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Newcastle (A.W) 20:00 - Breathoffreshair @ 9/1 Win Bet

## **Race In Focus: Champion Chase**- By Ian Hudson

**Cheltenham Wednesday March 13th 2019. Two miles for horses aged five and over with 12 fences.**

### **Description**

The Champion Chase, currently sponsored by Betway, is run over slightly less than two miles on the Old Course on the second day of the Cheltenham Festival. It is the championship race for chasers over the minimum distance. The race is often run at a very fast pace and one jumping error can be costly. The race has a history of producing multiple winners and since 2000 three horses have won the race more than once. That could become four this year because the defending champion, Altior, is the odds-on favourite to win the race again. The horse has beaten his nearest rivals with something in hand and is the banker of the meeting.

### **Winners Since 2009**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Jockey</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>SP</b>
2009	Master Minded	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	4/11F
2010	Big Zeb	Barry Geraghty	Colm Murphy	10/1
2011	Sizing Europe	Andrew Lynch	Henry de Bromhead	10/1
2012	Finian's Rainbow	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	4/1
2013	Sprinter Sacre	Barry Geraghty	Nicky Henderson	1/4F
2014	Sire de Grugy	Jamie Moore	Gary Moore	11/4F
2015	Dodging Bullets	Sam Twiston-Davies	Paul Nicholls	9/2
2016	Sprinter Sacre	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	5/1
2017	Special Tiara	Noel Fehily	Henry de Bromhead	11/1
2018	Altior	Nico de Boinville	Nicky Henderson	1/1F

### **Trends**

- The average starting price of the winner was almost 5/1.
- The SP's ranged from 1/4 to 11/1.
- There were four winning favourites.
- 3 winners started at double figure odds.
- Two of Nicky Henderson's four winners were the favourite.
- Three winners were in the 4/1 to 5/1 range.
- Barry Geraghty is the winning most jockey with three wins.
- Nicky Henderson is the most successful trainer (4 wins).
- Only two winners were aged 10 and older since 1977.
- 14 of the last 17 winners had won a Grade 1 race.
- 14 of the last 15 defending champions that ran were beaten.
- The last 16 winners had ran during the calendar year.

## Records since 1946

Only one horse has won the race 3 times, Badsworth Boy in 1983, 1984 and 1985.

**Leading Jockeys** - Pat Taaffe with 5 wins from 1960 to 1970 and Barry Geraghty with 5 wins from 2003 to 2013.

**Leading Trainer** – Tom Dreaper with 6 wins from 1960 to 1970.

## Leading Contenders

Odds correct as at January 30th 2019 and subject to change.

The race revolves around one horse which is Altior who is the defending champion. Altior is the best chaser in training in Britain and Ireland. The horse has won the key trials this season and has beaten most of the other horses at the head of the betting at least once. Altior is the shortest priced favourite for races at the Cheltenham Festival and can justify that status by winning the Champion Chase again. ALTIOR cannot be opposed at 4/7 with **Betfair**. FOOTPAD (8/1 with **Ladbrokes**) was an impressive winner of the Arkle Chase last season. In most years he would be the clear favourite for the Champion Chase but Altior dominates the betting. Footpad is literally running for second place. MIN (12/1 with **Betfair**) was second behind Altior in the same last season, beaten by seven lengths. The horse has the ability and form to make the frame but no other runner is good enough or has the potential to give Altior a hard race.

## Tip

Altior at 4/7 with **Betfair**.

## Next Week's Race

Ryanair 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 (4/1 now).

RSA Chase – Topofthegame at 8/1 (8/1 now).

# Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

## England Will Struggle To Reverse The Form

With no major football matches today we can focus on the Second Test between West Indies and England in Antigua. The key to working out who will win the match is measuring the most recent fixture between the sides against form going into that match. West Indies beat England by 381 runs in the First Test having lost their previous four international fixtures over five days. Conversely England were five from five before the Barbados debacle so does one swallow make a summer? In this case it does and England cannot reverse the form to beat WEST INDIES who are 11/5 with [bet365](#)

England cannot be as bad in this match as they were last time out. Even in such abject defeat Ben Stokes bowled well and took four wickets in the first innings. He also dismissed two of the top three in the West Indies batting order second time around. Stokes has taken 123 wickets in 50 Tests while Jimmy Anderson has claimed 570 batters in his 146 Test match appearances. Statistically you back Anderson every time to take most wickets but conditions will suit BEN STOKES in Antigua so he is the bet at 9/2 with [Ladbrokes](#) to be England's top wicket taker in the match.

It's the first round of the Phoenix Open on the PGA Tour in Arizona. The event is known for the huge crowds that turn up for the desert occasion and drink beer. It is estimated that about half a million fans attend and many of those take refreshments around the short 16th hole. Jon Rahm has been tipped to win a tournament in which four rounds in the mid sixties will be needed to compete. He went to University in the state so is almost a local. We can expect a fast start and JON RAHM is 11/10 with [bet365](#) to outscore Bubba Watson and Xander Schauffele over 18 holes today.

All Weather racing is coming into its own this week and is fit for purpose of providing action when turf meetings are abandoned because of the freeze. Today's racing at Southwell and Newcastle is not very good but at least it's happening. The handicap over one mile at Southwell (3.40) is an opportunity for DASHING POET who has won over the course and distance and is 9/2 with [Ladbrokes](#) to prevail.