SAM TWISTON DAVIES

TWISTON'S TASTY TIPS

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH - CHAMPION DAY

Supreme Novices' Hurdle
This is going to be a top class race. **Altior** is very impressive, as is **Buveur D'Air** but it's **Altior** I think will give **Min** a lot to think about.

Ultima Business Solutions Handicap Chase
With a bit better ground, **Southfield Theatre** could be an eye-catcher. He's a great each-way price and definitely my best chance of finishing in the money on day 1.

2016 Champion Hurdle
The race has been cut up a good bit, but **The New One** is in great form and we can't get him any better. Giving **Annie Power** 7lbs is tough though. **Nichols Canyon**, **Identity Thief** and **My Tent Or Yours** are all strong. You'll have to be on your A-game to win this.

OLBG Mares' Hurdle
Tara Point has been touch and go to make it but is going well. Has bits and pieces of form but it is tough to go to Cheltenham without a prep run.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH - LADIES DAY

RSA Chase
Blaklion is having a really good season. If it's soft it will help him because he deals with it very well. **Le Mercurey** is an outsider but is a bigger price than he deserves to be.

Coral Cup
Politologue is in good knick. Will take a chance with him in the Coral. Fairly decent racing for a horse that could step up on decent ground. Rated 142 at around 11-7. His finishing effort has always been good.

Queen Mother Champion Chase
Dodging Bullets will look a totally different horse at Cheltenham - a lot fitter and stronger. Better ground will suit him. At 12s, I'd like to think he'll finish in the money.

Cross Country Chase
Sire Collonges – the better the ground the better the chance he has. Some really good horses like **Balthazar King** and **Josies Orders**. A race where anything can happen.

Fred Winter Handicap Hurdle
Diego Du Charmil is in really good form with a rating of 133. I'll be sitting on him and I reckon he's my standout ride of the week.

Cheltenham Champion Bumper
Ballyandy is a smashing horse. He's pretty smart and has beat a lot of English horses. Won 3 from 4 and he's straight forward and very street wise.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH – ST. PATRICKS THURSDAY

JLT Novices Hurdle
As De Mee was right behind **Bristol De Mai** the last day, giving him weight so he has a chance. **Bristol De Mai's** jumping has been very solid. If it is soft, he'll have an even better chance.

Pertemps Final Handicap Hurdle
Warriors Tale is a very good traveller and a solid jumper and will take you everywhere you need to be in a race. **Arpege Dalene** is different in that he races a little lazily but you hope he keeps something up his sleeve. He'd be the one I'd lean towards but wouldn't put anyone off **Warriors Tale**.

Ryanair Chase
Vibrato Valtat will go there. In good form at home and running well in all top class 2 mile races. 2.5 benefit more. Will see race out well- will travel and jump well take you where you want to go.

World Hurdle
I'll be on **Saphir De Rheu**. Been there before and a tidy 2nd last year, obviously we'll ride him a bit more forward this year. He'll jump, he'll travel and hopefully come back from a disappointing run last time. **Thistlecrack** has looked really good – beaten a lot of good horses and done it impressively.

Dawn Run Novices' Hurdle
Smart Talk is good but Willie has a good hand in with **Limini** and has been a lot of people's nap. He looks tough to beat.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH – GOLD CUP DAY

Triumph Hurdle
Nick will ride **Zubayr**. **Clan Des Obeaux** has massive potential – couldn't believe he got beaten last time around. **Connetable** he won nicely last time and his form is solid enough. He has been in a battle and came out on top.

Albert Bartlett Novices' Chase
I love the way **Barters Hill** goes about it because he keeps pulling out more and more but wonder does he learn. He's definitely got a good chance.

County Hurdle
All Yours did a very tidy racecourse gallop the other day. Paul is talking him up at preview nights. Good traveller and jumper. He does like to be ridden a bit more patiently. He loves decent ground.

Martin Pipe Handicap Hurdle
Qualando ran tidy on ground he wouldn't want the last time. Previous festival winner. good chance with this horse for the boss man.

SAM'S LUCKY 15

Bristol De Mai - JTL Novices' Hurdle / **The New One** - Champion Hurdle / **Limini** - Dawn Run Novices' Hurdle / **Vibrato Valtat** - Ryanair Chase