

INDEX TO THE FIRST 2010 CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL MEDIA INFORMATION PACK

This media information pack was compiled by Racenews on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, for official release on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, and is embargoed until noon that day. The pack contains the entries and related information for the 2010 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (Friday, March 19).

Page 1, the index, will be updated with each pack to ensure easy reference to the information received in the build-up to the 2010 Festival at Cheltenham from Tuesday, March 16 to Friday, March 19, which has prize money of over £3.4 million. If you have any queries about the information in the pack or its delivery, please ring Racenews on 020-7704-0326 or email racenews@racenewsonline.com. Each pack is also available on Cheltenham's Internet site, www.cheltenham.co.uk

Page	
1	Index to first 2010 Cheltenham Festival Media Information Pack
2	totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup introduction and news
3	2010 Festival Race Programme
4	Entry statistics for the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup/Irish-trained Winners
5	Going at past Festivals
6	Records of trainers Nicky Henderson and Paul Nicholls at The Festival
7	2010 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup entries
8	2010 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup entries breakdown by trainer with past successes
9	2010 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup analysis 1
10	totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup facts
11	totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup detailed past results
12	totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup Roll Of Honour 1
13	totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup Roll of Honour 2 and 2009 result in detail



Meeting - The Festival, Dates - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, March 16 - 19
First race - 1.30pm each day
Tickets available from www.cheltenham.co.uk or by calling 08445 793 003

Embargoed until noon, Wednesday, January 13, 2009

KAUTO STAR AIMING TO JOIN RACING IMMORTALS WITH THIRD VICTORY IN totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

After becoming the first horse ever to regain chasing's Blue Riband last season, **Kauto Star** will bid to emulate Golden Miller, Cottage Rake, Arkle and Best Mate with a third victory in the £475,000 Grade One totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup.

A total of 27 horses have been entered for the extended three and a quarter-mile chase, highlight of the fourth day of The Festival on Friday, March 19. This is the smallest number in recent times but compares favourably with the level of entries in 1964, 1965 and 1966 – 14, 13 and 18 – when Arkle won his three Gold Cups.

The Paul Nicholls-trained 10-year-old has looked better than ever this season and produced an imperious display of jumping on his latest start, beating **Madison Du Berlais** by a record 36 lengths in the Grade One King George VI Chase at Kempton – his fourth successive victory in the Boxing Day showpiece.

His chief rival this season looks once again to be stable-companion **Denman**, who had his rival seven lengths in arrears when winning the 2008 totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup and took the runner-up spot in last year's contest after an interrupted preparation. On his only appearance so far this season, the 10-year produced one of the great weight-carrying performances of modern times to land the Grade Three Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury in November.

A strong hand for the champion trainer, bidding to become the first handler to win four successive totesport Cheltenham Gold Cups since Basil Briscoe (1932-35), may also include the Hennessy Gold Cup runner-up **What A Friend**, who has gone on to Grade One success in the Lexus Chase at Leopardstown for part-owner Sir Alex Ferguson.

Other notable contenders include **Imperial Commander**, who took the Grade One Ryanair Chase at The Festival last season and went down by a nose to Kauto Star in the Grade One Betfair Chase at Haydock Park in November. A potential Irish challenge of eight is headed by the Willie Mullins-trained pair of **Coolaine**, successful in last season's Grade One RSA Chase, and the unexposed **Glencove Marina**.

Trainer Mark Bradstock is considering letting his star chaser **Carrurthers** take on the very best at Cheltenham on Friday, March 19. The seven-year-old finished fourth in the RSA Chase at The Festival in 2009 and was a comfortable winner on his latest start at Newbury last month.

Bradstock revealed: "There are obviously Kauto Star and Denman, who are both fairly exceptional but, below that, it would be nice to think that we would be in with a shout of making the frame.

"I was over the moon with his run at Newbury because it cemented what he did in his novice season. The time was quicker than the Long Walk Hurdle on the same card so, while they didn't appear to be going very fast, they must have been going a fair lick.

"He has come out of that race incredibly well but we have been held up by the weather and I would like to get another run into him before making any final decision regarding Cheltenham. We could go for the AON Chase at Newbury, where he would have to take on Denman, so the alternative could be the Letheby & Christopher Chase at Cheltenham on Festival Trials Day (Saturday, January 30).

"He is still a baby and he probably lacks a bit of experience at the moment but he is improving all of the time and we have plenty to look forward to with him. It would be fun to go for the totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup and it would certainly be no disgrace to finish behind the likes of Kauto Star and Denman."

For further information, please contact Cheltenham Racecourse's Communications Manager Andy Clifton on 07876 330 090

THE FESTIVAL 2010

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 16 to 19, 2010

Tuesday, March 16 (Old Course)

Time	Race	Distance	Prize Money
1.30pm	Supreme Novices' Hurdle (Grade One)	2m 110yds	£100,000
2.05pm	The Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase (Grade One)	2m	£150,000
2.40pm	William Hill Trophy Handicap Chase (Grade Three)	3m 110yds	£80,000
3.20pm	Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy (Grade One)	2m 110yds	£370,000
4.00pm	Glenfarclas Cross Country Steeple Chase (Handicap)	3m 7f	£50,000
4.40pm	David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (Grade Two)	2m 4f	£90,000
	TOTAL		£840,000

Wednesday, March 17 (Old Course)

Time	Race	Distance	Prize Money
1.30pm	140th Year of the National Hunt Chase Challenge Cup (Amateurs)	4m	£75,000
2.05pm	Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle (Grade One)	2m 5f	£100,000
2.40pm	RSA Chase (Grade One)	3m 110yds	£150,000
3.20pm	Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (Grade One)	2m	£320,000
4.00pm	Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle (Grade Three)	2m 5f	£75,000
4.40pm	Fred Winter Juvenile Handicap Hurdle (Grade Three)	2m 110yds	£75,000
5.15pm	Weatherbys Champion Bumper (Grade One)	2m 110yds	£60,000
	TOTAL		£855,000

Thursday, March 18 (New Course)

Time	Race	Distance	Prize Money
1.30pm	Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase (Listed Race)	2m 5f	£80,000
2.05pm	Pertemps Final (Listed Race)	3m	£75,000
2.40pm	Ryanair Chase (Grade One)	2m 5f	£250,000
3.20pm	Ladbrokes World Hurdle (Grade One)	3m	£260,000
4.00pm	Festival Plate Handicap Chase (Grade Three)	2m 5f	£80,000
4.40pm	Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Handicap Chase (Amateurs)	3m 1f 110yds	£55,000
	TOTAL		£800,000

Friday, March 19 (New Course)

Time	Race	Distance	Prize Money
1.30pm	JCB Triumph Hurdle Race (Grade One)	2m 1f	£100,000
2.05pm	Vincent O'Brien County Handicap Hurdle (Grade Three)	2m 1f	£75,000
2.40pm	Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle (Grade One)	3m	£100,000
3.20pm	totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (Chase) (Grade One)	3m 2f 110yds	£475,000
4.00pm	Christie's Foxhunter Chase Challenge Cup (Amateurs)	3m 2f 110yds	£40,000
4.40pm	Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle	2m 4f 110yds	£50,000
5.15pm	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase (Handicap) (Grade Three)	2m 110yds	£80,000
	TOTAL		£920,000

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY IN 2010 OF £3,415,000
(An average of £131,346 per race)

2010 FESTIVAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES

TOTAL ENTRIES

totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
27	38	42	49	64	40	32	49	43
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
38	44	46	38	44	38	35	46	31

IRISH-TRAINED ENTRIES

totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
8	8	11	14	9	5	9	9	8
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
13	9	7	6	8	7	6	7	6

Irish-trained successes at the Cheltenham Festival

2009-9	1993-6
2008-7	1992-2
2007-5	1991-2
2006-10*	1990-2
2005-9	1989-0
2004-4	1988-1
2003-6	1987-1
2002-5	1986-4
2001-cancelled	1985-2
2000-3	1984-4
1999-5	1983-5
1998-4	1982-6
1997-3	1981-3
1996-7	1980-4
1995-4	1979-5
1994-3	1978-6

* record, although The Festival was previously three days up until 2005

GOING AT THE FESTIVAL SINCE 1982

	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
2009	Good to Soft Cross Country: Good to Soft	Good to Soft	Good to Soft	Good to Soft
2008	Good to Soft Cross Country: Good to Soft (Soft in places)	Abandoned – high winds	Good to Soft Good in places	Good to Soft
2007	Soft, Good to Soft in places Changing to Good to Soft (Soft in places) Cross Country: Soft, Heavy in places	Good to Soft, Good in places	Good to Soft Good in places	Good to Soft, Good in places
2006	Good to Soft Cross Country: Good to Soft	Good, Good to Soft in places	Good, Good to Soft in places	Good
2005	Good Cross Country: Good To Soft (Soft in places)	Good, Good to Soft in places	Good	Good
2004	Good	Good	Good, Good to Soft in places	
2003	Good, Good to Soft in places	Good, Good to Soft in places	Good, Good to Soft in places	
2002	Good to Soft, Good in places	Good to Soft	Good, Good to Soft in places	
2001	Cancelled			
2000	Good	Good, Good to Firm in places	Good to Firm, Good in places	
1999	Good to Soft, Soft in places	Good to Soft	Good to Soft, Good in places	
1998	Good to Soft	Good	Good	
1997	Good	Good, Good to Firm in places	Good, Good to Firm in places	
1996	Good to Soft	Good to Soft, Good in places	Good	
1995	Soft	Soft	Soft	
1994	Good, Soft in places	Good to Soft	Good, Good to Soft in places	
1993	Chase: Good, Good to Firm in places. Hurdle: Good to Firm, Good in places	Good to Firm	Good to Firm	
1992	Good	Good	Good	
1991	Good to Soft	Good to Soft	Good	
1990	Good to Firm	Good	Good to Firm	
1989	Good to Soft/Soft	Soft	Heavy	
1988	Soft	Heavy	Soft	
1987	Good	Good	Good/Good to Soft	
1986	Good to Soft	Good	Good	
1985	Good	Good	Good	
1984	Good	Good	Good	
1983	Good to Soft	Good to Soft	Good to Soft	
1982	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy	

Nicky Henderson's 34 Winners at The Festival

JCB Triumph Hurdle: 1985 First Bout, 1987 Alone Success, 1999 Katarino, 2009 Zaynar
Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle: 1985, 1986 & 1987 See You Then, 2009 Punjabi
The Irish Independent Arkle Chase: 1991 Remittance Man, 1993 Travado, 2000 Tiutchev
Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase: 1992 Remittance Man
Supreme Novices' Hurdle: 1986 River Ceiriog, 1992 Flown
Cathcart Chase: 1990 Brown Windsor, 1994 Raymylette, 1999 & 2000 Stormyfairweather
Ladbroke's World Hurdle: 1989 Rustle, 2000 Bacchanal
Festival Plate: 1985 & 1986 The Tsarevich, 2005 Liberthine, 2006 Non So
Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Chase: 1990 Master Bob, 2002 The Bushkeeper, 2005 Juveigneur
Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle: 1993 Thumbs Up, 1997 Barna Boy
William Hill Handicap Chase: 2000 Marlborough
RSA Chase: 2005 Trabolgan
Ryanair Chase: 2006 Fondmort
Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase: 2006 Greenhope
Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle: 2009 Andytown

Nicky Henderson is the most successful current trainer at The Festival with 34 victories. He is joint-second on the all-time list alongside Martin Pipe and six behind Fulke Walwyn.

Paul Nicholls' 25 Winners at The Festival

Supreme Novices' Hurdle: 2006 Noland
The Irish Independent Arkle Trophy: 1999 Flagship Uberalles, 2003 Azertyuiop
RSA Chase: 2006 Star De Mohaison, 2007 Denman
Season's Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase: 1999 Call Equiname, 2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 & 2009 Master Minded
totesport Gold Cup: 1999 See More Business, 2007 & 2009 Kauto Star, 2008 Denman
Christie's Foxhunter Chase: 2004 Earthmover, 2005 Sleeping Night
Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase: 2004 St Pirran, 2007 Andreas
Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle: 2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest, 2009 American Trilogy
Ryanair Chase: 2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis
JCB Triumph Hurdle: 2008 Celestial Halo
Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase: 2009 Chapoturgeon
Ladbroke's World Hurdle: 2009 Big Buck's

The champion jump trainer was the leading trainer at The Festival in 2009 with five winners.

THE totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

Class 1, Grade 1, £475,000 Total Prize Fund. 3.20pm, Cheltenham, Friday, March 19, 2010. For 5yo+ which are allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 12 - horses which are not qualified for a rating in GB, IRE or FR may also be entered & such horses may be eligible providing the Handicapper is satisfied that the horse's racecourse performances up to and including March 12 would merit a minimum rating of 130 (the decision of the BHA Head of Handicapping shall be final), three miles, two and a half furlongs. Weights: 5yo 11st 9lb, 6yo+ 11st 10lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 12, entries revealed January 13 (**27 entries**), scratchings deadline February 16, £23,750 supplementary entry stage & six-day confirmation stage March 13. Final 48-hour declaration stage, 10.00am, March 17. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Tuesday, January 12.

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
22506-P	AIR FORCE ONE (GER)	8	Brian Walsh (Co Kildare)	Charlie Mann
03-P136	ALBERTAS RUN (IRE)	9	Trevor Hemmings	Jonjo O'Neill
15//11-FP	ARAN CONCERTO (IRE)	9	John Corr	Noel Meade IRE
204-P01	CALGARY BAY (IRE)	7	Camilla Radford	Henrietta Knight
2114-51	CARRUTHERS	7	The Oaksey Partnership	Mark Bradstock
P15P-14	CASEY JONES (IRE)	9	Gillian Burke	Noel Meade IRE
50PP/05-	CERIUM (FR)	9	Judith Wilson	Paul Murphy
431FU-3	CLOUDY LANE	10	Trevor Hemmings	Donald McCain Jnr
1311-4P	COOLDINE (IRE)	8	Violet O'Leary	Willie Mullins IRE
11/22F-1	DENMAN (IRE)	10	Paul Barber & Maggie Findlay	Paul Nicholls
1/0411/-3	GLENCOVE MARINA (IRE)	8	John Brennan	Willie Mullins IRE
161-P25	IMPERIAL COMMANDER (IRE)	9	Our Friends in the North	Nigel Twiston-Davies
13/4/-12P	IN COMPLIANCE (IRE)	10	Mrs B Mulryan/Mrs Noeleen McCreedy	Dessie Hughes IRE
1U11-11	KAUTO STAR (FR)	10	Clive Smith	Paul Nicholls
1101-32	MADISON DU BERLAIS (FR)	9	Roger Stanley & Yvonne Reynolds	David Pipe
2001-P3	MON MOME (FR)	10	Vida Bingham	Venetia Williams
F21-112	MONEY TRIX (IRE)	10	Craig Bennett	Nicky Richards
6P/6220-	MR POINTMENT (IRE)	11	Judith Wilson	Paul Murphy
553-205	MY WILL (FR)	10	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
12-1F54	NOTRE PERE (FR)	9	Tillie Conway	Jim Dreaper IRE
31414-1	RARE BOB (IRE)	8	D A Syndicate	Dessie Hughes IRE
3P6-454	ROLL ALONG (IRE)	10	Bryan & Philippa Burrough	Nigel Twiston-Davies
32-2245	SCHINDLERS HUNT (IRE)	10	Slaneyville Syndicate	Dessie Hughes IRE
112/14P/-	TARANIS (FR)	9	Angela Yeoman	Paul Nicholls
1/1///P6-4	TRABOLGAN (IRE)	12	Trevor Hemmings	Nicky Henderson
422121-	TRICKY TRICKSTER (IRE)	7	Chris Giles	Paul Nicholls
1161-21	WHAT A FRIEND	7	Ged Mason & Sir Alex Ferguson	Paul Nicholls

27 Entries

8 Irish-trained

Latest totesport prices - 5/4 Kauto Star, 15/8 Denman, 16/1 Cooldine, Imperial Commander, 20/1 What A Friend, 33/1 Carruthers, Glencove Marina, Madison Du Berlais, Money Trix, Notre Pere, 40/1 Casey Jones, 50/1 Albertas Run, Tricky Trickster, 66/1 In Compliance, Rare Bob, Schindlers Hunt, 100/1 Air Force One, Aran Concerto, Calgary Bay, Mon Mome, My Will, Roll Along, Taranis, Trabolgan, 200/1 Cerium, Cloudy Lane, Mr Pointment

BREAKDOWN OF ENTRIES BY TRAINER WITH PAST SUCCESSES IN THE totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

6 entries

Paul Nicholls (**1999 SEE MORE BUSINESS, 2007 & 2009 KAUTO STAR, 2008 DENMAN**)

3 entries

Dessie Hughes IRE

2 entries

Noel Meade

Willie Mullins IRE

Paul Murphy

Nigel Twiston-Davies

1 entry

Mark Bradstock

Jim Dreaper IRE (**1975 TEN UP**)

Nicky Henderson

Henrietta Knight (**2002, 2003 & 2004 BEST MATE**)

Donald McCain Jnr

Charlie Mann

Jonjo O'Neill

David Pipe

Nicky Richards

Venetia Williams

totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup – Analysis

The stage is set in 2010 for round three of the **Kauto Star** versus **Denman** battle. Both horses are handled by the reigning champion trainer Paul Nicholls and between them have won the last three renewals of the totesport Gold Cup, with Kauto Star having prevailed in 2007 and 2009 while Denman landed the spoils in 2008. If that was not enough, Kauto Star finished runner-up in 2008 with Denman occupying that position last season.

Once again there appears to be little to split the pair, with Kauto Star winning a third Betfair Chase at Haydock in November by a nose from **Imperial Commander** and a record-breaking fourth consecutive King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day while Denman collected a second Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury in November, scoring in great style under top weight.

Paul Nicholls has the highest number of entries of any trainer with six entries in total. In addition to the two market leaders, the champion trainer could also be represented by **What A Friend**, part-owned by Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson and runner-up to Denman at Newbury before taking the Grade One Lexus Chase at Leopardstown last month, when he had **Money Trix** in second. The Nicholls-trained sextet is completed by **My Will**, fifth behind Kauto Star last year, the 2007 Ryanair Chase victor **Taranis** and **Tricky Trickster**, another previous scorer at The Festival having taken the four-mile National Hunt Chase in 2009.

Eight of this year's entries are trained in Ireland, including last season's impressive RSA Chase winner **Cooldine**, who needs to bounce back from a disappointing effort at Leopardstown last time out while his trainer Willie Mullins has also entered **Glencove Marina**, a promising novice two seasons ago who shaped with promise on his return to action at Punchestown last month. The Irish-trained contingent also includes the Noel Meade-trained pair of **Aran Concerto** and **Casey Jones**, a fast-finishing fifth in the RSA Chase last season, while Dessie Hughes, who rode the 1977 victor Davy Lad, has three to choose from with **In Compliance**, **Rare Bob** and **Schindlers Hunt**. Jim Dreaper, who saddled the 1975 Gold Cup hero Ten Up, has entered 2008 Welsh National and Punchestown Grade One winner **Notre Pere**.

Venetia Williams has made an entry for the 2009 John Smith's Grand National victor **Mon Mome** while the colours of Trevor Herrmings could be carried by two previous winners of the RSA Chase, **Trabolgan** and **Albertas Run**, as well as by **Cloudy Lane**, successful in the 2007 Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup.

Henrietta Knight, who sent out the latest triple Gold Cup victor Best Mate (2002, 2003 and 2004), has entered **Calgary Bay** while recent Newbury scorer **Carruthers** could run in the colours of Lord Oaksey.

Other possible starters include **Roll Along**, who finished sixth last season and **Madison Du Berlais**, who got the better of **Air Force One** to claim the 2008 Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury before defeating Denman at Kempton last season.

Completing the possible line-up are last season's Grand National fifth **Cerium**, and **Mr Pointment**.

totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP FACTS & FIGURES

- 1.** The totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup is the most valuable non-handicap chase in Britain. The total prize money for the 2010 running will be £475,000. The first Cheltenham Gold Cup was a three-mile Flat race in 1819, won by Mr Bodenham's Spectre. The chase as we now know it was introduced in 1924, and won that year by Red Splash. The winning prize money was £700.
- 2.** 2006 saw the joint biggest Gold Cup field ever, with 22 runners going to post. Since the race was first run in 1924, there has only been one other renewal with more than 20 runners - in 1982 when Silver Buck defeated 21 rivals. The current maximum field is 24.
- 3.** Golden Miller holds the record for the most Gold Cup victories, with five consecutive wins from 1932-36. The race is fiercely competitive - so much so that before Best Mate in 2002, 2003 and 2004, the last horse to win more than once was L'Escargot in 1970 and 1971.
- 4.** Golden Miller's owner, Dorothy Paget, is also the most successful owner in the race with an amazing seven victories, with Roman Hackle (1940) and Mont Tremblant (1952) adding to Golden Miller's five wins.
- 5.** The most successful trainer is Tom Dreaper, who won five Gold Cups with three separate horses, namely Prince Regent (1946), Arkle (1964-66) and Fort Leney (1968). Paul Nicholls is the most successful current handler with four victories to his name - See More Business (1999), Kauto Star (2007 & 2009) and Denman (2008).
- 6.** Tony McCoy's Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle/totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup double in 1997 on Make A Stand and Mr Mulligan was the 11th time that the big-race double has been landed by one jockey in the same year. The other jockeys to have achieved the feat were Dick Rees (1929), Tom Cullinan (1930), Ted Leader (1932), Bill Stott (1933), Gerry Wilson (1935), Aubrey Brabazon (1949 and 1950), Tim Molony (1953), Fred Winter (1961) and Norman Williamson (1995).
- 7.** Alderbrook and Master Oats in 1995 enabled Norman Williamson and Kim Bailey to join a very select group of jockey and trainer partnerships who have won both the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup in the same year. The other partnerships were Tom Cullinan and Jack Anthony in 1930, Ted Leader and Basil Briscoe in 1932, Bill Stott and Basil Briscoe in 1933, and Aubrey Brabazon and Vincent O'Brien in both 1949 and 1950.
- 8.** Dawn Run is the only horse to have won both the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup. She was successful in 1984 and 1986 respectively.
- 9.** The longest-priced winner of the Gold Cup is Norton's Coin, who started at 100/1 in 1990, while the shortest-priced winner was Arkle, the 1/10 favourite in 1966.
- 10.** The last grey Gold Cup winner was Desert Orchid in 1989.
- 11.** totesport has sponsored the Cheltenham Gold Cup since 1980.
- 12.** In the Gold Cup's history only seven horses have won more than once, and the most recent of them is Kauto Star, who took the spoils in 2007 and 2009. The others were Best Mate (2002/03/04), L'Escargot (1970/71), Easter Hero (1929/30), Golden Miller (1932/33/34/35/36), Cottage Rake (1948/49/50) and Arkle (1964/65/66).
- 13.** While Best Mate, L'Escargot, Easter Hero, Golden Miller, Cottage Rake and Arkle all recorded consecutive victories, Kauto Star became the first horse to regain the Gold Cup last year.
- 14.** Since 1980 eight 9-year-olds, nine 8-year-olds, six 7-year-olds and five 10-year-olds have been successful. The last horse over the age of 10 to win was 12-year-old What A Myth in 1969. The last six-year-old to win was Mill House in 1963.
- 15.** Nine favourites since 1980 have justified the market confidence – Kauto Star in 2007 and 2009, Kicking King in 2005, Best Mate in 2003 and 2004, Master Oats in 1995, Desert Orchid in 1989, Dawn Run in 1986 and Bregawn in 1983.
- 16.** The four Irish-trained winners since 1980 were War Of Attrition in 2006, Kicking King in 2005, Imperial Call in 1996 and Dawn Run 10 years before that. Irish-trained horses did better between 1946 and 1977 when 16 successes were achieved. The only French-trained winner was The Fellow in 1994 while there has also been a Welsh-trained victor in Norton's Coin (1990).

Previous results - totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup

2009-WINNER - KAUTO STAR 9-11-10 Owner-Clive Smith; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-7/4F
2ND-Denman 9-11-10 Owner-Paul Barber & Maggie Findlay; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Sam Thomas; SP-7/1
3RD-Exotic Dancer 9-11-10 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-8/1
16 ran, Time-6m 44.95s, Dist-13, 2.5

2008- WINNER -DENMAN 8-11-10 Owner-Paul Barber & Maggie Findlay; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Sam Thomas; SP-9/4
2ND-Kauto Star 8-11-10 Owner-Clive Smith; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-10/11F
3RD-Neptune Collonges 7-11-10 Owner-John Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-25/1
12 ran, Time-6m 47.84s, Dist-7, sh

2007- WINNER -KAUTO STAR 7-11-10 Owner-Clive Smith; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-5/4F
2ND-Exotic Dancer 7-11-10 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-9/2
3RD-Turpin Green 8-11-10 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Nicky Richards; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP-40/1
18 ran, Time-6m 40.46s, Dist-2.5, 2.5

2006- WINNER -WAR OF ATTRITION 7-11-10 Owner-Gigginstown House Stud; Trainer-Mouse Morris IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-15/2
2ND-Hedgehunter 10-11-10 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-16/1
3RD-Forget The Past 8-11-10 Owner-Sean Mulryan; Trainer-Michael O'Brien IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-9/1
22 ran, Time-6m 31.70s, Dist-2.5, 7 4/1 Fav Beef Or Salmon (11th)

2005- WINNER -KICKING KING 7-11-10 Owner-Conor Clarkson; Trainer-Tom Taaffe IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-4/1F
2ND-Take The Stand 9-11-10 Owner-The Courtiers; Trainer-Peter Bowen; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP-25/1
3RD-Sir Rembrandt 9-11-10 Owner-Alan Hordle; Trainer-Robert Alner; Jockey-Andrew Thornton; SP-12/1
15 ran, Time-6m 42.9s, Dist-5, 8

2004- WINNER -BEST MATE 9-11-10 Owner-Jim Lewis; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-8/11F
2ND-Sir Rembrandt 8-11-10 Owner-Alan Hordle; Trainer-Robert Alner; Jockey-Andrew Thornton; SP-33/1
3RD-Harbour Pilot 9-11-10 Owner-Kays Syndicate; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-20/1
10 ran, Time-6m 42.60s, Dist-.5, 1.25

2003- WINNER - WINNER -BEST MATE 8-12-00 Owner-Jim Lewis; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-13/8F
2ND-Truckers Tavern 8-12-00 Owner-Margaret & Ray Scholey; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Davy Russell; SP-33/1
3RD- Harbour Pilot 8-12-00 Owner-Kays Syndicate; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-40/1
15 ran, Time-6m 39.00s, Dist-10, 2.5

2002- WINNER -WINNER-BEST MATE 7-12-00 Owner-Jim Lewis; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-7/1
2ND-Commanche Court 9-12-00 Owner-Dermot Desmond; Trainer-Ted Walsh IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-25/1
3RD-See More Business 12-12-00 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden and Paul Barber; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Joe Tizzard; SP-40/1
18 ran, Time-6m 50.10s, Dist-1.75, 8 9/2 Fav Looks Like Trouble (13th)

2001-Cancelled

2000-WINNER-LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE 8-12-00 Owner-Tim Collins; Trainer-Noel Chance; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-9/2
2ND-Florida Pearl 8-12-00 Owner-Violet O'Leary; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-9/2
3RD-Strong Promise 9-12-00 Owner-Exors of the Late Geoff Hubbard; Trainer-Chris Kinane; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-20/1
12 ran, Time-6m 30.3s, Dist-5, nk 9/4 Fav See More Business (4th)

1999-WINNER-SEE MORE BUSINESS 9-12-00 Owner-Paul Barber and John Keighley; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-16/1
2ND-Go Ballistic 10-12-00 Owner-Sheila Lockhart; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP-66/1
3RD-Florida Pearl 7-12-00 Owner-Violet O'Leary; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-5/2 Fav
12 ran, Time-6m 41.9s, Dist-1, 17

1998-WINNER-COOL DAWN 10-12-00 Owner-Hon. Dido Harding; Trainer-Robert Alner; Jockey-Andrew Thornton; SP-25/1
2ND-Strong Promise 7-12-00 Owner-Geoff Hubbard; Trainer-Geoff Hubbard; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-14/1
3RD-Dorans Pride 9-12-00 Owner-Tom Doran; Trainer-Michael Hourigan IRE; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-9/4 Fav
17 ran, Time-6m 39.7s, Dist-1.75, hd

1997-WINNER-MR MULLIGAN 9-12-00 Owner-Michael and Gerry Worcester; Trainer-Noel Chance; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-20/1
2ND-Barton Bank 11-12-00 Owner-Jenny Mould; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-David Walsh; SP-33/1
3RD-Dorans Pride 8-12-00 Owner-Tom Doran; Trainer-Michael Hourigan IRE; Jockey-Shane Broderick; SP-10/1
14 ran, Time-6m 35.5s, Dist-9, .5 4/1 Fav Imperial Call (pu)

1996-WINNER-IMPERIAL CALL 7-12-00 Owner-Lisselan Farms Ltd; Trainer-Fergie Sutherland IRE; Jockey-Conor O'Dwyer; SP-9/2
2ND-Rough Quest 10-12-00 Owner-Andrew Wates and Lady Wates; Trainer-Terry Casey; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-12/1
3RD-Couldnt Be Better 9-12-00 Owner-Dick Whittle; Trainer-Charlie Brooks; Jockey-Graham Bradley; SP-11/1
10 ran, Time-6m 42.5s, Dist-4, 19 11/8 Fav One Man (6th)

totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP ROLL OF HONOUR

(totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup since 2004, Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup 1980-2003, Piper Champagne Cheltenham Gold Cup 1975-1979, no sponsor before 1975)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2009	Kauto Star	9-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Clive Smith	7/4F	16
2008	Denman	8-11-10	Sam Thomas	Paul Nicholls	Paul Barber & Maggie Findlay	9/4	12
2007	Kauto Star	7-11-10	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Clive Smith	5/4F	18
2006	War Of Attrition	7-11-10	Conor O'Dwyer	Mouse Morris IRE	Gigginstown House Stud	15/2	22
2005	Kicking King	7-11-10	Barry Geraghty	Tom Taaffe IRE	Conor Clarkson	4/1F	15
2004	Best Mate	9-12-00	Jim Culloty	Henrietta Knight	Jim Lewis	8/11F	10
2003	Best Mate	8-12-00	Jim Culloty	Henrietta Knight	Jim Lewis	13/8F	15
2002	Best Mate	7-12-00	Jim Culloty	Henrietta Knight	Jim Lewis	7/1	18
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	Looks Like Trouble	8-12-00	Richard Johnson	Noel Chance	Tim Collins	9/2	12
1999	See More Business	9-12-00	Mick Fitzgerald	Paul Nicholls	Paul Barber/John Keighley	16/1	12
1998	Cool Dawn	10-12-00	Andrew Thornton	Robert Alner	Hon. Miss Dido Harding	25/1	17
1997	Mr Mulligan	9-12-00	Tony McCoy	Noel Chance	Michael & Gerry Worcester	20/1	14
1996	Imperial Call	7-12-00	Conor O'Dwyer	Fergie Sutherland IRE	Lisselan Farms Ltd	9/2	10
1995	Master Oats	9-12-00	Norman Williamson	Kim Bailey	Paul Matthews	100/30F	15
1994	The Fellow	9-12-00	Adam Kondrat	Francois Doumen FR	Marquesa De Moratalla	7/1	15
1993	Jodami	8-12-00	Mark Dwyer	Peter Beaumont	John Yeadon	8/1	16
1992	Cool Ground	10-12-00	Adrian Maguire	Toby Balding	Whitcombe Manor Racing Stables	25/1	8
1991	Garrison Savannah	8-12-00	Mark Pitman	Jenny Pitman	Autofour Engineering	16/1	14
1990	Norton's Coin	9-12-00	Graham McCourt	Sirrell Griffiths	Sirrell Griffiths	100/1	12
1989	Desert Orchid	10-12-00	Simon Sherwood	David Elsworth	Richard Burridge	5/2F	13
1988	Charter Party	10-12-00	Richard Dunwoody	David Nicholson	Claire Smith & Jenny Mould	10/1	15
1987	The Thinker	9-12-00	Ridley Lamb	Arthur Stephenson	T P M McDonagh Ltd	13/2	12
1986	Dawn Run	8-11-09	Jonjo O'Neill	Paddy Mullins IRE	Charmian Hill	15/8F	11
1985	Forgive N' Forget	8-12-00	Mark Dwyer	Jimmy FitzGerald	T Kilroe and Sons Ltd	7/1	15
1984	Burrough Hill Lad	8-12-00	Phil Tuck	Jenny Pitman	Stan Riley	7/2	12
1983	Bregawn	9-12-00	Graham Bradley	Michael Dickinson	James Kennelly	100/30F	11
1982	Silver Buck	10-12-00	Robert Earnshaw	Michael Dickinson	Christine Feather	8/1	22
1981	Little Owl	7-12-00	Mr Jim Wilson	Peter Easterby	Robin Wilson	6/1	15
1980	*Master Smudge	8-12-00	Richard Hoare	Arthur Barrow	Arthur Barrow	14/1	15
1979	Alverton	9-12-00	Jonjo O'Neill	Peter Easterby	Snailwell Stud Co Ltd	5/1JF	14
1978	Midnight Court	7-12-00	John Francome	Fred Winter	Olive Jackson	5/2	10
1977	Davy Lad	7-12-00	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	Mrs Joe McGowan	14/1	13
1976	Royal Frolic	7-12-00	John Burke	Fred Rimell	Sir Edward Hanmer	14/1	11
1975	Ten Up	8-12-00	Tommy Carberry	Jim Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	2/1	8
1974	Captain Christy	7-12-00	Bobby Beasley	Pat Taaffe IRE	Mrs Jane M A Samuel	7/1	7
1973	The Dikler	10-12-00	Ron Barry	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs D W August	9/1	8
1972	Glencaraig Lady	8-12-00	Frank Berry	Francis Flood IRE	P Doyle	6/1	12
1971	L'Escargot	8-12-00	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Raymond Guest	7/2JF	8
1970	L'Escargot	7-12-00	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Raymond Guest	33/1	12
1969	What A Myth	12-12-00	Paul Kelleway	Ryan Price	Lady Weir	8/1	11
1968	Fort Leney	10-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Colonel John Thomson	11/2	5
1967	Woodland Venture	7-12-00	Terry Biddlecombe	Fred Rimell	Harry Collins	100/8	8
1966	Arkle	9-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	1/10F	5
1965	Arkle	8-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	3/10F	4
1964	Arkle	7-12-00	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	7/4	4
1963	Mill House	6-12-00	Willie Robinson	Fulke Walwyn	Bill Gollings	7/2F	12
1962	Mandarin	11-12-00	Fred Winter	Fulke Walwyn	Madame Peggy Hennessy	7/2	10
1961	Saffron Tartan	10-12-00	Fred Winter	Don Butchers	Colonel Guy Westmacott	2/1F	9
1960	Pas Seul	7-12-00	Bill Rees	Bob Turnell	John Rogerson	6/1	11
1959	Roddy Owen	10-12-00	Bobby Beasley	Danny Morgan IRE	Lord Fingall	5/1	11
1958	Kerstin	8-12-00	Stan Hayhurst	Verly Bewicke	George H Moore	7/1	9
1957	Linwell	9-12-00	Michael Scudamore	Charlie Mallon	David Brown	100/9	13
1956	Limber Hill	9-12-00	Jimmy Power	Bill Dutton	John Davey	11/8F	11
1955	Gay Donald	9-12-00	Tony Grantham	Jim Ford	P J Burt	33/1	9
1954	Four Ten	8-12-00	Tommy Cusack	John Roberts	A Strange	100/6	6
1953	Knock Hard	9-12-00	Tim Molony	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	11/2	12
1952	Mount Tremblant	6-12-00	Dave Dick	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	8/1	13
1951	Silver Fame	12-12-00	Martin Molony	George Beeby	Lord Bicester	6/4F	6
1950	Cottage Rake	11-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Frank Vickerman	5/6F	6
1949	Cottage Rake	10-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Frank Vickerman	4/6F	6
1948	Cottage Rake	9-12-00	Aubrey Brabazon	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Frank Vickerman	10/1	12
1947	Fortina	6-12-00	Mr Richard Black	Hector Christie	Lord Grimthorpe	8/1	12
1946	Prince Regent	11-12-00	Tim Hyde	Tom Dreaper IRE	Jimmy Rank	4/7F	6
1945	Red Rower	11-12-00	Davy Jones	Lord Stalbridge	Lord Stalbridge	11/4F	16
1943/1944	<i>No race</i>						
1942	Medoc II	8-12-00	Frenchie Nicholson	Reg Hobbs	Lord Sefton	9/2	12
1941	Poet Prince	9-12-00	Roger Burford	Ivor Anthony	D Sherbrooke	7/2	10
1940	Roman Hackle	7-12-00	Evan Williams	Owen Anthony	Dorothy Paget	Evs	7
1939	Brendans Cottage	9-12-00	George Owen	George Beeby	Mrs Arthur Smith-Bingham	8/1	5
1938	Morse Code	9-12-00	Danny Morgan	Ivor Anthony	Lt Col Dealtry Part	13/2	6
1937	<i>No race (flooded)</i>						
1936	Golden Miller	9-12-00	Evan Williams	Owen Anthony	Dorothy Paget	21/20F	6

continues....

totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP ROLL OF HONOUR Continued

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
1935	Golden Miller	8-12-00	Gerry Wilson	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	1/2F	5
1934	Golden Miller	7-12-00	Gerry Wilson	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	6/5F	7
1933	Golden Miller	6-12-00	Billy Stott	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	4/7F	7
1932	Golden Miller	5-11-05	Ted Leader	Basil Briscoe	Dorothy Paget	13/2	6
1931	<i>No race (frost)</i>						
1930	Easter Hero	10-12-00	Tommy Cullinan	Jack Anthony	John Hay Whitney	8/11F	4
1929	Easter Hero	9-12-00	Dick Rees	Jack Anthony	John Hay Whitney	7/4F	10
1928	Patron Saint	5-11-05	Dick Rees	Stanley Harrison	F W Keen	7/2	7
1927	Thrown In	11-12-00	Hon Hugh Grosvenor	Owen Anthony	Lord Stalbridge	10/1	8
1926	Koko	8-12-00	Tim Hamey	Alfred Bickley	Frank Barbour	10/1	8
1925	Ballinode	9-12-00	Ted Leader	Frank Morgan IRE	J C Bentley	3/1	4
1924	Red Splash	5-11-05	Dick Rees	Fred Withington	Major Everard Wyndham	5/1	9

*Master Smudge finished second to Tied Cottage, who was subsequently disqualified for failing a post-race urine test

2009 totesport CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP RESULT IN DETAIL

£475,000 guaranteed, 3m 2 1/2f New Course, 5yo+ which are allotted s rating of 130 or more by the BHA Head Of Handicapping following a review of the horses entered and after taking account of races run up to and including March 6. Weights 5yo 11st 8lb; 6yo+ 11st 10lb Allowances mares 7lb Entries 38 pay £530 1st Forfeit 28 pay £1060 Confirmed 17 pay £530 Penalty Value 1st £270,797.50, 101,602.50, 3rd 50,872.50, 4t £25,365, 5th £12,730, 6th £6,365

- 1 KAUTO STAR (FR) (Clive Smith) Paul Nicholls 9-11-10 Ruby Walsh 7/4F
 2 DENMAN (IRE) (Margaret Findlay & Paul Barber) Paul Nicholls 9-11-10 Sam Thomas 7/1
 3 EXOTIC DANCER (FR) (Sir Robert Ogden) Jonjo O'Neill 9-11-10 Tony McCoy 8/1
 4 NEPTUNE COLLONGES (FR) (John Hales) Paul Nicholls 8-11-10 Christian Williams 15/2
 5 MY WILL (FR) (The Stewart Family) Paul Nicholls 9-11-10 Nick Scholfield 100/1
 6 ROLL ALONG (IRE) (Bryan & Philippa Burrough) Carl Llewellyn 9-11-10 Graham Lee 40/1
 7 BARBERS SHOP (The Queen) Nicky Henderson 7-11-10 Barry Geraghty 10/1
 8 MADISON DU BERLAIS (FR) (Roger Stanley & Yvonne Reynolds II) David Pipe 8-11-10 Tom Scudamore 10/1
 9 ALBERTAS RUN (IRE) (Trevor Hemmings) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-10 Dominic Elsworth 14/1
 10 KNOWHERE (IRE) (Raymond Mould) Nigel Twiston-Davies 11-11-10 Paddy Brennan 100/1
 11 CERIUM (FR) (Judith Wilson) Paul Murphy 8-11-10 Keith Mercer 300/1
 12 AIR FORCE ONE (GER) (Brian Walsh (Co Kildare)) Charlie Mann 7-11-10 Noel Fehily 16/1
 13 STAR DE MOHAISON (FR) (Sir Robert Ogden) Paul Nicholls 8-11-10 Timmy Murphy 20/1
 PU BEF 12 HALCON GENELARDAIS (FR) (Ian Payne & Kim Franklin) Alan King 9-11-10 Robert Thornton 40/1
 PU BEF 18 SNOOPY LOOPY (IRE) (Walters Plant Hire Ltd Egan Waste Ltd) Peter Bowen 11-11-10 Seamus Durack 66/1
 F 4 OUT MIKO DE BEAUCHENE (FR) (Andrew Wiles) Robert & Sally Alner 9-11-10 Andrew Thornton 150/1

16 ran Time: 6m 44.95s

Distances: 13, 2 1/2, 6, 2, nk, 9, 10, 5, 14, 1 3/4, 5, 2 3/4

Breeder: Mme Henri Aubert Breeding: b g Village Star (FR) - Kauto Relka (FR)

Totes: Win: £2.70 Places: £1.50, £3.00, £2.10 Exacta: £17.00

Winning Trainer: PAUL NICHOLLS **Date of birth:** 17/05/62 **Based:** Heighes House, Manor Farm Stables, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet, Somerset
Background: Paul Nicholls, the son of a policeman, was born in Olveston, Bristol, on April 17, 1962, and has been training at Manor Farm Stables in Ditcheat, Somerset, since taking out a licence on November 1, 1991. He started out as a jump jockey and twice rode the winner of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury, in 1986 and 1987. He partnered 130 winners between 1980 and 1989, and nominates the best horses he rode as Broadheath, Playschool and Seagram. Between 1989 and 1991, he was assistant trainer to former Devon-based David Barons, who sent out Seagram to win the 1991 Grand National at Aintree during that time. Having strongly challenged Martin Pipe for the jump trainers' championship for several years, most notably when pushing his great rival right to the last day of the 2004/05 campaign, he claimed his first title in the 2005/06 season, and followed up in the following campaign. Paul Nicholls pulled off the amazing feat of saddling seven winners and three seconds from his 10 runners on Saturday, November 7, 1998, and made history when he became the first trainer to saddle six winners on the same card, at Wincanton, his local track, on Saturday, January 21, 2006. Nicholls was the most successful trainer at The Festival in 1999, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008. **Cheltenham Festival Wins (25):** Ladbrokes World Hurdle (2009 Big Buck's), Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase (2009 Chapoturgeon), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2008 Celestial Halo), Irish Independent Arkle Novices' Chase (1999 Flagship Uberalles, 2003 Azertyuiop), Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (1999 Call Equiname, 2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 & 2009 Master Minded), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (1999 See More Business, 2007 & 2009 Kauto Star, 2008 Denman), Christie's Foxhunter Chase (2004 Earthmover, 2005 Sleeping Night), Johnny Henderson Grand Annual (2004 St Pirran, 2007 Andreas), Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle (2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest, 2009 American Trilogy), Ryanair Chase (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis), Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2006 Noland), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2006 Star De Mohaison, 2007 Denman) **1000th Domestic Winner:** Noble Action (Bumper, Folkestone, November 15, 2004) **First Trainer to Saddle Six Winners on One Card:** Saturday, January 21, 2006, at Wincanton **Number of Winners (1992/03-2007/08):** 20; 29; 28; 53; 56; 82; 110; 71; 83; 136; 152; 127; 152; 148*; 124*; 151* (first trainer to win more than £4 million in prize money in a season); *Champion Trainer **Wins this Season:** 137

Winning Jockey: Ruby Walsh **Born:** May 14, 1979 **Background:** Ruby (short for Rupert) is associated with the powerful stables of Paul Nicholls in Britain and Willie Mullins in Ireland. He is the son of 11-times Irish amateur champion jockey, Ted Walsh, now a trainer and television pundit. Ruby is the second of Walsh's four children and his younger sister Katie is a successful amateur. Won Irish amateur riders' championship (1996-97) aged 19. Irish National Hunt jockey in first season as a professional (1998/99) and also 2000/2001, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/7 and 2007/08. Cheltenham Festival leading rider: 2003, 2007 and 2008. **First Winner:** Siren Song, Gowran Park, July 25, 1995 **Cheltenham Festival Wins (24):** Ladbrokes World Hurdle (2009 Big Buck's), David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (2009 Quevega), Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle (2008 Fiveforthree, 2009 Mikael D'Haguenet), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2008 Celestial Halo), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1998 Alexander Banquet, 2005 Missed That), Mildmay Of Flete (2002 Blowing Wind), Irish Independent Arkle (2003 Azertyuiop), Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 & 2009 Master Minded), Grand Annual (2004 St Pirran), Vincent O'Brien County Hurdle (2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest, 2009 American Trilogy), Ryanair Chase (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis) Anglo Irish Bank Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2006 Noland), William Hill Trophy (2006 Dun Doire), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2007 Denman, 2009 Cooldoine), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (2007 & 2009 Kauto Star) **1,000th Winner in Ireland:** Rare Article, Smirnoff (Mares) Maiden Hurdle, Thurles, May 4, 2008 (became only the second jockey to complete the feat after Charlie Swann) **Number of Wins in Britain (1998/99-2007/08):** 1; 1; 5; 13; 77; 62; 81; 69; 73; 69; **Wins in Britain This Season:** 63