

### 1.30 Cheltenham

### Triumph Hurdle (Grade 1) (4yo) £71,188 2m1f Soft 9 Runners

#### RAG Race Status: PRIMARY TRENDS

**AMBER**

The last eight winners...

Won one of their last three starts

First four last time out

Last run Leopardstown (4w, 7pl), Cheltenham (2w, 2pl) Kempton (2w, 1pl)

One/two starts in the last 90 days

Running within 60 days

Seven of the last eight winners...

Irish or French bred

Won one of their last three starts

#### SHORTLIST

Race card order –

**Mr Adjudicator, Redicean and Apples Shakira**

Six of the last eight winners...

SP up to 13/2

Officially rated 140+

Top three in the betting

Up to three starts in the season

*Trainer Check:*

*N Henderson (2w, 4pl), P Nicholls (1w, 2pl)*

*Last 24 Win and place positions...*

*24 First four last time out*

*23 Won one of their last three starts*

*22 Irish or French bred*

**Selection:**

**Apples Shakira@2/1**

**Strong EW Selection:**

**Mr Adjudicator@8/1**

**Redicean@9/2**

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

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

Class	Race	Track	Win	PI	2017/18 Season Result		
Grade 1	Spring Juvenile	Leopardstown	4	6	1. Mr Adjudicator	2. Farclas	3. Grey Waters
Grade 2	Triumph Hurdle	Cheltenham	2	1	1. Apples Shakira	2. Look My Way	3. Ulysses
Grade 2	Adonis Hurdle	Kempton	2		1. Redicean	2. Malaya	3. Beau Gosse

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

Trainer	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	Declared
W Mullins	47	7	14.89	-11.89	13	27.66	Mr Adjudicator, Saldier, Sayo, Stormy Ireland
G Elliott	10	1	10	16.00	4	40	Farclas
N Henderson	22	1	4.55	-17.00	6	27.27	Apples Shakira

	Surface (Undulating to Very Undulating)			Going (Soft/ Soft to Heavy)			Distance (2m – 2m1f)			Class (Grade 1)			Direction (Left Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
All starts															
<b>Mr Adjudicator</b>	4	0		5	2	1	2	2		1	1		9	4	
<b>Redicean</b>	1	0	1	3	3		3	3					6	2	1
<b>Apples Shakira</b>	3	3		3	3		2	2					3	3	

## Pace

**Pace Profits:**

- Advantage for those ridden close to the early pace

**Early Pace:**

- Stormy Ireland, Gumball and Sussex Ranger

**Prominent:**

- Saldier, Sayo and Apples Shakira

## Final Analysis

Strong race for the key races above with **Redicean's** form and win in the Adonis, **Mr Adjudicator's** win in the Spring Juvenile hurdle at Leopardstown in February and **Apples Shakara's** win in the Juvenile trial are all solid pieces of form. **Farclas** from the Gordon Elliot stable missed the trends without a win to his name and the first-time tongue-tie is a worry.

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

## 2.10 Cheltenham

### County Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (5yo+) £56,950 2m1f Soft 25 runners

#### RAG Race Status: PRIMARY TRENDS

**RED**

The last 8 winners...

SP up to 25/1

Won left handed

Last run Leopardstown (5w,4plc), Cheltenham (2w, 1plc), Sandown (1w,1plc) or Newbury (6plc)

Up to eight runs in season

Four or more handicap hurdle starts

7 of the last 8 winners...

First two in one of their last three starts

No more than four starts since a win

Eighth or lower in the weights

Officially rated 134 – 139

Carried between 10-5 and 11-4

Between one and three career wins

Irish, GB or French bred

Between one and three handicap hurdle wins

#### SHORTLIST

Race card order –

#### SECONDARY TRENDS

6 of the last 8 winners...

Aged five or six

Between two and five starts in season

Running within 75 days

Last **32** Win and place positions...

31 Up to six career wins

30 First three in one of their last three starts

29 Aged between five and eight

Officially rated 134+

Trainer Track:

W Mullins (4w, 4pl), P Nicholls (1w,1pl) P Hobbs (5pl)

**EW Selection:**

**Bleu Et Rouge@10/1**

**Ben Dundee@14/1**

**Smaller EW Selection:**

**Spiritofthegames@20/1**

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

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

Class	Race	Track	Win	PI	2017/18 Season Result		
Grade B	Coral Hurdle	Leopardstown	3	1	1. Off You Go	2. Deal D'estruval	3. Grand Partner
Class 2	Handicap Hurdle	Cheltenham	1	1	1. Remiluc	2. Huntsman Son	3. Our Merlin
Grade 3	Betfair Hurdle	Newbury		6	1. Kalashnikov	2. Bleu Et Rouge	3. Spiritofthegames

## Trainers – Handicap Hurdle (At the Cheltenham Festival 2014 – 2017)

Trainer	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	Declared
P Nicholls	38	5	13.16	32.50	11	28.95	Divin Bere, Brahms De Clearmont
W Mullins	40	4	10	28	10	25	Bleu Et Rouge, Lagostovegas, Sandsend, Meri Devie, Whiskey Sour,
N Henderson	38	2	5.26	-13.00	4	10.53	Jenkins
G Elliott	24	2	8.33	2	9	37.50	Brelade, Ben Dundee, Duca De Thaix
P Hobbs	28	1	3.57	-22.50	6	21.43	Sternrubin
D Skelton	13	1	7.69	-4.00	2	15.38	Spiritofthegames, Mohaayed,

	Surface (Undulating to Very Undulating)			Going (Soft/ Soft to Heavy)			Distance (2m – 2m1f)			Class (Grade 3)			Direction (Left Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
All starts															
<b>Bleu Et Rouge</b>	4	0	2	5	1	1	7	1	2	2	0	2	8	2	3
<b>Le Richebourg</b>	2	1	1	4	0	2	2	2					6	2	3
<b>Spiritofthegames</b>	2	1		3	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	4	2	1
<b>Ben Dundee</b>	5	2	1	5	1	1	7	1	1				5	1	1
<b>Duca De Thaix</b>	3	1		2	0		3	1		3	1		2	0	

## Pace

- Pace Profits:** - Advantage for those leading or ridden prominently
- Early Pace:** - Lovenormoney, Connetable and Shantou Bob
- Prominent:** - Boite, Delta Work and Thomas Campbell

## Final Analysis

**Bleu Et Rouge** second behind Kalashnikov in the Betfair hurdle is solid form and looks the choice of Barry Geraghty with **Spiritofthegames** back in third and both require some respect. **Ben Dundee** came off the rails last time out in the Coral hurdle last month but he wasn't suited by the change of tactics ridden too close to the pace in the early stages by Jack Kennedy. Davy Russell should ride him with more restraint and can out-run his odds.

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

### 3.30 Cheltenham

### Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase (Grade 1) (5yo+) £369,822 3m2½f Soft New 18 run

#### RAG Race Status:

**AMBER**

#### Primary Trends

The last 8 winners...

Up to five starts in the season  
Had ran in a Grade 1

No more than four starts since a win  
First six last time out

7 of the last 8 winners...

SP up to 8/1  
Up to two starts in the last 90 days  
Placed at the track  
Running between 31 and 90 days  
Last ran Leopardstown (3w, 4pl), Newbury (2w, 5pl) or Kempton (2w, 2pl)

Officially rated 166+  
Three or more wins left handed  
Last ran in a Grade 1 (5w,7plc) or Grade 2 (2w,7plc)

#### Shortlist

Race card order –

#### **Definitly Red, Might Bite, Native River and Road To Respect**

#### Secondary Trends

6 of the last 8 winners...

Aged eight (3w,2plc) or Nine (3w,1plc)  
Irish or French bred  
One or two wins in a Grade 1

Won last time out  
Won one of their last three starts

Last **24** Win and place positions...

23 Up to five starts in season  
22 Officially rated 156+  
20 Aged between seven and 10

Trainer Track:

N Henderson (2w, 2pl)

**Dutch Selection:**

**Might Bite/Native River**

**EW Selection:**

**Definitly Red@12/1**

**Road To Respect@12/1**

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

Class	Race	Track	Win	PI	2017/18 Season Result		
Grade 1	King George	Kempton	2	2	1. Might Bite	2. Double Shuffle	3. Tea For Two
Grade 1	Irish Gold Cup	Leopardstown	2	2	1. Edwulf	2. Outlander	3. Djakadam
Grade 2	Denman Chase	Newbury	1	4	1. Native River	2. Cloudy Dream	3. Saphir Du Rheu
Grade 1	Formerly the Lexus	Leopardstown	1	2	1. Road To Respect	2. Balko Des Flos	3. Outlander

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

Trainer	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	Declared
E Bolger	12	3	25	0.51	6	50	
W Mullins	19	2	10.53	-14.25	8	42.11	Bachasson, Djakadam, Killultagh Vic, Total Recall
G Elliott	8	2	25	0.25	5	62.50	Outlander
H De Bromhead	11	1	9.09	1.00	4	36.36	
N Henderson	14	1	7.14	-8.00	3	21.43	Might Bite



# Trends Tapping

	Runs	Wins	Win%	P/L	Win/Places	W+PL%	
Favourites (8yrs)	8	3	37.50	3.50	4	50	F/1/3/1/5/7/1/4
Headgear (8yrs)	16	0	0	-16.00	4	25	
Irish Trained Runners (4yrs)	20	3	15	12.25	8	40	
GB Trained Runners (4yrs)	31	1	3.23	-23.00	4	12.90	
GB bred (4yrs)	7	2	28.57	9.00	3	42.86	
Irish bred (4yrs)	28	1	3.57	-7.00	6	21.43	
French bred (4yrs)	15	0	0	-15.00	2	13.33	
Age between seven & nine (4yrs)	37	4	10.81	3.25	10	27.03	
Age 10 and older (4yrs)	12	0	0	-12.00	1	8.33	

**FACTOR5**

	Surface (Undulating to Very Undulating)			Going (Soft/ Soft to Heavy)			Distance (3m1½f – 3m2½f)			Class (Grade 1)			Direction (Left Handed)		
	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs	Races	Wins	Plcs
All starts															
<b>Definitely Red</b>	8	5		17	9	6	2	2		2	0		22	11	6
<b>Might Bite</b>	4	2		2	1		1	1		4	3		10	6	
<b>Native River</b>	8	3	2	8	5		2	1		5	1	1	17	8	3
<b>Road To Respect</b>	10	4	2	7	1	4				5	2	1	7	3	2

# Pace

**Pace Profits:**

- Advantage for those leading or ridden prominently

**Early Pace:**

- Sam Spinner and The New One

**Prominent:**

- Donnas Diamond, Lil Rockerfeller, Old Guard and Unowhatimeanharry

## Final Analysis

In the trainers' mind, less is more for **Native River** who can build on his third here last year while **Might Bite** is maturing with every run and he too has raced just once more than Native River and has winning course form already. **Definitely Red** appearance on the shortlist has surprised me but here he is rated 167 the same mark as previous winners Synchronised and Sizing John. Course winner has won over the distance and can hit the frame along with the wonderfully prepared **Road To Respect**, improving seven-year-old who won the 'old' Lexus in December.

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