

DAYS LAST RAN STATISTICS – NOV/DEC 2023

Regular racing followers may have already picked up on the fact that certain high-profile races are won by horses with a similar 'preparation route'. What I have tried to do here is list races where horses appear to have had a similar preparation race before winning the named events at least three times in the last ten years. As we all know connections of horses like to keep as much information to themselves about future running plans/targets but if their horses follow certain 'patterns' that will often speak for itself!

The statistics will also capture some lower-class races but again the patterns of races can often be very informative.

The text will often refer to number of days since the last run but where that race is also a common trend, I have referred to that fact also. Indeed, where higher profile race days have changed in the last ten years I have included still.

The lists on the following pages are mostly dated as in 2022 with jumps meetings first then flat meetings below.

JUMPS RACES:

Sunday November 5th Carlisle – 2m 4f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2014, three winners had last run 192 days earlier at Perth (finished 2nd/2nd/7th).

Sunday November 5th Carlisle – 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2019, three winners had last run 17 days earlier at Carlisle where they finished 3rd 7th 1st .

Friday November 10th Exeter – 3m Novices' Chase: Since 2017, three winners had last run 25* days earlier. All were 1st/2nd favourites. *Race moved from Tuesday to Friday in 2022 so equivalent number of days is now 28.

Friday November 10th Exeter – 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2020, three winners had last raced 17* days earlier, finishing 5th or better LTO. *2022 race was run on Tuesday.

Friday November 10th Fontwell – 3m 2f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners had last run 34 days earlier at Fontwell where they finished 4th, 9th & 4th.

Friday November 10th Hexham – 2m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2014, three winners had last run 33 days earlier. Two were 3rd LTO with the other unplaced on its last run.

Saturday November 11th Aintree – 2m 5f Sefton Handicap Chase: Since 2015, three winners had last run 21 days earlier with none finishing better than 5th LTO.

Saturday November 11th Down Royal – (Gr 1) Champion Chase over 3m: Since 2015, three winners had last run 16/17 days earlier in a Gr 3 race at Punchestown, finishing 6th or better LTO.

Saturday November 11th Kelso – 2m 5f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners last ran here 34 days earlier finishing 1st 6th 1st .

Saturday November 11th Wincanton – (Gr 2) Elite Hurdle over 2m: Since 2018, four winners had last run 20 days earlier in a listed event at Kempton with all winning LTO.

Saturday November 11th Wincanton – (Gr 2) 'Rising Stars' Novices' Chase over 2m 4f: Since 2014, four winners had last run 28 days earlier, finishing 4th or better LTO.

Tuesday November 9th Lingfield – 2m 4f Handicap Chase: Since 2014, three past winners had last run 22 days earlier. They were all 2nd/3rd/4th in their last race.

Thursday November 12th Ludlow – 2m 5f Introductory Hurdle: Since 2012, three winners had last run 21 days earlier at either Ludlow or Lingfield with all winning LTO.

Saturday November 12th Cheltenham – (Gr 2) Juvenile Hurdle over 2m: Since 2018, three winners had last run 27 days earlier with two winning at Kempton and the other winning at Sedgefield LTO

Saturday November 14th Wetherby – 2m Novices' Chase: Since 2018, there have been 3 consecutive winners which last raced 23 days earlier at Carlisle in a Beginners Chase (finishing 2nd/3rd LTO).

Sunday November 13th Cheltenham – 3m Novices' Chase: Since 2015, four winners had last run at Cheltenham 22/23* days earlier (finished 3rd 1st 2nd in a similar event and 11th in a Handicap Hurdle). *Race moved from Saturday to Sunday in 2020.

Sunday November 13th Cheltenham – 3m 3f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners had last run at the October meeting here. Due to changes in the racing calendar this was either 21/29/35 days earlier. Of these three, their finishing positions were 5th, 10th and 2nd LTO.

Sunday November 13th Fontwell – 2m 6f Handicap Chase: Since 2014, three winners had last run at Fontwell 9 days earlier. They finished 1st/2nd or unseated rider in their last race.

Monday November 14th Exeter – 2m 7f (Conditional Jockeys) Handicap Hurdle: Since 2019, three winners had last run 20* days earlier, finishing 5th or better LTO. *Race moved to following Monday in 2022 so equivalent number of days is now 25.

Saturday November 19th Ascot – 2m 1f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners had last run 21 days earlier with two finishing 2nd/3rd on their last run. And the other carried out at the last fence when having every chance.

Saturday November 19th Haydock – 2m 4f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners had last run 21 days earlier, at Ascot or Wetherby, where they finished either 1st/2nd.

Saturday November 19th Haydock – (Gr 1) Betfair 'Lancashire' Chase: Since 2014, four winners had last run 21 days earlier (Charlie Hall Chase) where they finished 5th or better.

Sunday November 20th Exeter – 2m 7f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2013, four winners had last run 11 days earlier at Exeter in a handicap hurdle where they were all 3rd in that race.

Sunday November 20th 2m 5f Maiden Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners had last run 21 days earlier with two finishing 2nd LTO and the other 5th LTO.

Wednesday November 23rd Wetherby – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2015, four winners had last run 18 days earlier. Two had run at Kelso (finishing 1st & 5th) whilst the others last ran at Aintree, finishing & 1st & 2nd

Saturday November 26th Bangor On Dee – 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners had last run at Aintree 21 days earlier, finishing 5th or better there LTO.

Saturday November 26th Newbury – 2m (Listed) Mares Novices' Hurdle: Since 2017, four winners had last run 23 days earlier (at Newbury) , finishing 3rd - 2nd - 2nd-3rd LTO.

Saturday November 26th Newcastle – 2m 6f 'French Furze' Novices' Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners had last run 30 days earlier. All had won their last completed race.

Thursday December 2nd Market Rasen – 2m 1f Maiden NH Flat Race: Since 2019, three winners had last run 33 days earlier at Ascot, finishing 2nd/3rd there.

Friday December 3rd Sandown – 3m (Amateur Riders) Handicap: Since 2015, three winners had last run 26 days earlier. Two last ran at Sandown (finished 4th & 6th) with the other winning at Ffos Las.

Saturday December 3rd Chepstow – 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2015, three winners had last run here 31 days earlier, all winning their last race.

Saturday December 4th Sandown – (Gr 1) 'Henry VIII' Novices' Chase over 2m: Since 2012, three winners had last run 20 days earlier in the Gr 2 'Racing Post Arkle Trial' at Cheltenham where they were either 1st/2nd.

Saturday December 4th Sandown – (Gr 1) 'Tingle Creek' Chase over 2m: Since 2013, three winners had last run at Cheltenham 20 days earlier (finishing 2nd, 3rd, 1st there). A further three winners last ran 32 days earlier in the Haldon Gold Cup at Exeter (finishing 5th, 1st & 4th there). Race Fact: In the last ten years, five winners have also won the Queen Mother Chase at Cheltenham.

Saturday December 3rd Wetherby – 3m 1f Novice Handicap Chase: Since 2014, three winners had last run 18 days earlier and finished 4th - 5th - 1st LTO.

Sunday December 4th Fairyhouse – (Gr 1) 'Royal Bond' Novices' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2017, Three winners had last run 21 days earlier with two winning and the other 4th on their last run.

Sunday December 4th Fairyhouse – (Gr 1) 'Drinmore' Novices' Chase over 2m 4f: Since 2018, four winners had last run 30 days earlier at Down Royal where they finished 1st, 1st, 2nd & 1st

Sunday December 4th Fairyhouse – 3m 5f Handicap Chase (Gr B): Since 2017, three winners had last run 14 days earlier in different races at Punchestown where they finished either 3rd or 4th.

Sunday December 4th Fairyhouse – (Gr 1) 'Hattons Grace' Hurdle over 2m 4f: Since 2015, three winners had last run 21 days earlier in the Gr 2 'Lismullen Hurdle' at Navan where they won the race.

Sunday December 4th Kelso – 4m 'Borders National' Handicap Chase: Since 2018, three winners had last run 35 days earlier at Carlisle in the Cumberland Chase finishing unplaced, pulled up & 3rd.

Sunday December 4th Punchestown – (Gr 1) 'John Durkan Memorial Chase' over 2m 4f: Whilst six of the last eight winners of this race had last run at the April/May Punchestown Festival, the number of days since last run may vary between 221 & 229 days). (At Punchestown they finished 2nd, 2nd 1st, 4th, 2nd & 2nd there).

Tuesday December 6th Uttoxeter – 2m Maiden Hurdle: Since 2018, three winners had last run 34 days earlier at Chepstow where they finished unplaced, 4th & 6th LTO.

Wednesday December 7th Hexham – 2m 7f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2019, all three winners last ran 33 days earlier at Hexham where they finished 5th or better LTO.

Thursday December 7th Clonmel – 2m Beginners Chase: Since 2018, three winners had last run 18 days earlier with all falling or unseating LTO at Cork.

Thursday December 8th Taunton – 2m Novices' Hurdle: Since 2019, three winners had last run 28 days earlier in a maiden hurdle at Taunton, finishing either 1st/2nd LTO. *Races divided in 2019 & 2020.

Friday December 9th Bangor on Dee – 2m 7f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2012, three winners had last run 21 days earlier finishing 5th or better LTO. All had odds of 8/1 or shorter when winning here.

Friday December 9th Cheltenham – 3m 2f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners last ran 27 days earlier at Cheltenham where they finished 4th 6th & 1st.

Friday December 9th Cheltenham – 3m 6f Cross Country Handicap Chase: Since 2012, six winners last ran 28 days earlier in a similar cross country event at Cheltenham. In their last race two finished 1st, with the others 2nd/ 3rd/4th/6th & 3rd.

Friday December 9th Cheltenham – 3m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners last ran 27 days earlier at Cheltenham in a listed handicap hurdle, where they finished 10th, 14th & 3rd

Saturday December 11th Cheltenham – 2m 1f Juvenile Hurdle: Since 2012, six winners had last run 28 days earlier at Cheltenham where four won with the others all 2nd.

Saturday December 11th Cheltenham – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2012, five winners had last run 29 days earlier at Cheltenham with two winning, a 2nd, 3rd and pulled up LTO.

Saturday December 11th Cheltenham – 'Racing Post Gold Cup' Handicap Chase over 2m 5f: Since 2012, six winners had last run 28 days earlier at Cheltenham with two finishing 2nd, one 3rd with one faller and the other two both unplaced LTO.

Saturday December 11th Cheltenham – (Gr 2) 'Albert Bartlett' Novices' Hurdle over 3m: Since 2014, three winners had last run 29 days earlier at Cheltenham where they finished 1st/2nd LTO.

Saturday December 11th Cheltenham – (Gr 2) Unibet 'International' Hurdle over 2m 1f: Since 2014, four winners had last run 21 days earlier (in different races but last three winners ran at Ascot) with two winning LTO and the others 2nd and 3rd.

Saturday December 11th Doncaster – (Gr 2) 'December' Novices' Chase over 3m: Since 2013*, three winners had last run 22 days earlier. All three had won LTO – two in a novice chase at Haydock and the other in a handicap chase at Ascot. *2013 race moved to Lingfield.

Sunday December 12th Southwell – 3m 2f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners had last run 12 days earlier, all finishing 2nd/3rd LTO.

Monday December 13th Plumpton – 2m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2016, three winners had last run at Plumpton 14 days earlier (finished 3rd - 2nd - 1st) LTO.

Tuesday December 14th Catterick – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2015, three winners had last run 21 days earlier at Sedgefield with two winning there and the other 3rd.

Friday December 18th Ascot – 2m 1f Novices Handicap Chase: Since 2017, three winners had last run 28 days earlier (in different races) and were 3rd or better LTO.

Friday December 18th Ascot – (Gr 2) 'Kennel Gate' Novices' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2011, four winners had last run 28 days earlier. Two last ran here (where they won) and two at Haydock (1st/2nd in a listed race).

Friday December 18th Navan – (Listed) 2m NH Flat Race: Since 2014, four winners had last run 28* days earlier (three winning LTO and the other 2nd LTO). *Race run 5 days later in 2020 (moved from Sunday to Friday).

Saturday December 17th Ascot – (Gr 1) Howden 'Long Walk' Hurdle over 3m: Since 2013, six winners had last run 21/22* /31** days earlier at Newbury in a Gr 2 race. Two won that race with the others either 2nd/3rd. *Race is currently 22 days after the Newbury event due to a switch of dates. **2022 race moved to Kempton.

Saturday December 17th Ascot – (Listed) Howden Silver Cup Handicap Chase over 3m: Since 2013, six winners had last run 21 days earlier. One was 6th in the Ladbrokes Gold Cup (Hennessy (with two others failing to complete in that race). Another won a different handicap chase at Newbury and one winner had won the 'Rehearsal' Chase at Newcastle LTO. The 2021 winner last ran in a 2m 4f H/cp Hurdle, finishing 3rd.

Saturday December 17th Haydock – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2014, three winners had last run 27 days earlier in a similar race at Exeter, where two were 3rd and the other was 7th.

Saturday December 17th Haydock – 2m 3f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners had last run 28 days earlier in a similar race at Haydock, where two won and the other was 3rd.

Saturday December 17th Haydock – 3m 2f* 'Tommy Whittle' Handicap Chase: Since 2012, three winners had last raced 14 days earlier. One last ran in races at Chepstow (finished 4th there) and two last ran at Aintree where they were 2nd/6th in the Grand Sefton Chase. *Race distance was increased from 2m 7f to 3m 2f in 2019.

Saturday December 17th Newcastle – 2m 5f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners had last run 21 days earlier at Newcastle, finishing 3rd/2nd/2nd there.

Boxing Day December 26th Leopardstown – 2m 1f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners had last run 40 days earlier, finishing 6th or better LTO.

Boxing Day December 26th Market Rasen – 2m 3f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2014, three winners had last run 22 days earlier, all in different races. Finishing 1st/2nd LTO.

December 28th Leopardstown – (Gr 1) 'Christmas Hurdle' over 3m: Since 2013, six winners last ran at Fairyhouse in the Gr 1 'Hattons Grace' Hurdle. Due the fixture date changes this may have been 24/25/26/27/30 days earlier. Of the six winners, three finished 1st, two finished 2nd and one finished 3rd at Fairyhouse.

December 29th Leopardstown – (Gr 3) 'Mares' Hurdle over 2m 4f+: Since 2016, five winners had last run in a Listed mares hurdle at Punchestown 40-45 days earlier, finishing 1st – Fell - 2nd - 1st - 2nd there. Three were favourites here and the other had odds of 11/4 & 9/2.

December 29th Leopardstown – (Gr 1) 'Matheson' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2013, seven winners had last run in the Gr 1 Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown, held 39-45 days earlier. Six won that race with the other 4th there.

December 30th Taunton – 2m 3f (CJ) Handicap Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners had last run at Wincanton 4 days earlier in a 2m race where they finished either 1st or 3rd.

FLAT RACES:

Tuesday November 2nd Redcar – 1m 2f Handicap: Since 2014, three winners had last run 10 days earlier, either at Doncaster or Newbury, with all finishing 4th or better LTO.

Wednesday November 2nd Dundalk – 1m Claimer: Since 2019, three winners last ran 12 days earlier with all carrying 9st 6lbs or more. Prior to 2019 the race was run on the Friday and a further two winners last ran on the same day (14 days earlier).

Friday November 3rd Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Juvenile Fillies Turf Mile' for 2yo Fillies over 1m+: Since 2014, three winners had last run 33 days earlier, winning at Belmont Park in a Gr 2 race.

Friday November 3rd Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Juvenile (C&G) Mile' for 2yo over 1m+: Since 2012, three winners had last run 27/28* days earlier, finishing 1st/2nd LTO in Gr 1 races at either Belmont or Keenland. Also, since 2014, five winners had last run 34/35* days earlier, finishing 1st/3rd LTO in Gr 1 races at either Santa Anita or Keenland. *Days last ran vary as race moved from Saturday to Friday in 2018.

Friday October 29th Newmarket – 2m Handicap: Since 2016, three winners had last run 20 days earlier with one unplaced and the others 6th & 2nd LTO.

Saturday November 4th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Filly and Mares Turf' over 1m 2f: Since 2017, three winners had last run 34 days earlier, finishing 4th 3rd 6th LTO. In addition a further four winners since 2014 had last run 28 days earlier. Two had won Gr 1 races at Belmont/Keenland LTO with the latest winners finishing 3rd or better in a Gr 1 race at Newmarket.

Saturday November 4th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) Breeders Cup Sprint (Dirt) over 6f: Since 2014, six winners had last run 28/29 days earlier, with five winning and one 2nd LTO.

Saturday November 4th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Breeders Cup Mile (Turf)': Since 2015, four winners had last run 28 days earlier finishing 1st/2nd/3rd LTO in a Gr 1 race at Keenland.

Saturday November 4th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Breeders Cup Distaff (Dirt)' 1m 1f (Fillies): Since 2019, three winners had last run 27 days earlier in a Gr 1 race at Keenland with all winning there.

Saturday November 4th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) Breeders Cup (Turf) over 1m 4f: Since 2016, three winners had last run 27/34 days earlier at Longchamp/Chantilly. All were trained in the UK/Ireland and were 2nd/1st/1st LTO.

Saturday November 4th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Breeders Cup Classic' over 1m 2f (Dirt): Since 2018, four winners had last run 35 days earlier and finished 1st/2nd/3rd LTO in Gr 1 races at either Belmont, Santa Anita or Pimlico.

Saturday November 4th Newmarket – 7f Handicap: Since 2014, three winners had last run at York 22 days earlier, finishing 6th, 7th & 2nd.

Saturday November 4th Newmarket – 7f Novices' Stakes (2yo Fillies): W Haggas has won 5 times (in 2017, 19, 21, 22 & 23). Four were debutants and the other was 4th LTO.

Sunday November 5th Curragh/Naas* – (Gr 3) 'Loughbrown Stakes' over 2m: Since 2014, seven winners had last run 14/15** days earlier – four ran in the Petingo Handicap at Leopardstown (finished 1st-1st-13th-1st). Two ran in the Irish St Leger (finished 6th & 6th) and one last ran in the English St Leger (finished 6th). *The 2017 & 2018 races were run at Naas. ** The date of this meeting has fluctuated between Saturday/Sunday and September/October/November in recent years making this statistic less reliable.

Tuesday November 6th Flemington – 2m 'Melbourne Cup' : Since 2015, two winners had last run 10 days earlier at Moonee Valley in the Gr 1 Cox Plate over 10f, where they had finished 3rd & 9th. Another winner also ran at the same meeting in the Gr 2 Gold Cup, finishing 2nd there.

Saturday November 11th Doncaster – 6f Maiden for 2yo: Two trainers have a strong record in this race: W Haggas has 3 wins (in 2017, and both divisions in 2021). All had odds of 4/1 or shorter. M Channon has 3 wins (in 2014, and both divisions in 2022). All had finished 2nd/3rd on last run with odds of 5/1 or shorter seen.

Monday November 14th Southwell – 5f Handicap: Since 2013, three winners had last run 8/12* days earlier at Nottingham where they finished 2nd, 3rd & 11th in that race. *In 2019 the race was run 4 days later than previously seen.

Monday November 14th Dundalk – 1m Handicap: Since 2016, four winners had last run 19*/23 days earlier, finishing 5th or better LTO. * Race moved from Friday to Monday in 2020.

Friday November 18th Dundalk – 10.5f Handicap: Since 2019, three winners had last run 9 days earlier, finishing 3rd or better LTO.

Monday November 23rd Dundalk – 10.5f Handicap: Since 2016, three winners had last run 14 days earlier.

Wednesday November 24th Kempton – 7f Novices' Stakes for 2yo: C Appleby has won for 3 consecutive years (2018-20). All had odds of 5/2 or shorter.

Friday November 26th Dundalk – 1m Handicap: Since 2016, all three winners had last run 23 days earlier, finishing 1st/2nd/3rd LTO.

Saturday November 26th Wolverhampton – 7f Novice Stakes (2yo Fillies): Since 2020, four of the five* winners had last run 24 days earlier at Kempton finishing 6th or better LTO. *Race divided in 2021 & 2022.

Wednesday December 1st Lingfield – 7f Handicap (Class 6): Since 2017, three winners had last run 15 days earlier (all in different races) finishing 3rd - 12th - 8th .

Friday December 2nd Dundalk – 5f Handicap: Since 2016, three winners had last run 7 days earlier at Dundalk where they finished 4th, 1st & 2nd.

Friday December 2nd Dundalk – 12f Handicap: Since 2019, three winners had last run 21 days earlier. All had odds of 7/1 or shorter.

Tuesday December 11th Southwell – 1m Nursery Handicap (2yo): Since 2010, three winners had last run 11 days earlier. One had finished 7th here in its last race with the other two both running at Newcastle (finishing 1st/2nd there).

Friday December 9th Dundalk – 6f Handicap (0-105): Since 2016, four winners had last run at Dundalk 14 days earlier, with one winning and the others 3rd & 6th (twice) LTO.

Saturday December 10th Wolverhampton – 9.5f Handicap (Cl 6): Since 2020* three winners last ran here 28 days earlier where they finished 3rd 7th 6th . * Race divided in 2020 & 2021.

Saturday December 10th Wolverhampton – 6f Handicap: Since 2022, three winners had last run 7 days earlier here at Wolverhampton. They finished 4th 8th & 2nd L:TO.

Sunday December 11th Sha Tin (HK) – (Gr 1) Hong Kong Vase over 1m 4f: Since 2014, three winners had last run 36/43 days earlier in the 'Breeders Cup Turf' where they finished 2nd, 3rd & 5th. One was trained in France and the others in Ireland.

Sunday December 11th Sha Tin (HK) – (Gr 1) Hong Kong Cup over 1m 2f: Since 2013, five locally trained winners had last run 21/22 days earlier in a Gr 2 race at Sha Tin (finished 2nd 5th 2nd 6th 1st). A further 3 winners (trained in Japan) had last run 42 days earlier in a Gr 1 race at Tokyo (finished 9th 1st 8th).

Sunday December 11th Sha Tin (HK) – (Gr 1) Hong Kong Mile: Since 2014, eight winners had last run 21/22 days earlier in a Gr 2 race at Sha Tin (finishing 1st 1st 1st 3rd 1st 1st 1st 2nd) All had odds of 5/1 or shorter.

Friday December 16th Dundalk – 1m 2f+ Handicap (0-100): Since 2019, four winners last raced 14 days earlier here over a slightly longer trip of 1m 4f. In that race they had finished 4th 3rd 2nd & 5th .

Boxing Day December 26th – 6f Conditions Stakes: Since 2013, three winners last ran 8 days earlier, with all having odds of 5/1 or shorter here.