

**OUR GUIDE TO THE MOST FAMOUS JUMP RACE OF THEM ALL**

It's finally here! One of the true sporting highlights of the year takes place this Saturday as Aintree plays host to the world's most famous race over jumps, the Grand National. With wet weather having prevailed across Britain in recent days, conditions are certain to be testing. Which of the 40 declared runners is best equipped to deal with the unique challenge of the race? Here's our guide to some of the leading contenders in 2018.

**Blaklion****Form 324-212**

**Trainer: N Twiston-Davies**    **Jockey: Sam Twiston-Davies**  
Finished fourth in this race 12 months ago when sent for home too soon but has shown his liking for the fences again since when easily taking the Becher Chase. Trainer loves to target this race and is full of confidence. Must be a leading player if ridden a little more patiently this time round.

**Anibale Fly****Form 2-591F3**

**Trainer: Tony Martin**    **Jockey: Barry Geraghty**  
Arguably the leading Irish hope, having produced a big run when third in the Cheltenham Gold Cup on his latest start and theoretically well-treated at the weights now. Like so many in this field, he does have something to prove with respect to his stamina, but he possesses a real touch of class.

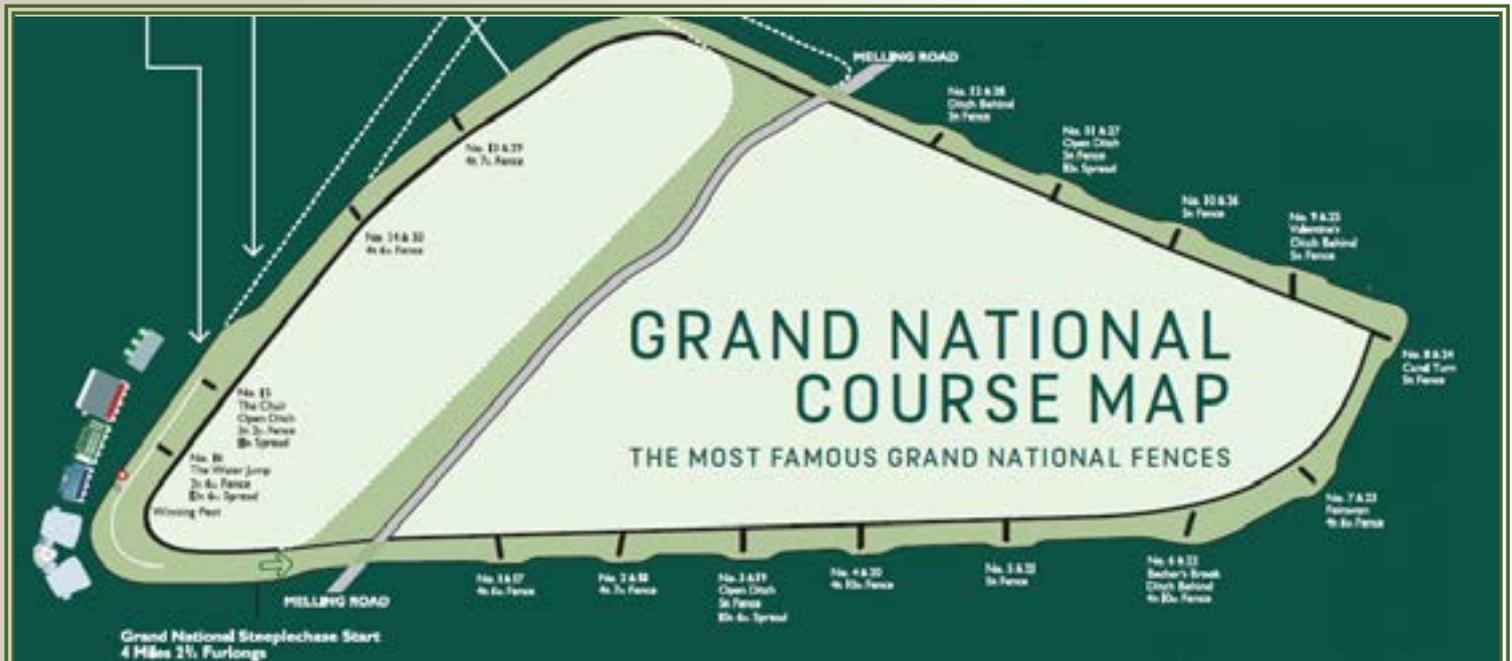
**Tiger Roll****Form 1P-2P51**

**Trainer: Gordon Elliott**    **Jockey: Davy Russell**  
Remarkable character, who has enjoyed a highly successful career including three Cheltenham Festival victories. Despite having been quick enough to take the Triumph Hurdle, stamina is no issue for him these days and if he takes to the fences and the hurly-burly of the race, he's a big player.

**Seeyouatmidnight****Form 1P-2P51**

**Trainer: Sandy Thomson**    **Jockey: Brian Hughes**  
Bids to strike for Scotland, after the success of One For Arthur 12 months ago. Placed in the Ayr version of this race, suggesting stamina will not be an issue, he comes into this with few miles on the clock. Much encouragement to be taken from his comeback around Newbury too.

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### Randex Health Grand National - Aintree (17:15pm - BST): The GBI Racing team view

While some may turn their nose up at a race when luck inevitably plays a huge part every year, the rewards can be great for finding a Grand National winner and the exotics invariably pay handsomely (two years ago, the Trifecta paid more than 57,000-1!).

Among those to consider in your perms this year are Scottish hope [SEEUOUATMIDNIGHT](#), who shaped with much promise on his recent comeback. He jumps with just the sort of measured accuracy required around these fences.

At a huge price, the veteran [MAGGIO](#) could also give you a run for your money. He won on this day two years ago when the ground was similarly testing. [VIEUX LION ROUGE](#) comes into this contest fresher than when just out of the frame last year and soft ground is a plus for him. Of the market principals, [BLAKLION](#) has arguably the least to prove having shown a real relish for these obstacles.

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### Saturday's Aintree schedule

- 13:45(BST) Gaskells Handicap Hurdle (Grade 3) (4900m)
- 14:25 Betway Mersey Novices' Hurdle (Grade 1) (4000m)
- 15:00 Doom Bar Maghull Novices' Chase (Grade 1) (3200m)
- 15:40 Betway Handicap Chase (Grade 3) (5000m)
- 16:20 Ryanair Stayers Hurdle (Grade 1) (4900m)
- 17:15 Randex Health Grand National Chase (6900m)
- 18:20 Pinsent Masons Handicap Hurdle (Conditional Jockeys' And Amateur Riders' Race) (3300m)



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