

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## QUEEN ANNE STAKES

Queen Anne Stakes (Group 1)

1 Mile

PURSE \$874,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Accidental Agent	30-1
2	Beat the Bank	15-1
3	Benbatl	4-1
4	Century Dream	20-1
5	Deauville	15-1
6	Lightning Spear	7-1
7	Limato	15-1
8	Lord Glitters	15-1
9	Oh This Is Us	50-1
10	Recoletos	5-1
11	So Beloved	30-1
12	Suedois	20-1
13	Yoshida	15-1
14	Zonderland	30-1
15	Rhododendron	5-1

TOP PICKS	
10	Recoletos
3	Benbatl
14	Rhododendrum
\$20 Win	
10	(\$20)
\$4 EXACTAS	
3, 6, 7, 14	over 10 (\$20)
\$1 TRIFECTA BOX	
3, 6, 7, 10, 14	(\$60)

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You got to love a meet that kicks off with a group one stakes race and sets the stage for five days of glorious racing.

Recoletos has the look of a soft-turf specialist but he has a couple of things going for him. Two wins in two starts in France this year including a group one win going nine furlongs last out and a decent fourth here last October going 10 furlongs behind superstar Cracksman when only a neck behind Highland Reel. He shows a win on "good" turf going left-handed last year and has a decent pedigree for firm ground since his second dam won the Garden City Stakes G2 at Belmont Park on firm ground in her only American start. Oliver Peslier will drop him back and look for a seam to rally through.

Benbatl made the transition from three to four brilliantly with four superb starts on the turf at Meydan including a big win in the Dubai Turf G1 going nine furlongs in very fast time. The Boys in Blue are off to a good start this year and the son of Dubawi picks up Christophe Soumillon.

Aidan O'Brien looks to kick off his 2018 Royal Ascot invasion with the classy Rhododendron who seems to be able to handle any circumstance. She was flying up the rail against older foes in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf G1 after drawing wide and already has two group one wins going this distance. Post and ground will not be a problem with Ryan Moore who is 7 for 23 the past week.

Limato is a sprinter that might stretch out to a mile on firmer turf and Lightning Spear just missed in his first start of the year and should be ready for a big effort second up.