

Tuesday 17th June

ROYAL ASCOT



2.30 QUEEN ANNE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

RACE 1 **(10) ROSALLION | (8) NOTABLE SPEECH | (7) LEAD ARTIST**

3.05 COVENTRY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 2 **(21) WARSAW | (11) MILITARY CODE | (1) AMERICAN GULF**

3.40 KING CHARLES III STAKES (Group 1) (1) 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 3 **(6) NIGHT RAIDER | (14) BELIEVING | (12) ASFOORA**

4.20 ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 7f213y (1600 Metres)

RACE 4 **(1) FIELD OF GOLD | (6) RULING COURT | (3) HENRI MATISSE**

5.00 ASCOT STAKES (Heritage Handicap) (2) 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)

RACE 5 **(15) REACHING HIGH | (20) PONIROS | (7) EAST INDIA DOCK**

5.35 WOLFERTON STAKES (Listed) (1) 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)

RACE 6 **(9) HAATEM | (8) ENFJAAR | (7) ECUREUIL SECRET**

6.10 COPPER HORSE STAKES (Handicap) (2) 1¾m34y (2850 Metres)

RACE 7 **(7) FRENCH MASTER | (9) CHARLUS | (12) CABALLO DE MAR**

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Top Rated: The horse with the best chance based solely on past form, specially tailored to a 0-100 scale.

Horses For Courses: A suitable track for the horse, compared to its lifetime record on similar courses as defined by Timeform's course data.

Jockey Uplift: The engaged rider has a notably higher Timeform Jockey Ranking than those who've ridden the horse on its most recent starts

Trainer Form: A hot trainer to follow, based on Timeform ratings-related measurements looking at the recent performance of runners.

2.30

QUEEN ANNE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 4yo+ £793,625 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

RACE 1



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course. There is also an inner Flat course which allows the option of switching the round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

1 11 CAIRO (IRE) (39) (D) v+t **89**
8272-6262 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

Alice Haynes *Silvestre De Sousa*
Capable of smart form, as shown when second at big odds in Group 2 at Chester last month. However, even his very best efforts are some way off the required standard here.

2 8 CARL SPACKLER (IRE) (67) (D) **98**
1/151116-1 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

Ciaran Maher, Australia *James McDonald*
Very smart miler for Chad Brown in America, including a reappearance win in a Grade 1 at Keeneland in April. Sold afterwards and has his first start for his new Australia-based trainer here.

3 2 DANCING GEMINI (IRE) (31) (D, BF) **99**
26654-112 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Roger Teal *Kieran Shoemark*
Back to form with a bang as a 4-y-o, winning a Doncaster listed race and Group 2 Sandown Mile this spring. Even better when edged out by Lead Artist in the Group 1 Lockinge at Newbury since. Should give his running but suspicion he'll find at least one too strong again.

4 1 DIEGO VELAZQUEZ (IRE) (276) (D) **96**
116/48011- 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland *Ryan Moore*
Has come up short in 3 previous attempts at Group 1 company but he looked an improved performer when ending his 3-y-o season with Group 3 and Group 2 wins at Leopardstown. No surprise were he to make more of an impact at the highest level as a 4-y-o.

5 5 DOCKLANDS (10) (CD) t **94**
227560-23 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

Harry Eustace *Mark Zahra*
Won the Britannia at 2023 Royal Ascot and excellent second to Charyn in this last year. As good as ever when chasing home Sardinian Warrior in C&D listed race on reappearance and also a respectable third in Epsom Group 3 since. Suspicion he'll do well to match last year's placing, though.

6 9 LAKE FOREST (23) **96**
2417/221-4 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

William Haggas *Tom Marquand*
Second in last year's Commonwealth Cup at this meeting and proved his stamina for a longer trip when bagging a very valuable pot over 7.5f in Australia in November. Caught too far back in Franch Group 3 on reappearance, doing enough to suggest he retains his ability.

7 3 LEAD ARTIST (31) (D) **99**
131212-81 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

John & Thady Gosden *C. T. Keane*
Bounced back from Sandown reappearance flop with a bang when edging out Dancing Gemini (Rosallion third and Notable Speech fourth) in Group 1 Lockinge at Newbury (1m, firm) last month. This stiffer 1m here could suit him even better.

8 6 NOTABLE SPEECH (31) (D) **99**
1117153-4 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Charlie Appleby *William Buick*
Winner of the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket (beat Rosallion) and Sussex Stakes at Goodwood as a 3-y-o. Shaped as if retaining all his ability when 2½ lengths fourth of 8 to Lead Artist in Lockinge at Newbury (1m, firm) on reappearance 31 days ago. Looks sure to go well.

9 7 QUDDWAH (26) (CD) t **95**
11/1145-1 5 9-2 | 58.1kg

Simon & Ed Crisford *Callum Shepherd*
Won first 4 starts, including a C&D listed race and the Group 2 Summer Mile on the round course here. Also made all in a Longchamp listed race on reappearance but came up short at Group 1 level on his final 2 outings last year and needs to prove he can do it in top company.

10 10 ROSALLION (IRE) (31) (C, D) **100**
1131/211-3 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Richard Hannon *Sean Levey*
High-class colt who chased home Notable Speech in 2000 Guineas last year before winning Irish 2000 Guineas at Curragh and St James's Palace at this meeting. Not seen again until third in the Lockinge at Newbury (1m, firm), leaving the impression the outing was just needed. Should be spot on now.

11 4 SARDINIAN WARRIOR (IRE) (23) (CD) **95**
2/111-12 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

John & Thady Gosden *Christophe Soumillon*
Took the step up to listed level in his stride when seeing off Docklands over C&D on his reappearance and turf debut in April. Backed that up with an excellent length second to Sosie in Group 1 at Longchamp (9f, good to soft) under Christophe Soumillon 23 days ago. May not have reached his limit.

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Rosallion, **9-2** Dancing Gemini, **5-1** Lead Artist, **7-1** Notable Speech, **15-2** Sardinian Warrior, **16-1** Diego Velazquez, **18-1** Carl Spackler, **22-1** Lake Forest, **22-1** Quddwah, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last month's Lockinge looks the key piece of form. ROSALLION and Notable Speech were behind Lead Artist and Dancing Gemini in that but left the impression their first outings of the season were needed. It was a particularly encouraging effort from Rosallion considering it was his first outing since winning the St James's Palace on this day last year and he can build on that and land a fourth success at the highest level.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. ROSALLION 2. NOTABLE SPEECH 3. LEAD ARTIST

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Charyn 4-9-2	10-3f Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	13
2023	Triple Time 4-9-2	33-1 Kevin Ryan	Neil Callan	12
2022	Baaeed 4-9-2	1-6f William Haggas	Jim Crowley	7
2021	Palace Pier 4-9-0	2-7f John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	11
2020	Circus Maximus 4-9-0	4-1f Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

3.05

COVENTRY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 2yo £175,000 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 2



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course. There is also an inner Flat course which allows the option of switching the round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **Favours High** Pace Information: **Extreme**

1 8 AMERICAN GULF (15) (D) 91
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Paul & Oliver Cole** *Oisin Murphy*
Foaled March 23. 150,000 gns yearling, Ardad colt. Half-brother to numerous winners, including smart winner up to 1m Master of War and useful 7f winner Mammias Girl. Yard's first 2-y-o runner of the season and he looked useful when justifying strong support at Windsor a fortnight ago.

2 20 ANDAB (IRE) (23) (D) 98
13 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland** *D. B. McMonagle*
Fine pedigree and looked a bright prospect when landing a 6f maiden (good) at the Curragh in fine style last month, despite being easy to back. Pitched into Group 3 company back there 3 weeks later and ran really well when 1½ lengths third of 6 to Albert Einstein in Marble Hill Stakes.

3 11 BALLISTIC MISSILE (IRE) (34) 85
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Richard Hannon** *Shane Foley*
Foaled February 2. €100,000 foal, €260,000 yearling, Mehmas colt. Dam, 1m winner, half-sister to useful winner High Bridge out of smart winner up to 1m (2-y-o 7f winner) Ameerat. Wasn't the quickest away but impressed with the way he outclassed 5 rivals at York (5f) a month ago. Bare form ordinary.

4 7 BONE MARRA (IRE) (21) 77
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Ollie Sangster** *Christophe Soumillon*
Foaled April 17. €24,000 foal, €60,000 yearling, Starman gelding. Half-brother to several winners, including useful winner up to 1m Messidor and 1m winner Kehlani. Dam unraced. Big price but overcame obvious inexperience to win 5f AW maiden 3 weeks ago, really strong at the finish. 6f sure to suit.

5 2 BOURBON BLUES (18) (D) 77
01 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Brian Meehan** *Billy Loughnane*
Space Blues gelding has some scope physically so no surprise he left his mid-field effort on debut behind when landing 9-runner maiden at Brighton 18 days ago (both 6f). Yard won this a year ago with a huge outsider and this one will also be a big price.

6 17 COPPULL (52) 81
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Clive Cox** *David Probert*
Foaled March 30. Bated Breath colt. Half-brother to 2-y-o 7f winner Worthington Lake. Dam, 5f/6f winner, sister to useful sprinter Bickerstaffe. Bred to be sharp and showed plenty of zip when landing 15-runner maiden at Leicester in April. That form looks better now than it did at the time.

7 5 DO OR DO NOT (IRE) (17) 85
02 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Ed Walker** *Tom Marquand*
75,000 gns yearling, Space Blues colt. Half-brother to useful 10.5f/10.7f winner Higher Leaves and US Grade 3 9f winner Selenai. Showed much more than on debut when neck second of 11 to re-opposing Tadej in novice at York (6f, firm) 17 days ago, pair nicely clear.

8 21 GAVOO (IRE) (16) (D) 85
21 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **David Marnane, Ireland** *Luke McAteer*
Was no match for Andab starting out at the Curragh last month but a month later, he landed 14-runner maiden at Listowel in 16 days ago. Well-run 6f would be in his favour.

9 14 GSTAAD (31) (D) 96
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Aidan O'Brien, Ireland** *Ryan Moore*
Foaled March 22. 450,000 gns foal, Starspangledbanner colt. Half-brother to several winners, including smart 2-y-o 6f winner Vandeeek and useful 5f/6f winner Mine's A Double. Dam sprint maiden. Lowered the colours of odds-on stablemate when successful at Navan a month ago. Plenty more to come.

10 3 KOLKATA KNIGHT (IRE) (32) (D) 82
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Tom Dascombe** *Pierre-Louis Jamin*
Foaled February 16. £16,000 yearling. Closely related to 7f/1m winner Dark Stream and half-brother to 5f winner La Neide and 7f/1m winner Rabbit Coulsty. Well backed and ran out a 5-length winner on debut at Hamilton a month ago. Second has won since but dominating this field a different ask.

11 15 MILITARY CODE (38) (C) 93
11 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Charlie Appleby** *William Buick*
Foaled March 19. Wootton Bassett colt. Dam, useful French 1m winner (stayed 9f), half-sister to useful 1m winner (stays 1¼m) Sense of Wisdom. Newmarket novice winner over 5f in April and put experience to good use against promising bunch if newcomers here last month. 6f sure to suit so shortlisted.

12 19 POSTMODERN (IRE) (26) (D) 89
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Hamad Al Jahani** *James Doyle*
Foaled February 13. 270,000 gns yearling, Too Darn Hot colt. Half-brother to smart winner up to 11f Be Your Best and winner up to 1m Komachi. Dam unraced. Created a very favourable impression when a 5-length winner on debut at Yarmouth 4 weeks ago. Can leave form of that behind.

13 9 POWER BLUE (IRE) (23) 100
132 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Adrian Murray, Ireland** *David Egan*
Looked very promising when making all in a 5f maiden in the first 2-y-o race of the year at the Curragh in March and has held his own in better company since, ¾-length second of 6 to Albert Einstein in Marble Hill Stakes at the Curragh (6f). That is the best form on offer.

14 4 RAAKEB (IRE) (11) 86
133 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Richard Hannon** *Sean Levey*
Made winning start in 6-runner maiden at Ripon early last month. Third both starts since, improving for to step up to 6f in the Woodcote 11 days ago.

15 10 ROCK ON THUNDER (IRE) (21) (D) 83
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Kevin Ryan** *Jim Crowley*
Foaled April 17. 380,000 gns Night of Thunder colt. Half-brother to several winners, including smart winner up to 1m San Donato and useful 6f winner Diablo Rojo. Bred to be smart and made the perfect start at Leicester 3 weeks ago (6f). Third and fifth that day successful since and he will progress.

16 12 SHAATIR (14) (D) 84
31 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Archie Watson** *Hollie Doyle*
Knew more than he did on debut and bagged the favoured rail when a decisive winner at Lingfield over 6f 14 days ago. In the right hands to progress but this is asking a lot.

17 16 SUPER SOLDIER (IRE) (16) 91
122 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **K. R. Burke** *Clifford Lee*
8,000 gns yearling, Dark Angel colt. Half-brother to 3 winners, including useful 5f winner Wonderwork and 2-y-o 7f winner Spacer. Justified short price in 6-runner maiden at Leicester on debut and better form in defeat since, ½-length second of 8 to Graft in listed race at Chantilly. Up in trip.

18 13 TADEJ (17) (D) 86
451 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Archie Watson** *Luke Morris*
Contested a couple of warm novice events first 2 outings and put that experience to good use when winning 11-runner novice at York (6f, firm) 17 days ago by neck from Do Or Do Not, battling well. Cheekpieces still reached for.

19 1 TRICKY TEL (17) (D) 87
11 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Hugo Palmer** *C. T. Keane*
Knew his job when landing strong support in 5.5f maiden at Chester in May and returned to that venue 3 weeks later, he also landed the odds over 6f 17 days ago, driven out. Looks a professional 2-y-o but this is a different undertaking.

20 18 UNDERWRITER (FR) (27) (D) 83
1 2 9-3 | 58.5kg

 **Archie Watson** *James McDonald*
Foaled April 5. £200,000 2-y-o, Mehmas colt. Dam, ran once in France, half-sister to winner up to 7.5f Fas and winner up to 9.5f Silva (both smart). Travelled with purpose and looked a really nice prospect when quickening away to land 7-runner maiden at Ayr a month ago. Sure to build on that.

3.05

COVENTRY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 2yo £175,000 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 2



21 6 **WARSAW (IRE) (10)** 88



1 Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

W. M. Lordan

Foaled February 18. Wootton Bassett colt. Dam unraced half-sister to very smart winner up to 1m Lord Shanakill. Biggest price of the 3 Aidan O'Brien runners but powered away to land a 5f maiden at Navan 10 days ago. Sure to progress with 6f very much in his favour so he looks a fascinating runner.

21 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Postmodern, 11-2 Military Code, 11-2 Warsaw, 13-2 Gstaad, 12-1 Underwriter, 16-1 Power Blue, 18-1 American Gulf, 22-1 Andab, 33-1 Tricky Tel, 33-1 Ballistic Missile, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Any number to consider and it may pay to side with relative unknown quantity WARSAW. Having made his debut just 10 days ago and seemingly the least fancied of the Aidan O'Brien runners (claimer ridden) he created a striking impression at Navan and can only build up on that up in trip. Military Code already has winning course form and looks a most professional juvenile, with American Gulf interesting at longer odds.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WARSAW 2. MILITARY CODE 3. AMERICAN GULF

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Rashabar 2-9-3	80-1	Brian Meehan	Billy Loughnane	22
2023	River Tiber 2-9-3	11-8f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	20
2022	Bradsell 2-9-3	8-1	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	17
2021	Berkshire Shadow 2-9-1	11-1	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	17
2020	Nando Parrado 2-9-1	150-1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	15

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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KING CHARLES III STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £725,750 5f (1010 Metres)

RACE 3



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

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Draw: **Favours High** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 16 AMERICAN AFFAIR (24) (D) 91
22310-115 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Jim Goldie** *Paul Mulrennan*
Very likeable sprinter who continues to go from strength to strength this season, looking a pattern-class performer in a handicap when easily winning at York last month. Upped to Group 2 company, he shaped as though still in top form in the Temple Stakes, not seen to best effect.

2 2 BUCANERO FUERTE (30) (D) 89
113/1670-1 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Adrian Murray, Ireland** *David Egan*
Enhanced excellent fresh when winning 7-runner listed race at Naas a month ago. Did that readily but dominating this level of opposition a completely different undertaking.

3 6 JASOUR (17) (C, D, BF) 91
89/13600-6 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Clive Cox** *Jim Crowley*
Smart colt who was highly tried as a juvenile and hit the ground running last year with a decisive success in the Group 3 Pavilion Stakes over 6f at Ascot. Campaigned solely in Group 1 that season and eased in class, he looked a really hard ride at Haydock. Hood needs to help him settle down.

4 3 KERDOS (IRE) (34) (D) 94
8515546-7 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Clive Cox** *Christophe Soumillon*
Won the Group 2 Temple at Haydock (5f, good to soft) last May and mostly respectable efforts in defeat later in the season, including when fifth in this race. Shaped as though in need of the run on 6f reappearance at York and while he'll step up on that, this is a tall order.

5 12 MANACCAN (773) (CD) 88
3/ 6 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **John Ryan** *Cieren Fallon*
Highly-progressive sprinter in 2022 and made a really encouraging return to action behind race-fit rivals when third to Vadream in the Palace House at Newmarket in May 2023. Off the track since so some training performance were he to get seriously involved in Group 1 company.

6 7 NIGHT RAIDER (IRE) (34) 96
1/100511-3 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **K. R. Burke** *James Doyle*
Rounded off his 3-y-o campaign with an impressive 3¼-length defeat of Annaf in 6f Newcastle listed race in November, taking his AW record to 4-4. Went with bags of enthusiasm when third of 8 to Inisherin in 1895 Duke of York Stakes and this first crack at 5f looks the correct move.

7 17 REGIONAL (73) (D) 96
1151/224-3 7 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Edward Bethell** *Callum Rodriguez*
Smart performer who ran right up to form when second of 17 to Asfoora in this race a year ago. Enhanced excellent record fresh when ½-length third of 11 to Believing in Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan in April and he needs considering.

8 5 RUMSTAR (24) (CD, BF) 95
207551-16 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Jonathan Portman** *Rob Hornby*
Ended last season better than ever with a win in listed company over C&D and picked up where he left off when much too strong for 10 rivals in Palace House Stakes at Newmarket on return. Needs to bounce back from a tame display in the Temple Stakes 3 weeks ago, though.

9 14 STARLUST (24) (D) 95
8163910-7 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Ralph Beckett** *Rossa Ryan*
Very smart at best, winning three times last season, notably Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar where he was well suited by strong tempo. Not in same form in Hong Kong Sprint at Sha Tin and could never really land a blow under his penalty in the Temple Stakes on reappearance.

10 21 TWILIGHT CALLS (24) (D) 86
0/46554-59 7 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Richard Spencer** *Jamie Spencer*
Smart sprinter for Henry Candy at his best, but looked in need of the run on debut for these connections in Palace House Stakes. Failed to build on that at Haydock and he looks up against it these days at this level.

11 11 WASHINGTON HEIGHTS (24) (D) 92
40657-243 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

 **Kevin Ryan** *Tom Eaves*
Surprise winner of Abernant Stakes at Newmarket last year, and largely campaigned in Group 1 company after. Respectable-enough efforts this season but his level is a notch below this one.

12 10 ASFOORA (AUS) (52) (CD) 100
044124-17 7 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Henry Dwyer, Australia** *Oisin Murphy*
Very smart sprinter and multiple Group winner from Australia who, sharper for run in the Temple, proved better than ever when landing this a year ago (several of these behind). Hit the frame both starts that summer but no British prep this time having finished mid-field over 6f in April. Blinkered.

13 4 BALMORAL LADY (IRE) (17) (D) 92
871112-31 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Ed Walker** *Tom Marquand*
Four wins during a very productive second half to 2024 and cranked it up another notch when excellent neck second in listed race at Doncaster (6f, heavy). Picked up where she left off this spring, confirming the promise of Chester reappearance with listed glory at Haydock. Needs to improve again.

14 1 BELIEVING (IRE) (73) (D) 97
4413223-1 5 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **George Boughey** *Ryan Moore*
Shaped really well when fourth from off the pace in this race a year ago. Filled same spot over 6f at the meeting 4 days later before making most of the drop to Group 2 company at the Curragh. Changed hands for 3,000,000 and gained deserved top-tier breakthrough in Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan in April.

15 15 FROST AT DAWN (USA) (25) (D) 89
359-87221 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **William Knight** *Mickael Barzalona*
Speedy sort who didn't need to improve to land listed contest at Haydock (6f) 4 weeks ago. Return to 5f won't be an issue but this calibre of opposition may well be.

16 8 MGHEERA (24) (D) 95
213506-11 5 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Ed Walker** *William Buick*
Proved better than ever on first start for Ed Walker when winning Group 3 at Longchamp last month and confirmed he's an improved model when supplementing that in the Group 2 Temple Stakes 3 weeks ago, seeing off several of these in the process. Looks well worth a crack at this.

17 18 MONTEILLE (16) (D) 90
3/81080-61 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **M. Baratti, France** *Cristian Demuro*
Useful performer, successful at 2 yrs in minor event at Compiègne. Better than ever when winning 8-runner Prix Texanita at Chantilly last time by ½ length from Classic Flower, staying on to lead close home. Unexposed over 5f but a lot went her way on that occasion.

18 13 NO HALF MEASURES (17) (D) 92
311615-92 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Richard Hughes** *Hector Crouch*
Didn't race at 2 but had a great 3-y-o campaign, notching up sixth win in Newbury Group 3. Pitched in deep and shaped as though in excellent form when fifth in the Group 1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp. All the better for reappearance when ½-length second of 8 to Balmoral Lady at Haydock latest.

19 20 PRIME ART (IRE) (25) 89
4411/5-2 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

 **Jane Chapple-Hyam** *Billy Loughnane*
Lightly raced filly who showed big improvement on final outing for Johnny Murtagh in September 2023, winning the Firth of Clyde at Ayr in good style. Restricted to just 2 runs since, excellent neck second to Frost At Dawn in listed race at Haydock and this her first crack over 5f.

20 9 AESTERIUS (IRE) (33) (D, BF) 89
1512116-6 3 9-1 | 57.6kg

 **Archie Watson** *James McDonald*
Very useful and likeable juvenile who bagged his fourth win of 2024 in Doncaster's Flying Childers in September. Not disgraced when 2½ lengths sixth of 12 in Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Del Mar final run. Failed to give his running on York reappearance but we know he's much better than that.

3.40**KING CHARLES III STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £725,750 5f (1010 Metres)**

RACE 3

GBI RACING**21 22 ESTEPONA (FR) (16) 82**

1184-23 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



M. Delcher Sanchez, France

Clement Lecoivre

Useful performer, won newcomers and minor event (by head from Epsom Blue Cen) at Deauville on first 2 starts in 2024. Best effort when 4¼ lengths third of 10 to Rayevka in listed race at Chantilly last time but that well shy of the required level here.

22 19 TROPICAL STORM (33) (D) 85

522814-61 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



Andrew Balding

C. T. Keane

Posted a useful effort when landing listed event at York in August. Looked rusty after 8 months off when sixth of 11 in Palace House Stakes at Newmarket and duly left that effort well behind when doubling his tally back on the Knavesmire last month. Further jolt of improvement needed.

23 23 WEST ACRE (IRE) (73) (D) 93

121-2118 3 9-1 | 57.6kg



George Scott

Callum Shepherd

Smart gelding who enhanced excellent strike rate in 15-runner Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint at Meydan in March. Found good run of form coming to a halt when 6¼ lengths eighth of 11 to Believing in Al Quoz Sprint at same venue the following month but he's likely to bounce back given overall profile.

23 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:**5-1** Believing, **13-2** Asfoora, **8-1** Regional, **8-1** Night Raider, **14-1** Starlust, **14-1** Mgheera, **20-1** West Acre, **22-1** American Affair, **28-1** Bucanero Fuerte, **33-1** Rumstar, **33-1** Balmoral Lady, **40-1** bar**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

Given his free-going tendencies, the drop to 5f could be what NIGHT RAIDER has needed all along and with his York reappearance indicating that he can be as effective on grass, this lightly-raced 4-y-o could be the answer. Last year's winner Asfoora has had a different preparation this time and has blinkers on for the first time, so Believing, who shaped really well in this 12 months ago, may emerge as the chief threat.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. NIGHT RAIDER 2. BELIEVING 3. ASFOORA****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Asfoora 6-9-4	5-1	Henry Dwyer	Oisin Murphy	17
2023	Bradsell 3-9-1	14-1	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	17
2022	Nature Strip 8-9-7	9-4	Chris Waller	James McDonald	16
2021	Oxted 5-9-5	4-1	Roger Teal	Cieren Fallon	16
2020	Battaash 6-9-4	5-6f	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	11

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo colts and geldings £650,000 7f213y (1600 Metres)

RACE 4



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course. There is also an inner Flat course which allows the option of switching the round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Rosallion 3-9-2	5-2	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	8
2023	Paddington 3-9-2	11-5	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	9
2022	Coroebus 3-9-2	10-11f	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	11
2021	Poetic Flare 3-9-0	7-2f	J. S. Bolger	K. J. Manning	13
2020	Palace Pier 3-9-0	4-1	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	7

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

1 5 FIELD OF GOLD (IRE) (24) (D) 100
3114-121 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

John & Thady Gosden **C. T. Keane**
Probably should have won the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, finishing strongly for ½-length second to Ruling Court after conceding first run. Made no mistake in the Irish 2000 Guineas 3 weeks later under new jockey Colin Keane and he can turn the tables on Ruling Court now.

2 3 FIRST WAVE (FR) (41) (D) 77
22-231 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **D. B. McMonagle**
Off the mark at the fifth time of asking when making all in 1m Gowran maiden 6 weeks ago. The first-time tongue tie he wore on that occasion is retained. Might be in here as a pacemaker.

3 1 HENRI MATISSE (IRE) (37) (D) 94
111251-11 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Ryan Moore**
Ended his 2-y-o campaign with success in Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar and added another win at the highest level when edging out Jonquil in the French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp (1m, good to firm) last month. Has a bit to find with Field of Gold and Ruling Court, though.

4 7 OFFICER (IRE) (24) (D) 88
1-317 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **W. M. Lordan**
All 4 starts at the Curragh, including a 1m listed win in May. Only ¾ lengths seventh of 9 to Field of Gold in Irish 2000 Guineas since, though. Henri Matisse looks the stable number one.

5 6 RASHABAR (IRE) (24) (C) 90
32122-24 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Brian Meehan **Sean Levey**
Sprung a 66/1 surprise in last year's Coventry at this meeting. Has underlined that was no fluke with some smart efforts at the highest level since but he has 5¼ lengths to make up on Field of Gold from last month's Irish 2000 Guineas.

6 2 RULING COURT (USA) (45) (D) 99
13-11 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Charlie Appleby **William Buick**
Took his career record to 3-4 when holding the fast finish of Field of Gold in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) in May. A late withdrawal from the Derby at Epsom recently due to the ground being too soft. Sure to go well but might find Field of Gold too strong this time.

7 4 WINDLORD (24) (D) 89
4213-28 3 9-2 | 58.1kg

Andrew Balding **Oisin Murphy**
Placed twice at Group level but weakened to finish well behind ownermate Field of Gold in the Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh (1m, good) 24 days ago. first-time cheekpieces worn on that occasion are retained. Nothing in his record to suggest he'll be up the task here.

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-6 Field of Gold, **11-4** Ruling Court, **11-2** Henri Matisse, **33-1** Rashabar, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FIELD OF GOLD allowed Ruling Court first run when finishing half a length behind him in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket. He looked a potentially top-class miler when an easy winner of the Irish version under new rider Colin Keane since and can take his revenge on Godolphin's colt now. French Guineas winner Henri Matisse looks clear best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FIELD OF GOLD 2. RULING COURT 3. HENRI MATISSE

5.00

RACE 5

ASCOT STAKES (Heritage Handicap) (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £110,000 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course. There is also an inner Flat course which allows the option of switching the round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Even**

1 19 DAWN RISING (IRE) (39) (C, D) t **89**
753561-60 **8** 9-12 | 62.6kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **Declan McDonogh**
Won the Queen Alexandra at this meeting 2 years ago and first success since when landing Curragh Group 3 last autumn. However, never figured over an inadequate trip on return at Naas and good bit to prove having ran no sort of race in last month's Chester Cup. Tongue strap on.

2 9 ARTISTIC STAR (IRE) (44) **98**
7344/47-74 **5** 9-12 | 62.6kg

Ralph Beckett **Jack Dace (7lb/3kg)**
Presumably not the easiest to train but he did fare better than he had at Kempton in January when fourth of 10 in handicap at Newmarket (14f) at the start of last month. Rider takes off a handy 7 lb but stamina has to be firmly taken on trust over this marked longer trip.

3 5 DIVINE COMEDY (IRE) (39) **98**
12580-230 **7** 9-11 | 62.1kg

Harry Eustace **David Probert**
Developed into a very likeable mare adding to her tally at Haydock (16.2f) prior to finishing a smashing second in this race 12 months ago. Resumed with in-the-frame efforts in listed/Group 3 company and caught wider than ideal when down the field in last month's Chester Cup. Each-way claims.

4 12 SAN SALVADOR (IRE) (24) (D) **88**
116 **9** 9-11 | 62.1kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **H. J. Horgan (5lb/2kg)**
Useful jumps winner and of similar merit in this sphere, winning 5-runner minor event from the front at Killarney (14.2f) last month. Found the going too tough when sixth of 7 in listed race at the Curragh (12f) since and whilst switch to handicaps rates a plus, others appeal more.

5 13 ALIGN THE STARS (IRE) (24) s **94**
1188-3074 **4** 9-10 | 61.7kg

Charlie Johnston **Joe Fanning**
Very progressive in staying handicaps last summer, completing hat-trick at Goodwood (14f) in August. Mostly down the field since, having no excuses when fourth of 6 in handicap at Haydock (16.2f) 24 days ago. Cheekpieces reached for now upped further in trip.

6 14 FEIGNING MADNESS (48) **97**
11/54-44 **4** 9-9 | 61.2kg

Ralph Beckett **Hector Crouch**
Two from 2 as a juvenile and very lightly raced since, far from disgraced despite finishing last of 4 in Sagaro Stakes at this course (2m, firm) in April. Appeals as the type who ought to be suited by this sort of test but he may well benefit from a softer surface than he's going to encounter here.

7 18 EAST INDIA DOCK (39) s **97**
1204314-1 **4** 9-8 | 60.8kg

James Owen **James Doyle**
4-y-o who made a fine start over hurdles for James Owen, winning 3 times prior to a sound third in the Triumph at Cheltenham. Career-best display returned to this sphere when landing Chester Cup (18.6f) in good style 39 days ago and this even longer trip could unlock further improvement. Player.

8 4 MANXMAN (IRE) (25) v **96**
1/23312-21 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg

Simon & Ed Crisford **Sean Dylan Bowen**
5-y-o who boasts a fine strike rate and showed himself better than ever when winning 12-runner handicap at Goodwood (2m, good) 25 days ago, by neck from Mr Hampstead. Return to this longer distance promises to hold no fears (second in last season's Cesarewitch) and he's one to consider.

9 6 ASCENDING (IRE) (42) **99**
221-1 **6** 9-7 | 60.3kg

Henry de Bromhead, Ireland **William James Lee**
Ended a frustrating run of seconds when a wide-margin winner at Dundalk (2m) in November and picked up where he left off following a 5-month break when following up at Cork (12f) 6 weeks ago, battling well. Claims from 2 lb higher mark now stepping back up significantly in trip.

10 15 LIARI (FR) (30) **94**
215/1 **5** 9-7 | 60.3kg

Michael Bell **Kieran Shoemark**
Fairly useful 3-time winner over hurdles for Paul Nicholls who made a dominant return to the Flat starting out for new yard when making all in 6-runner Newmarket handicap (14f) 30 days ago. Appeals as the type who will have no issues with this much longer trip but dominating this field won't be easy

11 8 ZOFFEE (39) **94**
0/100940-3 **9** 9-6 | 59.9kg

Hugo Palmer **Oisin Murphy**
Last season's Chester Cup winner who proved hit and miss thereafter but he did return to form when third in corresponding race 39 days ago. Sixth in this race from a 1 lb higher mark 2 years ago and likely he'll have to settle for a minor role again.

12 3 SATURN (IRE) (42) (BF) t **98**
31/1318-18 **5** 9-5 | 59.4kg

Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland **Shane Foley**
Progressive 2-time winner in 2024 who added to his tally after 9 months off in 6-runner handicap at Navan (14f) in April. Subsequent run when eighth of 9 behind re-opposing Ascending 6 weeks ago has to go down as disappointing but he appeals as the type to bounce back. Significantly up in trip.

13 20 NURBURGRING (IRE) (24) s+t **95**
5030/644-0 **5** 9-5 | 59.4kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **C. T. Keane**
Very useful and versatile performer who ran his best race over fences when fourth in a Cheltenham Festival handicap in March. Left poorly placed and never figured back on Flat when seventeenth of 19 in handicap at the Curragh (10f, good) 24 days ago but better anticipated back up in trip.

14 11 ALPHONSE LE GRANDE (IRE) (23) t **95**
5111081-0 **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg

A. J. Martin, Ireland **Jamie Spencer**
Signed off a highly-productive 2024 with success in the Cesarewitch at Newmarket (18f) and left the impression he'll be a lot sharper for last month's reappearance twelfth of 20 in handicap at the Curragh (14f) 23 days ago. Remains pretty unexposed over marathon trips and he's worth a second look.

15 1 REACHING HIGH (IRE) (32) (BF) **100**
8/623210-2 **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland **Ryan Moore**
Relished the step up to 1¼m when easily off the mark at Wolverhampton in August. Clearly not himself in Melrose at York next time but resumed for new yard/after 9 months off with a very good second of 14 in handicap at Leopardstown (12f) 32 days ago. Very interesting up in trip for leading outfit.

16 16 COMFORT ZONE (IRE) (247) b **96**
2/071- **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **Tom Marquand**
Useful sort who justified good support when resuming winning ways in 20-runner handicap at Naas (2m) in October before an excellent third over hurdles at Leopardstown (21f) over Christmas. Not in same form next 2 starts in that sphere but he's not yet fully exposed over marathon trips on the level.

17 17 LEINSTER (IRE) (39) **96**
8/13-14 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland **D. B. McMonagle**
Lightly-raced sort who made a winning reappearance at the Curragh (12f) in March and more than backed that up when good 3½ lengths fourth behind East India Dock in last month's Chester Cup. Appeals as the type to do better again provided his stamina holds out here.

18 2 WOOT CITY (FR) (28) s **88**
17016-242 **8** 9-3 | 58.5kg

Fabrice Chappet, France **Stephane Pasquier**
Useful performer in France, successful twice during 2024 at up to 2m. Returned in good order this spring, second of 6 in minor event at Angers (14.9f, good, 10/1) 28 days ago, well positioned. Consistency clearly an asset but this demands more on first crack at this sort of trip.

19 7 MR HAMPSTEAD (USA) (25) **99**
2/43003-12 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg

Raphael Freire **David Egan**
Improver stepped up to 2m this season, comfortably off the mark at Goodwood before finishing a very good neck second behind Manxman over same C&D 25 days ago, deserving of extra credit having helped force the pace. Well worth his place in this field and respected up 2 lb.

5.00**ASCOT STAKES (Heritage Handicap) (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100) £110,000 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)**

RACE 5

**20 10 PONIROS (262)** h **97**

13/220830- 4 9-2 | 58.1kg



W. P. Mullins, Ireland

William Buick

Acquired by connections for 200,000 gns and produced a remarkable effort when making a winning hurdles debut in the Triumph at Cheltenham in March. Proved that no fluke when runner-up in Punchestown Grade 1 next time and potentially well treated on those efforts returned to the Flat. Player.

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-1 Reaching High, **13-2** East India Dock, **7-1** Poniros, **12-1** Manxman, **18-1** Mr Hampstead, **18-1** Ascending, **18-1** Alphonse Le Grande, **18-1** Nurburgring, **18-1** Liari, **20-1** Leinster, **22-1** Divine Comedy, **22-1** Comfort Zone, **22-1** Zoffee, **28-1** Dawn Rising, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

No shortage of potential players in a cracking renewal with REACHING HIGH selected to come out on top. He made a very solid start for Willie Mullins when finding only one ridden more prominently too good on return at Leopardstown (12f) 32 days ago and, completely unexposed over marathon trips, he's of firm interest again. Poniros was a remarkable winner of the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in March and also needs factoring in. Chester Cup winner East India Dock and Manxman are others to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**1. REACHING HIGH 2. PONIROS 3. EAST INDIA DOCK****WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2024	Pledgeofallegiance 4-8-13	20-1	Sir Mark Prescott Bt	Luke Morris	20
2023	Ahorsewithoname 8-9-8	7-1	Nicky Henderson	William Buick	19
2022	Coltrane 5-9-10	14-1	Andrew Balding	Callum Hutchinson (5)	19
2021	Reshoun 7-9-7	66-1	Ian Williams	William Buick	19
2020	Coeur de Lion 7-9-1	16-1	Alan King	Thore Hammer-Hansen (5)	19

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

5.35

WOLFERTON STAKES (Listed) (1) 4yo+ £120,000
1m1f212y (2000 Metres)

RACE 6



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course. There is also an inner Flat course which allows the option of switching the round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **Favours High** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	9	GALEN (43) (D)	s	91
	148-46515	4 9-10 61.7kg		
Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland D. B. McMonagle Smart 4-y-o who was fit from a stint in Dubai when making all in Group 3 Alleged Stakes at the Curragh on his penultimate start. Seen to good effect on that occasion and unable to pull off same tactics in Group 2 back there 6 weeks ago. Has a bit to find with a few on these terms, however.				
2	16	LIBERTY LANE (IRE) (25) (D)		95
	70212-531	5 9-8 60.8kg		
K. R. Burke Clifford Lee An impressive winner of the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket (9f) in September and steadily worked his way back to that sort of form this spring, making breakthrough at this level in 9-runner Goodwood contest (9.9f) 25 days ago, by a neck from Meydaan. Should give another good account.				
3	10	MILITARY ORDER (IRE) (19) (D)		93
	105/217-14	5 9-8 60.8kg		
Charlie Appleby William Buick Something of a stop-start theme to his career, but no doubting his ability, proving as good as ever following 13 months off when taking Kempton listed race (10f) in April. Couldn't replicate that when fourth in Brigadier Gerard and whilst he's not discounted, his best efforts have come on synthetics				
4	15	PHANTOM FLIGHT (19) (D)		93
	25-112463	6 9-8 60.8kg		
George Scott Callum Shepherd Smart gelding who was successful twice in Bahrain around the turn of the year. Best effort since when plugging on for third in last month's Brigadier Gerard at Sandown (10f) 19 days ago but likelihood is he'll need to pull out a bit more if he's to take this.				
5	3	AMBIENTE FRIENDLY (IRE) (46)	h	91
	412305-44	4 9-5 59.4kg		
James Owen Robert Havlin Very smart 3-y-o who was placed in the Derby/Irish Derby in 2024 for James Fanshawe. However, ended that campaign below his best and he's been a rare disappointment for new stable in 2 starts so far this season. Hood goes back on but he has it to prove even allowing for the drop in grade.				
6	14	CHECKANDCHALLENGE (31) (D)		95
	3265-2835	6 9-5 59.4kg		
William Knight Silvestre De Sousa Smart performer who was a respectable sixth in this race 12 months ago and looked as good as ever this term, 4 lengths fifth of 8 in Group 1 Lockinge at Newbury (1m) 31 days ago. However, surprise where not to find a few too strong again.				
7	8	ECUREUIL SECRET (FR) (11) (D)		97
	143323-1	4 9-5 59.4kg		
Richard Fahey Oisin James Orr Progressive at 3 yrs for Edward O'Grady in Ireland and he took his form up a notch after 8 months off/gelded when impressively landing 13-runner handicap at Epsom (10f) 11 days ago. Well worth his place at this level on that evidence and feasible to think he could yet have more to offer.				
8	2	ENFJAAR (IRE) (19) (D)	h	96
	06/11252-5	5 9-5 59.4kg		
Roger Varian Jim Crowley Progressive last term, winning John Smith's Cup before an excellent second in handicap at Glorious Goodwood. Runner-up at listed level on final start at Ayr and promises to come forward from his reappearance fifth in Brigadier Gerard at Sandown 3 weeks ago. Interesting with a hood refitted.				
9	5	HAATEM (IRE) (26) (C, BF)		100
	55/1321-54	4 9-5 59.4kg		
Richard Hannon James Doyle Had a highly-productive 3-y-o campaign, victories in the Craven/Jersey Stakes book ending placed efforts in English/Irish Guineas. Best not judged too harshly on each of his 2 starts so far this spring and interesting if seeing out this longer trip.				

10	4	HAUNTED DREAM (IRE) (115) (D)	t	95
	420181-24	6 9-5 59.4kg		
Hamad Al Jehani Mickael Barzalona Tremendously admirable individual who ran a cracker when runner-up in this 12 months ago, and successful twice thereafter. Held his form well abroad more recently, fourth in Ryadh Group 2 when last seen 115 days ago. Looks sure to give another good account.				
11	12	KING'S GAMBIT (IRE) (31) (D)		95
	2/12237-46	4 9-5 59.4kg		
Harry Charlton James McDonald Impressive winner of the London Gold Cup on reappearance last year and even better form when placed at listed/Group level next 3 outings (unlucky here). Not at best having been gelded/equipped with blinkers when sixth in Newbury Grp. 3 last month but certainly not ruled out back down in trip.				
12	11	MEYDAAN (IRE) (25) (D)		96
	531447-52	4 9-5 59.4kg		
Simon & Ed Crisford Harry Davies Successful on sole start as a 2-y-o and made breakthrough at listed level at Goodwood (11.2f) last spring. Never built on that thereafter but gelded and firmly back on track, building on his reappearance fifth when just touched off by Liberty Lane at Goodwood (9.9f) 25 days ago. Worth a second look.				
13	13	PASSION AND GLORY (IRE) (23) (CD)		95
	3148-5247	9 9-5 59.4kg		
Saeed bin Suroor Rossa Ryan C&D winner who resumed winning ways in 12f handicap here last July. Confirmed himself as good as ever aged 9 when twice making the frame at Meydan before a lesser effort in Longchamp Group 1 23 days ago. Record here stands at 2-2 which rates a positive ahead of this at least.				
14	1	SONS AND LOVERS (43)		94
	363284-34	4 9-5 59.4kg		
Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland Ryan Moore Winless since his debut as a 2-y-o but hard to knock his consistency, stepping up on his yard return/yard debut effort when fourth in Group 2 Mooresbridge Stakes at the Curragh 6 weeks ago. Booking of Ryan Moore catches the eye back in listed company and he's no ruled out.				
15	7	TORITO (364) (D)	s	95
	1214/33-	5 9-5 59.4kg		
John & Thady Gosden C. T. Keane Very lightly raced 5-y-o who was successful twice in 2023 and acquitted himself with plenty of credit on each of his 2 visits to this meeting, latterly when third in this race 12 months ago. Absent again since but his record fresh is a definite plus ahead of this. Cheekpieces on 1st time.				
16	6	DOHA (33) (C, D)		91
	2125210-6	5 9-3 58.5kg		
Ralph Beckett Hector Crouch Regally-bred filly who won Kensington Palace at this meeting 12 months ago and further progress when winning French listed contest in October. Stamina stretched on Final start but she does need to step up considerably on what was a low-key reappearance in the Middleton at York 33 days ago.				

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Enfjaar, **7-1** Haatem, **9-1** Military Order, **11-1** Ecoreuil Secret, **12-1** Liberty Lane, **14-1** Sons And Lovers, **16-1** King's Gambit, **16-1** Ambiente Friendly, **18-1** Meydaan, **18-1** Torito, **22-1** Haunted Dream, **22-1** Phantom Flight, **22-1** Galen, **25-1** Doha, **33-1** Checkandchallenge, **50-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Having signed off an excellent 3-y-o season with success in the Jersey Stakes at this meeting 12 months ago, HAATEM should be firmly back up to speed following 2 runs over shorter this spring (not seen to best effect latest) and, unexposed at this trip, he could well be worth siding with to come out on top. Enfjaar is expected to step up on his reappearance fourth in the Brigadier Gerard and is next best ahead of Epsom scorer Ecoreuil Secret. Torito and Liberty Lane complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HAATEM 2. ENFJAAR 3. ECUREUIL SECRET

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Israr 5-9-5	11-4jf	John & Thady Gosden	Jim Crowley	15
2023	Royal Champion 5-9-8	16-1	Roger Varian	Jack Mitchell	16
2022	Dubai Future 6-9-8	20-1	Saeed bin Suroor	Daniel Tudhope	16
2021	Juan Elcano 4-9-3	14-1	Kevin Ryan	Andrea Atzeni	13
2020	Mountain Angel 6-9-3	8-1	Roger Varian	James Doyle	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

6.10

COPPER HORSE STAKES (Handicap) (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £110,000 1¾m34y (2850 Metres)

RACE 7



Going: **Good to Firm (Good in places)**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course. There is also an inner Flat course which allows the option of switching the round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1 17 PRYDWEN (IRE) (17) (D) 99
9811-64P0 7 9-12 | 62.6kg

George Scott *Hector Crouch*
Had an excellent 2024, winning 4 times, including Deutsches St Leger at Dortmund. More miss than hit so far this year, but shaped as if better for the run after 3 months off over an inadequate trip at Haydock latest



2 14 ENDLESS VICTORY (130) 95
11591-39 4 9-11 | 61.2kg

Charlie Appleby *William Buick*
Resumed progress/winning ways in determined fashion at Yarmouth (10.1f) in August and again ran well when third of 15 at Meydan (9.9f, good) 4 months later. Pulled his chance away in a similar event there last time and will need to settle better over this still longer trip.



3 5 SAMUI (18) 97 s+t
1212330-5 6 9-9 | 61.2kg

Gordon Elliott, Ireland *C. T. Keane*
Useful hurdler who was progressive in this code last term, running out a wide-margin winner of a Killarney handicap and backing that up with a good second at York. Seemed to go off the boil a bit in the autumn, though shaped okay under a considerate ride in a Down Royal listed event last month.



4 19 FAIRBANKS (290) (D) 96 b
61261204- 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

William Durkan, Ireland *C. D. Hayes*
Progressive equipped with headgear for Andrew Balding last term, winning a brace of handicaps at up to 14f. Cemented a positive start over hurdles for new yard when landing a 2m Ballinrobe maiden last month and could go well back in this sphere.



5 15 CRYPTO FORCE (23) 96
673644-68 5 9-9 | 61.2kg

Adrian Murray, Ireland *David Egan*
Dual winner at 2 yrs but has yet to add to his tally, though faced a stiff task in a strong renewal of the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh last time. Significantly up in trip for a belated handicap debut.



6 12 REAL DREAM (IRE) (69) (CD) 98 t
103/257-34 6 9-8 | 60.8kg

Ian Williams *David Probert*
Showed smart form at best for Sir Michael Stoute but ended 2024 with a pair of below-par efforts in listed company and went backwards from his reappearance when well a well-beaten last of 4 in listed race at Nottingham in April. Tongue strap refitted.



7 7 FRENCH MASTER (IRE) (24) (D) 100 b ★
911-21 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

John & Thady Gosden *James Doyle*
Well-bred individual who continues to go the right way, value for extra over the result when winning 8-runner handicap at Goodwood (14f, good) 24 days ago, overcoming plenty of trouble. Open to further improvement, especially now fitted with blinkers.



8 3 BARNSO (52) 97
812235-44 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

Miss Natalia Lupini, Ireland *Oisin Murphy*
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Now retired Kyprios in listed race (40/1) at Navan (14f, soft) 52 days ago. Merits consideration back in handicap company.



9 1 CHARLUS (IRE) (388) 88
1/112- 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland *Ryan Moore*
Showed useful form when successful on 3 of his 4 starts at up to 9.95f in France for Jean-Claude Rouget. Sold for €315,000 and made a successful hurdling bow at Naas prior to finishing well held in the Triumph Hurdle. Interesting back in this sphere upped markedly in trip with Ryan Moore booked.



10 13 LAVENDER HILL MOB (32) 97 s
39147-541 4 9-5 | 59.4kg

James Owen *Cieren Fallon*
Produced a career best from somewhat out of the blue when winning 5-runner handicap at Newmarket (12f, good to firm) 32 days ago, making running and finding plenty. 4 lb rise seems fair and the return to further shouldn't pose him any problems.



11 11 LOUGHVILLE (24) 93
33157-337 5 9-5 | 59.4kg

Alan King *Rossa Ryan*
Multiple winner in handicap company last year and has shown improved form this season, running a cracker to finish third in listed company at Goodwood on penultimate outing. However, was too free back in handicap company in race won by French Master at Goodwood last time.



12 9 CABALLO DE MAR (IRE) (24) (D) 97 s
211-11121 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

George Scott *Callum Shepherd*
Big improver since stepped up in trip, making it 5 in a row when scoring readily by 4 lengths at Southwell (2m) in April. Good second under a penalty in Chester Cup before resuming winning ways in 6-runner handicap at Haydock (16.2f). Up 4 lb but further progress can't be ruled out.



13 6 MY MATE MOZZIE (IRE) (261) (BF) 96 t ✓
715/390- 9 9-4 | 59.0kg

Gavin Patrick Cromwell, Ireland *Warren Fentiman (5lb/2kg)*
Useful performer who posted an excellent third in Copper Horse Handicap last June before running creditably in the Ebor at York. Shaped well in a pair of competitive handicap chases prior to running below form in the Red Rum at Aintree. Handy 5-lb claimer up on return to this code.



14 16 CHAMPAGNE PRINCE (115) 84
206121-14 4 9-4 | 59.0kg

Jane Chapple-Hyam *Billy Loughnane*
Has developed into a smart performer, cranking it up another notch when winning 4-runner conditions stakes at Southwell (11.1f) in January. However, came up short in his hat-trick bid in deeper waters back there last time and it remains to be seen if he's as effective on turf.



15 18 JESSE EVANS (IRE) (76) (D) 97 t
11463/40-4 9 9-3 | 58.5kg

Noel Meade, Ireland *Oisin James Orr*
Useful gelding who returned to this code on the back of a wide-margin win over hurdles. Could well have a say.



16 2 AERONAUTIC (IRE) (24) 96 t
5114-0 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland *D. B. McMonagle*
Looked a smart prospect last year when winning maiden (10.7f) and minor event (12.8f) last July. Down the field on handicap debut/reappearance at the Curragh last month but should strip fitter for the outing and of some interest back up markedly in trip.



RESERVES

17 8 HMS PRESIDENT (IRE) (132) (D) 91 v
2120/0-6 8 9-3 | 58.5kg

Alan King *Reserve*
Useful sort who looked a little rusty back on the Flat after 8 weeks off when last of 6 at Kempton in February. Found only one too good in a Warwick novice hurdle the following month but was well held in a competitive Sandown handicap on most recent outing. Visor on for 1st time. RESERVE.



18 4 PAPPANO (256) (D) 95
3/1658513- 4 9-3 | 58.5kg

W. P. Mullins, Ireland *Reserve*
Developed into a useful handicap for John & Thady Gosden, doubling his tally back on the AW at Southwell last September, well ridden. Looked badly in need of experience when pulled up in Triumph Hurdle and now returns to the Flat for a yard that has won the last 2 renewals of this race. RESERVE.



19 10 CRYSTAL FLYER (17) 96
416212-17 4 9-2 | 58.1kg

Tom Ward *Reserve*
Dual winner at Goodwood last term who progressed again when making a winning return in 8-runner handicap at Southwell (12.1f) in April. Seemingly found out in better company at York subsequently and needs to resume progress back in handicap company. RESERVE.



16 DECLARED RUNNERS (3 RESERVES)

6.10**COPPER HORSE STAKES (Handicap) (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-105) £110,000 1¾m34y (2850 Metres)**

RACE 7

**BETTING FORECAST:**

3-1 French Master, **11-2** Charlus, **8-1** Caballo De Mar, **12-1** Aeronautic, **14-1** Lavender Hill Mob, **18-1** Endless Victory, **22-1** Barnso, **22-1** Jesse Evans, **25-1** Prydwen, **25-1** Samui, **28-1** My Mate Mozzie, **28-1** Fairbanks, **33-1** Real Dream, **33-1** Loughville, **33-1** Champagne Prince, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

FRENCH MASTER did well to overcome plenty of trouble at Goodwood on his most recent outing and is a straightforward choice to follow up, especially with further progress surely on the cards now fitted with blinkers (has shown a tendency to race in snatches). Charlus is totally unexposed for a stable that has won the last 2 renewals of this race, so he's of firm interest also, with the highly-progressive Caballo de Mar and Aeronautic others to note.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. FRENCH MASTER 2. CHARLUS 3. CABALLO DE MAR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Belloccio 6-9-7	4-1	W.P. Mullins	William Buick	16
2023	Vauban 5-9-8	evsf	W.P. Mullins	Ryan Moore	16
2022	Get Shirty 6-9-6	16-1	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	16
2021	Amtiyaz 4-9-1	33-1	John & Thady Gosden	Hollie Doyle	15
2020	Fujaira Prince 6-9-4	3-1f	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race