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QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY TWO-YEAR-OLD CONDITIONS STAKES (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 1 **(2) ARAPAHO GOLD | (5) INNER CITY BLUES | (6) NIGHT IN VEGAS**

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QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (Group 1) (1) 1m7f209y (3210 Metres)

RACE 2 **(9) HIGHWAYMAN | (2) CABALLO DE MAR | (4) GREGORY**

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QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (Group 1) (1) 6f (1210 Metres)

RACE 3 **(1) ALMERAQ | (12) DIVISION | (9) PABORUS**

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QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m3f211y (2410 Metres)

RACE 4 **(3) KALPANA | (4) MINNIE HAUKE | (11) SPARAN NUA**

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

RACE 5 **(3) MORE THUNDER | (10) TALK OF NEW YORK | (6) GSTAAD**

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QATAR RACING CHAMPION STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)

RACE 6 **(5) OMBUDSMAN | (3) CALANDAGAN | (2) BAY CITY ROLLER**

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BALMORAL HANDICAP (2) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

RACE 7 **(15) SCOVILLE | (20) GAVRIEL | (16) EXCELLENT BELIEVE**

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.

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RACE 1

QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY TWO-YEAR-OLD CONDITIONS STAKES (2) 2yo £250,000 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: Good		
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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Strong		
1	4	ADAAY OF SCARLETT (IRE) (28) (C) 12222576 2 9-7 60.3kg  James Doyle
Early-season juvenile with wins at Newmarket and this venue in the spring. Runner-up next 4 outings at listed/Group 2 level, including Coventry Stakes over C&D. Recent efforts suggest a busy campaign has caught up with him and this is another tough assignment on the back of a gelding operation.		
2	10	ARAPAHO GOLD (IRE) (28) (D, BF) 11113 2 9-7 60.3kg  Connor Beasley
Impressive winner on first 2 starts at Thirsk before taking step up to listed level in his stride at Newbury. Displayed a cracking attitude in the Gimcrack at York (6f) in August and did very little wrong when tasting defeat for the first time conceding weight in Mill Reef Stakes. Sets the standard.		
3	8	CONFUCIUS (IRE) (21) (D) 216337 2 9-7 60.3kg  Ryan Moore
Decisive winner of a Naas maiden on second start and he progressed further when sixth in the Coventry at Royal Ascot. However, hasn't scaled same heights since and no surprise a quick experiment with blinkers is shelved having pulled hard in the Middle Park Stakes 3 weeks ago.		
4	1	CRUSHERMAN (IRE) (13) (D) 510 2 9-7 60.3kg  David Egan
Left debut form well behind when winning 10-runner maiden at Newbury (6.5f, firm) in August. Too free to see out 7f when last of 10 to Amusingly pitched into the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp and this another stiff task.		
5	2	INNER CITY BLUES (IRE) (21) (D, BF) 115 2 9-7 60.3kg  William Buick
€900,000 breeze-up buy who fully confirmed promise of his debut win at York when following up in 3-runner Group 2 on the July Course, readily beating the Coventry runner-up. Failed to meet expectations when favourite for the Middle Park Stakes 3 weeks ago but a bounce back looks on the cards.		
6	5	NIGHT IN VEGAS (IRE) (14) (CD) 1153111 2 9-7 60.3kg  Charles Bishop
Has already had a superb season, scooping his third valuable sales pot upped to 7f for the first time at Newmarket 2 weeks ago. That form isn't far removed from the best on offer and he's a tough and likeable sort.		
7	11	OAKFORD (IRE) (29) (D) 521 2 9-7 60.3kg  Lewis Edmunds
Continued theme of race-by-race progress when landing 15-runner maiden at Newbury 4 weeks ago. Had plenty in hand on that occasion but another jolt of improvement is required in this company.		
8	7	SATELLITE OF LOVE (IRE) (14) (D) 11521 2 9-7 60.3kg  Rossa Ryan
Looked a good prospect when winning maiden at Windsor on debut and a novice at Newbury. Well below-par under much softer ground conditions at York (6f) after but greatly improved when a clear second of 17 to Night In Vegas and backed that up when going one place better in the Two-Year-Old Trophy.		
9	6	THEHEATISON (8) (D) 51432523 2 9-7 60.3kg  Pat Dobbs
Novice winner at Bath in July but limit fairly established after and it's a couple of notches below this one.		
10	9	VICTORY GOLD (IRE) (49) 240121 2 9-7 60.3kg  Oisin Murphy
Going the right way, again ridden positively when doubling tally in a 7f nursery at Sandown in August. Return to 6f no issue but dominating this bunch is a different assignment.		
11	3	SPEED OF SOUND (IRE) (22) (D) 321315 2 9-2 58.1kg  Saffie Osborne
Shaped well when placed in a York sales race after shedding her maiden status at Yarmouth and showed her opening mark to be all wrong when a dominant winner at Doncaster (6.5f) last month. Was run out of it late on upped to 7f in the Rockfel Stakes and on that evidence, return to 6f is a good move.		
11 DECLARED RUNNERS		
BETTING FORECAST:		
9-4 Inner City Blues, 11-4 Arapaho Gold, 6-1 Satellite of Love, 7-1 Night In Vegas, 25-1 Confucius, 25-1 Speed of Sound, 25-1 Victory Gold, 33-1 Adaay of Scarlett, 33-1 Oakford, 100-1 bar		
TIMEFORM VIEW:		
Despite meeting with defeat for the first time, ARAPAHO GOLD arguably enhanced his reputation trying to concede weight all round in the Mill Reef at Newbury and he looks a very solid proposition in this good-quality opening race. Inner City Blues remains a top prospect despite a slightly underwhelming effort in the Middle Park, while Night In Vegas has already had a lucrative season and can make his presence felt again.		
TIMEFORM 1-2-3:		
1. ARAPAHO GOLD 2. INNER CITY BLUES 3. NIGHT IN VEGAS		
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:		
2025 Mission Central 2-9-7 5-1 Aidan O'Brien Christophe Soumillon 11		
SMART STATS:		
No Smart Stats available for this race		

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RACE 2

QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP

(Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £500,000 1m7f209y (3210 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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

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AMELIA EARHART (IRE) (14)

1-1655233 3 8-13 | 56.7kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Made a successful return in the Cheshire Oaks and back in top form this autumn with third in the St Leger at Doncaster and Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp (1¼m, good). This is a tough ask, though.

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C. T. Keane

1	5	AMILOC (36) (C)	s	95
	124-66U71	4 9-9 61.2kg	Rossa Ryan	
Ralph Beckett A 3-time winner in 2025, including in the Group 2 King Edward VII at the Royal Meeting here. Posted a solid sixth in the Hardwicke here in June and back on song with victory in 4-runner conditions event at Salisbury (1¼m, soft) last month. Cheekpieces go on now and this demands a personal best.				
2	6	CABALLO DE MAR (IRE) (14) (D)	b+t	98
	7-2210411	5 9-9 61.2kg	Oisin Murphy	
George Scott Game and likeable stayer who has bounced back in fine style with victories in the Doncaster Cup and Prix du Cadran (2½m, good) in the last month, gamely edging out Scandinavia on latter occasion. Set for another big run.				
3	9	DAIQUIRI BAY (56) (C)		95
	84353-111	4 9-9 61.2kg	William Buick	
Alan King Proving highly progressive and went 3-3 this season with victory in 22-runner Ebor Handicap at York (1¼m, good to soft) in August, adding to his earlier win in the Copper Horse at the Royal Meeting here. Tenacious sort and can't be totally dismissed in this higher grade on his first try at 2m.				
4	4	GREGORY (23) (C, D)		99
	37335/7-11	6 9-9 61.2kg	James Doyle	
John & Thady Gosden Infrequently raced in recent seasons but back from a 16-month absence (had a breathing operation) better than ever with wins in listed events at York in June and Newmarket (2m) last month, scoring by 11 lengths on latter occasion. Comes here fresher than most and not out of things.				
5	3	MOUNT ATLAS (57) (C)		94
	924-22313	5 9-9 61.2kg	P. J. McDonald	
Andrew Balding Smart and reliable performer who gained a first pattern success in Group 3 Silver Cup at York (1¼m) in July. Backed it up with a solid third in Lonsdale Cup there (2m, good to soft) last time. A fair bit more is required here, however.				
6	7	OPPORTUNITY (56) (C)		99
	149-31123	4 9-9 61.2kg	Tom Marquand	
William Haggas Much improved this season having been gelded, following up his ready Carlisle success in the Duke of Edinburgh at Royal Ascot. Took his form up another level with a neck third of 22 in the Ebor at York (1¼m, good to soft) last time. This demands more but he could be up to it on his first go at 2m.				
7	8	QUEENSTOWN (IRE) (14)	b	96
	36332-123	6 9-9 61.2kg	Ryan Moore	
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Smart stayer. Not seen out until August this season but made a winning return in Group 3 at the Curragh and has backed it up with good placed efforts in the Irish St Leger and Prix du Cadran (behind Caballo de Mar) since. Possibilities.				
8	1	QUICKTHORN (36) (C, D)		87
	5461/54	9 9-9 61.2kg	Kieran Shoemark	
Hughie Morrison A very useful stayer at his best. Returned from 2 years off with an encouraging fifth in the Lonsdale Cup at York (2m) in August but trailed in a remote last of 4 behind Amiloc in conditions event at Salisbury since.				
9	2	HIGHWAYMAN (FR) (35)	★	100
	9008111	3 9-2 58.1kg	D. B. McMonagle	
Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland Upwardly-mobile young stayer who enjoyed his finest hour when completing a hat-trick in 11-runner St Leger at Doncaster last month, staying on strongly. Has more to offer still over this longer trip and could be the way to go.				

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Caballo De Mar, 7-2 Highwayman, 13-2 Gregory, 8-1 Queenstown, 12-1 Opportunity, 14-1 Amiloc, 16-1 Daiquiri Bay, 16-1 Mount Atlas, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Joseph O'Brien's upwardly-mobile stayer HIGHWAYMAN can add to his St Leger triumph and extend his winning sequence to 4 with this first go over 2m bound to suit. Caballo de Mar is a big threat on the back of his game Prix du Cadran success from the absent Scandinavia, although the rejuvenated Gregory is also well in the mix and Ebor 1-3 Daiquiri Bay and Opportunity rate lively outsiders too in this fascinating clash.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HIGHWAYMAN 2. CABALLO DE MAR 3. GREGORY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Trawlerman	7-9-9	5-6f	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	5
2024	Kyprios	6-9-9	8-11f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	9
2023	Trawlerman	5-9-9	9-1	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	8
2022	Trueshan	6-9-9	11-8f	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	8
2021	Trueshan	5-9-7	evsf	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES

(Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £500,000 6f (1210 Metres)



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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Strong		
1	8	ALMERAQ (42) (CD) 100
	1/21F-1191 4 9-4 59.0kg	Tom Marquand
Won 4 of first 6 completed starts, notably Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good to firm) in June. Landed a second top-level success in fine style in the 8-runner Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, soft) by 4¼ lengths from Paborus and that form sets the standard, with any rain a plus.		
2	14	BINHAREER (IRE) (7) (D) 90
	361-26494 4 9-4 59.0kg	Cieren Fallon
Heritage handicap winner at York last October and got back on track when fourth of 21 in the latest renewal of that race last week. Remains some lingering awkwardness about him, though, and he'll need more to bridge the gap to this level. Cheekpieces on first time.		
3	9	GREAT WISH (IRE) (48) (D) 91
	15-147611 5 9-4 59.0kg	William Buick
Good sixth in the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes over C&D at Royal meeting and has since scored in a Klampenborg listed race and a Deauville Group 3, doing so with plenty in hand in the latter. Place claims.		
4	16	JAMES'S DELIGHT (IRE) (42) (D) 90
	5100-6334 5 9-4 59.0kg	D. B. McMonagle
Won the Group 2 Greenlands at the Curragh last year and creditable third in that race and a Group 3 there this summer. Underperformed in the Sprint Cup at Haydock latest and might be up against it again at the top level.		
5	11	JASOUR (14) (CD) 88
	6-2660506 5 9-4 59.0kg	Hector Crouch
Runner-up in a Doncaster listed race on reappearance in March. Solid efforts back at minor pattern level next 2 outings but more miss than hit since, only 5¼ lengths sixth of 11 to Hidden Force in Bengough Stakes over C&D (good to firm) 14 days ago. Hood back on. Difficult ask.		
6	10	KIND OF BLUE (17) (CD) 92
	8320-2051 5 9-4 59.0kg	Billy Loughnane
Smart sort who landed this race in 2024. Showed he's still really smart on his day when second in York Group 2 on reappearance in May and didn't need to be at best when winning 6-runner conditions stakes at Kempton (6f) 17 days ago by ¾ length from Mitbaahy. Can be involved.		
7	13	MARVELMAN (IRE) (13) 94
	10-926384 4 9-4 59.0kg	Oisin Murphy
Winless so far in 2026 but looked as good as ever when placed in Chipchase and City of York Stakes in summer. Disappointing in the Sprint Cup and ran just respectably when fourth of 8 in Prix de la Foret at Longchamp (7f) 2 weeks ago, but now has Murphy back in the saddle.		
8	2	MITBAAHY (IRE) (17) (D) 91
	0/2-052392 7 9-4 59.0kg	Saffie Osborne
Group 2 winner in his prime and placed efforts in a Newbury Group 3 and the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood this summer show he's still smart on his day. Nearest at the finish when a respectable ¾-length second of 6 to Kind of Blue in conditions stakes at Kempton (6f, 9/1) 17 days ago.		
9	1	PABORUS (42) (D) 95
	171/13-182 5 9-4 59.0kg	Daniel Tudhope
Low-mileage 5-y-o who defeated Marvelman to win 6f Newcastle Group 3 on return in June and looked very well suited by the return to sprinting on testing ground when 4¼ lengths second of 8 to Almeraq in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, soft) 42 days ago, further clear of the rest. One to take seriously.		
10	6	PRINCE OF INDIA (IRE) (14) (CD) 92
	50246212 4 9-4 59.0kg	Pat Dobbs
Won 4 times over 6f/7f last year and back on the scoreboard down in grade with a dominant performance in 7-runner listed event at Newmarket (6f) in August. Another solid effort in cheekpieces when ¾-length second of 11 to Hidden Force in Bengough Stakes over C&D (good to firm) 2 weeks ago.		
11	5	COPPULL (42) (CD) 92
	153-18417 3 9-3 58.5kg	Rossa Ryan
Fourth in the July Cup at Newmarket before landing the third pattern success of his career in the Group 3 Hungerford at Newbury, his first attempt at 7f. Looked unsuited by softer ground when 13¾ lengths seventh of 8 to Almeraq in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f) 42 days ago, so better expected.		
12	12	DIVISION (14) (D, BF) 92
	15-323524 3 9-3 58.5kg	James Doyle
Career best when going down only narrowly in Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville (6.5f, good to firm) in August. Probably asked to come from too far back when fourth in the Bengough Stakes over C&D (good to firm) 14 days ago and this set-up should still play to his strengths. Choice of James Doyle.		
13	3	POATAN (IRE) (42) (D) 89
	3513-371 3 9-3 58.5kg	Rowan Scott
Good third in listed race at Sandown (5f) in June and produced a much improved effort on just his second handicap outing when winning 9-runner handicap at Haydock (5f, soft) 42 days ago. This requires much more, though.		
14	4	POWER BLUE (IRE) (20) (D, BF) 90
	1-2744103 3 9-3 58.5kg	David Egan
Phoenix Stakes winner at 2 who bounced back to win a Group 2 at the Curragh over 7f in July. Has struggled at the very top level this year, though, and was below form when only 4¾ lengths third of 7 to Soul Love in Renaissance Stakes at the Curragh (6f, heavy) 20 days ago.		
15	15	SAMANGAN (IRE) (13) (D) 93
	11-246415 3 9-3 58.5kg	Christophe Soumillon
Seemed to find 6f in Commonwealth Cup on sharp side, but better form since when close fourth in Jean Prat and improved further when off mark for year when winning Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August. Not ideally placed when only fifth in the Prix de la Foret (7f) 2 weeks ago.		
16	7	SOUL LOVE (20) (D) 90
	1-1913121 3 9-0 57.2kg	Pierre-Louis Jamin
Ground-versatile sort who enhanced her outstanding strike rate (5 wins from 8 starts) when making all in the 7-runner Renaissance Stakes (5/2) at the Curragh (6f, heavy) 20 days ago. More needed again here but she's clearly going the right way.		
16 DECLARED RUNNERS		
BETTING FORECAST:		
13-8 Almeraq, 9-1 Kind of Blue, 10-1 Paborus, 10-1 Division, 16-1 Samangan, 16-1 Coppull, 16-1 Great Wish, 20-1 Marvelman, 20-1 Prince of India, 28-1 Soul Love, 40-1 bar		
TIMEFORM VIEW:		
ALMERAQ is perhaps at his best on a softer surface but his win in the Jubilee at the Royal Meeting here proved he's still a top-class sprinter under quicker conditions and he'll be the one to beat again as he bids for a third top-level success of the campaign. Division wasn't seen to maximum effect in the Bengough but still appeals as one who should prove well suited by this stiff 6f and he can get back on track, with Paborus also likely to make the podium behind Almeraq again.		
TIMEFORM 1-2-3:		
1. ALMERAQ 2. DIVISION 3. PABORUS		
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:		
2025	Powerful Glory 3-9-3	200-1 Richard Fahey Jamie Spencer 19
2024	Kind of Blue 3-9-3	10-1 James Fanshawe James Doyle 20
2023	Art Power 6-9-4	40-1 Tim Easterby David Allan 15
2022	Kinross 5-9-4	3-1f Ralph Beckett Frankie Dettori 18
2021	Creative Force 3-9-1	11-2 Charlie Appleby William Buick 20
SMART STATS:		
No Smart Stats available for this race		

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RACE 4

QATAR RACING BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES

STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ fillies and mares £500,000

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Draw: Against Low		Pace Information: Even	
1	13	COEDANA (IRE) (22) (D)	89
		113-23161 4 9-7 60.3kg	Connor Beasley
Progressive filly who deservedly landed a breakthrough pattern success in the Group 3 Princess Royal Stakes at Newmarket (1½m) last month. Doesn't know how to run a bad race, though may simply be outclassed in presence of bona fide Group 1 performers here.			
2	8	DANIELLE (37)	91
		2/2451-162 5 9-7 60.3kg	James Doyle
Smart Group 3 winner. Finished 5 lengths fifth on firmer-than-ideal ground in this corresponding event 12 months ago. Underlined that she's now a better filly when runner-up in Park Hill at Doncaster (14.5f) last time, typically finding plenty for pressure. Ideally needed more rain, though.			
3	1	KALPANA (13) (CD)	100
		271-12115 5 9-7 60.3kg	C. T. Keane
High-class mare. Successful in previous 2 renewals of this race. Better than ever when landing the King George in July. Followed up with a gusty win in the Yorkshire Oaks and perhaps wasn't over that when 3½-length fifth in the Arc last time. The form pick but her busy season does give some pause.			
4	12	MINNIE HAUk (IRE) (13) (D)	97
		26-152830 4 9-7 60.3kg	Ryan Moore
Narrowly denied a remarkable 6-timer in last year's Arc. Best effort since when splitting Ombudsman and a below-par Daryz over a trip short of her best here (1¼m) in June. No excuses behind Kalpana in the Yorkshire Oaks/Arc since, however, she'd be interesting if back to her Prince of Wales's form.			
5	7	SEE THE FIRE (35)	90
		429-11632 5 9-7 60.3kg	Rob Hornby
Smart mare who was beaten 3 lengths in the Champion Stakes (soft) at this fixture 2 years ago. Every bit as good when winning Group 2 Middleton at York this May and nearly added a first top-level success in Group 1 (1¼m) at Woodbine latest. Still looks the clear stable second string on form.			
6	11	TAJLINA (132) (BF)	87
		214/12-325 4 9-7 60.3kg	Pierre-Charles Boudot
Lightly-raced 4-y-o whose dam finished runner-up in the 2017 renewal of this race. Won a fillies Group 3 in France last spring. Looked unlucky not to make the places when taking on the boys in a Longchamp Group 3 (1¼m) on latest start in June. Will need to improve significantly for the longer trip.			
7	3	BELIEVED (IRE) (64) (D)	85
		421331 3 9-1 57.6kg	Oisin Murphy
Improving Frankel filly who finished a close third in strong King George V Handicap at the Royal Meeting in June. Found plenty to resume progress with Group 3 success at Cork last time. Should again benefit from a well-run race, however, this is a big step up in class.			
8	2	INIS MOR (FR) (22) (BF)	89
		2-4013282 3 9-1 57.6kg	Billy Loughnane
Smart filly. Won a listed race at Goodwood in May before progressing to place in the French and Irish Oaks. Missed a good opportunity to add a Group 3 to her resume when ½-length second to Coedana in Princess Royal last time. Looks up against it in this company, even if recapturing her Classic form.			
9	6	JOHANNA WALSH (IRE) (58) (D)	94
		3-31216 3 9-1 57.6kg	D. B. McMonagle
Looked potentially very smart when cosily winning an open-looking renewal of the Irish Oaks at the Curragh in July. Soft ground perhaps a factor in her subsequent underwhelming effort behind Kalpana in the Yorkshire Oaks. Certainly in the right hands to get back on track.			
10	10	LILT (34)	92
		1-162 3 9-1 57.6kg	Tom Marquand
From a high-class family. Impressed when making it 2-2 in a York listed race on return prior to her 4½-length sixth in the Prix de Diane. Back on the up (despite looking ungainly) when runner-up to Thundering On at the Curragh last time. Shapes as though she'll appreciate this longer trip, too.			
11	4	SPARAN NUA (IRE) (41) (D, BF)	97
		1113429 3 9-1 57.6kg	Rossa Ryan
Unbeaten prior to chasing home Johanna Walsh in Irish Oaks. Looked a tad unfortunate not to reel in Kalpana in the Yorkshire Oaks (soft) in August. Didn't confirm that marked improvement under contrasting conditions in the Prix Vermeille, though this race could well pan out more favourably.			
12	5	SUGAR ISLAND (IRE) (14)	84
		91-430700 3 9-1 57.6kg	Christophe Soumillon
Hasn't kicked on since finishing third in the Oaks at Epsom in June. Built up a big lead/forced Kalpana to make her effort earlier than ideal in the Yorkshire Oaks in August. Again likely to be employed as a pacemaker for Minnie Hauk.			
13	9	SYMBOL OF MAJESTY (34)	85
		1-15216 3 9-1 57.6kg	William Buick
Runner-up in a strong renewal of the Sandringham here before notching a third win from 5 starts in a Deauville Group 3 in August. Ran as well as could be expected when 4¼ lengths behind Thundering On in Group 2 Blandford at the Curragh subsequently. Cheekpieces go on and she has plenty to find.			
13 DECLARED RUNNERS			
BETTING FORECAST:			
6-4 Kalpana, 8-1 Minnie Hauk, 8-1 Sparan Nua, 10-1 Lilt, 14-1 Johanna Walsh, 16-1 Danielle, 16-1 See The Fire, 16-1 Believed, 28-1 Tajlina, 40-1 bar			
TIMEFORM VIEW:			
Remarkable mare KALPANA has had some tough battles this year but may have enough left in the tank to secure a third successive victory in this race. Minnie Hauk's standout effort this season came when runner-up in the Prince of Wales's Stakes here, and she's feared most if recapturing that sort of form. Sparan Nua was narrowly touched off by Kalpana at York and could be worth another chance to confirm that improvement, while impressive Irish Oaks winner Johanna Walsh isn't taken lightly.			
TIMEFORM 1-2-3:			
1. KALPANA 2. MINNIE HAUk 3. SPARAN NUA			
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:			
2025	Kalpana	4-9-7	11-8f Andrew Balding C. T. Keane 10
2024	Kalpana	3-9-1	10-3f Andrew Balding William Buick 14
2023	Poptronic	4-9-7	22-1 K. R. Burke Sam James 14
2022	Emily Upjohn	3-9-1	3-1f John & Thady Gosden Frankie Dettori 14
2021	Eshaada	3-8-13	16-1 Roger Varian Jim Crowley 8
SMART STATS:			
No Smart Stats available for this race			

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RACE 5

QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+
£1,100,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)



Going: Good

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: Even

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DANCING GEMINI (IRE) (42)

(D)

390-64556

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9-6

59.9kg

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TALK OF NEW YORK (22) (D)

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1-311321

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9-3

58.5kg



Charlie Appleby 

Progressive 3-y-o who was a fine third to Gstaad in St James's Palace at Royal Ascot before excuses at Glorious Goodwood. Took his form to another level with a dominant Group 2 victory at Newmarket last time and looks well worth another shot at this higher level.

William Buick

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ZAVATERI (IRE) (49) (D)

96

1114-2551

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9-3

58.5kg



Eve Johnson Houghton 

Confirmed himself one of the leading juveniles when edging out Gstaad in Group 1 National Stakes at the Curragh. Met with a setback after the Greenham but he shaped very well in the Sussex on his comeback and was impressive in the Celebration Mile at Goodwood. Not to be underestimated.

Charles Bishop

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-3 Talk of New York, 4-1 Gstaad, 11-2 Rayif, 9-1 Ten Bob Tony, 9-1 Zavateri, 11-1 Zeus Olympios, 12-1 More Thunder, 25-1 Docklands, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This test is likely to bring out the best in MORE THUNDER so he looks the value play in what is a wide-open renewal. Talk of New York is probably the most progressive in the field so is next best ahead of Gstaad, who arguably has the best form having pushed Bow Echo close a couple of times this summer.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MORE THUNDER 2. TALK OF NEW YORK 3. GSTAAD

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2025	Cicero's Gift	5-9-6	100-1	Charles Hills	Jason Watson	16
2024	Charyn	4-9-6	13-8f	Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	12
2023	Big Rock	3-9-3	5-1	Christopher Head	Aurelien Lemaitre	11
2022	Bayside Boy	3-9-3	33-1	Roger Varian	Tom Marquand	9
2021	Baaeed	3-9-1	2-1	William Haggas	Jim Crowley	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 6

QATAR RACING CHAMPION STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £1,300,000 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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**

1	1	ALMAQAM (35) (D)		96
		1233-1424 5 9-7 60.3kg		
		Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	
Third in this race last year, before gaining a breakthrough success at the highest level in the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh on return. Proved at least as good as ever when narrowly denied in the International at York, but wasn't in quite the same form when fourth in the Irish Champion.				
2	5	BAY CITY ROLLER (IRE) (13)		94
		241-22122 4 9-7 60.3kg		
		George Scott	Oisin Murphy	
Recorded a first Group 1 victory in Munich on final outing last year and hasn't looked back since, recording a wide-margin success in the Coronation Cup at Epsom. Confirmed that effort under less testing conditions when runner-up in the Arc 13 days ago and can make his presence felt once more.				
3	4	CALANDAGAN (IRE) (84) (CD, BF)		97
		1111-1412 5 9-7 60.3kg		
		Francis-Henri Graffard, France	Christophe Soumillon	
Enjoyed an outstanding 2025 with a 4-timer at the highest level, winning the King George here before going on to success in this race and the Japan Cup. Has added 2 more Group 1s this season, before runner-up to Kalpana in his defence of the King George. Not taken lightly on the back of a break.				
4	6	DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (59) (D)	s	85
		0417-2477 4 9-7 60.3kg		
		John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	
Smart performer in his own right, runner-up in listed race at Kempton on return. However, has been employed as a pacemaker for stablemate Ombudsman, including in this race last year, and looks set for the same role here.				
5	2	OMBUDSMAN (IRE) (59) (CD, BF)		100
		1212-1114 5 9-7 60.3kg		
		John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	
Runner-up to Calandagan in this race last year but has taken his form up another level this season, landing the Prince of Wales's (for second year running) here in emphatic fashion. Not seen to best effect on softer ground when fourth in the International at York, so he's well worth another chance.				
6	3	CONSTITUTION RIVER (FR) (35) (D, BF)		95
		211-11133 3 9-3 58.5kg		
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	
Dual Group 1 winner this season, overcoming a poor draw in the French Derby before a decisive success in the Eclipse at Sandown. Not in the same form the last twice, third in both the International at York (raced freely) and Irish Champion (hung left), but he's in the right hands to bounce back.				

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

2-1 Calandagan, 9-4 Ombudsman, 11-2 Bay City Roller, 6-1 Constitution River, 9-1 Almaqam, 200-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A much-anticipated renewal, with preference for OMBUDSMAN given the excellent impression he made in the Prince of Wales's Stakes this summer. Having had excuses at York since, he can reverse the placings with Calandagan from last year's race, though the French raider is much respected with his strong course record. Bay City Roller completes the shortlist on the back of his admirable second in the Arc.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OMBUDSMAN 2. CALANDAGAN 3. BAY CITY ROLLER

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2025	Calandagan 4-9-7	15-8	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona 11
2024	Anmaat 6-9-7	40-1	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley 11
2023	King of Steel 3-9-3	3-1f	Roger Varian	Frankie Dettori 8
2022	Bay Bridge 4-9-7	10-1	Sir Michael Stoute	Richard Kingscote 9
2021	Sealiway 3-9-1	12-1	Cedric Rossi	Mickael Barzalona 9

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 7

BALMORAL HANDICAP (2) 3yo+ £200,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)



Going: Good		
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: Strongly Favours High Pace Information: Even		
1	10	PERSICA (IRE) (22) (D) 91
	42521313 5 10-2 64.4kg	Toby Moore (7lb/3kg)
Richard Hannon Back to winning ways in listed race at Newbury in July before landing third Group 3 success of career in Superior Mile at Haydock (soft) last month. Fair 5 lengths third to Talk of New York in Joel at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) since. Most likeable but some performance needed off mark of 114.		
2	15	ROOM SERVICE (IRE) (31) 92
	1/42875-10 5 9-11 62.1kg	William Carver
Jamie Osborne Listed winner (6f) for Kevin Ryan and bounced back to his very best in a first-time blinkers and tongue tie combination when defying a big weight in 7f Newcastle handicap on reappearance for new yard in June. Not in anything like the same form when last of 10 in Sandown listed race since, though.		
3	12	JAGGED EDGE (IRE) (25) (D, BF) 95
	10-103013 4 9-7 60.3kg	Jack Kearney (3lb/1kg)
Stephen Thorne, Ireland Has progressed into a smart performer for current yard, winning listed race at Killarney (1m, good) in August by 1¼ lengths from Carolina Jetstream. Not in quite the same form when third in a similar race at Listowel (1m, good to soft) last month. One of 2 for Stephen Thorne.		
4	9	CROWN OF OAKS (31) (CD) 95
	31131-792 4 9-6 59.9kg	Daniel Tudhope
William Haggas Quickly developed into a smart performer last season, culminating with a win in this off 5 lb lower. Disappointed on first 2 starts this year but back on the up when second of 10 in 1m Sandown listed event 31 days ago. Could go well in this again.		
5	16	INDALO (IRE) (21) (D) 95
	412-23109 5 9-5 59.4kg	Jack Mitchell
Roger Varian Gained reward for some excellent placed efforts in top handicaps when bagging a good prize at Sandown (1m, good to firm) in July. Bounced back from rare below-par effort at Glorious Goodwood when creditable ninth of 27 in Cambridgeshire but it underlines he needs more from his triple-figure mark.		
6	21	EBT'S GUARD (35) (CD) 97
	04439443 5 9-4 59.0kg	Lewis Edmunds
William Muir & Chris Grassick Successful twice last season before close second to Crown of Oaks off this mark in this. Hard to knock consistency in defeat since, including a fine fourth in Royal Hunt Cup over C&D in June. Creditable 1¼ lengths third of 17 to Scoville at Doncaster 5 weeks ago. Likely to make presence felt again.		
7	8	TORITO (81) (D) 91
	33/06364-0 6 9-3 58.5kg	James Doyle
Ed Walker Smart gelding who had something of an underwhelming 2025 and failed to fire in when gaining a first win since his debut in 7f handicap at Southwell (form franked) in August. Disappointing in a listed race at Redcar since, though.		
8	1	ORANDI (FR) (13) (D) 91
	00781010 8 9-3 58.5kg	Patrick McGettigan (5lb/2kg)
A. J. Martin, Ireland Right back to his best after a low-key start to the year when landing the BMW Mile Handicap at Galway in July. Added another valuable pot at the Curragh (1¼m, good to soft) last month but not in the same form at Longchamp since.		
9	6	VALVANO (IRE) (14) (D, BF) 95
	5/4033-617 5 9-3 58.5kg	Hector Crouch
Ralph Beckett Took a step forward after 5 months off (gelded and had breathing operation) when gaining a first win since his debut in 7f handicap at Southwell (form franked) in August. Disappointing in a listed race at Redcar since, though.		
10	17	BULLET POINT (35) (D) 96
	170-70220 5 9-3 58.5kg	Cieren Fallon
William Haggas Developed into a smart performer in 2025, successful twice in handicaps either side of a second in the Royal Hunt Cup over C&D. Good seconds over C&D and at York this summer but behind a few of these at Doncaster last month.		
11	14	COLORI FOREVER (22) (C) 97
	2-1210257 3 9-2 58.1kg	Ryan Moore
Marco Botti Smart effort to land a 7f course handicap win in May. Has found it tougher at listed/Group level since but the booking of Ryan Moore catches the eye on this return to handicap company.		
12	7	CLASSIC (43) (D) 95
	28-219834 6 9-2 58.1kg	Pat Dobbs
Richard Hannon Won at Newbury in May and remained in good form since, including 1¾ lengths fourth of 13 to Hickory over C&D (good) 43 days ago. Each-way claims.		
13	3	MISTER WINSTON (21) (D) 93
	16100786 4 9-2 58.1kg	Oisín Murphy
Andrew Balding Free-going sort. On the up when successful at Newmarket/Epsom but his progress has stalled since. Needs to resume his progression in first-time cheekpieces.		
14	2	WHIP CRACKER (IRE) (29) (D) 95
	220-03215 5 9-1 57.6kg	Billy Loughnane
Richard Hughes Useful gelding who resumed from 4 months off to end a long losing run in 13-runner handicap at Chester (7.5f, good) in August. Not seen to best effect in 7f listed race at Newbury since but doesn't obviously have enough in hand over his mark to win a race like this.		
15	23	SCOVILLE (35) (D) 100
	104-87031 4 9-1 57.6kg	Tom Marquand
William Haggas Low-mileage 4-y-o who was much better than bare result on back of a breathing operation in Royal Hunt Cup/Golden Mile this summer. Confirmed those impressions with a ready win in 1m handicap at the Doncaster St Leger meeting last month. Had a bit to spare and 4 lb rise could prove lenient.		
16	5	EXCELLENT BELIEVE (21) (D, BF) 98
	22-330073 4 9-1 57.6kg	C. T. Keane
Stephen Thorne, Ireland Useful sort, placed several times at Group 3/listed level for Jack Channon. Shaped well in a pair of 7f handicaps for new yard last month, looking unlucky not to finish closer when third of 10 at the Curragh latterly. Respected.		
17	13	FIFTH COLUMN (IRE) (35) (D) 97
	5100-0207 4 9-1 57.6kg	William Buick
John & Thady Gosden Enjoyed a productive campaign at 3, winning 4 times including a valuable event at York (1m). Good second off 2 lb higher at Newmarket (9f) in May. Off 12 weeks, respectable 4½ lengths seventh of 17 to Scoville at Doncaster (1m, good) 35 days ago. First-time visor replaces cheekpieces.		
18	22	HICKORY (IRE) (14) (CD) 98
	06061510 8 9-1 57.6kg	Saffie Osborne
Jamie Osborne Veteran who goes really well here, winning a pair of C&D handicaps this year. Shaped as if still in form when mid-field in 7f Challenge Cup here a fortnight ago and should be happier back at 1m.		
19	20	BRIAN (IRE) (6) 93
	97-087210 4 9-1 57.6kg	David Egan
J. S. Moore Dual winner for Sylvester Kirk in 2024 who bounced back to best for current yard when readily winning 11-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, soft) last month but found out off this 9 lb higher mark at Goodwood last weekend.		
20	18	GAVRIEL (21) (C, D, BF) 98
	41-214 3 9-0 57.2kg	Robert Havlin
John & Thady Gosden Well-bred Frankel colt who has progressed fast, comfortably seeing off next-time-out winner Balzac on 1¼m course handicap debut in September. First home in his group when fourth of 27 in the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket (9f, firm) since. Capable of better again and likely to have a big say.		

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RACE 7

BALMORAL HANDICAP (2) 3yo+ £200,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)



21	19	TRIBAL CHIEF (FR) (6lb/3kg ex) (24) (D)	t		93
		07-336061 5 9-0 57.2kg			
		David Menuisier		Reserve	
		Shaped well when third in Lincoln at Doncaster (1m, good) and Victoria Cup here (7f, good to firm) this spring. Ruined his chance with slow starts on his next 3 outings but finally put it all together to win at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) 24 days ago. 6 lb penalty. RESERVE.			
22	11	WISE PRINCE (IRE) (121) (D)			95
		1-3848 3 8-13 56.7kg			
		John & Thady Gosden		Reserve	
		Low-mileage 3-y-o who hasn't been seen since shaping better than the result when eighth of 30 in Britannia over C&D at the Royal Meeting, doing well to get into contention having been marooned in the centre of the track. Has since been gelded and could have a bigger performance in him. RESERVE.			
23	4	ARCTIC THUNDER (IRE) (21) (C, D)			93
		07681167 5 8-12 56.2kg			
		Ed Walker		Reserve	
		Very much back on the up when scoring back-to-back over 1m at Salisbury in July/August but the handicapper has looked in charge since. RESERVE.			

20 DECLARED RUNNERS (3 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Scoville, 13-2 Gavriel, 9-1 Crown of Oaks, 14-1 Ebt's Guard, 14-1 Colori Forever, 14-1 Indalo, 16-1 Bullet Point, 18-1 Excellent Believe, 20-1 Orandi, 22-1 Fifth Column, 22-1 Valvano, 22-1 Jagged Edge, 28-1 Hickory, 28-1 Classic, 33-1 Whip Cracker, 33-1 Mister Winston, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A switch to hold-up tactics has worked a treat for SCOVILLE and he still looks well treated off 4 lb higher than when winning with a bit to spare at Doncaster last month. The lightly-raced Gavriel was first home on his side in the Cambridgeshire and rates an obvious danger. Irish raider Excellent Believe, last year's winner Crown of Oaks and the reliable Ebt's Guard also make the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SCOVILLE 2. GAVRIEL 3. EXCELLENT BELIEVE

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2025	Crown of Oaks	3-8-12	5-1	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	20
2024	Carrytheone	7-9-6	14-1	Michael Bell	Christophe Soumillon	20
2023	The Gatekeeper	4-8-12	25-1	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	20
2022	Shelir	6-9-5	80-1	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	20
2021	Aldaary	3-9-6	7-2	William Haggas	Jim Crowley	20

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race