

TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



ASCOT GOLD CUP

Ascot Gold Cup (Group 1)

2 1/2 Miles

PURSE \$675,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Max Dynamite	20-1
2	Order of St George	9-5
3	Scotland	60-1
4	Sheikhzayedroad	20-1
5	Torcedor	8-1
6	Vazirabad	9-2
7	Desert Skyline	12-1
8	Mount Moriah	30-1
9	Stradivarius	2-1

TOP PICKS	
6	Vazirabad
2	Order of St George
1	Max Dynamite
\$20 Win	
6	(\$20)
\$20 EXACTA BOX	
2, 6	(\$40)
\$5 TRIFECTA	
6 with 2 with 1	(\$5)
2 with 6 with 1	(\$5)

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Vazirabad can go over \$3 million in earnings today and he did it all the hard way at the marathon distances. After a first run, he won the Dubai Gold Cup G2 at Meydan going two miles in fast time for the second year in a row. Given a 57-day break by Alain De Royer-Dupre, he came back and won going 1 7/8 miles on good to soft turf at ParisLongchamp by a well-earned neck as he did just enough. He probably would be at his best with some give to the ground but sports a solid record on good going. Son of the long-winded Manduro has been first 15 times and second 5 times in 22 lifetime starts and shows no sign of slowing down at the age of six. The incomparable Christophe Soumillon rides as usual.

Order of St. Georges won this race in 2016 then was second last year. He shows two wins to get ready against short fields in Ireland but this is the target. Another who could go over \$3 million in earnings with a win, the son of Galileo has been able to handle softer ground better than firm and the race will evolve into a tactical chess match that might force Ryan Moore to move sooner than he wants.

Willie Mullins riding William Buick going long on the turf – where to I sign up? Max Dynamite has been all over the world and shows a third in the Melbourne Cup G1 last November going two miles on good ground when he ran into traffic from post two in a 23-runner field. He has had two hurdle races then a group two going 1 3/4 miles on the flat to prep for this.