...

GLANCING JACK 2nd on final start last season at Newbury in a race that has worked out well (winner won a G1 next time out, 3rd & 4th both won next time out)... first run for Dan Skelton here, after moving from Tom Symonds, and Skelton has solid stats

with similar types... **D Skelton | C3-C5 Hcp Chase/Hurdle | Same/up in class/down no more than 1 class | SP <12/1 | Raced for different yard LTO (did NOT win) = 75/199 | 38% S/R | +£93.60 – W&P 125/199 | 63% S/R – 17% above exp**...

OUTMASTER 2 from 2 last season, wide margin winner both times (although was 1L down when left in lead 2-out by faller on 2nd of those wins)... Nicholls holds solid stats at Cheltenham with similar LTO winners... **P Nicholls | Cheltenham Hurdles over <2m6f | Oct-Dec | 3yo-5yo's | WON LTO = 22/74 | 30% S/R | +£58.49 – W&P 44/74 | 59% S/R – E/W = +£70.59 – 4% above exp**...

KENO BLACK easy winner at Plumpton 11-days ago on seasonal debut after falling on Hcp debut on final start of last season... Mulholland holds some strong stats with similar LTO winners off short breaks... **N Mulholland | C3-C5 Chase/Hurdles | Oct-Apr | DSLR <13 | WON LTO = 49/104 | 47% S/R | +£48.98 – W&P 73/104 | 70% S/R – 21% above exp**...

DIAMATISTE 'only' 1 from 13 in career so far although has placed on 6 other occasions... has been kept mainly to RH tracks to date (this only 3rd run left-handed)... trainer has tight enough recent stats in similar races... **K Woolacott | Cond & Am jockey handicaps | Horses aged 7yo+ = (since 2022) 5/17, 4p | +£31.18**...

STEP AHEAD won class 2 maiden hurdle at Cheltenham last season New Year's Day over 2m4.5f (2nd, 3rd & 4th all won since)... failed to build on that win on his 3 starts since so return to Cheltenham will need to spark him back to life...

RAZZLE DAZZLE BOY both wins to date have come over 2m or shorter... on Soft or Heavy... on RH tracks... and off breaks of <25-days... so needs to change a few things here to be getting involved you'd suspect... steps up past 2m3.5f for first time here...

Thoughts on others...

SNATCH A GLANCE both wins to date have come in Oct-Nov off breaks of 31+ days – 11 (2/2) under those conditions – and gets those conditions here...

NORMAN FLETCHER handicapped to be winning off OR 113 and holds strong form line under the conditions... **OR 126 or less | Nov-Jan | Carrying 11-06 or less = 121112 (4/6, 2p – 4 of 5 career wins)**... Cheltenham form a bit sketchy... F9P6027 (0/7, 1p)... although 2nd came in a Conditional Jockeys Hcp Hurdle in 2024...

My play(s)...

KENO BLACK (N Mulholland) won with plenty in hand LTO, and the positive stats mentioned for Mulholland above (both for this race and the LTOW stats) suggest he'll be a strong player in this...

OUTMASTER (P Nicholls) the booking of Freddie Keighley catches the eye here as he holds solid stats when riding for Nicholls... **P Nicholls/F Keighley | Hurdles | Sept-Feb | 5yo+ | SP <14/1 = 8/22, 7p | +£38.85**... and the handicapper has maybe just had to take a bit of a swing at the opening mark for this 5yo...

1:45 Cheltenham

Paddy Power Novices' Chase – Listed (4yo+) 3m1f

Race Trends…

A tricky race to pin down solid Race Trends for, so I'll use some of my other analysis methods to dig into this Novice Chase...

Pace thoughts…

Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-5 | CP-6 | HU-1

Pace: A few potential early pace angles in this... **BILL JOYCE & FOLLOW YOUR LUCK** are potentially the two most likely to set off in the lead... **KING'S BUCKS & D ART D ART** may sit just off them/behind them...

Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

DERRYHASSEN PADDY finished 3rd over CD at October meeting LTO and qualifies on the following angle I have plugged in... **Chelt Nov Meeting | 0-6 runs in NH code | 1-3 seasonal starts | Same or up no more than 1.5f in trip | ran at Chelt Oct Meeting LTO = (since 2020) 18/53 | 34% S/R | +£72.18 – W&P 28/53 | 53% S/R – 65% above exp**...

FOLLOW YOUR LUCK finished 2nd over CD at October meeting LTO (same race as DERRYHASSEN PADDY) and also qualifies on the same angle 'ran at Oct Meet...' angle as Derryhassen Paddy... by Mahler and his offspring tend to go well at track over fences under similar conditions... **Mahler offspring | Cheltenham C1-C3 Chases over 2m4f-3m3.5f | Fields of <17 | 1-5 seasonal starts = 14/39 | 36% S/R | +£96.86 – W&P 17/39 | 44% S/R – 218% above exp**...

BILL JOYCE also by Mahler and fits the same sire stats as FOLLOW YOUR LUCK... unbeaten in 4 starts under similar conditions to that he meets with here... **Nov-Feb | tracks with undulations | carrying 11-04 or less = 1111 (4/4 – all 4 career wins)**...

KING'S BUCKS yet to win in 7 starts under rules although did finish 2nd on chase debut LTO, posting a career best effort on the figures... finished 3rd at this meeting last year over Hurdles in the 2m5f Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (race has worked out strongly)... Henry De Bromhead holds solid stats in similar races at the track... **H De Bromhead | Novice Chases at Cheltenham | 5yo-7yo | 1st or 2nd LTO = (since 2019) 9/22 | 41% S/R | +£37.81 – W&P 12/22 | 55% S/R – 74% above exp**...

My play(s)...

KING'S BUCKS (H De Bromhead) as well as the Cheltenham stats highlighted for De Bromhead above, he also holds very strong stats with his Novice Chasers in November... **H De Bromhead | Novice Chases in November | Horses with 6-16 career starts | SP 6/1 or less = 16/28 | 57% S/R | +£28.08 – W&P 19/28 | 68% S/R – 81% above exp**... at Cheltenham with those stats he is 3 from 6... the last 3 'qualifiers' winning...

2:20 Cheltenham

Shloer Chase – Grade 2 (4yo+) 2m

Race Trends…

The last 11 renewals have been run as a Grade 2 and I've used those to compile the Race Trends...

1 11/11 6yo-9yo

2 11/11 previously won at G1-G2 level

3 11/11 20 or less career starts

4 11/11 2+ previous places at track

5 11/11 top 3 finish LTO

...for a trends shortlist of...

N/A

NONE of the 4 pass all the trends!

Pace thoughts…

Pace: **MIGHTY BANDIT and/or GIDLEIGH PARK** may be the mostly likely ones to be at the head of the field from the off, although all 4 runners have front run at times and despite the small field this should still be run at a decent early gallop...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
MIGHTY BANDIT	FR/CP	
GIDLEIGH PARK	CP/FR	
JONBON	CP	
SAINT SEGAL	CP	
Pace: Possible solo leader/possible contested early pace		
Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-4| CP-7| HU-1		

Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

NICKY HENDERSON has won this 4 times and had 1 other place from his 7 runners in the race... all 4 of his winners met the following... **seasonal debut | previously won at G1 or G2 level**... for race form of... **21111 (4/5, 1p)**... **JONBON** meets those stats here...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

JONBON Cheltenham has always been the track he's looked most 'vulnerable' at... with form of 2 wins from 8 starts at Cheltenham compared to 18 wins from 20 starts AWAY from Cheltenham... to level that out a bit... in G1's at Cheltenham he is 0/5, 5p whilst in G2's at Cheltenham he is 2/3, 1p... those 3 G2 runs all coming in this race...

GIDLEIGH PARK tends to find G1 level beyond him (0/4, 1p at G1 level) but much better form at G2 level or below (5/7, 1p at G2 level and below)...

MIGHTY BANDIT holds a solid form line in Nov-Feb... 111291 (4/6, 1p – all 4 NH wins)... and comes here off a wind-op... Warren Greatrex holds some strong stats with similar 1st run off a wind-op types... **W Greatrex | Chase/Hurdles | 6yo-8yo geldings on 1st run off a wind-op | NO TT | 4+ runs last 365-days... 12/24 | 50% S/R | +£89.93 – W&P 15/24 | 63% S/R – 155% above exp**...

My play(s)...

Given the money on offer in this race it always amazes me that it's almost always a small field showing up... and the 4-runner race is likely the reason why NONE of the field pass all my trends... but even with that in mind I'm struggling to remember the last time I covered a race and none of the runners passed all of the trends...

It is what it is though... and although JONBON is clearly the best horse in the race... and realistically should be winning this... I've always been happy to take him on when he races at Cheltenham... doesn't mean he won't win this of course... but I'm more than happy to play against him...

I'll take a 'swing' at...

MIGHTY BANDIT (W Greatrex) the 6yo is the one runner in the field who may yet have improvement to come over fences... he made rapid improvement in handicap company last season before finishing a not-disgraced 4th of 8 in the G1 Maghull Novice Chase at Aintree... he made a mistake at the first fence that day and couldn't really dominate as he likes to do (due to that mistake and the fact there were others in the field that wanted to dominate) and never really got into a proper rhythm... but he stuck on well down the home-straight when it looked like he was about to fall out the back of the TV turning for home, and it was a better run than it looked... he may well get to dominate this small field here, which would obviously be a huge positive, and those Greatrex wind-op stats certainly catch the eye... and I'm more than happy to throw a dart at him as the outsider of the field in the betting...

3:30 Cheltenham

Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle – Grade 2 (4yo+) 2m5f

Race Trends…

A tricky race to dig into on the Race Trends front, so I'll use some of my other analysis methods to dig into this Novice Hurdle...

Pace thoughts…

Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-1 | CP-4 | HU-7

Pace: **LOCK STOCK & RED ACRES GEORGIE** look the two that will set the early pace in this one... **DALLAS STAR & LUCK BETWEEN US** may also be on or near the pace in the early stages... and there should be a strong early gallop at play here...

Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

NIGEL TWISTON-DAVIES holds some solid stats in similar races at Cheltenham... **NTD | Cheltenham 4yo+ Novice Hurdles in Oct-Dec | Won 1 of last 2 | 1-3 seasonal runs | SP <10/1 | 1st or 2nd LTO = 12/26 | 46% S/R | +£27.20 – W&P 14/26 | 54% S/R – 68% above exp**... **FEROCIMO** meets those stats here...

EMMET MULLINS holds strong stats with his Hurdlers at UK tracks... **E Mullins | UK Hurdle races | Fields of <16 | 5yo-7yo | 0-4 seasonal starts = 13/27 | 48% S/R | +£15.71 – W&P 14/27 | 52% S/R – 42% above exp**... **DALLAS STAR** meets those stats here...

DAN SKELTON & HARRY SKELTON hold strong stats at the November meeting with the following types... **D Skleton/H Skelton | Cheltenham November meeting | 2m-3m | 0-1 runs in season | Top 4 finish LTO (and H Skelton riding) = (since 2016) 15/34 | 44% S/R | +£47.79 – W&P 19/34 | 56% S/R – 86% above exp**... **DIVINE DIVA** meets those stats here...

My play(s)...

FEROCIMO (N Twiston-Davies) NTD does like to have a crack at this race... winning it twice and having 4 others place since 2007 (from 14 runners)... both those winners were... **IRE Bred | DSLR 21-30 | Won or beaten 2L or less LTO**... and with those types he holds a form line in the race of... **131 (2/3, 1p)**... FEROCIMO meets those stats here... the NTD yard also holds some strong stats with the following types... **NTD | G2 Hurdles over 2m5f or less | IRE bred | SP <8/1 | DSLR 21+ | WON LTO = 9/11, 1p**... stats which FEROCIMO also meets...

4:00 Cheltenham

Novices' Handicap Hurdle – Class 3 (3yo+) 2m0.5f

Race Trends…

Can't say I'm ever in a rush to play in Novice Handicap Hurdles... but there are some angles catching my eye here, so I do want to have a bit of a dig into this one...

A very loose attack at the Race Trends shows **14 of the last 18 winners met all of the following trends**...

Male 4yo or 5yo

Won or Placed on 1 of last 2 starts

No more than a 5lb claimer riding

Out of a GB, IRE or FR bred Dam

Did NOT run at Cheltenham LTO

The following group meet those trends this year...

SYTADEL

EBEN ZAABEEL

LEXINGTON WOOD

FINAL SURPRISE

ADE BOY

Trainer notes/Jockey notes/Horse notes/General pointers...

PAUL NICHOLLS holds some solid stats in similar races... **P Nicholls | Novice Hcp Hurdles in Oct-Jan | NOT Heavy ground | Male horses on Hcp Hurdle debut | same or up or down 1 class | Won or Placed 1 of last 2 starts = 12/29 | 41% S/R | +£44.84 – W&P 17/29 | 59% S/R – E/W = +£55.17 – 123% above exp**... **BABYKEN** meets those stats here...

DAN & HARRY SKELTON have been profitable to follow with the following types in recent seasons... **D & H Skelton | C3-C5 Hcps over 3m2f or shorter | DSLR 16-150 | Ran in a Hcp LTO (H Skelton NOT riding) = (since 2020) 83/257 | 32% S/R | +£175.73 – W&P 139/257 | 54% S/R – 25% above exp**... **SYTADEL** meets those stats here...

OLLY MURPHY holds strong stats (from limited numbers) with his handicap debutants under the following... **O Murphy | C3-C5 Novice Handicap Hurdles | 4yo-6yo geldings on Hcp Hurdle debut | 3+ Hurdle starts | Beaten >5L LTO = 8/17 | 47% S/R | +£45.75 – W&P 11/17 | 65% S/R – 161% above exp**... **LEXINGTON WOOD & KINGS SCHOLAR** meet those stats here...

My play(s)...

SYTADEL (D Skelton) is the one catching my eye here... the Skeltons hold some solid stats at the track with similar types... **D Skelton/H Skelton | Cheltenham Hcp Hurdles in Nov-Apr | NO Headgear | between 4lbs & 18lbs lower than top-rated horse | SP 12/1 or less | did NOT win LTO = 14/41 | 34% S/R | +£76.67 – W&P 23/41 | 56% S/R – 97% above exp**... and they also hold solid stats when switching one into a Novice Handicap from a Non-Novice handicap... **D Skelton/H Skelton | Novice Hcp Hurdle | 0-3 seasonal starts | Same or up no more than 2 class levels | ran in a NON-Novice Hcp LTO = (since 2018) 17/47 | 36% S/R | +£57.11 – W&P 29/47 | 62% S/R – 57% above exp**... and I'll play him here, in what looks a tricky Novice Handicap to solve...

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