

Trailblazer Blackmore back for more

Rachael Blackmore, the first female jockey to win both the Grand National and the Cheltenham Gold Cup, is bidding for a second consecutive victory at Aintree

■ **1989:** Born in Killenaule, Co. Tipperary, grows up on dairy farm. After dreams of training as vet, gains degree in equine science while riding as amateur

■ **2011:** Rides first winner, at Thurles

■ **2015:** Becomes first professional female jump jockey since 1980s

■ **2017:** First woman to win Irish **Conditional Jockeys Championship**

■ **2018:** Rides **Alpha Des Obeaux** at first Grand National, but falls at The Chair

■ **2019:** First Cheltenham Festival winner, riding **A Plus Tard** in Close Brothers Novices' Handicap Chase



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Winners in 2019-20 National Hunt season

■ **Mar 2021:** Wins Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, on **Honeysuckle**. Runner-up in Gold Cup

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Cheltenham 2021 winners – finishes as leading jockey

■ **Apr 2021:** First female jockey to win Grand National – world's most famous steeplechase – riding **Minella Times**

■ **Mar 2022:** First female jockey to win Gold Cup – pinnacle of Cheltenham Festival – riding **A Plus Tard** to thrilling victory