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12:35 Cheltenham

Am Jockey's Hcp Chase – Class 3 (4yo+) 3m1f

Race Trends…

A little bit of a fiddly race to dig into on the Race Trends front, but the following should help narrow the field...

1 **12/12 no more than a 5lb claimer riding**

2 **11/12 ran in a chase over 2m3.5f-3m1.5f LTO**

3 **11/12 DSLR 18-42**

4 **11/12 beaten no more than 15L LTO**

...for a trends shortlist of...

LITTLE LEDGEND

KARNAVAL POINT

Pace thoughts…

Pace: **DINOLAND & BRUCEJACK** look the potential early pace angles here and they should set a solid early gallop in this Amateur Riders Handicap...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
DINOLAND	CP/FR	
BRUCEJACK	CP/FR	
SOUND AND FURY	CP	
KARNAVAL POINT	CP	
HERAKLES WESTWOOD	CP	
TRANSMISSION	CP	
LITTLE LEDGEND	CP/HU	
OUR SOLDIER	CP/HU	
JACCOURS	CP/HU	
AWAYTHELAD	HU/CP	
TOP GUY	HU	
LADIES WELL	HU	

Pace: Possible dual leaders/possible solo leader

Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-2| CP-2| HU-8

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

Horses that ran in the Amateurs Chase at the Cheltenham October meeting LTO, had between 1-4 career wins and had no more than a 5lb claimer on top this time hold solid stats in this race (since 2004)... **7/19 | 37% S/R | +£51.75 – W&P 9/19 | 47% S/R – E/W = +£60.29 – 163% above exp**... **LITTLE LEDGEND** qualifies on that 'angle' this year...

DAVID PIPE has won this 4 times and had 3 others place from his 13 runners (since 2010)... his winners met the following... **1-3 career wins | DSLR 16+**... for race form of... **611311 (4/6, 1p)**... **KARNAVAL POINT** meets those stats...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

Thoughts on Trend Toppers...

LITTLE LEDGEND finished 3rd in the Amateur riders' race at the October meeting LTO... still unexposed over fences after only 3 chase starts... seems to act on all ground but both wins to date have come on Good – **Good ground form of 32211 (2/5, 2p)** – so ground should be ideal for him here... James King keeps ride and he holds strong stats when riding for Olly Murphy... **O Murphy/J King | C3 or lower | G/S+ | SP 10/1 or less = 11/28, 6p | +£21.84**... 1st time Blinks go on and Murphy holds solid stats with similar types... **O Murphy | 6yo-10yo wearing 1st time Blinks | Chase/Hurdle | 1+ career win | 10-17 career starts = 10/30 | 33% S/R | +£52.77 – W&P 14/30 | 47% S/R – 62% above exp**...

KARNAVAL POINT 3rd LTO at October meeting over 3m1f... Lucas Murphy takes over for 1st time and he's already building some solid stats in the early part of his career... **L Murphy | Hcps | horses with 1+ seasonal run = 7/27, 6p | +£48.70**...

Thoughts on others...

DINOLAND goes well under these conditions... **G/S or quicker | DSLR <31 = 4/12, 6p – all 4 career wins**...

SOUND AND FURY 6th in this last year but Heavy ground possibly wasn't ideal for him that day... holds solid form under similar conditions... **1st or 2nd run of season | Soft or quicker ground = 1131P21 (4/7, 2p – 4 of 6 career wins)**...

My play(s)...

LITTLE LEGEND (O Murphy) plenty of positive pointers for this one and he looks a big player in this...

KARNAVAL POINT (D Pipe) posted a decent effort LTO over CD and this drop back from a C2 into a C3 looks a smart move, as does the booking of Lucas Murphy...

1:10 Cheltenham

Juvenile Hurdle – Grade 2 (3yo) 3m1f

Race Trends…

Some interesting trends at play in this Grade 2 Juvenile Hurdle...

1 **12/12 1-3 Hurdle starts**

2 **12/12 WON over Hurdles LTO**

3 **12/12 100% W&P S/R over Hurdles**

4 **11/12 DSLR 28 or less**

...for a trends shortlist of...

CHARLES DARNAY

ADMIRAL WILL BROWN

Pace thoughts…

Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-3 | CP-3 | HU-6

Pace: **TINY RIOT** looks the most likely early pace angle here... **CONFUSED & MAGNETUDE** may also be close up on the pace and between them they should set a solid early gallop in this Juvenile Hurdle...

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

JAMES OWEN has won this twice and had 1 other place from his 4 runners... **both his winners WON LTO**... for race form of... **311 (2/3, 1p)**... **CHARLES DARNAY & MAGNETUDE** both meet that angle this year...

The last 7 winners were all... GB & IRE bred Geldings that WON LTO (DSLR <29)... for overall figures of... 7/12 | +£18.64... **CHARLES DARNAY, ADMIRAL WILL BROWN & ELECTRICAL** meet that angle this year...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

Thoughts on Trend Toppers...

CHARLES DARNAY eye-catching win on Hurdle debut at Wetherby LTO and James Owen does well with similar LTO winners... **J Owen | NH | 3yo-6yo's | SP 5/1 or less | DSLR <30 | WON LTO = 37/78 | 47% S/R | +£32.54 – W&P 58/78 | 74% S/R – 22% above exp**...

ADMIRAL WILL BROWN 6.5L winner LTO on Hurdle debut at Down Royal...

My play(s)...

CHARLES DARNAY (J Owen) impressed when winning at Wetherby LTO and Cobden coming on board is a big positive, with the jockey holding strong stats for the yard under the following... **J Owen/H Cobden | Chase/Hurdle | 3yo-6yo | SP 7/1 or less = 19/42, 11p | +£38.39 – 50% above exp... improving further when he rides a LTO Winner... 111122112211212 (9/15, 6p | +£17.78)**...

1:45 Cheltenham

Arkle Trial – Grade 2 (4yo+) 2m

Race Trends…

Not the easiest race to dig into on the trends, but the following are worth considering...

1 **12/12 1st or 2nd LTO (Beaten <1L)**

2 **12/12 WON 1 of last 3 starts**

3 **12/12 0 Falls (F) in career and no more than 1 Non-Completions**

...for a trends shortlist of...

OLD PARK STAR

KABRAL DU MATHAN

FOLIE GOLITH

Pace thoughts…

Pace: Potential for them to really be tanking along in the early stages of this, with **NEWTOWN RAMBLER, PASSING DIAMOND, WORKAHEAD & FOLIE GOLITH** all potentials to be setting the early pace... **OLD PARK STAR** may also be on or very near the early pace and I doubt they'll be hanging about in this one...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
NEWTOWN RAMBLER	FR	
PASSING DIAMOND	FR	
WORKAHEAD	FR	
FOLIE GOLITH	FR	
OLD PARK STAR	CP/FR	
KABRAL DU MATHAN	CP	
PUTAPOUNDINTHEJAR	CP	
Pace: Likely contested early pace		
Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-4| CP-6| HU-2		

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

DAN SKELTON has sent 4 runners to this race previously, returning a form line of... **2111 (3/4, 1p)**... this year he saddles **KABRAL DU MATHAN**...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

Thoughts on Trend Toppers...

OLD PARK STAR winner of the Supreme Novice Hurdle at the festival on his final start last season... **Horses on Chase debut (Non-Handicap) in Nov-Jan that ran LTO in the Supreme Novice Hurdle return some extremely strong stats (since 2004)... 21/28 | 75% S/R | +£34.84 – W&P 24/28 | 86% S/R – 52% above exp**... improving to... **20/24, 3p... for horses with 2+ career wins** (which fits OLD PARK STAR)... Nicky Henderson trained runners that fit those stats return a form line of... 111111 (6/6)...

KABRAL DU MATHAN 19L winner at Perth LTO on Chase debut and on first run for Skelton (after moving from Nicholls)... 2nd backed up the form by winning a C3 by 4.5L next time out... **Horse with strong form line in Oct-Jan... 1112121 (5/7, 2p)... and unbeaten in 5 starts in fields of 9 or less**...

FOLIE GOLITH 7L winner of a 3-runner mares' chase LTO at Uttoxeter on first run for yard (after moving from France)... plenty experience over fences when racing in France (already had 6 chase runs on CV before moving over here)...

Thoughts on others...

NEWTOWN RAMBLER 4 from 4 over fences since Keatley picked him up from De Bromhead (also 1 from 4 over hurdles for Keatley)... and goes well under the conditions he meets with here... **G/S or quicker | Fields of <14 | <2m5f | wearing headgear = 1P11113312 (6/10, 3p – all 6 career wins)**...

My play(s)...

OLD PARK STAR (N Henderson) I'm surprised this one isn't the clear fav for this and the strength of those 'Supreme to Chase' stats mentioned above mean he's the one I want to be on here...

2:20 Cheltenham

Paddy Power Gold Cup – Class 1 (4yo+) 2m4f

Race Trends…

Some strong trends at play in this mid-distance handicap, to help build a solid shortlist...

1 **12/12 aged 4yo-9yo**

2 **12/12 previously won over 2m3.5f+ but no further than 3m0.5f**

3 **12/12 0-3 Handicap wins (all codes)**

4 **12/12 0-2 Handicap Chase wins**

5 **12/12 ran in a C1 or C2 LTO over 2m3f-2m6f**

6 **12/12 last win came at C1-C3 level over 2m1f-2m7f**

...for a trends table of...

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot
MEETMEBYTHESEA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
BLUEKING D'OROUX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
ZURICH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
NORN IRON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
MADARA	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	5
QUEBECOIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	5
O'MOORE PARK	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
JULY FLOWER	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	4
TORNEO	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	4
MATATA	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	3
JOHNNYWHO	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	3
GUARD YOUR DREAMS	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	3
RELEASE THE BEAST	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	3
DUNKERQUE	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	3
RISKINTHEGROUND	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	2

...and a trends shortlist of...

MEETMEBYTHESEA

BLUEKING D'OROUX

ZURICH

NORN IRON

Pace/Draw thoughts…

Pace: **QUEBECOIS** looks the most likely front-runner here and could get a solo lead out front... **BLUEKING D'OROUX** is a potential early pace angle as well, although he's possibly more likely to sit on the tail of QUEBECOIS, rather than be right on the sharp end helping set the pace...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
QUEBECOIS	FR	
BLUEKING D'OROUX	CP/FR	
JULY FLOWER	CP	
GUARD YOUR DREAMS	CP	
ZURICH	CP	
TORNEO	CP	
MEETMEBYTHESEA	CP/HU	
O'MOORE PARK	HU/CP	
MATATA	HU/CP	
MADARA	HU/CP	
NORN IRON	HU/CP	
RELEASE THE BEAST	HU/CP	
DUNKERQUE	HU/CP	
JOHNNYWHO	HU	
RISKINTHEGROUND	HU	

Pace: Probable solo leader/potential dual leaders

Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-3 | CP-3 | HU-6

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

PAUL NICHOLLS has won this 4 times and had 6 others place since 2012 (from his 29 runners)... all 4 of his winners met the following... **5yo-7yo | previously placed (or won) at least twice at track**... for race form of... **1132357116 (4/10, 3p)**... **QUEBECOIS** meets those stats here...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

Thoughts on Trend Toppers...

MEETMEBYTHESEA comfortable winner of the Jack Richards Novice Chase at the Cheltenham Festival LTO over 2m5f... up 12lbs for that effort... still lightly raced as a chaser (4 previous starts) and as a handicapper (3 previous starts)... seasonal debut here and won on both previous seasonal debut runs...

BLUEKING D'OROUX unexposed as a chaser (5 previous chase starts) and as a hcpr (3 previous Hcp starts)... goes well under these conditions... **<2m6f | March-Nov | Galloping/Average speed tracks = 1124111P (5/8, 1p – all 5 career wins)**... 1st run for Skelton after moving from Nicholls... horses leaving Nicholls and moving to

another yard have strong stats since start of 2025 when meeting the following... **1st run for a new yard after leaving P Nicholls | Geldings | DSLR >180 = 12/28 | 43% S/R | +£68.52 – W&P 17/28 | 61% S/R – 60% above exp**... when you look at those trained by Dan Skelton and ridden by Harry Skelton the stats are... **11112 (4/5, 1p)**...

ZURICH both wins have come under conditions he meets with here... **1st or 2nd run of season | LH track = 11 (2/2 - both career wins)**... one of those wins coming over CD in the Novice Hcp Chase at October meeting last season... that means he also qualifies on the following H De Bromhead Cheltenham angle... **H De Bromhead | Cheltenham <3m3f | previously WON at track | SP 16/1 or less | Completed race LTO = (since 2020) 13/31 | 42% S/R | +£58.72 – W&P 21/31 | 68% S/R – 81% above exp**... wears a 1st time TT here and offspring of his sire holds solid stats under similar conditions... **Doctor Dino offspring | Chase/Hurdles | G/S or quicker | 1st time TT | SP <10/1 = 12/25 | 48% S/R | +£20.84 – W&P 18/25 | 72% S/R – 46% above exp**...

NORN IRON still unexposed over fences after 5 chase starts... Derham's horses tend to go well off a lengthy break at this stage of the season... **H Derham | NH runners in Nov-Dec | NOT FR Bred | SP 12/1 or less | DSLR >90 = 22/59 | 37% S/R | +£41.79 – W&P 29/59 | 49% S/R – 30% above exp**... NORN IRON meets those stats here...

Thoughts on others...

JULY FLOWER also meets the De Bromhead 'previously won at Cheltenham' angle that ZURICH meets... **unbeaten in 3 starts in Oct-Dec at G2 level or below**...

O'MOORE PARK winner at October meeting LTO over 2m4f, taking record at Cheltenham to... 3261 (1/4, 2p)... and his record over 2m4f-2m4.5f to... 14612 (2/5, 1p)... **IRE or FR bred horses that finished 1st or 2nd in a 2m4f-2m4.5f chase at Chelt Oct meeting LTO (and had 1 win in current season) do return solid stats in this race... 1F213823115 (4/11, 4p)... improving to... 113811 (4/6, 1p)... when rated 145 or lower**... O'MOORE PARK is the only 'qualifier' on that angle this year...

MATATA qualifies on the following Cheltenham November Meeting Angle I have plugged in... **Chelt Nov Meet | Seasonal debut | Same/up in class/down no more than 2 class levels | 1 previous win at meeting = (since 2020) 11/20 | 55% S/R | +£62.70 – W&P 15/20 | 75% S/R – E/W = +£67.40 – 147% above exp**... goes well under the conditions... **OR <157 | NOT G1 level = 6/14, 7p – all 6 career wins**...

My play(s)...

BLUEKING D'OROUX (D Skelton) should still have plenty more to come over fences (FR bred offspring of his sire do tend to be better chasers... 25% Chase S/R compared to 15% Hurdle S/R) and every reason to think he's another that will 'improve' for leaving the Nicholls yard...

ZURICH (H De Bromhead) good winner over fences last season in a 14-runner field at Chelt Oct meeting and also ran well at festival in March when finishing 5th of 23 in Plate, despite being hampered at 1st fence and losing early position... so handles track and field size well and mark of 138 looks within range for him...

2:55 Cheltenham

Handicap Hurdle – Class 2 (4yo+) 3m

Race Trends…

Was downgraded from a Listed race in 2022 and the trends look a bit shaky, so I'll use some of my other analysis methods to dig into this handicap...

Pace thoughts…

Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-0 | CP-7 | HU-5

Pace: No clear early pace angle in this one and a chance it could possibly be falsely run/slowly run in the early stages...

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

PHILLIP HOBBS holds solid stats in similar types of races at Cheltenham... **P Hobbs (& J White) | Cheltenham C1-C2 Hcp Hurdles | Oct-Dec | 4yo-9yo's | NO TT | <8 Hcp Hurdle starts | DSLR 16+ = 12/39 | 31% S/R | +£88.20 – W&P 19/39 | 49% S/R – 141% above exp**... **WONDERFUL EAGLE** meets those stats here...

PHILLIP HOBBS has won this race 4 times and had 1 other place from his 11 runners (since 2008)... all his winners and placed runners met the following... **5yo-7yo | NO TT**... for race form of... **11211 (4/5, 1p)**... **WONDERFUL EAGLE** meets those stats here...

DAN SKELTON holds strong stats at Cheltenham November meeting under the following... **D Skelton/H Skelton | Cheltenham November meeting | horses with 0-1 seasonal starts | SP 6/1 or less = (since 2016) 13/26 | 50% S/R | +£22.37 – W&P 19/26 | 73% S/R – 54% above exp**... **ACE OF SPADES** meets those stats here...

SAM ENGLAND holds strong stats with quick returning LTO Winners that meet the following... **S England | 3yo-8yo's | Same or up in class | DSLR 4-10 | WON LTO = 11/34 | 41% S/R | +£14.49 – W&P 21/34 | 62% S/R – 20% above exp**... **WILLIAM YEATS** meets those stats here...

SIR GALAHAD well-beaten in a Handicap Hurdle at Galway LTO in August but all his wins have come on LH tracks and RH Galway may not have suited him (race also probably above his class ceiling)... won a C2 Handicap at Uttoxeter by 11L on start prior to that and does go well under these conditions... **C2 or lower Hurdles (25k or less) | Good ground = 1221111 (5/7, 2p – all 5 career wins)**...

My play(s)...

WONDERFUL EAGLE (P Hobbs/J White) been off the track for a long time, so need to take fitness on trust, but that's more than factored into his price and he is unbeaten in 4 starts off breaks of >60-days (also 3 from 3 on seasonal debut), so he has gone well 1st time out in the past... his win at Newbury last time he was seen suggests this current mark of OR 128 is one he should be able to defy...

SIR GALAHAD (O Murphy) I suspect he was just outclassed on a track that didn't suit him LTO at Galway, so I'm happy to overlook that effort and conditions should be more suitable here... Lewis Saunders jumping on board for the first time is also a positive as he holds solid stats for Murphy... **L Saunders/O Murphy | Hurdle Bumpers in Oct-March | DSLR 180 or less = 19/64 | 30% S/R | +£56.12 – W&P 30/64 | 47% S/R – E/W = +£64.81 – 48% above exp**...

3:30 Cheltenham

Intermediate Hcp Hurdle – Class 3 (3yo+) 2m5f

Race Trends…

Some solid Race Trends at play in this Handicap Hurdle...

1 **12/12 aged 4yo-6yo**

2 **12/12 previously run over at least 2m1f but no further than 2,7.5f**

3 **12/12 3-12 starts last 365-days**

4 **12/12 3-9 Hurdle runs**

5 **12/12 0-2 runs in season**

6 **12/12 Top 6 finish LTO**

7 **12/12 No more than a 3lb claimer riding**

...for a trends shortlist of...

DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT

GRAND CONQUEROR

EMERALD BREEZE

SUNNY SOUTH WEST

CASPARI

Pace thoughts…

Pace: The early pace looks likely to be set by one or a mix of the following... **SUNNY SOUTH WEST, HILLBERRY HILL, SEAMOON STORY & LUCK BETWEEN US**... one of them could try and grab the lead themselves although I suspect it will fall to a couple of them to set the early fractions, and there should be a decent early gallop at play in this...

Horse	Run Style	Pace Map
SUNNY SOUTH WEST	FR/CP	
HILLBERRY HILL	CP/FR	
SEAMOON STORY	CP/FR	
LUCK BETWEEN US	CP/FR	
EMERALD BREEZE	CP	
GRAND CONQUEROR	CP	
CASPARI	CP	
DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT	CP	
GUCHEN	CP/HU	
OPEN SECRET	CP/HU	
A KING OF MAGIC	HU/CP	
MONEYGARROW	HU/CP	
GIVE HIM A CHANCE	HU	
Pace: Possible contested early lead/ Possible solo leader		
Running style of previous 12 winners: FR-1| CP-2| HU-9		

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

NOTHING OF NOTE FOR THIS RACE...

Conclusion/Current Thoughts…

Thoughts on Trend Toppers...

DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT won the Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow LTO and form of the race working out well so far (2nd boosted the form by winning a Class 2 next time out)... holds **Handicap form of 1121 (3/4, 1p)** and still unexposed as a handicapper...

GRAND CONQUEROR wide margin winner at Fontwell LTO... Neil Mulholland does well at track with similar LTO winners... **N Mulholland | Cheltenham April-Dec | 4yo-9yo | DSLR 21+ | WON LTO = 10/25 | 40% S/R | +£55.05 – W&P 19/25 | 76% S/R – E/W = +£63.92 – 140% above exp**...

EMERALD BREEZE wide margin winner of a maiden hurdle at Market Rasen when last seen, form boosted by the 2nd winning easily on it's next start... still unexposed as a hurdler after 4 hurdle runs and makes Hcp debut here..

SUNNY SOUTH WEST finished 4th over 2m4f at Oct 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**... unexposed in Hcp Hurdles (this his 3rd run in a Hcp Hurdle)...

CASPARI 2 from 3 over Hurdles last season when with Nicky Henderson (all starts coming on RH tracks)... little tricky to fully assess...

Thoughts on others...

MONEYGARROW Dan Skelton holds strong stats at the Cheltenham November meeting with similar types... **D Skelton/H Skelton | Cheltenham November meeting | horses with 0-1 seasonal starts | SP 6/1 or less = (since 2016) 13/26 | 50% S/R | +£22.37 – W&P 19/26 | 73% S/R – 54% above exp**...

HILLBERRY HILL winner of a Maiden Hurdle at Southwell LTO and Kim Bailey holds solid stats with similar types on Hcp Hurdle debut... **K Bailey | 5yo-7yo on Hcp Hurdle debut | Oct-Apr | 2-8 previous hurdle starts | SP <8/1 | WON LTO = (since 2015) 20/58 | 34% S/R | +£30.04 – W&P 34/58 | 59% S/R – 25% above exp**...

My play(s)...

DAYLATEDOLLARSHORT (O Murphy) his win at Chepstow LTO means he now holds form in hurdle races with double figure fields of... 1-2-1 (2nd coming by 0.5L at Punchestown Festival) and he looks like a horse who still has plenty progress to come... Olly Murphy has gone close in this race with his 4 previous runners (form of 3273 – 0/4, 3p) and this one looks another than can go well in the contest...

GRAND CONQUEROR (N Mulholland) strolled home with ease at Fontwell LTO and as well as the LTOW stats highlighted for him above, the following set also caught the eye... **N Mulholland/R McLernon | C3-C5 Hcps | Oct-Apr | WON LTO = 12/20 | 60% S/R | +£51.49 – W&P 16/20 | 80% S/R – E/W = +£52.29 | 120% above exp**...



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