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2011 CHELTENHAM 'OPEN MEETING' BETTING GUIDE

FEATURING:
STATISTICS, TRENDS, HORSE PROFILES
AND INCLUDING
TRAINER AND JOCKEY ANALYSIS



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CHELTENHAM

The home of National Hunt racing, Cheltenham offers the supreme test for chasers and hurdlers.

HURDLE COURSE

Left-handed, galloping, undulating and testing track.



CHASE COURSE

Left-handed, galloping, undulating and testing track with stiff fences



TRAINERS

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

<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Wins-Runners</u>	<u>Strike Rate</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>
P. Nicholls	55 – 373	15%	-£90.29
N. Henderson	36 – 282	13%	-£48.05
N. Twiston-Davies	35 – 344	10%	+£62.79
P. Hobbs	33 – 271	12%	-£48.59
A. King	23 – 251	9%	-£81.75

But how have they got on at this 3 day meeting over the same period?.....

PAUL NICHOLLS

The champion trainer has had 12 winners from 69 runners at a strike rate of 17.4%. You would have lost £14.75 by backing his horses to a £1 level stake.

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

2006 4 / 12 (wins / runners) **2007** 1 / 12 **2008** 2 / 17 **2009** 2 / 12 **2010** 3 / 16

He's had just 3 hurdle winners from 27 such runners with most of his winners coming from Chase races where he's had 7 winners from 39 runners. He's also trained 2 National Hunt Flat winners from 3 runners.

Interestingly all 12 winners have come in Class 1 or Class 2 contests with all 9 runners in lower grade races being beaten (just 1 placed).

All 12 winners had also raced no more than once in the previous 90 days with all 4 of the runners who had run more than once in that time period being unplaced

10 of his 12 winners were from the front two in the betting market but with 35 of his runners being sent off as favourite or second favourite simply backing his fancied runners will leave you just out of pocket (a 28.6% strike rate and a level stakes loss of -£3.25).

Backing his horses in races over 3m4f or further is another bad move as all 4 of these runners finished out of the frame.

And forget backing the old-timers from his yard at this meeting as all 7 runners aged 8 or older have been beaten (although 2 did make the frame).

Not surprisingly, **Ruby Walsh** has ridden 8 of Paul Nicholls's 12 winners (from 30 rides)

2 of these were over hurdles (from 13 rides), 5 over fences (from 16 rides) and 1 in a NH Flat race. All 8 were in Class 1 or Class 2 races (27 rides).

Only 2 of Walsh's winners for Nicholls were gained in handicap company (from 12 rides) and would have resulted in a -£4.00 level stakes loss.

NIGEL TWISTON-DAVIES

Since 2006 Nigel Twiston-Davies has had 8 winners from 75 runners (10.7%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £7.20 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 0 / 14 (wins / runners)

2007 2 / 12

2008 2 / 17

2009 3 / 18

2010 1 / 14

He's had just 2 hurdle winners from 29 such runners with most of his winners, like Paul Nicholls, coming in 'Chase races. Over the larger obstacles he's had 6 winners from 42 runners. His 4 runners in National Hunt Flat races have all been beaten.

Again like Paul Nicholls, all Nigel Twiston-Davies's winners have been in Class 1 and 2 events with all 9 of his lower class runners being beaten (2 were placed).

His 8 winners were aged 5-8yo (from 43 runners) with the remaining 28 horses outside this age bracket all being beaten including all 11 of his 4yo runners.

All of his 7 winners had raced a maximum of 2 times in the last 90 days with 7 of them having had no more than 1 run in the same time period. All 11 of his horses to have raced at 3m2f or further at this meeting have been beaten.

Since 2005, backing the stables 5-8yo's in Class 1 or 2 races up to 3m 1f would have given you.....

8 winners from 35 runners and a level stakes profit of +£32.79

Paddy Brennan has ridden 5 of Twiston-Davies's 8 winners from his 35 rides for the stable

All 5 of his winners were aged 5-8yo and backing just these horses would have returned a +£10.22 level stakes profit since 2006.

DAVID PIPE

His Dad may have dominated this meeting during his illustrious training career but Pipe Jnr has struggled since taking over the stable in 2006. David Pipe has had 4 winners from 60 runners (6.7%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you a whopping £39.08 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 1 / 14 (wins / runners) **2007** 0 / 15 **2008** 1 / 13 **2009** 1 / 9 **2010** 1 / 9

3 of his 4 winners were in Chases with 1 winner from 27 hurdle runners for the stable. He's also had 33 losers in Class 1 races.

PHILLIP HOBBS

Since 2006 Phillip Hobbs has had 7 winners from 51 runners (13.7%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £10.71 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 3 / 10 (wins / runners)
2007 1 / 13
2008 1 / 8
2009 0 / 7
2010 2 / 13

He's had 4 hurdle winners from 30 such runners with just 3 winners coming in 'Chase races. Over the larger obstacles he's had 19 runners for those 3 winners. He's also had 2 runners in National Hunt Flat races without success.

Again like Paul Nicholls and Nigel Twiston-Davies's all his winners have been in Class 1 and 2 events with all 17 of his lower class runners being beaten (6 were placed).

All 7 winners returned at 10/1 or under with his 20 higher priced horses all being beaten (just 3 placed).

5 of his 7 winners were aged 4 – 6 years old (31 runners) with the other winners being 9 and 11yo. 6 of the 7 winners finished in the top 3 last time out and 6 of the 7 had run no more than twice in the previous 90 days.

Since 2006, backing the stables 4-6yo's in Class 1 or 2 races who had finished in the top 3 last time out would have given you.....

5 winners from 16 runners (31.2%) and a level stakes profit of +£15.53

Richard Johnson has ridden 6 of Phillip Hobbs's 7 winners from his 27 rides for the stable although he drew a blank at the meeting in 2008/09. In 2008 he rode 3 horses for the stable and 2009 it was 4.

If, since 2006, you had backed Richard Johnson mounts for the stable at 2m – 2m1f in class 1 or 2 races you would have had 4 winners from 11 runners (36.4%). They would also have shown a £5.78 level stakes profit

Miss VENETIA WILLIAMS

She may have a great record at the Cheltenham Festival in March but Venetia Williams's record at this meeting is simply woeful with all 26 of her runners since 2004 being beaten.

2004 0 / 4 (wins / runners)
2005 0 / 4
2006 0 / 2
2007 0 / 3
2008 0 / 4
2009 0 / 4
2010 0 / 5

ALAN KING

He may have had quite a bit of success at the track over the last 5 years but his performance at this particular meeting is very poor. From 42 runners he's managed just 4 winners and you would have recorded a level stakes loss of £14.05.

His overall record looks like this.....

2006 1 / 6 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 10

2008 0 / 14

2009 0 / 4

2010 2 / 8

3 of his 4 winners came over hurdles at 2m – 2m1f (from 15 runners)

Robert Thornton has ridden 2 winners but they came from 26 rides for the stable (7.7% strike rate).

NICKY HENDERSON

Since 2006 Nicky Henderson has had 6 winners from 45 runners (13.3%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £10.91 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 0 / 7 (wins / runners)

2007 0 / 7

2008 2 / 11

2009 2 / 7

2010 2 / 13

He's had 4 hurdle winners (all in handicaps) from 24 hurdle runners with just 2 winners coming in 'Chase races (both handicaps). Over the larger obstacles he's had 18 runners for those 2 winners. He's also had 3 runners in National Hunt Flat races without success.

All 6 of his winners were aged 5 - 7yo of which he has had 29 such runners. They were all in Class 2 or 3 races (21 runners) and at a distance up to 2m5f (40 runners).

All 24 of his runners in Class 1 events have been beaten (and just 6 placed).

All of his 6 winners were colts or geldings and the 6 female horses he's run at the meeting have been beaten with just 2 getting placed.

Backing his 5 – 7yo's in class 2 and 3 handicaps would have given you 6 winners from 13 runners and a Level Stakes Profit of £21.08 since 2006.

FERDY MURPHY

You can always rely on Ferdy Murphy to have at least one runner at the meeting including one in the Paddy Power Chase. He won that race in 2007 which has provided half his tally of winners in the last 5 years. Those 2 winners came from 12 runners and you would have won £1 by backing them all at level stakes.

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

2006 0 / 4 (wins / runners)

2007 1 / 2

2008 0 / 1

2009 1 / 2

2010 0 / 3

Both winners came at 2m4f+, in handicap chases (8 runners), in Class 1 events (8 runners) and both were 5-7yo (7 runners) .

Interestingly they were both from the top 2 in the betting and were the only two runners from the stable to have started 1st or 2nd favourite.

JONJO O'NEILL

Jonjo O'Neill has by far the best record at this meeting of all the current trainers. Since 2005 Jonjo O'Neill has had 7 winners from 36 runners (19.4%) at Cheltenham in November although he hasn't trained a winner at either of the last 2 'Open' meetings. Backing all his runners over this period would have won you a very impressive £26.00 at £1 level stakes.

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

2005 3 / 13 (wins / runners)

2006 1 / 7

2007 2 / 5

2008 1 / 2

2009 0 / 2

2010 0 / 7

He's had 4 hurdle winners from 18 such runners with just 3 winners coming in 'Chase races. Over the larger obstacles he's had 15 runners for those 3 winners. He's also had 3 runners in National Hunt Flat races but without success.

All 7 winners finished in the top 2 last time out from 18 such runners.

If you ignored the National Hunt flat races and had simply backed Jonjo O'Neill horses who finished in the top 2 last time out you would have backed 7 winners from just 15 runners and made a massive level stakes profit of £47.00.

Tony McCoy has ridden 5 of the O'Neill winners from his 21 rides.

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	46 – 202	23%	+£18.74
Paddy Brennan	29 – 251	12%	+£55.69
Richard Johnson	28 – 207	14%	-£23.38
Barry Geraghty	28 – 157	18%	+£22.62
A P McCoy	24 – 243	10%	-£101.83

But how have they got on at this 3 day meeting over the same period?.....

RUBY WALSH

Ruby Walsh missed the meeting last year due to injury so I have left the figures the same as when I researched them in 2010.....

Since 2005 Ruby Walsh has ridden 10 winners from 47 rides (21.3%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £3.12 at £1 level stakes.

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

2005 0 / 12 (wins / runners)

2006 6 / 14

2007 1 / 4

2008 1 / 8

2009 2 / 9

2010 0 / 0

Hurdles	3 winners from 22 rides	Chases	5 winners from 23 rides
NH Flat	2 winners from 2 rides		

7 of his winners won their last start.

PADDY BRENNAN

Since 2007 Paddy Brennan has ridden 6 winners from 46 rides (13%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £10.27 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 NO RIDES

2007 2 / 10 (wins / runners)

2008 2 / 14

2009 2 / 13

2010 0 / 9

Hurdles	3 winners from 23 rides	Chases	3 winners from 21 rides
NH Flat	0 winners from 2 rides		

[RICHARD JOHNSON](#)

Since 2006 Richard Johnson has ridden 6 winners from 40 rides (15%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £10.71 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 3 / 9 (wins / runners)
2007 1 / 10
2008 0 / 4
2009 0 / 7
2010 2 / 10

Hurdles 3 winners from 22 rides
Chases 3 winners from 16 rides
NH Flat 0 winners from 2 rides

[A P McCOY](#)

Since 2006 Tony McCoy has ridden 4 winners from 48 rides (8.3%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £20 at £1 level stakes.

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

2006 2 / 10 (wins / runners)
2007 2 / 9
2008 0 / 8
2009 0 / 12
2010 0 / 9

Hurdles 1 winners from 24 rides
Chases 3 winners from 20 rides
NH Flat 0 winners from 4 rides

He's been beaten on his last 35 rides at the meeting. His last winner was Alberta's Run on 17th November 2007!!

[BARRY GERAGHTY](#)

Since 2007 Barry Geraghty has ridden just 3 winners from 21 rides (14.2%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £5.16 at level stakes.

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

2006 No rides
2007 0 / 3 (wins / runners)
2008 1 / 6
2009 1 / 1
2005 1 / 11

Hurdles 1 winners from 12 rides **Chases** 2 winners from 7 rides
NH Flat 0 winners from 2 rides

ROBERT THORNTON

Another jockey who didn't ride at the meeting in 2010 due to injury....

Since 2005 Robert Thornton has ridden just 3 winners from 35 rides (8.6%) at this meeting. Backing all his runners over this period would have lost you £15.05 at £1 level stakes.

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

2005 0 / 7 (wins / runners)

2006 1 / 7

2007 1 / 9

2008 0 / 7

2009 1 / 5

2010 0 / 0

Hurdles 3 winners from 19 rides **Chases** 0 winners from 15 rides

NH Flat 0 winners from 1 rides

All 26 horses that he has ridden aged 5 or over have been beaten.