



SAM TWISTON DAVIES

# TWISTON'S TASTY TIPS

## TUESDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> - CHAMPION DAY

### Supreme Novices' Hurdle

**Ballyandy** has got solid handicap form, he's got plenty of pace and bags of experience which will stand to him. **Ballyandy** is my best ride of the Festival.

### Champion Hurdle

**The New One** is in really good nick at home. It's probably the worst Champion Hurdle that he's ever run in but I think the one to beat is **Petit Mouchoir**. I've been very impressed with him.

### National Hunt Chase

My dad Nigel runs **Calett Mad** and he's done really well this season. **Arpege D'Alene** runs for Paul Nicholls and I wouldn't be put off by his run last time out. The four mile trip should suit.

### Close Brothers Handicap Chase

I ride **Romain De Senam** who was second in the Fred Winter last season and he comes alive in the spring. **Foxtail Hill** has gone up a good bit in the weights but you'd have to give him a chance in a very competitive race.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> - LADIES DAY

### Neptune Novices' Hurdle

I think **Neon Wolf** looks like the standout horse.

### RSA Chase

I ride **Our Kaempfer** who jumps nicely, he goes on most types of ground and hopefully three miles is right up his street. **Whisper** is a solid Grade 1 horse while **Might Bite** has similar credentials.

### Coral Cup

**Old Guard** will be my mount and he could surprise a few people. He's got good form in these big handicaps.

### Fred Winter Juvenile Hurdle

**Dolos** looks interesting in this handicap. He's experienced and hopefully can put up a big performance. We won this race with Diego Du Charmil last year but **Dolos** is a slicker hurdler. He's my best each-way bet of the week. **Dreamcatching** has improved nicely and he's got a good chance too.

### Champion Bumper

The English bumper horses don't look strong this year. I've been impressed with **Carter McKay**, and I'd imagine the prize will go back to Ireland.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> - ST. PATRICKS THURSDAY

### JLT Novices' Chase

**Politologue** is only runner. He's a smashing jumper but he needs to be switched off in his races. We'll use a hood on him and hope it works. Decent ground will help.

### Pertemps Final

**El Bandit** won at Musselburgh and he's got Cheltenham winning form. **Ballymalin** is a progressive novice and is still unexposed and he'd be the pick of Dad's runners.

### Ryanair Chase

**Uxizandre** looks like the key horse in this race.

### Stayers' Hurdle

**Ballyoptic** has already served it up to **Unowhatimeanharry** once this season. We'd like to think we can go there and put it up to him again.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> - GOLD CUP DAY

### County Hurdle

I think **Diego Du Charmil** would be the best of our runners here. He won well at Musselburgh last time and is a previous Festival winner. **Lac Fontana** is another who could run well if he lines up.

### Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle

**West Approach** has been running well all season. **Wholestone** has had a very good season and he's won plenty of races. He's got plenty of course form too and he knows how to fight so he's got all the attributes to run a tidy race.

### Cheltenham Gold Cup

I ride **Saphir De Rheu** who doesn't get the credit he deserves. I love the way **Native River** races and the way he keeps grinding and I'm a really big fan of him. I think he's wins the Gold Cup from **Cue Card**.

### Foxhunters' Chase

Paul Nicholls runs **Wonderful Charm** in this race and he's my **Nap** of the festival. He's a very good and capable horse and he's probably one of the highest rated horses to ever go hunter chasing. **Wonderful Charm** is my best bet of the week.

### Grand Annual Chase

**Le Prezien** has been geared up for this race and he's had a good season. We also have **Dodging Bullets** who has plenty of ability and is growing in confidence all the time.

## SAM'S NAP

**Wonderful Charm** - Foxhunters' Chase

## SAM'S LUCKY 15

**Ballyandy** - Supreme Novices' Hurdle / **Neon Wolf** - Neptune Novices' Hurdle  
**Dolos** - Fred Winter Juvenile Hurdle / **Dodging Bullets** - Grand Annual Chase