

# DAYS LAST RAN STATISTICS – MAR/APR 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 as dated as in 2023 with jumps meetings first then flat meetings below. Where meetings are held close to Easter or other bank holidays the variance on the dates run in 2024 may differ more widely.

## DAYS LAST RAN – NH RACES

**Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> Clonmel – 2m Maiden Hurdle:** Since 2013, three winners had last run 14 days earlier. Two were favourites and the other a 33/1 shot!

**Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> Navan – 2m Maiden Hurdle:** Since 2020\* three winners had last run 20 days earlier at Navan where they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> LTO.

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> Naas – 3m 'Leinster National' Handicap Chase:** Since 2019, three winners had last run 45 days earlier in the Thystes Chase at Gowran Park (finished 13<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> )

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> Warwick – 3m 5f Handicap Chase:** Since 2017, four winners had last run 16 days earlier. Two had last run here at Warwick, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> or better. Of the others one finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the Devon National at Exeter and another was pulled up in the same race.

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> Warwick – 3m 2f Handicap Hurdle:** Since 2021, three winners had last run 22 days earlier – with all finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> or better at Ascot LTO.

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> Warwick – 2m 5f Handicap Hurdle:** Since 2016, four winners had last run 44 days earlier finishing 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> LTO.

**Tuesday Cheltenham Festival – 'Ultima' Handicap Chase over 3m 1f:** Since 2015, three winners had last run 45 days earlier at Cheltenham, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better.

**Tuesday Cheltenham Festival – (Gr 3) 'Fred Winter/Boodles' Juvenile Handicap Hurdle over 2m:** Since 2019, four winners had last run 31/32 days earlier in a novices' rate race at Naas where they had finished 4<sup>th</sup> or better.

**Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Sedgefield – 2m Handicap Chase:** Since 2017, three winners had last run here 19 days earlier where they finished either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Wednesday Cheltenham Festival – (Gr 1) 'Betway' Queen Mother Champion Chase over 2m:** Since 2014, four winners had last run 46\*/53 days earlier in the Gr 1 'Clarence House' Chase at Ascot, where three won and the others were 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> there. \*2023 race run a week later at Cheltenham when Ascot was frozen off.

**Wednesday Cheltenham Festival – 3m 6f 'Glenfarclas' Cross Country Chase:** Since 2019, three winners had last run 24/31 days earlier at Navan in the Gr 2 'Boyne' Hurdle where they finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday Cheltenham Festival – (Gr 1) 'Weatherby's' Champion Bumper over 2m+:** Since 2018, four winners had last run 38\*/39 days earlier at Leopardstown's 'Dublin Festival' in a Gr 2 bumper where they won that race. Race Fact: *Sir Gerhard (2021)* went on to win the 2022 Ballymore Hurdle.

**Thursday Cheltenham Festival – 2m 5f Festival Plate Handicap over 2m 5f:** Since 2019, three winners had last run at Cheltenham 47 days earlier with two winning LTO and the other finishing 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday Cheltenham Festival – (Gr 1) 'Stayers Hurdle' over 3m:** Since 2015, four winners had last run 47 days earlier (Cleeve Hurdle). All were trained in the UK and two had won that race whilst the others were 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> LTO.

**Friday Cheltenham Festival – 2m 1f 'Triumph Hurdle':** Since 2016, five winners had last run 40/41 days earlier in a Gr 1 race at Leopardstown (finishing 4<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Friday Cheltenham Festival – (Gr 1) 'Boodles' Gold Cup over 3m 2f:** Since 2017, three winners here had last run in the Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown (33/40/41 days earlier) with two winning there and the other 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday Cheltenham Festival – 2m 4f 'Martin Pipe' Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle:** Since 2014, three winners had last run 22 days earlier in a Gr 3 race, at either Clonmel or Thurles, with two winning and the other 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> Fakenham – 2m Claiming Hurdle:** Since 2020, three winners had last run 44 days earlier at Leicester (finished 4<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> Cork – 2m 4f Maiden Hurdle:** Since 2017, three winners had last run 18 days earlier at Leopardstown where they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> Sedgefield – 3m 3f Handicap Hurdle:** Since 2019, all three\* winners had run 31 days earlier at Carlisle with none finishing better than 6<sup>th</sup> LTO.

**Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> Kelso – 2m 1f Handicap Chase:** Since 2017, three winners had last run 21 days earlier (finishing 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Easter Sunday Fairyhouse – (Gr 2) Novices' Hurdle over 2m:** Since 2016, three winners had last run in a listed race at Naas (run 21/22/28 days earlier) where they finished 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Easter Sunday Fairyhouse – (Gr 1) 'Mares Novices' Hurdle' over 2m 4f:** Since 2019, three winners had last run at Fairyhouse in a Gr 3 race, finishing either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> LTO. Due to

the Easter dates changing the previous race has been 71-78-85 days previously in recent years.

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Manifesto' Novices' Chase:** Since 2014, four winners last ran 21/28 days earlier finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better in the JLT/Golden Miller Chase at Cheltenham.

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Anniversary' Juvenile Hurdle for 4yo over 2m 1f:** Since 2014, six winners last ran 20/27 days earlier finishing 9<sup>th</sup> or better in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham.

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Aintree Hurdle' over 2m 4f:** Since 2014, seven winners had last run 23/30 days earlier with all but one finishing 4<sup>th</sup> or better in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (the other was a faller at Cheltenham). A further two winners had last run 21/28 days earlier in the Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham where they had finished 5<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Betway Bowl' Chase over 3m 1f:** Since 2014 six winners had last run 20/27 days earlier in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Only three of the six finished the race with the others 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> Aintree – 2m 5f Hunter Chase:** Since 2015, five winners had last run 20/27 days earlier, with all finishing 7<sup>th</sup> or better in the Cheltenham Hunter Chase.

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Top Novices' Hurdle' over 2m 1f:** Since 2014, six winners had last run either 24 or 31 days earlier at Cheltenham in the Supreme Novices Hurdle. In that race two finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the others 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or unplaced.

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) Marsh 'Melling Chase' over 2m 4f:** Since 2016, four winners last ran in the Queen Mother Chase at Cheltenham either 23 or 30 days earlier. In that race two finished 4<sup>th</sup> and the others were 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. A further three winners (since 2014) last ran in the Ryanair Chase at Cheltenham either 22 or 29 days earlier, where they had finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Mildmay' Novices' Chase over 3m 1f:** Since 2017, three winners had last run 23/30 days earlier at Cheltenham in the 3m Broadway Chase, with all finishing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> there.

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Aintree – 2m 5f 'Topham' Handicap Chase (Gr 3):** Since 2014, three winners had last run at Cheltenham 24/29 days earlier in the 'Brown Advisory & Meribelle chase'. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> there.

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> Sedgefield – 3m 3f Handicap Hurdle:** Since 2019, three winners had last run 15 days earlier, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> LTO.

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Mersey Novices' Hurdle' over 2m 4f:** Since 2015, five winners had last run either 24 or 31 days earlier at Cheltenham in the Bingham Baring (Ballymore) Novices' Hurdle finishing 7<sup>th</sup> or better.

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Maghull Novices' Chase' over 2m:** Since 2016, four winners had last run either 25/32 days earlier in the Arkle Chase at Cheltenham with one a faller and the others finishing either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> Aintree – (Gr 1) 'Liverpool' Stayers Hurdle' over 3m 1f:** Since 2014, three winners last ran in the Stayers Hurdle at Cheltenham (23/30 days earlier) with two winning and the other finishing 5<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 winner also last ran 23 days earlier at Cheltenham in the Pertemps final, finishing 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> Kelso – 2m 2f Novices' Hurdle:** Since 2014, three winners last ran 37 days earlier All had odds of 100/30 or shorter.

**Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham – 2m 4f Handicap Hurdle:** Since 2014, three winners had last run 39 days earlier, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO.

**Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> Fontwell – 2m 6f Novices' Hurdle:** Since 2015, three winners had last run 41 days earlier. Two ran in a Gr Novices' Handicap Hurdle race over 2m 4f at Sandown (finished 4<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>) with the other 2<sup>nd</sup> at Doncaster in a 3m listed race.

**Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) 'Novices' Hurdle' over 2m:** Since 2013, five winners last ran 42/49 days earlier in the Supreme Novices Hurdle at Cheltenham with two winning there, one pulled up and the others 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) Champion Chase over 2m:** Since 2013, three winners had last run 18 days earlier (and won) at Aintree. All trained in the UK. A further 3 horses last ran 41/48 days earlier at Cheltenham in the QM Chase, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> there.

**Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) Champion Novices' Chase over 3m:** Since 2014, three winners had last run 41/48 days earlier at Cheltenham in the Broadway Chase (Previously RSA) finishing 6<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> there. A further 3 winners last ran 23 days earlier at Fairyhouse in the Gold Cup (finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> there).

**Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) Champion NH Flat Race:** Since 2014, six winners had last run 42/49 days earlier in the Cheltenham Festival Bumper (finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> ).

**Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) Novice Chase over 2m:** Since 2018, three winners had last run 44 days earlier in the Arkle Chase at Cheltenham (finished 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> ).

**Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – 'La Touche Cup' over Cross-Country Course (4m 2f):** Since 2015, three winners last ran in the cross country chase at Cheltenham (43-50 days earlier). Their finishing places at Cheltenham were as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, since 2017, three winners had run here in a similar race 2 days earlier where they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>,

**Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> Cheltenham – 'Timico Gold Cup' Hunter Chase over 3m 2f:** Since 2017, all three winners had last run in the hunter chase at the Cheltenham Festival (49 days earlier) finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> or better there.

**Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) Champion Hurdle over 2m:** Since 2014, seven winners had last run 45/52 days earlier at Cheltenham (six in the Champion Hurdle and one in the Mares hurdle). Their finishing positions LTO were 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – 3m 1f Champion Hunter Chase:** Four winners since 2014 had last run in the Foxhunters Chase at Cheltenham, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> pulled up and 1<sup>st</sup> .

Also, since 2015, four winners had last run 15/22 days earlier at Aintree in the Hunter Chase, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and Fell.

**Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) Champion Novices' Hurdle over 2m 3f:** Since 2017, three winners had last run 44 days earlier at Cheltenham in the Ballymore Hurdle finishing PU 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – 3m 1f 'Field' Chase (Cross Country):** Since 2015, three winners had last run 2 days earlier in a similar event (two failed to finish LTO with the other 2<sup>nd</sup> LTO). A further three winners since 2017 had last run 4 days earlier in a similar event where they finished 4<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>..

**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> Punchestown – (Gr 1) 'Four Year Old' Champion Hurdle over 2m:** Since 2017, three winners had last run 43 days earlier at Cheltenham in the Triumph Hurdle, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday Apr 29<sup>th</sup> Sandown – (Gr 1) 'Celebration Chase' over 2m:** Since 2014, six winners had last run in the Queen Mother Chase at Cheltenham either 38 or 45 days earlier. Four had won there, one was 3<sup>rd</sup> and one was 4<sup>th</sup>.

## DAYS LAST RAN – FLAT RACES

**Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> Lingfield – 5f Handicap (Class 2):** Since 2014, four winners had last run 12 days earlier at Wolverhampton where they finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, since 2018, four winners had last run here 7 days earlier in the listed Hever Stakes, where they finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Southwell – 5f Handicap for 3yo:** Since 2012, three winners had last run 14 days earlier. All were 8/1 or shorter.

**Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Southwell – 6f Handicap:** Since 2010, four winners had last run 8 days earlier (finishing 4<sup>th</sup> or better).

**Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> Southwell – 1m 6f Handicap:** Since 2010, four winners had last run 8 days earlier (all winning LTO).

**Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> Dundalk – 1m Handicap for 3yo:** Since 2017, three winners had last run at Dundalk 62\*/63 days earlier where they finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. \*Race run on Thursday is 2017.

**Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Lingfield – 1m 4f Handicap:** Since 2017, all three winners had last run 21 days earlier, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> or better LTO.

**Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> Doncaster – Doncaster Mile (Listed):** Since 2015, four winners had last run at Ascot 154/161 days earlier where they finished 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Unplaced 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> Meydan – (Gr 2) 'Godolphin Mile':** Since 2012, six winners had last run 21 days earlier at Meydan with just two of them finishing worse than 4<sup>th</sup> LTO.

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> Meydan – (Gr 2) 'Dubai Gold Cup' over 2m:** Since 2012, three winners had last run at Meydan 30 days earlier, with all 2<sup>nd</sup> LTO.

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> Meydan – (Gr 1) 'Al Quoz Sprint' over 6f:** Since 2013, five winners had last run at Meydan 21 days earlier, four winning LTO and the other finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> Meydan – (Gr 1) 'Dubai Sheema Classic' over 1m 4f:** Since 2016, three winners had last run at Meydan 21 days earlier, all winning LTO.

**Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> Meydan – (Gr 1) 'Dubai World Cup' over 1m 2f:** Since 2012, five winners had last run at Meydan 21 days earlier. Three were 2<sup>nd</sup> on their last run with the others 4<sup>th</sup> & unplaced.

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> Doncaster – (Listed) Doncaster Mile:** Since 2017, three winners had last run 154 days earlier at either Ascot or Newmarket, (finished 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> LTO).

**Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> Musselburgh – 5f Conditions Stakes:** Since 2017, all three winners had last run 175 days earlier, with none finishing better than 6<sup>th</sup> LTO.

**Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> Pontefract – 2m 6f Handicap:** Since 2016, three winners had run 13 days earlier finishing 4<sup>th</sup> or better.

**Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> Ripon – 6f Handicap:** Since 2014, four winners had last run 18 days earlier. All had odds of 9/1 or shorter.

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Newbury – 1m 'Spring Cup' Handicap:** Since 2014, four winners had last run at Doncaster in either the Lincoln or Spring Mile Handicaps (14/21/28 days earlier). The Lincoln runners finished 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the Spring Mile runner finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Thirsk – 6f Handicap (Class 6):** Since 2017, three winners last ran 10 days earlier with one winning LTO and the others finishing unplaced.

**Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> Sandown – 5f Handicap (3yo):** Since 2017, three winners had last run 13 days earlier (finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> LTO).

**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> Ripon – 2m Handicap:** Since 2015, three winners had last run 14 days earlier. All had odds between 2/1 and 8/1.

**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> Wolverhampton – 5f Novice Stakes:** Since 2021, three winners had last run 17 days earlier finishing 4<sup>th</sup> or better LTO.

**Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> Brighton – 7f Handicap:** Since 2012, four winners had last run 8 days earlier, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> or better.

**Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> Pontefract – 6f Handicap:** Since 2017, all three winners had last run 16 days earlier, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better LTO with odds of 7/1 or shorter.

**Wednesday April 28<sup>h</sup> Musselburgh – 7f Handicap:** Since 2014, three winners had last run 9\* days earlier, finishing 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>. \*Race previously run on Thursday so comparable period since last run is now 8 days.

