



BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

Wednesday 20th June

ROYAL ASCOT


2.30 QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 5f (1010 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(17) SHADES OF BLUE (IRE) | (1) CHELSEA CLOISTERS (USA) | (16) SERVALAN (IRE)**
3.05 QUEEN'S VASE (Group 2) (1) 1¾m34y (2850 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(8) NELSON (IRE) | (5) KEW GARDENS (IRE) | (9) SOUTHERN FRANCE (IRE)**
3.40 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (Group 2) (1) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

 RACE 3 **(1) HYDRANGEA (IRE) | (3) ALJAZZI | (7) TOMYRIS**
4.20 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(2) CRACKSMAN | (6) POET'S WORD (IRE) | (1) CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE)**
5.00 ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

 RACE 5 **(24) MEDAHIM (IRE) | (13) SALTONSTALL | (10) AFAAK**
5.35 JERSEY STAKES (Group 3) (1) 7f (1410 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(8) EMARAATY | (21) COULD IT BE LOVE (USA) | (15) SOCIETY POWER (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 MARY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 2yo fillies £110,000
5f (1010 Metres)











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**

1	14	CHELSEA CLOISTERS (USA) (62) (D)	b	92
	1	Wesley A. Ward, USA	Frankie Dettori	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Looked exciting prospect when winning 8-runner maiden (11/10) by 8 lengths at Keeneland (4.5f) 62 days ago. Yard has won this 3 times and has to be high on the shortlist.		
2	1	COME ON LEICESTER (IRE) (30) (D)		95
	31	Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		360,000 gns 2-y-o who made good progress from her debut to win by a wide margin at Windsor last month and looks a good prospect.		
3	18	COUNTRY ROSE (IRE) (11) (D)		80
	221	Ronald Harris	David Probert	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Put experience to good use when making all at Lingfield but set a very stiff task now.		
4	3	DAPHINIA (33) (D)		87
	12	Henry Spiller	Silvestre De Sousa	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Knew what was required when winning at Wolverhampton (5.1f) on debut and stepped up on that when second of 14 to Signora Cabello in listed race at York (5f, good to firm) 33 days ago.		
5	20	DEIA GLORY (11)		88
	532	Scott Dixon	P. J. McDonald	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Best effort yet when just denied in class 2 at Beverley 11 days ago but unlikely to be breaking duck in this.		
6	5	FOREVER IN DREAMS (IRE) (37) (D)		97
	11	M. Palussiere, France	Antoine Hamelin	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Out of a half-sister to high-class 5f-7f winner Marchand d'Or. Winner of both her starts, value for plenty extra for latter success at Saint-Cloud from a subsequent winner. Interesting contender.		
7	19	GLOBAL GODDESS (IRE) (37)		47
	4	Gay Kelleway	Gerald Mosse	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Fourth of 6 in minor event at Wolverhampton (5.1f, 9/2) on debut 37 days ago and very hard to make a case for.		
8	13	GOSSAMER WINGS (USA) (14) (D)		84
	731	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Off the mark at the third attempt at Navan but others have achieved a lot more.		
9	15	HAATS OFF (52)		77
	532	Brian Barr	Trevor Whelan	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Easily best effort when runner-up at Salisbury but looks out of her depth.		
10	12	KODYANNA (IRE) (11) (D)		88
	31	Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Well backed and made a promising start in 5f Nottingham event and went one better in class 2 at Beverley, leading late on to deny Deia Glory. This demands a lot more, though.		

11	17	KURIOUS (13) (D)		91
	1	Henry Candy	Fran Berry	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Kuroshio filly. Half-sister to very smart 5f-6f winner Tangerine Trees. Looked a good prospect when making a winning debut at Sandown 2 weeks ago and sure to go on to better things.		
12	6	LITTLE KIM (13) (D)		88
	1	K. R. Burke	Ben Curtis	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Opened her account in good style at Carlisle 2 weeks ago, knowing her job well but still shaping as if there's more to come.		
13	10	LUCHADOR (32) (D)		77
	431	Archie Watson	Luke Morris	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Thrice-raced winner, making all in an ordinary event at Thirsk last time. Easy to look elsewhere.		
14	2	RED BALLOONS (18) (BF)		86
	32	Richard Fahey	Daniel Tudhope	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Promising efforts at Thirsk and Musselburgh but firmly up against it here.		
15	21	SECOND GENERATION (27) (D)		95
	71	James Tate	Paul Mulrennan	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Confirmed debut promise when easy winner at Catterick last month, beating plenty of subsequent improvers. Open to further progress.		
16	9	SERVALAN (IRE) (31)		97
	21	Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Took a big jump forward from debut to win listed event at Naas last month, forging clear and recording a good closing sectional. Not taken lightly.		
17	22	SHADES OF BLUE (IRE) (40) (CD)		100
	1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Kodiac filly who ran to a useful level at the first attempt when beating a couple of subsequent winners over C&D in May and rates a serious player for last year's winning yard.		
18	8	SHUMOOKHI (IRE) (37) (D)		85
	21	Archie Watson	Edward Greatrex	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Went close on debut before holding on gamely at Catterick but firmly up against it here.		
19	16	SIGNORA CABELLO (IRE) (33) (D)		91
	411	John Quinn	Oisín Murphy	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Experience counted for plenty when following up her Bath win in listed event at York but this demands a lot more.		
20	4	SNAZZY (IRE) (33) (D)		86
	13	Charlie Fellowes	Stevie Donohoe	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Justified market support to make a winning debut in 12-runner minor event at Newcastle and better effort when third of 14 to Signora Cabello in listed race at York (5f, good to firm) 33 days ago.		
21	11	SO PERFECT (USA) (31) (D, BF)		94
	14	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Scat Daddy filly. Narrow winner at Navan (5f, soft) on debut and better than bare result behind Servalan in listed race at Naas (6f, good) 31 days ago, not knocked about. Remains open to progress.		
22	7	YOLO AGAIN (IRE) (18) (D)		94
	931	John Patrick Murtagh, Ireland	N. G. McCullagh	
	2	9-0 57.2kg		
		Improved again to get off the mark at the third time of asking at Navan but only just held off the runner-up that day and others have more potential.		

2.30

RACE 1

QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group 2) (1) 2yo fillies £110,000 5f (1010 Metres)



BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Chelsea Cloisters, 13-2 Shades of Blue, 8-1 So Perfect, 11-1 Servalan, 14-1 Come On Leicester, 18-1 Forever In Dreams, 18-1 Kurious, 20-1 Second Generation, 20-1 Kodyanna, 33-1 Yolo Again, 33-1 Signora Cabello, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

SHADES OF BLUE was strong in the betting and looked potentially smart when making a winning debut over C&D last month, beating a couple of subsequent winners with a bit to spare, so she gets the vote for last year's winning yard. Given the bullish reports coming from Wesley Ward it's no surprise to see Chelsea Cloisters a strong favourite and she has to be feared, with Servalan best of the rest.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. SHADES OF BLUE (IRE) 2. CHELSEA CLOISTERS (USA) 3. SERVALAN (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	Heartache	2-9-0	5-1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	23
2016	Lady Aurelia	2-9-0	2-1f	Wesley A. Ward	Frankie Dettori	17
2015	Acapulco	2-9-0	5-2f	Wesley A. Ward	Ryan Moore	20
2014	Anthem Alexander	2-9-0	9-4f	Edward Lynam	Pat Smullen	21
2013	Rizeena	2-8-12	6-1	Clive Brittain	James Doyle	23

SMART STATS:

- 3 Wesley A. Ward's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (saddles: **CHELSEA CLOISTERS**)
- 23% Aidan O'Brien's strike rate with sprinters since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SO PERFECT and GOSSAMER WINGS**)
- 23% Aidan O'Brien's strike rate in mid season since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SO PERFECT and GOSSAMER WINGS**)

3.05

RACE 2

QUEEN'S VASE (Group 2) (1) 3yo £200,000 1¾m34y (2850 Metres)

















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: **Very Strong**

1	4	ALMOGHARED (IRE) (29)		80
	21	3	9-0 57.2kg	
John Gosden 		<i>Jim Crowley</i>		
Confirmed debut promise when landing the odds in 1½m Chepstow event last month. This represents a sizeable step up in class/trip but he's open to improvement. Yard also saddles Stream of Stars.				
2	9	DRAPERS GUILD (32)		89
	85446-212	3	9-0 57.2kg	
Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland		<i>W. M. Lordan</i>		
Has left 2-y-o form well behind this year, off the mark in Dundalk maiden in April prior to making a real race of it with Southern France upped to 13f in Navan listed contest last time. Place claims.				
3	3	DUBAI EMPIRE (FR) (30)		81
	5416-34	3	9-0 57.2kg	v
John Quinn		<i>Tom Queally</i>		
Appreciated cut in the ground when making it third time lucky in 1m Musselburgh maiden last season. Has found life tougher in listed/handicap company since, though, and looks out of his depth here.				
4	8	JEREMIAH (18)		80
	33-432	3	9-0 57.2kg	s
Charlie Fellowes		<i>Oisin Murphy</i>		
Clear promise in maidens and has acquitted himself well in handicaps upped to around 1¾m the last twice. However, first-time cheekpieces need to spark considerable improvement if he's to take this.				
5	7	KEW GARDENS (IRE) (18)		96
	71241-329	3	9-0 57.2kg	
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland 		<i>Ryan Moore</i>		
Winner of 1¼m Newmarket listed event on final 2-y-o start. Beaten favourite first 2 starts this term prior to struggling in the Derby but up in trip now and he's Moore's pick of the Ballydoyle trio.				
6	2	KING'S PROCTOR (IRE) (33) (BF)		86
	51-2232	3	9-0 57.2kg	
Mark Johnston 		<i>James Doyle</i>		
Nottingham maiden winner at 2 yrs and has acquitted himself well in varied company this season. This step up in trip may help and yard has a good record in this race but improvement needed.				
7	10	LYNWOOD GOLD (IRE) (18)		91
	16221-753	3	9-0 57.2kg	
Mark Johnston 		<i>P. J. McDonald</i>		
Dual 2-y-o winner who stuck to his task well when third upped to 14.5f in Doncaster handicap last time. By no means a forlorn hope but, like stablemate King's Proctor, he needs to raise his game.				
8	6	NELSON (IRE) (38)		★ 100
	62112-16	3	9-0 57.2kg	
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland 		<i>Donnacha O'Brien</i>		
Smart 2-y-o and made a winning reappearance in 1¼m Leopardstown Group 3 in April. Disappointing in Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial there next time but will be a big threat if staying this new trip.				
9	5	SOUTHERN FRANCE (IRE) (32)		92
	211	3	9-0 57.2kg	t
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland 		<i>Seamie Heffernan</i>		
Went close on debut at Navan and successful both starts since, proving ½-length too strong for Drapers Guild in listed company back there (13f, good to firm) last time. Remains open to improvement.				
10	1	SOVEREIGN DUKE (GER) (54)		84
	7-15	3	9-0 57.2kg	
Henry Candy		<i>Fran Berry</i>		
All the sharper for debut when getting up close home in 1m Kempton novice event in January. However, came up short in Sandown Group 3 subsequently and big step forward needed up in trip here.				

11	11	STREAM OF STARS (40) (C)	84
	21	3 9-0 57.2kg	
	John Gosden		<i>Frankie Dettori</i>
Runner-up on Newmarket debut and duly went one better in 1½m maiden here last month. This is much tougher but he's a full brother to a smart stayer and represents last year's winning yard.			
12	12	YABASS (IRE) (32)	86
	162-2126	3 9-0 57.2kg	t
	Archie Watson		<i>Edward Greatrex</i>
Useful type who ran away with a minor event at Ripon 3 starts back. However, limitations seemingly exposed when behind Southern France at Navan last time.			

12 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

3-1 Southern France, 9-2 Nelson, 9-2 Stream of Stars, 5-1 Kew Gardens, 14-1 Almoghared, 20-1 Drapers Guild, 28-1 Lynwood Gold, 33-1 King's Proctor, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Aidan O'Brien has saddled the winner of this 4 times since 2010 and NELSON is taken to provide the yard with another victory, for all that Ryan Moore has seemingly passed him over in favour of Kew Gardens and the presence of unexposed stablemate Southern France. Nelson sets a good standard on his smart 2-y-o form and may relish this stiffer test. Stream of Stars is the pick of the home brigade.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:			
1. NELSON (IRE)	2. KEW GARDENS (IRE)	3. SOUTHERN FRANCE (IRE)	
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:			
2017	Stradivarius 3-9-0	11-2 John Gosden	Andrea Atzeni 13
2016	Sword Fighter 3-9-3	33-1 Aidan O'Brien	Colm O'Donoghue 18
2015	Aloft 3-9-3	5-2f Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore 13
2014	Hartnell 3-9-3	7-2 Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning 10
2013	Leading Light 3-9-4	5-4f Aidan O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien 15

SMART STATS:

4 Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 3 runners saddles: **NELSON**)

3 Mark Johnston's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **LYNWOOD GOLD**)

£56.30 Joseph Patrick O'Brien's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **DRAPERS GUILD**)

3.40

RACE 3

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (Group 2) (1) 4yo+ fillies and mares £188,250 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)



















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: **Very Strong**

1	11	HYDRANGEA (IRE) (25) (C, D, BF)	s	 	100
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland 		Ryan Moore	
		Signed off excellent 3-y-o campaign with victory in the Champion Fillies' & Mares' Stakes over 1½m here. Just as good over 1m and should have come on for Curragh return. The one to beat.			
2	4	PROMISING RUN (USA) (81) (D)	s		95
		Saeed bin Suroor		Christophe Soumillon	
		Had a fine spell in Dubai earlier this year, winning Group 2s over 1m and 9f. Been a while since she last ran to that sort of level in Britain though (just fifth in the 2016 Coronation over C&D).			
3	7	ALJAZZI (54) (D)	h		98
		Marco Botti		William Buick	
		Won the Group 3 Atalanta Stakes over this trip at Sandown last season and should have come on for her return there in April. Fine second in this 12 months ago and solid place claims again.			
4	2	ARABIAN HOPE (USA) (256) (D)			95
		Saeed bin Suroor		Oisin Murphy	
		Won 4 times at up to 1m last season, including a Group 3 in Turkey. Needs to step up again if she's to figure in this on return.			
5	10	BILLESDON BESS (25)			92
		Richard Hannon		Hollie Doyle	
		Won 3 times over 1¼m last season and ran well at Goodwood over that trip last month. Plenty to find returned to a Group 2 back in distance now.			
6	9	LINCOLN ROCKS (18) (D)			92
		David O'Meara		Daniel Tudhope	
		Won 3 times in 2017, including 1m listed race at Pontefract. Bit disappointing in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom last time though and this is even tougher.			
7	5	TOMYRIS (39) (D)			94
		Roger Varian 		Andrea Atzeni	
		Successful reappearance in 7f Group 3 Chartwell Stakes at Lingfield last month, holding on gamely. Return to 1m fine and not one to discount after that improved showing.			
8	1	TRIBUTE ACT (39) (D)			90
		James Fanshawe		Adam Kirby	
		Dual winner in handicaps last summer and returned with an improved effort behind Urban Fox in C&D event last month, just failing. Been supplemented for this and could take another step forward.			
9	6	UNFORGETTABLE FILLY (16) (D)			90
		Hugo Palmer 		Josephine Gordon	
		Won Musselburgh listed race and German 1000 Guineas last season. Retains all her ability judged by Leicester return run, not beaten far. This is a whole lot tougher.			
10	3	URBAN FOX (39) (CD)			96
		William Haggas		James Doyle	
		Much improved on first start for new yard when winning C&D fillies' handicap last month, staying on well to repel Tribute Act. Well worth another crack in this grade and respected.			

11 8

WILAMINA (IRE) (18) (D)

0/12035-21 5 9-0 | 57.2kg

Martyn Meade

Has returned an improved performer, winning the Group 3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom 3 weeks ago, keeping on well. Wouldn't completely dismiss up again in class.

95

Frankie Dettori

11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

7-4 Hydrangea, 13-2 Aljazzi, 15-2 Tomyris, 17-2 Wilamina, 10-1 Urban Fox, 12-1 Tribute Act, 22-1 Promising Run, 28-1 Arabian Hope, 33-1 Unforgettable Filly, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

HYDRANGEA sticks to 1m and should be hard to beat if coming on plenty as expected from her reappearance at the Curragh. Last year's runner-up Aljazzi has solid place claims again, while Tomyris and recent C&D handicap 1-2 Urban Fox and Tribute Act should be in the mix.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. HYDRANGEA (IRE) 2. ALJAZZI 3. TOMYRIS

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:				
2017	Qemah 4-9-0	5-2f	Jean-Claude Rouget	Gregory Benoist 14
2016	Usherette 4-9-3	9-4f	A. Fabre	Mickael Barzalona 14
2015	Amazing Maria 4-9-0	25-1	David O'Meara	James Doyle 6
2014	Integral 4-9-0	9-4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore 14
2013	Duntle 4-8-12	10-3	David Wachman	W. M. Lordan 9

SMART STATS:

£88.60

Saeed bin Suroor's profit with horses running after a break since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **ARABIAN HOPE**)

23%

Saeed bin Suroor's strike rate with horses running in races between 7f and up to 10f since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **ARABIAN HOPE** and **PROMISING RUN**)

36%

Ryan Moore's strike rate on favourites since the start of the 2013 season (rides: **HYDRANGEA**)

4.20

RACE 4

PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (Group 1) (1) 4yo+ £750,000
1m1f212y (2000 Metres)













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: **Weak**

1	2	CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE) (24) (D)	t	91
		44678-512 4 9-0 57.2kg		
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland 	Ryan Moore	
Runner-up in last season's Derby. Back to winning ways in Naas Group 2 last month and 2 lengths second to stablemate Lancaster Bomber in Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh since.				
2	5	CRACKSMAN (19) (CD)		100
		132111-11 4 9-0 57.2kg		
		John Gosden 	Frankie Dettori	
Outstanding winner of Champion over C&D in October and returned with another easy win at Longchamp. Only scrambled home in Coronation Cup since but there were mitigating circumstances. Hard to beat.				
3	6	DESERT ENCOUNTER (IRE) (27) (C)	h	90
		123615-93 6 9-0 57.2kg		
		David Simcock 	Jamie Spencer	
Excellent third in the Eclipse last summer. Shaped as if back in form when 4½ lengths third to reopposing Poet's Word in Brigadier Gerard last time but place probably best he can hope for here.				
4	4	EMINENT (IRE) (40) (D, BF)		90
		1/164513-5 4 9-0 57.2kg		
		Martyn Meade	Oisin Murphy	
Deauville Group 2 winner last August. Also acquitted himself well at the highest level in 2017 but does need to shrug off a poor return at Chester (found post-race to have a fibrillating heart).				
5	3	HAWKBILL (USA) (19) (CD)	b	93
		36122-115 5 9-0 57.2kg		
		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	
Better than ever when all-the-way winner of Group 1 Sheema Classic at Meydan in March but ran poorly behind Cracksmán in Coronation since. First-time blinkers replace his usual cheekpieces now.				
6	1	POET'S WORD (IRE) (27) (D)		92
		121226-21 5 9-0 57.2kg		
		Sir Michael Stoute 	James Doyle	
Second to Cracksmán in Champion over C&D last year. Has returned in good form, winning Brigadier Gerard at Sandown last time. Could be the one to follow the favourite home again.				
7	7	ROYAL JULIUS (IRE) (38)		87
		8620-3821 5 9-0 57.2kg		
		J. Reynier, France	Gerald Mosse	
French-trained gelded who is capable of smart form at his best (Italian Group 2 winner last time) but surely biting off a bit more than he can chew in this company.				

7 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

1-2 Cracksmán, 6-1 Poet's Word, 14-1 Eminent, 16-1 Hawkbill, 16-1 Cliffs of Moher, 100-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

CRACKSMAN certainly wasn't at his brilliant best in the Coronation Cup at Epsom but he still got the job done and this track, where he was so impressive in the Champion, is expected to see him in a much better light. Recent Brigadier Gerard winner Poet's Word followed the selection home in the Champion and could be the one for the forecast spot again.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. CRACKSMAN 2. POET'S WORD (IRE) 3. CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2017	Highland Reel 5-9-0	9-4	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	8
2016	My Dream Boat 4-9-0	16-1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	6
2015	Free Eagle 4-9-0	5-2f	D. K. Weld	Pat Smullen	9
2014	The Fugue 5-8-11	11-2	John Gosden	William Buick	8
2013	Al Kazeem 5-9-0	11-4	Roger Charlton	James Doyle	11

SMART STATS:

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

£10.36 Charlie Appleby's profit with horses running in first time headgear since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **HAWKBILL**)

38% Frankie Dettori's strike rate on favourites since the start of the 2013 season (rides: **CRACKSMAN**)

5.00

RACE 5

**ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 3yo+
£175,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)**



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: **Strongly Favours Mid** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1	2	ZHUI FENG (IRE) (39) (CD)	s		94
		0/480317-2 5 9-10 61.7kg Amanda Perrett Made all in this event 12 months ago and improved on that when just foiled in Victoria Cup (7f) here on return last month. 2 lb rise fair and likely to make another bold bid.		Pat Dobbs	
2	1	LOVE DREAMS (IRE) (7)	b		92
		62102170 4 9-8 60.8kg Mark Johnston Back on the scoreboard at Goodwood last month but isn't the most consistent and was well beaten at Chelmsford on latest start.		P. J. McDonald	
3	12	MUBTASIM (IRE) (39) (BF)	h		95
		9/33370-32 4 9-8 60.8kg William Haggas Smart form when third in the Jersey Stakes here last term and back on the up when second in listed race at Haydock (7.2f) 39 days ago. Merits consideration on handicap debut. NON RUNNER.		Non Runner	
4	13	CIRCUS COUTURE (IRE) (21) (D)			88
		32137-155 6 9-8 60.8kg Jane Chapple-Hyam Smart performer at best in Italy, successful on return in March. Yet to make an impact in a pair of starts on these shores for new yard, though.		John Egan	
5	14	MASTER MERION (USA) (39) (D, BF)	t		91
		21111-24 4 9-7 60.3kg Wesley A. Ward, USA Landed 4 on the bounce in native U.S in 2017 and posted good second on return at Keeneland this year. Well held since, though, and tough to assess on handicap/UK debut. Wears tongue strap.		Ryan Moore	
6	5	FLAMING SPEAR (IRE) (256) (D)			92
		001/19180- 6 9-7 60.3kg Dean Ivory Winner of big-field York handicap last August but failed to fire both subsequent starts in 2017. Looks vulnerable on return/debut for new yard here.		Robert Winston	
7	21	ARCANADA (IRE) (39) (D)	s		95
		2801-1103 5 9-5 59.4kg Tom Dascombe Smart sort who completed an AW hat-trick when scoring at Wolverhampton in February. Respectable third in Haydock listed race latest, but been some time since he tasted victory on turf.		Richard Kingscote	
8	23	TRICORN (IRE) (21) (D)	b		95
		111237-83 4 9-5 59.4kg John Gosden Landed a hat-trick in early part of last year and posted fine third in Britania over C&D subsequently. Rather gone backwards since, however, and hopes of a revival may rest on first-time blinkers.		James McDonald	
9	20	ARCHETYPE (FR) (27) (D)			93
		217115-23 4 9-5 59.4kg Simon Crisford Progressive bar a blip on heavy ground at Goodwood, notching 4 victories last year. Back to best in listed event over this trip at Longchamp latest but looks on a stiff mark returned to handicapping.		Silvestre De Sousa	
10	17	AFAAK (34) (D)			99
		117442-01 4 9-5 59.4kg Charles Hills Scored twice over this trip last term and showed a good change of pace when taking York handicap (7.9f) on latest start. 6 lb higher now but we may not have seen the best of him yet.		Jim Crowley	

11	15	HORS DE COMBAT (37) (D)			93
		90420-316 7 9-5 59.4kg Denis Coakley Ended long losing run when landing Meydan handicap over this trip in February. Not disgraced in listed company since but others hold more appeal.		Adam Kirby	
12	31	GABRIAL (IRE) (18) (D)			95
		23847432 9 9-5 59.4kg Richard Fahey Consistent sort who made the frame again when second in Diomed Stakes at Epsom earlier this month. Likely to give another good account but it's hard to envisage his losing run ending here.		Frankie Dettori	
13	3	SALTONSTALL (5lb/2kg ex) (24) (D)	t		95
		216/9-231 4 9-5 59.4kg M. Halford, Ireland Lightly-raced gelding who produced a career best when winning 13-runner handicap at the Curragh (8f) last month. 5 lb penalty to carry for that victory but further progress can't be ruled out.		William Buick	
14	27	GORING (GER) (40) (D)	v		93
		5611-1130 6 9-4 59.0kg Eve Johnson Houghton Four-time AW winner during the winter but doesn't seem as effective on turf and looks up against it off present mark.		Charles Bishop	
15	29	REPERCUSSION (5lb/2kg ex) (21) (D)	t		93
		6241-5501 5 9-4 59.0kg Charlie Fellowes Found improvement when bagging heavy-ground handicap at Nottingham last month, but 5 lb penalty takes him to a career-high mark and this is much tougher.		Seamie Heffernan	
16	18	TONY CURTIS (39) (D)			97
		444/742-80 5 9-3 58.5kg Richard Hannon Made the frame twice in top handicaps during light 2017 campaign, but yet to really fire in a couple of outings this term and hasn't scored since 2015.		W. M. Lordan	
17	26	FIRMAMENT (39) (D)			100
		53588-609 6 9-3 58.5kg David O'Meara Winless last term but plenty of creditable efforts to his name. Handicapper cut him plenty of slack and staying-on ninth in Victoria Cup here last month suggested he retains all his ability.		Daniel Tudhope	
18	25	CAPE BYRON (34) (CD, BF)	s		94
		21/13-94 4 9-2 58.1kg Roger Varian Low-mileage 4-y-o who improved markedly when making a winning return over C&D last term. Shaped well (on return from 4 months off) in York handicap latest and is another to consider.		Andrea Atzeni	
19	9	RAISING SAND (39) (CD)			97
		7/P06143-0 6 9-2 58.1kg Jamie Osborne Four-time winner in 2016 and back to form when scoring at the Shergar Cup meeting last season. Considerately ridden on reappearance here last month and holds claims if able to build on that.		Jamie Spencer	
20	10	BLESS HIM (IRE) (21) (CD)	h		94
		213515-6 4 9-2 58.1kg David Simcock Successful in the Britannia over C&D 12 months ago but only seen twice since and was well beaten (albeit on heavy ground) on Nottingham return last month.		Oisín Murphy	
21	22	SETTLE FOR BAY (FR) (38) (D)			95
		P05111-14 4 9-1 57.6kg David Marnane, Ireland Won 4 on the bounce (all 8f) at Dundalk this winter and posted a creditable fourth on return to turf at Leopardstown last month. More required here but may be capable of better yet.		William James Lee	
22	8	BURNT SUGAR (IRE) (39)			95
		02210-708 6 9-1 57.6kg Roger Fell Acquitted himself well in big-field handicaps last season, taking competitive event at Leopardstown in September. Back on track when eighth in Victoria Cup latest and likely to be in the mix again.		Paul Mulrennan	






5.00

RACE 5

ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 3yo+
£175,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

GBI RACING

BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

23	16	ESCOBAR (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (6) (D) 05079-031 4 9-1 57.6kg  David O'Meara <i>Martin Harley</i> Bordering on smart for Hugo Palmer and didn't take long to click for new yard, having plenty in hand when taking Haydock handicap (8f) last week. Has to enter calculations despite his 5 lb penalty.	98
24	28	MEDAHIM (IRE) (46) (D) 020134-54 4 9-0 57.2kg  Richard Hannon <i>Tom Marquand</i> Landed Newmarket handicap over this trip last summer and shaped well both starts this term, finishing with running left when fourth (met trouble in running) at Goodwood latest. One for the shortlist.	96
25	19	WHAT'S THE STORY (5lb/2kg ex) (15) (D) 2/11-39451 4 9-0 57.2kg  Keith Dalglish <i>Fran Berry</i> Rarely runs a bad race and got back to winning ways in handicap at Newcastle earlier this month. However, in much deeper event now and 5 lb penalty won't aid his cause. Cheekpieces on first time.	92
26	32	MUKALAL (257) (C, D) 2/5112441- 4 8-13 56.7kg  Marcus Tregoney <i>Dane O'Neill</i> Had a productive 2017, scoring 3 times, including when narrowly taking handicap at this course (7f) in October. Remains open to improvement but asked a big question on return. Had wind operation.	95
27	11	KYNREN (IRE) (27) (D, BF) 3111-32 4 8-12 56.2kg  David Barron <i>Ben Curtis</i> Won 3 times last season and picked up where he left off when third at Doncaster on return. Improved again when runner-up at Sandown last time and will be a player if handling this firmer ground.	97
28	4	MOUNTAIN RESCUE (IRE) (32) (D) 762172-61 6 8-12 56.2kg  Chris Wall <i>Gerald Mosse</i> Left reappearance effort behind when winning 8-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f) 32 days ago. Faces a much stiffer assignment here, however.	93
29	7	KEYSER SOZE (IRE) (39) (BF) 457/110-30 4 8-12 56.2kg  Richard Spencer <i>Tom Queally</i> Dual winner (both 7f) last term who made a highly encouraging return from 10 months off in Spring Cup at Newbury in April. Things never went his way here last time and could well play a part.	97
30	6	WAHASH (IRE) (32) (D) 2089-1065 4 8-12 56.2kg  Richard Hannon <i>Non Runner</i> NON RUNNER.	95
31	33	SURREY HOPE (USA) (7) (D) 1131-2330 4 8-12 56.2kg  Joseph Tuite <i>Edward Greatrex</i> Creditable efforts in defeat before below-par effort at Chelmsford 7 days ago, but looks rather summed up by his mark at present.	94
32	30	SENIORITY (5lb/2kg ex) (7) (D) 753138-11 4 8-12 56.2kg  William Haggas <i>James Doyle</i> 2 wins from 2 runs this year, upping his game when taking 15-runner handicap at Chelmsford last week. Carries 5 lb penalty for that success but still looks on a workable mark.	99

32 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

12-1 Afaak, 14-1 Saltonstall, 16-1 Cape Byron, 18-1 Escobar, 18-1 Keyser Soze, 20-1 Seniority, 20-1 Master Merion, 25-1 Firmament, 25-1 Kynren, 25-1 Medahim, 25-1 Settle For Bay, 25-1 Zhui Feng, 28-1 Raising Sand, 28-1 Tricorn, 33-1 Mukalal, 33-1 Gabriel, 33-1 Bless Him, 33-1 Repercussion, 33-1 What's The Story, 33-1 Love Dreams, 33-1 Flaming Spear, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

MEDAHIM has some strong 3-y-o form to his name and looks poised to run a big race after catching the eye over a shorter trip at Goodwood last time. At likely attractive odds he makes fair appeal. In what looks an ultra-competitive renewal of this contest there are any number of dangers, however, with Saltonstall, Afaak and Firmament particularly feared.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. MEDAHIM (IRE) 2. SALTONSTALL 3. AFAAK

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	Zhui Feng	4-9-0	25-1	Amanda Perrett	Martin Dwyer	29
2016	Portage	4-9-5	10-1	M. Halford	James Doyle	28
2015	Gm Hopkins	4-9-3	8-1	John Gosden	Ryan Moore	30
2014	Field of Dream	7-9-1	20-1	Jamie Osborne	Adam Kirby	28
2013	Belgian Bill	5-8-11	33-1	George Baker	James Doyle	28

SMART STATS:

£59.01

Simon Crisford's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **ARCHETYPE**)

23%

William Haggas's strike rate with horses running in races between 7f and up to 10f since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SENIORITY and MUBTASIM**)











24%













William Haggas's strike rate in mid season since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **SENIORITY and MUBTASIM**)

5.35**RACE 6****JERSEY STAKES (Group 3) (1) 3yo £90,000 7f (1410 Metres)****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: **Very Strong**

1	17	JAMES GARFIELD (IRE) (25) (D)	92
	14210-174	3 9-6 59.9kg	<i>Silvestre De Sousa</i>
	George Scott	Won Mill Reef at 2 and showed fine turn of foot to take Greenham on return. Unsusited by drop to 6f when fourth in Haydock Group 2 latest and return to 7f will help. No easy task under penalty, though.	
2	16	GLORIOUS JOURNEY (44) (D, BF)	85
	11-43	3 9-4 59.0kg	<i>James Doyle</i>
	Charlie Appleby	Useful colt who won both starts as a juvenile. Stepped up on reappearance when ½-length third to Intellogent in 9f Chantilly Group 3 last time. Now down in trip with blinkers added. More needed.	
3	21	NEBO (IRE) (46) (D)	87
	226321-60	3 9-4 59.0kg	<i>P. J. McDonald</i>
	Charles Hills	Consistent in Group company at 2 yrs, including a win in Horris Hill at Newbury (7f, soft), but bit to prove after running well below form on both outings this year.	
4	19	ANOTHER BATT (IRE) (25)	92
	3231-9317	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Adam Kirby</i>
	George Scott	Smart effort to win 7f Chester handicap in May but behind a couple of these rivals in valuable event at Goodwood since. Others preferred.	
5	1	ARABIAN COAST (IRE) (30) (D)	78
	1	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Christophe Soumillon</i>
	Saeed bin Suroor	Impressive winning debut in 7f Leicester maiden last month. Could be plenty more to come but this a very big ask on just second start.	
6	9	ARBALET (IRE) (30) (D)	84
	22136-71	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Josephine Gordon</i>
	Hugo Palmer	Useful form at 2. Well held in 9f Newmarket listed event on return but completed a simple task with the minimum of fuss in 7f Carlisle novice since. Lot more on his plate back up in class.	
7	5	BROTHER BEAR (IRE) (31) (D)	90
	114367-31	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Colm O'Donoghue</i>
	Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Very useful colt who notched second listed success in 7-runner event at Naas (7f, good) last month but will need to up his game to follow up back in pattern company.	
8	14	EMARAATY (25) (D)	100
	418-12	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Jim Crowley</i>
	John Gosden	Dual novice winner who produced very smart performance under a big weight when narrowly denied by Society Power (received 10 lb) in valuable handicap at Goodwood last month. Sets a high standard.	
9	8	EXPERT EYE (46) (D)	93
	119-20	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>James McDonald</i>
	Sir Michael Stoute	Very impressive in Vintage at Goodwood only to bomb out when odds on for Dewhurst. Step back in right direction when second in Greenham but well held in 2000 Guineas since. Not easiest to assess.	
10	6	HEADWAY (46) (D)	92
	21263-10	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Daniel Tudhope</i>
	William Haggas	Placed in Coventry at this meeting last year and showed impressive turn of foot when landing 7f listed race at Lingfield on return. Never a threat in 2000 Guineas since but better expected back at 7f.	

11	7	HEMP HEMP HURRAY (CAN) (81) (D)	91
	1120-41	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Joel Rosario</i>
	Wesley A. Ward, USA	American raider who was very useful at 2, going close in Grade 2 at Woodbine in September. Last seen running out a wide-margin winner on AW at Turfway in March. Yard's runners here always respected.	
12	22	LAKE VOLTA (IRE) (19) (D)	93
	36-432251	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Richard Kingscote</i>
	Mark Johnston	Improved to win 6-runner Epsom listed event (7f, soft) 19 days ago by 4½ lengths from Aurum, making all. Will find it harder to dominate this much bigger field. Others preferred.	
13	2	MERLIN MAGIC (34)	90
	32519-14	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>David Egan</i>
	David Elsworth	Improved form with decisive victory in 1m Sandown handicap (soft) on reappearance in April. Further progress when fourth in Dante at York (good to firm) since. Drops back 3f in trip now.	
14	12	PURSER (USA) (32) (D)	93
	1413-411	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Frankie Dettori</i>
	John Gosden	Smart effort when off when edging out the reopposing Symbolization in 7f Newmarket conditions event in April and got the better of another tight finish in listed race over that same C&D last time.	
15	11	SOCIETY POWER (IRE) (25) (CD)	93
	211-111	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Jamie Spencer</i>
	William Haggas	Winner of all 5 starts since debut, pipping the reopposing Emaraaty in valuable 7f Goodwood handicap latest. Will do well to confirm those placings on 10 lb worse terms but will continue to progress	
16	4	ST PATRICK'S DAY (USA) (291) (D)	84
	21-	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Seamie Heffernan</i>
	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Not seen since winning a 6.5f Del Mar maiden for Bob Baffert last September. Has a tongue tie added to the blinkers worn then. Moore sides with Could It Be Love but still needs monitoring in betting.	
17	10	SYMBOLIZATION (IRE) (25) (D)	93
	21-215	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>William Buick</i>
	Charlie Appleby	Edged out by Purser on 7f Newmarket return in April but went one better in 1m handicap there the following month. Not seen to best effect in Irish 2000 Guineas since and remains open to progress.	
18	18	TABDEED (39)	88
	1-1	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Dane O'Neill</i>
	Owen Burrows	Unbeaten in 2 starts, looking a smart prospect when forging clear in 6f Nottingham novice on return last month. Fascinating contender.	
19	23	TANGLED (IRE) (132) (D)	87
	411932-00	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Tom Marquand</i>
	Richard Hannon	Useful dual winner as a juvenile, including a valuable sales event at Doncaster. However, well held in 2 outings in Dubai at the start of the year and even a return to best won't be enough.	
20	3	WALK IN THE SUN (USA) (113) (D)	81
	11	3 9-1 57.6kg	<i>Oisín Murphy</i>
	Martyn Meade	Won pair of 7f novice events on AW for Jeremy Noseda at the start of the year. Pitched in at the deep end on return for new trainer but he is open to improvement.	
21	13	COULD IT BE LOVE (USA) (24) (D)	94
	034-182	3 8-12 56.2kg	<i>Ryan Moore</i>
	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	AW maiden winner on return in April. No impact in French 1000 Guineas next time but different story in Irish version a fortnight later, making running and overhauled only by Alpha Centauri. Player.	
22	20	EIRENE (49)	90
	312126-35	3 8-12 56.2kg	<i>Robert Winston</i>
	Dean Ivory	Useful last term, winning 5f Newbury listed contest prior to holding her own in couple of 6f Group races. Shaped very well in Nell Gwyn on return but disappointed over 6f here since.	

5.35

RACE 6

JERSEY STAKES (Group 3) (1) 3yo £90,000 7f (1410 Metres)

GBI

RACING


BRITISH AND IRISH RACING


23 15

MADELINE (IRE) (18)

151230-06 3 8-12 | 56.2kg

89



Roger Varian 

Andrea Atzeni

Listed scorer at 2 when also placed in Lowther and Cheveley Park. However, something to prove for now having been well below that level in 2 outings this term.

23 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-1 Emaraaty, 9-1 Could It Be Love, 12-1 Society Power, 14-1 Symbolization, 14-1 Expert Eye, 18-1 James Garfield, 18-1 Headway, 18-1 Tabdeed, 20-1 Hemp Hemp Hurray, 22-1 Purser, 22-1 St Patrick's Day, 25-1 Lake Volta, 28-1 Brother Bear, 33-1 Walk In The Sun, 33-1 Arabian Coast, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

EMARAATY produced a huge effort under a big weight when narrowly denied by Society Power in a red-hot handicap at Goodwood and will take a bit of stopping if he can reproduce that level now. Could It Be Love is an obvious contender on the back of her Irish 1000 Guineas second, while the aforementioned Society Power is also respected despite meeting the selection on 10 lb worse terms this time.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. EMARAATY 2. COULD IT BE LOVE (USA) 3. SOCIETY POWER (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017	Le Brivido	3-9-1	2-1f	A. Fabre	Pierre-Charles Boudot	20
2016	Ribchester	3-9-6	7-1	Richard Fahey	William Buick	19
2015	Dutch Connection	3-9-4	14-1	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	16
2014	Mustajeeb	3-9-4	9-2jf	D. K. Weld	Pat Smullen	23
2013	Gale Force Ten	3-9-1	9-2f	Aidan O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien	21

SMART STATS:

- 2 Aidan O'Brien's number of winners in past 10 runnings. (amongst 2 runners saddles: **COULD IT BE LOVE**)
- £19.00 David Elsworth's profit when having one runner at a flat meeting since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **MERLIN MAGIC**)
- £10.36 Charlie Appleby's profit with horses running in first time headgear since the start of the 2013 season (saddles: **GLORIOUS JOURNEY**)