

# Cheltenham 2019

Ten MORE essential Cheltenham Festival stats you NEED to be aware of...



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*\*Stats are taken from the last six Cheltenham Festivals unless otherwise stated*

### **Cheltenham Stat #1**

**21 of Ruby Walsh's 24 winners came in Non-Handicaps over 2m-2m5f trips, WON last time out and were trained by Willie Mullins...**

21/40 | 53% S/R | +£53.28 BFLSP

*Win & Place 31/40 | 78% S/R*

Seems easy when you put it like that!! Despite that being somewhat of an obvious little angle it has been fantastically profitable and is firing above expectation (47% above). In recent seasons it has certainly been worth following Ruby under the conditions highlighted above, even more so if they started at 2/1 or shorter last time out (improves S/R to 60%).

### **Cheltenham Stat #2**

**Davy Russell continues to have a strong record in the Handicaps...**

7/24 | 29% S/R | +£81.53 BFLSP

*Win & Place 13/24 | 54% S/R*

Russell is not a man to be ignored at the Cheltenham Festival, he has pulled in at least one winner at each of the past six festivals and has been profitable to follow blind at five of the last six, with the handicaps pulling in most bang for the Russell buck. Interestingly he had ridden all of his handicap winners at least once previously, prior to their festival win.

### Cheltenham Stat #3

**Tom Scudamore has only managed to convert ONE of his 108 festival rides over hurdles...**

1/108 | 1% S/R | -£105.84 BFLSP

*Win & Place 12/108 | 12% S/R*

That one winner came three years ago in the shape of Thistlecrack, before that and since then he has drawn an almighty blank over the festival hurdles.

### Cheltenham Stat #4

**Aidan Coleman has only ridden 1 of his 114 festival rides into the winners' enclosure...**

1/114 | 1% S/R | -£94.95 BFLSP

*Win & Place 12/114 | 10.5% S/R*

Coleman gets plenty of rides at the festival (only 6 jockeys have had more rides at recent festivals), but he really struggles to get them home in front. The place side of things isn't great either and things just don't seem to click for him here.

### Cheltenham Stat #5

**All 7 of David Pipe's recent Festival winners had been rested for 45 days or more...**

7/42 | 17% S/R | +£64.85 BFLSP

*Win & Place 11/42 | 26% S/R*

David Pipe has become a bit of an expert at laying off his festival runners a touch and then building them up to peak condition at home, away from the rough and tumble of a race track appearance. Those figures become even more noticeable when you consider the record of his festival runners returning WITHIN 44 days of their last start - 0/56 | 0% S/R | -£56.00 BFLSP - Win & Place 4/56 | 7% S/R.

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## Cheltenham Stat #6

**Venetia Williams has been struggling to hit the mark in recent festivals...**

1/71 | 1.5% S/R | -£7.03 BFLSP

*Win & Place 7/70 | 10% S/R*

Had it not been for Carrickboy springing a 66.23 (BFSP) surprise in 2013 her P&L figures would be significantly worse than they are. Despite that, her overall stats really are not what you'd expect from a trainer of her stature, highlighted by the fact her festival runners are performing 61% below expectation. She's actually failed to record any winners in the last 5 years and has only picked up a measly 3 placed finishers.

## Cheltenham Stat #7

**Philip Hobbs has been struggling to get a win with his runners that were not strongly fancied by the market...**

...specifically, those that were NOT fav and/or started at 5/1 or bigger...

0/84 | 0% S/R | -£84.00 BFLSP

*Win & Place 7/84 | 8% S/R*

For a trainer of Hobbs' stature and ability that's a fair old quiet spell for those that didn't have an 'obvious' chance of success. Zero winners and a paltry seven making the frame is a poor showing. For the record, 6 of the 7 placed horses came in the handicaps.

### Cheltenham Stat #8

The W Mullins/P Townend combo has been quietly building up some tasty profits over hurdles...

...particularly under these conditions...

**2m1f-3m Hurdles | Townend ridden horse at least twice previously**

6/18 | 33% S/R | +£76.49 BFLSP

Win & Place 10/18 | 56% S/R

Most of the Mullins focus over the four days is on those that are ridden by Ruby Walsh but Paul Townend has been doing his bit as well and under the above conditions he's been ticking away just sweetly, running at 199% above expectation.

### Cheltenham Stat #9

17 of Gordon Elliott's 20 winners had their last start in a NON-Handicap race...

17/81 | 21% S/R | +£187.06 BFLSP

Win & Place 30/81 | 37% S/R

That may not seem all that impressive at first glance but when you compare it against his runners that ran in a Handicap last time out (3/32) you begin to see that Elliott (who is obviously a damn shrewd operator) is almost certainly planning his Cheltenham attacks and sees a Non-Handicap 'warm-up' as the ideal route in. 7 of his 8 Festival Handicap winners ran in a Non-Handicap last time out.

## Cheltenham Stat #10

**Alan King's last 60 Non-Handicap Hurdlers have ALL been beaten...**

0/60 | 0% S/R | -£60.00 BFLSP

*Win & Place 12/60 | 20% S/R*

The festival glory days for Alan King seem a distant memory now, with 6 years stats of 3/96 (52% below expectation) showing that he fires plenty of bullets, but the majority miss their target. Indeed, three-year stats of 0/52 highlight that things are getting worse instead of better. The area hit the hardest are certainly the Non-Handicap Hurdlers, which are currently on a losing streak of 60.

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