

Favourites for Gold Cup glory

Connections of Imperial Commander are aiming for a second successive Gold Cup victory, but he faces tough competition from former champions Kauto Star and Denman, as well as King George winner Long Run



1 IMPERIAL COMMANDER – Ireland

Born: 2001 **Trainer:** N. Twiston-Davies

Starts: 18 **Wins:** 8 **2nd:** 1 **3rd:** 1

Earnings: £684,698 / €796,029

Major races won

Cheltenham Gold Cup (2010)

Betfair Chase (2010)

2 LONG RUN – France

Born: 2005 **Trainer:** Nicky Henderson

Starts: 17 **Wins:** 11 **2nd:** 3 **3rd:** 3

Earnings: £825,722 / €959,984

Major races won

King George VI Chase (2010)

3 KAUTO STAR – France

Born: 2000 **Trainer:** Paul Nicholls

Starts: 36 **Wins:** 21 **2nd:** 7 **3rd:** 3

Earnings: £2,106,269 / €2,448,744

Cheltenham Gold Cup (2007, 2009)

King George VI Chase (2006-09)

Betfair Chase (2006, 2007, 2009)

4 DENMAN – Ireland

Born: 2000 **Trainer:** Paul Nicholls

Starts: 22 **Wins:** 14 **2nd:** 4 **3rd:** 1

Earnings: £1,030,392 / €1,197,932

Cheltenham Gold Cup (2008)

Hennessy Gold Cup (2007, 2009)

Royal and Sun Alliance Chase (2007)

TOTESPORT CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP

New Course: 3 miles 2¹/₂ furlongs, 22 fences

Prize money: £500,000

