# Magners Cheltenham Gold Cup Chase (Grade 1) (Class 1) (5YO plus)

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**ATR VERDICT:** There seems no better place to start than with last year's winner NATIVE RIVER and, with Colin Tizzard's star gelding likely to get his ground conditions once again, he could complete a famous double in the race. Considering neither the tracks or ground would have been ideal in the Betfair and King George this season, there was plenty of positives to take from those performances and he will be much happier with the demands of this contest. Like 12 months ago, Richard Johnson is expected to be forcing the pace, booting his willing partner into every fence, and it will take a good, tough sort to get past him coming up the famous hill. Presenting Percy's Festival record speaks for itself, winning the Pertemps Final and RSA over the last couple of seasons, and despite the lack of a recent run over the larger obstacles, he demands respect representing a lethal trainer/jockey combination. Willie Mullins bids to win the Blue Riband event for the first time in his career and a four-man team of Kemboy, Al Boum Photo, Bellshill and Invitation Only give him a definite chance of doing just that, while Anibale Fly, third in this race last year, caught the eye staying on strongly over 2m4f at Gowran last time he looks to have an each-way squeak. Welsh National winner Elegant Escape would love a real test of stamina and is respected, while Clan Des Obeaux can't be overlooked following a couple of impressive Graded victories but his course record (0 from 4) is a concern.

**Top Tip:** NATIVE RIVER (12)

**Watch out for:** PRESENTING PERCY (13)