

ROYAL ASCOT


2.30 CHESHAM STAKES (Listed) (1) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(10) NATALIE'S JOY | (1) ARTHUR KITT | (9) BEYOND REASON (IRE)**
3.05 HARDWICKE STAKES (Group 2) (1) 1m3f211y (2410 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(3) CRYSTAL OCEAN | (1) BARSANTI (IRE) | (4) IDAHO (IRE)**
3.40 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (Listed) (1) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(27) MOONLIGHT ROMANCE (USA) | (28) QUEEN OF BERMUDA (IRE) | (4) ISLE OF INNISFREE (USA)**
4.20 DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(12) THE TIN MAN | (7) MERCHANT NAVY (AUS) | (4) HARRY ANGEL (IRE)**
5.00 WOKINGHAM STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(7) DREAMFIELD | (10) GROWL | (21) GEORGE BOWEN (IRE)**
5.35 QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES (CONDITIONS) (2) 2m5f143y (4360 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(11) THOMAS HOBSON | (12) COUNT OCTAVE | (8) PALLASATOR**

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

CHESHAM STAKES (Listed) (1) 2yo £90,000 7f (1410 Metres)













GBI RACING

BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

Going: **Good to Firm**


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

1	3	ARTHUR KITT (29)	82
	1	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>Richard Kingscote</i>
Tom Dascombe From a good family (dam won the Queen Mary here) and he made the perfect start in 6f Haydock contest last month. That form not great but he looks sure to improve stepped up in trip. One to consider.			
2	7	AZOR AHAI (34)	80
	421	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>Charles Bishop</i>
Mick Channon Off the mark at third time of asking in 6f Ripon event last month but going to need a huge step forward to get competitive in this.			
3	4	CARDINI (USA) (14)	69
	85	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>Ryan Moore</i>
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Shown just a fair level of form in 6f Curragh maidens and would be a surprise winner even for these connections.			
4	9	DUKE OF HAZZARD (FR) (19)	77
	42	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>Luke Morris</i>
Paul Cole Has shown a fair bit in a couple of 5f events and 7f will suit. Tongue tie goes on.			
5	11	NATE THE GREAT (16)	77
	1	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>Daniel Tudhope</i>
Archie Watson Overcame inexperience to make a winning debut at Carlisle (5.9f) a fortnight ago, coming clear impressively. Longer trip will suit and sure to improve.			
6	1	ON A SESSION (USA) (30)	82
	11	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>W. M. Lordan</i>
M. Palussiere, France Fairly useful form in winning both starts in France, the latest over 6f with 2 next time out winners in behind. Bred to stay this longer trip.			
7	10	SAN DONATO (IRE) (31) (BF)	80
	2	2 9-3 58.5kg	<i>Andrea Atzeni</i>
Roger Varian Promising second behind high-class prospect (the top lot from the Craven breeze-ups) Legends of War on debut at Yarmouth (6f) last month, green under pressure. Sure to improve.			
8	2	AUSSIE VIEW (IRE) (6) (D)	81
	421	2 8-12 56.2kg	<i>Silvestre De Sousa</i>
Mark Johnston Improved when opening account in 7f Doncaster event last week, staying on strongly. Can progress again but yard surely has a stronger contender in Natalie's Joy.			
9	5	BEYOND REASON (IRE) (17)	90
	21	2 8-12 56.2kg	<i>William Buick</i>
Charlie Appleby  Improved from debut when winning 6f Kempton fillies' event in good style a fortnight ago. More to come over this longer trip and lively contender.			
10	8	NATALIE'S JOY (28)	 100
	1	2 8-12 56.2kg	<i>Joe Fanning</i>
Mark Johnston Created a fine impression when winning 6f Goodwood maiden first time up 4 weeks ago, running to a high figure for a filly on debut as she sauntered clear. 7f sure to suit and an exciting prospect.			

11 6 **NEW WINDS (10)** 91

151 2 8-12 | 56.2kg

 **Mark Johnston**
Has won 2 of her 3 starts, seeing off Beyond Reason on debut at Newmarket then holding on for a gutsy victory at Haydock last week. 7f should suit but yard hold stronger claims with Natalie's Joy.

James Doyle

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-4 Natalie's Joy, 5-1 Beyond Reason, 9-1 Arthur Kitt, 12-1 San Donato, 16-1 On A Session, 20-1 Aussie View, 20-1 Cardini, 22-1 New Winds, 28-1 Nate The Great, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NATALIE'S JOY posted a mighty timefigure on debut when impressively winning at Goodwood last month and will take plenty of beating. Arthur Kitt should step up on the form of his Haydock debut win and is respected. Beyond Reason is another lively contender after her taking victory at Kempton.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NATALIE'S JOY 2. ARTHUR KITT 3. BEYOND REASON (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	September	2-8-12	11-8f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	15
2016	Churchill	2-9-3	8-11f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	13
2015	Suits You	2-9-3	14-1	E. J. O'Neill	Cristian Demuro	12
2014	Richard Pankhurst	2-9-3	10-1	John Gosden	William Buick	14
2013	Berkshire	2-9-3	16-1	Paul Cole	Jim Crowley	19

SMART STATS:

3 Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **CARDINI**)

37% Joe Fanning's strike rate on favourites since the start of the 2013 season (rides: **NATALIE'S JOY**)

22% Charlie Appleby's strike rate with horses running in races between 7f and up to 10f since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **BEYOND REASON**)

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RACE 2

HARDWICKE STAKES (Group 2) (1) 4yo+ £225,000
1m3f211y (2410 Metres)

GBI

RACING

BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

Going: **Good to Firm**

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

1	1	BARSANTI (IRE) (42) (CD)		93
		3212/322-1 6 9-1 57.6kg		
		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	
		Half a length second to Idaho in this race last year, and shaped as good as ever after 10 months off when winning listed event over C&D on return. Really likeable sort who is yet to run a bad race.		
2	6	CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE) (3)	t	93
		4678-5124 4 9-1 57.6kg		
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	
		Runner-up in last season's Derby but failed to build on that after. Back to winning ways in Naas Group 2 last month, but was below his best when fourth in the Prince of Wales's Stakes on Wednesday.		
3	4	CRYSTAL OCEAN (35) (D)		100
		2/13312-11 4 9-1 57.6kg		
		Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	
		Ended last year with an excellent second in the St Leger. Much-improved model this season, winning both his starts, including the Aston Park Stakes at Newbury last time and clearly the one to beat.		
4	2	IDAHO (IRE) (22) (CD)		99
		36845-814 5 9-1 57.6kg		
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	
		Won this race last year before third to Enable in the King George. Landed Group 3 at Chester in May, but lacklustre effort in Coronation Cup at Epsom last time. Return to this track should suit.		
5	5	RARE RHYTHM (20) (CD)		95
		8/11-134 6 9-1 57.6kg		
		Charlie Appleby	Non Runner	
		NON- RUNNER.		
6	3	RED VERDON (USA) (30) (D)	b	91
		6321-1422 5 9-1 57.6kg		
		Ed Dunlop	James Doyle	
		Smart performer who ran his best race this year when second in Group 2 Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in May. That form unlikely to be good enough here. Blinkers back on.		

6 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-7 Crystal Ocean, **11-2** Barsanti, **6-1** Idaho, **12-1** Cliffs of Moher, **33-1** Red Verdon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Sir Michael Stoute has an excellent record in this race, and CRYSTAL OCEAN is strongly fancied to provide him with further success. Unbeaten both starts this year, he looks a top-class colt in the making. Barsanti is a really likable sort who should continue to give a good account, while last year's winner Idaho needs to shake off a lacklustre effort in the Coronation Cup at Epsom.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRYSTAL OCEAN 2. BARSANTI (IRE) 3. IDAHO (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	Idaho 4-9-1	9-2	Aidan O'Brien	Seamie Heffernan	12
2016	Dartmouth 4-9-1	10-1	Sir Michael Stoute	Olivier Peslier	9
2015	Snow Sky 4-9-1	12-1	Sir Michael Stoute	Pat Smullen	7
2014	Telescope 4-9-1	7-4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	10
2013	Thomas Chippendale 4-9-0	8-1	Lady Cecil	Johnny Murtagh	8

SMART STATS:

- 5 Sir Michael Stoute's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **CRYSTAL OCEAN**)
- 3 Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **IDAHO**)
- 21% Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with horses running over 10f+ since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **IDAHO and CLIFFS OF MOHER**)

RACE 3



TIN HAT (IRE) (14) (D) **90**
 2132 **2** 9-3 | 58.5kg
Eve Johnson Houghton *Edward Greatrex*
 Brighton maiden winner who was back on track when second to Jungle Inthebungle at Beverley a fortnight ago. Would need a more marked step forward to feature in this, though.







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RACE 3

WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (Listed) (1) 2yo £90,000 5f (1010 Metres)

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BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

23	2		VAN BEETHOVEN (CAN) (28) (BF)	91
			312 2 9-3 58.5kg	
			Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	<i>Ryan Moore</i>
			Son of Scat Daddy who cleared away impressively on his second start, then only found Fairyland too good at The Curragh last time. Draw not ideal, but ticks plenty of boxes otherwise.	
24	17		WELL DONE FOX (28) (D)	82
			521 2 9-3 58.5kg	
			Richard Hannon	<i>Sean Levey</i>
			Good looking with plenty of scope, but connections will have been disappointed it took him 3 goes to get off the mark and this looks a step too far for him at this stage.	
25	4		WORLD ORDER (IRE) (38) (BF)	86
			22 2 9-3 58.5kg	
			Declan Carroll	<i>Jamie Spencer</i>
			Society Rock colt who was run to a similar level when placed both starts to date. Form of latest run hasn't worked out as well as might have been hoped, so big step forward required.	
26	21		CHAPELLI (8) (D)	89
			11 2 8-12 56.2kg	
			Mark Johnston	<i>William Buick</i>
			Close relation to Old Persian who is unbeaten in 2 runs to date and already looks a tough sort who should benefit from this stiff track. Dangerous if getting loose in front on the stands side.	
27	28		MOONLIGHT ROMANCE (USA) (30) (D)	96
			21 2 8-12 56.2kg	
			Wesley A. Ward, USA	<i>Joel Rosario</i>
			Easy winner at Belmont last time who, given her background, should have more than enough speed to get in front on the stands side and take plenty of pegging back. One to note.	
28	15		QUEEN OF BERMUDA (IRE) (19) (D)	100
			211 2 8-12 56.2kg	
			William Haggas	<i>James Doyle</i>
			Followed up defeat to Shades of Blue with highly impressive and professional successes at Thirsk and Windsor. Lacks the scope for ongoing improvement, so this is her big day.	

28 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

6-1 Moonlight Romance, 17-2 Queen of Bermuda, 9-1 Sabre, 10-1 Van Beethoven, 11-1 Mutawaffer, 16-1 Isle of Innisfree, 18-1 Junius Brutus, 25-1 Dom Carlos, 25-1 Rolling King, 25-1 Soldier's Call, 28-1 Chapelli, 33-1 Jungle Inthebungle, 33-1 Tin Hat, 33-1 North Wind, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Given that MOONLIGHT ROMANCE pulled a long way clear with subsequent Norfolk Stakes winner Shang Shang Shang on debut, then got off the mark with ease, she should have enough ability to capitalise on what look like ideal circumstances, drawn to grab the stand rail and attempt to make all. Queen of Bermuda is her biggest danger ahead of the maiden Isle of Innisfree.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MOONLIGHT ROMANCE (USA) 2. QUEEN OF BERMUDA (IRE)
3. ISLE OF INNISFREE (USA)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2017	Sound And Silence	2-9-3	16-1 Charlie Appleby	William Buick 22
2016	Ardad	2-9-3	20-1 John Gosden	Robert Havlin 22
2015	Washington Dc	2-9-3	5-1 Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore 27
2014	Hootenanny	2-9-3	7-2f Wesley A. Ward	Victor Espinoza 24
2013	Extortionist	2-9-3	16-1 Olly Stevens	Johnny Murtagh 24

SMART STATS:

2 Wesley A. Ward's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **MOONLIGHT ROMANCE**)

£58.31 Declan Carroll's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **WORLD ORDER**)

22% Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **ISLE OF INNISFREE, VAN BEETHOVEN and NORTH WIND**)

4.20

RACE 4

DIAMOND JUBILEE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 4yo+ £600,000 6f (1210 Metres)












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BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

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

1	1	BOUND FOR NOWHERE (USA) (77) (D)	94
	1140-11	4 9-3 58.5kg	
	Wesley A. Ward, USA		<i>Joel Rosario</i>
	Won first 2 starts in 2017 before finishing fourth in Commonwealth Cup over C&D. Unbeaten both outings this year, proving better than ever to win Grade 2 at Keeneland in April. Yard won this in 2015.		
2	8	CITY LIGHT (FR) (41) (D)	94
	22102-111	4 9-3 58.5kg	
	S. Wattel, France		<i>Christophe Soumillon</i>
	Much improved this year, winning all 3 starts, including AW Sprint Championships at Lingfield. Showed versatility when winning 5f Prix de Saint-Georges at Longchamp last time and can't rule out.		
3	4	D'BAI (IRE) (14) (C)	92
	365-14521	4 9-3 58.5kg	b+t
	Charlie Appleby		<i>William Buick</i>
	Better than ever this season, runner-up in a strong listed event (6f) at Windsor before narrow winner of Group 3 at Haydock (7f) 2 weeks ago. Firmly up against it at this level, however.		
4	5	HARRY ANGEL (IRE) (38) (D)	100
	1/212114-1	4 9-3 58.5kg	
	Clive Cox		<i>Adam Kirby</i>
	Developed into a top class sprinter last term, following up July Cup success in Sprint Cup at Haydock. As good as ever when making winning return in Group 2 at York but all 4 defeats have come here.		
5	6	INTELLIGENCE CROSS (USA) (28) (D)	87
	3950610-7	4 9-3 58.5kg	b+t
	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland		<i>Seamie Heffernan</i>
	Capable of smart form but often deployed as a pacemaker in the big races.		
6	3	LIBRISA BREEZE (84) (CD)	95
	416/4921-9	6 9-3 58.5kg	
	Dean Ivory		<i>Robert Winston</i>
	Developed into very smart performer in 2016 and made breakthrough at highest level when winning Champions Sprint over C&D final start in 2017. Ran poorly at Meydan in March but has great record here.		
7	11	MERCHANT NAVY (AUS) (28) (D)	96
	11101-331	4 9-3 58.5kg	b+t
	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland		<i>Ryan Moore</i>
	Group 1 winner in his native Australia in 2017 and made impressive start for new yard when winning 6f Greenlands Stakes at the Curragh last time by length from Spirit of Valor. High on the shortlist.		
8	7	PROJECTION (33) (D)	92
	53/6302-33	5 9-3 58.5kg	
	Roger Charlton		<i>Kieran Shoemark</i>
	Smart sprinter but winless since his 2-y-o days and very unlikely he'll end that run in this.		
9	2	REDKIRK WARRIOR (105) (C, D)	97
	105100-11	7 9-3 58.5kg	b+t
	David & B Hayes/Tom Dabernig, Australia		<i>Frankie Dettori</i>
	Transformed into a high-class sprinter for these connections, winning Group 1s over both 5f and 6f this year (Merchant Navy a close third on latter occasion). Commands plenty of respect.		
10	12	SIR DANCEALOT (IRE) (17) (D)	92
	56215-231	4 9-3 58.5kg	
	David Elsworth		<i>Sean Levey</i>
	Good third to Harry Angel in Duke of York last month and resumed winning ways down in grade in 6f minor event at Hamilton last time. This demands much more, however.		

11	9	SPIRIT OF VALOR (USA) (28) (D)	b+t	90
	862104-82	4 9-3 58.5kg		
	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland			<i>Donnacha O'Brien</i>
	Came on for reappearance when good length second to Merchant Navy in Greenlands Stakes at the Curragh last time, just collared final 100 yards. More needed if he's to trouble the principals, though.			
12	10	THE TIN MAN (33) (CD)		95
	21/51835-1	6 9-3 58.5kg		
	James Fanshawe			<i>Tom Queally</i>
	High class at 6f and often saves best for this track, recording third C&D win in this race last year. Proved himself in good heart when winning listed race at Windsor on return and big run expected.			

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Harry Angel, 4-1 Merchant Navy, 11-2 Redkirk Warrior, 10-1 The Tin Man, 12-1 Librisa Breeze, 12-1 Bound For Nowhere, 20-1 City Light, 33-1 Projection, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Last year's winner THE TIN MAN has a very good record over this C&D and seems sure to be spot on for this following his win at Windsor last month. Merchant Navy was impressive on his stable debut and is sure to prove popular given connections, while Harry Angel and Redkirk Warrior look serious players, too.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THE TIN MAN 2. MERCHANT NAVY (AUS) 3. HARRY ANGEL (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:						
2017	The Tin Man	5-9-3	9-2	James Fanshawe	Tom Queally	19
2016	Twilight Son	4-9-3	7-2	Henry Candy	Ryan Moore	9
2015	Undrafted	5-9-3	14-1	Wesley A. Ward	Frankie Dettori	15
2014	Slade Power	5-9-4	7-2f	Edward Lynam	W. M. Lordan	14
2013	Lethal Force	4-9-4	11-1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	18

SMART STATS:

2 James Fanshawe's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **THE TIN MAN**)

£18.00 David Elsworth's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SIR DANCEALOT**)

22% Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **MERCHANT NAVY, SPIRIT OF VALOR and INTELLIGENCE CROSS**)

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RACE 5














**WOKINGHAM STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 3yo+
(Rated 0-110) £175,000 6f (1210 Metres)**
















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

	1	6	INTISAAB (42) (D)		s		93
			421-44141	7	9-10	61.7kg	
			David O'Meara			Martin Harley	
			Dual winner already this year but well held off 1 lb lower in this race 12 months ago, a renewal won by stablemate Out Do, who Daniel Tudhope sides with again this time round.				
	2	24	LANCELOT DU LAC (ITY) (33) (D)		h		95
			150-61415	8	9-8	60.8kg	
			Dean Ivory			Robert Winston	
			Enjoyed his finest hour to date when bagging the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood last summer. As good as ever this year, winning twice on AW, but has failed in 3 previous attempts at landing this prize.				
	3	22	MR LUPTON (IRE) (28) (D)				95
			25648-261	5	9-7	60.3kg	
			Richard Fahey			Tony Hamilton	
			Solid efforts in defeat first 2 starts this season and resumed winning ways in big-field York handicap (5f, good to firm) last time. 3 lb rise fair and each-way claims if things again go his way.				
	4	15	TOMMY TAYLOR (USA) (42) (D)				93
			6/320717-4	4	9-6	59.9kg	
			Kevin Ryan			Tom Eaves	
			Produced a career-best when winning 6f York listed event in September. Ought to strip fitter following reappearance at Haydock where he was fourth to Intisaab but no more than an each-way squeak here.				
	5	16	BACCHUS (260) (D)				93
			8/1395314-	4	9-6	59.9kg	
			Brian Meehan			Jim Crowley	
			Improved performer last season, winning twice and posted several creditable efforts in defeat. However, it's a big ask for him to take this on the back of an 8-month absence.				
	6	20	ICE AGE (IRE) (36) (D)				94
			1113-0361	5	9-5	59.4kg	
			Eve Johnson Houghton			Charles Bishop	
			Consistent and progressive in 2017, winning 4 times over 6f/7f. Better than ever when back on the scoresheet at Newbury (6f, good to firm) last time but more needed up 5 lb in this stronger race.				
	7	8	DREAMFIELD (43) (CD)				100
			11/1	4	9-4	59.0kg	
			John Gosden			James Doyle	
			Winner of both starts at 2 yrs and made light of a 569-day absence when landing a C&D handicap (firm) last month. 8 lb rise almost certainly underestimates this potentially group-class colt.				
	8	13	UNDRAFTED (USA) (56) (CD)				91
			8/164321-3	8	9-4	59.0kg	
			Wesley A. Ward, USA			Frankie Dettori	
			Winner of the Diamond Jubilee under Frankie Dettori at this meeting in 2015. However, beaten in that race the following year and exploits since suggest that he's not quite the same force nowadays.				
	9	17	SIR ROBERT CHEVAL (259) (C)				95
			300/16722-	7	9-4	59.0kg	
			Robert Cowell			Gerald Mosse	
			Winning reappearance at Newbury last season and runner-up over 5f here on final 2 starts of 2017, latterly in a listed contest. Evidently capable of going well fresh and he's not a forlorn hope.				
	10	29	GROWL (43) (CD)				98
			U649700-2	6	9-3	58.5kg	
			Richard Fahey			Paul Hanagan	
			Largely below par in 2017 but the handicapper reacted accordingly and he wasn't disgraced when chasing home easy winner Kachy on return at Chester (5.1f, good). Solid place claims back at this trip.				

	11	23	DANZENO (38) (C, D)				95
			03-050743	7	9-3	58.5kg	
			Michael Appleby			Andrea Atzeni	
			Successful in valuable 5f handicap here last summer and back to form the last twice, latterly finishing third to runaway winner George Bowen at York (6f, good to firm). Not without each-way hope.				
	12	12	RECKLESS ENDEAVOUR (IRE) (85) (D)				93
			53-734152	5	9-2	58.1kg	
			Jamie Osborne			Dougie Costello	
			Regained the winning thread at Lingfield (6f, AW) in February and went down all guns blazing over 7f there last time. However, looks vulnerable back on turf off a career-high mark.				
	13	18	FOOLAAD (38) (D)			t	96
			331-11112	7	9-2	58.1kg	
			Roy Bowring			Kieran O'Neill	
			Successful 4 times on the bounce at Southwell during the winter and has continued the good work back on turf, chasing home 6-length winner George Bowen at York last time. Still, others preferred.				
	14	26	MAJOR JUMBO (14) (D)				95
			3291-1342	4	9-2	58.1kg	
			Kevin Ryan			Jamie Spencer	
			Consistent sprinter, thereabouts in trio of valuable handicaps subsequent to his winning reappearance at Newmarket in April. Should again give it his all, albeit without being quite good enough.				
	15	10	SPRING LOADED (IRE) (217) (D)				99
			02531206-	6	9-2	58.1kg	
			Paul D'Arcy			Shane Kelly	
			Smart performance when quickening away from his 21 rivals in the Portland at Doncaster in September. Possesses the raw ability to take a hand in the finish but lack of a recent run tempers enthusiasm.				
	16	27	SILENT ECHO (5lb/2kg ex) (19) (D)			h	94
			642-65211	4	9-2	58.1kg	
			Peter Hedger			Tom Marquand	
			Better than ever this year, successful in 6f Windsor handicaps the last twice. However, couldn't lay a glove on Dreamfield over C&D 3 starts back and now 2 lb worse off with that rival.				
	17	2	OUT DO (35) (CD, BF)			v	95
			35-643446	9	9-1	57.6kg	
			David O'Meara			Daniel Tudhope	
			Showcased a good turn of foot when bagging this prize 12 months ago. Not at his best in 2 starts so far this year but likely he's been primed for another tilt at this race and visor refitted.				
	18	14	GILGAMESH (28) (D)				94
			1/1114-071	4	9-1	57.6kg	
			George Scott			Edward Greatrex	
			Progressive 4-y-o who accounted for 10 rivals at York (7f, good to firm) last time. 4 lb rise fair and remains open to improvement, so should go well if coping with drop back to 6f.				
	19	11	TUPI (IRE) (114) (D)				92
			60397-440	6	9-1	57.6kg	
			Richard Hannon			Ryan Moore	
			Rather in-and-out subsequent to landing a listed race at Doncaster last spring. Has slipped to a handy mark and booking of Ryan Moore an obvious plus but he's opposable all the same.				
	20	4	UPSTAGING (252) (D)			s	93
			11/921327-	6	9-1	57.6kg	
			Paul Cole			Luke Morris	
			Four-time winner in 2016 and held form well last season, notably finishing a close third in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood in August. However, this a tough assignment for his belated reappearance.				
	21	21	GEORGE BOWEN (IRE) (29) (D, BF)			v	98
			030-84212	6	9-1	57.6kg	
			Richard Fahey			Sebastian Woods (5lb/2kg)	
			Snapped a losing run in terrific style when running away with a big-field York handicap last month. Lost little caste in defeat when runner-up at Goodwood since and should make his presence felt.				
	22	25	BRIAN THE SNAIL (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (6) (D)				95
			156000-01	4	9-1	57.6kg	
			Richard Fahey			William Buick	
			Underwent a wind operation during the winter and bounced back when scoring at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) last weekend. Remains feasibly treated under a penalty but this is a much tougher task.				

5.00

RACE 5

**WOKINGHAM STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 3yo+
(Rated 0-110) £175,000 6f (1210 Metres)**



23 5 TIS MARVELLOUS (48) (D) t **94**
9/4658-605 4 9-0 | 57.2kg



Clive Cox

Adam Kirby

Gelded following low-key 2017 campaign and put in a good shift back from a break when fifth in a 15-runner Newmarket handicap (6f, good to firm). 1 lb lower now and makes some each-way appeal.

24 9 VICTORY ANGEL (IRE) (48) (D) **95**
1/180018-4 4 9-0 | 57.2kg



Roger Varian

Silvestre De Sousa

Inconsistent last season but clearly blessed with plenty of ability and shaped well when fourth in competitive 6f Newmarket handicap on return. Solid each-way claims if able to build on that here.

25 31 FLYING PURSUIT (38) (D) s **97**
151328-80 5 9-0 | 57.2kg



Tim Easterby

Fran Berry

Multiple winner in 2017 but hasn't fired in a couple of runs so far this season, finishing stone last in the 19-runner York handicap won by George Bowen last time.

26 7 BLUE DE VEGA (GER) (14) s **91**
2-5834249 5 8-13 | 56.7kg



Robert Cowell

Oisín Murphy

Appeared to be heading back in the right direction when fourth of 20 in the Epsom Dash. However, struggled in a listed contest at Haydock subsequently and he looks vulnerable.

27 3 AL QAHWA (IRE) (21) (D, BF) s **93**
200200-25 5 8-13 | 56.7kg



David O'Meara

Kieran Shoemark

Rather in-and-out last season and while he has acquitted himself well in competitive 6f handicaps at Ripon and Epsom this year, Daniel Tudhope prefers Out Do on this occasion.

28 30 ULTIMATE AVENUE (IRE) (14) **95**
16/3396-44 4 8-13 | 56.7kg



Ed Walker



Pat Cosgrave

Below par in 2017, aside from a solid effort at Newmarket on second start of that campaign. Creditable efforts following wind surgery this season but needs to raise his game to emerge on top here.

28 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-2 Dreamfield, **16-1** Growl, **16-1** Victory Angel, **18-1** Gilgamesh, **20-1** Blue De Vega, **22-1** Mr Lupton, **22-1** Tis Marvellous, **22-1** Silent Echo, **22-1** Undrafted, **25-1** Tupi, **28-1** Out Do, **28-1** Danzeno, **28-1** Brian The Snail, **28-1** Ultimate Avenue, **33-1** George Bowen, **33-1** Major Jumbo, **33-1** Ice Age, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

This race revolves around DREAMFIELD, the proverbial pattern-class performer masquerading as a handicapper. Admittedly, he's a short price for a race such as this but his C&D reappearance victory was impressive and he can land this prize before going on to better things. Growl, George Bowen and Mr Lupton, all trained by Richard Fahey, are live each-way players, as are Victory Angel and Gilgamesh.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. DREAMFIELD 2. GROWL 3. GEORGE BOWEN (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	Out Do 8-8-13	25-1	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	27
2016	Outback Traveller 5-9-1	10-1	Robert Cowell	Martin Harley	28
2015	Interception 5-9-3	10-1	David Lanigan	George Baker	25
2014	Baccarat 5-9-5	9-1	Richard Fahey	George Chaloner (3)	28
2013	York Glory 5-9-2	14-1	Kevin Ryan	Jamie Spencer	26

SMART STATS:

- £38.68** Robert Cowell's profit with horses running after a break since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SIR ROBERT CHEVAL**)
- £28.94** Brian Meehan's profit with horses running after a break since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **BACCHUS**)
- 37%** James Doyle's strike rate on favourites since the start of the 2013 season (rides: **DREAMFIELD**)

5.35

RACE 6

QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES (CONDITIONS) (2) 4yo+
£90,000 2m5f143y (4360 Metres)

GBI RACING

BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

Going: **Good to Firm**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of 14f, with a run-in of 2½f. 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 Champion Stakes from the regular course in the event of testing ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over 5f, but the opposite is true over 7f/1m, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over 10f have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Insufficient Data**

1	7	RENNETI (FR) (29) 515014-75 W. P. Mullins, Ireland Smart performer at his best. Refused to race over hurdles on return in April and a long way below his best in 2 outings on the Flat since but well capable when the mood takes him.	9	9-10	61.7kg		Andrea Atzeni	90
2	8	FUN MAC (GER) (43) 3541909-2 Hughie Morrison Fifth in this race last year and tasted listed success in France the following month. Returned with a good second in Chester Cup last month and each-way claims.	7	9-7	60.3kg		Jim Crowley	91
3	10	NEARLY CAUGHT (IRE) (34) 914628-42 Hughie Morrison Got his head back in front when landing a 2m listed contest at Sandown last summer. First past post in German Group 2 last time only to be demoted to second. Considered.	8	9-7	60.3kg		James Doyle	95
4	15	FORT JEFFERSON (9) 80801-811 Oliver Greenall Arrives in search of a 4-timer having won over hurdles and twice on the Flat in recent weeks but he does have a lot to find on these terms.	5	9-2	58.1kg		Paddy Pilley	78
5	6	GUARD OF HONOUR (IRE) (13) 46/5468-04 George Baker Useful at best but lightly raced in recent times. Fair fourth in 2m Goodwood handicap last time but this demands a good bit more.	7	9-2	58.1kg		Trevor Whelan	81
6	14	L'ATTESA (IRE) (325) 460- Mark Gillard Modest under both codes and impossible to make a case for on return for new yard after an absence.	9	9-2	58.1kg		Kieran Shoemark	67
7	16	LE MAITRE CHAT (USA) (37) 00/0 Micky Hammond Useful at best but rarely sighted in recent years and well held for new yard after a near 2-year absence last time.	7	9-2	58.1kg		Dougie Costello	76
8	1	PALLASATOR (281) (C, BF) 4228/5668- Gordon Elliott, Ireland Smart stayer at best for Sir Mark Prescott, including a Doncaster Cup win. Switched to Gordon Elliott for a belated hurdling campaign and landed a Fairyhouse Grade 2 in April. Respected back on Flat.	9	9-2	58.1kg		Jamie Spencer	94
9	13	PEARL DRAGON (FR) (266) 7/4244525- C. von der Recke, Germany Useful performer on Flat in France for Mikel Delzangles. Disappointing in a couple of runs over hurdles for Gordon Elliott at the start of this year and has switched yards again.	7	9-2	58.1kg		Ben Curtis	89
10	2	TEMPESTATEFLORESCO (D) 10 Colin Tizzard Very useful hurdler/chaser but still a bit of a surprise if he's up to figuring at this level on belated Flat debut.	10	9-2	58.1kg		Charles Bishop	

11	3	THOMAS HOBSON (228) (C) 12726- W. P. Mullins, Ireland Runner-up in this last year having landed the Ascot Stakes only 4 days earlier. Another excellent effort when second in Doncaster Cup in September. Good chance he can go one better now.	8	9-2	58.1kg		Ryan Moore	100
12	11	COUNT OCTAVE (36) 15226-135 Andrew Balding Runner-up in the Queen's Vase at this meeting last year and also sixth in the St Leger. Not disgraced in Group 2 events at Newmarket and York last month and well worth this try over longer trip.	4	9-1	57.6kg		Oisin Murphy	96
13	4	GLENCADAM GLORY (30) 1/5295-156 John Gosden Smart performer who wasn't disgraced stepping up to 2m for the first time when sixth in Henry II at Sandown last time. Won't need to up his game too much to play a prominent role.	4	9-1	57.6kg		Robert Havlin	93
14	12	LIGHT PILLAR (IRE) (20) 131245-12 Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland Useful colt who made a winning start for Joseph O'Brien on AW in May and at least matched that form when second at Listowel (14f) since. Will need to improve for the significantly longer trip.	4	9-1	57.6kg		Donnacha O'Brien	87
15	5	UBER COOL (IRE) (29) 1131-6711 Jane Chapple-Hyam Steadily progressive stayer, posting a useful effort when shading a tight finish at Goodwood (2m) last month. However, he will require a big chunk of improvement to get heavily involved here.	4	9-1	57.6kg		Adam Kirby	82
16	9	MERI DEVIE (FR) (4) 527/0 W. P. Mullins, Ireland Runner-up in a listed event on the level in France in 2016. Made up into a smart hurdler for this yard this spring but well held back on the Flat here on Tuesday. Needs to leave that well behind.	5	8-11	55.8kg		Martin Harley	87

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Thomas Hobson, 6-1 Count Octave, 10-1 Nearly Caught, 10-1 Pallasator, 11-1 Fun Mac, 14-1 Glencadam Glory, 18-1 Renneti, 18-1 Meri Devie, 25-1 Light Pillar, 25-1 Uber Cool, 33-1 Tempestatefloresco, 50-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

THOMAS HOBSON had won the Ascot Stakes only 4 days earlier when beaten favourite in this 12 months ago but this has been the main target this time and he can provide his stable with a third win in the meeting finale since 2012. The Qatar Racing pair Count Octave and Pallasator, who returns to the level after a productive spell hurdling, could be the ones to give the selection most to do.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. THOMAS HOBSON 2. COUNT OCTAVE 3. PALLASATOR

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	Oriental Fox 9-9-5	10-1	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	16
2016	Commissioned 6-9-2	12-1	Gordon Elliott	Adam Kirby	18
2015	Oriental Fox 7-9-2	4-1	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	10
2014	Pique Sous 7-9-2	11-4	W. P. Mullins	Ryan Moore	13
2013	Chiberta King 7-9-2	8-1	Andrew Balding	Jimmy Fortune	19

SMART STATS:

2 W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 3 runners saddles: **THOMAS HOBSON**)

36% Ryan Moore's strike rate on favourites since the start of the 2013 season (rides: **THOMAS HOBSON**)

24% John Gosden's strike rate with horses running over 10f+ since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **GLENCADAM GLORY**)