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**RACE 2**
(7) CALYX | (20) SERGEI PROKOFIEV (CAN) | (14) INDIGO BALANCE (IRE)

**RACE 3**
(10) LADY AURELIA (USA) | (1) BATTASH (IRE) | (2) BLUE POINT (IRE)

**RACE 4**
(9) WITHOUT PAROLE | (7) TIP TWO WIN | (5) ROMANISED (IRE)

**RACE 5**
(20) COEUR DE LION | (8) DANNYDAY | (5) DUBAWI FIFTY

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

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**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.
**GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places)**

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**SMART STATS:**

- Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings: (amongst 2 runners) **9/10**
- 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: **CENTURY DREAM**)
- 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**)

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**BETTING FORECAST:**


**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.

**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

- 2016: **Tepin**, 5-8f **Mark E. Casse**, Julien Leparoux 13
- 2015: **Solow**, 5-9f **F. Head**, Maxime Guyon 8
- 2014: **Toro NATO 1-9f**, 4-5f **Richard Hannon**, Richard Hughes 10
- 2013: **Declaration of War 4-9f**, 15-2 **Aidan O'Brien**, Joseph O'Brien 13

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**TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**


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**GBI RACING:**

BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

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

**10 50 BELOVED (24) (D) 9-0 5449-24 8 9-0 57.2kg**

David O'Meara

Phillip Makin

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.

**12 2 SUEDOIS (FR) (31) (D) 9-0 5131162 7 9-0 57.2kg**

David O'Meara

Daniel Tudhope

Found a new lease of life uptied 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.

**13 13 YOSHIDA (JPN) (45) (D) 9-0 5171221-1 4 9-0 57.2kg**

William Mott, USA

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.

**15 14 ZONDERLAND (31) (D) 57.2kg**

Adam Kirby

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.

**14 15 RHODODENDRON (IRE) (21) (D) 9-0 121724-1 4 8-11 55.8kg**

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

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.
Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of 1f, 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 race from a tight layout to a more open one. In general, 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

Race 2: Coventry Stakes (Group 2) (1) 2yo £150,000 6f (1210 Metres)

1 1 ADVERTISE (32) (D) 82
Martyn Meade
Oisin Murphy

Sho casing colt who had Pogo and B ug in behind when making a winning debut at Newbury, encouraging that he was strongest at the end (sustained run from the rear). Should progress.

2 2 ALFIE SOLOMONS (IRE) (14) 80
Richard Spencer
Tom Queally

Didn't have to improve to land odds at Newcastle and firmly up against it.

3 24 BARBILL (IRE) (31) 83
Mick Channon
Charles Bishop

Comfortable winner of 3f 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.

4 13 BLOWN BY WIND (26) (C, BF) 92
Mark Johnston
James Doyle

Useful juvenile who added to debut win in minor event here (SF) last month but limitations somewhat exposed in listed event at Sandown since. Will stay 8f.

5 17 BOA NOVA (IRE) (25) (D) 76
Brian Meehan
Harry Bentley

Beat 5 rivals when making a winning debut at Bath but will find this a totally different level.

6 21 BURJ (13) (D) 89
Saeed bin Suroor
Edward Greatrex

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.

7 22 CALYX (10) (D) 100
John Gosden
Frankie Dettori

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.

8 15 COSMIC LAW (IRE) (18) (D) 96
Richard Fahey
P. J. McDonald

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.

9 11 DUBAI LEGACY (USA) (17) (D) 84
Saeed bin Suroor
Christophe Soumillon

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.

10 10 FOX CHAMPION (IRE) (17) 79
Richard Hannon
Sean Levey

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.

11 20 GEE REX (IRE) (24)
J. C. Hayden, Ireland

Left debut run well behind when fourth in listed event at the Curragh but hard to see him breaking his duck this.

12 18 GETCHAGETCHAGETCHA (48) (C) 79
Clive Cox
Adam Kirby

Narrow winner of 4-runner event here (SF) on debut and likely to find this too competitive.

13 5 I AM A DREAMER (24) (D) 82
Mark Johnston
William Buick

Progressing well, winning last 2 starts at York, but looked wayward both times and easy to oppose at this level.

14 19 INDI GO BALANCE (IRE) (23) (D) 85
Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland
Colm O'Donoghue

Bred for speed and showed plenty of that when making a winning debut at the Curragh, showing good turn of foot. Warrants respect.

15 3 KUWAIT STATION (IRE) (12) (D) 78
David O'Meara
Daniel Tudhope

Won just an ordinary event at Ripon recently and plenty more needed to make an impact.

16 6 MIDNIGHT SANDS (USA) (10)
Barry McHugh

Down the field on debut at Beverley and looks out of his depth.

17 9 NINETHTREETWENTY (IRE) (25) (D) 91
Richard Fahey
Paul Hanagan

Relatively un fancied 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.

18 16 NO NEEDS NEVER (12) (D) 79
Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland
Donnacha O'Brien

No Nay Never colt who was a close second at Cork on debut but this looks a very difficult ask.

19 12 POGO (IRE) (18)
James Hills
William Buick

Runner-up both starts at Newbury and Goodwood. Firmly up against it at this level.

20 4 SERGEI PROKOFIEV (CAN) (30)
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland
Ryan Moore

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.

21 14 SHAYBANI (IRE) (17)
Richard Hughes
Shane Kelly

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.

22 7 SHINE SO BRIGHT (9)
K. R. Burke
Clifford Lee

Dass 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.
23 23 THE IRISH ROVER (IRE) (31) (D) 90 2 57.6kg
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland  Seamus Heffernan
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.

24 8 VANGE (24) (D) 89 2 57.6kg
Richard Fahey  Silvestre De Sousa
Much sharper for debut when easily making all in small field at Chester but will find this a very different kind of test.

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 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-tf John Quinn  Frankie Dettori 15
2013 War Command 2-9-1 20-1 Aidan O'Brien  Seamus Heffernan 15

SMART STATS:
3 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)
Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of 1f 42yds with a run-in of 2f 19yds. 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: Very Strong

**RACE 3**

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

**1 11 8**

**MABS CROSS** (24) (D) 20111-214 4 9-1 | 57.4kg

Michael Dods

Landed 4-timer in 2017 and has taken her form up to notch again this season, winning Palace House Stakes at Newmarket. Badly beaten in the recent Group 2 Lady Aurelia Stakes.

**10 12 1**

**BATTLE OF JERICHO** (USA) (19) 11112-1 3 8-12 | 66.2kg

Aidan O’Brien, Ireland

Seamie Heffernan

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**

**DECLARATIONOFFEASE** (USA) (33) 11113-30 3 8-12 | 56.2kg

Aidan O’Brien, Ireland

W. M. Lordan

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**

**DIFFERENT LEAGUE** (FR) (24) (C, D, BF) 11112-541 3 8-9 | 54.9kg

Aidan O’Brien, Ireland

Ryan Moore

Completed hat-trick in Albany. Stakes at this meeting last year for Matthieu Falsuissere, but yet to recapture smart juvenile form for new yard (tongue tied).

**14 DECLARED RUNNERS**

**BETTING FORECAST:**

1. Lady Aurelia, 9-4 Battaash, 9-1 Blue Point, 11-1 Kacy, 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 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:**

![Timeform Diagram](image)

**SMART STATS:**

23% Aidan O’Brien’s strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: WASHINGTON DC, DIFFERENT LEAGUE, DECLARATIONOFFEASE and BATTLE OF JERICHO). 23% Aidan O’Brien’s strike rate in mid season since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: WASHINGTON DC, DIFFERENT LEAGUE, DECLARATIONOFFEASE and BATTLE OF JERICHO). 24% Charlie Appleby’s strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: BLUE POINT).
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  CHILEAN (S3) (D) 9-0 57.2kg
  3  9-0 | 57.2kg
  Martyn Meade Silvestre De Sousa
  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  GABR (26) (D) 9-0 57.2kg
  3  9-0 | 57.2kg
  Sir Michael Stoute Jim Crowley
  Took 3 runs to get off the mark before a big leap forward to finish fifth in Racing Post Trophy final run at 2 yds. Should progress further this year given his eye-catching return at Sandown.

3  3  GUSTAV KLIMT (IRE) (24) 9-0 57.2kg
  3  9-0 | 57.2kg
  Aidan O’Brien, Ireland Donna O’Brien
  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  KINGS SHIELD (USA) (18) 9-0 57.2kg
  3  9-0 | 57.2kg
  John Gosden Oisin Murphy
  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  ROMANISED (IRE) (24) t 9-0 57.2kg
  K. J. Condon, Ireland Shane Foley
  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.

6  7  THREEANDFOURPENCE (USA) (24) 9-0 57.2kg
  Aidan O’Brien, Ireland Seamie Heffernan
  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  TIP TWO WIN (45) 9-0 57.2kg
  3  9-0 | 57.2kg
  Roger Teal David Probert
  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  U S NAVY FLAG (USA) (24) 9-0 57.2kg
  Aidan O’Brien, Ireland Ryan Moore
  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  WITHOUT PAROLE (26) (D) 9-0 57.2kg
  John Gosden Frankie Dettori
  Easily landed odds on debut and looked right out of the top drawer when powering away at Yarmouth (last time). More workmanlike in listed race at Sandown since but had excuses and big run expected.

10 9  WOOTTON (FR) (37) 9-0 57.2kg
  H-A. Pantall, France Mickael Barzalona
  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.

10 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Without Parole, 11-2 Tip Two Win, 6-1 Romanised, 7-1 U S Navy Flag, 9-1 Gustav Klimt, 11-2 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: Barneley Roy 3-9-0 5-2 Richard Hannon James Doyle 8
2016: Galileo Gold 3-9-0 6-1 Hugo Palmer Frankie Dettori 7
2015: Gleneagles 3-9-0 8-15f Aidan O’Brien Ryan Moore 5
2014: Kingman 3-9-0 8-11f John Gosden James Doyle 7
2013: Dawn Approach 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)
Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)

The round course is a right-handed, galloping 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 up, but the opposite is true over 7f/1m, while on the round course those that race in the first 2½f. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course.

Draw: the opposite is true over 7f/1m, while on the round course those that race in the first 2½f. Ascot also has a straight mile course, which tends to drain better than the round course.

**Pace Information:**

- **9-3** 59.4kg
- **9-5** 59.4kg
- **9-6** 59.9kg
- **9-6** 60.3kg
- **9-7** 60.3kg
- **9-7** 60.3kg
- **9-8** 60.3kg
- **9-9** 60.3kg
- **9-9** 60.3kg
- **9-10** 60.3kg

**Betting Forecast:**

- **Stratum**, **14-1** 9-1 £50.00
- **Lagostovegas**, **12-1** 8-1 £50.00
- **Battalion**, **16-4** 8-1 £50.00
- **Sam Missile**, **18-19** 9-1 £50.00
- **Coeur De Lion**, **20-10** 9-1 £50.00

**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. Dannyyday 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.
**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:**

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**SMART STATS:**

- W. P. Mullins's number of winners in past 10 runnings: **3**
  - Amongst 5 runners saddles: **STRATUM**

- Gary Moore's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season: **£35.62**
  - Saddles: **KLOUD GATE**

- Sophie Leech's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season: **£26.25**
  - Saddles: **GARO DE JUILLIE**
**WOLFERTON STAKES (Listed) (1) 4yo+ £100,000 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)**

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

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of 1f4 with a run-in of 2f½f. 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 7½f, 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: Favourites High Pace Information: Very Strong**

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**1 7** LESHAA (USA) (80) (D) 56.330 4 9-3 [58.5kg] 97

**2 6** MONARCHS GLEN (80) (D) h 94

**3 11** FABRICATE (26) (D) 4915-124 6 9-6 [59.5kg] 97

**4 1** MIRAGE DANCER (24) 1/4316-21 4 9-6 [59.5kg] 98

**5 12** AUTOMATIC (24) (D) 619-9252 5 9-3 [58.5kg] 98

**6 2** BIG COUNTRY (IRE) (22) (D) 18205-101 5 9-3 [58.5kg] 98

**7 14** EUGENIO (IRE) (24) (D) 72141-12 4 9-3 [58.5kg] 97

**8 4** KIDMENEVER (IRE) (110) (D) 42/13021 5 9-3 [58.5kg] 98

**9 15** LARAIB (IRE) (26) (CD) 1113-2 4 9-3 [58.5kg] 98

**10 3** MORANDO (FR) (53) 11714-21-3 5 9-3 [58.5kg] 99

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**MUNTAHAA (IRE) (40)** 14/1519-4 5 9-3 [58.5kg]

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**SCARLE DRAGON (31) (D)** h

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**SHARJA BRIDGE (45)** 13/21-2 4 9-3 [58.5kg]

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**SPARK PLUG (IRE) (24) (D, BF)** 25216-63 7 9-3 [58.5kg]

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**YUCATAN (IRE) (18)** 12/12-124 4 9-3 [58.5kg]

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**CHAIN OF DAIYES (33) (D)** 511631-0 6 9-1 [57.5kg]

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**BETTING FORECAST:**

7-1 Laraab, 17-2 Sharja Bridge, 10-1 Mirage Dancer, 12-1 Monarchs Glen, 14-1 Morando, 16-1 Yucatan, 14-1 Fabricate, 16-1 Kidmenever, 16-1 Automatic, 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

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**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 Laraab.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

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**SMART STATS:**

£5.45 Richard Hannons profit with horses running in first time headgear since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: EUGENIO)

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)