

# **Bet365 Gold Cup Day Analysis: Trends & Pedigree**

***Analysing the Celebration  
Chase & Bet365 Gold Cup from  
an alternative viewpoint***

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**Celebration Chase (Grade 1)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> April – 3:15 Sandown**

# **Celebration Chase: Winners Trends Analysis**

*We have to tread a little bit careful with this race as they upgraded the race to Grade 1 level last year from Grade 2 level. Personally I don't think it will make a huge difference but it's worth keeping an eye on things.*

This section compiles the important trends of the past 13 winners of the Celebration Chase so that we can apply them to this year's entries.

## **Celebration Chase Trends**

- 1 12/13 ran at a Grade 1 track last time out**
- 2 12/13 ran within the past 45 days**
- 3 12/13 had between 4 & 6 runs in current season**
- 4 12/13 were aged 6-9**
- 5 11/13 had previously won at Graded level (all had placed at Graded level)**
- 6 11/13 had recorded a top 3 finish on 1 of last 3 starts**
- 7 11/13 finished in the top 5 last time out**
- 8 11/13 ran in a Non-handicap last time out**
- 9 10/13 had 4+ previous chase victories**
- 10 9/13 ran in a Grade 1 race last time out**
- 11 9/13 had an OR of 154+**

## 2015 Celebration Chase Entries: Trends Applied

This section applies the important trends of the past 12 winners of the Celebration Chase to this year's entrants.

|                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Tot   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-------|
| <b>GODS OWN</b>       | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y  | Y  | 10/11 |
| <b>MR MOLE</b>        | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | 10/11 |
| <b>SOMERSBY</b>       | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | 10/11 |
| <b>SPECIAL TIARA</b>  | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y  | Y  | 10/11 |
| <b>VIBRATO VALTAT</b> | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | 10/11 |
| <b>COURT MINSTREL</b> | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y  | Y  | 9/11  |
| <b>SPRINTER SACRE</b> | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | 9/11  |

***Trend Follower(s) – GODS OWN | MR MOLE | SOMERSBY | SPECIAL TIARA  
| VIBRATO VALTAT***

# **Celebration Chase: Winners Pedigree**

## **Analysis**

This section compiles the \*Dosage trends of the past 14 winners of the Celebration Chase and applies them to this year's entries.

*\*Dosage is a powerful statistical analysis tool that is used to dissect a horse's pedigree.*

**DP 10/14 had 10 points or more in DP**

**DI 7/10 had a DI of 1.21 or more**

**CD 8/10 had a CD of -0.15 or above**

**7/10 had a CD of 0.13 or above**

**DPA (4/14) - DQ - 1 / 20+ - 3 / PATB - 0**

## **2015 Celebration Chase Entries: Dosage Applied**

Here the runners are split in 4 groups based on their Dosage strength for the race –

### **Snug Fit**

N/A

### **Can't be discounted**

N/A

### **Not ideal**








|                |            |      |    |      |       |
|----------------|------------|------|----|------|-------|
| SPECIAL TIARA  | 2-0-16-4-0 | 20+  | 22 | 0.83 | 0.00  |
| COURT MINSTREL | 2-0-9-5-0  | /    | 16 | 0.68 | -0.06 |
| MR MOLE        | 1-1-5-2-1  | PATB | 10 | 0.82 | -0.10 |
| VIBRATO VALTAT | 1-0-4-1-0  | /    | 6  | 1.00 | 0.17  |

### **Wide of the mark**


|                |            |     |    |      |       |
|----------------|------------|-----|----|------|-------|
| GODS OWN       | 2-0-10-8-2 | 20+ | 22 | 0.47 | -0.36 |
| SOMERSBY       | 2-0-4-2-4  | /   | 12 | 0.50 | -0.50 |
| SPRINTER SACRE | 0-0-4-8-2  | /   | 14 | 0.17 | -0.86 |

## 2015 Celebration Chase: Pace analysis

Here we take a look at the race from a Pace angle –

| Horse          | RS    | Running Style  |
|----------------|-------|--|
| COURT MINSTREL | HU    |  HU     |
| GODS OWN       | CP    |  CP    |
| MR MOLE        | CP/FR |  CP/FR |
| SOMERSBY       | CP    |  CP    |
| SPECIAL TIARA  | FR    |  FR    |
| SPRINTER SACRE | CP/HU |  CP/HU |
| VIBRATO VALTAT | CP    |  CP    |

| HU             | CP             | FR            |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| COURT MINSTREL | GODS OWN       | MR MOLE       |
|                | SOMERSBY       | SPECIAL TIARA |
|                | SPRINTER SACRE |               |
|                | VIBRATO VALTAT |               |



**SPECIAL TIARA** should get an easy enough lead on the front end here although **MR MOLE** may not be too far behind him. **COURT MINSTREL** will most likely be anchored out the back.

Here is the how the past 13 winners of the race have run in the race –

Running Style      fr-5 / cp-6 / hu-3

## Celebration Chase Summary

Dosage & Trends COMBINED shortlist (Total possible score 12)

**SPECIAL TIARA – 11/12**

**MR MOLE- 11/12**

**VIBRATO VALTAT – 11/12**

Most likely winner

**SPECIAL TIARA (H De Bromhead)** – The 8yo ran a career best last time out in the Champion Chase, on a track that probably doesn't suit him, and he can back that up in this race where he should get an easy enough lead on the front end. He is possibly just a touch better going right-handed and on this better ground and if he can get into a solid jumping rhythm he could well have the others in trouble as they turn for home.

Alternative(s)

**VIBRATO VALTAT (P Nicholls)** – He probably just didn't quite stay the trip at Aintree last time out (and paid for trying to go with Un De Sceaux in the Arkle on a track that isn't perfect for him) and this return to 2 miles and a decent pace to aim at will be ideal for him. He's already won a G1 over this trip earlier in the season and at the prices he's worth taking as cover.



**Bet365 Gold Cup (Grade 3 Hcp)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> April – 3:50 Sandown**

# **Bet365 Gold Cup: Winners Trends Analysis**

This section compiles the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Bet365 Gold Cup so that we can apply them to this year's entries.

## **Bet365 Gold Cup Trends**

- 1 15/15 had recorded a top 2 finish at class 2 level or above**
- 2 15/15 ran at a Grade 1 track last time out**
- 3 15/15 3+ runs in season**
- 4 15/15 previous top 5 finish at track or making track debut**
- 5 15/15 had no more than 2 previous chase handicap victories**
- 6 14/15 ran within the past 46 days**
- 7 14/15 aged 7-11**
- 8 13/15 had previously won at 3m+**
- 9 12/15 had an OR of 146 or below**
- 10 12/15 carried 11-00 or less to victory**
- 11 12/15 recorded a top 3 finish on 1 of last 3 starts**
- 12 12/15 had previously won a chase worth 15k+**

## 2015 Bet365 Gold Cup Entries: Trends Applied

This section applies the important trends of the past 15 winners of the Bet365 Gold Cup to this year's entrants.

|                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Tot   |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-------|
| JUST A PAR       | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 12/12 |
| DUKE OF LUCCA    | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 11/12 |
| VICS CANVAS      | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 11/12 |
| ROYALE KNIGHT    | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 11/12 |
| ROALCO DE FARGES | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 11/12 |
| PAINT THE CLOUDS | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | N  | 11/12 |
| GUESS AGAIN      | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 11/12 |
| ROCKY CREEK      | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N  | Y  | Y  | 10/12 |
| UNIONISTE        | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N  | Y  | Y  | 10/12 |
| LE REVE          | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y  | Y  | Y  | 10/12 |
| BALLY LEGEND     | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 10/12 |
| LOST LEGEND      | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | N | Y | Y  | Y  | Y  | 10/12 |
| GRANDADS HORSE   | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | N  | Y  | 10/12 |
| ELY BROWN        | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | N  | Y  | 10/12 |
| RETURN SPRING    | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y  | N  | N  | 10/12 |
| WONDERFUL CHARM  | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | N  | Y  | Y  | 9/12  |
| GRAND GESTURE    | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N | Y  | Y  | N  | 9/12  |
| THE PACKAGE      | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | N | Y  | Y  | Y  | 9/12  |
| ALGERNON PAZHAM  | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y  | Y  | N  | 9/12  |
| BOBS WORTH       | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | N  | N  | Y  | 8/12  |

**Trend Follower(s) – JUST A PAR**

# **Bet365 Gold Cup: Winners Pedigree Analysis**

This section compiles the \*Dosage trends of the past 15 winners of the Bet365 Gold Cup and applies them to this year's entries.

*\*Dosage is a powerful statistical analysis tool that is used to dissect a horse's pedigree.*

**DP 14/15 had 8 points or more in their DP**

**12/15 had between 10 & 20 points in DP**

**DI 10/14 had a DI of 1.55 or below**

**CD 10/14 had a CD of 0.33 or below**

**DPA (3/15) - DQ - 0 / 20+ - 1 / PATB - 2**

## 2015 Bet365 Gold Cup Entries: Dosage Applied

Here the runners are split in 4 groups based on their Dosage strength for the race –

### Snug Fit

|                 |            |      |    |      |       |
|-----------------|------------|------|----|------|-------|
| GRANDDADS HORSE | 2-1-7-2-0  | /    | 12 | 1.18 | 0.25  |
| GRAND JESTURE   | 4-0-10-4-0 | /    | 18 | 1.00 | 0.22  |
| VICS CANVAS     | 2-0-6-4-0  | /    | 12 | 0.71 | 0.00  |
| ROCKY CREEK     | 3-1-8-8-0  | 20+  | 20 | 0.67 | -0.05 |
| DUKE OF LUCCA   | 2-0-9-4-1  | /    | 16 | 0.68 | -0.13 |
| LE REVE         | 3-1-7-4-3  | PATB | 18 | 0.71 | -0.17 |
| ELY BROWN       | 0-3-9-6-0  | /    | 18 | 0.71 | -0.17 |
| ALGERNON PAZHAM | 3-1-7-4-3  | PATB | 18 | 0.71 | -0.17 |
| LOST LEGEND     | 1-0-10-7-2 | 20+  | 20 | 0.43 | -0.45 |

### Can't be discounted

|                  |            |     |    |      |       |
|------------------|------------|-----|----|------|-------|
| ROYALE KNIGHT    | 5-1-10-6-0 | 20+ | 22 | 1.00 | 0.23  |
| WONDERFUL CHARM  | 3-2-11-6-0 | 20+ | 22 | 0.91 | 0.09  |
| GUESS AGAIN      | 4-0-13-4-1 | 20+ | 22 | 0.91 | 0.09  |
| BOBS WORTH       | 2-2-16-6-2 | DQ  | 28 | 0.75 | -0.14 |
| PAINT THE CLOUDS | 5-3-5-2-9  | DQ  | 24 | 0.78 | -0.29 |
| THE PACKAGE      | 2-0-11-4-5 | 20+ | 22 | 0.52 | -0.45 |

### Not ideal

|                  |           |   |    |      |       |
|------------------|-----------|---|----|------|-------|
| RETURN SPRING    | 2-4-0-2-0 | / | 8  | 3.00 | 0.75  |
| JUST A PAR       | 2-4-2-2-0 | / | 10 | 2.33 | 0.60  |
| BALLY LEGEND     | 2-1-4-1-0 | / | 8  | 1.67 | 0.50  |
| UNIONISTE        | 0-0-1-1-0 | / | 2  | 0.33 | -0.50 |
| ROALCO DE FARGES | 0-1-1-0-0 | / | 2  | 3.00 | 0.50  |

### Wide of the mark

N/A

## 2015 Bet365 Gold Cup: Pace analysis

Here we take a look at the race from a Pace angle –

| Horse            | RS    | Running Style |
|------------------|-------|---------------|
| ROCKY CREEK      | CP    | → CP          |
| BOBS WORTH       | HU/CP | → HU/CP       |
| UNIONISTE        | CP/HU | → CP/HU       |
| WONDERFUL CHARM  | CP/HU | → CP/HU       |
| GRAND JESTURE    | CP/HU | → CP/HU       |
| THE PACKAGE      | CP/HU | → CP/HU       |
| LE REVE          | CP    | → CP          |
| BALLY LEGEND     | HU    | → HU          |
| VICS CANVAS      | CP/HU | → CP/HU       |
| LOST LEGEND      | HU/CP | → HU/CP       |
| JUST A PAR       | CP    | → CP          |
| GRANDADS HORSE   | HU    | → HU          |
| ROYALE KNIGHT    | CP    | → CP          |
| ELY BROWN        | CP/FR | → CP/FR       |
| ROALCO DE FARGES | HU    | → HU          |
| RETURN SPRING    | CP    | → CP          |
| DUKE OF LUCCA    | HU    | → HU          |
| PAINT THE CLOUDS | CP    | → CP          |
| GUESS AGAIN      | CP    | → CP          |
| ALGERNON PAZHAM  | CP    | → CP          |

| HU               | CP              | FR               |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                  | BOBS WORTH      | ROCKY CREEK      |
|                  | UNIONISTE       | LE REVE          |
| BALLY LEGEND     | WONDERFUL CHARM | ELY BROWN        |
|                  | GRAND JESTURE   |                  |
|                  | THE PACKAGE     |                  |
| GRANDADS HORSE   | VICS CANVAS     |                  |
|                  | LOST LEGEND     | JUST A PAR       |
| ROALCO DE FARGES |                 | ROYALE KNIGHT    |
| DUKE OF LUCCA    |                 | RETURN SPRING    |
|                  |                 | PAINT THE CLOUDS |
|                  |                 | GUESS AGAIN      |
|                  |                 | ALGERNON PAZHAM  |

ELY BROWN is the potential pace angle in this although **JUST A PAR** may be up there if the re-applied blinkers fire him up in the early stages.

Here is the how the past 15 winners of the race have run in the race –

Running Style      fr-2 / cp-6 / hu-7

## **Bet365 Gold Cup Summary**

Dosage & Trends COMBINED shortlist (Total possible score 12)

**JUST A PAR – 12/12**

**VICS CANVAS – 11/12**

**ROYALE KNIGHT – 11/12**

**PAINT THE CLOUDS – 11/12**

**DUKE OF LUCCA – 11/12**

**ROALCO DE FARGES – 11/12**

**GUESS AGAIN – 11/12**

### Most likely winner

**PAINT THE CLOUDS (W Greatrex)** – The soft ground at Cheltenham last time out simply went against him (form on soft 447P3 compared to 114533121111111111 on Good to Soft or better) and he will be much better suited to today's underfoot conditions. He won the Champion Hunters' Chase at Stratford last season over 28f and he should find this extra furlong and a half no problem whatsoever. He relishes this April – June period (31111111) and looks to have a great chance of making up for his beaten fav run at the festival last time out.

### Alternative(s)

**JUST A PAR (P Nicholls)** – He seems like he has been around forever but essentially he is still fairly unexposed (11 chase starts, 14 career starts). They kept the headgear off last time out and he seemed to sulk a touch but he showed he had talent/an engine by battling himself into 3<sup>rd</sup> when looking out of things at one stage. The blinkers are back on this time and hopefully that will keep him focused on the job in hand. The most interesting aspect of him here for me is the fact he is away from a very undulating track (0/7, 3 places on v und tracks) and back on an easier track (2/7, 1 place on easier tracks) and with the red-hot Sean Bowen in the saddle claiming 3 I'm more than happy to have a dabble on this trends-topper/UTR Squad member.

**VICS CANVAS (R Walsh)** – Despite being a 12yo he only has 6 chase starts on the cards and the booking of Ruby Walsh is extremely eye-catching here. He will stay this trip well, seems adaptable on ground, loves big fields (3 wins, 6 places from 18 starts in 16+ fields) and has a record of 4 wins & 3 places from 10 starts when returning within 30 days of his last start; he's worth having on side at double figures.

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