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# 2009 CHELTENHAM 'PADDY POWER' TRENDS GUIDE

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**FEATURING:**

**STATISTICS, TRENDS, IN-DEPTH RACE ANALYSIS, HORSE PROFILES  
AND INCLUDING  
THE EXCLUSIVE NAG3 RATINGS**



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# PADDY POWER GOLD CUP CHASE

2 MILES 4F 110YDS, GRADE 3, 4YO +

## RACE HISTORY

For many people this is the first major race of the NH year and signifies the beginning of the season proper. It's always been a fiercely fought contest and a cracking handicap to try and solve but since Martin Pipe retired it's got that little bit harder! The Somerset maestro won the race an astonishing 7 times in 10 years from 1996-2005 and it's hard to think of any other top handicap where a trainer has dominated to such a degree. One trainer who has yet to win the race though is Paul Nicholls. Despite sending out plenty of fancied runners in recent years he hasn't experienced a lot of luck with horses falling when making good looking challenges in the race. Is he due a change of fortune?.....

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** 12 of the last 13 winners were rated 136-150

### Age

- All of the last 10 winners were aged 6-9 (last 6 were aged 6 or 7yo)

### Betting

- 4 of the last 9 winners started favourite
- 7 of the last 10 winners came from the top 3 in the betting
- All of the last 11 winners returned 16/1 or lower

### Class

- All of the last 10 winners had run in a Grade 2 or better race
- All of the last 13 winners carried 11-09 or less
- All of the last 10 winners had won at class 2 or higher

### Distance

- All of the last 10 winners had won over this distance or further

### Previous runs

- All of the last 10 winners had run no more than once that season
- 12 of the last 13 winners had finished in the top 2 on at least 1 of their last 2 runs

**Interesting Fact:** 11 of the last 13 winners had previously won at Cheltenham

**Interesting Fact 2:** In the last decade the four horses to have run already that season all finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 6 horses making their debut had finished 0P21P4.

## HOW THE LEADING FANCIES FIT THE TOP TRENDS

	Rated 136-150	Aged 6-9	Maximum 1 race so far	Top 2 in 1 of last 2 runs	Course winner	Debut or top 2 LTO
Our Vic	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓
Tartak	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X
Knowhere	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X
Chapoturgeon	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Poquelin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tatenen	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Tranquil Sea	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Northern Alliance	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Ballyfitz	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tarotino	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Il Duce	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
My Petra	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
Bible Lord	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
According to Pet'	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
I'm So Lucky	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Pop	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓
Three Mirrors	✓	✓	X	X	X	X
Leslingtaylor	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
From Dawn to D'	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X
Hold Em	X	✓	X	X	X	X

## TRAINER RECORDS

(RUNNERS – WINS - PLACED)

N.T-DAVIES	11	1	2	
F.MURPHY	6	1	1	
JJ.O'NEILL	5	1	1	
N.HENDERSON	9	1	2	
MRS V.WILLIAMS	8	1	0	
P.HOBBS	9	0	5	
A.KING	5	0	3	
P.NICHOLLS	13	0	3	(ALL 3 2ND'S)
D.PIPE	5	0	1	
H.DALY	3	0	2	

## 1999 – 2008 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	Weight	Rated	Odds	Trainer
2008	173/114-	IMPERIAL COMM'DER	9	7	10-07	139	13/2	N.TWIST'-DAVIES
2007	1F21U-1	L'ANTARTIQUE	19	7	10-13	146	13/2	F.MURPHY
2006	3/331F-2	EXOTIC DANCER	13	6	11-02	139	16/1	J.J.O'NEILL
2005	113/FPP-	OUR VIC	11	7	11-07	149	9/4F	M.PIPE
2004	2/13321-	CELESTIAL GOLD	6	6	10-02	136	12/1	M.PIPE
2003	31F712-	FONDMORT	21	7	10-13	150	3/1F	N.HENDERSON
2002	3/1482P-	CYFOR MALTA	16	9	11-09	154	16/1	M.PIPE
2001	32358-1	SHOOTING LIGHT	28	8	11-03	137	9/4F	M.PIPE
2000	4/12128-	LADY CRICKET	18	6	10-13	138	5/1F	M.PIPE
1999	11440-1	THE OUTBACK WAY	55	9	10-00	139	9/1	MRS V.WILLIAMS

### AGE OF THE WINNER (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

5yo (0-3-13) 6yo (3-5-25) 7yo (4-6-37) 8yo (1-8-39) 9yo (2-5-21) 10yo(0-3-13) 11yo+(0-0-6)

### OFFICIAL RATINGS BAN (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

120-129 (0/2/10) 130-139 (6/8/69) 140-149 (2/7/50) 150-159 (2/3/22) 160+ (0/0/3)

### HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

**Favourites finishing position:** PU--1--1--PU--1--3--1--2--F--6 **To £1 Level Stake:** +£6.50

**Position of winner in market:** 3--1--1--8--1--7--1--10--2--3

### PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST FOUR FINISHERS RACED

LED	2	RACED PROMINENT	10
MID-DIVISION	9	HELP UP IN REAR	19

### AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CAREER RUNS	ODDS
7	11 – 00	4	6 had 0 4 had 1	8 months 14	20	8 – 1

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (40)	
GB Bred	40	0	9	22.5%	22.5%
Irish Bred	61	5	6	18%	27.5%
French Bred	52	5	15	38.5%	50%
NZ Bred	1	0	0	0%	0%

## **APPLYING THE TRENDS**

The typical winner of the Paddy Power chase is a (relatively) young horse, fancied in the betting, who hasn't done too much racing over fences, but has won over the course and the distance, and is rated 136-154. Let's see if we can find a suitable candidate....

### **Let's begin by removing those rated outside the 136-154 bracket...**

Our Vic and Hold Em

### **Any horse aged 5, or older than 9....**

Knowhere, Chapoturgeon, Tatenen and From Dawn Til Dusk

### **Had more than 1 race this season....**

Tranquil Sea, Northern Alliance, Three Mirrors and Leslingtaylor

### **Hasn't won at the course....**

Tartak, Tarotino, Il Duce, My Petra, Bible Lord, According to Pete, I'm So Lucky & Pop,

Which leaves two...Poquelin and Ballyfitz. It's difficult to split them as a strong case can be made for both of them.

Last time out Poquelin won the Zeturf Handicap Chase over course and distance which may not be that well known a race but of the last 9 Paddy Power winners to have had a run that season 6 had finished in the top 2 of this handicap. However, Paul Nicholl's has a very poor record in the race and the likely soft ground will be against him.

Ballyfitz has a very similar look about him to last years winner Imperial Commander and comes from the same stable. He has a perfect trends profile, has won first time out for the last 3 seasons and loves Cheltenham. However, aged 9 he is a little older than recent Paddy Power winners and as he was available at 16/1 earlier in the week we may have missed the boat given he is now a 7/1 chance.

Decisions, decisions. If you subscribed this Summer to the trends you probably know all about my poor record of choosing the right one from two so I'll bottle it and go with them both as.....

## **THE LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNERS: POQUELIN & BALLYFITZ**

### **NAG RATINGS**

<b>POQUELIN</b>	<b>81</b>
BALLYFITZ	80
TATENEN	80
CHAPOTURGEON	79
ACCORDING TO PETE	78

# JUVENILE NOVICE HURDLE

2 MILES 110YDS, GRADE 2, 3YO ONLY

## RACE HISTORY

Although it's quite early in the season, and a lot of the juvenile hurdlers have yet to run, this race does seem to throw up a lot of top class horses with Al Eile, Fair Along and Katchit all recent winners. Up until last year the trends for the race were quite good but Simarian defied quite a few stats in gaining his success and it will be interesting to see whether it was just 'one of those results' you get every now and then or if the tide is turning due to the introduction of Summer racing.....

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** 12 of the last 13 winners had run a maximum of 4 times over hurdles

### Age

- 5 of the last 7 to have run over hurdles won on their debut

### Betting

- All of the last 13 winners returned 10/1 or less
- 11 of the last 13 winners were from the top 3 in the betting

### Class

- All of the last 13 winners had yet to win above class 2 over hurdles

### Distance

- 11 of the last 13 winners had won a hurdle race over 2 miles

### Previous runs

- 11 of the last 13 winners had won at least 1 of their last 2 runs
- 12 of the last 13 winners finished in the top 2 over hurdles last time out
- All of the winners to have run over hurdles had won a race

**Interesting Fact:** 12 of the last 13 winners had yet to race at Cheltenham (exception was last years winner Simarian)



## 1999 – 2008 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	Weight	Odds	Trainer
2008	12P141	SIMARIAN	6	3	11-06	10/1	E.WILLIAMS
2007	31	FRANCHOEK	2	3	11-02	6/5F	A.KING
2006	112	KATCHIT	3	3	11-06	7/4F	A.KING
2005	U11	FAIR ALONG	3	3	10-12	11/2	P.HOBBS
2004	1	CERIUM	1	3	11-02	10/11F	P.NICHOLLS
2003	1	AL EILE	1	3	11-06	8/1	J.QUEALLY
2002	-	DON FERNANDO	0	3	10-12	9/2	M.PIPE
2001	1	GREENHOPE	1	3	11-06	2/1F	N.HENDERSON
2000	-	MONTREAL	0	3	10-12	11/4	M.PIPE
1999	7112	HIGH STAKES	4	3	11-06	3/1	C.ROCHE

### HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

**Favourites finishing position:** 2--2--1--BD--2/F--1--2--1--1--5    **To £1 Level Stake:** -£0.14  
**Position of winner in market:** 3--2--1--2--5--1--4--1--1--4

### PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST THREE FINISHERS RACED

LED	4	RACED PROMINENT	7
MID-DIVISION	5	HELP UP IN REAR	14

### AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CAREER RUNS	ODDS
3	11 – 02	1	2	35	2	4 – 1

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (30)	
GB Bred	32	2	5	21.9%	23.3%
Irish Bred	32	5	5	31.3%	33.3%
French Bred	21	2	6	38.1%	26.7%
German Bred	4	1	1	50%	6.7%
USA Bred	12	0	3	25%	10%

## **APPLYING THE TRENDS**

**We'll start by removing the maiden hurdlers....**

Pistolet Noir, Screaming Brave and Princess Soraya

**then those who have run more than 4 times...**

Barizan and Royal Max

**Next to go are any that have won above Class 2....**

Nicky Nutjob

leaving us with 3. Those that had won on their hurdles debut tend to do well so I will exclude Olofi and Roseka and make....

**THE LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNER: TRUMPSTOO**

## **NAG RATINGS**

<b>ROSEKA</b>	<b>75</b>
TRUMPSTOO	73
NICKY NUTJOB	71
OLOFI	70
SCREAMING BRAVE	69

# GREATWOOD HANDICAP HURDLE

2 MILES 110YDS, GRADE 3, 4YO +

## RACE HISTORY

The Greatwood has become one of the classiest handicap hurdle races in the calendar with some serious Champion Hurdle contenders emerging in recent seasons. There have also been three recent winners going on to take the International (Bula) Hurdle next time out and two Agfa Hurdle victors also. The race usually goes to a lightly raced 5yo who has been running in top company.....

## RECENT TRENDS

**Killer stat:** All of the last 12 winners had won within their last 3 starts

### Age

- 7 of the last 10 winners were aged 5yo
- 9 of the last 10 winners were aged 4-6yo

### Betting

- The last 5 winners have been 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites

### Class

- 6 of the last 7 winners were rated 134+
- All of the last 7 winners had raced in a grade 2 or better race

### Distance

- 9 of the last 10 winners had won no further than 2m2f

### Previous runs

- 9 of the last 10 winners had a top 2 finish in one of their last 2 runs
- 10 of the last 12 winners had 10 or less NH career starts
- 8 of the last 10 winners had raced 2 or less times that season

**Interesting Fact:** 4 of the last 5 winners ran in a grade 1 race last time out including last years winner Numide who contested the Supreme Novices hurdle at Cheltenham.

## **HOW THE LEADING FANCIES FIT THE TOP TRENDS**

	5yo	10 or less runs	Won in last 3 starts	Rated 134+	Not won over 2m2f+	Raced in Gr.2+ race
Raise Your Heart	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medermit	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
El Dancer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Khyber kim	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Simarian	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Secret Tune	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Silverhand	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Culcabock	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓
European Dream	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Issaquah	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Ronaldo des Mot'	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Tramp Stamp	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Glenstal Abbey	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X
James de Vassy	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Cockney Trucker	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Gee Dee Nen	X	✓	X	X	X	X
Harry Tricker	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X
Salute Him	X	✓	X	X	✓	X
Hearthstead Drea'	X	X	X	X	✓	X

## **TRAINER RECORDS**

(RUNNERS – WINS - PLACED)

G.L.MOORE	5	1	1
P.NICHOLLS	6	1	2
P.NOLAN	2	1	0
P.HOBBS	15	2	1
JJ.O'NEILL	4	1	2
N.TWISTON-DAVIES	7	0	1
H.DE BROMHEAD	1	1	0
MISS V.WILLIAMS	4	0	1
A.KING	7	0	1
N.HENDERSON	5	0	2

## 1999 – 2008 PAST WINNERS

Year	Form	Horse	NH Runs	Age	Weight	Rated Odds	Trainer
2008	1140-	NUMIDE	4	5	10-03 124	5/1	G.L.MOORE
2007	11351-F	SIZING EUROPE	8	5	11-06 137	5/1	H. DE BROMHEAD
2006	81111-	DETROIT CITY	5	4	11-12 148	6/5F	P.HOBBS
2005	121/-	LINGO	3	6	10-06 140	5/1	J.J. O'NEILL
2004	15151-2	ACCORDION ETOILE	10	5	10-06 149	10/3F	P.NOLAN
2003	F11214	RIGMAROLE	22	5	11-12 140	33/1	P.NICHOLLS
2002	42214-1	ROOSTER BOOSTER	24	8	11-12 155	7/1	P.HOBBS
2001	P1-111	WESTENDER	5	5	10-13 132	11/8F	M.PIPE
2000	1F2-	HULYSSE ROYAL	3	5	10-00 134	9/1	O.SHERWOOD
1999	-11	RODOCK	2	5	10-00 131	11/4jt	M.PIPE

### AGE OF THE WINNER (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

4yo (1-3-19) 5yo (7-5-44) 6yo (1-6-32) 7yo (0-2-12) 8yo (1-3-9) 9yo+ (0-1-11)

### OFFICIAL RATINGS BAN (WINS / PLACES / NUMBER OF RUNNERS)

110-129 (1/5/23) 130-139 (4/8/68) 140-149 (4/6/24) 150-159 (1/1/7) 160+ (0/1/5)

### HOW THE FAVOURITES FARED

**Favourites finishing position:** 1/2--4--1--6--3--1--0--1--8--2      **To £1 Level Stake:** +£0.77

**Position of winner in market:** 1--5--1--6--9--1--2--1--2--2

### PACE IN THE RACE – HOW THE FIRST THREE FINISHERS RACED

LED	3	RACED PROMINENT	7
MID-DIVISION	3	HELP UP IN REAR	17

### AVERAGE JOE – THE AVERAGE PROFILE OF THE WINNER

AGE	WEIGHT	POSITION LAST TIME	RUNS THAT SEASON	DAYS SINCE LAST RUN	NUMBER OF CAREER RUNS	ODDS
5	10 – 13	3	1	25 days 7 months	9	7 – 1

### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

	(RUNNERS	WINNERS	PLACED	% WIN & PLACE) to No. of Runners / to No. of Places (30)	
GB Bred	39	2	8	25.6%	33.3%
Irish Bred	46	3	6	19.6%	30%
French Bred	26	4	3	26.9%	23.3%
German Bred	7	0	2	28.6%	6.7%
USA Bred	8	1	1	25%	6.7%
SAF Bred	1	0	0	0%	0%

## **APPLYING THE TRENDS**

Not the greatest race for trends ever run but a typical winner is a 5yo rated over 134 who has won within the last 3 starts....

This leaves us looking at either Medermit or El Dancer.

With fancied horses usually holding sway I make....

**THE LIKELIEST TRENDS WINNER: MEDERMIT**

## **NAG RATINGS**

<b>TRAMP STAMP</b>	<b>77</b>
RONALDO DES MOTTES	75
MEDERMIT	74
HARRY TRICKER	73
SECRET TUNE	71