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I just can't put my finger on why we aren't hitting the target at the moment, the string is in great shape, but we don't seem to be getting any lucky breaks-my luck must change soon.

I really thought things were about to change last night at Windsor, when RUSSIAN ROCKET looked all bar the winner from the two pole, sadly he ran out of steam inside the distance and once again we had to settle for a place spot, second two lengths behind the winner. Before the off my horse drifted slightly in the betting, which is always a worry-that said, he ran considerably better than the confidence in the betting ring before the race suggested and in fact we beat the well supported favourite by half a length.

Looking back at my recent results, they all say one thing, we are in great shape, but need to do better next time or as professional footballers are described when not quite there, 'they are half a yard short of full fitness.'

I don't think my string is particularly unfit, just a case that they have taken time to come to hand and now that we are almost there very soon we will be there - I certainly hope so, it seems like an eternity since we last had a winner. Perhaps more importantly I need to up my win rate if I am to achieve my target of 15 winners for the year, in that we are still stuck on five. As with anything in life people only remember winners sadly, because we have amassed no fewer than 31 placed runners this year, which more than proves we are doing things right, just not right enough at the moment!

If you look back at the last Yarmouth meeting last week, specifically at the sprint race on the Thursday I saddled no fewer than five runners and yes you have guessed it the least fancied runner DETONATE ran the best race, finishing a very close third-that says it all about my luck at the moment.

On a brighter note, the racing club is doing extremely well; in fact we are having our second open morning on the 10th June. The last was so successful, I have been inundated with requests for another, I think it gives members an extra opportunity to meet each other and discuss racing in the future and what direction the club should take, I have to say, when I first thought about doing it, I could never imagined how popular or how successful it would be.

The week and the weeks ahead look extremely busy for me, if you remember apart from when I was travelling up and down the country during the winter when we had our good season, this time in the year is always a logistical nightmare for me. In fact with the racing calendar as it is now, I find myself thinking on the lines of how many meetings I can reach during the course of one day. Take yesterday, we went to Lingfield for two races and then on to Windsor for one. Today I have just two runners at Nottingham, both of whom I would love to run big races. LOOSE CANON, owned by a group of lads from Liverpool is having a racecourse debut,

whilst TATA NAKA is running for the? time, I've lost count, but if she was at her best tomorrow you would have to give her a serious chance.

QUEEN TARA who ran fourth at Fakenham recently should go to Uttoxeter tomorrow; with certainly an each way chance based on the last run and as for the rest of the week, I am not entirely sure, I have options at Catterick and Wolverhampton on Friday and Lingfield on Saturday.

I have to say at the moment I am just taking it day by day, I just want us to get that elusive win and then I will be able to judge exactly where we are and what is happening. In fact I wouldn't be surprised that when it comes we will have a string of excellent runs - here's hoping!