

THE TYPES THAT DON'T TEND TO WIN AT THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Most of us are all about finding the winners and the stats. are a great way to help us narrow down the field in any particular race but sometimes knowing what types don't do so well is just as important as knowing the ones that do.

On that note here are some facts and figures about the types that haven't been doing very well at the Cheltenham Festival recently and some of the fancied horses that have some serious stats to overcome if they are to win next week....

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL NEGATIVES

THE FULL VERSION HAS 5 NEGATIVE STATS IN THIS SECTION INCLUDING....

- **Since 2003, all 83 runners that last ran on the All Weather got beat at the Cheltenham Festival (and all 13 that last ran on the Flat Turf)**

That's not a great stat for supporters of Champion Hurdle hope **VERDANA BLUE** who got beat at odds on last time out at Kempton (AW)

TRAINER NEGATIVES

THE FULL VERSION HAS 4 NEGATIVE STATS IN THIS SECTION INCLUDING....

- **Nigel Twiston-Davies has a record on the Tuesday of the Festival of 0/77 since 1997**

He'll be hoping he can buck that long running trend in the first race of the meeting with the current ante-post favourite **AL DANCER**

JOCKEY NEGATIVES

- **All 34 claiming jockeys riding for Jonjo O'Neill at the Cheltenham Festival since 2003 have been beaten**

It will be interesting to see if Jonjo Jr. can help break this long run of losers should he ride for his Dad at the meeting

DAY 1 - TUESDAY

THE FULL VERSION HAS AT LEAST 2 NEGATIVE TRENDS FOR EACH RACE INCLUDING...

ULTIMA HANDICAP CHASE

- Horses that ran within the previous 17 days are 0 from 77 since 2001

That doesn't bode well for **BLACK CORTON** who will have had just 10 days rest since getting beat at Kelso

4 MILE NH CHASE

- Horses with fewer than 3 chase starts are 0 from 52 this century

All of the front three in the betting for this race have had just 2 Chase starts:
That's **OK CORRAL, BALLYWARD & CHAMPAGNE CLASSIC**

- Those horses that failed to complete on their last run are 0 from 50 since 1997

Fourth favourite **DISCORAMA** fell on his last start which is a far from ideal prep for this race

An upset in the 4 Mile NH Chase anyone?

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY

BALLYMORE HURDLE

- All 16 Challow Hurdle winners to have run in the Neptune Nov. Hurdle have lost

Oh dear. Current favourite **CHAMP** has a lot of history to overcome if he is to win the Ballymore Hurdle

RSA CHASE

- Only 1 of the last 52 RSA Chase winners hadn't run that calendar year

Yikes! None of the three current market leaders **DELTA WORK, SANTINI & TOPOFTHE GAME** have been sighted on a racecourse since just after Christmas.

DAY 3 - THURSDAY

STAYERS HURDLE

- **Big Bucks is the only horse this century to have won the Stayers Hurdle after an aborted Chase campaign**

You'd be hard pushed to put **BLACK OP** or **KILBRICKEN STORM** in the same category as that great stayer and these former chasers may also struggle back over hurdles

- **Horses aged 10yo+ are 0 from 52 since 1986**

Old timer **FAUGHEEN** '*the machine*' has it all to do as he attempts to turn back the clock at the ripe old age of 11

PLATE HANDICAP

- **Course winners over fences are 0 from 77 in the last 15 years**
- **The last winner to have won a Graded chase previously was in 2008**

Current ante-post favourite **SIRUH DU LAC** has both these trends to overcome as a Grade 3 winner over course and distance last time out.

DAY 4 - FRIDAY

COUNTY HURDLE

- **Horses making their handicap debut are 0 from 72 since 1993**

Gordon Elliott has done well in the Festival handicaps recently but his **VISION D'HONNEUR** is lightly raced with just 3 starts over hurdles so far and none have been in handicap company

ALBERT BARTLETT

- **No Albert Bartlett winner had contested a Graded Bumper at the Cheltenham, Aintree or Punchestown Spring Festivals**

That's not a great stat for the current second favourite **RELEGATE** who not only ran in two of those races last Spring, she also managed to win the Cheltenham Bumper.

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