

2.10 Cheltenham

RSA Novices' Chase (Grade 1) (5yo+) £99.663 3m½f Soft 10 runners

RAG Race Status:

RED

PRIMARY TRENDS

The last eight winners...

Age between six and eight

SP up to 16/1

Officially rated 144+

Won one of their last three starts

Between three and five starts in the season

Two or more wins left handed

Seven of the last eight winners...

Irish bred

Running within 45 days

First two last time out

Last run in a Grade 1 or 2 contest

SHORTLIST

Race card order –

Al Boum Photo, Ballyoptic and Monalee

SECONDARY TRENDS

6 of the last 8 winners...

Officially rated 146+

Last run Leopardstown (4w, 6pl), Ascot (2w, 1pl)

Trainer Check:

N Henderson (2w, 4pl), W Mullins (1w, 3pl)

Last 24 Win and place positions...

23 *Age between six and nine*

22 *Irish or French bred*

Selection: **Monalee@100/30**

Each-Way Selection: **Al Boum Photo@7/1**

Key Race Log (At the Cheltenham Festival 2010 – 2017)

Class	Race	Track	Win	Pl	2017/18 Season Result		
Grade 1	Flogas (Dr PJ Moriarty)	Leopardstown	3	4	1. Monalee	2. Al Boum Photo	3. Invitation Only
Grade 2	Reynoldstown Nov	Ascot	2	1	1. Black Corton	2. Ms Parfois	3. Mount News
Grade 1	Neville Hotels (Topaz/ Fort Leney) Novices'	Leopardstown	1	2	1. Shattered Love	2. Jury Duty	3. Bon Papa
Grade 2	Towton Novices'	Wetherby	1	1	1. Ballyoptic	2. Vintage Clouds	3. Shades Of Midnight

Trainers – Novice Chase (At the Cheltenham Festival 2014 – 2017)

Trainer	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	Entries
W Mullins	25	6	24	-9.45	13	52	Al Boum Photo, Bonbon Au Miel
N Henderson	13	2	15.38	-7.25	6	46	
G Elliott	7	2	28.57	19	2	28.57	Dounikos
Jonjo O'Neill	4	2	50	13	3	75	

Trends Tapping is a quick at-a-glance table of some of the main trends of the researched race.

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Other info is from the last four years.

Trends Tapping

	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	
Favourites (8yrs)	9	2	22.22	-1.87	4	44.44	5/5/4/4/42/1/3/1
Headgear (8yrs)	6	0	0	-6.00	0	0	/P//8/P7/L/P
Irish Trained Runners (4yrs)	16	1	6.25	-13.37	5	31.25	
GB Trained Runners (4yrs)	27	3	11.11	-0.50	7	25.93	
GB bred (4yrs)	4	1	25	5.00	1	25	
Irish bred (4yrs)	24	3	12.50	-3.87	9	37.50	
French bred (4yrs)	14	0	0	-14.00	2	14.29	



	Surface (Undulating to Very Undulating)			Going (Soft/ Soft to Heavy/ Heavy)			Distance (3m – 3m1f)			Class (Grade 1)			Direction (Left Handed)		
	All starts	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins
Al Boum Photo	3	1		5	2	2	1	0		2	0	1	2	1	1
Ballyoptic	6	2		10	5	1	11	3	1	5	1		12	5	1
Monalee	7	3	3	6	4	2	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	2

Pace

- Pace Profits:** - Advantage for those ridden on or racing prominently
- Early Pace:** - Monalee, Ballyoptic, Black Corton
- Prominent:** - Allysion Monterg, Elegant Escape, Bonbon Au Miel

Final Analysis

Following a number of races yesterday, it may be well advised for Noel Fehily to tuck **Monalee** in behind the leaders if possible as the improving seven-year-old likes to lead in his races. The form of the Flogas Grade 1 at Leopardstown has produced three winners and four place runners in recent years and there is a chance that **Al Boum Photo** could come of the pace under Ruby Walsh and possibly reverse the positions with Monalee. Both have solid chances here. There is nothing wrong with Ballyoptic's win at Wetherby in the Towton in February.

****Check the shortlist to finalise your own selection**

2.50 Cheltenham

Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (4yo+) £56,950 2m5f Soft 26 runners

RAG Race Status: **RED**

PRIMARY TRENDS

The last eight winners...

French (4w, 6pl), Irish (2w, 13pl) or GB (2w, 4pl) bred

Age between five and eight

Up to four handicap hurdle wins

At least 2lb lower than top weight

Fourth or lower in the weights

Seven of the last eight winners...

SP up to 16/1

Top seven in the betting

Officially rated 139+

Between three and five starts in season

SHORTLIST

Race card order –

Mount Mews, Fixe Le Kap, Springtown Lake and The Organist

SECONDARY TRENDS

6 of the last 8 winners...

Won one of their last three starts

Running within 60 days

Trainer Check:

N Henderson (2w, 1pl), G Elliott (2w, 2pl), A King (1w, 2pl)

Last 32 Win and place positions...

31 Up to five handicap hurdle wins

30 Officially rated 136+

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Trends Tapping

	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	
Favourites (8yrs)	9	0	0	-9.00	2	22.22	0/0/72/05/3/0/0
Headgear (8yrs)	44	0	0	-44.00	5	11.36	
Irish Trained Runners (4yrs)	35	2	5.71	-5.00	8	22.86	
GB Trained Runners (4yrs)	69	2	2.90	-44	8	11.59	
GB bred (4yrs)	21	1	4.76	-4.00	2	9.52	
Irish bred (4yrs)	50	1	2	-37.00	7	14	
French bred (4yrs)	31	2	6.45	-6.00	7	22.58	
Age between five and eight (4yrs)	91	4	4.4	-36.00	13	14.29	
Age over nine (4yrs)	13	0	0	-13.00	3	23.08	



	Surface (Undulating to Very Undulating)			Going (Soft/ Soft to Heavy/ Heavy)			Distance (2m4f – 2m6f)			Class (Grade 1)			Direction (Left Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
All starts															
Mount Mews				6	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	10	5	3
Fixe Le Kap	2	0		6	2	1	1	0					5	2	
Springtown Lake	2	1	1	3	1	1	5	2	2				2	1	1
The Organist	6	1		8	4		6		1	1	0		8	3	

Pace

- Pace Profits:** - No great advantage in recent running of the race
- Early Pace:** - Springtown Lake, Le Breuil
- Prominent:** - Red Indian, Mischievious Max, Topofthegame and Royal Vacation

Final Analysis

Given the prices of the shortlisted runners and the past results of the Coral Cup - ALL STAKES TO BE KEPT TO MINIMUM HERE – **Springtown Lake** it must be said won a two runner race at Leicester at the end of January on heavy ground but showed decent form at the turn of the year and is worth a check for the Hobbs/Johnson combination. **Mount Mews** was switched to chasing following two hurdle spins at the start of the season and could be interesting here with plenty of form on the surface. **Fixe Le Kap** has disappointed recently but his form last spring and his trainers record in handicap hurdles at the festival is worth a market check.

****Check the shortlist to finalise your own selection**