

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

 RACE 1 **(10) RECOLETOS (FR) | (15) RHODODENDRON (IRE) | (13) YOSHIDA (JPN)**
**3.05** COVENTRY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(7) CALYX | (20) SERGEI PROKOFIEV (CAN) | (14) INDIGO BALANCE (IRE)**
**3.40** KING'S STAND STAKES (Group 1) (1) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(10) LADY AURELIA (USA) | (1) BATTAASH (IRE) | (2) BLUE POINT (IRE)**
**4.20** ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 7f213y (1600 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(9) WITHOUT PAROLE | (7) TIP TWO WIN | (5) ROMANISED (IRE)**
**5.00** ASCOT STAKES (HANDICAP) (2) 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)

 RACE 5 **(20) COEUR DE LION | (8) DANNYDAY | (5) DUBAWI FIFTY**
**5.35** WOLFERTON STAKES (Listed) (1) 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(13) SHARJA BRIDGE | (8) KIDMENEVER (IRE) | (6) BIG COUNTRY (IRE)**
**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

RACE 1

**QUEEN ANNE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 4yo+ £647,500 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)**



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

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: **Favours Mid** Pace Information: **Strong**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>4</b>   | <b>ACCIDENTAL AGENT (31)</b> (C)        | <b>94</b>                   |
|   | 712148-36  | 4 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Charles Bishop</i>       |
| Eve Johnson Houghton<br>Progressive last season, keeping on well to land a valuable 7f handicap at this track in October. Wasn't disgraced when sixth in the Lockinge last month but a big career best is needed to figure.     |            |   |                             |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>BEAT THE BANK (31)</b> (D)           | <b>99</b>                   |
|   | 1101110-0  | 4 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Jim Crowley</i>          |
| Andrew Balding<br>Progressive debut season last year, the highlight of which was his Newmarket Group 2 victory. Disappointing in the Queen Elizabeth II on Champions day and same story in the Lockinge on reappearance.        |            |   |                             |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>BENBATL (80)</b> (C)                 | <b>99</b>                   |
|   | 5156-1121  | 4 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Christophe Soumillon</i> |
| Saeed bin Suroor<br>Won Hampton Court Stakes at the meeting last year and taken form to new level in 2018, readily winning Dubai Turf at Meydan in March. Drop back in trip not bound to suit but he's a key form player.       |            |   |                             |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>CENTURY DREAM (IRE) (17)</b> (CD)    | <b>94</b>                   |
|   | 11611-011  | 4 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>William Buick</i>        |
| Simon Crisford<br>Developed into smart performer in 2017, winning 4 times, but has made even more progress this season, running away with the Diomed Stakes at Epsom (Group 3). Supplemented for this after.                    |            |   |                             |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>DEAUVILLE (IRE) (31)</b>             | <b>96</b>                   |
|   | 332300-25  | 5 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Donnacha O'Brien</i>     |
| Aidan O'Brien, Ireland<br>Doesn't win very often, but ran best race when third to Ribchester in this race last year and went on to fill same position in Arlington Million later in 2017. Fifth from the front in the Lockinge. |            |   |                             |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>LIGHTNING SPEAR (31)</b> (D)         | <b>100</b>                  |
|   | 9731660-2  | 7 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Oisin Murphy</i>         |
| David Simcock<br>Won Celebration Mile at Goodwood for second year running in 2017. Third in this race in 2016 (only ninth last year) but agonising defeat to Rhododendron in the Lockinge was a personal best.                  |            |   |                             |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>LIMATO (IRE) (31)</b> (C)            | <b>99</b>                   |
|   | 16/03241-0 | 6 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>James Doyle</i>          |
| Henry Candy<br>In-frame efforts in Diamond Jubilee, July Cup and Lennox Stakes prior to winning Challenge Stakes at Newmarket in 2017. Bound to come on from reappearance in the Lockinge but yet to convince over 1m.          |            |   |                             |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>LORD GLITTERS (FR) (87)</b> (CD, BF) | <b>95</b>                   |
|   | 54/11212-2 | 5 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Jamie Spencer</i>        |
| David O'Meara<br>Won Balmoral Handicap over C&D on second start for this yard and ran a cracker after 5 months off when runner-up to Addeybb in the Lincoln. That is rock-solid handicap form but this a big step up.           |            |   |                             |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>OH THIS IS US (IRE) (36)</b> (D, BF) | <b>94</b>                   |
|   | 04375-132  | 5 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Tom Marquand</i>         |
| Richard Hannon<br>Smart performer who was kept busy in 2017, winning twice, including 7f listed race at Haydock. Landed 7f handicap at Meydan in February and respectable efforts since but he's shy of this class.             |            |   |                             |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>RECOLETOS (FR) (23)</b> (D)          | <b>99</b>                   |
|   | 113714-11  | 4 9-0   57.2kg                          | <i>Olivier Peslier</i>      |
| C. Laffon-Parias, France<br>Successful 4 times as a 3-y-o, including in Prix du Prince d'Orange at Maisons-Laffitte and career-best effort when landing Prix d'Isphahan at Longchamp last time. Remains unexposed at 1m.        |            |   |                             |

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| <b>11</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>SO BELOVED (24)</b> (D)         | <b>94</b>             |
|  | 54249-242  | 8 9-0   57.2kg                     | <i>Phillip Makin</i>  |
| David O'Meara<br>Hasn't won since May 2016, but generally runs his race, and produced an effort up there with his very best when short-head second to Gilgamesh from top weight in handicap at York. Flying high here.           |            |                                    |                       |
| <b>12</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>SUEDOIS (FR) (31)</b> (D)       | <b>96</b>             |
|  | 3733114-7  | 7 9-0   57.2kg                     | <i>Daniel Tudhope</i> |
| David O'Meara<br>Found a new lease of life upped to 1m in 2017, winning Boomerang Stakes at Leopardstown and Shadwell Turf Mile Stakes at Keeneland. Shaped as though retaining ability in the Lockinge on reappearance.         |            |                                    |                       |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>YOSHIDA (JPN) (45)</b> (D)      | <b>96</b>             |
|  | 2/115221-1 | 4 9-0   57.2kg                     | <i>Jose L. Ortiz</i>  |
| William I. Mott, USA<br>Very smart performer who was successful 3 times in 2017 and career-best effort when winning Turf Classic Stakes at Churchill Downs on return last month (9f). This US raider isn't to be underestimated. |            |                                    |                       |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>ZONDERLAND (31)</b> (D)         | <b>95</b>             |
|  | 61812/28-0 | 5 9-0   57.2kg                     | <i>Adam Kirby</i>     |
| Clive Cox<br>Won listed race at Sandown and Sovereign Stakes at Salisbury in 2016 but made the track only twice last year. Too keen after 7 months off when beaten over 12 lengths by Rhododendron in the Lockinge.              |            |                                    |                       |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>14</b>  | <b>RHODODENDRON (IRE) (31)</b> (D) | <b>100</b>            |
|  | 22P712-41  | 4 8-11   55.8kg                    | <i>Ryan Moore</i>     |
| Aidan O'Brien, Ireland<br>Winner of a French Group 1 and runner-up in Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf on final 2 starts of 2017. All the better for reappearance when narrowly seeing off Lightning Spear in the Lockinge.       |            |                                    |                       |

15 DECLARED RUNNERS

**BETTING FORECAST:**

**11-4** Rhododendron, **11-2** Benbatl, **6-1** Recoletos, **17-2** Lightning Spear, **16-1** Yoshida, **20-1** Limato, **22-1** Beat The Bank, **22-1** Deauville, **22-1** Lord Glitters, **28-1** Suedois, **28-1** Century Dream, **40-1** bar

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

RECOLETOS was ultimately well on top at the line when making his Group 1 breakthrough in his native France last month and this straight mile should be right up his street. At the prices he is marginally preferred to Rhododendron, who had several of these behind when landing the Lockinge a month ago. US-raider Yoshida is a potential player, too.

**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

**1. RECOLETOS (FR) 2. RHODODENDRON (IRE) 3. YOSHIDA (JPN)**

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

|      |                                 |                      |                 |    |
|------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----|
| 2017 | <b>Ribchester</b> 4-9-0         | 11-10f Richard Fahey | William Buick   | 16 |
| 2016 | <b>Tepin</b> 5-8-11             | 11-2 Mark E. Casse   | Julien Leparoux | 13 |
| 2015 | <b>Solow</b> 5-9-0              | 11-8f F. Head        | Maxime Guyon    | 8  |
| 2014 | <b>Toronado</b> 4-9-0           | 4-5f Richard Hannon  | Richard Hughes  | 10 |
| 2013 | <b>Declaration of War</b> 4-9-0 | 15-2 Aidan O'Brien   | Joseph O'Brien  | 13 |

**SMART STATS:**

- 2** Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **RHODODENDRON**)
- £58.01** Simon Crisford's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **CENTURY DREAM**)
- 21%** Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with horses running in races between 7f and up to 10f since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **RHODODENDRON** and **DEAUVILLE**)

3.05

**COVENTRY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 2yo £150,000 6f (1210 Metres)**











RACE 2













**GBI RACING**  
BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

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

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: **Extreme**

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>ADVERTISE (32)</b> (D)  | <b>82</b>                   |
|    | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Martyn Meade<br>Showcasing colt who had Pogo and Burg in behind when making a winning debut at Newbury, encouraging that he was strongest at the end (sustained run from the rear). Should progress.         | <b>Oisin Murphy</b>         |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>ALFIE SOLOMONS (IRE) (14)</b>   | <b>80</b>                   |
|    | 41        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Richard Spencer<br>Didn't have to improve to land odds at Newcastle and firmly up against it.  | <b>Tom Queally</b>          |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>BARBILL (IRE) (31)</b>  | <b>83</b>                   |
|    | 12        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Mick Channon<br>Comfortable winner of 5f minor event on debut at Bath but 2½ lengths second of 9 to The Irish Rover in minor event at Newbury (6f, good to firm) since.                                      | <b>Charles Bishop</b>       |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>13</b> | <b>BLOWN BY WIND (26)</b> (C, BF)  | <b>92</b>                   |
|  | 1214      | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Mark Johnston<br>Useful juvenile who added to debut win in minor event here (5f) last month but limitations somewhat exposed in listed event at Sandown since. Will stay 6f.                                 | <b>James Doyle</b>          |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>BOA NOVA (IRE) (25)</b> (D)   | <b>76</b>                   |
|  | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Brian Meehan<br>Beat 5 rivals when making a winning debut at Bath but will find this a totally different level.  | <b>Harry Bentley</b>        |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>BURJ (13)</b> (D)   | <b>89</b>                   |
|  | 31        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Saeed bin Suroor<br>Went close on debut at Newbury and confirmed that promise when easily landing odds at Wolverhampton under this rider. Runner-up has since boosted that form and entitled to have a shot. | <b>Edward Greatrex</b>      |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>CALYX (10)</b> (D)  | <b>100</b>                  |
|  | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>John Gosden<br>Kingman colt who couldn't have been any more impressive when making a winning debut at Newmarket 10 days ago (recorded a fast closing sectional) and potentially high class.                  | <b>Frankie Dettori</b>      |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>COSMIC LAW (IRE) (18)</b> (D)   | <b>96</b>                   |
|  | 511       | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Richard Fahey<br>Winner of his last 2 starts, proving a different proposition when bolting up in class 2 event at Epsom (soft) latest, though ground will be much faster here.                               | <b>P. J. McDonald</b>       |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>DUBAI LEGACY (USA) (17)</b> (D)   | <b>84</b>                   |
|  | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Saeed bin Suroor<br>Discreet Cat colt who looked a good prospect as he made a successful debut at Doncaster, really impressing with how he powered through the race, and bold show wouldn't surprise.        | <b>Christophe Soumillon</b> |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>FOX CHAMPION (IRE) (17)</b>   | <b>79</b>                   |
|  | 2         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Richard Hannon<br>420,000 gns 2-y-o who was only just denied on debut at Doncaster but hard to see him going one better in this company.   | <b>Sean Levey</b>           |

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| <b>11</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>GEE REX (IRE) (24)</b>  | <b>85</b>               |
|    | 54        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>J. C. Hayden, Ireland<br>Left debut run well behind when fourth in listed event at the Curragh but hard to see him breaking his duck in this.  | <b>Jamie Spencer</b>    |
| <b>12</b>   | <b>18</b> | <b>GETCHAGETCHAGETCHA (48)</b> (C)   | <b>79</b>               |
|    | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Clive Cox<br>Narrow winner of 4-runner event here (5f) on debut and likely to find this too competitive.   | <b>Adam Kirby</b>       |
| <b>13</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>I AM A DREAMER (24)</b> (D)   | <b>82</b>               |
|    | 3411      | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Mark Johnston<br>Progressing well, winning last 2 starts at York, but looked wayward both times and easy to oppose at this level.  | <b>William Buick</b>    |
| <b>14</b>   | <b>19</b> | <b>INDIGO BALANCE (IRE) (23)</b> (D)   | <b>85</b>               |
|    | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland<br>Bred for speed and showed plenty of that when making a winning debut at the Curragh, showing good turn of foot. Warrants respect.  | <b>Colm O'Donoghue</b>  |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>KUWAIT STATION (IRE) (12)</b> (D)   | <b>78</b>               |
|   | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>David O'Meara<br>Won just an ordinary event at Ripon recently and plenty more needed to make an impact.  | <b>Daniel Tudhope</b>   |
| <b>16</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>MIDNIGHT SANDS (USA) (10)</b>   | <b>72</b>               |
|  | 7         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>James Given<br>Down the field on debut at Beverley and looks out of his depth.   | <b>Barry McHugh</b>     |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>NINETYTHREETWENTY (IRE) (25)</b> (D)  | <b>91</b>               |
|  | 11        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Richard Fahey<br>Relatively unfancied in the market but made a winning start in minor event at Doncaster, and produced a useful performance to defy penalty at Pontefract next time. Well worth a try in better company.           | <b>Paul Hanagan</b>     |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>NO NEEDS NEVER (IRE) (32)</b>   | <b>79</b>               |
|  | 2         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland<br>No Nay Never colt who was a close second at Cork on debut but this looks a very difficult ask.  | <b>Donnacha O'Brien</b> |
| <b>19</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>POGO (IRE) (18)</b>   | <b>80</b>               |
|  | 22        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Charles Hills<br>Runner-up both starts at Newbury and Goodwood. Firmly up against it at this level.  | <b>James McDonald</b>   |
| <b>20</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>SERGEI PROKOFIEV (CAN) (30)</b>   | <b>97</b>               |
|  | 211       | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Aidan O'Brien, Ireland<br>Confirmed debut promise when recording an excellent time to win at Navan, and followed up in the manner of a potentially high-class juvenile in listed race at Naas. Yard has won this a record 8 times. | <b>Ryan Moore</b>       |
| <b>21</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>SHAYBANI (IRE) (17)</b>   | <b>80</b>               |
|  | 21        | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>Richard Hughes<br>Showed plenty when runner-up at Goodwood on debut and didn't have to improve when landing odds at Chepstow next time. A lot more needed here, though.  | <b>Shane Kelly</b>      |
| <b>22</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>SHINE SO BRIGHT (9)</b>   | <b>80</b>               |
|  | 1         | 2 9-1   57.6kg<br>K. R. Burke<br>Oasis Dream colt who won 7-runner maiden (9/1) at Nottingham (5f, good to firm) on debut 9 days ago but this is a big step up.  | <b>Clifford Lee</b>     |

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RACE 2

COVENTRY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 2yo £150,000 6f (1210 Metres)

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THE IRISH ROVER (IRE) (31) (D)

341 2 9-1 | 57.6kg

90



Aidan O'Brien, Ireland 

Off the mark at the third attempt at Newbury last time, and while open to further improvement, stable have more obvious claims with Sergei Prokofiev.


Seamie Heffernan


24 8

VANGE (24) (D)

21 2 9-1 | 57.6kg

89



Richard Fahey 

Much sharper for debut when easily making all in small field at Chester but will find this a very different kind of test.

Silvestre De Sousa

24 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

5-2 Sergei Prokofiev, 10-3 Calyx, 12-1 Cosmic Law, 14-1 The Irish Rover, 20-1 Dubai Legacy, 22-1 Indigo Balance, 22-1 Advertise, 33-1 Burj, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CALYX looked one of the best seen in the 2-y-o division when making a winning debut at Newmarket recently, storming clear to win by 5 lengths and recording a fast closing sectional. Admittedly, this represents a big step up in class, but John Gosden has a good record with such types and he shades the vote over Sergei Prokofiev, who has been at the head of the ante-post market for a while.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CALYX 2. SERGEI PROKOFIEV (CAN) 3. INDIGO BALANCE (IRE)

| WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: |                      |       |                 |                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2017                       | Rajasinghe 2-9-1     | 11-1  | Richard Spencer | Stevie Donohoe 18   |
| 2016                       | Caravaggio 2-9-1     | 13-8f | Aidan O'Brien   | Ryan Moore 18       |
| 2015                       | Buratino 2-9-1       | 6-1   | Mark Johnston   | William Buick 17    |
| 2014                       | The Wow Signal 2-9-1 | 5-1jf | John Quinn      | Frankie Dettori 15  |
| 2013                       | War Command 2-9-1    | 20-1  | Aidan O'Brien   | Seamie Heffernan 15 |

SMART STATS:

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Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **SERGEI PROKOFIEV**)

£56.30

Joseph Patrick O'Brien's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **NO NEEDS NEVER**)

23%

Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SERGEI PROKOFIEV and THE IRISH ROVER**)

3.40

RACE 3

**KING'S STAND STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £538,750 5f (1010 Metres)**



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

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

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|----|----|---|---|---|-----|--------|---|-----|--------------------------|
| 1  | 9  | <b>BATTAASH (IRE) (24)</b> (D)          | 33/11141-1  | 4 | 9-4 | 59.0kg | ★ | 100 | <i>Jim Crowley</i>       |
|    |    | Charles Hills                           | Nunthorpe blip aside he was the outstanding sprinter last season, keeping on strongly in the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp. Underwent a breathing op and warmed up for this with Temple Stakes win.   |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 2  | 10 | <b>BLUE POINT (IRE) (51)</b> (C)        | 23/1341-29  | 4 | 9-4 | 59.0kg | ✓ | 92  | <i>William Buick</i>     |
|    |    | Charlie Appleby                         | High-class performer who won Pavilion Stakes and Bengough Stakes over 6f here in 2017. As good as ever when head second to Ertijaal in Group 2 Meydan Sprint on return and Shan Tin run best excused. |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 3  | 5  | <b>BUCCHERO (USA) (46)</b> (D)          | 11145-323   | 6 | 9-4 | 59.0kg |   | 84  | <i>Jose L. Ortiz</i>     |
|    |    | Tim Glyshaw, USA                        | Smart performer who was successful 4 times in 2017, including Grade 2 Woodford Stakes at Keeneland. Respectable efforts last 2 starts this year but he faces an uphill task here.                     |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 4  | 12 | <b>FINSBURY SQUARE (IRE) (16)</b> (D)   | 032527-41   | 6 | 9-4 | 59.0kg |   | 88  | <i>Olivier Peslier</i>   |
|    |    | M. Delcher Sanchez, France              | Finished fifth to The Tin Man in Diamond Jubilee when trained by Fabrice Chappet in 2017. Produced career-best effort to win Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly last time and supplemented since.        |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 5  | 3  | <b>GIFTED MASTER (IRE) (29)</b> (C, D)  | 71181-614   | 5 | 9-4 | 59.0kg | ✓ | 89  | <i>James Doyle</i>       |
|    |    | Hugo Palmer                             | Trailblazer who won 3 times in 2017, including listed events at Newmarket and Lingfield. Showed benefit of return when winning 6f handicap at Newmarket but dominating this field will be very tough. |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 6  | 6  | <b>KACHY (24)</b> (D)                   | 202-11213   | 5 | 9-4 | 59.0kg | ✓ | 91  | <i>Richard Kingscote</i> |
|    |    | Tom Dascombe                            | Really got it together this year, winning 3 of 5 starts, notably a minor event at Chester (by 9 lengths from Growl) in a very quick time last month. Beaten fair and square by Battaash at Haydock.   |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 7  | 13 | <b>ORNATE (10)</b> (D)                  | 14432-840   | 5 | 9-4 | 59.0kg |   | 81  | <i>Oisin Murphy</i>      |
|    |    | David C. Griffiths                      | Useful performer for Robert Cowell in 2017 but yet to fire for new connections and very hard to make a case for in this company.  |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 8  | 14 | <b>PRIMO UOMO (IRE) (38)</b> (D)        | 1138-3214   | 6 | 9-4 | 59.0kg |   | 87  | <i>N. G. McCullagh</i>   |
|    |    | G. O'Leary, Ireland                     | Proved better than ever to win listed race at Navan in April but below form in similar event at the Curragh last time and he's out of his depth.  |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 9  | 2  | <b>WASHINGTON DC (IRE) (24)</b> (CD)    | 51078-432   | 5 | 9-4 | 59.0kg |   | 90  | <i>Donnacha O'Brien</i>  |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                  | Won listed race at Navan and Phoenix Sprint Stakes at the Curragh in 2017, and proved at least as good as ever when head second to Battaash in Temple Stakes. 5 lb worse off with that rival.         |   |     |        |   |     |                          |
| 10 | 7  | <b>LADY AURELIA (USA) (66)</b> (CD, BF) | 113/1120-2  | 4 | 9-1 | 57.6kg | ✓ | 99  | <i>John R. Velazquez</i> |
|    |    | Wesley A. Ward, USA                     | High-class juvenile who nearly broke the course record when winning this race in 2017, displaying a devastating show of speed. Suffered 3 defeats since, but expected to be primed for this.          |   |     |        |   |     |                          |

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|----|----|--|---|---|------|--------|---|----|-------------------------|
| 11 | 8  | <b>MABS CROSS (24)</b> (D)                   | 31111-214   | 4 | 9-1  | 57.6kg |   | 88 | <i>Paul Mulrennan</i>   |
|    |    | Michael Dods                                 | Landed 4-timer in 2017 and has taken her form up a notch again this season, winning Palace House Stakes at Newmarket. Behind 3 of these when fourth in Temple Stakes last month.                        |   |      |        |   |    |                         |
| 12 | 1  | <b>BATTLE OF JERICO (USA) (19)</b>           | 34127-1   | 3 | 8-12 | 56.2kg | t | 77 | <i>Seamie Heffernan</i> |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                       | Made winning return in minor event at Fairyhouse last month, not needing to be at his best to make most of a good opportunity. This a completely different environment.                                 |   |      |        |   |    |                         |
| 13 | 11 | <b>DECLARATIONOFPEACE (USA) (33)</b> (D)     | 1077131-0   | 3 | 8-12 | 56.2kg | t | 79 | <i>W. M. Lordan</i>     |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                       | Kept busy at 2 yrs and shaped as if better for run when well held in listed race at York won by Main Desire, not persevered with once held. Entitled to come on for that but needs to improve markedly. |   |      |        |   |    |                         |
| 14 | 4  | <b>DIFFERENT LEAGUE (FR) (24)</b> (C, D, BF) | 11132-543   | 3 | 8-9  | 54.9kg | t | 82 | <i>Ryan Moore</i>       |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                       | Completed hat-trick in Albany Stakes at this meeting last year for Matthieu Palussiere, but yet to recapture smart juvenile form for new yard (tongue tied).  |   |      |        |   |    |                         |

14 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### BETTING FORECAST:

**2-1** Lady Aurelia, **9-4** Battaash, **9-1** Blue Point, **11-1** Kachy, **18-1** Washington DC, **22-1** Mabs Cross, **40-1** bar

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

Were LADY AURELIA and Battaash to bring their best form to the table this would develop into a classic duel. The former defends an unbeaten C&D record and nearly broke the track record in a scarcely-believable show of speed 12 months ago and is marginally preferred to Battaash, who is as talented but has threatened to boil over pre-race a couple of times.

#### TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

**1. LADY AURELIA (USA) 2. BATTAASH (IRE) 3. BLUE POINT (IRE)**

#### WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                           |      |                |                   |    |
|------|---------------------------|------|----------------|-------------------|----|
| 2017 | <b>Lady Aurelia</b> 3-8-9 | 7-2  | Wesley A. Ward | John R. Velazquez | 17 |
| 2016 | <b>Profitable</b> 4-9-4   | 4-1  | Clive Cox      | Adam Kirby        | 17 |
| 2015 | <b>Goldream</b> 6-9-4     | 20-1 | Robert Cowell  | Martin Harley     | 18 |
| 2014 | <b>Sole Power</b> 7-9-4   | 5-1  | Edward Lynam   | Richard Hughes    | 16 |
| 2013 | <b>Sole Power</b> 6-9-4   | 8-1  | Edward Lynam   | Johnny Murtagh    | 19 |

#### SMART STATS:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| <b>23%</b> | Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: <b>WASHINGTON DC, DIFFERENT LEAGUE, DECLARATIONOFPEACE and BATTLE OF JERICO</b> ) |
| <b>23%</b> | Aidan O'Brien's strike rate in mid season since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: <b>WASHINGTON DC, DIFFERENT LEAGUE, DECLARATIONOFPEACE and BATTLE OF JERICO</b> )  |
| <b>24%</b> | Charlie Appleby's strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: <b>BLUE POINT</b> )   |



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RACE 4

ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo entire colts only £538,750 7f213y (1600 Metres)
















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

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: **Even**

|   |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
|---|----|--|---|---|-----|--------|---------------------------|
| 1   | 1  | <b>CHILEAN (53)</b> (D)                | 4116-14   | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>88</b>                 |
|    |    | Martyn Meade                           |   |   |     |        | <i>Silvestre De Sousa</i> |
| Useful performer but form suggests he won't be good enough here and unraced on going firmer than good (Group 3 winner on heavy).  |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 2   | 5  | <b>GABR (26)</b> (D)                   | 2215-2  | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>91</b>                 |
|    |    | Sir Michael Stoute                     |   |   |     |        | <i>Jim Crowley</i>        |
| Took 3 runs to get off the mark before a big leap forward to finish fifth in Racing Post Trophy final run at 2 yrs. Should progress further this year given his eye-catching return at Sandown.       |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 3   | 3  | <b>GUSTAV KLIMT (IRE) (24)</b>         | 511-163   | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>97</b>                 |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                 |    |   |     |        | <i>Donnacha O'Brien</i>   |
| Looked potentially high-class when making it 3 wins in a row at Leopardstown on return but behind Tip Two Win in 2000 Guineas and Romanised/U S Navy Flag in Irish equivalent, so more needed.        |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 4   | 4  | <b>KINGS SHIELD (USA) (18)</b> (D, BF) | 1-1364  | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>90</b>                 |
|    |    | John Gosden                            |  |   |     |        | <i>Oisín Murphy</i>       |
| Steadily progressive colt who wasn't seen to best effect when sixth in French 2000 Guineas at Longchamp. Easy to forgive latest run but big leap forward is required.                                 |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 5   | 6  | <b>ROMANISED (IRE) (24)</b> (D)        | 1762-61   | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>100</b>                |
|    |    | K. J. Condon, Ireland                  |   |   |     |        | <i>Shane Foley</i>        |
| Useful at 2 but took form to another level at first try over 1m when coming from off the pace to take Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh, well on top at the line. Big player.                         |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 6   | 7  | <b>THREEANDFOURPENCE (USA) (24)</b>    | 214-2904  | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>91</b>                 |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                 |  |   |     |        | <i>Seamie Heffernan</i>   |
| Smart performer who produced a career best when fourth in Irish 2000 Guineas last time but likely to find a few too strong again.   |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 7   | 8  | <b>TIP TWO WIN (45)</b> (D)            | 132121-12   | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>99</b>                 |
|    |    | Roger Teal                             |   |   |     |        | <i>David Probert</i>      |
| Won 3 times in 2017 and also a 1m Group 2 in Qatar in February. Massive effort when runner-up in 2000 Guineas at Newmarket next time and that form is rock-solid. High on shortlist.                  |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 8   | 10 | <b>U S NAVY FLAG (USA) (24)</b>        | 41110-452   | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>98</b>                 |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland                 |  |   |     |        | <i>Ryan Moore</i>         |
| Completed a rare Middle Park/Dewhurst double last autumn and back to that level when runner-up to Romanised in Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh under a typically aggressive ride. Respected.        |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 9   | 2  | <b>WITHOUT PAROLE (26)</b> (D)         | 1-11  | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>96</b>                 |
|    |    | John Gosden                            |  |   |     |        | <i>Frankie Dettori</i>    |
| Easily landed odds on debut and looked right out of the top drawer when powering away at Yarmouth (fast time). More workmanlike in listed race at Sandown since but had excuses and big run expected. |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |
| 10  | 9  | <b>WOOTTON (FR) (37)</b> (D, BF)       | 11-14   | 3 | 9-0 | 57.2kg | <b>95</b>                 |
|    |    | H-A. Pantall, France                   |   |   |     |        | <i>Mickael Barzalona</i>  |
| Won first 3 starts, including Group 3 at Longchamp on return, and much better than bare result in French Guineas next time (failed to settle). Remains with potential and not to be underestimated.   |    |  |   |   |     |        |                           |

BETTING FORECAST:

**3-1** Without Parole, **11-2** Tip Two Win, **6-1** Romanised, **7-1** U S Navy Flag, **9-1** Gustav Klimt, **9-1** Wootton, **12-1** Gabr, **25-1** Chilean, **40-1** bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A competitive renewal but WITHOUT PAROLE created a deep impression at Yarmouth (backed up by the clock), and looks the one to focus on. He was fancied for the 2000 Guineas after that performance but had to swerve the race because of a setback, and though not as visually impressive at Sandown last time, that run came on soft ground. Tip Two Win is feared most ahead of Romanised.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

**1. WITHOUT PAROLE 2. TIP TWO WIN 3. ROMANISED (IRE)**

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                            |       |                |                 |   |
|------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 2017 | <b>Barney Roy</b> 3-9-0    | 5-2   | Richard Hannon | James Doyle     | 8 |
| 2016 | <b>Galileo Gold</b> 3-9-0  | 6-1   | Hugo Palmer    | Frankie Dettori | 7 |
| 2015 | <b>Gleneagles</b> 3-9-0    | 8-15f | Aidan O'Brien  | Ryan Moore      | 5 |
| 2014 | <b>Kingman</b> 3-9-0       | 8-11f | John Gosden    | James Doyle     | 7 |
| 2013 | <b>Dawn Approach</b> 3-9-0 | 5-4f  | J.S. Bolger    | K.J. Manning    | 9 |

SMART STATS:

- 3** Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 3 runners saddles: **U S NAVY FLAG**)
- 21%** Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with horses running in races between 7f and up to 10f since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **U S NAVY FLAG, GUSTAV KLIMT and THREEANDFOURPENCE**)
- 23%** Aidan O'Brien's strike rate in mid season since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **U S NAVY FLAG, GUSTAV KLIMT and THREEANDFOURPENCE**)

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RACE 5











**ASCOT STAKES (HANDICAP) (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)**  
**£90,000 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)**













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

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

|   |   |                                   |            |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>WHISKEY SOUR (IRE) (319)</b>   | <b>95</b>  |
|    | 100078/11-<br>5 9-10   61.7kg<br>W. P. Mullins, Ireland<br>Winner of both starts in this sphere in 2017 and done well over hurdles since (Grade winner 1 in December). One of 5 representing leading jumps yard that has won 3 of the last 6 runnings of this.      | <b>Christophe Soumillon</b>       |            |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>17</b>   | <b>DAYBREAK BOY (IRE) (255)</b>   | <b>95</b>  |
|    | 61/4174-<br>5 9-9   61.2kg<br>Henry de Bromhead, Ireland<br>Fourth in Limerick listed race when last seen in this sphere in October. Done little wrong over hurdles since, runner-up in big-field Punchestown maiden last time, but this mark may prove beyond him. | <b>W. M. Lordan</b>               |            |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>HASSLE (IRE) (735) (C)</b>     | <b>95</b>  |
|    | 0/<br>9 9-7   60.3kg<br>Dr Richard Newland<br>Aside from a poor effort in 2016 renewal of this (latest start on the Flat), his form figures here read 12334. Scored over hurdles at Market Rasen recently but looks vulnerable back in this sphere.                 | <b>Luke Morris</b>                |            |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>CAYIRLI (FR) (39)</b>          | <b>92</b>  |
|  | 529084/10<br>6 9-7   60.3kg<br>Seamus Durack<br>Belied odds of 50/1 when bagging a competitive Kempton handicap (2m) back from a lengthy layoff in April. However, well held in the Chester Cup subsequently and he's likely to struggle once again.                | <b>Shane Kelly</b>                |            |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>DUBAWI FIFTY (39)</b>          | <b>97</b>  |
|  | 4/114-1134<br>5 9-7   60.3kg<br>Karen McLintock<br>Progressive stayer who won twice on the AW earlier this year. Solid fourth in the Chester Cup (18.6f) back from a short break and one to consider with Silvestre De Sousa again in the hot-seat.                 | <b>Silvestre De Sousa</b>         |            |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>16</b>   | <b>GARO DE JUILLEY (FR) (961)</b> | <b>90</b>  |
|  | 6 9-6   59.9kg<br>Sophie Leech<br>Useful on the Flat when trained in Germany, winning 4 times in 2015. However, successful just once from 10 starts over hurdles for Paul Nicholls since and best watched on debut for new yard.                                    | <b>Liam Keniry</b>                |            |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>CHELKAR (FR) (603)</b>         | <b>91</b>  |
|  | 11631/<br>5 9-6   59.9kg<br>W. P. Mullins, Ireland<br>Winner of 3 of his 5 starts in France in 2016. Missed whole of last year and unproven beyond 1¼m but booking of Ryan Moore (aboard each of the yard's 3 previous winners of this) looks significant.          | <b>Ryan Moore</b>                 |            |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>DANNYDAY (24)</b>              | <b>100</b> |
|  | 11/4<br>6 9-5   59.4kg<br>Sir Michael Stoute<br>Winner of the 2016 Northumberland Vase at Newcastle (16.2f). Missed whole of last year but shaped well over an inadequate trip on return at Goodwood and has to be high on any shortlist.                           | <b>Pat Dobbs</b>                  |            |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>20</b>   | <b>PERCY STREET (285)</b>         | <b>92</b>  |
|  | 7516952/7-<br>5 9-5   59.4kg<br>David Pipe<br>Well held sole start in this sphere last year and has hardly set the world alight back over hurdles since, for all that his latest effort at Bangor was creditable. Opposable on debut for new yard.                  | <b>Oisin Murphy</b>               |            |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>MIRSAALE (39)</b>              | <b>94</b>  |
|  | 308/00-613<br>8 9-3   58.5kg<br>Keith Dalgleish<br>Back on scoresheet in this sphere at Ripon (2m, soft) in April and not far behind Look My Way and Coeur de Lion at Chester next time. Still, minor place money is probably the best he can hope for.             | <b>Rowan Scott (3lb/1kg)</b>      |            |

|   |   |                                      |           |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>11</b>   | <b>14</b>   | <b>LOOK MY WAY (39)</b>              | <b>95</b> |
|    | 232391-31<br>4 9-3   58.5kg<br>John Quinn<br>Ended 2017 Flat campaign on the up and has continued in the same vein this time round, producing a career-best when edging out Coeur de Lion at Chester (18.6f). Not without each-way hope.                        | <b>Jason Hart</b>                    |           |
| <b>12</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>LAGOSTOVEGAS (IRE) (226) (BF)</b> | <b>96</b> |
|    | 173/1332-<br>6 9-3   58.5kg<br>W. P. Mullins, Ireland<br>Useful dual-purpose performer who closed off last season by finishing third in the Cesarewitch and runner-up in a Naas listed contest. Fit from jumps and should make her presence felt. Hood applied. | <b>Andrea Atzeni</b>                 |           |
| <b>13</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>CLEONTE (IRE) (39)</b>            | <b>97</b> |
|    | 3/50046-24<br>5 9-3   58.5kg<br>Andrew Balding<br>Gelded following low-key 2017 campaign and much more like it when hitting the crossbar on return at Salisbury. Decent fourth in 2m handicap here won by Sam Missile since and he's an each-way player.        | <b>Jim Crowley</b>                   |           |
| <b>14</b>   | <b>6</b>  | <b>KLOUD GATE (FR) (355)</b>         | <b>97</b> |
|    | 53/438342-<br>6 9-2   58.1kg<br>Gary Moore<br>Runner-up on latest start in this sphere for Gianluca Bietolini at Deauville last June. However, modest form in novice events over hurdles since joining this yard and he looks up against it.                    | <b>Adam Kirby</b>                    |           |
| <b>15</b>   | <b>11</b>   | <b>STRATUM (624)</b>                 | <b>97</b> |
|   | 2223122/<br>5 9-2   58.1kg<br>W. P. Mullins, Ireland<br>Maiden winner for John Gosden in 2016 and landed a Galway maiden hurdle on debut for this yard in September. Beaten both starts since but this low-mileage 5-y-o has to enter calculations.             | <b>Robert Winston</b>                |           |
| <b>16</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>BATTALION (IRE) (48)</b>          | <b>95</b> |
|  | 6966-2085<br>8 9-2   58.1kg<br>Jamie Osborne<br>Useful in his pomp but majority of this year's efforts have been underwhelming and big question mark over him regarding this trip (usually campaigned at around 1¼m).   | <b>Jamie Spencer</b>                 |           |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>MERI DEVIE (FR) (764) (D)</b>     | <b>91</b> |
|  | 527/<br>5 9-1   57.6kg<br>W. P. Mullins, Ireland<br>Runner-up in a listed event on the level in France in 2016. Made up into a smart hurdler since, winner of valuable big-field Punchestown handicap on latest start in April, and he's not discounted.        | <b>Mickael Barzalona</b>             |           |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>SAM MISSILE (IRE) (39) (C)</b>    | <b>91</b> |
|  | 9-4267231<br>5 9-1   57.6kg<br>Jamie Osborne<br>Snapped a long losing run when narrowly landing a 2m handicap here last month. Essentially benefited from a good ride in a messy race that day, though, and much more on his plate now.                         | <b>Dougie Costello</b>               |           |
| <b>19</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>WHITE DESERT (IRE) (21)</b>       | <b>93</b> |
|  | 15-231<br>4 9-1   57.6kg<br>Charlie Appleby<br>Newbury maiden winner on debut last summer and added to his tally when landing a 1¼m Wolverhampton handicap in first-time cheekpieces 3 weeks ago. 10 lb higher now but he remains unexposed.                    | <b>William Buick</b>                 |           |
| <b>20</b>   | <b>10</b>   | <b>COEUR DE LION (39)</b>            | <b>97</b> |
|  | 32/123-122<br>5 9-1   57.6kg<br>Alan King<br>Winner at Southwell in January and solid efforts in defeat the last twice, latterly strong at the finish when a neck second to Look My Way with cheekpieces applied at Chester (18.6f). Major player.              | <b>Martin Harley</b>                 |           |

20 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### BETTING FORECAST:

**8-1** Stratum, **17-2** Coeur De Lion, **9-1** Dannyday, **11-1** Lagostovegas, **12-1** Chelkar, **12-1** Meri Devie, **14-1** Dubawi Fifty, **14-1** Whiskey Sour, **14-1** White Desert, **18-1** Look My Way, **22-1** Cleonte, **28-1** Daybreak Boy, **28-1** Mirsaale, **28-1** Sam Missile, **40-1** bar

#### TIMEFORM VIEW:

COEUR DE LION was doing all his best work at the finish when running Look My Way close at Chester and, with this more galloping track expected to play to his strengths, he could be the answer. Dannyday shaped very well on his Goodwood comeback and is a big threat, along with the progressive Dubawi Fifty. Lagostovegas could be the pick of the Mullins quintet, though Chelkar is also of interest.

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RACE 5

ASCOT STAKES (HANDICAP) (2) 4yo+ (Rated 0-100)  
£90,000 2m3f210y (4010 Metres)



TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. COEUR DE LION 2. DANNYDAY 3. DUBAWI FIFTY

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

|      |                 |        |      |                  |              |    |
|------|-----------------|--------|------|------------------|--------------|----|
| 2017 | Thomas Hobson   | 7-9-10 | 4-1f | W. P. Mullins    | Ryan Moore   | 18 |
| 2016 | Jennies Jewel   | 9-9-3  | 6-1  | Jarlath P. Fahey | R. P. Whelan | 20 |
| 2015 | Clondaw Warrior | 8-9-0  | 5-1f | W. P. Mullins    | Ryan Moore   | 19 |
| 2014 | Domination      | 7-9-7  | 12-1 | Charles Byrnes   | Fran Berry   | 19 |
| 2013 | Well Sharp      | 5-9-10 | 9-1  | Jonjo O'Neill    | Fran Berry   | 19 |

SMART STATS:

- 3W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 5 runners saddles: **STRATUM**)
- £35.62Gary Moore's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **KLOUD GATE**)
- £26.25Sophie Leech's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **GARO DE JUILLEY**)



5.35

RACE 6

**WOLFERTON STAKES (Listed) (1) 4yo+ £100,000**  
**1m1f212y (2000 Metres)**

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BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

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

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

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|----|----|--|------------|---|-----|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 1  | 9  | <b>LESHLAA (USA) (80)</b> (D)  | 916-31206  | 4 | 9-8 | 60.8kg |                             | <b>97</b> |
|    |    | Saeed bin Suroor   |            |   |     |        | <b>Christophe Soumillon</b> |           |
|    |    | Smart colt who improved at Meydan earlier in the year, scoring over 10f prior to a fine second in Group 3 company. Not disgraced at Group 1 level latest and ease back in class an obvious plus.         |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 2  | 6  | <b>MONARCHS GLEN (80)</b> (D)  | 1/144211-0 | 4 | 9-8 | 60.8kg |                             | <b>94</b> |
|    |    | John Gosden  |            |   |     |        | <b>Frankie Dettori</b>      |           |
|    |    | Ended last term on a high, signing off with success in a Newmarket Group 3 (9f) in October. Headstrong tendencies often a concern with him and they resurfaced at Meydan in March. Hood reached for.     |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 3  | 11 | <b>FABRICATE (26)</b> (D)  | 46115-124  | 6 | 9-6 | 59.9kg |                             | <b>97</b> |
|    |    | Michael Bell   |            |   |     |        | <b>James Doyle</b>          |           |
|    |    | Dual scorer last term who resumed winning ways in an AW listed event (10f) in March. Good second behind Crystal Ocean at Sandown next start but he was below that level in the Brigadier Gerard latest.  |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 4  | 1  | <b>MIRAGE DANCER (24)</b>  | 1/4334-21  | 4 | 9-6 | 59.9kg |                             | <b>98</b> |
|    |    | Sir Michael Stoute   |            |   |     |        | <b>James McDonald</b>       |           |
|    |    | Lightly-raced colt who ran Barsanti to a neck over 12 here on return. Made most of a good opportunity to go one place better at Goodwood, albeit decisively and he's the type to rate higher still.      |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 5  | 12 | <b>AUTOCRATIC (24)</b> (D)   | 6176-9252  | 5 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                             | <b>98</b> |
|    |    | Sir Michael Stoute   |            |   |     |        | <b>Adam Kirby</b>           |           |
|    |    | Smart on his day as he proved when landing last year's Brigadier Gerard. Record has been distinctly patchy since and he wouldn't be certain to back up his latest Goodwood (9.9f) display.               |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 6  | 2  | <b>BIG COUNTRY (IRE) (22)</b> (D)  | 18205-101  | 5 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                             | <b>98</b> |
|    |    | Michael Appleby  |            |   |     |        | <b>Luke Morris</b>          |           |
|    |    | A real success story for connections since being bought from Ireland, adding further success to his tally in the Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar recently. This tougher but no surprise to see him go well.   |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 7  | 14 | <b>EUGINIO (IRE) (24)</b> (D)  | 7/21451-32 | 4 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                             | <b>97</b> |
|    |    | Richard Hannon   |            |   |     |        | <b>Silvestre De Sousa</b>   |           |
|    |    | Developed in to a smart performer last term and matched pick of his exploits in defeat this spring, hitting the frame in Group 3/listed events. Application of blinkers may bring about some improvement |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 8  | 4  | <b>KIDMENEVER (IRE) (110)</b> (D)  | 423282-71  | 5 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                             | <b>98</b> |
|    |    | Charlie Appleby  |            |   |     |        | <b>William Buick</b>        |           |
|    |    | Solid third at this meeting 12 months ago and he arrives here on the back of a career-best display at Meydan (10f) in March, striking on 2f out. Not dismissed lightly here.                             |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 9  | 15 | <b>LARAAIB (IRE) (26)</b> (CD)   | 1113-2     | 4 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                             | <b>98</b> |
|    |    | Owen Burrows   |            |   |     |        | <b>Jim Crowley</b>          |           |
|    |    | Made big strides forward last term, completing a hat-trick in a C&D handicap in July. Not disgraced in Haydock Group 3 and back on the up when runner-up in last month's Brigadier Gerard. Respected.    |            |   |     |        |                             |           |
| 10 | 3  | <b>MORANDO (FR) (53)</b>   | 117/1432-3 | 5 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                             | <b>99</b> |
|    |    | Andrew Balding   |            |   |     |        | <b>Oisín Murphy</b>         |           |
|    |    | Smart as a 2-y-o and made winning return in listed race at Windsor last season. Failed to progress thereafter but connections went to 290,000 gns to acquire him and his Sandown return third was solid. |            |   |     |        |                             |           |

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| 11 | 8  | <b>MUNTAHAA (IRE) (40)</b>   | 14/31796-4 | 5 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                      | <b>99</b>  |
|    |    | John Gosden  |            |   |     |        | <b>Dane O'Neill</b>  |            |
|    |    | Determined success in the John Porter at Newbury last season but disappointed after. Gelded and shaped as if needing Chester return (13.4f) last month and expected to be closer to form now.      |            |   |     |        |                      |            |
| 12 | 16 | <b>SCARLET DRAGON (31)</b> (D)   | 0/603020-3 | 5 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                      | <b>98</b>  |
|    |    | Alan King  |            |   |     |        | <b>Tom Marquand</b>  |            |
|    |    | Progressive handicapper in 2016 and twice placed at Group 3 level last term. Promise over hurdles during the winter and far from disgraced back on the level at Newbury last month.                |            |   |     |        |                      |            |
| 13 | 13 | <b>SHARJA BRIDGE (45)</b>  | 3212-2     | 4 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                      | <b>100</b> |
|    |    | Roger Varian   |            |   |     |        | <b>Andrea Atzeni</b> |            |
|    |    | Has some strong 3-y-o form to his name and his Newmarket return second (9f) was another step forward, finding only another progressive 4-y-o too good. Highly likely he has more to offer.         |            |   |     |        |                      |            |
| 14 | 5  | <b>SPARK PLUG (IRE) (24)</b> (D, BF)   | 251236-63  | 7 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                      | <b>98</b>  |
|    |    | Brian Meehan   |            |   |     |        | <b>Jamie Spencer</b> |            |
|    |    | Smart gelding who was largely consistent last term, scoring at Sandown (10f) in July. Has performed with credit both outings this season and he should give another good account.                  |            |   |     |        |                      |            |
| 15 | 10 | <b>YUCATAN (IRE) (18)</b>  | 122/32-436 | 4 | 9-3 | 58.5kg |                      | <b>98</b>  |
|    |    | Aidan O'Brien, Ireland   |            |   |     |        | <b>Ryan Moore</b>    |            |
|    |    | Runner-up in Group 1 as a juvenile but has come up short at minor pattern level in a light career since. Beaten long way out in Coronation Cup at Epsom (12f) latest. This more suitable at least. |            |   |     |        |                      |            |
| 16 | 7  | <b>CHAIN OF DAISIES (33)</b> (D)   | 511/6231-6 | 6 | 9-1 | 57.6kg |                      | <b>96</b>  |
|    |    | Henry Candy  |            |   |     |        | <b>Harry Bentley</b> |            |
|    |    | Ended last season on a high when decisively landing listed race at Newmarket (10f) in October. Below form on return in York Group 2 (10f) and others more persuasive on balance.                   |            |   |     |        |                      |            |

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-1 Laraaib, 17-2 Sharja Bridge, 10-1 Mirage Dancer, 12-1 Monarchs Glen, 14-1 Morando, 14-1 Yucatan, 14-1 Fabricate, 16-1 Kidmenever, 16-1 Autocratic, 16-1 Big Country, 18-1 Spark Plug, 18-1 Euginio, 18-1 Chain of Daisies, 20-1 Leshlaa, 25-1 Muntahaa, 33-1 Scarlet Dragon

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHARJA BRIDGE continued his theme of race-by-race progress despite meeting with defeat on return at Newmarket, finding only another progressive 4-y-o too strong. He undoubtedly has potential to rate higher still and is fancied to make a bold bid. Kidmenever arrives on the back of a career-best effort at Meydan and is feared, along with Big Country, Mirage Dancer and Laraaib.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHARJA BRIDGE 2. KIDMENEVER (IRE) 3. BIG COUNTRY (IRE)

SMART STATS:

£5.45

Richard Hannon's profit with horses running in first time headgear since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **EUGINIO**)

21%

John Gosden's strike rate with horses running in races between 7f and up to 10f since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **MUNTAHAA** and **MONARCHS GLEN**)

22%

John Gosden's strike rate in mid season since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **MUNTAHAA** and **MONARCHS GLEN**)