

THE ROAD TO CHELTENHAM 2016



The 66 most important race trials
for the Cheltenham Festival

(November - March)



RACE 7: TRIUMPH HURDLE TRIAL – CHELTENHAM

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER – 2m½F HURDLE (3yo only)

RESULTS: 2005 – 2015

YEAR	FORM	WINNER	HURDLE RUNS	ODDS	TRAINER	AGE	WEIGHT	RATINGS
2015	1	Wolf Of Windlesham	1	12/1	Edmunds, S	3	11-2	0
2014	21	Golden Doyen (GER)	2	13/8	Hobbs, P J	3	11-2	136
2013	11	Royal Irish Hussar (IRE)	2	10/11	Henderson, N J	3	11-6	142
2012	1	Far West (FR)	1	15/8	Nicholls, P F	3	11-2	0
2011	1	Hinterland (FR)	1	6/4	Nicholls, P F	3	11-6	0
2010	22-2	Sam Winner (FR)	3	4/1	Nicholls, P F	3	10-12	0
2009	3	Pistolet Noir (FR)	1	7/2	Williams, Nick	3	10-12	0
2008	12P14	Simarian (IRE)	5	10/1	Williams, Evan	3	11-6	130
2007	31	Franchoek (IRE)	2	6/5	King, A	3	11-2	0
2006	112	Katchit (IRE)	3	7/4	King, A	3	11-6	0
2005	U11	Fair Along (GER)	3	11/2	Hobbs, P J	3	10-12	0

TRENDS:

- All 11 winners had finished in the top 4 on their last start (10/11 top 3)
- All 11 winners had their last run in either UK or France over hurdles
- 10 of the 11 winners had raced a maximum of 3 times over hurdles (8/11 once or twice)
- 9 of the 11 winners returned 11/2 or shorter
- All 14 female runners and all 9 Irish trained runners have been beaten
- 6 of the 9 winners to have run in the UK last time did so in class 4 company
- 3 of the 11 winners had their last run at Chepstow (from just 6 such runners)

TOP 5 TRAINERS:

	Runs/Wins/Places/Profit-Loss			
N. HENDERSON	8	1	4	-6.09
A. KING	9	2	1	-4.05
P. NICHOLLS	6	3	1	+4.38
D. PIPE	6	0	1	-5.00
N. WILLIAMS	5	1	2	-0.50

RACE AS A POINTER TO THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL:

A great pointer to the Triumph Hurdle and Fred Winter Handicap at the Festival but it's not always the winner that does best there as the runner up has a pretty decent record.....

The 2015 runner up Coo Star Sivola and third Romain De Senam were third and second in the Fred Winter at 16/1 & 20/1. The 2014 winner Golden Doyen fell in that Season's Fred Winter Handicap but the runner up to him Hargam managed 3rd in the Triumph Hurdle. The 2013 race once again saw the winner flop at the Festival but the runner up, Guitar Pete, take 3rd in the Triumph Hurdle. The 2012 winner, Far West was another to make the frame in the Triumph Hurdle when he finished 2nd. 2010 runner- up Grandouet managed 3rd in the Triumph while third home Plan A finished 4th in the Fred Winter. It was a similar story in 2009 when the runner up Barizan did the best of the runners by filling the same spot at Cheltenham in the Triumph. In 2008 it was 8th place finisher Saticon who did best at Cheltenham when finishing 3rd at 20/1 in the Fred Winter. Franchoek beat Won In The Dark in 2007 but was beaten into second at evens in the Triumph with Won In The Dark confirming the form with a third place finish. 2006 winner Katchit did win both here and the Triumph but 2005 winner Fair Along could only manage 2nd in his Triumph Hurdle attempt. Patmin Du Charmil was 6th here in November but ran 3rd at 40/1 in the Fred Winter.