

Going back to 2007 these are the Top 7 trainers at the meeting....

1) WILLIE MULLINS

After his recent exploits at the Cheltenham Festival the Irish trainer Willie Mullins now sits at the top of the table. He's had at least 1 winner at the Cheltenham Festival since 2007 and on recent performances is rightly regarded as the top trainer at the meeting. He's had 45 winners from 367 runners (12.26%) for a LSP of -37.38pts.

37 of his 45 winners have come at the last 7 Festivals (Win/Place/Runners)

2011 4-3-25 / **2012** 3-6-35 / **2013** 5-7-35 / **2014** 4-11-37
2015 8-11-54 / **2016** 7-13-61 / **2017** 6-6-45

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	7	17	97	8.5
Grade 1	28	42	238	-37.6
Grade 3	4	7	61	18
Hurdles	31	36	218	24.82
'Chases	11	23	106	-75.2
Bumper	3	4	43	13

TOP JOCKEY

- Ruby Walsh has ridden 31 of the Mullins winners from 116 rides for a LSP of +14.24
- P. Townend is 4 from 85 with 12 places when riding for the Mullins stable
- Mr P Mullins is 3 from 33 with 6 places and a LSP of +0.25

POSITIVES +

- All 45 of his winners were aged 5 – 10yo
- 41 of his 45 winners had won at least 1 of their last 2 starts
- 41 of his 45 winners finished in the top 3 last time out

NEGATIVES –

- All 29 of his 4yo runners have been beaten (just 4 placed)
- All 24 of his runners that had their prep race at Gowran Park have been beaten
- All 19 of his chasers aged 10yo or older have been beaten

2) PAUL NICHOLLS

The former Champion trainer is no longer the most successful current trainer at the Cheltenham Festival but he still has an enviable record with 28 winners in the last 11 years from 342 runners (8.2% strike rate). A further 47 of his runners made the frame.

Backing all his runners would though have lost you -84.62pts at level stakes. You would however have backed at least one winner at all of the last 11 Festivals....

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	11	23	161	3.5
Grade 1	15	22	152	-81.62
Grade 3	8	14	97	26.5
Hurdles	16	27	153	9.57
'Chases	12	19	184	-89.19
Bumper	0	1	5	-5

TOP JOCKEY

- **Sam Twiston-Davies** is 4 wins and 4 places from 42 rides for the Nicholls stable and shows a +10pts LSP
- **Daryl Jacob** is 2 wins and 5 places from 34 rides but does show a -14.50pt LSL

POSITIVES +

- 27 of his 28 winners had at least 1 top 3 finish in their previous 3 starts
- All of his 28 winners had run between 0 - 3 times in the previous 3 months (90 days)
- 20 of his 28 winners had won their last start
- Paul Nicholls' record in the 4yo handicap hurdle is 3 wins and 7 places from 18 runners including the 1-2 in both 2015 & 2016!

NEGATIVES -

- Only 1 of his 45 runners that were dropped in class have won
- All 22 of his runners ridden by jockeys claiming 5lb+ allowance were beat
- All 18 of his runners over 3m4f or further have been beaten
- All 16 of his runners that had their last start at Wincanton have been beaten

3) NICKY HENDERSON

The Champion Trainer Nicky Henderson has trained 27 winners from his 375 runners at the Cheltenham Festival since 2007, which is a poor strike rate of just 7.2%. You would have lost £124.11 to £1 level stakes. He has though seen a further 71 of his runners placed giving a fairly healthy 26% place strike rate.

All of his 27 winners have come at the last 9 Festivals including an incredible 7 (from 37 runners) in 2012....

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	7	26	190	-45
Grade 1	20	41	161	-55.11
Grade 3	4	15	123	-31
Hurdles	14	36	212	-38.62
'Chases	13	34	157	-79.49
Bumper	0	1	6	-6

TOP JOCKEY

- **Barry Gerraghty** has ridden 14 of the 27 winners from 118 rides (12%) for a LSP of -34.36pts
- **Sam Waley-Cohen** has ridden 2 winners (+7 places) from 16 rides for a LSP of +5.5pts
- **Jockeys claiming 5lbs** on his runners are 3 wins from 14 rides for a LSP of +59pts

POSITIVES +

- All 27 of his winners had a top 3 finish in at least one of their last 2 runs
- 25 of his 27 winners finished in the top 4 on their previous start
- 7 of his 27 winners had their last run at Kempton from 68 such runners (10%). They show a LSP of +23.03pts. All 7 last ran in a non-handicap
- He has a 100% win record with odds-on favourites at the meeting (4/4)

NEGATIVES -

- All 23 of his runners that failed to complete last time out were beaten
- All 24 of his runners off the track for 109 days or more have been beaten
- All 9 of his runners aged 11 and over were beaten
- All 10 of his runners that were wearing blinkers finished unplaced.
- Only 1 of his winners was aged 5yo from 61 such runners

4) JONJO O'NEILL

Up until 2015, when he drew a blank from his 16 runners, Jonjo O'Neill had one of the best recent records at the Cheltenham Festival.

He bounced back with a winner in 2016 but another blank from 10 runners in 2017 means his record over the last decade currently stands at 15 winners from 165 runners. That's now a strike rate of 9.1% but what's still really impressive is his LSP of +£19.38 for all runners. With another 23 runners making the frame I don't think he's a trainer we should be giving up on just yet.

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	5	16	115	-49.5
Grade 1	6	6	33	19.5
Grade 3	3	11	59	-27
Hurdles	3	9	63	-26.12
'Chases	12	14	98	49.5
Bumper	0	0	4	-4

TOP JOCKEY

- **Richie McClernon** is 3 wins and 4 places from 34 rides. LSP of +18.00
- **Mr Alan Berry** is 2 wins and 1 place from 15 rides. LSP of +26.50

POSITIVES +

- All of his 15 winners were within 19lbs of the bottom weight
- All of his 15 winners were aged 6-10yo
- All of his 15 winners were over a distance of 2m4f or further
- His record in non handicaps is 10 winners from 50 runners (20% strike rate) for a LSP of +68.88pts
- 8 of his 15 winners had their last start in Grade 1 or Grade 2 company (from 35 runners - 23% strike rate). These types show a LSP of +28.88pts

NEGATIVES -

- All 35 of his runners racing over a distance of 2m - 2m3f have been beaten
- All 27 of his runners ridden by claiming jockeys have been beaten
- All 25 of his 4 and 5yo runners have been beaten
- All 17 of his runners that ran in the previous 19 days have been beaten
- All 16 of his runners that had their last start at Sandown have been beaten

5) DAVID PIPE

He has a long way to go before being able to match his dad's achievements at the Cheltenham Festival but his record of 15 wins in the last 11 years is good enough to put him at number 5 on the current trainers table. Those 14 winners have come at the expense of 248 runners (6%) and show a level stakes loss of -£74.17

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	11	21	163	-37.67
Grade 1	4	4	68	-19.5
Grade 3	6	12	82	-14.5
Hurdles	3	13	117	-73.5
'Chases	11	16	121	3.83
Bumper	1	0	10	-4.5

TOP JOCKEY

- **Tom Scudamore** is 8 wins and 15 places from 102 rides for the David Pipe stable. He shows a LSL of -10.00
- **Mr J J Codd** is 2 wins from 4 rides
- **3lb and 5lb claimers** are 4 wins from 35 rides for the David Pipe stable and show a LSP of +27.5pts

POSITIVES +

- 14 of his 15 winners had been rested at least a month since their last run (exception ran 3 days before).
- 8 of his 15 winners wore blinkers including 7 of his 11 handicap winners
- 7 of his 15 winners had their last run at Cheltenham (from 51 such runners)

NEGATIVES -

- All 30 of his runners wearing cheekpieces have been beaten. All 11 of his runners wearing a visor finished unplaced.
- All 35 of his runners aged 5yo have been beaten
- All 23 of his runners rated under 130 have been beaten. All 14 of his runners without an official rating finished unplaced
- All 21 of his runners that had their last run at Ascot have been beaten
- All 6 of his runners sent off at 11/4 or shorter have been beaten

6) GORDON ELLIOTT

Very much the new kid on the block Gordon Elliott has moved into 6th place in the current table due to his 6 winners in 2017 and the 9 he's trained at the last two Festivals. Overall he's 14 winners from 106 runners and shows an impressive LSP of 58.25. Not bad considering his first Festival winner was only achieved in 2011

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	5	17	61	13.5
Grade 1	5	5	30	22.75
Grade 3	3	8	37	19
Hurdles	7	15	66	44.5
'Chases	6	10	37	8.75
Bumper	1	0	3	5

TOP JOCKEY

- **Mr JJ Codd** is 4 wins and 1 place from 8 rides for the Gordon Elliott stable. He shows a LSP of +19.50
- **D N Ruseell** is 3 winners and 4 places from 16 rides. LSP of +25.00

POSITIVES +

- All 14 winners were aged 4-9yo.
- All 14 winners finished top 6 last time out
- 13 of his 14 winners ran in a non handicap last time out
- 13 of his 14 winners ran in the last 80 days
- 13 of his 14 winners ran in Ireland last time out (exception Cheltenham)
- 5 of his 14 winners wore headgear

NEGATIVES -

- All 18 of his runners dropping down in distance from their last run have been beaten
- All 16 of his runners outside the top 8 last time out finished unplaced here
- All 10 of his runners aged 10 or over have been beaten
- All 8 of his runners ridden by claiming jockeys have been beaten

7) ALAN KING

He had quite a bit of success at the track up to 2008 but it's been hard going since with just 5 winners in the last 9 years. Overall he's had 11 winners from 200 runners (5.5%) but you would have recorded a level stakes loss of -£78.00

His record since 2010 is (Wins/Runs)

2010: 0/21 2011: 1/20 2012: 0/16 2013: 1/14
2014: 1/15 2015: 1/15 2016: 0/16 2017: 0/23

	Wins	Places	Runners	Win LSP/L
Handicaps	3	16	97	-49
Grade 1	6	15	86	-31
Grade 3	3	11	68	-20
Hurdles	4	28	123	-61.5
'Chases	7	8	73	-12.5
Bumper	0	0	4	-4

TOP JOCKEY

- **Wayne Hutchinson** is 2 wins and 8 places from 59 rides for the Alan King stable. He shows a LSL of -17.00
- **Claiming jockeys** are 0 from 13 for the King stable

POSITIVES +

- All 11 of his winners had their last run in the previous 21-75 day period
- All 11 of his winners were aged under 10yo
- 10 of his 11 winners ran in a non-handicap last time out
- 9 of his 11 winners were raised in class from their last run
- 9 of his 11 winners finished top 2 last time out (exceptions unseated rider)
- 6 of his 9 runners that last ran at Warwick have been placed (incl. 2 wins)

NEGATIVES -

- All 73 of his runners that completed but were out of the first two last time were beaten
- All 26 of his runners with a rating, that were rated 129 or below, have been beaten
- All 27 of his runners that had run in the previous 3 weeks were beaten

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