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TRAINERS

Over the last 5 years at Cheltenham the top 5 trainers at the track have trained nearly 200 winners between them.....

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins-Runners</u>	<u>Strike Rate</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>
P. Nicholls	62 – 406	15%	-£102.94
N. Twiston-Davies	36 – 360	10%	+£49.79
P. Hobbs	35 – 291	12%	-£40.64
N. Henderson	32 – 267	12%	-£54.43
A. King	30 – 271	11%	-£65.80

But how have they got on at the 4 day Festival over the same period?.....

NIGEL TWISTON-DAVIES

Since 2006 Nigel Twiston-Davies has had just 6 winners from 84 runners (7.1%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £15.50 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 0 / 17 (wins / runners)

2007 0 / 9

2008 1 / 18

2009 2 / 19

2010 3 / 21

NEGATIVES

- All 25 of his runners on the Tuesday of the meeting have been beaten
- A staggering 49 of his 84 runners have been sent off as rank outsiders at 28/1 or higher and all 49 have been beaten. Just 4 made the frame (but none of those 4 were 66/1 or bigger)
- All 26 of his runners to have finished 7th or worse on their last run have been beaten
- All 11 of his runners that fell or pulled up last time out ran unplaced at the Cheltenham Festival
- All 10 of his 4 & 5yo runners have been beaten and so have all 10 aged 11 or older
- All 18 runners that had their last run in the previous 19 days have been beaten
- All 16 horses that were ridden by jockeys claiming in the race were beaten

POSITIVES

- 5 of his 6 winners came on the Thursday and Friday of the meeting (41 runners)
- 5 of his 6 winners came in chase events
- 5 of his 6 winners were weighted within just 4lb of the bottom weight in the race
- All 6 of his winners had their last run in the previous 20-90 days

Paddy Brennan has ridden 4 of Twiston-Davies's 6 winners from 33 rides for the stable. All were on the Thursday and Friday of the meeting.

PAUL NICHOLLS

The champion trainer has had 17 winners from 163 runners at a strike rate of just 10.4%. You would have lost £52 by backing his horses to a £1 level stake.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 3/ 29 (wins / runners) **2007** 4 / 34 **2008** 3 / 34 **2009** 5 / 35 **2010** 2 / 31

NEGATIVES

- For whatever reason he doesn't seem to do very well on the first day of the meeting as he has only had the 1 winner from his 35 runners on the Tuesday.
- Races at 3m4f or further are also not his forte as he hasn't had any winners at these extended distances from 12 runners in the last 5 years.
- All 5 of his Bumper runners have been beaten
- All 23 runners he's had in the Class 2 contests held at the Festival have been beaten.
- Forget his rank outsiders as all 31 of his horses trading at 28/1 or bigger have been beaten and he's had just 1 winner from 67 runners that were 16/1 or bigger
- From his 45 runners who had finished 4th or worse last time out he's had just the one winner.
- All 13 horses he sent to the Festival aged 10 or older have been beaten (just 1 placed). He's only had 2 winners from 42 runners that were aged 8 or older.
- All 13 horses that were trying to defy a break of 91 days or more since their last run have been beaten.
- All 20 horses ridden by a jockey claiming an allowance in the race have been beaten.
- Christian Williams has had 14 rides for Paul Nicholls at the Festival over the last 5 years and failed to make the frame on all of them.

And finally a very interesting stat.... all 38 of his runners carrying 13lb or more than the bottom weight in the race have been beaten. Only 5 of these runners were placed.

POSITIVES

- All 17 winners came in Class 1 contests (from 140 runners)
- 14 of his 17 winners won last time out
- 16 of his 17 winners were 1st or 2nd favourite last time out
- His 4 and 5yo's have given him 7 winners from their 46 runners and returned a level stakes profit of +£21 (forget the NH runners to make it +£26)
- 16 of his 17 winners had been rested between 20 – 90 days since their last run.

Not surprisingly, **Ruby Walsh** has ridden the majority of Paul Nicholls's 17 winners with 13 of them (from 61 rides). He shows a level stakes profit of just under £10 for the stable.

All 18 of his rides in handicap chases at the Festival have been beaten.

So forget backing him when he rides for the stable on the Tuesday and don't bet him on the Nicholls' handicap chasers. Following these two simple rules would have given you 12 winners from 34 rides and a level stakes profit of £29.89 over the last 5 years.

NICKY HENDERSON

Since 2006 Nicky Henderson has had 9 winners from 136 runners (6.6%) at the Cheltenham Festival but backing all his runners over this period would have lost you just £8.16 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 3 / 23 (wins / runners)

2007 0 / 23

2008 0 / 20

2009 3 / 32

2010 3 / 38

NEGATIVES

- He's had 29 runners over extended trips of 3 miles plus and all 29 have been beaten
- All 9 horses that Fell or Pulled Up on their previous run failed to win at Cheltenham
- All 22 runners that were trying a shorter trip here at Cheltenham compared to their previous run got beat
- All 19 of Nicky Henderson's horses that carried 10-07 or less were beaten with just 2 making the frame.
- All 19 female horses that ran from the Henderson stable have been beaten
- The 38 horses that he's run coming off a break of 61 days or more have been beaten
- His 12 runners in Novice handicaps have all been beaten
- He's had 25 horses start as 1st or 2nd favourite and only 1 has won

POSITIVES

- All of his winners were returned 25/1 or under with the 26 horses starting at bigger odds getting beat (though 3 were placed).
- 8 of his 9 winners were running over the same trip or just 1 furlong extra compared to their previous start (from 78 runners)

Tony McCoy has had one winner for the stable from 12 rides. Andrew Tinkler has also had one winner but from 17 rides. Marcus Foley is 0 from 10.

Not surprisingly Barry Gerraghty has ridden the most winners for the stable with 4 wins from 30 rides and a Level Stakes Profit of £21.50. All of those winners were 4-6yo's in hurdle races up to 2m 5f.

Backing Gerraghty under these conditions would have given you 4 winners from 10 rides and a LSP of £41.50.

Backing all male Henderson runners up to 2m5f and carrying 10-08 or more that weren't in Novice handicaps would have given you the 9 winners from 69 runners and a very impressive Level Stakes profit of £58.83. (Forgetting those runners above 25/1 would have saved you a further 8 bets.)

PHILLIP HOBBS

Things haven't been to good for Phillip Hobbs at recent Cheltenham Festivals as he's managed just 4 winners from 86 runners (4.7%). Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £34.50 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2005 1 / 17 (wins / runners)

2006 1 / 15

2007 0 / 16

2008 0 / 17

2009 2 / 21

NEGATIVES

- All 15 of his runners in Class 2 races have been beaten
- All 5 of his runners in the Bumper have finished out of the frame
- All 30 of his runners that finished 4th or worse in their last race were beaten
- All 20 of his runners dropping down in trip from their previous run were beaten
- The 20 horses aged 9 or over were all beaten
- Those runners of his that were rested 61 days or more since their last run all got beat
- The 13 horses ridden by jockeys able to claim an allowance were all beaten

POSITIVES

- All 4 of his winners have come in races up to 2m5f in distance (25 losers at 3m+)
- All 4 of his winners finished in the top 3 on their previous run
- All 4 of his winners carried between 10-12 and 11-09
- All 4 of his winners last ran in the previous 20-60 days.

Richard Johnson has ridden all 4 of Phillip Hobbs's winners from 46 rides for the stable.

DAVID PIPE

His Dad may have dominated the Cheltenham Festival during his illustrious training career but Pipe Jnr has struggled since taking over the stable in 2006. David Pipe has had 5 winners from 105 runners (4.8%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you a whopping £50.50 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 4 years has been....

2007 1 / 26 (wins / runners) **2008** 2 / 26 **2009** 0 / 32 **2010** 2 / 21

There's not too much to go on but all 5 winners were in Class 1 races up to 3m1f.

It's also best to keep an eye on jockeys coming in for a spare ride as stable jockeys Tim Murphy and Tom Scudamore have only ridden 1 winner apiece on David Pipe runners from 28 and 35 rides respectively.

Miss VENETIA WILLIAMS

She managed just 3 winners from 55 runners (5.5%) but thanks to some big priced winners is able to show a level stakes profit of +£9.00

Her record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 0 / 8 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 13

2008 0 / 8

2009 2 / 17

2010 0 / 9

All 3 of her winners came in Class 1 handicaps (not novice) on the Thursday of the meeting over 2m4f – 3m1f. All of them had finished in the top 4 on their previous runs.

She's only had 6 similar runners over the years for those 3 winners at a LSP of +£54.00

FERDY MURPHY

You can usually rely on Ferdy Murphy to have at least one winner at the meeting with his only blank coming in 2009 . He's had 6 winners from 45 runners (13.3%) since 2006 and shows a whopping £118 profit to £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 2 / 10 (wins / runners)

2007 2 / 8

2008 1 / 7

2009 0 / 10

2010 1 / 10

NEGATIVES

- All 10 of his runners up to 2m 1f have been beaten
- He's had all 3 of his favourites beaten
- All 3 of his horses that were 66/1 or bigger were unplaced

POSTIVES

- All his winners were aged 7 – 10 (30 such runners)
- All of his winners had been rested for at least 26 days
- 4 of his winners had finished in the top 2 last time out
- All 6 of his winners came in races of 16 runners or more

If you had backed Ferdy Murphy's runners at 2m4f or further that were aged 7 – 10 you would have had all 6 winners from 22 runners and made an absolutely amazing £141 profit to £1 Level Stakes.

ALAN KING

He had quite a bit of success at the track up to 2008 but his well documented troubles over the last two seasons have rather damaged his overall figures. He's still had a respectable 9 winners from 97 runners (9.3%) but you would have recorded a level stakes loss of £23.50.

His overall record looks like this.....

2006 2 / 16 (wins / runners)

2007 3 / 17

2008 3 / 18

2009 1 / 25

2010 0 / 21

NEGATIVES

- All of his last 20 handicap hurdle runners have been beaten
- All 69 of his runners starting at 11/1 or bigger have been beaten
- All 24 runners aged 8yo or older have been beaten
- All 4 of his female runners have been beaten
- All 7 of his runners ridden by a claiming jockey have been beaten (just one placed)

POSITIVES

- 6 of his winners came at 2miles – 2m1f (from 34 such runners)
- 8 of his 9 winners finished in the top 2 last time out
- 6 of his 9 winners carried 11-06 or more
- All 9 of his winners carried within 8lb of the bottom weight
- 8 of his winners were aged 5-7yo (56 runners)
- All of his 9 winners had been rested at least 20 days since their last run
- 7 of his winners had won at least 1 of their last 2 starts

Robert Thornton has ridden the majority of winners for the stable with 7 from 58 rides. None of his winners were in handicaps and all were 10/1 or under. Following these 2 simple rules would have given you 7 winners from 15 rides and an impressive £40.50 level stakes profit. If you restricted yourself to then only backing those runners with at least one top 2 finish in their last 2 runs you would have had 7 winners from 11 rides (63.6% strike rate) and a £44.50 LSP.

Assuming his recent troubles are behind him then the type of Alan King horses we should be looking for are those starting at 10/1 or under that finished in the top 2 last time out. Since 2006 he's had 22 such runners and 8 winners (36.4%) for a Level Stakes Profit of £45.50. 14 of the 22 were at least placed.

Funnily enough though, the 5 runners satisfying this criteria that started favourite were all beaten including one at odds-on.

JONJO O'NEILL

Jonjo O'Neill has had at least one winner at the Festival every year since 2006. In total he's had 7 winners from 86 runners (8.1%). Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you just 62p at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 1 / 21 (wins / runners)

2007 3 / 19

2008 1 / 12

2009 1 / 17

2010 1 / 17

NEGATIVES

- All 18 of his winners running in distance up to 2m1f have been beaten
- All 15 of his 4 and 5yo runners have been beaten. ALL were unplaced.
- All 11 of his runners that were 10yo or older were beaten. ALL were unplaced.
- All 10 of his runners that Fell or Pulled Up on their last run were beaten (just 1 placed)
- All 11 of his runners carrying 10-07 or less were beaten (though 4 were placed)
- All 4 of his female runners have been beaten
- All 19 of his runners that had run in the previous 25 days were beaten
- All 11 runners ridden by a claiming jockey were beaten

POSITIVES

- All 7 winners were aged 6 - 9yo
- 6 of his 7 winners came on the Thursday and Friday of the meeting
- 4 of his winners started favourite (from 9 runners)
- 5 of his winners finished in the top 2 on their previous start
- 6 of his 7 winners carried top-weight or equal top weight (35 runners)
- All 7 of his winners had won within their last 4 starts

Tony McCoy has ridden 5 (1 in each year since 2006) of the O'Neill winners from his 29 rides (17.2%) for a very small level stakes profit of £1.37.

All 5 winners were at a distance of 2m4f – 3m1f and all finished in the top 2 last time out. Backing all such runners would have given you the 5 winners from 12 runners and a Level Stakes Profit of £18.37. 4 of his winners started favourite (from 7 such runners.)

If you forget backing Jonjo's runners in handicaps and concentrate on his 6-9yo's that carry top weight (or equal top weight) on the Thursday and Friday of the meeting you would have had 6 winners from 19 runners (31.6%) and made a very impressive £60.37 Level Stakes Profit.

THE IRISH TRAINERS.....

WILLIE MULLINS

Willie Mullins has had at least one winner every year since 2007 and 8 winners from 92 runners (8.7%) in total since 2006. He shows a small level stakes profit of £3.25.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 0 / 17 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 14

2008 2 / 11

2009 3 / 21

2010 2 / 29

NEGATIVES

- All 11 Mullins runners dropping down in trip compared to their previous run got beat
- All of his 4 runners in Class 2 races have been unplaced
- Only 1 of his last 22 runners in the Bumper has been successful
- All 5 of his runners starting at 66/1 or bigger were unplaced

POSITIVES

- All 8 of his winners were aged 5-7yo
- All 8 of his winners had won at least 1 of their last two starts
- 7 of his 8 winners returned favourite on their previous run
- 6 of his 8 winners won last time out
- 6 of his 8 winners were in hurdle races
- 7 of his 8 winners came in races up to a distance of 2m5f

P. Townend is 0 from 20 on his rides for the stable.

Ruby Walsh has ridden 5 winners from 27 mounts. All 5 winners were at distances of 2m4f – 3m1f and had won at least 1 of their last 2 starts. If you had backed all 10 runners that fulfilled that criteria since 2006 you would have backed 5 winners and 5 fallers! for a level stakes profit of £10.25

By backing all Mullins hurdlers that were 5-7yo, had won at least 1 of their last two starts up to a distance of 2m5f it would have given you 6 winners from 15 runners (40%) and a level stakes profit of +£64.00.

DERMOT WELD

Dermot Weld hasn't had a winner at the Cheltenham Festival from his last 15 runners stretching all the way back to 2005.

NOEL CHANCE

Likewise, Noel Chance hasn't had a winner at the Cheltenham Festival from his last 8 runners going back to 2005 although 5 of the 8 have been placed.

E J O'GRADY

His last winner at the Festival came in 2006 and he's had 23 losers since then.

DESSIE HUGHES

Another trainer who's been suffering over the last few years with just 2 placed horses from 22 runners.

A J MARTIN

Tony Martin hasn't had a winner since 2006 and has had 15 losers in the last 4 years.

MRS JOHN HARRINGTON

Jessica Harrington has had just the one winner since 2006 from 25 runners.

C. BYRNES

He's had 2 winners from 12 runners since 2006 courtesy of Weapons Amnesty who won at the Festival in both 2009 and 2010.

PAUL NOLAN

He's had just 1 placed horse from 12 runners since 2006.

HENRY de BROMHEAD

Going back to 2005 he's had 10 runners and just 1 winner but with 7 of those runners starting at odds of 16/1 or over it's probably best to simply concentrate on his fancied horses.

JOCKEYS

Over the last 5 years at Cheltenham the top 5 jockeys at the track have ridden over 150 winners between them.....

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins-Rides</u>	<u>Strike Rate</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>
R. Walsh	54 – 235	23%	+£6.01
Paddy Brennan	32 – 256	13%	+£65.82
Richard Johnson	30 – 230	13%	-£42.52
A P McCoy	29 – 266	11%	-£98.33
Robert Thornton	28 – 207	14%	-£20.80

But how have they got on at the 4 day Festival over the same period?.....

RUBY WALSH

With the backing of Paul Nicholls and some of the leading Irish trainers, including Willie Mullins, it's no surprise to see him as the top jockey at the meeting since 2006. Ruby Walsh has ridden 19 winners from 100 rides (19%) over the last five Cheltenham Festivals including an amazing 7 winners in 2009. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you just 85p at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 3 / 19 (wins / runners)

2007 3 / 19

2008 3 / 21

2009 7 / 20

2010 3 / 21

Hurdles 11 winners from 51 rides

Chases 8 winners from 44 rides

NH Flat 0 winners from 5 rides

18 of his 19 winners were aged 4-7yo.

18 of his 19 winners were at odds of 15/2 or less with just one horse winning from 44 rides that started at 8/1 or higher. Those 18 winners were all from the front 4 in the betting.

18 of his 19 winners finished in the top 3 on their previous start (16 won) but 81 of his 100 rides fulfilled this criteria.

18 of his 19 winners had won at least one of their last two starts.

Paul Nicholls and Willie Mullins have provided Ruby Walsh with 88 of his 100 rides and he has won on 18 of them.

If you had backed all of Ruby Walsh's rides that had won within their last 2 starts, were aged 4-7 and at 15/2 or shorter in the betting you would have had 17 winners from 45 rides (37.8%) and made a LSP of **+£30.39** over the last 5 Festivals.

PADDY BRENNAN

Paddy Brennan has ridden 6 winners from 72 rides (8.3%) at the rate of at least 1 a year over the past 5 Cheltenham Festivals. Backing all his runners over this period would have won you a healthy £26 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 1 / 14 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 14

2008 1 / 13

2009 1 / 17

2010 2 / 14

Hurdles 3 winners from 37 rides

Chases 3 winners from 35 rides

NH Flat 0 winners from 0 rides

There's not too much to go on with regard to Brennan's winners as he's had quite a few different types of horse win for him. Probably the most striking is that 5 of the 6 were on horses aged 7-9yo (from 37 rides) with just 1 winner from his other 35 rides on runners outside this age bracket (0 from 8 on those aged 10 years+).

RICHARD JOHNSON

With the Phillip Hobbs stable under performing at recent Festivals it's not surprising to see Richard Johnson struggle here with just 4 winners from 66 rides (6.1%) since 2006. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £14.50 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 1 / 16 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 14

2008 0 / 12

2009 0 / 12

2010 2 / 12

Hurdles 3 winners from 31 rides

Chases 1 winners from 32 rides

NH Flat 0 winners from 3 rides

All 4 of his winners came in races up to 2m5f in distance with all 18 of his rides beyond this trip getting beat (just 3 placed). His 10 rides starting at 28/1 or bigger have all been beaten but he has had two such horses placed for him. All 4 of his winners finished in the top 3 on their previous start (21 losers finished 4th or worse). He rode all of his 4 winners in their previous race (from 45 such rides) with the 21 horses he replaced a different jockey all getting beat. All 4 of his winners were trained by Phillip Hobbs with his 20 outside rides all losing.

All 15 horses he rode that were dropping down in trip compared to their previous run were beaten, although 8 did make the frame. He's ridden 13 horses carrying 10-11 or less and has lost on them all. It's the same story for the 15 rides with 11-10 or more. The 13 horses aged 9 and over he's been aboard have all been beaten (just 2 placed).

A P McCOY

The great Tony McCoy hasn't been smiling too much at recent Cheltenham Festivals although he has managed to ride at least 1 winner a year since 2006 and 8 winners in total from his 94 rides at the meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £45.37 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2006 3 / 20 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 18

2008 1 / 19

2009 1 / 18

2010 2 / 19

Hurdles 4 winners from 47 rides

Chases 4 winners from 42 rides

NH Flat 0 winners from 5 rides

All 5 of his rides at 3m2f or further have been beaten. He hasn't had a winner on the Wednesday of the meeting for at least 7 years (29 rides). He's had 17 handicap hurdle losers from 17 rides since 2006. All 26 of the 4 & 5yo's he's ridden in this time period have been beaten as have all 7 horses aged 10 or older.

He's ridden 70 horses that have started in the first 4 of the betting and he's won on just 6 of them (all favourites).

All 8 of his winners finished in the first 2 on their previous start (7 won).

ROBERT THORNTON

Another jockey who has suffered thanks to the poor form of his principal trainer. His last 33 rides at the Festival have all lost! Despite that, since 2006 Robert Thornton has ridden 9 winners from 73 rides (12.3%) and backing all his runners over this period would have actually won you £5 at £1 level stakes.

His record for the last 5 years has been....

2005 2 / 14 (wins / runners)

2007 4 / 13

2008 3 / 16

2009 0 / 13

2010 0 / 17

Hurdles 5 winners from 43 rides

Chases 4 winners from 28 rides

NH Flat 0 winners from 2 rides

Not a lot to go on but all 33 of his rides that were 16/1 or bigger have been beaten with just 2 making the frame. 8 of his 9 winners made the top 3 on their last run (exception fell) and 8 had won at least 1 of their last 2 starts. All 22 horses he has ridden aged 8yo or over have been beaten.

Alan King has provided him with 7 of his wins from 58 rides.



If all this talk of Cheltenham has got you thinking about the upcoming Festival then you might be interested to know that subscriptions are now being taken for the Festival Trends Guides.

We had an amazing year in 2010 and finished **+295pts** up on all our selections thanks mainly to an incredible run in March-May where we tipped both the Irish and Scottish National winners (25/1 and 18/1), 22/1 (50/1 advised) & 28/1 winners at Aintree plus three consecutive winners at the Cheltenham Festival at 7/1, 10/1 and 10/1.

The flat wasn't too bad either and ended with a bang when we tipped both the Ayr Silver Cup and Ayr Gold Cup winners at 33/1 and 14/1 within 24 hours!! You can read all about our exploits here <http://festivaltrends.co.uk/>

It's a little bit quiet before the Cheltenham Festival but we do have Newbury (Totesport Trophy), Kempton (Racing Post Chase) and Sandown (Imperial Cup) coming up in the next month or so and I've also released a 4 race ante-post guide which covers the Totesport (20/1 strong fancy) and 3 races from the Festival.

As a special offer to all readers you can get 33% off the price of a Year Ticket if you sign up before 1st March and all yearly subscribers paid up by before Saturday 12th February will also qualify for the following promotion.....

I've placed a £10ew Lucky 15 with Stan James on my 4 Ante-Post horses and any winnings will be split equally between all paid Year Ticket Subscribers who have signed up before the Totesport Trophy is run (12th Feb 2011) *(Terms and Conditions Apply). The odds taken on the 4 horses were 20/1, 12/1, 6/1 and 3/1 which will return £126,548.75 if all 4 are successful. Without giving too much away, Saturday's results were very positive....

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