

Cheltenham Gold Cup showdown

The showpiece event of the four-day Cheltenham Festival is the most eagerly awaited for over 40 years, as last year's champion *Kauto Star* faces an epic battle with challenger *Denman* for Gold Cup glory



KAUTO STAR

Born: France, 2000

Starts: 25 **Wins:** 15
Seconds: 5 **Thirds:** 2

Earnings: £1,182,717

Major races won

Cheltenham Gold Cup (2007), King George VI Chase, Betfair Chase (06, 07), Tingle Creek (05, 06)

Tue: Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle



Old Course: 2 miles 1/2 furlong, 8 hurdles

Wed: Queen Mother Champion Chase



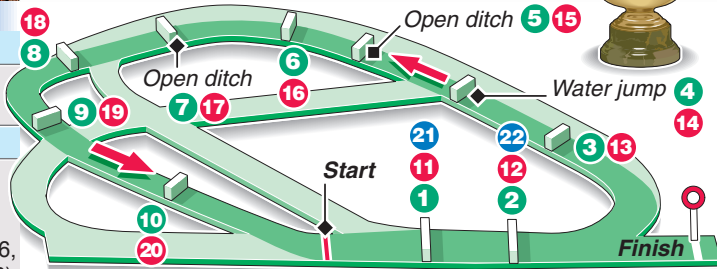
Old Course: 2 miles, 12 fences

Thu: Ladbrokes World Hurdle



New Course: 3 miles, 12 hurdles

Fri: TOTESPORT CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP
New Course: 3 miles 2 1/2 furlongs, 22 fences



DENMAN

Born: Ireland, 2000

Starts: 13 **Wins:** 12
Seconds: 1

Earnings: £408,835

Major races won: Aon Chase (2008), Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, Lexus Chase, Royal and Sun Alliance Chase (07)