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Welcome to the April 2014 edition of the monthly newsletter from Donn McClean Racing.

Looking ahead

The seasons begin to change in April. While we haven't completely said goodbye to the two-mile hurdlers and the three-mile chasers, we do get the chance to catch the first glimpses of our fleet-footed Flat friends.

The Cheltenham Festival and the Aintree Grand National may be behind us, but we still have the Irish Grand National and the Scottish Grand National and the Bet365 Gold Cup to which to look forward this month. And then, of course, there is the Punchestown Festival: five days of top class National Hunt action that sends the season off on a high.

On the Flat, we have already had the Lincoln and the Irish Lincoln, but it is now time to start to think Classic trials. The Greenham Stakes and the Fred Darling Stakes and the Ballysax Stakes take place this weekend, while the Craven Stakes and the Nell Gwyn Stakes are primed for Newmarket next week. And all the while we are looking forward to the first Classics of the season, the 2000 Guineas and 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on 3rd and 4th May.

Looking back

This year's Cheltenham Festival was a frustrating one

for Private Clients of Donn McClean Racing. Victory for Jezki (advised ante post at 10/1) in the Champion Hurdle and for Tiger Roll (advised ante post at 20/1) in the Triumph Hurdle were the high points, and clients backed several horses each-way who were placed at decent prices, but the over-riding feeling at the end of the meeting was a feeling of what might have been.

As well as the fact that they backed six fallers, clients also backed three horses who traded at 1.6 or shorter in-running – Cause Of Causes (advised at 10/1), Arctic Fire (advised at 12/1) and Deputy Dan (advised at 16/1) – and lost.

The Aintree Grand National meeting was a little less frustrating, with victories for Boston Bob (advised at 17/2 [Rule 4]) and Ma Filleule (advised at 14/1) ensuring that clients made a decent net profit for the week. The meeting was not without its frustrations either, however, with Rainbow Peak (advised at 12/1) trading at 1.26 in-running, Clarcam (advised at 20/1) trading at 1.03 and Caid Du Berlais (advised at 8/1) also trading at 1.03, and all getting beaten.

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Horses To Follow

It was more a novices' handicap chase than a Grade 1 contest that was in mind for Western Warhorse when he was noted as a horse to follow after he won a novices' chase at Doncaster in January, but those who still followed him in the Arkle Trophy were well-rewarded with a morning price of 40/1 and an SP of 33/1.

O'Faolains Boy (MP 14/1) and Tiger Roll (AP 20/1) were both good winners at Cheltenham for followers of Horses To Follow, and Ma Filleule (MP 14/1) was an impressive winner of the Topham Chase at Aintree, while both Lac Fontana and Whisper were winners at both Cheltenham and Aintree.

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