



Racing TVi

Cheltenham Festival 2023

(March 14 - 17)

BETTING GUIDE: Day 1 (Tuesday) & Day 2 (Wednesday)



**All times GMT*

Day 1 - Tuesday 14th March 2023

START TIMES*	RACE	DISTANCE	TYPE
13:30	Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle	3300m	Hurdle
14:10	Sporting Life Arkle Challenge Trophy Novices' Chase	3200m	Chase
14:50	Ultima Handicap Chase	5000m	Chase
15:30	Unibet Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy	3300m	Hurdle
16:10	Close Brothers Mares' Hurdle	4000m	Hurdle
16:50	Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle	3300m	Hurdle
17:30	Wellchild National Hunt Challenge Cup Novices' Chase	6000m	Chase

Day 2 - Wednesday 15th March 2023

13:30	Ballymore Novices' Hurdle	4200m	Hurdle
14:10	Brown Advisory Novices' Chase	4900m	Chase
14:50	Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle	4200m	Hurdle
15:30	Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase	3200m	Chase
16:10	Glenfarclas Chase (Cross Country Chase)	6100m	Chase
16:50	Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Challenge Cup	200m	Chase
17:30	Weatherbys Champion Bumper (A Standard Open NH Flat Race)	3300m	Bumper

DAY 1 RACE BY RACE**All times GMT***13:30 Sky Bet Supreme Novices' Hurdle****Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

He needs forgiving a lacklustre run behind stablemate Il Etait Temps when last seen, but **FACILE VEGA** has always been highly thought of and with the recent rain in his favour he may prove too strong for the Royal Bond winner Marine Nationale where it matters. The unbeaten Chasing Fire is respected, but the Tolworth winner Tahmuras looks the pick of the British team.

1-2-3: 1 Facile Vega 2 Marine Nationale 3 Il Etait Temps

14:10 Sporting Life Arkle Challenge Trophy Novices' Chase**Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

El Fabiolo only has a neck to find with **JONBON** on their Aintree hurdles run last season, and is very much respected after a commanding Irish Arkle win last time, but Nicky Henderson's young star looks the one to beat. He fared much the best of those who served it up to Constitution Hill in the Supreme last year and should relish this test. Front-runner Dysart Dynamo is respected.

1-2-3: 1 Jonbon 2 El Fabiolo 3 Dysart Dynamo

14:50 Ultima Handicap Chase**Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

CORACH RAMBLER rattled home to win this from 6 lb lower a year ago and, after catching the eye at Newbury last time, is fancied to go in again. Fastorslow took a step forward when upped in trip at this meeting last year, and more of the same is likely, while Leopardstown winner The Goffer is also feared. The in-form duo of Into Overdrive and Monbeg Genius also make the shortlist.

1-2-3: 1 Corach Rambler 2 Fastorslow 3 Into Overdrive

15:30 Unibet Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy**Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

CONSTITUTION HILL has had the experts waxing lyrical since destroying his rivals in last year's Supreme, and though this is his toughest test yet, he is taken to extend his unbeaten run. The Willie Mullins-trained pair of State Man and Vauban, who were also winners at this meeting 12 months ago, are both good enough to win a Champion Hurdle. I Like To Move It will need to improve again.

1-2-3: 1 Constitution Hill 2 State Man 3 Vauban

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16:10 Close Brothers Mares' Hurdle

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Though beaten in two starts this season, **HONEYSUCKLE**'s form still looks rock solid and she knows her job around here, having won this race in 2021 and then the Champion Hurdle (Epatante second) last season. Should she fail to fire, then the race looks very open, with Shewearsitwell, Queens Brook and Brandy Love all joining Love Envoi and Echoes In Rain on a lengthy shortlist.

1-2-3: 1 Honeysuckle 2 Queens Brook 3 Shewearsitwell

16:50 Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle

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Irish runners have won each of the last five renewals, and they're taken to do so once more. Tekao's handicap mark looks a workable one, a comment that also applies to stablemate Risk Belle, but a chance is taken on the fellow JP McManus-owned **SUNDIAL** who caught the eye in his early qualifying runs. Sir Allen and Byker are respected, while French recruit Bad is a fascinating contender on his British debut.

1-2-3: 1 Sundial 2 Tekao 3 Bad

17:30 Wellchild National Hunt Challenge Cup Novices' Chase

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Gaillard Du Mesnil has obvious form claims on his 3m victory in December, but, much like Chemical Energy, he hasn't always convinced with his jumping. Mahler Mission has been more consistent on that front of late, but it might be worth chancing **MINELLA CROONER**. He wasn't at his best last time but this race has been the plan for some time and he looks sure to improve for the longer trip.

1-2-3: 1 Minella Crooner 2 Gaillard Du Mesnil 3 Mahler Mission



DAY 2 RACE BY RACE**All times GMT***13:30 Ballymore Novices' Hurdle****Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

Hermes Allen has Paul Nicholls excited but there was steady support for **IMPAIRE ET PASSE** last week and he impressed when winning at Punchestown. Stablemate Gaelic Warrior is a big player and ahead of Champ Kiely in the yard's pecking order although his tendency to jump to his right is a negative on this track. Good Land is solid but lacks a wow factor.

1-2-3: **1 Impaire Et Passe** **2 Gaelic Warrior** **3 Hermes Allen**

14:10 Brown Advisory Novices' Chase**Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

GERRI COLOMBE sets the standard but is expected to take his chase form to a new level now faced with a stiffer test with sufficient ease in the ground. The Real Whacker jumps and stays but is short enough as is the talented but inexperienced Sir Gerhard. Last year's Stayers' Hurdle runner-up Thyme Hill is respected while connections dug deep to supplement Adamantly Chosen.

1-2-3: **1 Gerri Colombe** **2 Thyme Hill** **3 Sir Gerhard**

14:50 Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle**Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

Conditions went against Camprond last year but he still finished fourth. He looks primed to run a big race as do Run For Oscar and HMS Seahorse but the first two won't want it too soft. Beacon Edge is well handicapped on old form but **GOOD RISK AT ALL** will find this trip more suitable and is open to improvement. Langer Dan and Fil Dor are others to note.

1-2-3: **1 Good Risk At All** **2 HMS Seahorse** **3 Langer Dan**

15:30 Betway Queen Mother Champion Chase**Racing TVi** *The RTVi Verdict*

Energumene disappointed behind Editeur Du Gite and **EDWARDSTONE** here last time but better is expected from the title holder but that crown may be wrestled away by Edwardstone who was a revelation when winning last year's Arkle. Nube Negra went close in 2021 but was ruled out by soft ground last year and a bigger threat may be last year's second Funambule Sivola who bounced back to form at Newbury.

1-2-3: **1 Edwardstone** **2 Energumene** **3 Editeur Du Gite**

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16:10 Glenfarclas Chase (Cross Country Chase)

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DELTA WORK spoiled the Tiger Roll retirement party last year but this year stablemate Galvin – who lacks Cross-Country experience - has his role of potential party pooper. Franco De Port also brings some quality to proceedings. Back On The Lash isn't in their class but won the course handicap in January with Deisee second. Plan Of Attack and Diesel D'Allier filled the minor places 12 months ago.

1-2-3: 1 Delta Work 2 Galvin 3 Diesel D'Allier

16:50 Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Challenge Cup

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Andy Dufresne finished second to Global Citizen as the 10/3f last year and should go close from the same mark. Coeur Sublime and Final Orders are others from the top of the weights for the long-list. This has been a long-term target for Thyme White but he may not want it too soft. Impressive Limerick winner **MASKADA** travelled well for a long way last time and this drop in trip will suit.

1-2-3: 1 Maskada 2 Andy Dufresne 3 Coeur Sublime

17:30 Weatherbys Champion Bumper (A Standard Open NH Flat Race)

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Willie Mullins and Gordon Elliott have dominated recent renewals and both are well represented but **A DREAM TO SHARE** was impressive at Leopardstown. Fact To File chased him home and may be better suited by this venue and a stronger pace but the betting suggests the stable has a stronger candidate in It's For Me as well as Fun Fun Fun. Better Days Ahead looks the pick of Elliott's team.

1-2-3: 1 Dream To Share 2 Fact To File 3 Better Days Ahead

