



Saturday 18th October

ASCOT


12.55 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (Group 1) (1) 1m7f209y (3210 Metres)

 RACE 1 **(3) TRAWLERMAN | (2) SWEET WILLIAM | (4) SARATOGA**
1.30 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY TWO-YEAR-OLD CONDITIONS STAKES (2) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 2 **(12) WORDS OF TRUTH | (2) DIVISION | (1) ARDISIA**
2.05 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (Group 1) (1) 6f (1210 Metres)

 RACE 3 **(8) LAZZAT | (5) KIND OF BLUE | (9) MONTASSIB**
2.45 QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m3f211y (2410 Metres)

 RACE 4 **(3) KALPANA | (6) QUISISANA | (2) ESTRANGE**
3.25 QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (Sponsored by QIPCO) (Group 1) (1) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

 RACE 5 **(11) FIELD OF GOLD | (8) ROSALLION | (5) FACTEUR CHEVAL**
4.05 QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (Group 1) (1) 1m1f212y (2000 Metres)

 RACE 6 **(6) OMBUDSMAN | (2) CALANDAGAN | (9) DELACROIX**
4.40 BALMORAL HANDICAP (Sponsored by QIPCO) (2) 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)

 RACE 7 **(2) NATIVE WARRIOR | (13) CROWN OF OAKS | (10) FIFTH COLUMN**

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.

12.55

RACE 1

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP (Group 1)
(1) 3yo+ £531,250 1m7f209y (3210 Metres)



Going: **Good**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. 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 round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Weak**

1	5	AL QAREEM (IRE) (14) (C)			94
		31211431	6	9-9 61.2kg	
		K. R. Burke		Clifford Lee	
Likeable front runner who showed a tremendous attitude when winning the Cumberland Lodge for the third straight year here a fortnight ago, holding off all comers and forging clear. Suspect this trip is beyond him (safely held by the Gosden pair on Lonsdale Cup form) but he'll give it a good shot.					
2	4	SWEET WILLIAM (IRE) (36) (D)	v		93
		212-34321	6	9-9 61.2kg	
		John & Thady Gosden		Robert Havlin	
Very smart stayer who has his quirks but usually runs well, boasting a particularly good record in the Doncaster Cup, capitalising on the absence of his main rivals in this division when landing the spoils last month. Second in front of Trawlerman in this last year and will be in the mix again.					
3	2	TRAWLERMAN (IRE) (57) (CD)	h		100
		1/323-5111	7	9-9 61.2kg	
		John & Thady Gosden		William Buick	
The dominant stayer around following the retirement of Kyprios, storming clear in the Ascot Gold Cup before getting up another hat-trick in the Lonsdale Cup at York, grinding it out from stablemate Sweet William. Form figures in this race read 313 and he's very much the one to beat.					
4	1	SARATOGA (IRE) (6) (BF)			80
		3-2315	3	9-2 58.1kg	
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland		W. M. Lordan	
Listowel handicap winner who was well backed and improved despite only finishing fifth in good 2m Naas contest last week. This demands a whole lot more, but he looks a promising stayer.					
5	3	STAY TRUE (IRE) (35)			89
		1243	3	9-2 58.1kg	
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland		Christophe Soumillon	
Successful debut in Leopardstown maiden in April and has improved with each start since, faring best of the O'Brien quartet in the Great Voltigeur and not beaten far (looked likely winner over 1f out) by Scandinavia in the St Leger. Retains potential but 2m not certain to be his trip.					

5 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

4-6 Trawlerman, 5-1 Sweet William, 6-1 Stay True, 9-1 Al Qareem, 66-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

A cracking opportunity for Gold Cup winner TRAWLERMAN to cap off a stellar season and take this prize for a second time. Sweet William can complete a 1-2 for the stable. Al Qareem and Stay True might be found wanting for stamina when it matters, although Saratoga looks a promising stayer in the making and could outrun his odds.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. TRAWLERMAN 2. SWEET WILLIAM 3. SARATOGA

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Kyprios	6-9-9	8-11f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	9
2023	Trawlerman	5-9-9	9-1	John & Thady Gosden	Frankie Dettori	8
2022	Trueshan	6-9-9	11-8f	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	8
2021	Trueshan	5-9-7	evsf	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	10
2020	Trueshan	4-9-7	11-1	Alan King	Hollie Doyle	13

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 2

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS DAY TWO-YEAR-OLD
CONDITIONS STAKES (2) 2yo £250,000 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: **Good**

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Draw: **N/A** Pace Information: **Very Strong**

1

10

ARDISIA (IRE) (14)

(D)

41001311

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Hugo Palmer

Tom Marquand

Gained a fifth win of a fantastic first season when bagging a valuable listed event at Redcar (6f, good to soft) a fortnight ago. This tough and likeable performer looks sure to give another good account.

2

9

DIVISION (7)

(D)

2111

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

William Haggas

James Doyle

Kingman colt who created a good impression when landing a pair of 6f novices last month and took the step up to listed level in his stride at York (6f, good) last weekend. Likely to go on improving.

3

1

EGOLI (42)

(D, BF)

511654

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Ralph Beckett

Rossa Ryan

Maiden/novice winner this summer but limitations seemingly exposed at Group level since, albeit latest 1¼ lengths fourth of 10 to Five Ways in Sirenia at Kempton (6f) was a good effort. Blinkered first time.

4

12

GENTLE GEORGE (22)

(D)

611

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Michael Appleby

Alistair Rawlinson

Sergei Prokofiev colt who looked a useful prospect when winning maiden at Sandown (5f, soft) and novice at Haydock (6f, good) last month but he'll need a good chunk of improvement to complete the hat-trick here.

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2

KAMAKAMELEON (7)

61558787

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Dylan Cunha

Cieren Fallon

Fairly useful form but beaten on all 6 starts since his Doncaster maiden success in May and it's highly likely that losing run will be extended here.

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6

KANSAS (IRE) (8)

(BF)

23122254

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

W. M. Lordan

Useful colt. Winner of 5f maiden at Tipperary in July. Placed at listed and Group 2 level since but not in quite the same form when 3 lengths fourth of 12 to Ipanema Queen in listed race at Dundalk (5f) 8 days ago.

7

7

MISSION CENTRAL (IRE) (36)

(D, BF)

5116

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Christophe Soumillon

Gelded following low-key debut and totally different proposition when making all in maiden and Group 3 at the Curragh over 6f on next 2 outings. Found it harder to dominate in the Flying Childers back at 5f last time and should be happier returned to this trip.

8

11

SIR ALBERT (IRE) (36)

(D)

451113

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Andrew Balding

Oisin Murphy

Completed a hat-trick when seeing off 10 rivals in 7f Glorious Goodwood nursery at the end of July. Winning run ended but advanced his form again when ½-length third of 8 to Avicenna in listed race at Doncaster (7f, good) 36 days ago. Possesses a likeable attitude and further progress possible.

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5

SIREN SUIT (10)

631

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

John & Thady Gosden

Robert Havlin

Promising third to Wise Approach in a strong 5f course conditions event in April. Missed the summer but returned to comfortably land short odds in a 7f Kempton maiden 10 days ago. Good prospect.

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8

SUPER SOLDIER (IRE) (42)

1220279

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

K. R. Burke

Clifford Lee

Winner on Leicester debut in April. Runner-up at listed/Group 2 level in France during the summer but needs to shrug off below-par efforts in the Richmond at Goodwood and Sirenia at Kempton on last 2 starts.

11

13

WATCHA SNOOP (IRE) (28)

(CD)

218

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Hugo Palmer

David Egan

Chased home Words of Truth on debut before going one better in a C&D novice (good to soft) last month. Almost beaten before he started (very keen to post) when tailed off behind Words of Truth in Mill Reef at Newbury since. Needs to handle the preliminaries better but has been gelded.

12

3

WORDS OF TRUTH (28)

(CD)

8111

2 9-7 | 60.3kg

Charlie Appleby

William Buick

Gelded after finishing only eighth on debut and has won all 3 starts since, notably the Group 2 Mill Reef at Newbury (6f, soft) last month. First 2 wins (including one over C&D) on good to firm so he's versatile regards ground. Open to further progress and can't oppose on these terms.

13

4

SLAY QUEEN (IRE) (37)

(D)

44110

2 9-2 | 58.1kg

Richard Hannon

Joe Leavy

All-the-way winner of a Newbury novice (6f, good to firm) and Goodwood nursery (6f, heavy) in recent months. Possibly found run coming too soon after only 9 days off when last of 21 in sales race at Doncaster last time but even her winning form leaves her with lots to find here.

13 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

10-11 Words of Truth, 6-1 Division, 11-1 Sir Albert, 16-1 Ardisia, 16-1 Mission Central, 20-1 Kansas, 22-1 Siren Suit, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

The first running of this valuable conditions event for 2-y-os. Mill Reef winner WORDS OF TRUTH can make it a perfect 4-4 since gelded and prove too strong for last weekend's York listed scorer Division. The likeable Ardisia may prove best of the remainder.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. WORDS OF TRUTH 2. DIVISION 3. ARDISIA

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

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RACE 3

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (Group 1) (1)
3yo+ £562,500 6f (1210 Metres)



Going: Good					
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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Extreme					
1	10	ART POWER (IRE) (20) (CD)	90		
		42500-401 8 9-4 59.0kg			
		Tim Easterby	David Allan		
2023 victor of this and gained his first success since when making all in 11-runner Renaissance Stakes at the Curragh (6f, soft) 20 days ago by neck from King Cuan. Can't be discounted.					
2	11	IBERIAN (IRE) (57) (D)	90	b+t	
		001-28576 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		Charles Hills	David Egan		
Smart colt but winless this term and well below his best when sixth of 9 in listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) 57 days ago. Blinkers are reached for now.					
3	12	INISHERIN (42) (CD)	96		
		1150-1796 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves		
Commonwealth Cup winner over C&D in 2024. Looked back on the right path with a Group 2 success at York in May but below that form since, though not best drawn when sixth of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) 42 days ago. Needs to take a step forward.					
4	5	JAMES'S DELIGHT (IRE) (42) (D)	93		
		1128-5510 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		Clive Cox	Clifford Lee		
Right back on track when winning a Group 2 at the Curragh (6f) in May but came in last of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) 42 days ago. Better than the bare result in this last year and smart on his day.					
5	18	KIND OF BLUE (42) (CD)	96		
		3221-9832 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt		
Took this 12 months ago and he teed himself up well for a repeat with a good second of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) 42 days ago. Merits serious consideration.					
6	16	KING'S GAMBLE (IRE) (13) (D)	87	b	
		3/252-2929 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan		
Useful colt who wasn't disgraced in the face of a stiff task when ninth of 16 in Prix de la Foret at Longchamp (7f, good to soft) 13 days ago. This is another big ask though.					
7	17	KING CUAN (20) (D)	89		
		111/51332 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		P. Twomey, Ireland	William James Lee		
Consistent gelding who scored at Fairyhouse in June. Got back on the up when beaten a neck by Art Power in Renaissance Stakes at the Curragh (6f, soft) 20 days ago having not enjoyed a clear run under 2f out. This is tougher but he's a lively outsider.					
8	7	LAZZAT (FR) (42) (CD, BF)	100		
		129-41125 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		J. Reynier, France	James Doyle		
High-class French sprinter who made a winning British debut in Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee over C&D in June. Not best drawn but first home in his group when fifth of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) last time. The one to beat.					
9	3	MONTASSIB (28) (D)	96		
		51/16115-3 7 9-4 59.0kg			
		William Haggas	Cieren Fallon		
Took his form to new heights last year, making the breakthrough at Group 1 level in Sprint Cup at Haydock then fifth in this when not seen to best effect. Resumed from 11 months off with a promising third of 11 in 5f World Trophy at Newbury, finishing strongly. A player back up in trip.					
10	15	QUINAULT (GER) (14) (C, D)	93		
		37014057 5 9-4 59.0kg			
		Stuart Williams	Sean Levey		
Course winner who also landed Group 3 Criterion Stakes at York in June. Not in the same form since though, doing too much in front when seventh of 9 in Bengough Stakes over C&D two weeks ago. Lots more is needed.					
11	9	RUN TO FREEDOM (42) (D)	90		
		205/0-4830 7 9-4 59.0kg			
		Henry Candy	Rob Hornby		
Smart sprinter who got back on track when third in July Cup at Newmarket. Only tenth of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) 42 days ago however. Winless since 2023 and others are preferred.					
12	2	TEN BOB TONY (IRE) (13)	93		
		84245-183 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark		
Smart gelding who bagged the John of Gaunt Stakes at Haydock in May. Posted a good third of 16 to Maranoa Charlie in Prix de la Foret at Longchamp (7f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Possibilities.					
13	19	WITNESS STAND (13)	96	s	
		16-062120 4 9-4 59.0kg			
		Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	C. T. Keane		
Landed Lennox Stakes at Goodwood in July but not best drawn when twelfth of 16 in Prix de la Foret at Longchamp (7f, good to soft) 13 days ago. Smart and the sort to bounce back.					
14	20	BIG MOJO (IRE) (42) (CD)	97		
		24-147251 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		Michael Appleby	Tom Marquand		
Runner-up in the July Cup and advanced his form further when winning 17-runner Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) last month by 1¼ lengths from Kind of Blue. Had a good draw there but this C&D scorer is still not taken lightly.					
15	14	POWERFUL GLORY (IRE) (25) (D)	87		
		11-85 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		Richard Fahey	Jamie Spencer		
Useful 6f juvenile winner but he's beaten just one rival in his two starts this term, coming in last of 5 in conditions stakes at Beverley (5f, good to soft) 25 days ago. Easy to look elsewhere.					
16	4	SPY CHIEF (29) (D)	87		
		6212763 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		John & Thady Gosden	William Buick		
Got off the mark in 6f Yarmouth novice in June and in good form since, third of 6 in listed race at Newbury (7f, good to soft) 29 days ago. This is a very tall order though.					
17	1	FLORA OF BERMUDA (IRE) (42) (D)	95		
		1453-2303 4 9-1 57.6kg			
		Andrew Balding	Oisín Murphy		
Smart and consistent filly who posted a good third to Lazzat in Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee over C&D in June. Well drawn when a solid third of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) last time. Can make her presence felt again.					
18	6	NO HALF MEASURES (42) (D)	95		
		1615-9219 4 9-1 57.6kg			
		Richard Hughes	Neil Callan		
Scaled new heights when a 66/1 winner of July Cup at Newmarket but couldn't back it up when ninth of 17 to Big Mojo in Sprint Cup at Haydock (6f, good to firm) last month. Still can't be ruled out here though.					
19	8	ROSY AFFAIR (49) (D)	87		
		222-34411 4 9-1 57.6kg			
		George Boughey	Billy Loughnane		
Back on the up of late, following success in Pontefract listed event with victory in Prix de Meautry at Deauville (6f, good). This demands a clear personal best, however.					
20	13	RAYEVKA (IRE) (34) (D, BF)	94		
		216-41372 3 9-0 57.2kg			
		Francis-Henri Graffard, France	Mickael Barzalona		
Smart French filly who resumed winning ways in 6f listed event at Chantilly in June. Posted a solid second of 8 in Group 3 at Longchamp (5f, good) 34 days ago so she's no forlorn hope.					
20 DECLARED RUNNERS					

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BETTING FORECAST:

11-4 Lazzat, 5-1 Big Mojo, 9-1 Kind of Blue, 11-1 Montassib, 12-1 Flora of Bermuda, 16-1 Rayevka, 25-1 Inisherin, 28-1 Ten Bob Tony, 28-1 Art Power, 28-1 King Cuan, 33-1 No Half Measures, 33-1 Rosy Affair, 40-1 bar

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RACE 3

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES (Group 1) (1)

3yo+ £562,500 6f (1210 Metres)



TIMEFORM VIEW:

A cracking renewal of this Group 1 sprint but it's still hard to side against French raider LAZZAT who impressed when taking the Jubilee Stakes over C&D at the Royal meeting in June and wasn't seen to best effect when fifth in Haydock's Sprint Cup subsequently. He can quickly resume winning ways at the chief expense of last year's victor Kind of Blue, although Montassib can also have a big say after his promising reappearance third at Newbury. Big Mojo and King Cuan complete the shortlist.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. LAZZAT 2. KIND OF BLUE 3. MONTASSIB

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Kind of Blue	3-9-3	10-1	James Fanshawe	James Doyle	20
2023	Art Power	6-9-4	40-1	Tim Easterby	David Allan	15
2022	Kinross	5-9-4	3-1f	Ralph Beckett	Frankie Dettori	18
2021	Creative Force	3-9-1	11-2	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	20
2020	Glen Shiel	6-9-2	16-1	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	16

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

2.45

RACE 4

QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES
(Group 1) (1) 3yo+ fillies and mares £531,250 1m3f211y
(2410 Metres)



Going: Good		10 6 WEMIGHTAKEDLONGWAY (IRE) (13) (BF) 91	
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Draw: Against Low Pace Information: Even		10 DECLARED RUNNERS	
		BETTING FORECAST:	
		7-2 Kalpana, 4-1 Estrange, 6-1 Waardah, 9-1 Quisisana, 10-1 Wemightakedlongway, 14-1 Bedtime Story, 14-1 Danielle, 16-1 One Look, 18-1 Latakia, 28-1 Ballet Slippers	
		TIMEFORM VIEW:	
		KALPANA finished her season on a high with victory in this race last year and is fancied to repeat the feat following another fine campaign. Quisisana was highly progressive against her own sex before finding things too hot in the Arc and she's feared, while Estrange has won four of her 6 starts and remains capable of better, for all connections would have liked more rain. Hat-trick seeking Waardah is a filly on the up and she's no back number now tackling a Group 1.	
		TIMEFORM 1-2-3:	
		1. KALPANA 2. QUISISANA 3. ESTRANGE	
		WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:	
		2024 Kalpana 3-9-1 10-3f Andrew Balding William Buick 14	
		2023 Poptronic 4-9-7 22-1 K. R. Burke Sam James 14	
		2022 Emily Upjohn 3-9-1 3-1f John & Thady Gosden Frankie Dettori 14	
		2021 Eshaada 3-8-13 16-1 Roger Varian Jim Crowley 8	
		2020 Wonderful Tonight 3-8-13 4-1f David Menuisier William Buick 12	
		SMART STATS:	
		No Smart Stats available for this race	
1 8	DANIELLE (37) (BF) 90	136922-24 4 9-7 60.3kg John & Thady Gosden Smart filly ran a cracker on reappearance when ¾-length second to Waardah in Lillie Langtry Stakes at Goodwood. Far from disgraced when fourth in the Group 2 Park Hill at Doncaster (14.5f, good) last month but faces a much tougher task in a top-end 1½m Group 1. <i>Oisin Murphy</i>	
2 1	ESTRANGE (IRE) (58) (D) 95	171-112 4 9-7 60.3kg David O'Meara Quickly confirmed herself a smart prospect when winning a Group 3 on her return before following up in the Lancashire Oaks at Haydock. Lost little in defeat behind the impressive Minnie Hawk in the Yorkshire Oaks last time and remains capable of better, for all she would prefer easier ground. <i>Daniel Tudhope</i>	
3 7	KALPANA (13) (CD) 100	111-32227 4 9-7 60.3kg Andrew Balding Very smart filly who capped a fine campaign with victory in this race last year. Better than ever when runner-up to Calandagan in the King George this season and didn't have things go her way in first-time cheekpieces (retained) when seventh in the Arc. The one to beat back against her own sex. <i>C. T. Keane</i>	s
4 9	LATAKIA (14) (D) 87	19115 4 9-7 60.3kg Francis-Henri Graffard, France Expensive Frankel filly made a belated winning debut earlier this season and quickly improved to make it three wins from 4 starts when successful in Group 2 at Deauville (12.5f). Not in the same form on softer ground in the Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp (14f) and may fall short again in a Group 1. <i>William Buick</i>	
5 10	ONE LOOK (IRE) (13) 93	12-126123 4 9-7 60.3kg P. Twomey, Ireland Runner-up behind Barnavara in the Group 2 Blandford Stakes and unlucky not to reverse that form in first-time cheekpieces when a close third in the Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp (9.9f) 13 days ago. Headgear retained and there could well be more to come on first start over 1½m. <i>James Doyle</i>	s
6 5	QUISISANA (FR) (13) (D) 95	1/351-1119 5 9-7 60.3kg Francis-Henri Graffard, France Smart mare with a fine record and she looked most progressive when landing a hat-trick in the Group 1 Prix Jean Romanet (9.9f) in August. Faced a tough task back against the males when ninth in the Arc but makes plenty of appeal here. <i>Mickael Barzalona</i>	
7 3	BALLET SLIPPERS (IRE) (34) (C) 82	3213-9 3 9-1 57.6kg Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Bred in the purple and finished 6 lengths to subsequent 1000 Guineas winner Desert Flower in Fillies' Mile at Newmarket on final start as a juvenile. Well held returning from an 11-month absence at the Curragh last month and will need to take a significant step forward for this longer trip. <i>W. M. Lordan</i>	
8 2	BEDTIME STORY (IRE) (14) (C, BF) 91	55-624537 3 9-1 57.6kg Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Has developed into a smart filly this season, finishing runner-up in the Diane and third in the Prix Vermille (form has taken a few knocks). Didn't fully settle over a longer trip when seventh in the Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp (13.9f) and will need to improve to land a first Group 1. <i>Christophe Soumillon</i>	h
9 4	WAARDAH (IRE) (77) 91	15-411 3 9-1 57.6kg Owen Burrows Has readily confirmed the promise shown as a juvenile, storming clear for a listed success at Goodwood prior to finding another chunk of improvement when upped in trip to win the Group 2 Lillie Langtry (14f). Should prove fully effective back over 1½m and merits respect in her bid for the hat-trick. <i>Callum Rodriguez</i>	

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RACE 5

QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES (Sponsored by QIPCO) (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £1,156,250 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)



Going: Good			The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. 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 round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.		
Draw: Favours High Pace Information: Strong					
1	5	CARL SPACKLER (IRE) (80) (D)	95		
		51116-166 5 9-6 59.9kg			
		John & Thady Gosden	William Buick		
Very smart performer in US but has run too freely in both starts on these shores, latest when 5¼ lengths sixth of 7 to Qirat in Sussex Stakes at Goodwood (8f, good) 80 days ago. Since joined new yard and needs to settle better to take a hand here.					
2	1	CICERO'S GIFT (31) (D)	89		
		487-36221 5 9-6 59.9kg			
		Charles Hills	Jason Watson		
Returned to somewhere near best form when taking 6-runner listed race at Sandown (8f, heavy, 6/4) last month but faces different conditions here and this contest demands much more.					
3	16	DANCING GEMINI (IRE) (41) (D)	93		
		54-112839 4 9-6 59.9kg			
		Roger Teal	Kieran Shoemark		
Back to form with a bang as a 4-y-o, winning a Doncaster listed race and Group 2 Sandown Mile this spring. However, well below best at Longchamp latest and finished well held in this contest last term.					
4	12	DOCKLANDS (62) (CD)	93	t	
		560-23154 5 9-6 59.9kg			
		Harry Eustace	Tom Marquand		
Added to his fine course record when taking Queen Anne in June and arrives on back of creditable length fourth of 10 to Diego Velazquez in Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville (8f, good) 62 days ago. Must enter calculations.					
5	11	FACTEUR CHEVAL (IRE) (122) (D)	95		
		1632-3766 6 9-6 59.9kg			
		J. Reynier, France	Mickael Barzalona		
Very smart gelding. Yet to reach best form this term but looked undone by longer trip when sixth to Ombudsman in Prince of Wales's Stakes at this course in June and has likely been aimed at this contest since (finished runner-up in last 2 renewals). Shortlisted.					
6	13	NEVER SO BRAVE (IRE) (56) (C, D)	96		
		6720-2111 4 9-6 59.9kg			
		Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy		
Much improved for new yard this season, making it 3 wins from 4 starts when taking City of York Stakes (7/2) at York (7f, good to firm) 56 days ago by ½ length from Lake Forest. Asked a bigger question now but is not taken lightly.					
7	10	QUDDWAH (14) (CD)	91	t	
		145-10162 5 9-6 59.9kg			
		Simon & Ed Crisford	Silvestre De Sousa		
Dual winner this term who returned to best form when short-head second of 10 to Ridari in Prix Daniel Wildenstein at Longchamp (8f, good to soft, 36/10) 14 days ago. However, in deeper waters here and finished well held in this contest 12 months ago.					
8	15	ROSALLION (IRE) (41) (C, D)	97		
		211-32242 4 9-6 59.9kg			
		Richard Hannon	Sean Levey		
High-class colt who won the Irish 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace as a 3-y-o. Endured a series of near-misses this term, latest when short-head second of 12 in Prix du Moulin de Longchamp at Longchamp (8f, good to firm) 41 days ago and looks sure to make his presence felt again.					
9	7	ALAKAZI (FR) (35) (D)	89		
		7-13221 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		John Patrick Murtagh, Ireland	Ben Martin Coen		
Progressive sort who posted career best when winning 9-runner Solonaway Stakes at Leopardstown (8f, good) 35 days ago. More required to play a part in this company but he is going the right way.					
10	8	FALLEN ANGEL (14) (D)	97	s	
		124-63111 4 9-3 58.5kg			
		K. R. Burke	James Doyle		
Irish 1000 Guineas winner last season who has added 4 further Group 1 prizes (all confined to her own sex) to her tally since, posting a personal best when taking 9-runner Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket (8f, good) 14 days ago. Steps into open company now but demands plenty of respect.					
11	14	FIELD OF GOLD (IRE) (80) (C, D, BF)	100		
		114-12114 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		John & Thady Gosden	C. T. Keane		
Top-class colt who should have won the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket but made amends with easy victories in the Irish 2000 Guineas/St James's Palace Stakes, showing an excellent turn of foot on both occasions. Clearly wasn't 100% at Goodwood last time and looks the one to beat.					
12	6	MARVELMAN (IRE) (35)	92		
		22-129331 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		Andrew Balding	P. J. McDonald		
Smart colt who took his form up another notch when readily winning 11-runner Park Stakes at Doncaster (7f, good) 35 days ago. Steps into Group 1 company now but he certainly warrants his place in this field.					
13	9	TAMFANA (GER) (13) (D)	92		
		34113-276 4 9-3 58.5kg			
		David Menuisier	Rossa Ryan		
Won the Group 1 Sun Chariot last season before solid third in this contest and made a highly encouraging return when runner-up in the Bet365 Mile at Sandown. Back from 5 months off when sixth in Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp (9.9f, good to soft) 13 days ago and is entitled to build on that.					
14	2	THE LION IN WINTER (IRE) (41)	91		
		11-60303 3 9-3 58.5kg			
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Christophe Soumillon		
Dual scorer last term who returned to best form when neck third of 12 in Prix du Moulin at Longchamp (8f, good to firm) 41 days ago. This is a deeper contest but he looks to be the yard's main hope of adding another Group 1 to their burgeoning tally.					
15	3	EXACTLY (IRE) (13)	89		
		1-2465620 3 9-0 57.2kg			
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	W. M. Lordan		
Best effort this season came when ½-length second of 11 to Fallen Angel in Matron Stakes at Leopardstown (8f, good) last month but has yet to record a success in 2025 and looks up against it here.					
16	4	JANUARY (IRE) (13)	90	t	
		22-832270 3 9-0 57.2kg			
		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	William James Lee		
Acquitted herself well when making the frame in a trio of Group 1 contests this summer but has not been in same form more recently and is hard to recommend. Tongue strap on first time.					
16 DECLARED RUNNERS					
BETTING FORECAST:					
2-1 Field of Gold, 9-2 Rosallion, 9-1 Fallen Angel, 14-1 Never So Brave, 18-1 Facteur Cheval, 18-1 Docklands, 18-1 The Lion In Winter, 25-1 Marvelman, 25-1 Alakazi, 33-1 Tamfana, 40-1 bar					
TIMEFORM VIEW:					
FIELD OF GOLD looked all at sea at Goodwood last time but he produced a dominant display in the St James's Palace Stakes here previously and the return to this venue can see him back to his best. Rosallion has endured a frustrating campaign but it's hard to envisage him not being involved at the business end again, whilst Facteur Cheval (excellent record in this event) and Fallen Angel (in the form of her life) are also much respected.					
TIMEFORM 1-2-3:					
1. FIELD OF GOLD 2. ROSALLION 3. FACTEUR CHEVAL					
WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:					
2024	Charyn 4-9-6	13-8f	Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	12
2023	Big Rock 3-9-3	5-1	Christopher Head	Aurelien Lemaitre	11
2022	Bayside Boy 3-9-3	33-1	Roger Varian	Tom Marquand	9
2021	Baaeed 3-9-1	2-1	William Haggas	Jim Crowley	10
2020	The Revenant 5-9-4	5-1	Francis-Henri Graffard	Pierre-Charles Boudot	14
SMART STATS:					
No Smart Stats available for this race					

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RACE 6

QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES (Group 1) (1) 3yo+ £1,417,500

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Going: **Good**

The round course is a right-handed, galloping, triangular circuit of a mile and three quarters, with a run-in of two and a half furlongs. 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 round course races on Champions Day in the event of unraceable ground. Generally speaking, prominent racers fare significantly better than those held up over five furlongs, but the opposite is true over seven furlongs/a mile, while on the round course those that race in the first half of the field over a mile and a quarter have a better record than those caught further back.

Draw: **Favours High** Pace Information: **Even**

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DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (37) (D)

31-64041 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

John & Thady Gosden **Robert Havlin**

Smart performance when defying a mark of 104 in a 1¼m handicap at the Doncaster St Leger meeting. Supplemented into this for £75,000 at the start of the week and here to fulfil pacemaking duties for Ombudsman.

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MOUNT KILIMANJARO (FR) (35) (D)

5312-3168 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **W. M. Lordan**

His success in the Dee Stakes at Chester in May shows he's smart but used as a pacemaker for Delacroix in the Irish Champion and will presumably perform the same role again.

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ALMAQAM (41) (D)

1632-3123 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Ed Walker **Kieran Shoemark**

All wins on good or softer. Really smart effort when proving 1¾ lengths too strong for Ombudsman in Brigadier Gerard at Sandown (1¼m, good to soft) in May. Hasn't confirmed that improvement when defeated at Group 2 level twice since but it was firmish ground on both occasions.

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CALANDAGAN (IRE) (84) (C, D)

1122-2211 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Francis-Henri Graffard, France **Mickael Barzalona**

Second in first 4 Group 1s (including to Anmaat in this last year) before landing a breakthrough success at the top level in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in June. A second quickly followed when too strong for Kalpana in the King George here (1½m, good to firm) in July. Looks sure to go well again.

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ECONOMICS (364) (D)

4/11116- 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

William Haggas **Tom Marquand**

Battled gamely to fend off Auguste Rodin in the 2024 Irish Champion at Leopardstown but reportedly bled when ending his 3-y-o campaign with below-par sixth in this race and not seen since. His yard's excellent form is a positive but some performance if he can win this after a year off.

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FIRST LOOK (IRE) (14) (D)

466-23111 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

A. Fabre, France **James Doyle**

It took a bit of time for him to build on last year's French Derby second but he's thriving now, completing a hat-trick when seeing off Bay City Roller in the Prix Dollar at Longchamp (1¼m, soft) a fortnight ago. A big career best will be needed to extend the winning sequence to 4, though.

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FOX LEGACY (78) (D)

4174-1611 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

Andrew Balding **P. J. McDonald**

Much improved since joining the Andrew Balding stable, landing John Smith's Cup at York before running out an impressive 5½-length winner of a 9f conditions race at Glorious Goodwood. Likely capable of even better but this demands a good deal more.

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OMBUDSMAN (IRE) (59) (CD)

1111-2121 4 9-7 | 60.3kg

John & Thady Gosden **William Buick**

Announced himself at the top level when producing a superb turn of foot to win Prince of Wales's over C&D in June. Collared close home by Delacroix in the Eclipse at Sandown but comfortably took his revenge on that rival in the International at York, scoring by 3½ lengths. The one to beat.

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PRAGUE (IRE) (22) (D)

210-54554 5 9-7 | 60.3kg

Dylan Cunha **Benoit de la Sayette**

Produced a really smart effort when winning the Group 2 Joel at Newmarket (1m, soft) last autumn but hasn't come close to reproducing that level in a handful of starts this year. Big outsider.

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ALMERIC (28) (D)

41-11 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

Andrew Balding **Oisin Murphy**

Unbeaten in 3 outings since his debut, including listed races at Newmarket (9f, soft) and Ayr (1¼m, good to soft) this season 5 months apart. This is a jump in class but he's an exciting prospect who surely has more to offer.

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DELACROIX (IRE) (35) (D)

12-119121 3 9-3 | 58.5kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Christophe Soumillon**

Bounced back quickly from a disappointing run in the Derby when defeating Ombudsman by a neck in the Eclipse at Sandown. Below par when 3½ lengths behind that same rival in the Juddmonte at York but right back on song when showing an electric turn of foot to see off Anmaat in the Irish Champion.

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11 DECLARED RUNNERS

BETTING FORECAST:

9-4 Ombudsman, 3-1 Calandagan, 10-3 Delacroix, 16-1 Almaqam, 16-1 Economics, 16-1 Almeric, 22-1 First Look, 28-1 Fox Legacy, 150-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

Although OMBUDSMAN was beaten by Delacroix in the Eclipse it was a quick turnaround for Godolphin's charge after his big performance in the Prince of Wales's and he re-established himself as the one to beat in this division when readily seeing off the same rival at York. Aidan O'Brien's charge has won well at Leopardstown since but it could still be that the chief threat emerges from last year's runner-up Calandagan, who showed a sharp turn of foot to win the King George here in July.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. OMBUDSMAN 2. CALANDAGAN 3. DELACROIX

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Anmaat 6-9-7	40-1	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	11
2023	King of Steel 3-9-3	3-1f	Roger Varian	Frankie Dettori	8
2022	Bay Bridge 4-9-7	10-1	Sir Michael Stoute	Richard Kingscote	9
2021	Sealiway 3-9-1	12-1	Cedric Rossi	Mickael Barzalona	9
2020	Addeybb 6-9-5	9-1	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	10

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race

RACE 7

GBI RACING

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1 2 HOLLOWAY BOY (196) (C, D) **95**
 3106-2320 **5** 9-12 | 62.6kg
K. R. Burke  *Clifford Lee*
 Smart performer who registered his first victory since his 2-y-o days when landing Group 3 Superior Mile at Haydock (1m) last summer. Placed on 3 of his 4 starts in Group company in Meydan earlier this year (final start best excused) but this looks a tough ask off top weight after 6 months off.

2 8 NATIVE WARRIOR (6lb/3kg ex) **(14)** (C, D) v   **100**
 20-921311 **4** 9-11 | 62.1kg

K. R. Burke  *James Doyle*

Firmly back on the up since visored, producing a decidedly smart effort to make it 3 wins from his last 4 starts in Challenge Cup over 7f here 2 weeks ago. Evidently well suited by the demands of these big field scenarios and a 6 lb penalty shouldn't prevent another bold showing.

3	19	GODWINSON (49) (D, BF)	97
		4100-1150	5 9-5 59.4kg
		William Haggas 	Cieren Fallon
		Enhanced his good record fresh when bagging the Lincoln at Doncaster in March and improved again to follow up at Newcastle (1m) in June. Best not judged too harshly on his 2 runs in August and a subsequent 7-week break ought to have put him spot on for a tilt at this (finished midfield last year).	

4 18 WITCH HUNTER (FR) (6lb/3kg ex) **(20)** (C) **96**
 07006761 **6** 9-5 | 59.4kg
Richard Hannon *Joe Leavy*
 Useful course winner who was third in this race off a big weight 12 months ago. Ended lengthy losing run from reduced mark in 12-runner handicap at Newcastle (7f) 20 days ago and whilst this is more demanding under a penalty, the fact he's often gone well here is a definite plus.

5 **1** **EBT'S GUARD (21)** (CD)  **97**
 34752138 **4** 9-4 | 59.0kg
William Muir & Chris Grassick *Lewis Edmunds*
 Bagged Spring Cup at Newbury in April and resumed winning ways in Shergar Cup Mile here in August. Good third over C&D next time and shaped as if still in form whilst suggesting he was at the limit of his stamina when sixth in last month's Cambridgeshire (9f). Career-high mark to defy now, though.

6 5 CERULEAN BAY (IRE) (6lb/3kg ex) **(6)** (D) **99**
 507022211 **4** 9-3 | 58.5kg
David O'Meara *Daniel Tudhope*
 4-y-o who has taken his form up a notch switched to Goodwood's unique track, landing back-to-back 1m handicaps, latterly in fairly straightforward fashion 6 days ago. More on his plate under a penalty but he's gone well here previously and this thriving sort can't be discounted in hat-trick bid.

7 17 GOLDEN MIND (IRE) (20) **97**
 92046100 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg **t**

 **Richard Fahey**  **Warren Fentiman** (5lb/2kg)

Solid display when fourth in the International here in July and following an ease in the weights, he capitalised at Newcastle (7f) a month later. Excuses at Chester next time (poorly drawn) but he was below best without an obvious excuse back at Newcastle 20 days ago.

8 7 GREAT ACCLAIM (14) (D) s  **98**
 42711224 **4** 9-2 | 58.1kg
Eve Johnson Houghton *Charles Bishop*
 Right back on form since blinkered, including a Glorious Goodwood win at the end of July. Remained at the top of his game since, 3 lengths fourth of 15 to Native Warrior in handicap at this course (7f, soft) 14 days ago. Cheekpieces now the headgear of choice and he's equally effective at 1m.

9 **4** **ARISAIG (22)** (D)  **98**
 55202533 **4** 9-1 | 57.6kg
Charlie Johnston ***Jamie Spencer***
 Largely consistent filly who ran well when third in Celebration Mile at Goodwood in August and far from discredited when third in listed Rosemary Stakes at Newmarket (1m) 3 weeks ago. Career-high mark to defy back in a handicap but she's an each-way player nevertheless.

10 11 FIFTH COLUMN (IRE) (21) (D) s  **98**
 2-117.1510 **3** 9-1 | 57.6kg
 **John & Thady Gosden**  ***William Buick***
 Different model since being gelded, winning strong 1m 3-y-o handicaps at the Newmarket July and York Ebor meetings. Didn't find things panning out ideally from stand side draw when midfield in last month's Cambridgeshire and strong suspicion we've yet to see all he has to offer. Interesting.

11 **21** **HAFEEET ALAIN (IRE) (142)** (D) **98**
 1944467-1 **9** 9-0 | 57.2kg
Ed Walker **Ashley Lewis (5lb/2kg)**
 Useful performer who is a credit to connections and looked as good as ever following 6 months off when winning 12-runner Whitsun Cup at Sandown (1m) in May. That form was certainly solid enough and his record when fresh is an obvious plus for all this is undoubtedly tougher.

12 14 SHOUT (IRE) (43) (CD)  **97**
 131-23071 **3** 8-13 | 56.7kg
Simon & Ed Crisford  **Oisín Murphy**
 Twice a 6f winner at 2 yrs who got back on the up to some tune taking on his elders for the first time when impressively taking 17-runner C&D handicap 6 weeks ago. Hit with a 9 lb rise for that but he remains relatively low-mileage and there could yet be more to come.

13 **23** **CROWN OF OAKS (34)** (C, BF)  **96**
 3-33113 **3** 8-12 | 56.2kg
 **William Haggas**  **Tom Marquand**
 Progressive son of Wootton Bassett who was successful on first 2 starts in 1¼m handicaps and ran respectably whilst possibly finding quick turnaround taking the edge off him when third of 21 in handicap at the Curragh (10f) 5 weeks ago. Very much remains with potential including back at 1m.

14 9 **ORANDI (FR) (76)** (D) **96**
 2223-1339 **7** 8-12 | 56.2kg **t**
A. J. Martin, Ireland **David Egan**
 Won at Curragh in March before finishing an excellent third behind Godwinson in the Lincoln at Doncaster later that month. Seen only twice at the Galway Festival since, a 5-day turnaround a plausible excuse when down the field over 7f in August. Type to bounce back.

15 22 OLIVER SHOW (IRE) (20) (D) s+t **98**
 9-4220847 5 8-12 | 56.2kg
George Boughey  **Billy Loughnane**
 Quirky but talented performer who has done his winning on AW. However, just as good on turf, as his in-the-frame efforts in big-field Doncaster handicaps would indicate this year. Not seen to best effect behind Witch Hunter at Newcastle latest and he's another each-way candidate.

16 **20** **GREEK ORDER (21)** (D) s  **97**
 7-8443400 **5** 8-12 | 56.2kg
Michael Bell **Jack Callan** (5lb/2kg)
 Underperformed during US stint but quickly found top form back in Britain, hitting the frame in a trio of top-end handicaps (including Royal Hunt Cup). However, he does now need to shrug off disappointing runs at York/Newmarket. Cheekpieces go on.

17 6 **THEORYOFEVERYTHING (6)** (CD) t  **98**
 0-4150725 **5** 8-12 | 56.2kg
David O'Meara **Jason Watson**
 C&D winner who scored at Ayr (1m) in July and proved at least as good as ever when runner-up back over that C&D on penultimate start. Ran creditably when 2½ lengths fifth behind stablemate Cerulean Bay in handicap at Goodwood (1m) 6 days ago and forecast easier ground in his favour here.

18 13 BOBBY BENNU (IRE) (42) (D) h **98**
 521-38255 **4** 8-11 | 55.8kg
 Roger Varian  *Ray Dawson*
 Successful 3 times last year and has displayed form akin to that level on 2 of his last 3 starts, respectable 5 lengths fifth of 20 to Native Warrior in handicap (18/1) at this course (7f, good) 42 days ago. Interesting if this step up in trip unlocks some progress (successful only start at 7.5f)

19 **10** **TRIBAL CHIEF (FR) (21)** (D) **97**
 12-209610 **4** 8-10 | 55.3kg t
David Menuisier  *Sean Levey*
 Won 4 handicaps last season and firmly back on the up when scoring at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) 2 starts ago. Latest down the field effort in the Cambridgeshire (9f) has to go down as disappointing, so bounce back called for now.

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RACE 7

BALMORAL HANDICAP (Sponsored by QIPCO) (2) 3yo+
£200,000 1m (1610 Metres) (Str.)



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BOPEDRO (FR) (8) (D)
33002944 9 8-10 | 55.3kg
David O'Meara
On a long losing run but he's a regular in top-end handicaps, running yet another creditable race when fourth in 17-runner contest at York (79f) 8 days ago, keeping on well. Probably set for another minor role here, though.

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Mark Winn

RESERVES

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AALTO (FR) (21)
960-92070 5 8-10 | 55.3kg
Ian Williams
Yet to score this term but he went close to supplementing his 2024 Bumbury Cup success in corresponding race in July. Struggled for consistency since, albeit unsuited by the way the race developed when eleventh of 13 in handicap at Newmarket (7f) 3 weeks ago. Hood goes on now. RESERVE.

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Reserve

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GALERON (IRE) (24)
50070534 5 8-10 | 55.3kg
Charles Hills 
Dual winner as a juvenile in 2022 and whilst winless since, he's confirmed he remains capable of useful form having been re-united with Charlie Hills this year, creditable 3¼ lengths fourth of 12 to Cerulean Bay in handicap at Goodwood (8f, good) 24 days ago, not ideally placed. RESERVE.

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Reserve

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CLASSIC (63) (D, BF)
56-342128 5 8-10 | 55.3kg
Richard Hannon
A change of tactics worked a treat when snapping a losing run in valuable 1m Sandown handicap in July. Fine second followed in International Stakes here (7f) later that month and he rates he type to bounce back from a rare below-par display at Newbury 63 days ago. RESERVE.

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Reserve

20 DECLARED RUNNERS (3 RESERVES)

BETTING FORECAST:

11-2 Native Warrior, 7-1 Crown of Oaks, 8-1 Shout, 10-1 Fifth Column, 14-1 Cerulean Bay, 14-1 Arisaig, 18-1 Witch Hunter, 20-1 Greek Order, 22-1 Great Acclaim, 22-1 Ebt's Guard, 22-1 Holloway Boy, 28-1 Oliver Show, 28-1 Bopedro, 33-1 Godwinson, 40-1 bar

TIMEFORM VIEW:

NATIVE WARRIOR took his record to 3-4 since the visor went on and improved another chunk in the process when impressively taking another big field 7f handicap at this course 2 weeks ago. He may well not have done improving on that evidence and with the return to 1m holding no fears, another bold showing looks firmly on the cards. The most potent dangers may emerge from the 3-y-o brigade, with Crown of Oaks and Fifth Column heading them up along with Shout. Cerulean Bay is another to consider.

TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

1. NATIVE WARRIOR 2. CROWN OF OAKS 3. FIFTH COLUMN

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:

2024	Carrytheone	7-9-6	14-1	Michael Bell	Christophe Soumillon	20
2023	The Gatekeeper	4-8-12	25-1	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	20
2022	Shelir	6-9-5	80-1	David O'Meara	Jason Watson	20
2021	Aldaary	3-9-6	7-2	William Haggas	Jim Crowley	20
2020	Njord	4-9-5	15-2	Mrs J. Harrington	Tom Marquand	18

SMART STATS:

No Smart Stats available for this race