



Saturday 4th July

# **EPSOM DOWNS**

1.50	INVESTEC WOODCOTE EBF STAKES (CONDITIONS) (2) 6f3y (1210 Metres)
RACE 1	(4) TWAASOL   (2) MODERN NEWS   (3) MUTAZAWWED (IRE)
2.25	INVESTEC SURREY STAKES (Listed) (1) 7f3y (1410 Metres)
RACE 2	(4) SAFE VOYAGE (IRE) (6) VALE OF KENT (IRE) (3) OH THIS IS US (IRE)
3.00	INVESTEC HANDICAP (2) 11/4 m17y (2030 Metres)
RACE 3	(3) DESERT ICON (FR) (9) YOU'RE HIRED (2) TINANDALI (IRE)
3.40	INVESTEC OAKS (Group 1) (1) 11/2m6y (2420 Metres)
RACE 4	(5) LOVE (IRE) (3) FRANKLY DARLING (2) ENNISTYMON (IRE)
4.15	PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (Sponsored by Investec) (Group 3) (1) 1m113y (1710 Metres)
RACE 5	(2) FOORAAT (IRE) (1) CLOAK OF SPIRITS (IRE) (3) LOVE AND THUNDER (IRE)
4.55	INVESTEC DERBY (Group 1) (1) 11/2m6y (2420 Metres)
RACE 6	(3) ENGLISH KING (FR) (9) MOGUL (13) RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)
5.35	INVESTEC ZEBRA HANDICAP (3) 7f3y (1410 Metres)
RACE 7	(13) TINTORETTO (IRE)   (8) REPUTATION (IRE)   (15) KNOWING GLANCE (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.

# **INVESTEC WOODCOTE EBF STAKES (CONDITIONS) (2) 2yo** £20,000 6f3y (1210 Metres)



RACE 1

#### Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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#### Draw: N/A Pace Information: Insufficient Data

**2** 9-5 | 59.4ka

INHALER (7)

94

K. R. Burke

**Ben Curtis** 



Speedily-bred colt who knew his job when making a winning debut at Pontefract. Just as good when second under a penalty to a well-bred newcomer at Newcastle since but this asks for a bit more.

MODERN NEWS (16) (D)

100

Charlie Appleby



Shamardal colt who showed a good attitude to see off his expensive stablemate at Newmarket (6f) on debut. Ran to a similar level in Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot and sets the standard on that form.

MUTAZAWWED (IRE) (15) (D)

95

**2** 9-5 59.4kg

Jim Crowley



Mark Johnston

Proved much shaper second time up to get off the mark in 6f maiden at Lingfield 15 days ago. His experience counted for plenty on that occasion, but nevertheless he's open to further improvement.

TWAASOL (18) (D)

98

2 9-5 59.4kg



Bred to be useful and overcame inexperience to make a winning debut at Windsor (6f) last month. That performance is backed up the clock, so with better

to come, he boasts strong claims.

#### **CALCUTTA CUP (FR) 2** 9-0 57.2kg

Oisin Murphy

William Buick



Andrew Balding Foaled April 22. €68,000 foal, €100,000 yearling, Territories colt. Dam, unraced, closely related to smart/temperamental 2-y-o 5.5f/6f winner Grand Vista. Market

should offer up some clues.

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**5 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

15-8 Twaasol, 5-2 Modern News, 4-1 Mutazawwed, 7-1 Inhaler, 10-1 Calcutta Cup

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

TWAASOL's cosy Windsor win is backed up by the clock, so providing he handles the track, his claims appear to be strong. Modern News sets the standard following a respectable run in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot, while Lingfield-scorer Mutazawwed has the pedigree to progress again.

### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. TWAASOL 2. MODERN NEWS 3. MUTAZAWWED (IRE)

WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:							
2019	Pinatubo 2-9-5	evsf	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	6		
2018	Cosmic Law 2-9-5	10-1	Richard Fahey	P. J. McDonald	7		
2017	Cardsharp 2-9-5	7-4	Mark Johnston	Silvestre De Sousa	7		
2016	Legendary Lunch 2-9-0	5-2if	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	6		

2-1f Mark Johnston

#### **SMART STATS:**

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RACE 2

# INVESTEC SURREY STAKES (Listed) (1) 3yo+ £25,500 7f3y

(1410 Metres)



#### Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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

DAARIK (IRE) (18) (D, BF) 95 4 9-5 59.4ka



John Gosden 💏

Jim Crowley

Low-mileage 4 -y-o who enhanced fine AW record when scoring on return/ handicap debut at Newcastle (7f) last month. Disappointed at Royal Ascot since and needs to prove himself as effective on turf.

JACK'S POINT (14) (D) **4** 9-5 | 59.4kg 92

William Muir 🙈

Improved to score on return at Newmarket (7f) and backed that up with fine second in Buckingham Palace Stakes at Ascot next time. Not disgraced in Wokingham thereafter but this demands more.

OH THIS IS US (IRE) (29) (D) **7** 9-5 59.4kg 59139-545

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Richard Hannon

Smart performer who proved most consistent last year, winning 3 times, latterly at Chester (7.5f) in August. Not seen to best effect at Newmarket last month but

claims if getting strong pace to aim at SAFE VOYAGE (IRE) (27) (D)





Jason Hart



Had an excellent 2019, winning first 3 starts. Very good efforts in defeat after, notably in Group 1 company and fine effort in defeat on return at Haydock (7f,

listed) last month. Big player.

SHINE SO BRIGHT (14) (D) 4 9-5 59.4kg 33/16145-0



Andrew Balding



Has some strong form to his name, career best when taking York Group 2 in August. Failure to settle has proved costly since, including on return at Ascot. Has the talent but needs to harness it.

VALE OF KENT (IRE) (7) (D, BF) 10224-347

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**5** 9-5 59.4kg Mark Johnston

Won last year's Bunbury Cup (7f) and ran a cracker when fourth in the Hunt Cup (1m) at Royal Ascot last month. Disappointed last time but he's the type to bounce back and has the form to be involved.

#### **6 DECLARED RUNNERS**

# **BETTING FORECAST:**

6-4 Safe Voyage, 9-2 Shine So Bright, 11-2 Daarik, 13-2 Vale of Kent, 13-2 Oh This Is Us. 14-1 Jack's Point

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

SAFE VOYAGE enjoyed a highly productive 2019, winning 3 times prior to some excellent in-the-frame efforts at the highest level during the autumn. An excellent second on return at Haydock last month, he's fancied to prove tough to beat. Vale of Kent is the type to leave a lesser effort at Newmarket in his wake and warrants respect, whilst a good pace would bring Oh This Is Us into the reckoning.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. SAFE VOYAGE (IRE) 2. VALE OF KENT (IRE) 3. OH THIS IS US (IRE)

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** 2019 Space Blues 3-9-0 Charlie Appleby James Doyle 2018 Lake Volta 3-9-0 Mark Johnston Silvestre De Sousa 2017 Solomon's Bay 3-9-0 Roger Varian Silvestre De Sousa 2016 **Smuggler's Moon** 3-9-0 14-1 Brian Meehan Jimmy Fortune

William Muir

Martin Dwyer

#### **SMART STATS:**

2015 Code Red 3-9-4

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# INVESTEC HANDICAP (2) 4yo+ £25,000 11/4m17y (2030

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RACE 3

#### Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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#### Draw: Favours High Pace Information: Very Strong

CERTAIN LAD (135) (D) 10

**4** 9-10 | 61.7kg 10421-134

Mick Channon

**Ben Curtis** Smart gelding who gained his latest win at Meydan in January. 14/1, below-par

fourth of 6 in Dubai Millennium Stakes at Meydan (9.9f, good) 135 days ago. More

TINANDALI (IRE) (12) (D)

David O'Meara

Ex-Irish 1m/1m2f winner. Gelded and first run since leaving Dermot Weld when good second of 9 in handicap at Ayr (10f). Still low mileage so he must enter

DESERT ICON (FR) (6lb/3kg ex) (6) (D)

4 9-8 60.8kg 131822-41

William Haggas 💏 Dual 10f/12f winner in 2019 who contiuned his progress (cheekpieces fitted) with

wide-margin success in 10f Newmarket handicap 6 days ago. Turned out quickly under 6 lb penalty so the one to beat.

**CARADOC (IRE) (231)** (D, BF)

**5** 9-6 59.9kg 2/5141314-

Ed Walker Oisin Murphy

Three-time 10f winner last season but too free when below-par fourth of 6 to Crossed Baton in listed race at Lingfield 7 months ago. This mark demands a career-best effort.

SKY DEFENDER (20) (D)

47-121424 4 9-5 59.4kg

Joe Fanning Mark Johnston Has had a good year already, winning AW handicaps at Lingfield and Kempton,

but only fair fourth in handicap at Doncaster (10.2f, good, 7/1) 20 days ago. Bit

WARGRAVE (IRE) (17) (D)

462027-10 **4** 9-5 59.4kg

Winner at Saint Moritz in February on yard debut but beat only one in 23-runner handicap at Royal Ascot (8f, good to firm, 66/1) 17 days ago. Back up in trip but others have achieved more.

JOHNNY DRAMA (IRE) (15) (D)

**5** 9-3 58.5kg 1106202-0

3-1210

15 days ago. Tongue strap fitted.

Andrew Balding Silvestre De Sousa Dual winner in Ireland for Ger Lyons and runner-up twice from 5 starts for this yard, though well held on his return in handicap at Royal Ascot (12f, good to soft)

DOLPHIN VISTA (IRE) (15) (D) 97

80418-440

Jim Boyle

Cambridgeshire winner in 2017 and landed two listed events for Ralph Beckett following 2 seasons. However, came in last of 14 in handicap at Royal Ascot (12f, good to soft, 150/1) for new yard.

YOU'RE HIRED (20) (D) 99

**7** 8-12 56.2kg

Posted numerous good efforts last season and resumed with (3/1) career-best win in 9-runner handicap at Newmarket (10f, good) 20 days ago. Up 7 lb but can still make his presence felt.

98 PLANTADREAM (17) **5** 8-12 | 56.2kg

John Best Joey Haynes

Made it 2-5 starts in emphatic style on handicap debut at Lingfield (1m, AW) but never able to land a blow when twelfth of 22 in handicap at Royal Ascot (8f, 20/1) 17 days ago. Needs to bounce back

SUCELLUS (17) (D) 4 8-8 54.4ka

Roger Fell

shaped as if retaining ability in midfield in handicaps at Newcastle/Ascot on return. Still low mileage so not dismissed.

**12** 12 **BREATH CAUGHT (22)** 97 5/843777-4 **5** 8-7 54.0kg

Picked up cheaply after winning for John Gosden (15,000 gns) last autumn, and

**Harry Bentley** Ralph Beckett

Without a win since 2018 and ended 2019 below par for David Simcock but showed more when fourth of 9 in handicap at Newbury (10f) 22 days ago on return to former yard. Still needs more here though.

**13** 2 IRONCLAD (334) (D, BF) 98 4 8-6 53.5kg

Hugo Palmer Andrea Atzeni

Beverley maiden winner (10f) who followed up on handicap debut at Newmarket (10f) last July. Creditable fourth at Kempton (12f) final start last term and drop

back in trip will hold no fears. Claims. **14** 11 MR SCARAMANGA (28) (CD)

73535-434 6 8-4 52.6kg 8 Simon Dow **David Egan** 

C&D winner who wasn't disgraced after 4 months off when fading fourth of 9 to Plantadream in handicap at Lingfield (8f, AW) 28 days ago. Respected back

up in trip now.

122130-36 **5** 8-1 51.3kg William Muir John Egan

Course winner. 7/ 1, respectable sixth of 10 in handicap at Haydock (8.2f, good to firm) 10 days ago. Back up in trip so enters calculations.

SHERPA TRAIL (USA) (129) 98

Ed Walker Martin Dwyer

Made it 2 from 2 in 7f novice at Wolverhampton in January but never able to land a blow on handicap debut over 1m at Kempton only run since. Others appeal more.

16 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

DATA PROTECTION (10) (C)

3-1 Desert Icon, 15-2 You're Hired, 9-1 Ironclad, 9-1 Tinandali, 10-1 Caradoc, 20-1 Plantadream, 25-1 Johnny Drama, 25-1 Mr Scaramanga, 25-1 Breath Caught, 25-1 Data Protection, 25-1 Sky Defender, 33-1 Sucellus, 33-1 Certain Lad, 50-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

A big field but it's impossible to ignore the claims of DESERT ICON, who ran away with a handicap at Newmarket only six days ago and is weighted to go in again under a 6 lb penalty. You're Hired looks the one to give him most to do after also scoring in good style there recently. Tinandali and Ironclad look the pick of the remainder.

### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. DESERT ICON (FR) 2. YOU'RE HIRED 3. TINANDALI (IRE)

# **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2019 Mountain Angel 5-9-4 11-4f Roger Varian Andrea Atzeni 2018 Ajman King 4-9-6 5-4f Roger Varian Andrea Atzeni 2017 Not So Sleepy 5-9-8 10-1 Huahie Morrison Adam Kirby 2016 Imshivalla 5-8-6 25-1 Richard Fahev Paul Hanagan 10 2015 **Elbereth** 4-7-9 Edward Greatrex (7) 16-1 Andrew Balding 13

### **SMART STATS:**

3.40

# INVESTEC OAKS (Group 1) (1) 3yo fillies £250,000 1½m6y (2420 Metres)



RACE 4

#### Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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#### Draw: N/A Pace Information: Even

1	2	BHARAN	(D)	(D)		
		54-14	3	9-0 57.2kg		
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Peter Chapple-Hyam

Sea The Stars filly who has improved with each run and shaped nicely behind

Frankly Darling at Royal Ascot. Hard to see her reversing the form with that rival,

2 4 ENNISTYMON (IRE) (18) 91 7-12 3 9-0 | 57,2kg

7-12 **3** 9-0 57.2kg
Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Highly progressive sort who was sticking to the task well without laying down a serious threat to Frankly Darling when runner-up in the Ribblesdale. Another step forward could put her in the mix.

3 3 FRANKLY DARLING (18) (D) 2-11 3 9-0 | 57.2kg

John Gosden Has developed into a classy sort in a short space of time, impressing with the way in which she quickened away to land the Ribblesdale at Royal Ascot last

time. Chief threat to Love with more to come.

8 GOLD WAND (IRE) (23)

82

2-1 **3** 9-0 | 57.2kg

Didn't need to step up from a hugely promising debut to open her account Newbury last month and remains with an abundance of potential, particularly

Tough sort who won twice in pattern company as a 2yo and looked right out of the top drawer when powering clear to land the Guineas at Newmarket on return. Will stay, and clearly the one to beat.

6 1 PASSION (IRE) (18) s 85 517-43 3 9-0 | 57.2kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

P. B. Beggy

Likeshla Galilan filly who upped her game once more when a staying on third to

Likeable Galileo filly who upped her game once more when a staying-on third to Frankly Darling at Royal Ascot last time. An even stiffer test than this might see her to best effect, though.

7 6 QUEEN DAENERYS (IRE) (27) 216-2 3 9-0 | 57.2kg

Roger Varian Milliam Buick
Progressive filly who picked up where she left off last year when a strong-

finishing second in a 10f listed event at Newmarket on return. Bound to be suited by the step up to this trip

8 7 TIEMPO VUELA (27) (BF) 76 1-7 3 9-0 | 57.2kg

John Gosden Martin Harley

Ran out a ready winner over 1m at Newcastle on debut last October but was far too free in listed company at Newmarket on reappearance. Most unlikely to feature.

#### 8 DECLARED RUNNERS

### **BETTING FORECAST:**

evens Love, 5-2 Frankly Darling, 9-1 Ennistymon, 22-1 Queen Daenerys, 22-1 Gold Wand, 28-1 Passion, 66-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

LOVE was one of the most impressive 1000 Guineas winners of the 21st century and is bred to be well suited by this immediate hike up in trip, so she's difficult to oppose despite the presence of a classy filly in Frankly Darling, who landed the Ribblesdale last time with a good deal to spare. Ennistymon chased the latter named home at Royal Ascot, so she's the pick of the remainder.

## TIMEFORM 1-2-3:

WINNERS IN	<b>PREVIOU</b>	IS YEARS:
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2019	Anapurna 3-9-0	8-1	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	14
2018	Forever Together 3-9-0	7-1	Aidan O'Brien	Donnacha O'Brien	9
2017	Enable 3-9-0	6-1	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9
2016	Minding 3-9-0	10-1	1f Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	9
2015	Qualify 3-0-0	50-1	Aidan O'Prion	C O'Donoghuo	1 .

#### **SMART STATS:**

85

RACE 5

# PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (Sponsored by Investec) (Group 3) (1) 3yo fillies £40,700 1m113y (1710 Metres)



# Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

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Draw: N/A Pace Information: Weak

#### **CLOAK OF SPIRITS (IRE)** (14)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

100

Richard Hannon



Useful at 2 yrs and ran a fine race when 4¼ lengths second to Love in 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on return. Respectable fifth in Coronation at Royal Ascot since and big player back down in class.

FOORAAT (IRE) (26)

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**3** 9-0 57.2kg



Roger Varian Sister to high-class Benbatl and has made fine start to career, winning novice events at Newcastle in October and at Chelmsford on return. Smart prospect and can keep unbeaten record on turf debut.

LOVE AND THUNDER (IRE) (22)

87

**3** 9-0 | 57.2kg



John Gosden 💏

Frankie Dettori

Beaten a short-heat at Deauville on debut last year for Andre Fabre. Didn't need to improve to go one better in novice event at Newbury on return, comfortably. More needed here but has potential.

ONASSIS (IRE) (16)

91

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Ryan Moore



Charlie Fellowes Off the mark in a nursery at Newcastle on her final start last year and returned

with a 33/1 success in the Sandringham at Royal Ascot off a mark of 81. This demands another jolt of improvement.

ROSE OF KILDARE (IRE) (13) (BF) 513411-93 **3** 9-0 57.2kg

97

Mark Johnston

Joe Fanning



Thrived on a busy 2-y-o campaign, winning 5 times, including 2 Group 3

contests. Down the field in 1000 Guineas at Newmarket on return before close third in German equivalent. Vulnerable to improvers.

**SUMMER ROMANCE (IRE)** (27)

97



**3** 9-0 57.2kg



Won first 2 starts over 6f last summer, including listed race at Newmarket. Has found things tougher since, including when mid-division in 1000 Guineas on return. Bred to stay this trip.

#### **6 DECLARED RUNNERS**

# **BETTING FORECAST:**

15-8 Fooraat, 9-4 Cloak of Spirits, 8-1 Summer Romance, 9-1 Love And Thunder, 10-1 Rose of Kildare, 14-1 Onassis

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

FOORAAT is bred to be very good being out of connections' Prix de l'Opera winner Nahrain, and she can take this step up in class in her stride having looked a smart prospect when easily defying a penalty at Chelmsford. The obvious threat is Cloak of Spirits, who's dropping in class having finished second in the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket before a respectable fifth in the Coronation at Royal Ascot.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. FOORAAT (IRE) 2. CLOAK OF SPIRITS (IRE) 3. LOVE AND THUNDER (IRE)

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:** 2019 **Anna Nerium** 4-9-6 Richard Hannon Tom Marquand 2018 Wilamina 5-9-6 Martyn Meade Frankie Dettori 2017 Laugh Aloud 4-9-6 John Gosden James Doyle 2016 **Epsom Icon** 3-8-8 8-1 Mick Channon Silvestre De Sousa 2015 Arabian Queen 3-8-8 David Elsworth Silvestre De Sousa 9

# **SMART STATS:**

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P. B. Beggy

# **INVESTEC DERBY (Group 1) (1) 3yo colts and fillies** £500,000 1½m6y (2420 Metres)



RACE 6

#### Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

#### Draw: N/A Pace Information: Strong

AMHRAN NA BHFIANN (IRE) (25)

3 9-0 57.2kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Left his debut behind when fourth of 18 in 11/4m Leopardstown maiden on reappearance 25 days ago. Open to further improvement but massive chunk of it will be required.

EMISSARY (20) (BF)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Hugo Palmer 🦂 Half-brother to Derby winner Workforce. Looked good prospect when making a winning debut on AW last autumn and only narrowly denied by Khalifa Sat in 11f Goodwood listed on return. Cheekpieces added.

ENGLISH KING (FR) (29) (D)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Frankie Dettori Fast-improving Camelot colt who was very impressive when readily seeing off Berkshire Rocco (second to Irish Derby winner Santiago at Royal Ascot since) in Lingfield Derby Trial. Leading claims.

**GOLD MAZE** (7)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland

Very useful effort on just third start when second in Group 3 Gallinule on reappearances but pulled too hard for his own good when stepped up to 1½m in Irish Derby last weekend, fading into sixth,

**HIGHLAND CHIEF (IRE)** (16)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Paul & Oliver Cole

Well behind Kameko in Royal Lodge on final 2-y-o start but firmly back on the up with cheekpieces added when defying top weight in 11/4m Royal Ascot handicap (soft) on reappearance. 11/2m should suit.

**KAMEKO (USA)** (28)

3 9-0 57.2kg

Group 1 Futurity winner at 2 and found another jolt of improvement to see off 14 rivals in 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on reappearance. Leading form claims but stamina not assured up 4f in trip.

KHALIFA SAT (IRE) (20)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg 61-1

Andrew Balding

Heavy-ground Goodwood maiden winner last September and returned to that track to edge out Emissary in 11f listed race 9 months later, displaying a really likeable attitude. Capable of better still.

MAX VEGA (IRE) (31)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Ralph Beckett Winner of Group 3 Zetland at Newmarket (11/4m, soft) last autumn. A shade disappointing when only fifth of 9 in Kempton Group 3 on return but he might

MOGUL (18) (BF)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Staying-on fourth to Kameko in Futurity marked him down as one to do very well over middle-distances at 3. Only fourth in King Edward on Royal Ascot return but interesting that Moore keeps the faith.

**MOHICAN HEIGHTS (IRE)** (18)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Andrea Atzeni Forged clear impressively in 1m Salisbury listed event last August. Caught too far back when staying-on third to Pyledriver in King Edward on Royal Ascot return and remains a smart prospect.

MYTHICAL (FR) (22) (BF) **3** 9-0 57.2kg

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**David Egan** 

**Ben Curtis** 

**Tom Marauand** 

Harry Bentley

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85

William Buick

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland Weful juvenile but only fifth in Gallinule on Curragh reappearance and his stable James Doyle

appears to have much stronger claims elsewhere.

**12** 3 PYLEDRIVER (18) (D)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg 1417-21

William Muir **Martin Dwver** Bombed out in Royal Lodge on final 2-y-o start but has bounced back with a bang this term, building on reappearance second in Kempton Group 3 when

seeing off Mohican Heights and Mogul in King Edward. RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE) (17)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

Second in Derrinstown at Leopardstown at the start of June and took another big step forward when wearing down First Receiver late on in 11/4m Hampton Court at Royal Ascot. Should relish 11/2m. Player.

**14** 12 SERPENTINE (IRE) (7)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland **Emmet McNamara** Blew a 11/4m Curragh maiden apart last weekend with cheekpieces added for the

first time, scoring by 9 lengths. Destined for better things but this a big jump in class only 7 days on. VATICAN CITY (IRE) (22)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

Aidan O'Brien, Ireland

First outing since landing a 7f Dundalk maiden last October when chasing home Siskin in Irish 2000 Guineas at the Curragh 22 days ago. Likely even more to come but stamina an unknown.

WORTHILY (USA) (23)

**3** 9-0 57.2kg

John Gosden 👸 From a very good family, being a close relation of Leger winner Lucarno and smart stayer Flying Officer. Had little trouble making winning start at Newbury but very much pitched in at deep end now.

**16 DECLARED RUNNERS** 

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

3-1 English King, 4-1 Kameko, 7-1 Mogul, 8-1 Russian Emperor, 12-1 Vatican City, 16-1 Highland Chief, 25-1 Pyledriver, 25-1 Khalifa Sat, 33-1 Emissary, 33-1 Mohican Heights, 33-1 Serpentine, 50-1 bar

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

ENGLISH KING demonstrated all the qualities needed to excel at Epsom when an easy winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial and can strike under Frankie Dettori. Aidan O'Brien saddles six as he bids to land this prize for a record eighth time and Mogul, who is the mount of Ryan Moore, and Russian Emperor look sure to have a big say. Kameko was a good 2000 Guineas winner but 1½m may stretch his stamina.

#### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. ENGLISH KING (FR) 2. MOGUL 3. RUSSIAN EMPEROR (IRE)

#### **WINNERS IN PREVIOUS YEARS:**

2019 **Anthony Van Dyck** 3-9-0 13-2 Aidan O'Brien Seamie Heffernan 2018 Masar 3-9-0 16-1 Charlie Appleby William Buick 12 P. B. Beggy 2017 **Wings of Eagles** 3-9-0 40-1 Aidan O'Brien 18 2016 Harzand 3-9-0 13-2 D. K. Weld Pat Smullen 16 2015 Golden Horn 3-9-0 13-8f John Gosden Frankie Dettori

#### **SMART STATS:**

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# INVESTEC ZEBRA HANDICAP (3) 4yo+ (Rated 0-95) £15,000 7f3y (1410 Metres)

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RACE 7

#### Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)

Left handed, undulating, 'U' shaped course, with tight bends. Races up to eight and a half furlongs are very sharp, meaning those ridden prominently hold an advantage, particularly on the five-furlong course, the fastest in the world, which is virtually downhill throughout. Conversely, the first four furlongs of the Derby course are uphill and it provides a real test of stamina, anything overracing in the early part of the race usually found wanting in the closing stages. In testing conditions, the runners tend to switch towards the stands-side rail for the better ground.

Draw: Strongly Favours Low Pace Information: Very Strong

STRAIGHT RIGHT (FR) (18) (D) 7005-1790

**6** 9-7 60.3kg

Andrew Balding Silvestre De Sousa Back to winning ways at Kempton in January. Looked unlucky at Newcastle next

time but needed to see more returned to turf last month, albeit it was a high-

HATEYA (IRE) (21) (CD)

Jim Boyle

**Pat Cosgrave** C&D winner back in July 2018 and has failed to add to tally since, for all she has performed with great credit on occasions. Set a few stiff tasks in pattern

company this season.

MAGICAL WISH (IRE) (14) (D)

**4** 9-7 60.3kg 320070-10 Richard Hannon Thore Hammer Hansen (5lb/2kg)

Low-key end to 2019 but back on track when scoring at Lingfield (7f, AW) in March. Poor draw/drop back to 6f potential excuses for a lesser effort at Ascot

ALEMARATALYOUM (IRE) (14) (D)

331365-84 **6** 9-5 59.4kg

Stuart Williams Jason Hart

Successful in the mud at Goodwood in Septmeber but been fighting a losing battle with the assessor since. Did at least step up markedly on his reappearance when fourth at Newmarket a fortnight ago.

BURIDAN (FR) (9)

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7421017-6 **5** 9-5 59.4kg Non Runner

Richard Hannon Was going the right way prior to a flat effort on his final outing last season. Very

likely needed Haydock reappearance and this sharp track will help back over 7f. NON RUNNER.

DIRTY RASCAL (IRE) (14) (D) 96 5352315-0 4 9-4 59.0kg

Tom Ward Landed 7f Glorious Goodwood handicap on final start for Richard Hannon last

July. Excelled himself in listed company on debut for new yard 7 weeks later but beaten a long way in the Silver Wokingham.

COMIN' THROUGH (AUS) (14) (D) 770006-63 **Harry Bentley** George Scott

Multiple pattern-race winner in Australia but nowhere near that level nowadays. However, latest third to Deep Intrigue in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) was

more encouraging REPUTATION (IRE) (295) (C)

**7** 9-1 57.6kg

**5** 9-1 57.6kg

David Egan 🔼 Ian Williams Decisive winner on reappearance/debut for Ruth Carr in April 2019. Form was up and down for that yard after, but he starts out for Ian Williams 1 lb below that

successful mark. DREAM TODAY (IRE) (18) (D) 97

Plenty of solid efforts in 6f handicaps but losing run does stretch back to Meydan

in January 2019. Hung left when third at Windsor last time and now back up in trip (does have form up to 1m).

**MARKAZI (FR) (12)** (D) 96 6 9-0 57.2ka 276016-04

**James Doyle** David O'Meara Gained a deserved first success of 2019 in commanding fashion at Ayr in

September. Needed reappearance and more like it when fourth at Ayr, but this test could be on the sharp side.

COUNT OTTO (IRE) (18) (C) 95 57-524336

Jim Crowlev

Course winner over 6f in July 2019 and consistency is hard to knock, adding another placed effort to his haul on return at Newmarket. Rare try over 7f these

**12** 6 MUNTADAB (IRE) (3) (D, BF) 98 6879-9322 8 8-13 56.7kg

Roger Fell **Ben Curtis** Essentially disappointing last season but right back on his game in recent weeks

with a brace of runner-up efforts, losing out on the line at Musselburgh on Wednesday.

TINTORETTO (IRE) (24) (D) **13** 10 96 15560-511 5 8-12 56.2kg

Oisin Murphy Tom Ward Picked up where he left off in the spring when landing a 7f handicap at Kempton

3 weeks ago. Clearly in fine form and may yet have even more to offer for this

**14** 12 CORAZON ESPINADO (IRE) (28) (CD) 3242-1365 **5** 8-11 55.8kg

8 Simon Dow Andrea Atzeni

Enhanced excellent record at this track when landing a C&D contest in May 2019. Gained reward for consistency when adding to tally on the AW in January and he's back on that mark.

KNOWING GLANCE (IRE) (25) (D)

**5** 8-7 54.0kg Richard Fahey Better than ever to win twice in February/March, showing good attitude to

repel a well-treated rival at Wolverhampton. Strong at the finish when third at Chelmsford last month so clearly in fine form.

MEDIEVAL (IRE) (271) (C, D) 97

**6** 8-2(8-0) 51.7kg (50.8kg) Paul & Oliver Cole Joey Haynes

Extremely hard to win with and this trip looks on the sharp side for first run since October, but form of his yard is a major plus. 2 lb out of the weights.

#### 16 DECLARED RUNNERS

#### **BETTING FORECAST:**

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6-1 Tintoretto, 17-2 Muntadab, 10-1 Reputation, 11-1 Count Otto, 12-1 Knowing Glance, 14-1 Dream Today, 14-1 Comin'Through, 14-1 Corazon Espinado, 16-1 Straight Right, 18-1 Hateya, 20-1 Magical Wish, 20-1 Markazi, 22-1 Alemaratalyoum, 22-1 Medieval. 22-1 Dirty Rascal

#### **TIMEFORM VIEW:**

TINTORETTO has made a fine start to life with Tom Ward, and as a previous turf winner in Ireland, there's no reason why he won't translate his improved AW form to grass. He gets the vote, though a strong case can be made for Reputation given what he did on last season's reappearance. Knowing Glance completes the shortlist.

### **TIMEFORM 1-2-3:**

1. TINTORETTO (IRE) 2. REPUTATION (IRE) 3. KNOWING GLANCE (IRE)

#### **SMART STATS:**

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