

DAYS LAST RAN STATISTICS – NOV/DEC 2021

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 2020 with jumps meetings first then flat meetings below.

JUMPS RACES:

Tuesday November 2nd Exeter – 3m Novices' Chase: Since 2017, three winners had last run 17 days earlier. All were 1st/2nd favourites.

Friday November 6th 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 6th Hexham – 2m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2011, four winners had last run 33 days earlier. Two were 3rd LTO with the others both unplaced on their last run.

Saturday November 7th Aintree – 3m 1f Novices' Chase: Since 2016, three winners had last run 27 days earlier, finishing 3rd, 5th & 6th LTO.

Saturday November 7th Wincanton – (Gr 2) 'Rising Stars' Novices' Chase over 2m 4f: Since 2011, three winners had last run 28 days earlier, finishing 3rd or better LTO.

Tuesday November 10th Lingfield – 2m 4f Handicap Chase: Since 2011, four 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 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 15th Cheltenham – 3m Novices' Chase: Since 2015, three winners had last run at Cheltenham 22/23* days earlier in a similar event (finished 3rd 1st 2nd). *Race moved from Saturday to Sunday in 2020.

Sunday November 15th Cheltenham – 3m 3f Handicap Chase: Since 2012, four winners had last run at the October meeting here. Due to changes in the racing calendar this was either 21/22/29/35 days earlier. Of these four, their finishing positions were UR, 5th, 10th and 2nd LTO.

Sunday November 15th Cheltenham – (Gr 2) 'Cheltenham Chase' over 2m: Since 2012, three winners had last run 22 days earlier. All were 1st/2nd favourites and were 4th or better LTO.

Sunday November 15th 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.

Saturday November 21st 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 21st 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 21st Haydock – (Gr 1) Betfair 'Lancashire' Chase: Since 2012, five winners had last run 21 days earlier (Charlie Hall Chase) where they finished 5th or better.

Sunday November 24th 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 24th Exeter – 2m 1f Handicap Hurdle for Conditional Jockeys: Since 2009, three winners had last run 16 days earlier.

Wednesday November 25th Wetherby – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2015, three winners had last run 18 days earlier. Two had run at Kelso (finishing 1st & 5th) whilst the other last ran at Aintree, finishing 2nd.

Saturday November 30th Newbury – 2m (Listed) Intermediate Handicap Hurdle: Since 2010, three winners had last run 28 days earlier, in a similar listed event at Ascot, finishing 1st - 3rd - 2nd LTO.

Saturday November 28th Newbury – 2m (Listed) Mares Novices' Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners had last run 23 days earlier, finishing 3rd - 2nd - 2nd LTO.

Saturday November 28th Newcastle – 2m 6f 'French Furze' Novices' Hurdle: Since 2013, three winners had last run 30 days earlier. All had won their last completed race.

Sunday November 29th 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 November 30th Fairyhouse – Gr 1 'Hattons Grace' Hurdle over 2m 4f: Since 2011, four winners had last run 21 days earlier in the Gr 2 'Lismullen Hurdle' at Navan where they won the race.

Friday December 4th 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 5th Chepstow – 2m 4f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2011, three winners had last run 31 days earlier where they won LTO. All started as favourites here.

Saturday December 5th Sandown – (Gr 1) 'Henry VIII' Novices' Chase over 2m: Since 2011, four winners had last run 20/21 days earlier in the Gr 2 'Racing Post Arkle Trial' at Cheltenham where they were either 1st/2nd.

Saturday December 5th 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). Race Fact: In the last ten years, five winners have also won the Queen Mother Chase at Cheltenham.

Sunday December 6th Punchestown – (Gr 1) 'John Durkan Memorial Chase' over 2m 4f: Whilst the last five winners of this race had last run at the April/May Punchestown Festival, those winning between 2015-17 had all run in the Punchestown Gold Cup (finishing 2nd, 2nd & 4th there).

Monday December 7th Plumpton – 3m 2f Handicap Chase: Since 2012, three winners had last run 28 days earlier at Plumpton (in different races) where they had finished either 2nd or 3rd.

Thursday December 10th 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.

Thursday December 10th Tramore – 2m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2017, all 3 winners last ran at Thurles 12*/14 days earlier (finishing 2nd - 1st - 5th). *Race moved from Thursday to Tuesday in 2019.

Friday December 11th 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 11th Cheltenham – 3m 2f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners last ran 27 days earlier at Cheltenham where they finished 4th 6th.& 1st.

Friday December 11th Cheltenham – 3m 6f Cross Country Handicap Chase: Since 2011, 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.

Friday December 11th Cheltenham – 3m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2011, three winners last ran 27 days earlier at Cheltenham in a listed handicap hurdle, where they finished 3rd, 10th & 14th.

Saturday December 12th 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 12th Cheltenham – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2012, four winners had last run 29 days earlier at Cheltenham with one winning, a 2nd, 3rd and pulled up LTO.

Saturday December 12th Cheltenham – 'Caspian Caviar Gold Cup' Handicap Chase over 2m 5f: Since 2012, five winners had last run 28 days earlier at Cheltenham with two finishing 2nd, one 3rd with the other two both unplaced LTO.

Saturday December 12th Cheltenham – (Gr 2) 'International' Hurdle over 2m 1f: Since 2011, four winners had last run 21 days earlier (in different races) with three winning LTO and the other 2nd.

Saturday December 12th 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 13th Southwell – 3m 2f Handicap Chase: Since 2013, three winners had last run 12 days earlier, all finishing 2nd/3rd LTO.

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

Tuesday December 15th 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 19th Ascot – (Gr 1) Porsche 'Long Walk' Hurdle over 3m: Since 2011, seven winners had last run 21/22* days earlier at Newbury in a Gr 2 race. Three won that race with the others either 2nd/3rd . *Race is currently 22 days after the Newbury event due to a switch of dates.

Saturday December 19th Ascot – (Listed) Silver Cup Handicap Chase over 3m: Since 2013, five 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.

Saturday December 19th 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 19th 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 19th Haydock – 3m 2f* 'Tommy Whittle' Handicap Chase: Since 2011, four winner had last raced 14 days earlier. Two last ran in races at Chepstow (finished 3rd/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 21st 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 2011, eight 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 days earlier. Of the eight winners, four finished 1st, three finished 2nd and one finished 3rd at Fairyhouse.

December 29th Leopardstown – (Gr 3) 'Mares' Hurdle over 2m 4f+: Since 2016, four winners had last run in a Listed mares hurdle at Punchestown 40/41/42/44 days earlier, finishing 1st – Fell - 2nd - 1st there. Three were favourites here and the other had odds of 9/2.

December 29th Leopardstown – (Gr 1) 'Matheson' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2012, six winners had last run in the Gr 1 Morgiana Hurdle at Punchestown, held 41-44 days earlier. Five 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.

Friday November 6th 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 6th 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.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Turf Sprint' over 5.5f: Since 2013, three winners had last run 147 days earlier at Belmont Park, finishing 5th/8th/4th LTO.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Filly and Mares Turf' over 1m 2f: Since 2012, three winners had last run 34 days earlier, finishing 2nd/4th/3rd LTO. The earliest winner ran at Belmont Park LTO and the latest two ran on Arc day in Paris. In addition a further three winners since 2014 had last run 28

days earlier. Two had won Gr 1 races at Belmont/Keenland LTO with the latest winner finishing 3rd in a Gr 1 race at Newmarket.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) Breeders Cup Sprint (Dirt) over 6f: Since 2011, three winners had last run 28 days earlier, all winning LTO.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Breeders Cup Mile (Turf)': Since 2012, five winners had last run 28/35 days earlier finishing 1st/2nd/3rd LTO in a Gr 1 race at Keenland.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Breeders Cup Distaff (Dirt)' 1m 1f (Fillies): Since 2010, three winners had last run 34/35* days earlier. All were trained by W Mott and finished 1st/2nd LTO. *Days vary as race moved from Friday to Saturday in 2018.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) Breeders Cup (Turf) over 1m 4f: Since 2011, four winners had last run 27/34 days earlier at Longchamp/Chantilly. All were trained in the UK/Ireland and were 5th /2nd/1st/1st LTO.

Saturday November 7th Breeders Cup – (Gr 1) 'Breeders Cup Classic' over 1m 2f (Dirt): Since 2011, six 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 7th Doncaster – 7f Handicap (Cl 2): Since 2013, three winners had last run 21 days earlier. All were sent off here as 1st/2nd favourites.

Saturday November 7th Doncaster – (Listed) 'Wentworth' Stakes over 6f: Since 2013, three winners had last run 21 days earlier. All had odds of 6/1 or shorter when winning here.

Monday November 18th 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 16th 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.

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

Wednesday November 25th Kempton – 7f Novices' Stakes for 2yo: C Appleby has won for 3 consecutive years (2018-20). All had odds of 5/2 or shorter.

Tuesday November 27th Southwell – 6f Handicap: Since 2011, four winners had last run 7 days earlier with all 5th or better LTO.

Friday November 30th Dundalk – 1m Handicap: Since 2016, all three winners had last run 23 days earlier, finishing 1st/2nd/3rd LTO.

Saturday December 1st Wolverhampton – 9.5f Handicap: Since 2011, three winners had last run 16 days earlier. Two had finished 1st/3rd LTO and the other was unplaced on its last run.

Wednesday December 2nd Lingfield – 7f Handicap (Class 5): Since 2017, three winners had last run 15 days earlier (all in different races) finishing 3rd - 12th - 8th .

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 11th Dundalk – 6f Handicap (0-105): Since 2016, three winners had last run at Dundalk 14 days earlier, with one winning and the others both 6th LTO.

Saturday December 12th Wolverhampton – 9.5f Handicap: Since 2014, three winners had last run 14 days earlier (finishing 3rd/2nd/10th LTO).

Sunday December 13th 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 13th Sha Tin (HK) – (Gr 1) Hong Kong Cup over 1m 2f: Since 2011, six locally trained winners had last run 21/22 days earlier in a Gr 2 race at Sha Tin (finished 4th 1st 2nd 5th 2nd 6th). 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 13th Sha Tin (HK) – (Gr 1) Hong Kong Mile: Since 2011, eight winners had last run 21/22 days earlier in a Gr 2 race at Sha Tin (finishing 8th 2nd 1st 1st 1st 3rd 1st 1st) Apart from a shock 66/1 winner in 2011, the rest had odds of 5/1 or shorter.

Friday December 18th Wolverhampton – 5f Handicap (Class 6): Since 2015, three winners had last run 6 days earlier at different tracks. They finished 10th/2nd/3rd LTO.