

DAYS LAST RAN STATISTICS – JAN/FEB 2024

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 races 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 2023 (a few updated in 2024 already) with jumps meetings first then flat meetings below. Meeting dates will generally vary by a day or so in 2024 and possibly longer if near a Bank Holiday.

NATIONAL HUNT RACES

January 1st Musselburgh – 2m 4f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2021, all four winners had last run 23-29 days earlier at Aintree where they finished 7th PU, 2nd 4th.

Sunday January 2nd Plumpton – 2m Novices' Hurdle: Since 2016, five winners had last run 20 days earlier. They all last ran at Plumpton with three winning and the others 2nd & 4th LTO.

Sunday January 2nd Plumpton – 2m 4.5f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2015, three winners had last run 29 days earlier. Two last ran at Sandown (finishing 1st/2nd) and the other last ran at Wetherby (finished 2nd).

Sunday January 2nd Naas – (Gr 1) 'Lawlor's Of Naas' Novices' Hurdle over 2m 4f: Since 2014, five winners of the race last ran 21/29* days earlier in a Gr 2 race at Navan which all won. *Date of race changed.

Saturday January 7th Sandown – (Listed) Unibet Mares Hurdle over 2m 4f: Since 2015, four winners had last run 35 days earlier. One was 2nd in the (Gr1) Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle and two were 3rd in the (Listed) Gerry Fielden Hurdle at Newbury. The latest won a handicap at Sandown LTO.

Saturday January 7th Sandown – (Gr 1) 'Tolworth' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2014, three winners had last run 22 days earlier. Two of these ran at Cheltenham where they were 1st and r 3rd LTO. In 2014 this race was run at Kempton a week later than usual and the fourth winner had finished 1st at an Ascot race LTO.

Saturday January 7th Sandown – 3m Veterans Handicap Chase: Since 2016, three winners had last run 28 days earlier, finishing 6th or better LTO. One last ran at Aintree and the others in different races at Chepstow.

Saturday January 7th Wincanton – 1m 7f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2021, three winners had last run at Taunton 30 days earlier where they finished 4th, 10th & 1st LTO.

Saturday January 14th Fairyhouse – 2m Handicap Chase 'Gr A': Since 2016, five winners had last run 35/42/43* days earlier in a 'Gr A/B' handicap chase at Fairyhouse. Three had won that last race with the others 9th & 10th LTO. * Race dates changed.

Saturday January 14th Fairyhouse – 2m 5f Rated Novices' Chase: Since 2016, three winners had last run 15 days earlier. They all ran in different races last time out, with two finishing 2nd and the other 4th.

Monday January 14th Fontwell – 2m 3f Handicap Hurdle: Since 2017, all three winners had last run 22*/23 days earlier. All last ran in different events and had odds of 7/2 or shorter. * Race moved from Sunday to Monday in 2018.

Thursday January 19th Wincanton – 3m 3f 'Somerset National' Handicap Chase: Since 2018, three winners had run 18 days earlier in the 'Sussex National' at Plumpton where they finished 1st - 7th - 4th.

Tuesday January 24th Leicester – 2m 7f Handicap Chase: Since 2017, three of the four winners had last run 23 days earlier. Two were 3rd LTO and the other pulled up.

Thursday January 26th Gowran Park – (Gr A) 'Thystes' Handicap Chase over 3m 1f: Since 2016 four winners of the race last ran 25 days earlier. All last ran in different races with two winning, one finishing 3rd and the other was pulled up. All were 3rd or better on their last *completed* race.

Saturday January 28th Cheltenham – (Gr 2) 'Cleeve' Hurdle over 3m: Since 2016 four winners of the race had last run 35/42* days earlier at Ascot (Long Walk Hurdle) all finishing either 1st or 3rd in that race. *Fixture at Ascot may change date due to Xmas fixtures.

Sunday January 26th Naas – 2m Maiden Hurdle (4yo): Since 2015 three winners of the race had last run 20 days earlier. Two were well backed at 5/2 or shorter with the other friendless in the market at 25/1.

Saturday February 4th Leopardstown – (Gr 1) Arkle Novices' Chase over 2m 1f: Since 2016, four winners had last run in the (Gr 1) Racing Post Novices' Chase at Leopardstown's Christmas festival, where they won there also. Due to changes in the dates of both meetings, the last race was run 29, 39, 38 & 37 days earlier. Race Fact: Recent winners here that also won the 'Arkle' at Cheltenham include *Un De Sceaux, Douvan & Footpad*.

Saturday February 4th Leopardstown – 2m 1f Handicap Chase: Since 2014 three past winners had last run 21/27* days earlier. All last ran at Naas – two in a handicap (both finished 2nd) and the other finished 2nd in a beginners chase at the same meeting. *Date of meeting changed in 2019.

Saturday February 4th Sandown – 2m Novices' Hurdle: Since 2017 four winners of the race last ran 28 days earlier. All had with of 3/1 or shorter.

Saturday February 4th Sandown – 2m Handicap Chase: Since 2014 three winners of the race last ran 21 days earlier. All were 2nd or 3rd on their last run (at Wetherby/Warwick) with odds of 5/1 or shorter.

Saturday February 4th Sandown – 2m 7f 'Heroes' Handicap Hurdle: Since 2017, all three winners had last run in the Lanzarote Hurdle at Kempton, 21 days earlier, where one unseated the rider and the others finished either 3rd/4th.

Sunday February 5th Leopardstown (Ire) – (Gr 1) Chanelle Pharma 'Irish Champion Hurdle' over 2m: Since 2020, triple winner *Honeysuckle* had previously last run in a 2m 4f (Gr 1) race at Fairyhouse run 62/69/70* days earlier. *Fixture dates have changed each year. Race Fact: Since the *Istabraq* era there have been four winners of this race that also went on to win the Cheltenham equivalent – *Brave Inca* (2006), *Hurricane Fly* (2011 & 2013) & *Honeysuckle* (2021).

Sunday February 5th Musselburgh – (Listed) Scottish Triumph Hurdle Trial over 2m for 4yo: Since 2013, three winners of the race had last run 50 days earlier, finishing 1st/2nd. All started as favourites.

Sunday February 5th Musselburgh – 'Supreme' Scottish Trial Novices' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2015, three winners of the race had last run 51 days earlier, finishing 2nd or 4th. None started as favourites with odds of 4/1 or shorter.

Thursday February 9th Thurles – 2m Maiden Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners had last run 18 days earlier and finished 2nd/3rd LTO.

Sunday February 12th Exeter – 2m 3f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2017, three winners had last run 35 days earlier, finishing 1st/2nd LTO.

Sunday February 12th Navan – (Gr 2) 'Ten Up' Novices Chase over 3m: Since 2014, three winners of the race had last run 29 days earlier either winning or finishing 2nd in their last race. All started as 1st/2nd favourites.

Saturday February 18th Ascot – 3m Limited Handicap Chase (Listed); Since 2013 five winners of the race had last run 21 days earlier. Four last ran in different races at Cheltenham and were 5th or better there. The other winner last ran at Doncaster and finished 3rd there.

Saturday February 18th Ascot – (Gr 1) 'Ascot Chase' over 2m 6f: Since 2014, three winners had last run 35 days earlier. All had won a listed chase at Kempton LTO.

Saturday February 18th Gowran Park – (Gr 3) 'Red Mills' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2013, four winners had last run 28 days earlier. All were 3rd or better LTO and started as 1st/2nd favourites.

Sunday February 19th Punchestown – 3m 5f 'Grand National Trial' Handicap Chase: Since 2014, four winners last ran 17/24* days earlier at Gowran Park in the Thystes Chase where they were either 4th, unplaced or fell. *Race run a week later in 2023.

Wednesday February 24^h Ludlow – 2m Maiden Hurdle: Since 2014, three winners had last run 26 days earlier. The winners of both divisions of the 2019 race had finished 2nd & 4th in the same Novices' Hurdle race at Huntingdon LTO with the 2014 winner having last run in a similar maiden race at Doncaster last time.

Wednesday February 23rd Punchestown – 2m 6f (Mares) Maiden Hurdle: Since 2014, three winners had last run 28 days earlier. None had finished better than 3rd LTO.

Friday February 24th Warwick – 2m 3f Novices' Hurdle: Since 2016, five of the winners had last run 27 days earlier. All started as 1st/2nd favourites.

Saturday February 25th Fairyhouse – (Gr 3) 'Bobbyjo' Chase over 3m 1f: Since 2014, six winners had last run 30 days earlier at Gowran Park in the Thystes Chase (finished 1st, p/u, 4th, 6th, 5th & 6th). All had odds of 6/1 or shorter.

Saturday February 25th Kempton – (Gr 2) 'Pendil' Novices' Chase over 2m 4f: Since 2015, three winners had last run 21 days earlier at Sandown in a Gr 1 race (finishing 2nd or 3rd there).

Sunday February 26th Naas – (Gr 3) 'Newlands' Chase over 2m: Since 2016, four winners had last run 21 days earlier. One last ran at Punchestown in the Gr 2 'Tied Cottage' Chase (finished 4th there) with the latest three winners having finished 4th, 3rd and 3rd at the Dublin festival meeting.

Sunday February 26th Naas – (Gr 2) 'Johnstown' Novices' Hurdle over 2m: Since 2014, four winners had last run 21 days earlier. All were 5th or better on their last run.

Monday February 28th Plumpton – 2m Handicap Hurdle: Since 2014, three winners had last run 50 days earlier here at Plumpton. Two ran in a handicap hurdle (finished 1st/2nd) and the other had won in a novice hurdle.

FLAT RACES

Wednesday January 4th Dundalk – 5f Handicap: Since 2017, four winners had last run at Dundalk 21 days earlier. All had odds of 8/1 to 33/1 with the last three winners ridden by apprentices claiming a 5lbs allowance.

Friday January 15th Dundalk – 5f Handicap: Since 2017, four winners had last run 7 days earlier. All were aged 6/7yo.

Wednesday January 18th Dundalk – 1m 4f Maiden: Since 2018 three winners have won this race after a break of 35 days. All were 5th or better LTO and started as 1st/2nd favourites.

Wednesday January 18th Dundalk – 1m 2f+ Handicap (45-65): Since 2014 three winners have won this race after a break of 14 days. All were easy to back with odds of 6/1 to 8/1.

Wednesday January 18th Dundalk – 1m Handicap: Since 2018 three winners have won this race after a break of 14 days. All had odds of 10/3 to 4/1).

Wednesday January 19th Lingfield (AW) – 1m 2f Handicap: Since 2011 four winners have won this race after a break of 14 days. One was a 16/1 shot but the rest all had odds of 4/1 to 5/1. They all last ran at Lingfield, three in a handicap (finished 1st/3rd/9th) and the other in a conditions stakes (last of the 6 runners).

Friday January 20th Dundalk – 6f Handicap: Since 2017, three winners had last run 14 days earlier (finished 2nd/4th/5th LTO).

Friday January 20th Dundalk – 1m 4f Handicap: Since 2013*, seven winners have won this race after a break of 14 days. Five of these were 5th or better LTO and the other two both unplaced on their last run.
*Race divided in 2013, 2017 & 2018.

Friday January 20th Dundalk – 1m Handicap (45-65): Since 2016, three winners had last run 14 days earlier (finished 2nd/3rd LTO).

Friday January 27th Dundalk – 1m 2f+ Claiming Race: Since 2017, three winners had last run 14 days earlier in a handicap race at Dundalk (finished 4th, 5th & 14th).

Friday January 27th Dundalk – 1m 2f+ Handicap: Since 2017, three winners had last run 14 days earlier at Dundalk (finished 4th, 2nd & 6th).

Friday January 27th Dundalk – 7f Handicap (45-70): Since 2016 six winners have won this race after a break of 14 days. All were 7th or better LTO with odds of 7/2 to 10/1.

Friday January 27th Dundalk – 6f Handicap: Since 2016, four winners had last run 21 days ago at Dundalk. One ran in an apprentices handicap (finished 4th) with the other three running in other handicaps finishing either 2nd/3rd. In addition, since 2021, three winners had last run here 9 days earlier. Finishing 4th or better LTO.

Wednesday February 2nd Kempton – 1m 3f Handicap: Since 2017, four winners had last run 15*/16 days earlier (finished 4th, 2nd, 2nd 1st LTO). *Meeting moved from Wednesday to Tuesday in 2020.

Friday February 3rd Dundalk – 1m Handicap: Since 2018, four winners last ran 7 days earlier in a race at Dundalk, finishing 6th, 3rd, 6th & 9th.

Saturday February 5th Lingfield (AW) – (Listed) 'Winter Derby Trial' over 1m 2f; Since 2018, three winners had last run 42 days earlier. Two ran at Lingfield in a listed event (finished 3rd & 1st) and the other was 2nd in a Gr 3 race at Dohar.

Saturday February 6th Wolverhampton – 9.5f Handicap: Since 2015, three winners had last run 19 days earlier (finishing unplaced, 4th & 6th LTO).

Friday February 11th Dundalk – 7f Apprentice Handicap: Since 2016, five winners last ran 14 days earlier in a handicap race at Dundalk, finishing 3rd, 5th, 5th, 1st & 7th

Tuesday February 15th Wolverhampton – 1m 4f (Amateurs) Handicap: Since 2010, four winners (from 14) had last run 13 days earlier. All were 5th or better on their last run.

Friday February 18th Dundalk – 5f Handicap: Since 2015, three winners had last run here 14 days earlier (finished 2nd, 4th & 4th).

Wednesday February 24th Kempton – 1m 4f Handicap: Since 2012, three past winners had last run 35 days earlier. All had odds of 13/2 or shorter.

Friday February 25th Dundalk – 1m Maiden (3yo Fillies); Since 2017, three winners had last run 28 days earlier (here) where they finished 2nd.

Saturday February 26th Lingfield – (Listed) Hever Sprint over 5f: Since 2016, three winners had last run 21 days earlier in the listed Cleves Stakes (also at Lingfield). In that race they finished 2nd, 4th & 12th. All had odds of 8/1 or shorter.

Saturday February 26th Lingfield – (Gr 3) 'Winter Derby' over 1m 2f: Since 2016, three winners had last run 21 days earlier in the listed 'Winter Derby Trial' Stakes (also at Lingfield). In that race they finished 1st, 1st, & 3rd. All had odds of 100/30 or shorter.

Saturday February 26th Lingfield – 5f Handicap (Class 6): Since 2012, four winners had last run 9 days earlier. Two ran at Kempton in a similar race (finished 3rd & 6th). However the last two winners had last run in an apprentices handicap at Chelmsford, finishing 3rd & 4th.