

Favourites set for Gold Cup glory

Trainer Willie Mullins is hoping to claim his first Gold Cup triumph with a strong line-up of joint-favourite Vautour, 2015 runner-up Djakadam, and Irish stablemate Don Poli all set to challenge Gordon Elliott-trained favourite Don Cossack in the prestigious blue riband Cheltenham race



DON COSSACK

Born: Germany, 2007

Trainer: Gordon Elliott

Owner: Gigginstown House Stud

Jockey: Davy Russell (tbc)

Starts: 26 **Wins:** 15

Seconds: 4 **Thirds:** 2

Earnings: £579,902

Big race wins

Punchestown Gold Cup (2015)

Melling Chase (2015)

Punchestown Chase (2014)

VAUTOUR

Born: France, 2009

Trainer: Willie Mullins

Owner: Susannah Ricci

Jockey: Ruby Walsh (tbc)

Starts: 13 **Wins:** 9

Seconds: 4 **Thirds:** 0

Earnings: £389,648

Big race wins

JLT Novices' Chase (2015)

Champion Novice Hurdle (2014)

Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2014)



Willie Mullins
Hoping to add elusive Gold Cup crown to Grand National, King George and Champion Hurdle victories



DJAKADAM



DON POLI