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

Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)

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Draw: N/A
Pace Information: Extreme

1  14 CHELSEA CLOISTERS (USA) (62) (D)  b  92
   2  9-0 | 57.2kg
Wesley A. Ward, USA
Frankie Dettori
Looked exciting prospect when winning 8-runner maiden (11/10) by 8 lengths at Keeneland (4f) 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)  r  95
   3  9-0 | 57.2kg
Richard Hannon
Tom Marquand
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)  b  80
   4  9-0 | 57.2kg
Ronald Harris
David Probert
Put experience to good use when making all at Lingfield but set a very stiff task now.

4  3 DAPHNIA (33) (D)  r  87
   5  9-0 | 57.2kg
Henry Spiller
Silvestre De Sousa
Knew what was required when winning at Wolverhampton (5f) 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) (D)  b  88
   6  9-0 | 57.2kg
Scott Dixon
P. J. McDonald
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)  r  97
   7  9-0 | 57.2kg
M. Palussiere, France
Antoine Hamelin
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)  r  47
   8  9-0 | 57.2kg
Gay Kellaway
Gerald Mosse
Fourth of 6 in minor event at Wolverhampton (5½f, 9/2) on debut 37 days ago and very hard to make a case for.

8  13 GOSSAMER WINGS (USA) (14) (D)  r  84
   9  9-0 | 57.2kg
Aidan O’Brien, Ireland
Donnacha O’Brien
Off the mark at the third attempt at Navan but others have achieved a lot more.

9  15 HAATS OFF (52)  r  77
   10  9-0 | 57.2kg
Brian Barr
Trevor Whelan
Easily best effort when runner-up at Salisbury but looks out of her depth.

10 12 KODYANN (IRE) (11) (D)  r  88
    11  9-0 | 57.2kg
Richard Fahey
Paul Hanagan
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 KURIOS (13) (D)  r  91
    12  9-0 | 57.2kg
Henry Candy
Fran Berry
Kuroshio filly. Half-sister to very smart 5f-6f winner Tangerine Trees. Looks 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)  r  88
    13  9-0 | 57.2kg
K. R. Burke
Ben Curtis
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)  r  77
    14  9-0 | 57.2kg
Archie Watson
Luke Morris
Thrice-raced winner, making all in an ordinary event at Thirsk last time. Easy to look elsewhere.

14 2 RED BALLOONS (18) (BF)  r  86
    15  9-0 | 57.2kg
Richard Fahey
Daniel Tudhope
Promising efforts at Thirsk and Musselburgh but firmly up against it here.

15 21 SECOND GENERATION (27) (D)  r  95
    16  9-0 | 57.2kg
James Tate
Paul Mulrennan
Confirmed debut promise when easy winner at Catterick last month, beating plenty of subsequent improvers. Open to further progress.

16 9 SERVALAN (IRE) (31)  r  97
    17  9-0 | 57.2kg
Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland
Colm O’Donoghue
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)  r  100
    18  9-0 | 57.2kg
Clive Cox
Adam Kirby
Zodiac 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)  r  85
    19  9-0 | 57.2kg
Archie Watson
Edward Greatrex
Went close on debut before holding on gamely at Catterick but firmly up against it here.

19 16 SIGNORA CABELLO (IRE) (33) (D)  r  91
    20  9-0 | 57.2kg
John Quinn
Oisin Murphy
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)  r  86
    21  9-0 | 57.2kg
Charlie Fellowes
Stevie Donoghoe
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)  r  94
    22  9-0 | 57.2kg
Aidan O’Brien, Ireland
Ryan Moore
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)  r  94
    23  9-0 | 57.2kg
John Patrick Murtagh, Ireland
N. G. McCullagh
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.

22 DECLARED RUNNERS
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)

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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)
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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Strong

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STREAM OF STARS (FR) (C)

21

John Gosden

Frankie Dettori

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.

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YABASS (IRE) (C)

1

Edward Greatrex

Archie Watson

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

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BETTING FORECAST:

1. NELSON (IRE) 2. KEW GARDENS (IRE) 3. SOUTHERN FRANCE (IRE)

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WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2017 Stradivarius 8-5-0 11-2 John Gosden Andrea Atzeni 13
2016 Sword Fighter 3-9-3 7-2 Aidan O’Brien Ryan Moore 10
2015 Aloft 3-9-9 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 5-2f Aidan O’Brien Joseph O’Brien 15

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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)

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TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NELSON 2. KEW GARDENS 3. SOUTHERN FRANCE

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WINNERS IN THE PAST 10 RUNNINGS:

MARK JOHNSTON

2017-2019

3-9-3 5-2f

MARK JOHNSTON

2010-2013

3-9-0 11-2

AIDAN O’BRIEN

2014-2016

3-9-3 7-2

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2017 LYNWOOD GOLD

2018 NELSON

2019 SOUTHERN FRANCE

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

2. DRAPERS GUILD (32)

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

BRITISH AND IRISH RACING

ROYAL ASCOT  Wednesday 20th June

Pace Information:

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

Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)

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**Draw: Half of the field over 10f have a better record than those caught further back. 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.**

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### RACE 3

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**WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

- 2017: Qemah 6-9-0
- 2016: Usherette 4-9-3
- 2015: Amazing Maria 4-9-0
- 2014: Integral 4-9-0
- 2013: Duntle 4-8-12

**TIMEFORM VIEW:**

- Hydrangea, 22-1
- Aljazzi, 7-4
- Tomyrис, 13-2

**BETTING FORECAST:**

- Hydrangea, 11-4
- Aljazzi, 5-2
- Tomyris, 9-3

**SMART STATS:**

- 2017 Qemah 6-9-0: Jean-Claude Rouget, 14
- 2016 Usherette 4-9-3: A. Fabre, 14
- 2015 Amazing Maria 4-9-0: David O'Meara, 6
- 2014 Integral 4-9-0: Sir Michael Stoute, 14
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**11 DECLARED RUNNERS**

- **118 WILAMINA (IRE) (18)**
  - **110 Martyn Meade**
  - **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**

**MULTI RACE 1-2-3:**

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

**95 SMART STATS:**

- 2017 Qemah 6-9-0: Jean-Claude Rouget, 14
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- Aljazzi, 3-1
- Tomyrис, 6-1
- Wilamina, 10-1
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Pace Information: Weak

Draw: N/A

1  2  CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE) (24) (D) 91
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
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) 90
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
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) 93
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 Cracksman in Coronation since. First-time blinkers replace his usual cheekpieces now.

6  1  POET’S WORD (IRE) (27) (D) 92
Sir Michael Stoute  James Doyle
Second to Cracksman 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
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.
**Going: Good to Firm (Good in places)**

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<td>Made all in this event 12 days ago and improved on that just before Victory Cup in (7f) here on return last month. 2 lb rise likely to make another bold bid</td>
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**11 15 HORS DE COMBAT (37) (D)**
- **9620-316**
- **9 5 59.4kg**
- **Denis Coakley**
- **Adam Kirby**
- **Ended long losing run when landing Meydan handicap over this trip in February. Not disgraced in listed company since but others hold more appeal.**

**12 31 GABRIEL (IRE) (18) (D)**
- **3284-102**
- **9 5 59.4kg**
- **Richard Fahey**
- **Frankie Dettori**
- **Consistent sort who made the frame again when second in Domed Stakes at Epsom earlier this month. Likely to give another good account but it’s hard to envisage his losing run ending here.**

**13 27 GORING (GER) (40) (D)**
- **6311-1130**
- **9 4 59.0kg**
- **Eve Johnson Houghton**
- **Charles Bishop**
- **Four-time AW winner during the winter but doesn’t seem as effective on turf and looks up against it off present mark.**

**15 29 REPERCUSSION (50/2kg ex) (21) (D)**
- **6411-5391**
- **5 4 59.3kg**
- **Charlie Fellowes**
- **Seamie Heffernan**
- **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.**

**16 18 TONY CURTIS (39) (D)**
- **4474-1602**
- **5 4 58.5kg**
- **Richard Hannon**
- **W. M. Lordan**
- **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.**

**17 26 FIRMANTE (39) (D)**
- **5358-609**
- **6 9 58.5kg**
- **David O’Meara**
- **Daniel Tudhope**
- **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.**

**18 25 CAPE BYRON (34) (CD, 8f)**
- **2113-94**
- **4 9 58.1kg**
- **Roger Varian**
- **Andrea Atzeni**
- **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.**

**19 9 RAISING SAND (39) (D)**
- **1066-642**
- **5 9 58.1kg**
- **Jamie Osborne**
- **Jamie Spencer**
- **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.**

**20 10 BLESS HIM (IRE) (21) (CD)**
- **2357-58**
- **4 9 58.1kg**
- **David Simcock**
- **Oisin Murphy**
- **Two-time winner in 2016 and back to form when scoring at the Shergar Cup meeting last season. Considerably ridden on reappearance here last month and holds claims if able to build on that.**

**21 22 SETTLE FOR BAY (FR) (38) (D)**
- **5651-114**
- **4 9 57.6kg**
- **David Marnane, Ireland**
- **William James Lee**
- **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.**

**22 8 BURNT SUGAR (IRE) (39)**
- **6216-708**
- **6 9 57.6kg**
- **Roger Fell**
- **Paul Mulrennan**
- **Acquired himself well in big-field handicaps last season, taking competitive event at Leopardstown in September. Back on track when eighth in Victoria Cup last and likely to be in the mix again.**
ROYAL HUNT CUP (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (2) 3yo+
£175,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

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| 23  | 16 | ESCOBAR (IRE) (5lb/2kg ex) (6) | (D) | David O'Meara | 1007-001 9 | 4 9-1 57.6kg  
|     |    |                     | Martin Harley  |              |        |
| 24  | 28 | MEDAHIM (IRE) (46) | (D) | Richard Hannon | 600158-6 9 | 4 9-0 57.2kg  
|     |    |                     | Tom Marquand   |              |        |

ROYAL ASCOT   Wednesday 20th June

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  
2016: Portage 4-9-5  
2015: Gm Hopkins 4-9-3  
2014: Field of Dream 7-9-1  
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| 25  | 19 | WHAT'S THE STORY (5lb/2kg ex) (15) | (D) | Keith Dalgleish | 271194-1 4 | 9-0 57.2kg  
|     |    |                     | Fran Berry      |              |        |

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| 26  | 32 | MUKALAL (257) | (C, D) | Marcus Tregoning | 2511541-4 | 8-13 56.7kg  
|     |    |                     | Dan O'Neill     |              |        |

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| 27  | 11 | KYNREN (IRE) (27) | (D, BF) | David Barron | 311132-4 | 8-12 56.2kg  
|     |    |                     | Ben Curtis      |              |        |

Kynren

Dane O'Neill

Vincent O'Brien

Amanda Perrett

Paul Hanagan

Tom Queally

Joshua Moore

Tom Marquand
Goings: Good to Firm (Good in places)

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of 1¼f, 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 7½f/1m, while on the round course those race in the first half of the field over 10f have a better chance than those caught far back.

Draw: N/A Pace Information: Very Strong

1 17 JAMES GARFIELD (IRE) (25) (D) 92
George Scott
Silestvo De Sousa
Wont Mill Reef set 2 and showed fine form of foot to take Greenham on return. Unsighted by drop to 6f when fourth in Haydock Group 2 last and return to 7f will help. No easy task under penalty, though.

2 16 GLORIOUS JOURNEY (44) (D, BF) b 85
Charlie Appleby
James Doyle
Useful colt who won both starts as a juvenile. Stepped up on reappearance when ½-length third to Intolent in 9f Chattilly Group 3 last time. Now down in trip with blinkers added. More needed.

3 21 NEBO (IRE) (46) (D) 87
Charles Hills
P. J. McDonald
Consistent in Group company at 2 yrs, including a win in Harris 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
George Scott
Adam Kirby
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
Saeed bin Suroor
Christophe Soumillon
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) t 84
Hugo Palmer
Josephine Gordon
Useful form at 7f. Well held in 9f Newmarket listed event on return but completed a simple task with the minimum of fuss in 7½f Carlitiy novice since. Lot more on his plate back up in class.

7 5 BROTHER BEAR (IRE) (31) (D) 90
Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland
Calm O'Donoghue
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 EMARATA (25) (D) h 100
John Gosden
Jim Crowley
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
Sir Michael Stoute
James McDonald
Very impressive in 1000 Guineas 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
William Haggas
Daniel Tudhope
Placed in Coventry at this meeting last year and showed impressive turn of foot when landing 7th listed race at Lingfield on return. Never a threat in 2000 Guineas since but better expected back at 7f.
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, 20-1 Hemp Hemp Hurray, 22-1 Puter, 22-1 St Patrick’s Day, 25-1 Lake Volta, 28-1 Brother Bear, 33-1 Walk In The Sun, 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 Mustajeed 3-9-4 9-2f 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)