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### Race In Focus: RSA Chase- By Ian Hudson

Cheltenham Wednesday March 13th 2019 - Three miles and about half a furlong steeplechase for horses aged five and over with 19 fences.

#### **Description**

The RSA Chase is the championship Grade 1 race for staying novice chasers and it is run on the second day of the Cheltenham Festival. The race is often run at a punishing pace and it is the most demanding race of the season for relatively inexperienced chasers. The winner of the race becomes a contender for the Gold Cup the following season. Bobs Worth (2012) and Lord Windermere (2013) are the most recent winners of both races. Presenting Percy won the RSA Chase in 2018 and at the time of writing is the ante post favourite for the Gold Cup.

#### **Winners Since 2009**

Year Horse	Jockey	Trainer	SP
2009 Cooldine 2010 Weapon's Amnesty 2011 Bostons Angel 2012 Bobs Worth 2013 Lord Windermere 2014 O'Faolan's Boy 2015 Don Poli 2016 Blaklion	Ruby Walsh Davy Russell Robbie Power Barry Geraghty Davy Russell Berry Geraghty Bryan Cooper Ryan Hatch	Willie Mullins Charles Byrnes Jessica Harrington Nicky Henderson Jim Culloty Rebecca Curtis Willie Mullins Nigel Twiston-Davies	9/4F 10/1 16/1 9/2 8/1 12/1 13/8F 8/1
2017 Might Bite	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	7/2
2018 Presenting Percy	Davy Russell	Patrick G Kelly	5/2F

#### **Trends**

- The average starting price of the winner was 13/2.
- The SP's ranged from 13/8 to 16/1.
- There were three winning favourites.
- 3 winners started at double figure odds.
- Both Willie Mullins winners were the favourite.
- Barry Geraghty's two winners were not the favourite.
- Davy Russell is the winning most jockey with three wins.
- · Willie Mullins and Nicky Henderson are the most successful trainers (2 wins).
- · There has been no winner aged nine or older since 1992.
- There have only been four winners younger than 7 since 1978.
- The last 16 winners had run at least 3 times over fences.
- The last 20 winners has finished in the first three in their previous race.

#### Records since 1946

The RSA Chase is a championship race for novices so the winner is not eligible for the race again so there have been no multiple winners.

**Leading Jockey** - Pat Taaffe with 5 wins from 1953 to 1970.

**Leading Trainers** - Fulke Walwyn (1948 to 1957) and Willie Mullins (Florida Pearl 1998, Rule Supreme 2004, Cooldine 2009 and Don Poli 2015) with 4 wins.

#### **Leading Contenders**

Odds correct as at January 23rd 2019 and subject to change.

SANTINI is the current favourite for the race at 3/1 with <u>Ladbrokes</u>. The horse is trained by Nicky Henderson who has prepared the winner twice in the last seven years. Santini was placed in the staying novice hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival last year so has some experience of the occasion. LA BAGUE AU ROI beat Santini by three and a half lengths receiving seven pounds in the Grade 1 novice chase at Kempton over Christmas and the horse is 14/1 with <u>Betfair</u> to win the RSA Chase. TOPOFTHEGAME (8/1 with <u>Ladbrokes</u>) was second in that race, beating Santini by two lengths off level weights. The leading Irish contender is DELTA WORK (5/1 with <u>bet365</u>) on the basis of an impressive win at Grade 1 level in a novice chase at Leopardstown's Christmas meeting. Of the longer priced runners the each way value could be LE RICHEBOURG at 25/1.

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Topofthegame at 8/1 with **Ladbrokes**.

#### **Next Week's Race**

Champion Chase

#### **Previous Tips**

Supreme Novices' Hurdle - Tornado Flyer at 16/1 (now 28/1). Arkle Challenge Trophy - Lalor at 5/1 (now 6/1). Champion Hurdle - Laurina at 4/1 (now 4/1)

## Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

#### **Tottenham's Run To Wembley Could End Tonight**

Three of Tottenham's most influential players will be absent for the second leg of their Carabao Cup semi-final against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and that could be the end of their run to Wembley. Sadly the Spurs fans won't be getting a day out at the National Stadium because Chelsea have enough in their favour to eliminate their London rivals. A Harry Kane penalty secured ay 1-0 win the first match and any win with a margin of one goal for Chelsea will take the tie to penalties.

Away goals don't count and there is no extra time but Chelsea can get the job done in 90 minutes. Kane and Deli Alli are injured and Heung Min-Son is at the Asia Cup with South Korea. Seven of Chelsea's last eight home matches in domestic football have produced less than three goals. A 2-0 win tonight will suffice and CHELSEA are 4/7 with **Paddy Power** to win the match in 90 minutes.

It's the first round of the Farmers Insurance Open on the US PGA Tour and the first showing in 2019 of Tiger Woods. He is a seven times course winner but for outright purposes Jon Rahm is preferred. The Spanish player is also a course winner and he is at the top of his game. Rahm has not looked back since beating Woods in the Ryder Cup singles last September. JON RAHM is 5/4 with **bet365** to beat Brandt Snedeker and Jason Day over 18 holes in the first round match that brings together three former winners.

There is €220 in prize money up the grabs at Gowran Park today. The card features a lucrative and competitive handicap chase and the return of the Gold Cup favourite. The Thyestes Chase (3.00) looks open with a 5/1 favourite while Presenting Percy runs over hurdles. INVITATION ONLY was identified as a potential winner of the big chase earlier in the week so there is no reason to oppose the horse who can be backed at 4/1 with **Paddy Power**.

Presenting Percy runs in the Galmoy Hurdle (1.50) he won last year in his first outing since winning the RSA Chase at the Cheltenham in March. The trainer reports the horse could be not quite match fit so Presenting Percy is opposed. LIMINI can get her career back on track by winning this race and that outcome is 10/1 with **bet365**.