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Race In Focus: Triumph Hurdle - By Ian Hudson

Cheltenham Friday March 15th 2019 - Two miles and one furlong for horses aged four with 8 hurdles.

Description

The Triumph Hurdle is the championship race for juveniles who are aged four when the race is run. It is the most prestigious hurdle race for this age group and one of the few National Hunt races confined to horses of one age. At the start of the season none of the field will have run over hurdles but some may have experience on the Flat. The winners of the race have a poor record in the following season's Champion Hurdle in which more experienced rivals have an advantage. The last horse to win both races was Katchit who won the Triumph in 2007 and the Champion Hurdle the following year. The winner in 2014 was Tiger Roll who won the Grand National last year.

Winners Since 2009

| Year | Horse | Jockey | Trainer | SP |
|------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------|
| 2009 | Zaynar | Barry Geraghty | Nicky Henderson | 11/2 |
| 2010 | Soladitino | Barry Geraghty | Nicky Henderson | 6/1 |
| 2011 | Zarkandar | Daryl Jacob | Paul Nicholls | 13/2 |
| 2012 | Countrywide Flame | Dougie Costello | John Quinn | 33/1 |
| 2013 | Our Conor | Bryan Cooper | Dessie Hughes | 4/1 |
| 2014 | Tiger Roll | Davy Russell | Gordon Elliott | 10/1 |
| 2015 | Peace And Co | Barry Geraghty | Nicky Henderson | 2/1F |
| 2016 | Ivanovich Gorbatov | Barry Geraghty | Aidan O'Brien | 9/2F |
| 2017 | Defi Du Seuil | Richard Johnson | Phillip Hobbs | 5/2F |
| 2018 | Farclas | Jack Kennedy | Gordon Elliott | 9/1 |

Trends

- The stats are distorted by Countryside Flame's win at 33/1.
- The average price of the winner is almost 9/1.
- The winners' odds ranged from 2/11 to 33/1.
- Two winners started at double figure odds.
- Three outright favourites prevailed.
- Barry Geraghty rode 2 winning favourites.
- Five winners were trained in Ireland.
- 11 of the last 13 winners started in the first four in the betting.
- The Nicky Henderson/Barry Geraghty team provided three winners.
- French imports have won five of the last eight runnings.
- 5 Adonis Hurdle winners have won the Triumph since 1999.
- The last 26 runners ran in the last 55 days.

Records since 1972

As the race is confined to horses aged four there have been no multiple winners.

Leading Jockey – Barry Geraghty with five wins from 2003 to 2016.

Leading Trainers – Nicky Henderson with six wins from 1985 to 2015.

Leading Contenders

Odds correct as at February 20th 2019 and subject to change.

SIR EREC (6/4 with **Coral**) is the Irish trained banker of the meeting for some who can't see the horse not winning the Triumph Hurdle. The horse had by far the best form on the Flat and has taken to hurdles. Sir Erec finished third in the British Champions Long Distance Cup at Ascot last October. He was just two and a half lengths behind the winner Stradivarius receiving eight pounds but no rival has produced anything like that level of form. The horse is trained by Joseph O'Brien who is also responsible for FAKIR DOUDAIRE, the second favourite at 9/1 with **Ladbrokes**. Both horses are now owned by JP McManus who loves to have winners at the Cheltenham Festival. QUEL DESTIN (14/1 with **Ladbrokes**) is the best of the British trained horses but O'Brien has a very strong hand.

Tip: Sir Erec at 6/4 with William Hill.

Next Week's Race

Cheltenham Gold Cup

Previous Tips

Supreme Novices' Hurdle - Tornado Flyer at 16/1 (now 33/1).

Arkle Challenge Trophy - Lalor at 5/1 (now 11/2).

Champion Hurdle - Laurina at 4/1 (now 5/1).

RSA Chase - Topofthegame at 8/1 (now 7/1).

Champion Chase - Altior at 4/7 (now 1/2).

Ryanair Chase - Waiting Patiently 7/1 (now 7/1).

Paisley Park – Stayers Hurdle 9/4 (now 9/4).

Today's Sports Betting Preview - By Rick Elliott

Positive Outcomes For London Clubs In The Europa League

Arsenal have given BATE Borisov a one goal start in their last 32 tie in the Europa League. However, they beat the same opponents 6-0 at the Emirates in the group stages of the competition just over a year ago. Its goals that win matches and nothing else counts but on every other match statistic Arsenal came out on top in away leg last week. Their opponents are in the middle of the winter break in Belarus.

The visitors to London have conceded 19 goals in seven European fixtures on the road. Arsenal only have to maintain that average to progress to the next round. However, they can win the tie with something in hand and are good enough to win by more than two goals. The Gunners dominated the possession and corner count in the first leg. ARSENAL -2 on the handicap is the bet at 11/10 with **Coral**.

Chelsea have two matches over the next four days and the outcomes could determine the future of Maurizio Sarri. Two previous Chelsea managers were sacked when the results were not so bad for the man in charge. The Blues are looking to convert a 2-1 lead at home to Malmo in the Europa League tonight and then meet quadruple-chasing Manchester City in the final of the EFL Cup at Wembley on Sunday.

Losing to City would be no disgrace for failing to get past the Swedes at Stamford Bridge this evening would be one reverse too much for the beleaguered boss. Malmo are just back from a winter break so the CHELSEA/CHELSEA half time/full time result can ease the pressure on the manager and that outcome is 8/11 with **bet365**. The DOUBLE on those two positive results for the London clubs is 5/2 with **Coral**.

Thurles stages a decent jumps meeting in Ireland today and the highlight is the Grade 3 novice hurdle over two miles and four furlongs at 3.05. Dream Conti has winning form but at a lower grade and Harrie was disappointing in a better race 39 days ago. On form and ratings the best horse in the race is GO ANOTHER ONE. If his jumping improves the horse is the selection at 11/2 with **bet365**.