

TIMEFORM

FORM RECAP



ROYAL ASCOT 2018

Official results and Timeform analysis for all 30 races



Tuesday 19 June 2018

GOOD to FIRM

2.30 Queen Anne Stakes (Group 1) (1) 1m

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	4		ACCIDENTAL AGENT	4	9-0		Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	33/1
2	6	½	LORD GLITTERS (FR)	5	9-0		David O'Meara	Jamie Spencer	20/1
3	5	nk	LIGHTNING SPEAR	7	9-0		David Simcock	Oisín Murphy	10/1
4	12	ns	CENTURY DREAM (IRE)	4	9-0	(t)	Simon Crisford	William Buick	20/1
5	13	½	YOSHIDA (JPN)	4	9-0		William I. Mott, USA	Jose L. Ortiz	11/1
6	11	½	BEAT THE BANK	4	9-0		Andrew Balding	Jim Crowley	22/1
7	1	1½	RECOLETOS (FR)	4	9-0		C. Laffon-Parias, France	Olivier Peslier	6/1
8	8	1¼	SO BELOVED	8	9-0	(h)	David O'Meara	Phillip Makin	100/1
9	14	½	RHODODENDRON (IRE)	4	8-11		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	10/3
10	7	hd	BENBATL	4	9-0	(t)	Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	11/4f
11	9	sh	OH THIS IS US (IRE)	5	9-0		Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	66/1
12	10	nk	DEAUVILLE (IRE)	5	9-0	(s)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	16/1
13	3	4	LIMATO (IRE)	6	9-0		Henry Candy	James Doyle	12/1
14	2	2¾	SUEDOIS (FR)	7	9-0		David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	33/1
15	15	4	ZONDERLAND	5	9-0		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	40/1

15 ran Race Time 1m 38.85 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.15s (102.3%) Winning Owner: Mrs R. F. Johnson Houghton

The result of the Lockinge had suggested that there was little to choose between the best of the older milers, who didn't look a great bunch, so it wasn't entirely surprising that a pair of upgraded handicappers with plenty of course form could bridge the gap to the highest level, the pair coming from some way off the pace, the winner having a marginally better run through, the third possibly sent for home too soon, under a length covering the first 4 home; the field raced as one group up the centre of the track. **Accidental Agent** had looked more a candidate for the Royal Hunt Cup than this when sixth in the Lockinge, but he was much better served by this race and track and put up a career best, though not improving by so much as might have been expected, this a standard renewal; held up, took keen hold, pushed along 3f out, good headway over 1f out, stayed on to lead final 50 yds; he wouldn't be sure to confirm the form with the placed horses, presumably a campaign geared at the Queen Elizabeth II on the cards. **Lord Glitters** on firmer ground than previously, after 13 weeks off, proved better than ever, taking the step up from handicap company in his stride, running another good race on this track, just not getting such a clear run through as the winner; held up, travelled well, headway when not clear run over 1f out, kept on well inside final 1f, took second final strides; this isn't a strong division among the older milers and there ought to be a success at pattern level for him as the season progresses. **Lightning Spear** backed up his run in the Lockinge to a large extent, surely in front earlier than ideal, from all that is known about him, looking all over the winner but just run out of it very late in the piece; waited with, travelled well, headway under 2f out, led 1f out, kept on, headed final 50 yds; has now gone close in a couple of Group 1s this year but will face a new challenge in the Sussex, the 3-y-os likely to provide a sterner test. **Century Dream** had a lot more on than in the Diomed and acquitted himself really well, coping well with firmer ground than previously; prominent, not settle fully, shaken up 2f out, led briefly over 1f out, kept on; he's been beaten under a length in a Group 1 and presumably will be campaigned to better even this good effort, though would need supplementing for the Sussex. **Yoshida** had been better than ever on his reappearance and fully confirmed that in this alien environment, just lacking the pace to land a blow; in touch, effort 2f out, stayed on, never landed a blow. **Beat The Bank** ran easily his best race from 3 tries in Group 1 company, meeting some trouble but also having a race run to suit; waited with, took keen hold, ridden over 3f out, progress hung right 2f out, not clear run over 1f out, kept on well final 100 yds. **Recoletos** wasn't disgraced, in a tougher Group 1 than last time, though his effort was a bit of a damp squib, at no stage threatening after being edgy and sweating beforehand; raced off the pace, headway over 1f out, kept on, never on terms. **So Beloved** was far from disgraced back in Group 1 company, though he never looked remotely likely to end his long losing run; slowly into stride, in rear, ridden over 2f out, kept on final 1f, never on terms. **Rhododendron** didn't take the eye particularly and wasn't in the same form as last time, running at Ascot for the first time; tracked pace, shaken up over 2f out, not quicken, no extra well inside final 1f. **Benbatl** strong in the betting, was below form after 12 weeks off; close up, led under pressure 2f out, headed over 1f out, faded inside

final 1f; his best efforts in Britain have been over further. **Oh This Is Us** was biting off more than he could chew at this level; soon steadied, not settle fully, ridden over 2f out, made little impression. **Deauville** was again below form, though as at Newbury effectively used as the pacemaker; led until 2f out, weakened final 1f. **Limato** hadn't gone with much zest in the Lockinge and it was a similar story here, perhaps just not the force of old, nothing to do with the trip; in touch, took keen hold, labouring over 2f out. **Suedois** went backwards from reappearance, again shaping as if a lot of ability remains but producing little when push came to shove; prominent, travelled well, shaken up 2f out, not quicken, weakened final 1f. **Zonderland** fared no better, highly tried on his last 3 starts but with plenty of questions to answer; prominent, not settle fully, weakened quickly over 1f out.

Past Winners

2018	Accidental Agent	4-9-0	33/1	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	15
2017	Ribchester	4-9-0	11/10f	Richard Fahey	William Buick	16
2016	Tepin	5-8-11	11/2	Mark E. Casse	Julien Leparoux	13
2015	Solow	5-9-0	11/8f	F. Head	Maxime Guyon	8
2014	Toronado	4-9-0	4/5f	Richard Hannon	Richard Hughes	10

3.05 Coventry Stakes (Group 2) (1) 6f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	22		CALYX	2	9-1		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	2/1f
2	1	1	ADVERTISE	2	9-1		Martyn Meade	Oisin Murphy	10/1
3	4	nk	SERGEI PROKOFIEV (CAN)	2	9-1		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	3/1
4	8	1	VANGE	2	9-1		Richard Fahey	Silvestre De Sousa	25/1
5	7	3½	SHINE SO BRIGHT	2	9-1		K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	33/1
6	9	½	NINETYTHREETWENTY (IRE)	2	9-1		Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	33/1
7	13	nk	BLOWN BY WIND	2	9-1		Mark Johnston	James Doyle	33/1
8	20	½	GEE REX (IRE)	2	9-1		J. C. Hayden, Ireland	Jamie Spencer	50/1
9	15	nk	COSMIC LAW (IRE)	2	9-1		Richard Fahey	P. J. McDonald	11/1
10	11	sh	DUBAI LEGACY (USA)	2	9-1		Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	20/1
11	18	nk	GETCHAGETCHAGETCHA	2	9-1		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	66/1
12	14	1½	SHAYBANI (IRE)	2	9-1		Richard Hughes	Shane Kelly	125/1
13	23	¾	THE IRISH ROVER (IRE)	2	9-1		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	12/1
14	6	½	MIDNIGHT SANDS (USA)	2	9-1		James Given	Barry McHugh	125/1
15	12	ns	POGO (IRE)	2	9-1		Charles Hills	James McDonald	100/1
16	5	ns	I AM A DREAMER	2	9-1		Mark Johnston	William Buick	50/1
17	24	hd	BARBILL (IRE)	2	9-1		Mick Channon	Charles Bishop	50/1
18	17	nk	BOA NOVA (IRE)	2	9-1		Brian Meehan	Harry Bentley	100/1
19	2	½	ALFIE SOLOMONS (IRE)	2	9-1		Richard Spencer	Tom Queally	50/1
20	21	½	BURJ	2	9-1		Saeed bin Suroor	Edward Greatrex	25/1
21	16	½	NO NEEDS NEVER (IRE)	2	9-1		Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	33/1
22	19	1	INDIGO BALANCE (IRE)	2	9-1		Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	10/1
23	3	10	KUWAIT STATION (IRE)	2	9-1		David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	100/1

23 ran Race Time 1m 13.51 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.05s (101.9%) Winning Owner: Mr K. Abdullah

The first really major 2-y-o race of the year, one which is often a strong pointer to future events at the highest level, 7 of the last 10 winners having scored in Group 1 company subsequently, 5 of those at 2 yrs, 4 on a return to the Royal meeting, 3 in a classic, and it will be a serious disappointment if Calyx doesn't add to their number, a fair bit better than the result indicates too, having raced in the seemingly disadvantaged stands side group, in command on that side nearly 2f out, and running on too stoutly for the closers in the far side group, the next pair home good enough to have won one of the lesser recent runnings of the race. **Calyx** produced a superb effort, just 10 days on from his debut, and looks a colt right out of the top drawer, his performance clearly worth marking up, winning despite being on the disadvantageous stand side; raced stand side, prominent, led 2f out, quickened clear, ridden inside final 1f, impressive; he may be a bit highly strung (wears blanket for stalls entry), but he couldn't be in a better yard to keep a lid on that and he looks as exciting a winner of this race as there's been in a while. **Advertise** emerged narrowly the best in his group, building significantly on his debut form and looking well up to winning at this level before long, just unable to trouble the winner despite being on the favoured side; slowly into stride, raced far side, held up, travelled well, smooth headway over 2f out, shaken up over 1f out, kept on well; is a powerfully-built colt who should progress again. **Sergei Prokofiev** up in trip, confirmed himself a useful 2-y-o, a shade unlucky not to get second, and he's the sort to go on progressing, an imposing colt to look at, his stable superb at getting such types

to improve with racing; raced far side, held up, took keen hold, headway 2f out, had to weave way through, shaken up over 1f out, kept on well. **Vange** improved further, up in grade and deserves extra credit given how far out he and the fifth pressed on in their group; raced far side, led, ridden 2f out, headed in group final 100 yds, no extra late on; he's open to further progress. **Shine So Bright** who changed hands for £375,000 the day before, gave his new owner a thrill if not much return, building on his debut form, but having a harder race than ideal; raced far side, close up, driven 2f out, every chance over 1f out, weakened final 100 yds. **Ninetythreetwenty** had been seen to good effect in an attritional race last time and, on firmer going, wasn't in quite the same form, looking ready for a step up in trip; raced far side, in touch, not quicken over 2f out, kept on final 1f. **Blown By Wind** the most experienced of the lot, ran creditably over 1f longer trip, seeing things out well, second home in his group; raced stand side, held up, shaken up 2f out, headway over 1f out, kept on well final 1f, no match for winner. **Gee Rex** faced a stiff task and ran at least as well as previously, helped by the run of the race but also doing well given he met significant trouble early; steadied at the start, hampered twice soon after start, soon behind, headway after 2f out, kept on well, nearest at the finish. **Cosmic Law** wasn't in the same form as last time, tactics that worked so well at Epsom not nearly so effective here, in a stronger field as well; raced stand side, led group 4f, not quicken, lost second in group inside final 1f. **Dubai Legacy** shaped encouragingly, given the rise in class and his keenness, still inexperienced and finding the occasion getting to him a bit beforehand; raced far side, prominent, raced freely, ridden over 2f out, not quicken; he's open to improvement. **Getchagetthagetcha** after 7 weeks off over 1f longer trip, up in grade, ran to a similar level as on debut; raced stand side, soon steadied, ridden 3f out, edged right, not quicken, stayed on final 1f; he's likely to want further sooner rather than later. **Shaybani** reproduced his previous effort, the potential there for a bit more if he learns to settle; raced far side, prominent, pulled hard, weakened 2f out. **The Irish Rover** wasn't his stable's first string, but clearly was disappointing in the light of his win last time, perhaps lit up by being bumped from the stalls; bumped start, raced stand side, mid-division, not settle fully, headway halfway, every chance 2f out, not quicken, weakened final 1f. **Midnight Sands** looked a vanity runner and wasn't competitive; raced far side, mid-field, labouring over 2f out; he's probably capable of better, realistically campaigned. **Pogo** was out of his depth, not looking at ease on firmer going either; raced stand side, raced off the pace, hung right, effort over 2f out, made little impression. **I Am A Dreamer** was below form, essentially found out in better company; raced far side, in touch, shaken up over 2f out, not quicken, weakened 1f out. **Barbill** had plenty to find in this company and, not doing a lot right, finished well held; dived right leaving stalls, raced stand side, held up, pulled hard, laboured headway 2f out, no extra final 1f. **Boa Nova** hadn't achieved nearly enough at Bath to make him competitive in this; raced stand side, in touch, ridden approaching halfway, left behind over 1f out. **Alfie Solomons** had made a promising start, but found this way too competitive; raced far side, held up, not settle fully, shaken up over 2f out, made no impression. **Burj** had looked promising in his first 2 runs, but was well held, up in grade, unable to cope with the demands of the race; raced stand side, in touch, labouring 2f out; looks and pedigree suggest he could still do better. **No Needs Never** was an optimistic runner, to say the least, and finished well held; raced stand side, chased leaders, hung right, weakened over 2f out. **Indigo Balance** was well held, up in grade, ridden very differently and possibly unsuited by that; raced stand side, prominent, every chance 2f out, not quicken, weakened 1f out; he looks the part and there was a lot to like about his debut, so he may yet do better. **Kuwait Station** was overfaced, just 12 days after his debut; raced far side, held up, not clear run over 2f out, ridden after, no extra.

Past Winners

2018	Calyx	2-9-1	2/1f	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	23
2017	Rajasinghe	2-9-1	11/1	Richard Spencer	Stevie Donohoe	18
2016	Caravaggio	2-9-1	13/8f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	18
2015	Buratino	2-9-1	6/1	Mark Johnston	William Buick	17
2014	The Wow Signal	2-9-1	5/1jf	John Quinn	Frankie Dettori	15

3.40 King's Stand Stakes (Group 1) (1) 5f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	10		BLUE POINT (IRE)	4	9-4		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	6/1
2	9	1¾	BATTAASH (IRE)	4	9-4		Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	9/4
3	8	nk	MABS CROSS	4	9-1		Michael Dods	Paul Mulrennan	20/1
4	12	2¾	FINSBURY SQUARE (IRE)	6	9-4		M. Delcher Sanchez, France	Olivier Peslier	16/1
5	5	ns	BUCCHERO (USA)	6	9-4	(b+t)	Tim Glyshaw, USA	Jose L. Ortiz	40/1
6	4	hd	DIFFERENT LEAGUE (FR)	3	8-9	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	16/1
7	7	nk	LADY AURELIA (USA)	4	9-1		Wesley A. Ward, USA	John R. Velazquez	2/1f
8	2	3	WASHINGTON DC (IRE)	5	9-4	(b+t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	12/1

9	6	nk	KACHY	5	9-4	Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	12/1
10	3	2¾	GIFTED MASTER (IRE)	5	9-4 (b)	Hugo Palmer	James Doyle	33/1
11	1	¾	BATTLE OF JERICHO (USA)	3	8-12 (t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	50/1
12	13	2¼	ORNATE	5	9-4	David C. Griffiths	Oisin Murphy	100/1
13	14	7	PRIMO UOMO (IRE)	6	9-4 (t)	G. O'Leary, Ireland	N. G. McCullagh	100/1
14	11	nk	DECLARATIONOFPEACE (USA)	3	8-12 (t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	W. M. Lordan	66/1

14 ran Race Time 58.14secs Closing Sectional (2.00f): 23.05s (100.9%) Winning Owner: Godolphin

A supposed sprinting showdown between 2 of the fastest horses of recent times, and pretty much a clear-cut case of Battaash winning that battle but losing the war, let rip from the start, going a fierce pace that broke Lady Aurelia and most of the rest by over 1f out, ultimately leaving him vulnerable to the one who stayed afloat in the jetwash, Blue Point clawing him back in the last ½f, but the fact that almost everything else in a Group 1 ran below their rating was all down to Battaash. **Blue Point** reprised the role of Marsha from the last Lady Aurelia vs Battaash show in the 2017 Nunthorpe, undoubtedly an element of him being in the right place at the right time, but there's more to be said of his class and speed that kept him in the hunt while Battaash was busy blitzing virtually everything else, Blue Point surviving the onslaught—never much more than 3l off the trailblazer—and wearing him down in the last ½f; a performance of this calibre from him hardly came out of the blue, given his general trajectory bar Hong Kong in April when doing his running at the wrong time in stark contrast to here, but at the same time his rating from this is a little easier explained than reproduced, as few sprints develop quite like this, the perfect storm for him, on a track where he's now 3 from 4. **Battaash** goes alongside the likes of Orfevre, Zenyatta and Hawk Wing from recent times as runner-ups that are more memorable than the winners in a Group 1, as this really was Battaash's race to all intents and purposes, putting on a show with his rare speed, the clear gameplan to simply outrun Lady Aurelia getting its rewards with what he did to her, but the risks attached were the reason for him succumbing to Blue Point in the finish, excusably running out of steam after giving so much, though still in front ½f out; what he did for nine-tenths of the race rubber stamps that he's still a mid-130s sprinter, and a little more control should see him reverse placings with Blue Point if they meet again in the Nunthorpe, Battaash not in the right frame of mind for that race last year, but his pre-race demeanour on both of his 2018 appearances suggest he's growing up and calming down, at least to some degree, with measures taken. **Mabs Cross** has been on a roll pretty much all her racing life, let alone this season, though this probably isn't quite the graduation it seems, regards her relationship on paper with the first 2, closing in late from further back than the winner, obviously flattered to almost nick second at the line from the gung-ho Battaash, who was flagging by then; a Group 1 placing makes her a very valuable broodmare prospect, deserving all her praise for how far she's come since winning a handicap off 74 in this week last year. **Finsbury Square** came out best in the bunch for fourth, some way removed from the first 3, but he might have been a length nearer them had he got moving sooner from mid-field, standing out from the others off the pace in that he coped comfortably with the very high threshold from the look of things, that almost confirmation in itself that he's better than ever aged 6, following on from his Prix du Gros-Chene win on his debut for the yard. **Buccherio** held his own, if without ever being in the white heat of the race, always around the same place, about as good as could have been expected based on his American form, not in the Group 1 bracket over there, albeit fourth in last year's Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. **Different League** back at the scene of her Albany win but looked no more like that filly, doing little better than previously this season despite what her finishing position in a Group 1 might say, never nearer, only picking up some pieces off the searching pace. **Lady Aurelia** has found her star dimming ever since this race last year, having done to her what Battaash had done to him in the Nunthorpe on her next start but looking diluted at the end of last season and start of this one, reduced by an on-song Battaash here, no living with him from 2f out; her brilliant best was part of Royal Ascot folklore, but those days seem gone now. **Washington DC** can play in high leagues on his good days, as the Temple proved, but this race basically passed him by, dropped out to begin with. **Kachy** measured up fairly well to a reappearing Battaash in the Temple, but the full-power version proved far too hot for Kachy to handle, the effort of trying to go with him (raced prominently) taking its toll from 2f out. **Gifted Master** hadn't raced over 5f since early in his 2-y-o days and was basically taken off his feet from the start, the rider sympathetic to it. **Battle of Jericho** isn't qualified for this company, anyway, asked an awful lot as a 3-y-o, but from his draw/position he was unconnected to the main action. **Ornate** paid the price for chasing Battaash and co, not normally in their orbit, left behind 2f out. **Primo Uomo** had no business in a Group 1 sprint, at least not getting in the way, always behind. **Declarationofpeace** last again, clearly having big problems this year, regardless that he's out of his pay grade in a Group 1.

Past Winners

2018	Blue Point	4-9-4	6/1	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	14
2017	Lady Aurelia	3-8-9	7/2	Wesley A. Ward	John R. Velazquez	17
2016	Profitable	4-9-4	4/1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	17
2015	Goldream	6-9-4	20/1	Robert Cowell	Martin Harley	18
2014	Sole Power	7-9-4	5/1	Edward Lynam	Richard Hughes	16

4.20 St James's Palace Stakes (Group 1) (1) 7f213y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	2		WITHOUT PAROLE	3	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9/4f
2	3	½	GUSTAV KLIMT (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	8/1
3	9	¾	WOOTTON (FR)	3	9-0		H-A. Pantall, France	Mickael Barzalona	8/1
4	8	hd	TIP TWO WIN	3	9-0		Roger Teal	David Probert	11/2
5	4	1¼	KINGS SHIELD (USA)	3	9-0		John Gosden	Oisín Murphy	33/1
6	5	½	GABR	3	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	Jim Crowley	20/1
7	6	½	ROMANISED (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	K. J. Condon, Ireland	Shane Foley	6/1
8	7	hd	THREEANDFOURPENGE (USA)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	20/1
9	10	nk	U S NAVY FLAG (USA)	3	9-0	(b+t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	5/1
10	1	¾	CHILEAN	3	9-0		Martyn Meade	Silvestre De Sousa	25/1

10 ran Race Time 1m 38.64 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 37.80s (98.2%) Winning Owner: John Gunther & Tanya Gunther

A race designed to be the final test of the classic milers against their own age group before they tackle their elders, but it didn't fulfil its purpose particularly on this occasion, only Romanised of the 3 major Guineas' winners in the field, the form at Newmarket represented by the runner-up, that in the Poulains by the fourth, all of those defeated by one that had been forced to miss the Guineas, though he is clearly on an upward curve and will face an older generation that looks pretty ordinary itself; U S Navy Flag ensured a proper test of stamina under the conditions, likely to have been better off in the Commonwealth Cup, ridden the way he was. **Without Parole** up in grade, is making up into the best of his generation, clearly superior than most and value for a bit more than his winning margin after making his move earlier than the runner-up; never far away, took keen hold, effort over 2f out, led over 1f out, quickened clear, kept on well late on, pushed out; he'll improve again and with the older division looking weak, he's likely to play a major role in the top 1m races this summer. **Gustav Klimt** ran his best race, things rather set up for him by the tactics on his stable companion and probably not so good in relation to the winner as the result suggests; held up, effort straight, good headway over 1f out, kept on well final 1f. **Wootton** confirmed himself a smart colt and might have done even better had he not found trouble in running, though it's very unlikely he'd have troubled the first 2; held up, still plenty to do straight, ridden over 2f out, not clear run, stayed on, nearest at the finish. **Tip Two Win** duly arrived from the Guineas with form claims as good as any, but he wasn't able to confirm that improved effort, perhaps just better served by the nature of the track at Newmarket; soon steadied after breaking better than most, effort straight, not quicken, stayed on final 1f. **Kings Shield** ran well upped in grade, and that in spite of being sweaty and edgy beforehand, probably also closer to the leader than ideal too; chased leader, ridden 3f out, not quicken early in straight, kept on final 1f; he's still lightly raced and may yet have more to offer at a more realistic level. **Gabr** had made the winner work at Sandown, but he wasn't able to improve anything like so much for the run, nevertheless running close to that form; in touch, effort entering straight, one paced when hampered over 1f out. **Romanised** wasn't in the same form as last time, perhaps that effort having taken a lot out of him, unable to pick up in the straight, even allowing for not getting the best of passages; slowly into stride, held up, effort and forced wide home turn, not quicken over 1f out; he may well reproduce his Curragh form another time, competitive against the principals on that showing, perhaps also worth a try over further at some stage (entered in the Irish Champion). **Threeandfourpence** ran as well as entitled to, a borderline smart performer who isn't really up to this grade; held up, effort when not clear run entering straight, not quicken, plugged on final 1f. **U S Navy Flag** was below form, given little chance to see things out by an overly forceful ride, very much fired up beforehand; led, went clear before halfway, ridden straight, headed over 1f out, weakened final 1f; he'd be better off sprinting, an entry in the July Cup pointing in that direction. **Chilean** had plenty to find, even on his best form, and was well held after 8 weeks off; in touch, ridden over 3f out, hampered soon after, weakened final 1f.

Past Winners

2018	Without Parole	3-9-0	9/4f	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	10
2017	Barney Roy	3-9-0	5/2	Richard Hannon	James Doyle	8
2016	Galileo Gold	3-9-0	6/1	Hugo Palmer	Frankie Dettori	7
2015	Gleneagles	3-9-0	8/15f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	5
2014	Kingman	3-9-0	8/11f	John Gosden	James Doyle	7

5.00 Ascot Stakes (Handicap) (2) 2m3f210y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	1		LAGOSTOVEGAS (IRE)	6	9-3	(h)	W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Andrea Atzeni	10/1
2	8	1	DUBAWI FIFTY	5	9-7	(s)	Karen McLintock	Silvestre De Sousa	6/1
3	11	1¼	STRATUM	5	9-2		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Robert Winston	10/1
4	15	nk	CHELKAR (FR)	5	9-6		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Ryan Moore	5/1jf
5	5	¾	WHISKEY SOUR (IRE)	5	9-10		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Christophe Soumillon	5/1jf
6	10	1½	COEUR DE LION	5	9-1	(s)	Alan King	Martin Harley	11/2
7	6	1	KLOUD GATE (FR)	6	9-2		Gary Moore	Adam Kirby	66/1
8	3	½	HASSLE (IRE)	9	9-7	(b)	Dr Richard Newland	Luke Morris	50/1
9	7	hd	CLEONTE (IRE)	5	9-3	(s)	Andrew Balding	Jim Crowley	40/1
10	13	hd	DANNYDAY	6	9-5		Sir Michael Stoute	Pat Dobbs	10/1
11	19	hd	SAM MISSILE (IRE)	5	9-1		Jamie Osborne	Dougie Costello	50/1
12	9	¾	WHITE DESERT (IRE)	4	9-1	(s)	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	10/1
13	18	nk	MERI DEVIE (FR)	5	9-1		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Mickael Barzalona	12/1
14	2	¾	MIRSAALE	8	9-3	(s)	Keith Dalgleish	Rowan Scott (3)	66/1
15	20	3½	PERCY STREET	5	9-5		David Pipe	Oisín Murphy	100/1
16	17	9	DAYBREAK BOY (IRE)	5	9-9		Henry de Bromhead, Ireland	W. M. Lordan	50/1
17	16	13	GARO DE JUILLEY (FR)	6	9-6	(t)	Sophie Leech	Liam Keniry	100/1
18	14	3¾	LOOK MY WAY	4	9-3		John Quinn	Jason Hart	16/1
19	4	25	BATTALION (IRE)	8	9-2		Jamie Osborne	Jamie Spencer	100/1

19 ran Race Time 4m 31.75 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.35s (112.4%) Winning Owner: Mr John Donohue

As much a jumps race given the contenders, Willie Mullins saddling 5 runners, and remarkably 4 of them finished in the first 5, Dubawi Fifty the odd one out, telling something of the run of the race as he was the one who dictated, caught only by one, the steady pace making it less about stamina than designed, less than 7l at the line from the first to the eleventh, making it hard to treat this as a legitimate piece of form, but there's plenty of individual promise to pick out. **LAGOSTOVEGAS** was third in last year's Cesarewitch (form which looks increasingly good, a pointer to Withhold in the Plate), since when she's raised her game more while used sparingly as a hurdler (fifth in County Hurdle), one eye on the Flat and showing why here (in a hood for the first time), albeit with things going right in a race of unusually fine margins for a marathon, stall 1 making life simpler, pushed along in seventh on the home turn but soon powering up, one step ahead of the others from her yard, catching the front runner inside the final 1f; it was only around this time last year that she joined Willie Mullins. **Dubawi Fifty** rolling through the season in gathering momentum, but taking the open invitation to lead this big field handed him an advantage that he all but played up, able to set just a steady pace despite the numbers, caught only by one, inside the final 1f; he's twice a winner at Newcastle, with the Plate in mind, but he's reacted well to having his runs spaced out this campaign. **Stratum** left John Gosden at the end of 2016, since when he's had only 3 races (over hurdles), fragility which has prevented him showing all he's got, still time and scope for him to rate higher (under both codes) based on this, coming from furthest back of the first 5, wide with it, taking some doing in a steadily-run race. **Chelkar** hadn't raced at all for Willie Mullins since bought from Jean-Claude Rouget (for whom he was 3 from 5 up to 10f) for €160,000 at the end of 2016, but the booking of Ryan Moore spoke volumes, the performance largely explaining it, just a little slower on the uptake than the winner from mid-field, following that one through, hardly bottomed out at the line, which may tempt connections towards either the Queen Alexandra or the Northumberland Plate, still pretty much an open book, easy to surmise that his mark is going to be beneath him. **Whiskey Sour** had a full campaign over hurdles, including 2 runs at the Punchestown Festival, used to it having won twice at the Galway Festival last summer, picking up here where he left off on the Flat there, going strongly in mid-field and having to push his way out 2f out, probably just not so strong a stayer as those who beat him. **Coeur de Lion** still in top form, the right race but the wrong pace, at least from where he tried to come, thirteenth on the home turn, no chance of digging into those deep reserves he's twice shown lately at Chester. **Kloud Gate** looked no great shakes over hurdles upon joining this yard, albeit kept to novices, but things are looking up for him after this, reverted to the Flat, well handicapped on his

useful French form and looking it with a big move in the penultimate furlong, only a handful behind him into the straight. **Hassle** posted a lifetime best when winning over hurdles earlier in the month, and did far better than on his previous attempt in this race (in 2016), disputing third 1f out, maybe not staying, though his close-up position through the race served him very well as it went. **Cleonte** did much better than in this race last year, carrying on this season's good work, squeezed under 1f out, costing him a place or two at most, proof of stamina all the same. **Dannyday** looked a non-stayer on the face of it, after he was in third into the straight, but it would be at odds with how he'd shaped previously, besides which this wasn't much of a test at the trip at all, and his fading is possibly more a symptom of the 'bounce', having been absent for 700 days prior to Goodwood. **Sam Missile** did about all he could, from the last pair turning in, not to say he'd have done any better from a starting point further up, his preceding win not masking his temperamental side. **White Desert** lost ground/places in the last 1½f, the hike in trip too much at his stage (went keenly in mid-field), his career still in its infancy, for races if not age. **Meri Devie** was the only one of the Mullins quintet to fail to impact in the finish, but excused by the fact she was the most patiently ridden of them, dropped out in the rear bunch, no chance as the race went; she arrived off a personal best over hurdles. **Mirsaale** wasn't that far off his rating despite his finishing position, handicapped to the hilt, patient tactics leaving him plenty on, making some headway over 1f out. **Percy Street** fit from hurdling, and a reviving run at that, but he'd switched stables (from Nicky Henderson) in the meantime and dropped away over 1f out, the pro-active move from a wide draw (to race on the front row) getting him so far. **Daybreak Boy** maiden hurdler, and this was an ambitious try on the Flat, never seriously involved. **Garo de Juilley** runner-up over hurdles off a BHA mark of 125 last month, but that was for Paul Nicholls, flying too high for a new stable on his first Flat start since 2015, racing freely under restraint. **Look My Way** must have been amiss from his capitulation early in the straight, for all he was on the keen side. **Battalion** just didn't fancy it, no motivation having been dropped out last of all.

Past Winners

2018	Lagostovegas	6-9-3	10/1	W. P. Mullins	Andrea Atzeni	19
2017	Thomas Hobson	7-9-10	4/1f	W. P. Mullins	Ryan Moore	18
2016	Jennies Jewel	9-9-3	6/1	Jarlath P. Fahey	R. P. Whelan	20
2015	Clondaw Warrior	8-9-0	5/1f	W. P. Mullins	Ryan Moore	19
2014	Domination	7-9-7	12/1	Charles Byrnes	Fran Berry	19

5.35 Wolferton Stakes (Listed) (1) 1m1f212y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	6		MONARCHS GLEN	4	9-8	(h)	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	8/1
2	14	1	EUGINIO (IRE)	4	9-3	(b)	Richard Hannon	Silvestre De Sousa	33/1
3	8	1	MUNTAHAA (IRE)	5	9-3		John Gosden	Dane O'Neill	33/1
4	12	½	AUTOCRATIC	5	9-3		Sir Michael Stoute	Adam Kirby	28/1
5	1	nk	MIRAGE DANCER	4	9-6		Sir Michael Stoute	James McDonald	7/2f
6	9	½	LESHLAA (USA)	4	9-8		Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	20/1
7	5	¾	SPARK PLUG (IRE)	7	9-3	(s)	Brian Meehan	Jamie Spencer	25/1
8	13	hd	SHARJA BRIDGE	4	9-3		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	5/1
9	15	2¾	LARA AIB (IRE)	4	9-3		Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	6/1
10	7	hd	CHAIN OF DAISIES	6	9-1		Henry Candy	Harry Bentley	20/1
11	3	¾	MORANDO (FR)	5	9-3		Andrew Balding	Oisín Murphy	12/1
12	2	sh	BIG COUNTRY (IRE)	5	9-3		Michael Appleby	Luke Morris	16/1
13	11	hd	FABRICATE	6	9-6	(s)	Michael Bell	James Doyle	14/1
14	4	¾	KIDMENEVER (IRE)	5	9-3	(s)	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	14/1
15	16	3¼	SCARLET DRAGON	5	9-3	(h)	Alan King	Tom Marquand	50/1
16	10	½	YUCATAN (IRE)	4	9-3	(s)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	10/1

16 ran Race Time 2m 03.71 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.25s (102.8%) Winning Owner: Mr K. Abdullah

A change to the Wolferton this year, no longer a handicap, for the good of the greater rather than for the greater good, as it was, and it probably won't be long before its upgrading to a Group 3, this field of that standard, more like a Group 2 performance from the winner under a penalty; the pace was fairly slack once the field settled down, the eventual runner-up at the front end, space at a premium in behind in the rush up the relatively short straight, several on the scene too late. **Monarchs Glen** has been brilliantly trained, for one of the more hot-headed Franks, that aspect resurfacing in Dubai in March but reprogrammed since, the first-time hood here doing its job, and, regardless that he got a smooth run through from mid-field, it was a big effort under a 5-lb penalty for his Darley win which meant he had to give weight to all bar one, clinical at every stage, leading approaching the final 1f and soon putting it to bed; this was a performance of Group 2 merit, with the hint of more talent within, if allowing himself to show

it. **Euginio** growing in status in line with his condition, thinking on the comments made about his physique on his reappearance, in blinkers this time, seemingly with an associated plan, as that first move from stall 14 to race on the front row was as decisive as it was helpful, pressing on 2f out and beaten only by one who belongs in a much higher level as it transpired. **Muntahaa** had always looked more a stayer, possibly still the case, as he did his best work at the finish over a trip he hasn't tried since his earliest days, closing slowly but surely from off the pace, his competitive edge seemingly re-sharpened, as it needed to be, now heading back in form terms in the direction that saw him go off 4/1 for the 2016 St Leger. **Autocratic** has course-corrected if nothing else on his last 2 starts, encouraging seeing this race out well, backing up Goodwood, doing better than most from the rear-third of the field. **Mirage Dancer** had beaten the runner-up convincingly (albeit off levels) at Goodwood, the meaningful way he'd started this season still relevant, as this didn't show him to full effect, dropping back in trip a complication rather than the issue, his rider seemingly under instruction to move off the rail (was drawn 1) in the straight so as not to get locked in, the irony being that the winner took his spot and rolled on while Mirage Dancer continually worked left, not impeded as such but unable to fully open up; he's still ready now for a Group graduation. **Leshlaa** kept Group company at the Dubai Carnival, returning with a good run under a full penalty like the winner, without the track position of that one, staying on late and wide. **Spark Plug** has lost little or none of his power aged 7, just unable to show it all as this race went for him, weaving through in the straight, gaining too late, saying something that the other 2 of the rear 3 stayed there. **Sharja Bridge** flattened out in the finish, having chased the leaders over 1f out, working his way there from a less-than-ideal draw, this new trip possibly a stretch for him at this stage, either way unlikely to have peaked yet, only 6 races in. **Laraaib** had the second-worst draw, calling for something different from the Brigadier Gerard (dictated to a small field), finding it difficult to tuck in and going freely as a consequence, the run easily overlooked in favour of his previous development. **Chain of Daisies** may be winding down a little as a 6-y-o, able to dictate by and large but fading once headed 2f out, no upturn from her reappearance. **Morando** has mostly steered clear of firmish ground, a legitimate excuse for his failure to impact, never better than mid-field, flat out over 2f out. **Big Country** had earned his listed shot via not one but two hefty handicap wins this year, but this was a notably strong race for the grade, too much for a first step, overwhelmed in the finish, chasing the leaders until over 1f out. **Fabricate** hasn't sustained a good start to his campaign, the competition that much hotter now, in the mix until the last 1½f. **Kidmenever** never got involved from off the pace, maybe needing this to re-acclimatise, absent for 4 months since his successful if brief stint in Dubai. **Scarlet Dragon** probably needs further nowadays, running flat even so, dropped out from the widest draw. **Yucatan** has found the wheels coming off recently, cheekpieces no remedy here, always behind.

Past Winners

2018	Monarchs Glen	4-9-8	8/1	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	16
------	---------------	-------	-----	-------------	-----------------	----

Wednesday 20 June 2018

GOOD to FIRM

2.30 Queen Mary Stakes (Group 2) (1) 5f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	16		SIGNORA CABELLO (IRE)	2	9-0		John Quinn	Oisín Murphy	25/1
2	13	sh	GOSSAMER WINGS (USA)	2	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	25/1
3	22	sh	SHADES OF BLUE (IRE)	2	9-0		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	5/1
4	11	½	SO PERFECT (USA)	2	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	8/1
5	1	½	COME ON LEICESTER (IRE)	2	9-0		Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	20/1
6	9	sh	SERVALAN (IRE)	2	9-0		Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	13/2
7	5	ns	FOREVER IN DREAMS (IRE)	2	9-0		M. Palussiere, France	Antoine Hamelin	8/1
8	6	¾	LITTLE KIM	2	9-0		K. R. Burke	Ben Curtis	20/1
9	17	nk	KURIOUS	2	9-0		Henry Candy	Fran Berry	7/1
10	8	nk	SHUMOOKHI (IRE)	2	9-0		Archie Watson	Edward Greatrex	100/1
11	14	nk	CHELSEA CLOISTERS (USA)	2	9-0	(b)	Wesley A. Ward, USA	Frankie Dettori	10/3f
12	18	1¾	COUNTRY ROSE (IRE)	2	9-0		Ronald Harris	David Probert	100/1
13	12	nk	KODYANNA (IRE)	2	9-0		Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	33/1
14	2	1¾	RED BALLOONS	2	9-0		Richard Fahey	Daniel Tudhope	33/1
15	7	nk	YOLO AGAIN (IRE)	2	9-0		John Patrick Murtagh, Ireland	N. G. McCullagh	50/1
16	21	hd	SECOND GENERATION	2	9-0		James Tate	Paul Mulrennan	25/1
17	4	2	SNAZZY (IRE)	2	9-0		Charlie Fellowes	Stevie Donohoe	40/1
18	20	hd	DEIA GLORY	2	9-0		Scott Dixon	P. J. McDonald	100/1
19	3	¾	DAPHINIA	2	9-0		Henry Spiller	Silvestre De Sousa	33/1
20	10	¾	LUCHADOR	2	9-0		Archie Watson	Luke Morris	150/1
21	19	2¾	GLOBAL GODDESS (IRE)	2	9-0		Gay Kelleway	Gerald Mosse	200/1
22	15	1¼	HAATS OFF	2	9-0		Brian Barr	Trevor Whelan	200/1

22 ran Race Time 1m 00.65 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 23.85s (101.7%) Winning Owner: Phenix Thoroughbred and Zen Racing

On prior achievement this didn't look the hottest renewal of the Queen Mary, whilst taking the group as a whole they weren't the most prepossessing on looks either, and a heaped finish—2½ lengths separated 11 of them at the line—along with the slowest winning time since Langs Lash in 2008 suggests it isn't form to be rating too highly for all that there are obviously promising types amongst them; they split into 2 main groups and although it was an even track the first 4 did all come from the centre. **Signora Cabello** had a much higher calibre of filly to beat than she had at York, the placed pair from the Marygate both well down the field here, but she's improving all the time, strong at the finish last time and seeming to appreciate this stiffer track, whilst her attitude is a huge plus; raced centre, prominent, challenged over 1f out, edged ahead well inside final 1f, dug deep under pressure, proved determined; she'll probably never be flashy but keeps pulling out more and will be fully effective at 6f. **Gossamer Wings** showed much improved form to go close up in grade, looking to have them covered when sweeping through from the back but up against a very genuine filly that wouldn't be passed; held up, travelled strongly, smooth progress after 2f out, challenged inside final 1f, ran on but just failed; she has plenty about her physically and, though not short of speed, will be suited by a return to 6f, strong at the finish on her only try over that trip to date. **Shades of Blue** is as good a prospect as there is in this field, successful in a strong race over C&D on debut, and this was an excellent effort up in grade 6 weeks on, her inexperience compared to the pair that beat her telling a little, whilst her draw in 22 didn't help as she couldn't get cover, shaping very well all things considered; raced centre, in touch, took strong hold, headway to lead approaching final 1f, edged right, headed well inside final 1f, kept trying but couldn't quite find enough; she still has plenty of strengthening up to do as well, which only adds to her potential. **So Perfect** was picked by Moore, ahead of the runner-up, and just like that filly she improved her rating to hit the frame up in grade; raced centre on the far flank of group, in touch, pushed along over 2f out, not quicken inside final 1f but kept on; she'll be suited by a return to 6f and may do better still, a strong filly with a very good pedigree after all. **Come On Leicester** improved again, coping in the higher grade, and did especially well under the circumstances to beat those that she raced with on the far side; held up, headway 2f out, ran on, first home in group; even though there's no track bias it can't have helped to be isolated from the first 4 in the finish and she remains with potential. **Servalan** has improved with each run to date, stepping up in class every time, and she was second home in the far

group here; held up, headway under pressure over 2f out, kept on; given how well she saw out 6f last time a return to that trip ought to suit and she remains unexposed. **Forever In Dreams** had won both of her starts in France and ran well upped in grade; raced far side, prominent, shaken up 2f out, every chance entering final 1f, one paced; her previous won came at 6f and it'd be no surprise if she was back up in trip next time. **Little Kim** shaped well up in grade, considering her inexperience, which was evident in the latter stages, likely to learn a lot more from this; raced far side, prominent, went with enthusiasm, every chance over 1f out, edged left, not quicken; she's open to further improvement for all that she lacks the physical scope of many. **Kurios** was pitched in deep less than 2 weeks after her winning debut and, though not up to the task, she showed some improvement and ought to find this brings her on again; raced centre, led group, not quicken over 1f out, no match for principals but wasn't unduly punished; she's from a family of smart sprinters and remains open to improvement. **Shumookhi** faced a stiffer task in this grade, biting off a bit more than she could chew, but gave her all and improved her rating again; raced far side, chased leaders, ridden 2f out, one paced. **Chelsea Cloisters** was favourite on connections and reputation rather than form and just didn't seem up to the task, not such an impressive type physically as many 2-y-os the yard have brought to this meeting and proving nothing like so sharp; raced centre, mid-division, outpaced 2f out, plugged on. **Country Rose** faced a stiff task, which ultimately told, but she achieved her highest rating to date and showed good speed; broke well, raced alone towards stand side, led overall, hung right 2f out, headed over 1f out, left behind. **Kodyanna** faced a stiff task in this grade; chased leaders, outpaced over 1f out and left behind; she remains capable of better in calmer waters. **Red Balloons** ran about as well as could have been expected upped in grade, promise in how long she lasted towards the head of affairs, suggesting she'll be improving her form this summer; raced far side, prominent, every chance over 1f out, weakened inside final 1f. **Yolo Again** was found out in better company; raced far side, led group, struggling when short of room over 1f out, weakened. **Second Generation** won in a fast time at Catterick, giving that substance, but wasn't good enough up in grade; raced centre, chased leaders, lost place over 1f out, dropped away. **Snazzy** was third to the winner at York but this was a much deeper contest and she wasn't up to the task; raced far side, held up, struggling over 1f out, never on terms. **Deia Glory** is still a maiden, flying too high here, showing speed to be prominent down the centre until over 1f out but put in her place by the finish. **Daphinia** finished second to Signora Cabello at York but that form itself isn't that good even allowing for that filly winning here and she struggled to go the pace, never on terms. **Luchador** was totally out of her depth; raced far side, chased leaders, weakened 2f out. **Global Goddess** was out of depth; raced centre, outpaced 2f out, never on terms. **Haats Off** faced a very stiff task and was always behind after being slowly into stride.

Past Winners

2018	Signora Cabello	2-9-0	25/1	John Quinn	Oisin Murphy	22
2017	Heartache	2-9-0	5/1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	23
2016	Lady Aurelia	2-9-0	2/1f	Wesley A. Ward	Frankie Dettori	17
2015	Acapulco	2-9-0	5/2f	Wesley A. Ward	Ryan Moore	20
2014	Anthem Alexander	2-9-0	9/4f	Edward Lynam	Pat Smullen	21

3.05 Queen's Vase (Group 2) (1) 1¼m34y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	7		KEW GARDENS (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	10/3
2	5	4½	SOUTHERN FRANCE (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	9/2
3	6	nk	NELSON (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	9/2
4	4	2¾	ALMOGHARED (IRE)	3	9-0		John Gosden	Jim Crowley	12/1
5	12	3¾	YABASS (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	Archie Watson	Edward Greatrex	66/1
6	9	1¼	DRAPERS GUILD	3	9-0		Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	W. M. Lordan	33/1
7	11	2¼	STREAM OF STARS	3	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	5/2f
8	1	4½	SOVEREIGN DUKE (GER)	3	9-0		Henry Candy	Fran Berry	50/1
9	2	3¼	KING'S PROCTOR (IRE)	3	9-0		Mark Johnston	James Doyle	20/1
10	10	4½	LYNWOOD GOLD (IRE)	3	9-0		Mark Johnston	P. J. McDonald	12/1
11	8	9	JEREMIAH	3	9-0	(s)	Charlie Fellowes	Oisin Murphy	20/1
12	3	1	DUBAI EMPIRE (FR)	3	9-0	(v)	John Quinn	Tom Queally	66/1

12 ran Race Time 3m 00.89 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 37.55s (102.1%) Winning Owner: Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor

There didn't appear to be great strength in depth to the 2018 Queen's Vase, with 8 of the 12 having a stone or more to find with the top-rated Nelson on pre-race ratings, many of them fairly exposed already too; it was at least a well-run race, though, that provided a solid result and the Aidan O'Brien-trained trio that had the best form coming into it provided Ballydoyle with a clean sweep. **Kew Gardens** had the form to win this, at least with stablemate Nelson

not running to his best, but in doing it so emphatically he's credited with some improvement, clear that he relished the extra 2f; held up, travelled well, headway over 5f out, led approaching final 1f, edged right to the rail and stayed on strongly; he has more potential as a stayer and this obviously puts him in the picture for the St Leger, although before that connections may be tempted to have a crack at the Goodwood Cup in receipt of a big 3-y-o allowance, sure to stay 2m. **Southern France** has taken gradual steps up in class and is progressing steadily, improving on the form of his recent listed win to split his higher-rated stable companions here, shaping very much as if stamina is his forte, the extra 1f barely enough; raced well off the pace, still plenty to do over 2f out, keeping on when switched approaching final 1f, kept on well and took second near line; he'll be suited by 2m+ and that's why he remains open to improvement. **Nelson** was probably ridden a bit too aggressively over this 4f longer trip, perhaps just not such a strong stayer as his stablemates either, and at least shaped as if back in good heart after disappointing in the Derrinstown; soon led, went with enthusiasm, went clear before halfway, ridden over 2f out, headed approaching final 1f, one paced. **Almoghared** was taking a huge step up in class, the form of his Chepstow win nothing flash, and ran well, improving further and for much of the straight looking more of a match for the principals, not so ready for the trip as the first 2, at least in this company; held up, headway under pressure over 2f out, chased leaders over 1f out, effort flattened out; there's more improvement to come this summer. **Yabass** ran about as well as could have been expected at this level; chased leader, effort home turn, driven 2f out, one paced, no match for principals; he's surely better off in handicaps, although his BHA mark could suffer for this. **Drapers Guild** was probably flattered to get within a ½ length of Southern France at Navan, that a standout figure, and he failed to repeat it in this deeper race, the company too tough and trip stretching him; slowly into stride, raced well off the pace, headway when bumped over 2f out, hung right, carried head bit awkwardly and weakened final 1f. **Stream of Stars** was gambled on, sent off favourite to beat rivals with much better form, and given his stable that isn't insignificant, an indication of high regard, and he's well worth another chance; dwelt but settled in touch, headway over 2f out, no extra over 1f out but not unduly punished once beaten; he should stay 1¾m and remains with potential. **Sovereign Duke** is worth another try at this trip given his stout breeding and it was the company rather than extra distance that overwhelmed him, weakening approaching the final 1f after a brief effort to get involved from mid-field. **King's Proctor** faced a stiff task and didn't appear to stay the trip either, chasing the leaders until the home turn, tired by the line. **Lynwood Gold** wasn't in the same form as last time and that Doncaster form has taken a few knocks already; chased leaders, lost place over 3f out, soon beaten. **Jeremiah** who was in first-time cheekpieces, was flying too high in this grade, not settling towards the rear and always behind. **Dubai Empire** who wore a first-time visor, was out of his depth; held up, struggling 4f out, made no impression.

Past Winners

2018	Kew Gardens	3-9-0	10/3	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	12
2017	Stradivarius	3-9-0	11/2	John Gosden	Andrea Atzeni	13
2016	Sword Fighter	3-9-3	33/1	Aidan O'Brien	Colm O'Donoghue	18
2015	Aloft	3-9-3	5/2f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	13
2014	Hartnell	3-9-3	7/2	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	10

3.40 Duke of Cambridge Stakes (Group 2) (1) 1m

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	7		ALJAZZI	5	9-0	(h)	Marco Botti	William Buick	9/2
2	1	3¾	TRIBUTE ACT	4	9-0		James Fanshawe	Adam Kirby	10/1
3	8	nk	WILAMINA (IRE)	5	9-0		Martyn Meade	Frankie Dettori	11/2
4	3	¾	URBAN FOX	4	9-0		William Haggas	James Doyle	13/2
5	5	1¼	TOMYRIS	4	9-0		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	16/1
6	4	1¼	PROMISING RUN (USA)	5	9-3	(s)	Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	25/1
7	2	1½	ARABIAN HOPE (USA)	4	9-0		Saeed bin Suroor	Oisin Murphy	18/1
8	11	½	HYDRANGEA (IRE)	4	9-5	(s)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	7/4f
9	10	¾	BILLES DON BESS	4	9-0		Richard Hannon	Hollie Doyle	80/1
10	6	15	UNFORGETTABLE FILLY	4	9-0		Hugo Palmer	Josephine Gordon	20/1
11	9	8	LINCOLN ROCKS	5	9-0		David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	50/1

11 ran Race Time 1m 40.53 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.30s (103.4%) Winning Owner: Saleh Al Homaizi & Imad Al Sagar

With Hydrangea disappointing this wasn't an especially strong renewal of this fillies Group 2 but the manner of the win from Aljazzi, who'd finished second in the corresponding race 12 months ago, was still taking; the strong pace did set it up for her to be impressive on the day, though, and several of those that raced close up shaped better than the distances they were beaten. **Aljazzi** started her season well in late-April, third against colts/geldings,

and back amongst her own sex she proved better than ever to improve, the way the race developed seeing her to maximum effect but quite impressive even so; patiently ridden, travelled smoothly, headway when switched around 2f out, led inside final 1f, stayed on strongly; she's certainly entitled to have another go at a Group 1 and next month's Falmouth is a likely target, though it's worth noting all her best efforts have come after a break. **Tribute Act** had been supplemented at a cost of £15,000, a bold call after finishing second in a handicap off 90, but it was fully justified and she's progressing again; dropped out, travelled well, good headway over 2f out, led over 1f out, headed inside final 1f, kept on but was no match for the winner; the Falmouth will be tough (holds an entry) but there could be a pattern win in her. **Wilamina** remains in good form, better than ever right now, doing especially well under the circumstances here as those that swarmed around her in the finish all came from off the pace; chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, challenged over 1f out, one paced. **Urban Fox** didn't confirm superiority with Tribute Act from last month's meeting in a handicap, even though on better terms here, but it was a solid performance to hit the frame up in grade; dropped out, ridden over 2f out, had to weave through, stayed on, nearest at the finish. **Tomymis** ran respectably back up in grade and trip, the stiff 1m probably at the very limit of her stamina; mid-division, typically travelled well, chased leaders over 1f out, not quicken. **Promising Run** shaped better than the distance beaten suggests, closer to the pace than ideal, telling on the climb to the line, returning from 12 weeks off as well; prominent, challenged over 1f out, no extra inside final 1f. **Arabian Hope** without the usual hood, shaped as if better for the run after 9 months off, tough to return in such a competitive scenario, and all things considered it's a fairly encouraging start to her campaign; chased leaders, challenged over 1f out, effort flattened out. **Hydrangea** who got warm beforehand, disappointed and, although she's not really a fast ground miler (career-best came over 1½m on soft last autumn) this was still a lacklustre effort that leaves her with a bit to prove; prominent, outpaced over 2f out, lost place over 1f out, dropped away. **Billesdon Bess** was out of her depth and set a strong pace too, understandable that she was tired once headed over 1f out. **Unforgettable Filly** was back up significantly in class and went backwards from reappearance; mid-division, outpaced around 2f out, weakened. **Lincoln Rocks** was below form but it was a stiff task and the different tactics didn't suit; mid-division, took strong hold, weakened over 2f out.

Past Winners

2018	Aljazzi	5-9-0	9/2	Marco Botti	William Buick	11
2017	Qemah	4-9-0	5/2f	Jean-Claude Rouget	Gregory Benoist	14
2016	Usherette	4-9-3	9/4f	A. Fabre	Mickael Barzalona	14
2015	Amazing Maria	4-9-0	25/1	David O'Meara	James Doyle	6
2014	Integral	4-9-0	9/4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	14

4.20 Prince of Wales's Stakes (Group 1) (1) 1m1f212y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	1		POET'S WORD (IRE)	5	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	James Doyle	11/2
2	5	2¼	CRACKSMAN	4	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	2/5f
3	3	8	HAWKBILL (USA)	5	9-0	(b)	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	11/1
4	2	¾	CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE)	4	9-0	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	10/1
5	4	2¼	HE'S EMINENT (IRE)	4	9-0		Martyn Meade	Oisín Murphy	16/1
6	7	2¼	ROYAL JULIUS (IRE)	5	9-0		J. Reynier, France	Gerald Mosse	66/1
7	6	16	DESERT ENCOUNTER (IRE)	6	9-0	(h)	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	40/1

7 ran Race Time 2m 03.51 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 37.65s (98.8%) Winning Owner: Mr Saeed Suhail

A small-field Prince of Wales's Stakes that revolved around Cracksman, 12 lb clear on his 2017 form, but he was nowhere near his peak at Epsom and disappointed here, leaving the door open for a consistent, high-class operator in Poet's Word to take advantage; others were below their best too, which could be used to knock the solidity of the form, but a fast time gives more merit to the winner's performance. **Poet's Word** had been knocking on the Group 1 door, runner-up at this level 3 times, and even though he was up against below-par rivals on the day this was still undoubtedly a career-best performance, very smooth with how he went about it, Doyle always looking confident; in touch, travelled well, came wide over 2f out, headway to lead over 1f out, soon forged clear and driven out; he'll be just as effective back up in trip in the King George and has to rate a leading contender for a race that doesn't look set to take as much winning as it seemed likely to at the start of the season, with Enable injured and Cracksman not at the same level. **Cracksman** isn't performing to the exceptionally high standard he set last autumn, not even close to it in fact, admittedly back on firmish ground here, for the first time since third in the Derby, but that's not what should be focused on, mindful of how laboured he was at Epsom too, seeming more that he's lost his focus, becoming lazy; this slightly indolent streak was evident even down at the start as Dettori actively tried

to liven him up by showing the whip before loading the stalls, and as soon as they jumped he was busting him up, chasing the leaders but never really travelling at any stage, and, although he responded to hit the front 2f out, Poet's Word was already looming up at that point and soon swept by, Cracksman keeping on to pull clear of the rest but no match on the day; it might seem odd to say about a colt that has won 2 more Group 1s this year, but suddenly he does have a bit to prove, and it wouldn't be at all surprising if headgear was applied in the King George given the recent signals. **Hawkbill** who again sweated up beforehand, bounced back to some extent from Epsom, performing better than there in first-time blinkers, but it's still a long way removed from his Group-1 winning best; prominent, not settle fully, every chance over 2f out, left behind final 1f, no match for principals; he's entered in the Eclipse and King George but is more likely to be campaigned abroad again. **Cliffs of Moher** hasn't ever gone on from last year's second in the Derby, better rated on more recent form now, which isn't good enough for Group 1s in Britain, ridden to finish and pick up the pieces here, plugging on but never dangerous, below his best. **He's Eminent** consistently ran to high levels last year but isn't performing to the same standard at the moment and has become keener than ideal; led, typically took strong hold, headed 2f out, no extra. **Royal Julius** faced a stiff task, this an altogether higher standard than the Group 2 he won in Italy last month, too much for him; close up, raced freely, lost place over 2f out, weakened. **Desert Encounter** clearly wasn't 100% on the day, eased off after hanging under pressure, always behind.

Past Winners

2018	Poet's Word	5-9-0	11/2	Sir Michael Stoute	James Doyle	7
2017	Highland Reel	5-9-0	9/4	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	8
2016	My Dream Boat	4-9-0	16/1	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	6
2015	Free Eagle	4-9-0	5/2f	D. K. Weld	Pat Smullen	9
2014	The Fugue	5-8-11	11/2	John Gosden	William Buick	8

5.00 Royal Hunt Cup (Heritage Handicap) (2) 1m

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	22		SETTLE FOR BAY (FR)	4	9-1		David Marnane, Ireland	William James Lee	16/1
2	17	2¼	AFAAK	4	9-5		Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	10/1
3	13	hd	CIRCUS COUTURE (IRE)	6	9-8		Jane Chapple-Hyam	John Egan	100/1
4	19	nk	WHAT'S THE STORY	4	9-0	(s)	Keith Dalgleish	Fran Berry	33/1
5	5	¾	FLAMING SPEAR (IRE)	6	9-7		Dean Ivory	Robert Winston	14/1
6	15	nk	HORS DE COMBAT	7	9-5		Denis Coakley	Adam Kirby	33/1
7	9	hd	RAISING SAND	6	9-2		Jamie Osborne	Jamie Spencer	14/1
8	30	nk	SENIORITY	4	8-12		William Haggas	James Doyle	7/1f
9	10	1¼	BLESS HIM (IRE)	4	9-2	(h)	David Simcock	Oisin Murphy	20/1
10	23	nk	TRICORN (IRE)	4	9-5	(b)	John Gosden	James McDonald	16/1
11	16	½	ESCOBAR (IRE)	4	9-1		David O'Meara	Martin Harley	12/1
12	14	½	MASTER MERION (USA)	4	9-7	(t)	Wesley A. Ward, USA	Ryan Moore	25/1
13	25	hd	CAPE BYRON	4	9-2	(s)	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	14/1
14	26	1½	FIRMAMENT	6	9-3		David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	16/1
15	33	½	SURREY HOPE (USA)	4	8-12		Joseph Tuite	Edward Greatrex	50/1
16	8	nk	BURNT SUGAR (IRE)	6	9-1		Roger Fell	Paul Mulrennan	33/1
17	32	1¼	MUKALAL	4	8-13		Marcus Tregoning	Dane O'Neill	33/1
18	3	1¾	SALTONSTALL	4	9-5	(t)	M. Halford, Ireland	William Buick	10/1
19	18	¾	TONY CURTIS	5	9-3		Richard Hannon	W. M. Lordan	40/1
20	28	½	MEDAHIM (IRE)	4	9-0		Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	20/1
21	11	1¾	KYNREN (IRE)	4	8-12		David Barron	Ben Curtis	12/1
22	31	9	GABRIAL (IRE)	9	9-5		Richard Fahey	Frankie Dettori	16/1
23	2	nk	ZHUI FENG (IRE)	5	9-10	(s)	Amanda Perrett	Pat Dobbs	20/1
24	27	3	GORING (GER)	6	9-4	(v)	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	100/1
24	29	dh	REPERCUSSION	5	9-4	(t)	Charlie Fellowes	Seamie Heffernan	50/1
26	1	1¾	LOVE DREAMS (IRE)	4	9-8	(b)	Mark Johnston	P. J. McDonald	40/1
27	4	¾	MOUNTAIN RESCUE (IRE)	6	8-12		Chris Wall	Gerald Mosse	50/1
28	21	2	ARCANADA (IRE)	5	9-5	(s)	Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	33/1
29	20	2¼	ARCHETYPE (FR)	4	9-5		Simon Crisford	Silvestre De Sousa	20/1
30	7	7	KEYSER SOZE (IRE)	4	8-12		Richard Spencer	Tom Queally	16/1

30 ran Race Time 1m 39.42 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.10s (103.1%) Winning Owner: McGettigans Management JLT/M Casey

A Royal Hunt Cup that produced one of its most impressive winners in recent years, Settle For Bay clearly a long way ahead of his mark to make such short work of his rivals, in what may prove a strong renewal as well, plenty further back shaping well for one reason or another and shortlist material next time; the field split into 2 groups for the most part, stalls 1-11 forming a smaller group on the far side and seeming disadvantaged, Flaming Spear best of that contingent, but with the race developing in the centre of the track some who raced nearest the stand-side rail also weren't seen to best effect, the first 4 all delivered up the centre of the track from off the strong pace. **Settle For Bay** wasted no time getting back on the up, successful on 5 of his last 6 starts (shaped well other occasion), whilst this latest step forward was a significant one, taking apart what looked a hugely-competitive contest with a smart display; raced in stand-side group, tanked along in mid-field, good headway over 2f out, led over 1f out, forged clear; clearly a highly progressive sort at 7f/1m, he'll remain of interest, either in other valuable big-field handicaps or at a slightly higher level. **Afaak** York form has worked out well and he produced another excellent effort, underlining his progression from last season, no match for the winner but deserving plenty of credit for emerging best of the rest; mid-field, made smooth headway over 2f out, every chance over 1f out, stuck to task; on this evidence he'll be at least as effective back at 9f+ and could yet have more to offer, so will remain of interest for similar events, clearly well suited by a big-field environment. **Circus Couture** ran up to the pick of his Italian form to prove he is fairly weighted after all, taking the switch away from the small-field scenario he usually faces in his stride, but was well placed, both positionally (held up) and in where he made his challenge, tracking the winner through 2f out and keeping on despite edging right; his mark rules him out of all bar the top-end handicaps, and minor/listed races will probably provide him with his best chance of short-term success. **What's The Story** under a 5 lb penalty for all-weather win a fortnight ago, took another step forward fitted with cheekpieces, making headway to hold every chance over 1f out and keeping on; well suited by a stiff 1m/1¼m and back on the up now that his yard have emerged from their earlier-season slump, he's another one to look out for in the coming weeks. **Flaming Spear** boasts a cracking record when fresh and ran a blinder on first outing for 9 months, having left Kevin Ryan in the interim, faring best of the smaller far-side group; waited with, went with zest, good headway under 2f out, kept on well final 1f; free-going sort who probably needs this sort of set-up to show his all, but he's clearly on a good mark and could yet do better, a substantial sort who's low mileage for his age after all. **Hors de Combat** whose stable is going well, ran well after 5 weeks off and is clearly just about as good as ever; in rear, headway under pressure towards stand-side rail around 2f out, kept on well final 1f despite ending up away from where the main action unfolded; this mark leaves little room for manoeuvre, though. **Raising Sand** back up in trip with reappearance under his belt, added to an excellent track record, whilst shaping better than the bare result, on the wrong side and hindered by an awkward start, forced to weave way through from 2f out as well, never nearer and seemingly finishing with plenty left in the tank; pick of 2017 form looks even better now than at the time (chased home the Queen Anne 1-2 final 5-y-o start) and he's got a race of this nature in him. **Seniority** who crept in at the foot of the weights under a 5-lb penalty for recent all-weather win, was strong in the betting and went a long way to carrying that improvement through back on turf, just undone by racing away from the main action, keeping on well on the stands side from 2f out and never nearer; revised mark is set to be 2 lb higher but he'll still look fairly weighted, especially as further progress can't be ruled out. **Bless Him** away from heavy ground and returned to the C&D of his standout effort, ran well from what turned out to be a poor draw, finishing third on his side; it's still relatively early days with him, but it could be there's a conditional element to his rating, a strong-travelling hold-up performer who needs this type of scenario. **Tricorn** was back at the scene of his best effort to date, returned to a sound surface and fitted with blinkers, but fared little better than previous starts this year, arguably closer to the pace than ideal in the main group but already beaten when briefly impeded 1f out. **Escobar** under a penalty for smooth Haydock win, was much better than the bare result just 6 days on, typically impressing with how he went through the race for a long way before making his effort closer to the stand rail than ideal, perhaps also just caught out by this stiffer 1m in the end, the eye-catching headway he made over 1f out flattening out; progressive since joining this yard and will continue to give a good account. **Master Merion** has form that ties in with some smart sorts in America, but still had little room for manoeuvre off this mark making handicap debut and ran as well as could be expected, ridden to pick up the pieces and never a threat. **Cape Byron** in first-time cheekpieces after 5 weeks off, shaped much better than the bare result; chased leader, led on bridle over 2f out, headed over 1f out, no extra final 100 yds, made effort earlier than ideal; hasn't enjoyed the rub of the green either start in Britain this year and remains with an air of unfinished business, certainly worth persevering with for the time being. **Firmament** after 6 weeks off, wasn't seen to best effect; mid-division, travelled better than most, had to wait for gap around 2f out, switched soon after, not quicken; he's lurking on a good mark and again did enough to suggest that most, if not all, of his ability remains intact, so he's not one to write off if aimed at the Bunbury Cup. **Surrey Hope** underperformed, possibly finding this coming too soon after what was a relatively hard race 7 days

ago; in rear, plodded on, never a threat. **Burnt Sugar** almost certainly remains in good form after 6 weeks off, seemingly just undone by the combination of a poor draw and first try beyond 7f since 2014; raced far side, waited with, travelled well, shaken up under 2f out, not quicken, found the test too much. **Mukalal** has reportedly undergone a wind operation since winning final 3-y-o start 9 months ago (beat a subsequent improver), and shaped well thrown in at the deep end for his reappearance; mid-division, refused to settle, good headway over 1f out, no extra final 1f as earlier exertions told; may well benefit from return to 7f in the short term and remains a potential improver, one who should be capable of paying his way off this sort of mark. **Saltonstall** shaped better than the distance beaten suggests under a 5 lb penalty for career-best display 3 weeks ago, and is better judged on that form/promise, briefly looking a threat on the far side when looming up around 2f out, but weakening in final 1f as that fast-forward move told. **Tony Curtis** fared no better after 6 weeks off, is yet to fire this season; mid-field, shaken up 2f out, dropped away; on the plus side he's already lower in the weights than when second in a deep Goodwood handicap last year, so will be well treated when he does refind his form. **Medahim** after 7 weeks off, turned in a lacklustre display and has now saved 2 of his worst handicap displays for the only times he's encountered ground firmer than good (both over this C&D); mid-division, went with little fluency, beaten 2f out. **Kynren** wasn't in the same form as previous starts this year, more to it than the draw (raced far side), the firmish ground a likely excuse given he's been kept away from it to date and failed to travel with his usual zest, struggling 3f out; worth another chance back on softer ground. **Gabrial** produced a rare below-par effort back in handicap company, always on the back foot after a very awkward break, always behind. **Zhui Feng** after 6 weeks off, is better judged on previous form, on the wrong side this time and probably doing too much too soon as well, briefly leading on the far side over 2f out. **Goring** after 6 weeks off, underperformed, even if he wasn't helped by a more positive ride than usual, weakening from 3f out; it seems likely that he won't translate all of his all-weather progression this winter back onto turf, ideally suited to the test provided by the former. **Repercussion** might not have achieved all it seemed at Nottingham, that coming on heavy ground after all, but followed a good run with a below-par one all the same; in touch, effort 3f out, carried head awkwardly, dropped away from 2f out. **Love Dreams** after just 7 days off, again finished well held, albeit not seen to best effect, forcing the pace in the smaller far-side group and a spent force over 2f out. **Mountain Rescue** after 5 weeks off and up in grade, followed a good run with a below-par one; raced far side, mid-division, beaten 3f out. **Arcanada** was well held after 6 weeks off, his typical front-running approach offering only partial mitigation, headed over 2f out; he doesn't have the handicapping scope for races such as this either, weighted up to his best. **Archetype** looks too high in the weights but simply ran poorly; prominent, not settle fully, weakened from 2f out. **Keyser Soze** after 6 weeks off, wasn't seen to best effect, this a strange time to revert to more positive tactics and it was a move which backfired, racing freely and a spent force 2f out, the draw merely a side issue (raced far side).

Past Winners

2018	Settle For Bay	4-9-1	16/1	David Marnane	William James Lee	30
2017	Zhui Feng	4-9-0	25/1	Amanda Perrett	Martin Dwyer	29
2016	Portage	4-9-5	10/1	M. Halford	James Doyle	28
2015	Gm Hopkins	4-9-3	8/1	John Gosden	Ryan Moore	30
2014	Field of Dream	7-9-1	20/1	Jamie Osborne	Adam Kirby	28

5.35 Jersey Stakes (Group 3) (1) 7f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	8		EXPERT EYE	3	9-1		Sir Michael Stoute	James McDonald	8/1
2	11	4½	SOCIETY POWER (IRE)	3	9-1		William Haggas	Jamie Spencer	8/1
3	13	nk	COULD IT BE LOVE (USA)	3	8-12	(b+t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	11/2
4	10	¾	SYMBOLIZATION (IRE)	3	9-1		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	14/1
5	9	½	ARBALET (IRE)	3	9-1	(t)	Hugo Palmer	Josephine Gordon	100/1
6	3	hd	WALK IN THE SUN (USA)	3	9-1		Martyn Meade	Oisin Murphy	20/1
7	17	1¾	JAMES GARFIELD (IRE)	3	9-6		George Scott	Silvestre De Sousa	12/1
8	6	nk	HEADWAY	3	9-1		William Haggas	Daniel Tudhope	12/1
9	16	hd	GLORIOUS JOURNEY	3	9-4	(b)	Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	25/1
10	20	¾	EIRENE	3	8-12		Dean Ivory	Robert Winston	66/1
11	12	ns	PURSER (USA)	3	9-1		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9/1
12	18	nk	TABDEED	3	9-1		Owen Burrows	Dane O'Neill	10/1
13	7	nk	HEMP HEMP HURRAY (CAN)	3	9-1		Wesley A. Ward, USA	Joel Rosario	50/1
14	5	4½	BROTHER BEAR (IRE)	3	9-1		Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	22/1

15	1	½	ARABIAN COAST (IRE)	3	9-1	Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	40/1
16	14	hd	EMARAATY	3	9-1 (h)	John Gosden	Jim Crowley	4/1f
17	22	½	LAKE VOLTA (IRE)	3	9-1	Mark Johnston	Richard Kingscote	33/1
18	2	2	MERLIN MAGIC	3	9-1	David Elsworth	David Egan	50/1
19	23	nk	TANGLED (IRE)	3	9-1	Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	100/1
20	19	11	ANOTHER BATT (IRE)	3	9-1	George Scott	Adam Kirby	66/1
21	15	1¼	MADELINE (IRE)	3	8-12	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	66/1
21 ran	Race Time 1m 26.25 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.95s (98.8%) Winning Owner: Mr K. Abdullah							

The usual big field for the Jersey and in terms of the winner's effort it goes down as one of the best recent renewals, though there were quite a few making up the numbers; a group of 6 raced nearer the stand side, though the main action was in the centre, where the third forced a sound gallop, she the only one of the principals that didn't come from the rear half of the field; it was a first Royal Ascot winner for New Zealand jockey James McDonald, who was not long back from an 18-month ban for betting on one of his mounts. **Expert Eye** found a strongly-run 7f bringing out the best of him and got well and truly back on track, going without the sheepskin noseband he'd worn on his first 2 outings this season and back to looking the horse that had blown away the opposition in the Vintage at Goodwood last year, showing a level of form matched in this race this decade only by multiple Group 1 winner Ribchester; held up in the centre, he made rapid and eye-catching headway 2f out, took over from the hanging pace-setter 1f out and forged right away inside the final 100 yds; a strong pace seems key to him whatever the trip, likely to be effective anywhere between 6f and 1m granted that, though he isn't in either the July Cup or the Sussex and a return to Goodwood for the Lennox (a Group 2 but a very valuable prize) strikes as a sound target, given his proven effectiveness at the track. **Society Power** had his winning run ended but ran very well on his first try in pattern company, clearly up to winning races at this level, with the prospect of more improvement to come when he goes up to 1m; raced centre, steadied at the start, dropped out, headway when switched under 2f out, kept on well, took second dying strides. **Could It Be Love** back down in trip, all but confirmed her improvement from the Irish Guineas, worth credit for doing by some way the best of the prominent racers, and but for some late waywardness she'd have held on for second; raced centre, forced pace, went with enthusiasm, 2 lengths clear when shaken up 2f out, hung right, headed entering final 1f, no extra; she's only got a maiden win to her name but is clearly up to winning Group races, with the speed she shows proposing a try over 6f before much longer. **Symbolization** continues in good heart, seemingly just caught out for a bit of pace back down at 7f; mid-field in centre, effort 2f out, headway entering final 1f, ran on; he's already shown he stays a testing 1m thoroughly and there's so much stamina on the dam's side of his pedigree to think that a try over further still could bear fruit at some point. **Arbalet** produced a career best, a huge price but hardly inexplicable, remembering he chased home 2 classic winners (Masar and Romanised) in the Solorio last year, a pair of disappointments in the meantime having come on the Rowley Mile, where not every horse acts; raced centre, dropped out, headway under pressure from 2f out, kept on; he should be effective at 1m and will find his winning opportunities at a slightly lower level. **Walk In The Sun** unbeaten in 2 minor events on the all-weather in the winter (reportedly tested positive for cocaine after the latter), really took the eye in the paddock and acquitted himself very well taking a steep rise in grade for his turf debut on first outing for 4 months/since leaving Jeremy Noseda, likely to find this aiding his development and progress further, with 1m sure to be within range; mid-division, headway 2f out, one paced. **James Garfield** had no easy task under a Group 2 penalty (conceding weight all round) and shaped as if still in good form, a couple of lengths better than the result as the best of the group that raced more towards the stand side; dwelt, held up, headway under pressure 2f out, kept on, never a threat; a dependable type, he proved his stamina for 1m in the Guineas and should continue to go well if kept away from the very best, with winning opportunities easier to come by once his penalty expires in the not-too-distant future. **Headway** wasn't disgraced without producing the sort of effort that saw him finish second in the Coventry in 2017 and win a listed race at Lingfield earlier in the year, making a promising forward move but not seeing it out, hard to be sure why, though he'll be worth another chance to confirm himself a smart performer; raced centre, held up, headway over 2f out, in touch approaching final 1f, faded final 100 yds. **Glorious Journey** back down in trip, ran creditably in first-time blinkers despite doing quite a bit wrong, first taking a strong hold then proving wayward under a pressure, leaving the impression there's a bigger effort in his locker if he can become more professional; raced centre, mid-division, chased leader 2f out, hung right, faded inside final 1f. **Eirene** back up in trip, shaped as if back in form and was better than the bare result, doing second best of the smaller group on the stand side, again showing enough to think she can go close in a race at this level against her own sex; dwelt, raced stand side, dropped out, travelled well, headway when switched 2f out, kept on, never on terms. **Purser** was below form, his limitations to some extent exposed up in grade; raced centre, prominent, ridden over 2f out, weakened final 1f. **Tabdeed** was much better than the bare result up markedly in grade, on the wrong side but making a big move to

lead his group from 2f out until the final 100 yds; raced stand side, mid-division, travelled well, headway over 2f out, faded inside final 1f; he might prove best as a sprinter for the time being and will be competitive at this level another time. **Hemp Hemp Hurray** was below form after 12 weeks off, running a rather odd race and maybe caught out by the unfamiliar scenario, similar comments perhaps also applicable to his rider; held up in centre, shuffled back to last after 2f, ridden over 2f out, edged right, never involved. **Brother Bear** was below form, faced with a stiffish task anyway; raced centre, held up, ridden over 2f out, carried right over 1f out, weakened final 1f. **Arabian Coast** shaped better than the bare result but wasn't ready for this level of competition just a month on from his maiden win, so it's to be hoped the experience doesn't set him back; raced centre, mid-division, travelled well, shaken up 2f out, short of room soon after, weakened, eased; he remains with potential, assuming he's none the worse for this. **Emaraaty** was well backed after his huge handicap effort last time (advertised here by the runner-up) but underperformed badly and might even have been amiss; raced centre, mid-division, pushed along over 2f out, soon beaten; he'll be worth another chance to prove himself the very smart performer he looked at Goodwood. **Lake Volta** failed to repeat last effort faced with this very different scenario; raced stand side, led group, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out. **Merlin Magic** looked an unlikely type for this race and ran poorly; raced centre, close up, pushed along 3f out, weakened; he'll be better off back over 1m+. **Tangled** faced a stiff task after 4 months off but ran no better than when last seen in Dubai and is still to prove that he's trained on; raced stand side, held up, beaten long way out. **Another Batt** wasn't up to the task and ran badly; raced stand side, prominent, off the bridle long way out, struggling 3f, weakened. **Madeline** faced a very stiff task but ran even worse, the jury still very much out as to whether she's trained on; raced centre, close up, dropped away over 2f out.

Past Winners

2018	Expert Eye	3-9-1	8/1	Sir Michael Stoute	James McDonald	21
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	Mustajeeb	3-9-4	9/2jf	D. K. Weld	Pat Smullen	23

Thursday 21 June 2018

GOOD to FIRM 2.30 Norfolk Stakes (Group 2) (1) 5f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	4		SHANG SHANG SHANG (USA)	2	8-12	(b)	Wesley A. Ward, USA	Joel Rosario	5/1
2	2	ns	POCKET DYNAMO (USA)	2	9-1	(h)	Robert Cowell	Mickael Barzalona	20/1
3	7	½	LAND FORCE (IRE)	2	9-1		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	7/1
4	1	1½	RUMBLE INTHEJUNGLE (IRE)	2	9-1		Richard Spencer	Tom Queally	9/1
5	3	ns	KONCHEK	2	9-1		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	9/2
6	5	1½	KINKS	2	9-1		Mick Channon	Charles Bishop	12/1
7	9	4	GLORY FIGHTER	2	9-1		Charles Hills	Gerald Mosse	13/2
8	8	nk	CHARMING KID	2	9-1		Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	10/1
9	10	5	VINTAGE BRUT	2	9-1		Tim Easterby	David Allan	4/1f
10	6	¾	THE PADDOCKS (IRE)	2	9-1		Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	22/1

10 ran Race Time 59.83secs Closing Sectional (3.00f): 35.10s (102.3%) Winning Owner: Breeze Easy LLC

An open-looking race on paper, with virtually all the field with the potential to improve, and it produced the tightest finish, the winner showing good battling qualities to hold on all out, the first filly to win the Norfolk since Superstar Leo in 2000, few having tried in the interim, the form looking that of an average renewal, that the Norfolk and the Coventry have the same status in theory—both Group 2—rather flattering to this race; the field raced up the centre, though in 2 distinct groups, the quartet towards the stand side, which included the third, looking at a slight disadvantage. **Shang Shang Shang** improved on debut form, faring rather better than her stable companions earlier in the week, her attitude commendable, particularly for one having just her second start, prevailing after she'd looked sure to be swallowed up in the final 1f; led overall, shaken up over 1f out, kept on well, held on gamely all out; her stable's previous Norfolk winner No Nay Never went on to land the Morny, but she would need to find quite a bit of improvement to be a candidate for a race of that stature. **Pocket Dynamo** has improved with each run, finding a fair bit more for the step up in grade, just denied by a game winner; handy, ridden 2f out, challenged final 1f, kept on well, just failed; he doesn't have quite the physical presence of the others in the frame, but is still going forward despite that. **Land Force** has improved with each run and put up a useful effort up in grade, possibly at a disadvantage in racing in the smaller group towards the stand side; disputed lead in near-side group, closed on overall leader over 1f out, edged right, not quicken final 100 yds; he's effective at 5f and 6f. **Rumble Inthejungle** built on debut promise, perhaps a shade better than the result, after pressing the winner from a long way out; chased leader, shaken up 2f out, not quicken final 1f; has plenty about him physically, every inch a sprinter, and open to further improvement, the Molecomb the sort of race to show him to advantage. **Konchek** was well supported, back on firmer ground, but came up short, seeming to find the whole thing a struggle, perhaps ready for 6f; raced off the pace, labouring halfway, never landed a blow. **Kinks** had no obvious excuse, up further in grade, failing to improve on his effort last time, again patiently ridden; held up, shaken up 2f out, made no impression. **Glory Fighter** had made all over a sharp 5f last time, but seemed to find this all a struggle, under rather different tactics and up in grade, second of the 4 that raced more towards the stands side; steadied at the start, outpaced early, never on terms. **Charming Kid** was one of the quartet to race nearer the stand side and finished well held, up in grade, never looking likely to land a blow; held up, ridden halfway, never on terms; he had won well on debut and may yet have more to offer with his sights lowered. **Vintage Brut** disappointed, particularly for his new owner, who paid £280,000 for him on Monday; disputed lead in near-side group, raced freely, ridden over 2f out, weakened over 1f out; he may have found the firmer ground against him and may yet confirm his earlier form back on an easier surface. **The Paddocks** was well held over 1f shorter trip, up in grade, lacking both pace and know-how; in touch, shaken up halfway, left behind soon after; may yet do better with his sights lowered.

Past Winners

2018	Shang Shang Shang	2-8-12	5/1	Wesley A. Ward	Joel Rosario	10
2017	Sioux Nation	2-9-1	14/1	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	17
2016	Prince of Lir	2-9-1	8/1	Robert Cowell	Luke Morris	11
2015	Waterloo Bridge	2-9-1	12/1	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	10
2014	Baitha Alga	2-9-1	8/1	Richard Hannon	Frankie Dettori	9

3.05 Hampton Court Stakes (Group 3) (1) 1m1f212y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	12		HUNTING HORN (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	5/1
2	15	4½	CROSSED BATON	3	9-0		John Gosden	Robert Havlin	16/1
3	4	½	ZAAKI	3	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	Pat Dobbs	14/1
4	7	1	VINTAGER	3	9-0		David Menuisier	Kieran Shoemark	28/1
5	11	½	GLOBAL GIANT	3	9-0		Ed Dunlop	Gerald Mosse	100/1
6	10	sh	KEY VICTORY (IRE)	3	9-0		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	7/2f
7	2	hd	MASAARR (USA)	3	9-0		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	16/1
8	9	½	NORDIC LIGHTS	3	9-0		Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	7/1
9	13	sh	WADILSAFA	3	9-0		Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	5/1
10	16	¾	STEPHENSONS ROCKET (IRE)	3	9-0		Ed Walker	Jamie Spencer	20/1
11	14	7	MINI P (IRE)	3	9-0		Brian Meehan	Oisín Murphy	20/1
12	3	½	SILVER QUARTZ	3	9-0		Hugo Palmer	James McDonald	20/1
13	8	4½	FAJJAJ (IRE)	3	9-0		Hugo Palmer	Josephine Gordon	25/1
14	6	¾	NATIONAL ARMY	3	9-0		Saeed bin Suroor	Christophe Soumillon	10/1
15	1	27	MAIN STREET	3	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	14/1
16	5	nk	SHAKOUR (IRE)	3	9-0		Jason Ward	Silvestre De Sousa	100/1

16 ran Race Time 2m 03.02 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.30s (102.1%) Winning Owner: Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith

The majority of the field were stepping up in grade but a really good bunch on looks, plenty very well in themselves beforehand, and a hugely impressive winner, Hunting Horn running to a rating only bettered previously in this race by Time Test in 2015, his performance backed up a good timefigure; the gallop was a good one but not that many ever seriously threatened, several of those in behind not seen to best effect and/or not quite ready for an examination like this, the first pair 2 of the most experienced; incidentally, this was a 50th Royal Ascot success for Ryan Moore. **Hunting Horn** very much on his toes beforehand and mounted outside the paddock, has progressed with every run of his life and took another sizeable jump forward tackling fast ground for the first time, more suited to this trip than had seemed the case previously, his runs at Chester and Chantilly having put an edge on him, this performance putting him in among the top middle-distance 3-y-os; he travelled smoothly in mid-field, readily made progress entering the straight, shifting right as he swept to the front over 1f out, the result in no doubt from there, storming clear for an authoritative success; he has plenty of options now, including back over further where he'll be just as effective, if not more so judged on the strength of his finish, and shouldn't be underestimated wherever he pitches up, while this is a shot in the arm for his young sire. **Crossed Baton** is another, like the winner, whose career has been one of relentless progress, slightly smaller steps in his case, the latest enough to see him add a Group 3 placing to his listed win earlier in the season; having pressed the leader he was the first to strike in the straight, leading over 2f out, impeded slightly as the winner swept by over 1f out and no match for Hunting Horn's surge but he kept on, doing enough to hold on for second; he may well be able to win at this level before too long, the winner belonging in a higher grade in truth. **Zaaki** had run to a borderline smart level when placed from a tough mark in a handicap last time (that form taking a further boost in the Britannia later on the card) but it was still significant that he was allowed to take his chance in this grade and very much caught the eye without things having gone smoothly at all; waited with, he raced freely, was still well off the pace when having to wait for a gap on the home turn, had to pick his way through early in the straight before staying on, never nearer than at the finish, given just a couple of slaps inside the final furlong; he isn't long with a top yard and remains with potential, clearly up to this grade and liable to prove it another day. **Vintager** is proving consistent and again hit the frame upped further in grade, confirming form with the other pair from the Heron Stakes; having tracked the pace he was making his effort when carried right under 2f out, never getting back at the principals from there but boxing on well enough to think he's fully effective over this longer trip; he'll need to be well placed to win at listed/minor pattern level but is a likeable and dependable colt. **Global Giant** seemed to be making up the numbers but performed with distinction, relishing the step up to 1¼m in line with his pedigree; slowly into stride, he raced off the pace, started to make progress 2f out and continued to run on, nearest at the finish having never been in a position to challenge; though this will have done severe damage to his handicap mark (88 going into this) but he may will pull out a bit more as his stamina is drawn out (likely to stay further still). **Key Victory** was closely matched with the winner from the French Derby last time but he just wasn't able to show what he could do here, the race not getting to the bottom of him, not well positioned and not helping his rider when first asked for his effort; took keen hold early having been steadied towards the rear; shaken up when hung right/carried head bit awkwardly entering straight, kept on, nearest at the finish; may yet do better, the impression he created on reappearance still fresh in the mind. **Masaarr** raised in

grade, ran up to his best despite not being seen to absolutely best effect, losing momentum and left further back than ideal as a result of some scrimmaging (when going well) rounding the home turn, keeping on without being unduly punished thereafter; he remains capable of better, yet to get a chance to fully express himself at this trip. **Nordic Lights** wasn't disgraced by any means having forced the pace, urged for more from 3f out, the game up when Crossed Baton took over before the 2f marker, though he didn't completely wilt; his career's still in its relative infancy and he may get back on the up returned to slightly calmer waters. **Wadilsafa** a rangy, attractive colt, he was strong in the betting on the back of the striking impression he created in winning a novice event at Newmarket last month but seemed found out by inexperience as much as anything, trapped widest (in mid-division) and taking a strong hold, edging right entering the straight, briefly looking as though he might lay down some sort of challenge 2f out but unable to make any further impression, not knocked about at all late on; he'll likely benefit from the experience and remains with potential. **Stephensons Rocket** back up in trip, might have seen his progress plateau but he's best not judged on this, having a hopeless task from his position (still last entering straight), making some inroads out wide without ever landing a blow. **Mini P** had finished a promising second in a strong-looking Newbury maiden on debut but that form has taken a few knocks and he was out of his depth, his inexperience apparent, pulling hard under restraint in rear, never involved but making some late headway and he should find this aiding his development, still likely to improve back at a realistic level. **Silver Quartz** seemingly failed to stay this 2f longer trip up in grade, finishing much further behind Vintager than he had at Sandown; mid-field, ridden when bumped entering straight, weakened over 1f out; he'll benefit from return to 1m and is worth a try in handicap company. **Fajjaj** ran no sort of race back up in trip tackling firmer ground than previously; soon steadied, struggling home turn, made no impression. **National Army** had looked a very promising colt when getting up close home to win a novice event at Doncaster on debut but is still on the weak side at present and found this all too much at this stage of his career; mid-field, took strong hold, not quicken 2f out, never a threat though not persevered with once held; should still improve, his debut effort more pertinent when assessing his chance next time. **Main Street** had changed hands for £300,000 at the Goffs London Sale on Monday but never looked like providing an immediate return, racing in mid-division and already struggling when he had a beaten horse fall back into his lap over 2f out, weakening right out of things; he'd looked a stayer when second over 11f on his previous start and will benefit from a return to that trip and beyond. **Shakour** had picked up some pieces in the Dee Stakes but was ridden much more prominently this time and finished well held, his goose cooked 3f out, impacting on several as he dropped through the field.

Past Winners

2018	Hunting Horn	3-9-0	5/1	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	16
2017	Benbatl	3-9-0	9/2	Saeed bin Suroor	Oisin Murphy	13
2016	Hawkbill	3-9-0	11/2	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	9
2015	Time Test	3-9-0	15/8f	Roger Charlton	Frankie Dettori	11
2014	Cannock Chase	3-9-0	7/4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	8

3.40 Ribblesdale Stakes (Group 2) (1) 1m3f211y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	1		MAGIC WAND (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	10/3
2	7	4	WILD ILLUSION	3	9-3	(s)	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	9/4f
3	10	1½	SUN MAIDEN	3	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	James Doyle	3/1
4	3	2½	ATHENA (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	12/1
5	5	2½	PERFECT CLARITY	3	9-0		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	10/1
6	9	nk	HIGHGARDEN	3	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	10/1
7	8	¾	LADY OF SHALOTT	3	9-0		David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	33/1
8	4	½	SARROCCHI (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	W. M. Lordan	25/1
9	2	1¾	DANCING BRAVE BEAR (USA)	3	9-0		Ed Vaughan	Andrea Atzeni	16/1
10	6	1¾	SIZZLING (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	33/1

10 ran Race Time 2m 28.52 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.05s (103.3%) Winning Owner: M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs Magnier/M J Jooste

A pair that had contested the Oaks and a very promising novice winner dominated the market and the race itself, virtually nothing else getting a look in, a prominent position a help, the winner achieving the best performance in the race since the early years of the decade—Riposte and Princess Highway rated superior at this stage—and one of the most likely to go on to greater success, the Ribblesdale rather too often the pinnacle of success for the winner rather than the platform to even greater things. **Magic Wand** clearly hadn't done herself justice at Epsom, the ground the obvious reason, and she showed improved form, scoring in clearcut fashion and likely to have beaten the runner-up even at level weights; led 3f, remained prominent, led again over 2f out, quickened clear soon after,

kept on well final 1f, pushed out; she left the impression there will now be more to come and a third clash with Forever Together would be fascinating, though at present that seems unlikely to be in the Irish Oaks—Forever Together, surprisingly, likely to drop in trip for the Pretty Polly, Magic Wand the one to beat at the Curragh in her absence. **Wild Illusion** wasn't able to confirm Epsom placings with the winner on this very different ground, though she had a Group 1 winner's penalty and again emerges with plenty of credit, likely to continue to give a good account at this sort of level or higher, perhaps the Nassau an option next; handy, travelled well, chased leader 2f out, kept on final 1f, no impression on winner. **Sun Maiden** over 2f longer trip, up in grade, wasn't so well positioned as the first 2 and could never quite get on terms, though she built on her previous promise and has still more to offer, not the finished article by any means; in touch, took keen hold, effort entering straight, kept on final 1f, never landed a blow; she could be just the type for the Park Hill. **Athena** back up in class and up in trip, confirmed herself a useful filly, matching her Newbury effort, though she was well positioned and had no excuses; handy, not settle fully, effort straight, not quicken 2f out, no extra final 1f. **Perfect Clarity** on firmer ground, did best of those in the second half of the field, though she was still below the form she showed at Lingfield, the run of the race suiting her much better that day; held up, effort 3f out, not quicken, late headway. **Highgarden** upped in trip, ran about as well as could have been expected upped in grade, the form of the Musidora looking particularly weak for the grade, and she was better placed than most, more likely to have weakened through lack of ability than lack of stamina; close up, led after 3f, shaken up over 3f out, headed over 2f out, weakened over 1f out. **Lady of Shalott** couldn't build on her effort in listed company last time, essentially not good enough to get involved, though a much more patient ride probably wasn't ideal in the circumstances; in rear, not settle fully, shaken up straight, made little impression. **Sarrocchi** over 2f longer trip, was unable to repeat her improved effort from last time, not ideally placed but making no headway at all in the straight; held up, effort entering straight, not quicken. **Dancing Brave Bear** upped in trip, was well held, further evidence that this year's Musidora was a particularly weak renewal, though her position off the pace offers some mitigation; held up, effort 3f out, one paced. **Sizzling** after just 4 days off, sweated up badly in the preliminaries and ran no sort of race; steadied at the start, in rear, shaken up 4f out, always behind.

Past Winners

2018	Magic Wand	3-9-0	10/3	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	10
2017	Coronet	3-9-0	9/1	John Gosden	Olivier Peslier	12
2016	Even Song	3-9-0	15/8f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	14
2015	Curvy	3-9-0	9/2	David Wachman	Ryan Moore	10
2014	Bracelet	3-9-0	10/1	Aidan O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien	12

4.20 Gold Cup (Group 1) (1) 2m3f210y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	6		STRADIVARIUS (IRE)	4	9-1		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	7/4f
2	5	¾	VAZIRABAD (FR)	6	9-2		A. de Royer Dupre, France	Christophe Soumillon	9/2
3	9	hd	TORCEDOR (IRE)	6	9-2	(s)	Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	14/1
4	7	3	ORDER OF ST GEORGE (IRE)	6	9-2		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	7/4f
5	1	7	SCOTLAND (GER)	7	9-2	(h)	Andrew Balding	Jim Crowley	50/1
6	4	1¼	SHEIKHZAYEDROAD	9	9-2	(h)	David Simcock	Martin Harley	33/1
7	8	3¼	MAX DYNAMITE (FR)	8	9-2		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	William Buick	20/1
8	3	8	MOUNT MORIAH	4	9-1		Ralph Beckett	Harry Bentley	33/1
9	2	29	DESERT SKYLINE (IRE)	4	9-1	(s)	David Elsworth	Silvestre De Sousa	11/1

9 ran Race Time 4m 21.08 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.50s (107.6%) Winning Owner: Mr B. E. Nielsen

A strong Gold Cup even without last year's winner, Big Orange, who is sidelined with injury, involving 4 previous Group 1 winners, the French-trained Vazirabad bringing something different to the table as he came to Britain for the first time and the form looks really solid, no question that it's right up there with the best renewals in recent years; Mount Moriah set no more than a fair pace, increasing it steadily once they were in the back straight, the overall time poor and the finish a relatively fast one. **Stradivarius** is admirably consistent and genuine to go alongside all of his talent and added another Group 1 staying prize to sit with last year's Goodwood Cup success, a career-best in terms of performance, not having an issue with the 4f increase in trip, most versatile in that regard, evidently a strong stayer yet possessing more than enough pace to drop right back in trip; tracked pace, went with enthusiasm, pushed along around 3f out, led approaching final 1f, immediately tackled, briefly looking vulnerable to Vazirabad, but kept on gamely; a repeat bid at Goodwood is on the cards, clearly the one to beat there and in all of the other major staying races for the rest of the season for all that the new draft of 3-y-os will start to break through; he was found to be lame behind having lost a shoe at the post-race examination, but hopefully there'll be no lasting damage. **Vazirabad** has

been one of the world's best stayers ever since bursting onto the scene as a 3-y-o, rare that he's run below par in those 3 years, and he was primed to perfection by De Royer Dupre for this first try at the Gold Cup, performing to his peak but up against a marginally more talented and more progressive rival; patiently ridden, travelled well, headway over 2f out, challenged approaching final 1f, kept on but always just held off; there's sure to be more big races in him and it'd be good to see him back in Britain as he certainly adds to the competitiveness of these races. **Torcedor** bettered his fifth in last year's renewal, another fine placed effort in a Group 1, kept fresh for this since winning the Sagaro impressively 7 weeks ago and producing another career-best performance to be in the mix with some of the best stayers in the world; hased leader, travelled well, went on over 3f out, headed approaching final 1f, rallied and gave his all; it's not often that he disappoints and he'll remain competitive in the big staying races. **Order of St George** is 6 now and maybe isn't quite the same force this year, not at his best for 2 recent wins, and although not disgraced in hitting the frame again in this race he had no excuses and was rather laboured in comparison to how he can be; chased leaders, off the bridle before most with over 4f to run, responded to hold every chance over 2f out but held when short of room entering the final 1f and had no more to give late on. **Scotland** has stood little racing since sixth in this 3 years ago, this only a fourth start in that period, but he proved that he retains a smart level of ability for all that he was no match for the principals; mid-division, ridden over 3f out, headway when switched over 1f out, one paced; he's clearly very hard to train. **Sheikhzayedroad** put up a big performance in Dubai in the spring but can't be at that level every time nowadays, understandable aged 9, and though not disgraced here he was no match for the principals; mid-field, chased leaders over 3f out, hung right over 2f out, plugged on; his last win came in the 2016 Long Distance Cup and he'll not better that now. **Max Dynamite** wasn't up to the task; patiently ridden, effort home turn, held when short of room over 1f out, made no impression. **Mount Moriah** took the field along until over 3f out but the stiff task soon told once headed, weakening, hanging left as he did so, the trip maybe stretching him too. **Desert Skyline** proved to be a disappointment, always behind and looking awkward under pressure, something possibly amiss.

Past Winners

2018	Stradivarius	4-9-1	7/4jf	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9
2017	Big Orange	6-9-2	5/1	Michael Bell	James Doyle	14
2016	Order of St George	4-9-0	10/11f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	17
2015	Trip To Paris	4-9-0	12/1	Ed Dunlop	Graham Lee	12
2014	Leading Light	4-9-0	10/11f	Aidan O'Brien	Joseph O'Brien	13

5.00 Britannia Stakes (Heritage Handicap) (2) 1m

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	15		OSTILIO	3	8-9	(t)	Simon Crisford	Silvestre De Sousa	10/1
2	33	1¼	CURIOSITY (IRE)	3	8-12		Hugo Palmer	James McDonald	14/1
3	9	1	MAGNIFICENT	3	8-10		Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	33/1
4	19	hd	DESERT WIND (IRE)	3	8-11		Ed Vaughan	Stevie Donohoe	66/1
5	28	sh	IL PRIMO SOLE	3	9-7		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	9/1
6	8	ns	STYLEHUNTER	3	8-10	(b)	John Gosden	Robert Havlin	25/1
7	31	1½	BOND STREET (IRE)	3	9-1		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	8/1
8	23	nk	VALE OF KENT (IRE)	3	8-11		Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	25/1
9	32	hd	GEORGE OF HEARTS (FR)	3	8-11		Richard Hughes	Jamie Spencer	7/1
10	24	½	CORROSIVE (USA)	3	8-9		Hugo Palmer	Josephine Gordon	10/1
11	30	1½	FIRST CONTACT (IRE)	3	9-5		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	11/1
12	22	hd	PETRUS (IRE)	3	9-2	(b)	Brian Meehan	Adam Kirby	50/1
13	17	½	CRACK ON CRACK ON	3	8-12		Clive Cox	David Probert	13/2f
14	18	nk	LANDSHARK	3	9-4		Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	33/1
15	5	½	FULL MOON (IRE)	3	8-12		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	33/1
16	12	½	MAVERICK OFFICER	3	8-10	(h)	David Simcock	Martin Harley	25/1
17	11	1¾	SAM GOLD (IRE)	3	8-10	(s)	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	14/1
18	1	½	MOQARRAR (USA)	3	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	Jim Crowley	25/1
19	14	2½	LETHAL STEPS	3	9-7		Andrew Balding	Oisín Murphy	40/1
20	2	¾	SIMPSON (IRE)	3	8-9		Ed Walker	Liam Keniry	33/1
21	25	¾	JAMES COOK (IRE)	3	9-2	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	20/1
22	16	½	FINNISTON FARM	3	9-5		Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	40/1
23	6	nk	STATUARIO	3	8-9		Eve Johnson Houghton	Martin Dwyer	100/1
24	10	1½	DESERT DOCTOR (IRE)	3	9-0		Ed Walker	Pat Cosgrave	100/1

25	7	2¼	QAYSAR (FR)	3	9-3	Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	33/1
26	13	1¾	ALFA MCGUIRE (IRE)	3	8-9	Bryan Smart	Graham Lee	66/1
27	20	5	BALLYMOUNT	3	8-12	(s) E. J. O'Neill, France	Dougie Costello	80/1
28	26	2½	COMPLETION (IRE)	3	9-1	William Haggas	James Doyle	16/1
29	29	3	VENTURA KNIGHT (IRE)	3	8-13	Mark Johnston	Mickael Barzalona	66/1
30	21	1¾	RUFUS KING	3	9-7	Mark Johnston	Christophe Soumillon	66/1

30 ran Race Time 1m 38.85 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.95s (99.0%) Winning Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

As ever a large field of lightly raced types, many having just their first or second run in a handicap, and it is sure to be strong form, though it was an atypical race in some ways, the field, bar 3, all racing towards the stand side, the winner coming over from a centre draw to race against the stand rail, clear for much of the way and finding more than enough to prevent anything else landing a blow, those from further back or from a low draw probably worth marking up. **Ostilio** progressed again, in a much tougher handicap than last time, doing remarkably well given how much use was made of him; led main group, not settle fully, edged left over to stand rail, went clear before halfway, ridden 2f out, stayed on strongly final 1f, unchallenged; he's surely worth extra credit over the bare result given how difficult it is to pull off forcing tactics in a race of this nature, and will remain of interest, already well on his way to being smart with further progress hard to rule out. **Curiosity** reappearance form has proved strong and he took another step up the ladder, unsurprisingly looking well suited by this big-field scenario given his run style (strong traveller); in touch, went with zest, effort over 2f out, edged right, good headway 1f out, took second well inside final 1f, stayed on, made little impression on winner; will continue to give a good account, and a race of this nature is well within his compass, even after another rise in the weights. **Magnificent** ran up to his best after 7 weeks off, the form of his race last time having mostly worked out, and added another dimension to his make-up, not asked to lead this time; patiently ridden, headway 3f out, chased leader over 1f out, stayed on. **Desert Wind** progressive on all-weather this winter and carried that through having just his second turf start, better than ever, under pressure earlier than most but sticking well to his task; prominent, ridden over 3f out, kept on well final 1f. **Il Primo Sole** well supported on handicap debut, having chanced his arm in a Group 1 last time, and went some way to showing why his sights were set so high, posting a smart display; chased leader, not settle fully, ridden over 2f out, hampered soon after, kept on. **Stylehunter** making handicap debut, ran well, looking suited by a race of this type, likely to be of interest again in similar events, either kept to this trip or back up to 1¼m; mid-division, travelled well, effort 2f out, kept on well final 1f, nearest at the finish. **Bond Street** ran well back in handicap company, still on an upward curve, and the way he saw this out coupled with his pedigree (by Galileo), suggest he'll be at least as effective at 1¼m, doing his best work late on; raced well off the pace, still plenty to do 2f out, not clear run soon after, kept on well, nearest at the finish; remains with potential. **Vale of Kent** ran creditably, though probably seen to good advantage, well positioned as the race unfolded; handy, effort over 2f out, chased leader soon after, not quicken well inside final 1f. **George of Hearts** made subsequent Jersey Stakes runner-up work hard last time and again shaped well, likely to be suited by the longer trip another day, just too far back to land a blow; dropped out, travelled well, still plenty to do 2f out, effort over 1f out, kept on well final 1f; still unexposed, and remains of interest. **Corrosive** ran respectably, but was unable to maintain his run-to-run progress in this better race off a higher mark, not going with the same fluency as last time; handy, ridden over 2f out, one paced; may yet get back on the up when returned to calmer waters. **First Contact** less exposed than the rest, making handicap debut after the minimum required 3 starts, and though he ran to just a similar level as previously after 12 weeks off, he shaped better than the bare result, too far back to make an impact; held up, still plenty to do over 2f out, not clear run over 1f out, stayed on; this opens up more options regarding trip and he's open to further improvement. **Petrus** ran creditably in the face of quite a stiff task on handicap debut, kept to 1m; raced off the pace, travelled well, effort over 2f out, some headway before run flattened out final 1f. **Crack On Crack On** strong in the betting after his win in a similar event last time, but turned in a lacklustre display, on the back foot from the start; slowly into stride and roused along from stalls, raced off the pace, going nowhere 3f out, late headway; he had looked most progressive prior to this and is probably better judged on balance of form. **Landshark** making handicap debut, had a stiff mark and ran about as well as could be expected, though never on terms; mid-division, shaken up 3f out, made no impression. **Full Moon** making handicap debut, wasn't disgraced after just 7 days off, having to come over furthest of those that raced in the main group; mid-division, good headway 3f out, ridden over 2f out, hung right, not quicken. **Maverick Officer** wasn't disgraced under a penalty, the quick turnaround possibly a factor in his rather tame finish, though he might be worth dropping back to 7f at this level; held up, travelled well, headway over 2f out, shaken up over 1f out, no extra. **Sam Gold** in first-time cheekpieces, looked to have plenty going for him, about pick of the weights, but failed to meet expectations, perhaps just undone by the combination of ground and trip (will prove ideally suited by greater emphasis on stamina); mid-field, effort 3f out, not quicken, eased final 100 yds: looked a smart prospect

coming into this and remains better judged on those impressions for the time being. **Moqarrar** back on turf, had no chance the way this went, one of the trio who raced on the far side; chased leader, led group 2f out, no chance with main body of field; almost certainly remains in form, and will remain of interest. **Lethal Steps** was below form on first outing since leaving Ger Lyons, without blinkers this time, producing a tame finish despite the drop in trip; handy, travelled well, shaken up over 2f out, weakened 1f out; he has questions to answer for his new yard. **Simpson** can have this run safely ignored, no chance on the far rail; one of just 3 to race far side, never on terms. **James Cook** making handicap debut, his sights lowered, was below form, looking unsuited by the drop in trip; mid-division, effort over 2f out, not quicken, eased inside final 1f. **Finniston Farm** turned in a rather lacklustre effort, kept to 1m, ready for a return to further; mid-division, labouring 3f out. **Statuario** easy to put a line through this run, one of just 3 to race far side; led 2 others on far side until 2f out, no chance with main group after halfway. **Desert Doctor** was below form, seeming to find the longer trip beyond him; held up, effort over 2f out, edged right, weakened inside final 1f. **Qaysar** was well held, possibly not at ease on the ground and yet to prove himself at the trip; in touch, effort 3f out, hung right, weakened over 1f out. **Alfa McGuire** looked more exposed than most and found this too competitive; handy, weakened 2f out. **Ballymount** looked on a stiff mark on his French form and finished well held, never competitive; mid-field, not settle fully, ridden soon after halfway, left behind 2f out. **Completion** brought solid form to the table and looked open to further improvement, but was in nothing like the same form as last couple of starts; soon steadied, shaken up 3f out, left behind over 1f out. **Ventura Knight** was well held, possibly all not well with him; in touch, shaken up over 2f out, not quicken, weakened quickly 1f out, eased off. **Rufus King** was well held, beaten well before stamina came into play over this longer trip, possibly amiss; chased leaders, ridden 3f out, weakened 2f out, heavily eased off.

Past Winners

2018	Ostilio	3-8-9	10/1	Simon Crisford	Silvestre De Sousa	30
2017	Bless Him	3-8-9	25/1	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	29
2016	Defrocked	3-9-1	13/2	Jamie Osborne	Jamie Spencer	28
2015	War Envoy	3-9-6	10/1	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	28
2014	Born In Bombay	3-8-4	14/1	Andrew Balding	David Probert	30

5.35 King George V Stakes (Handicap) (2) 1m3f21y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	16		BAGHDAD (FR)	3	8-12		Mark Johnston	Andrea Atzeni	9/1
2	12	nk	CORGI	3	8-10		Hughie Morrison	Jim Crowley	12/1
3	7	ns	FIRST ELEVEN	3	8-13	(t)	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	6/1
4	11	2¼	CROSS COUNTER	3	9-6		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	8/1
5	8	3	OCCUPY (USA)	3	8-10		Ralph Beckett	Harry Bentley	20/1
6	10	2	DOWNDRAFT (IRE)	3	9-4		Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	6/1
7	14	hd	MAKING MIRACLES	3	8-13		Mark Johnston	Richard Kingscote	10/1
8	20	nk	BAILEYS EXCELERATE (FR)	3	9-0		Mark Johnston	Lewis Edmunds (3)	28/1
9	4	1	LUCKY DEAL	3	8-10		Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	20/1
10	15	sh	ELEGIAC	3	8-11		Mark Johnston	David Egan	16/1
11	3	½	CASSINI (IRE)	3	8-12	(t)	John Gosden	Robert Havlin	16/1
12	2	hd	PERFECT ILLUSION	3	8-10		Andrew Balding	Rob Hornby	50/1
13	13	1	LUCIUS TIBERIUS (IRE)	3	9-1		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	14/1
14	18	2	COMMUNIQUE (IRE)	3	9-1		Mark Johnston	Silvestre De Sousa	9/2f
15	21	½	DUKHAN	3	9-1		Hugo Palmer	James McDonald	14/1
16	9	1½	BILLY RAY	3	9-1		Mick Channon	Charles Bishop	33/1
17	1	18	LISHEEN CASTLE (IRE)	3	9-0	(v)	John Quinn	Daniel Tudhope	66/1
18	6	9	HE'S AMAZING (IRE)	3	8-9		Clive Cox	David Probert	20/1

18 ran Race Time 2m 28.36 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.55s (101.8%) Winning Owner: Mr Mohammed Bin Hamad Khalifa Al Attiya

Always a very strong race, full of progressive 3-y-o handicappers, this year no different, and it's certain to produce lots of winners in the coming weeks and months; the winner was never far away but the pace set by his duelling stablemates, Baileys Excelerate and Communique, was a sound one and it wasn't really a race influenced by tactics.

Baghdad had been kept back for this since York and followed up in another ultra-competitive 3-y-o handicap, defying a 10 lb rise, progressing all the time, bred to be smart and very much heading that way; prominent, led under pressure 2f out, battled well, proving most determined; his attitude is a big positive and he stays well, sure to be effective at 1¾m+. **Corgi** has some strong form already and this adds to it, an excellent effort from 3 lb higher than at Sandown and in a hotter race, stepping back up in trip no issue; in touch, travelled well, challenged over

1f out, stayed on but could never pass the very game winner; he seems sure to go well again. **First Eleven** who was tongue tied, appreciated the extra 1f and should have won, no doubt that he shaped like the best horse at the weights; chased leaders, denied a run over 2f out, kept in by Corgi and was forced to switch approaching final 1f, stayed on strongly up the rail but just failed, in front soon after the line; he'll go on improving and is one to follow. **Cross Counter** ran a big race on handicap debut, giving plenty of weight to the 3 that beat him and shaping well, fully effective over the longer trip; mid-division, effort out wide home turn, stayed on without being unduly punished in the latter stages; there's more improvement to come and a good handicap to be won with him in the second half of the season. **Occupy** stayed the longer trip and improved to be competitive from what on the face of it looked a stiff enough mark on handicap debut; mid-division, ridden over 3f out, not clear run over 1f out, kept on; there'll be plenty of less competitive races than this that he'll find himself in and he's likely to progress further. **Downdraft** shaped well, not necessarily relishing the extra 2f, although where he made his move also contributed to not seeing things out as strongly as looked likely at one stage up the straight, not ideally placed; held up, travelled well, good headway out wide over 2f out, chased leaders over 1f out but could make no further impression; his new mark is probably fairer than it looks on bare form. **Making Miracles** wasn't seen to best effect under more patient tactics than last time, not making enough use of his stamina; raced off the pace, ridden 4f out, switched over 2f out, stuck to task; he'll improve at 134m+. **Baileys Excelerate** was undone by a rise in the weights on the day, this much more competitive than the race he won at Haydock, but he's still in form; pressed leader, took strong hold, not quicken 2f out, plugged on. **Lucky Deal** won an uncompetitive race at Carlisle and found this much tougher, not disgraced; mid-division, driven over 2f out, one paced, always around same position. **Elegiac** probably remains in form and just found this a tough introduction to handicaps; led early, tracked pace after 2f, weakened over 1f out; he'll see this trip out thoroughly another day. **Cassini** shaped better than the distance beaten suggests trying an even longer trip; mid-division, short of room 5f out, not clear run 2f out, one paced, not unduly punished; he does need to improve to defy this mark but is still unexposed. **Perfect Illusion** is one of the most exposed of these and struggled with the competitiveness of the race; mid-division, driven home turn, hung right over 1f out, never a threat. **Lucius Tiberius** is no more than averagely treated; slowly into stride, raced off the pace, headway over 1f out, effort flattened out. **Communicate** didn't see things out on the day but lack of stamina surely wasn't the reason for that, given how he won at Newbury; soon led, headed 2f out, weakened; it had all been positive until now and he's likely to get back on track. **Dukhan** found this too competitive; held up, effort over 3f out, weakened over 1f out. **Billy Ray** failed to back up dubious latest effort, on which he's handicapped, never on terms. **Lisheen Castle** disappointed in first-time visor and seems to be going the wrong way; in rear, struggling 3f out, made no impression. **He's Amazing** failed to stay the longer trip; in touch, ridden 4f out, lost place over 2f out, weakened.

Past Winners

2018	Baghdad	3-8-12	9/1	Mark Johnston	Andrea Atzeni	18
2017	Atty Persse	3-8-10	7/1	Roger Charlton	Kieran Shoemark (3)	18
2016	Gold Mount	3-9-3	13/2	Alan King	William Twiston-Davies	16
2015	Space Age	3-8-10	9/1	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	17
2014	Elite Army	3-9-1	4/1jf	Saeed bin Suroor	Kieren Fallon	18

Friday 22 June 2018

GOOD to FIRM

2.30 Albany Stakes (Group 3) (1) 6f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	15		MAIN EDITION (IRE)	2	9-0		Mark Johnston	James Doyle	7/1
2	11	nk	LA PELOSA (IRE)	2	9-0		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	12/1
3	5	½	FAIRYLAND (IRE)	2	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	5/2
4	6	1¼	ANGEL'S HIDEAWAY (IRE)	2	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	8/1
5	18	nk	PRETTY POLLYANNA	2	9-0		Michael Bell	Silvestre De Sousa	28/1
6	14	1½	BYRON BAY (FR)	2	9-0		Y. Durepaire, France	Mickael Barzalona	12/1
7	1	1½	CHICAS AMIGAS (IRE)	2	9-0		Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	20/1
8	3	½	SATISFYING (IRE)	2	9-0		Richard Hughes	Shane Kelly	66/1
9	16	3½	NAKAKANDE (IRE)	2	9-0		Jamie Osborne	Dougie Costello	100/1
10	2	¾	COTUBANAMA	2	9-0		Mick Channon	Charles Bishop	66/1
11	17	hd	OCTAVE (IRE)	2	9-0		Mark Johnston	Jim Crowley	20/1
12	8	¾	REPOSE EXACTE (FR)	2	9-0		Mme G. Rarrick, France	Oisín Murphy	33/1
13	4	1	STILLWATER COVE (USA)	2	9-0	(b)	Wesley A. Ward, USA	Joel Rosario	25/1
14	10	1½	JUST WONDERFUL (USA)	2	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	2/1f
15	13	½	JENSUE (IRE)	2	9-0		Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	100/1
16	7	1½	HAWAYEL (IRE)	2	9-0		Charles Hills	James McDonald	100/1
17	12	1	MERRY GO ROUND (FR)	2	9-0		P. Schiergen, Germany	Andrasch Starke	66/1
18	9	1	NO MORE REGRETS (IRE)	2	9-0		M. Palussiere, France	Olivier Peslier	33/1

18 ran Race Time 1m 13.67 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.85s (98.8%) Winning Owner: Mr Saif Ali

Form of a similar standard to the Queen Mary, with the principals again in something of a heap, though as a bunch these had a fair bit more about them and there are likely to be some useful longer-term prospects in amongst them; the field raced as 2 groups, one close to the far rail, one up the centre, Stillwater Cove going off hard on the far side, but the pace between the rest of that group and the centre group fairly even, hard to say there was an advantage to either group. **Main Edition** maintained her unbeaten record, stepped up in class, confirming herself a useful filly, one with scope and likely to continue to make an impact in the best fillies races; raced centre, led group, led narrowly under pressure 2f out, kept on well final 1f, ridden out. **La Pelosa** built on debut promise, confirming herself a useful filly, perhaps the winner's greater experience a factor at the death; raced centre, close up, ridden 2f out, kept on well final 1f, held near line; has plenty about her physically and likely to progress again. **Fairyland** has a bit more about her than her stable companion and she fared much the better of the pair, running to a useful level in defeat, giving best only late on; raced far side, chased leader, shaken up over 2f out, every chance soon after, kept on well final 1f, held near line; may do better still. **Angel's Hideaway** ran well upped in grade, needing no excuses; raced far side, in touch, effort over 2f out, kept on well, held close home; she has the physique to go with her pedigree and is in a stable that is sure to maximise her potential, so she remains of interest. **Pretty Pollyanna** after just 8 days off, was much improved from debut, a stiff ask to tackle this company; raced centre, soon steadied, not settle fully, effort 2f out, stayed on, never landed a blow; will stay 7f; open to further improvement. **Byron Bay** built on debut promise, though beaten fair and square on the day; raced centre, prominent, travelled well, shaken up over 2f out, one paced. **Chicas Amigas** on firmer ground than previously, ran respectably, with plenty about her physically and the type to go on developing through the summer; raced far side, handy, ridden halfway, led briefly over 2f out, not quicken over 1f out. **Satisfying** ran about as well as could have been expected upped in grade, matching the pick of her previous efforts; raced off the pace, effort over 2f out, kept on well final 1f, never on terms. **Nakakande** was below form on first outing since leaving Stan Moore, outclassed as much as anything; raced centre, off the pace, labouring over 2f out, plugged on. **Cotubanama** was flying too high in this grade; raced far side, held up, shaken up over 2f out, no extra 1f out, never on terms. **Octave** on firmer ground than previously, was below form, up in grade; raced centre, in touch, ridden over 2f out, made no impression; she'd looked promising prior to this and may have more to offer, particularly when stepped up to 7f. **Repose Exacte** over 1f longer trip, went backwards from debut, asked a lot to compete at this level after just 6 days off; raced far side, chased leader, weakened 2f out. **Stillwater Cove** upped in trip, went off far too hard to last home and finished well held, largely ignored by the others in her group; raced clear at strong pace on far side, headed over 2f out, weakened over 1f out; she is probably capable of better

under the right circumstances. **Just Wonderful** strong in the betting, went backwards from her debut, little going right, her rider (who had a rare poor day) caught in 2 minds; steadied at the start, pulled hard, switched to far side group after 1f, ridden over 2f out, made no impression; she is obviously well regarded and although not the biggest, she has to be given another chance. **Jensue** was a long way from Redcar and it showed; raced centre, in touch, shaken up 2f out, left behind soon after. **Hawayel** hadn't done enough in 2 novices to suggest she had an earthy in this company; raced far side, mid-division, labouring halfway. **Merry Go Round** had shown just fair form in 2 starts in France, the second in a claimer, and looked out of her depth on first outing since leaving Didier Guillemin; steadied at the start, always behind. **No More Regrets** had changed hands for €130,000 at the start of the week, nothing in her form to suggest there would be any return on that in this company; raced centre, chased leaders 4f.

Past Winners

2018	Main Edition	2-9-0	7/1	Mark Johnston	James Doyle	18
2017	Different League	2-9-0	20/1	M. Palussiere	Antoine Hamelin	20
2016	Brave Anna	2-9-0	16/1	Aidan O'Brien	Seamie Heffernan	16
2015	Illuminate	2-9-0	4/1f	Richard Hannon	Richard Hughes	18
2014	Cursory Glance	2-9-0	14/1	Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	21

3.05 King Edward VII Stakes (Group 2) (1) 1m3f211y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	9		OLD PERSIAN	3	9-0		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	9/2
2	7	1¾	ROSTROPOVICH (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	7/1
3	3	nk	GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI (IRE)	3	9-0	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	15/2
4	1	¾	RAA ATOLL	3	9-0		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	7/2
5	6	1½	DELANO ROOSEVELT (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	5/2f
6	8	1¼	WELLS FARHH GO (IRE)	3	9-0		Tim Easterby	David Allan	10/1
7	2	½	ELECTOR	3	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	James McDonald	14/1
8	5	2	ALTERNATIVE FACT	3	9-0		Ed Dunlop	James Doyle	50/1
9	4	ns	HIGHBROW	3	9-0		David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	25/1

9 ran Race Time 2m 29.95 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 35.05s (107.3%) Winning Owner: Godolphin

An open renewal of the King Edward but not a strong one and a steady pace meant a handy position was a big advantage, nothing getting into it from the back, and with the field failing to get stretched out a cautious view of the form is recommended, one of the lesser runnings of this race in recent years. **Old Persian** keeps on progressing steadily, climbing the ranks all the while, and moving up in trip was a catalyst for the improvement he found to win again, more depth to this form than the 3-runner listed event he landed last month for all that he was well positioned; pressed leader, led 2f out, edged right to the rail, stayed on well; his consistency and excellent attitude will continue to be big assets. **Rostropovich** was always more in his comfort zone than he had been in France last time, the ease in grade no doubt helping, probably the smaller field and longer trip to some extent as well, certainly seeing things out and running to his best figure yet; slowly into stride, tracked pace after 1f, pushed along home turn, stayed on inside final 1f, took second near line; it's fairly clear already that he's not one of Ballydoyle's very top colts but he has the ability to win more Group races. **Giuseppe Garibaldi** has done nothing but improve since he's had a chance on firmer ground and could be marked up a little on the day, trying to come from further back than the other principals and not settling fully, a stronger pace likely to have been ideal, a winner over further already after all; in touch, raced freely, came wide over 2f out, headway soon after, went into second place briefly but one paced and was edged out for that position close home; going up in trip for the Curragh Cup next week looks a suitable option if he comes out of this well. **Raa Atoll** was making a big jump in class after winning 2 novice races and, though not meeting market expectations (well backed), he did rise to the challenge in that he progressed further, albeit with the run of the race, and at the business end he lacked a gear change; made running, ridden home turn, headed 2f out, held when short of room entering final 1f, one paced; he'll stay beyond 1½m, stoutly bred on the dam side. **Delano Roosevelt** wasn't seen to best effect, too far back in a race that wasn't truly run, no threat but finishing with running left, Moore not that hard on him as it was clear he wouldn't be reaching the principals. **Wells Farhh Go** shaped better than he had in the Dante, the race not getting to the bottom of him, leaving the firm impression that a truer test at this trip will suit, or even further perhaps; steadied at the start, took keen hold, pushed along over 2f out, stayed on inside final 1f, never dangerous, had a hopeless task from position; when he won the Acomb he got easy ground and a strong pace and that combination might be important. **Elector** shaped better than the distance beaten suggests on the one hand, short of room late, but he'd had an ideal position through the race and wasn't good enough to stay with the principals; chased leaders, driven 2f out, held when snatched up over 1f out, no extra;

dropping back in trip might be ideal for all that he ran his best figure here. **Alternative Fact** faced a stiff task in this grade, was keen in rear over the longer trip and made no impression. **Highbrow** was found out in better company, not progressing at present; held up, hung right over 2f out, never on terms.

Past Winners

2018	Old Persian	3-9-0	9/2	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	9
2017	Permian	3-9-0	6/1	Mark Johnston	William Buick	12
2016	Across The Stars	3-9-0	7/1	Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori	9
2015	Balios	3-9-0	3/1	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	7
2014	Eagle Top	3-9-0	12/1	John Gosden	William Buick	9

3.40 Commonwealth Cup (Group 1) (1) 6f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	3		EQTIDAAR (IRE)	3	9-3		Sir Michael Stoute	Jim Crowley	12/1
2	22	½	SANDS OF MALI (FR)	3	9-3		Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	15/2
3	11	1	EMBLAZONED (IRE)	3	9-3		John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	12/1
4	10	hd	STONE OF DESTINY	3	9-3		Andrew Balding	Oisín Murphy	50/1
5	1	hd	HEY JONESY (IRE)	3	9-3		Kevin Ryan	Kevin Stott	40/1
6	17	½	GIDU (IRE)	3	9-3		Todd A. Pletcher, USA	John R. Velazquez	40/1
7	8	sh	HEARTACHE	3	9-0		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	28/1
8	18	hd	FIGHTING IRISH (IRE)	3	9-3		Harry Dunlop	Ioritz Mendizabal	100/1
9	16	1¼	INVINCIBLE ARMY (IRE)	3	9-3		James Tate	James Doyle	9/2
10	19	½	UNFORTUNATELY (IRE)	3	9-3	(v)	K. R. Burke	Tony Piccone	50/1
11	21	hd	ROUSSEL (IRE)	3	9-3		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	25/1
12	2	1¾	EQUILATERAL	3	9-3		Charles Hills	James McDonald	6/1
13	7	nk	CARDSHARP	3	9-3		Mark Johnston	Silvestre De Sousa	25/1
14	13	nk	SPEAK IN COLOURS	3	9-3	(t)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	25/1
15	20	1¼	FLEET REVIEW (USA)	3	9-3		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	W. M. Lordan	16/1
16	15	hd	SIoux NATION (USA)	3	9-3	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	11/4f
17	5	¾	ACTRESS (IRE)	3	9-0		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	40/1
18	4	1¼	LAUGH A MINUTE	3	9-3		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	33/1
19	6	½	MAIN DESIRE (IRE)	3	9-0		Michael Bell	Daniel Tudhope	20/1
20	12	¾	ENJAZAAT	3	9-3		Owen Burrows	Dane O'Neill	80/1
21	9	½	NOW YOU'RE TALKING (IRE)	3	9-0		Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Jamie Spencer	50/1
22	14	¾	ABEL HANDY (IRE)	3	9-3		Declan Carroll	Tom Eaves	100/1

22 ran Race Time 1m 12.12 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.15s (99.5%) Winning Owner: Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum

Although it is only in its fourth year, the enhanced 3-y-o sprint programme culminating in the Commonwealth Cup has been a great success, with this race already firmly established as a bona fide Group 1, Muhaarar beating Limato in the first running, the subsequent Sprint Cup winner Quiet Reflection landing the second and Harry Angel and Blue Point taking the places behind Caravaggio last year; whether this renewal, which attracted the largest field to date, will prove quite so celebrated remains to be seen, with the front 3 in the market all failing to fire and a trio of long-priced runners just behind the first 3, but there are reasons why they might have found improvement and the principals all had good form claims, the winner having shaped really well on both his starts this year and the second and third coming first and third in the main trial race; the field split into 2 groups, the main body up the centre, a group of 6 next to the stand rail, the runner-up finishing well in that sextet, perhaps likely to have done even better had he been in the centre, though the winner looked in front soon enough and is likely to prove the best of these in the longer term. **Eqtidaar** had promised much on his first 2 starts and built on that in a race which suited him down to the ground, though he was probably in front soon enough; raced centre, waited with, travelled well, headway over 2f out, led 1f out, edged left final 100 yds, held on gamely; he is open to further improvement, though with the older sprinters a really good bunch, he will need to do so to make a significant impact in open Group 1s. **Sands of Mali** met defeat for the first time this year, but ran right up to his best, even if he was possibly at a disadvantage in racing in the smaller stand-side group; raced near side, tracked pace, not settle fully, shaken up 2f out, kept on well final 1f, nearest at the finish; he impresses with the way he travels through a race and his early keenness means this type of race is ideal for him, sure to continue to be competitive at a high level. **Emblazoned** progressed again, taking the step up in class in his stride, a fine effort on just his fifth career start, a career that began less than 3 months previously; raced centre, close up, led after 2f, ridden over 2f out, headed 1f out, kept on well, held when carried left final 50 yds; he's open to further improvement and is well up to winning at pattern level. **Stone of Destiny** clearly

showed plenty of improvement, but this was just his second turf start and, given his way of racing, a large field and good pace is likely to have suited him much better than Newbury did; patiently ridden, not settle fully, headway over 1f out, stayed on; he's a smart sprinter, no question, but may need certain circumstances to show it. **Hey Jonesy** probably just needed the outing at York to refocus him as a sprinter and he built significantly on that, back at 6f, with the physique to make a better 3-y-o, plenty in his runs at 2 yrs to suggest this sort of performance might be in him; raced centre, prominent, led briefly over 1f out, not quicken final 100 yds. **Gidu** successful on his last 2 starts anyway, was running under very different circumstances to previously, so his improvement is easy enough to accept, particularly given his sire, if anything a return to 7f likely to suit him even better; raced near side, led group until not quicken 2f out, kept on well final 1f. **Heartache** successful in the Queen Mary at this meeting last year, was clearly all the better for her reappearance and ran up to her best, confirming her effectiveness at 6f; raced centre, in touch, travelled well, tracked pace halfway, shaken up under 2f out, not quicken, kept on last ½f. **Fighting Irish** seemed to excel himself, back at sprinting trips, though there was an element of picking up the pieces late on, not sure to repeat this form; raced near side, raced off the pace, effort over 2f out, stayed on, never on terms. **Invincible Army** had his form franked in no uncertain terms, having beaten the winner here and split the second and third at Haydock, but he wasn't in the same form himself for no obvious reason, clearly best judged on those previous efforts and with the form to be competitive in other good sprints to come; raced centre, in touch, ridden over 2f out, not quicken over 1f out. **Unfortunately** took a step forward, though he found things happening much too fast in the first half of the race; raced near side, badly outpaced, headway 2f out, not quicken final 1f. **Roussel** is just a useful sprinter and ran about as well as could have been expected upped in grade; raced near side, held up, effort over 2f out, kept on, never landed a blow. **Equilateral** had won in such style at Doncaster that he looked well up to making an impact at this exalted level, but perhaps it was a bit much for him at such an early stage against hardened sprinters, failing to deliver when it came to the crunch; raced centre, close up, travelled well, ridden over 1f out, found little; he's worth another chance, a drop in grade to rebuilds likely to pay dividends. **Cardsharp** was below form after just 5 days off, this a very different scenario to Salisbury, run off his feet; raced centre, raced off the pace, outpaced halfway, kept on final 1f, never on terms. **Speak In Colours** on firmer ground than previously, was below form, a failure to settle early probably a factor; handy, pulled hard, settled mid-field after 2f, shaken up over 2f out, made no impression. **Fleet Review** had form that ought to have made him competitive, but he wasn't at his best, perhaps doing more than ideal; raced near side, close up, led briefly 2f out, weakened over 1f out. **Sioux Nation** was clearly one of the main disappointments of the race, the form there to be competitive and with a win at this meeting last year in the book as well, yet he turned in a lacklustre effort, clearly not going from an early stage; raced centre, raced off the pace, off the bridle before most, never on terms; he's obviously better judged on previous form. **Actress** seemed to find this much bigger field and more competitive race all too much, though she would have finished closer had she not been eased late on; raced centre, raced off the pace, labouring halfway, headway over 1f out, eased final 100 yds. **Laugh A Minute** was well held, looking out of his depth at this exalted level; raced centre, soon steadied, shaken up after halfway, made little impression. **Main Desire** over 1f longer trip, lost her unbeaten record, just not in the same form as at York (solid form, further franked by the fifth), perhaps not seeing out the longer trip, though there may be other reasons, given her absence before York; slowly into stride, held up, travelled well, shaken up 2f out, no extra, weakened final 1f, not persevered with once held. **Enjazaat** after 7 weeks off, went backwards from reappearance, not seeing his race out after doing a bit too much; raced centre, handy, not settle fully, shaken up over 2f out, weakened over 1f out. **Now You're Talking** was well held, though promised more than she delivered, failing to pick up having gone better than most of those out the back; raced centre, dropped out, travelled well, pushed along 2f out, no extra. **Abel Handy** was well held after 7 weeks off, showing speed as usual before being outclassed; raced centre, led 2f, remained prominent, ridden over 2f out, weakened soon after.

Past Winners

2018	Eqtidaar	3-9-3	12/1	Sir Michael Stoute	Jim Crowley	22
2017	Caravaggio	3-9-3	5/6f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	12
2016	Quiet Reflection	3-9-0	7/4f	K. R. Burke	Dougie Costello	10
2015	Muhaaarar	3-9-3	10/1	Charles Hills	Dane O'Neill	18

4.20 Coronation Stakes (Group 1) (1) 7f213y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	9		ALPHA CENTAURI (IRE)	3	9-0		Mrs J. Harrington, Ireland	Colm O'Donoghue	11/4f
2	5	6	THREADING (IRE)	3	9-0		Mark Johnston	William Buick	7/1
3	11	1¾	VERACIOUS	3	9-0		Sir Michael Stoute	Frankie Dettori	14/1
4	6	1¾	BILLESDON BROOK	3	9-0		Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	9/2

5	1	2½	CLEMMIE (IRE)	3	9-0	(t) Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	4/1
6	12	½	COEUR DE BEAUTE (FR)	3	9-0	M. Delcher Sanchez, France	Stephane Pasquier	10/1
7	13	1½	AIM OF ARTEMIS (IRE)	3	9-0	John Gosden	James Doyle	33/1
8	10	nk	ANNA NERIUM	3	9-0	Richard Hannon	Tom Marquand	20/1
9	2	nk	TEPPAL (FR)	3	9-0	David Simcock	Olivier Peslier	7/1
10	7	5	NKOSIKAZI	3	9-0	Brian Meehan	Oisín Murphy	100/1
11	8	1½	WHITEFOUNTAINFAIRY (IRE)	3	9-0	Andrew Balding	David Probert	50/1
12	4	17	ADORABLE (IRE)	3	9-0	Mick Channon	Silvestre De Sousa	20/1

12 ran Race Time 1m 35.89 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 35.50s (101.7%) Winning Owner: Niarchos Family

If one or 2 of the top races had fallen a little short during the week, with not all of the big names performing, any deficit was made up by a simply outstanding performance from Alpha Centauri, who blew apart a strong field for the Coronation Stakes, the One Thousand Guineas winner, the 1-2 from the Pouliches and last year's top 2-y-o filly among those in her wake, her performance as good as any by a runner of any age or sex at 1m in Europe this year and the best in this race in at least the last 25 years—she will take a lot of beating in any race she tackles if able to reproduce this performance. **Alpha Centauri** took her form to another level in following up her Curragh win, putting a representative field of the top 3-y-o miling fillies to the sword, no miler in Europe likely to have bested her in this sort of form; in touch, tanked along, headway approaching straight, led 2f out, quickened clear, kept on well final 1f, impressive; she's in the Falmouth, as well as a couple of top races over further, but surely a campaign at this distance lies ahead, very hard to beat wherever she turns up, given age and sex allowances. **Threading** fully confirmed the improvement she'd shown at York last time, this a stronger piece of form in an altogether higher class of race; raced off the pace, pushed along halfway, headway over 2f out, took second 1f out, stayed on, no impression on winner; she looks the sort that ought to make a better 3-y-o and she may have even more to offer. **Veracious** after 8 months off over 1f longer trip, was very highly tried on just her third start and ran a promising first race of the campaign, open to further improvement and up to winning a race or 2 below the top level; led, ridden early in straight, headed 2f out, one paced. **Billesdon Brook** wasn't in the same form as last time, though she was asked to come from well off the pace and might have been third had she been closer to the pace; held up, effort straight, stayed on final 1f, never landed a blow; there's nothing wrong with her Guineas form, though it remains significantly better than anything else she's achieved. **Clemmie** failed to come on for her run in the Irish Guineas, her performance a bit lacklustre in truth, questions to answer without a doubt, though in the right stable to retrieve something from the season; in touch, ridden 3f out, not quicken 2f out. **Coeur de Beaute** turned the tables on Teppal from Longchamp, but she wasn't in anything like the form she showed there, on firmer ground than she's encountered, at least since her debut; in rear, headway early in straight, switched 2f out, not quicken final 1f, never on terms. **Aim of Artemis** had plenty to find to make an impact in this much higher grade, over 1f longer trip, and she wasn't up to the task at this early stage of her development, on firmer ground than previously as well, though there was plenty to like about the way she went through the race; raced wide, close up, travelled well, ridden straight, weakened over 1f out; she remains lightly raced and remains capable of better. **Anna Nerium** was below form, plenty of evidence now to suggest that she needs good ground or softer to be seen to best advantage; held up, effort straight, made little impression. **Teppal** on firmer ground than previously, wasn't in the same form as last time, unable even to confirm placings from the Pouliches with Coeur de Beaute, not picking up off the bridle; mid-division, travelled well, effort straight, made little impression; she'd looked a smart filly when winning in France and may yet do better back on easier ground. **Nkosikazi** had done nothing to justify her place in the field; always behind. **Whitefountainfairy** hadn't done nearly enough to justify her place in this exalted company and she was soon put in her place in the straight, no real test of her effectiveness at the trip, just outclassed; chased leaders, not settle fully, ridden home turn, weakened under 2f out. **Adorable** had run to a useful level in winning in listed company early in the month, but this step up in grade proved well beyond her; disputed lead, weakened early in straight, eased final 1f; she's still lightly raced and may have more to offer with her sights lowered.

Past Winners

2018	Alpha Centauri	3-9-0	11/4f	Mrs J. Harrington	Colm O'Donoghue	12
2017	Winter	3-9-0	4/9f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	7
2016	Qemah	3-9-0	6/1	Jean-Claude Rouget	Gregory Benoist	13
2015	Ervedya	3-9-0	3/1	Jean-Claude Rouget	Christophe Soumillon	9
2014	Rizeena	3-9-0	11/2	Clive Brittain	Ryan Moore	12

5.00 Sandringham Stakes (Handicap) (2) 1m

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	5		AGROTERA (IRE)	3	8-7		Ed Walker	Jamie Spencer	11/2f
2	10	2¾	ORTIZ	3	8-1		Henry Candy	Hollie Doyle	66/1
3	12	1	ESCAPE THE CITY	3	8-0 (7-13)		Hughie Morrison	Kieran O'Neill	66/1
4	19	nk	DESERT DIAMOND	3	8-9		Sir Michael Stoute	Josephine Gordon	10/1
5	1	¾	PERFECTION	3	8-4	(s)	John Gosden	Nicky Mackay	14/1
6	16	1¾	SHIP OF DREAMS (IRE)	3	9-6	(t)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Oisín Murphy	20/1
7	3	½	DI FEDE (IRE)	3	9-3		Ralph Beckett	Richard Kingscote	14/1
8	4	3	QAZYNA (IRE)	3	8-13		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	8/1
9	7	1¼	HENCE (IRE)	3	9-6		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	10/1
10	22	1½	CEILIDHS DREAM	3	8-9		Ralph Beckett	Harry Bentley	14/1
11	21	2	WHY WE DREAM (IRE)	3	8-0		Mick Channon	David Egan	25/1
12	24	1½	POETIC CHARM	3	9-1		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	10/1
13	18	hd	MUSICAL ART (IRE)	3	8-13		Paul Cole	David Probert	66/1
14	15	¾	PRIDE'S GOLD (USA)	3	8-2		Simon Crisford	Franny Norton	33/1
15	11	nk	GANAYEM (IRE)	3	8-9		Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	15/2
16	9	ns	DATHANNA (IRE)	3	9-6		Charlie Appleby	James Doyle	12/1
17	23	2½	BETTY F	3	9-2		Jeremy Noseda	Frankie Dettori	16/1
18	2	1	WISDOM MIND (IRE)	3	8-4	(t)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	W. M. Lordan	20/1
19	20	1	TAJANUS (IRE)	3	9-7		Richard Hannon	Dane O'Neill	33/1
20	17	6	BUBBLE AND SQUEAK	3	8-1		Sylvester Kirk	Luke Morris	33/1
21	6	6	DARK ROSE ANGEL (IRE)	3	9-3	(b)	Simon Crisford	Silvestre De Sousa	20/1
22	8	7	BROADWAY (IRE)	3	9-4	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	12/1
23	14	48	ERTIYAD	3	8-12	(b)	William Haggas	Daniel Tudhope	50/1

23 ran Race Time 1m 38.69 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 25.50s (96.8%) Winning Owner: Mr B. E. Nielsen

Another strong renewal and a familiar pace scenario to boot in this year's Sandringham, the positively-ridden ones doing plenty and setting it up for a late striker, though there hadn't been the roughly even split to the field that there so often is in the handicaps on the straight track here, with only the pace-forcing Perfection breaking away from the main body to head far side, perhaps pointing towards an advantage in that part of the course given she surely wasn't ridden to maximum efficiency in tearing off as he did; plenty of these will win races for the remainder of the year, probably in group company in the winner's case. **Agrotera** looks ready and able for a higher grade yet can fit in another handicap or 2 before then, Spencer able to pull off a trademark late swoop from well back thanks not only to a strong pace ahead but also an opening mark that couldn't account for her current rapid progress, justifying her being backed into favouritism; steadied at the start, she travelled well and still sat last over 2f out, starting her irresistible run soon after and dashing to the front inside the final 1f, well on top at the finish, very much one to keep on side; she was sweating and on her toes but it obviously mattered not. **Ortiz** resumed her progress to some tune 7 weeks on from her first handicap, things coming easier to her at this different trip, firmly at home at the higher level in emerging best of the rest behind a pattern-bound winner; soon tracking the pace, she impressed not only with how she travelled but also her turn of foot to lead down the centre 2f out, headed in that group inside the last 1f but keeping at it; will remain of plenty of interest, with further improvement on the cards. **Escape The City** exceeded expectations on all known form (1 lb out of handicap), hardly lightly campaigned as a 2-y-o yet returning from 6 months off with a hard-to-foresee stormer, evidently raring to go on the day; mid-field, effort when edged right briefly 2f out, stayed on; not sure to build on such a big return, however. **Desert Diamond** is shaping up extremely well, enhancing her reputation for all she had her winning run ended, caught cold early back down in trip—having got stronger the further she went over 1¼m at York—but promising plenty more for another day by the end, with a physique to match (well-made filly); raced off the pace, outpaced early, effort when met some trouble, forced to switch 2f out, closed all the way to the line; she's still one to follow. **Perfection** came in for another headgear change (first-time cheekpieces) and posted a big effort, more so than the ratings suggest, going off hard yet maintaining her lead in her solo on the far side until late on; switched soon after start, led, shaken up 2f out, collared final 1f, no extra. **Ship of Dreams** ran near her opening mark rather than beyond it, though it was still a sound start in handicaps, beating plenty more than beat her with sights lowered; held up, she started her run at a similar time to the winner and, whilst unable to live with that rival, was forced to weave her way through as a gap or 2 closed ahead, emerging with credit; there's plenty to like about her in appearance, too. **Di Fede** shaped well enough to suggest her reassessed mark isn't beyond her, though returning to shorter may be key in her justifying the confidence;

mid-field, smooth headway over 2f out, threatened briefly only for effort to flatten out, no hiding place at the trip in this; will be of interest again. **Qazyna** didn't have the trip as an excuse for promising more than she delivered this time, though it's still best to focus on the positive aspects of her display, impressing in the paddock and more than holding her own for much of the race; in touch, not settle fully, threatened over 2f out, not sustain effort; she remains with plenty to recommend her. **Hence** faced a stiffer task in this grade of handicap and wasn't discredited with that—plus her pre-race sweating—in mind, a stable lesser light after all; held up, headway over 2f out, kept on gradually, made little impression. **Ceilidhs Dream** benefited as expected from the drop in trip, shaping well amidst prevailing inexperience in her first handicap, briefly looking an even bigger threat; mid-field, took strong hold, progress under 2f out, effort flattened out; remains with potential. **Why We Dream** failed to improve the required amount sent handicapping in a tough environment, never better than mid-field. **Poetic Charm** has been handed a stiff-looking mark but her next run should reveal more about her hopes of improving as required, asked a big question reappearing in this after 10 months off for all she looked in fine shape beforehand, following a juvenile grounding in smaller fields; patiently ridden, some headway around 2f out, no further impression; certainly worth persevering with at 1m. **Musical Art** fared little better than first time back, no surprise given the increased level of competition compared to at Wolverhampton, no discernible difference for returning to a longer trip; mid-field, shuffled back early, outpaced after, held when met some trouble over 1f out. **Pride's Gold** wasn't up to this better company at this stage, little more than 2 weeks after her breakthrough success in an egg and spoon; held up, ridden when hampered over 2f out, no threat. **Ganayem** raced closer than ideal to the brisk pace down the centre, better judged on her prior progress as a consequence; handy, shaken up over 2f out, weakened. **Dathanna** couldn't provide Doyle with another point-and-shoot winner on the day, overdoing the forcing tactics as her winning run was ended after 7 weeks off; led main group, pushed along over 2f out, dropped away. **Betty F** should find this big-field involvement—after 10 weeks off—aiding her development; held up, shaken up after halfway, brief headway soon after, effort flattened out; still unexposed. **Wisdom Mind** found her run of good form coming to a halt in more exalted company; ridden over 2f out, never on terms. **Tajaanu** looks more or less exposed by now, little encouragement to be taken from this belated first handicap start; dropped out, pushed along halfway, made no impression. **Bubble And Squeak** struggled with even a small rise in the weights in this higher class; mid-field, not settle fully, lost place halfway, no impression when hampered over 2f out. **Dark Rose Angel** increasingly looks one to oppose the way she's started her second season, back to being lit up here in first-time blinkers; handy, took strong hold, ridden under 3f out, weakened. **Broadway** was all at sea in such a cut-and-thrust race, by Galileo and found wanting for speed at this trip on firmer ground than before; raced off the pace, never going pace, struggling when badly hampered over 2f out; she was ridden forcefully for her preceding win, and will benefit from a return to 1¼m. **Ertiyad** clearly wasn't 100% on the day in first-time blinkers after 9 weeks off; prominent, took strong hold, pushed along over 2f out, dropped away quickly, heavily eased off.

Past Winners

2018	Agrotera	3-8-7	11/2f	Ed Walker	Jamie Spencer	23
2017	Con Te Partiro	3-9-5	20/1	Wesley A. Ward	Jamie Spencer	24
2016	Persuasive	3-8-9	11/4f	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	21
2015	Osaila	3-9-7	13/2	Richard Hannon	Frankie Dettori	17
2014	Muteela	3-8-13	9/2f	Mark Johnston	Paul Hanagan	24

5.35 Duke of Edinburgh Stakes (Handicap) (2) 1m3f211y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	14		DASH OF SPICE	4	9-3		David Elsworth	Silvestre De Sousa	7/2f
2	8	2¼	SIR CHAUVÉLIN	6	9-2		Jim Goldie	Daniel Tudhope	33/1
3	9	1	WALTON STREET	4	9-9	(s)	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	7/1
4	19	¾	APPEARED	6	9-8		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	8/1
5	10	nk	TOP TUG (IRE)	7	9-10		Alan King	Martin Harley	8/1
6	11	1¾	CROWNED EAGLE	4	9-7		Marco Botti	Daniel Muscutt	25/1
7	16	sh	EYNHALLOW	4	9-2	(h+t)	Charlie Appleby	James McDonald	7/1
8	4	nk	SAUNTER (FR)	5	9-4	(s)	Ian Williams	Jim Crowley	16/1
9	12	1¼	EDDYSTONE ROCK (IRE)	6	9-2		John Best	Josephine Gordon	33/1
10	2	1¼	CLEAR SKIES	5	9-10		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	14/1
11	20	nk	THUNDERING BLUE (USA)	5	9-5		David Menuisier	Frankie Dettori	5/1
12	6	1	CARBON DATING (IRE)	6	9-4		R. J. Osborne, Ireland	Tadhg O'Shea	50/1
13	22	1¼	FIRE FIGHTING (IRE)	7	9-3		Mark Johnston	Richard Kingscote	25/1

14	21	1½	MANJAAM (IRE)	5	9-1	Ed Dunlop	Edward Greatrex	25/1
15	15	4½	NEWLANDS (AUS)	7	9-5 (s+t)	Charlie Fellowes	Oisín Murphy	50/1
16	7	3¼	NAYEL (IRE)	6	9-3 (s)	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	40/1
17	5	4½	COUNT CALABASH (IRE)	4	9-1	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	10/1

17 ran Race Time 2m 27.76 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.75s (100.9%) Winning Owner: Mr J. C. Smith

As competitive as you expect a Royal Ascot handicap to be and it looks very solid form, won by the least exposed one in the field; the pace was strong, giving them a chance from all positions, although some of those coming from the back did have to pick their way through, including Sir Chauvelin. **Dash of Spice** had a different profile to most of these, lightly raced and very progressive, living up to his smart pedigree now, this a pattern-class performance to win another competitive handicap decisively, from 11 lb higher than when dominating at Epsom; chased leaders, travelled well, led approaching final 1f, forged clear despite lugging to the far rail; he picks up a 5-lb penalty for the John Smith's Cup, which will make him well in, and he'll have to be of interest, unlikely to have a problem dropping back 2f at a galloping track like York. **Sir Chauvelin** proved at least as good as ever and looked unlucky not to make more of a race of it with the winner, coming from further back than all of the other principals and meeting trouble, but that is just his way, not altogether straightforward; steadied at the start, raced off the pace, went with enthusiasm, headway when not clear run over 1f out, finished well, never nearer; there could be a big handicap in him one day but he needs things to drop right. **Walton Street** had been saved for this since winning a big handicap at Meydan in February and ran right up to that form to place from 5 lb higher here, likely to have got a bit closer as well if he'd been able to fully open up sooner; close up, travelled well, shuffled back after 2f, going well when slightly short of room home turn, kept on; it's worth trying him at 1¾m again. **Appeared** has a cracking Ascot record and ran well after 10 months off, hitting the frame in this race for the second year in a row; tracked pace, travelled well, led briefly over 1f out, no extra well inside final 1f and lost 2 places late. **Top Tug** attracted support and ran well, as he usually does, consistent in these big handicaps but no better than his mark; mid-division, ridden 3f out, chased leaders 2f out, kept on. **Crowned Eagle** ran creditably, holding his form well, but had every chance and the mark sums him up; pressed leader, led over 2f out, headed over 1f out, one paced. **Eynhallow** ran respectably after 4 months off and wasn't ideally placed, making his move on the outer; held up, effort out wide over 2f out, no extra over 1f out, one paced. **Saunter** won the November Handicap on soft ground and is probably better with more emphasis on stamina; held up, headway under pressure over 2f out, plugged on, never dangerous. **Eddystone Rock** is back down to his last winning mark and hinted at a revival, making some late headway from well off the pace, admittedly passed mostly beaten horses. **Clear Skies** shaped as if still in good form, travelling well held up, not getting the clearest run early in the straight, and then after making headway to chase the leaders entering the final 1f he flattened out; all of his wins have come at shorter. **Thundering Blue** was too free up in trip, better judged on previous form; held up, took strong hold, effort out wide over 2f out, never landed a blow. **Carbon Dating** possibly needed the run on first outing since leaving S. Seemar after 3 months off; mid-division, driven over 2f out, weakened. **Fire Fighting** wasn't on a going day, a bit hit and miss these days; slowly into stride, raced off the pace, struggling when not clear run around 2f out, never on terms. **Manjaam** wasn't in the same form as last time; steadied at the start, in rear, effort home turn, no extra, never a threat. **Newlands** who was tongue tied, was well held on first outing since leaving S. Gray (Singapore) after 3 months off; held up, not settle fully, hung right over 2f out, weakened, looking awkward. **Nayel** had his winning run ended this altogether more competitive race; chased leaders, lost place over 2f out, dropped away. **Count Calabash** found run of good form coming to a halt, something perhaps not right on the day; soon led, headed over 2f out, weakened.

Past Winners

2018	Dash of Spice	4-9-3	7/2f	David Elsworth	Silvestre De Sousa	17
2017	Rare Rhythm	5-9-2	20/1	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	19
2016	Kinema	5-9-4	8/1	Ralph Beckett	Fran Berry	19
2015	Arab Dawn	4-9-2	6/1jf	Hughie Morrison	Richard Hughes	17
2014	Arab Spring	4-9-10	11/4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	18

Saturday 23 June 2018

GOOD to FIRM

2.30 Chesham Stakes (Listed) (1) 7f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	3		ARTHUR KITT	2	9-3		Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	13/2
2	11	nk	NATE THE GREAT	2	9-3		Archie Watson	Daniel Tudhope	11/1
3	9	3¼	DUKE OF HAZZARD (FR)	2	9-3	(t)	Paul Cole	Luke Morris	25/1
4	5	½	BEYOND REASON (IRE)	2	8-12		Charlie Appleby	William Buick	5/1
5	4	nk	CARDINI (USA)	2	9-3		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	14/1
6	6	2¾	NEW WINDS	2	8-12		Mark Johnston	James Doyle	25/1
7	8	1¾	NATALIE'S JOY	2	8-12		Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	5/4f
8	10	½	SAN DONATO (IRE)	2	9-3		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	14/1
9	2	1	AUSSIE VIEW (IRE)	2	8-12		Mark Johnston	Silvestre De Sousa	18/1
10	1	3	ON A SESSION (USA)	2	9-3		M. Palussiere, France	W. M. Lordan	9/1
11	7	19	AZOR AHAI	2	9-3		Mick Channon	Ben Curtis	50/1

11 ran Race Time 1m 28.08 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 26.10s (96.4%) Winning Owner: Chasemore Farm

With the clear form pick Natalie's Joy failing to give her running, this looks an ordinary renewal of what is one of the weakest 2-y-o events at the meetings, the form useful and no more, stamina coming to the fore in a well-run race, most off the bridle soon after halfway, neither first nor second going well over 2f out, the winner's success a poignant one, as his Queen Mary-winning dam Ceiling Kitty died giving birth to him, raised by a foster mare; the field raced as one group up the centre pretty well all the way. **Arthur Kitt** has plenty about him physically and he improved significantly from his debut, relishing the extra 1f, showing a very willing attitude in the closing stages; handy, ridden before halfway and shuffled back, headway from 2f out, found plenty to lead 1f out, edged left, ridden out; he's clearly much more of a stayer than either of his siblings, with stamina from his sire Camelot, who had a winner earlier in the week in the Hampton Court with Hunting Horn, he's likely to be suited by 1m later in the summer, races like the Royal Lodge and Racing Post Trophy likely to be the aim, the type to go on improving, though he's plenty to find to reach the standard required for those. **Nate The Great** over 1f longer trip, was much improved from debut, looking all about stamina, going nowhere through the middle of the race but strong in the closing stages; in rear, ridden 3f out, good progress over 1f out, stayed on strongly, just failed; noisy beforehand, he still has a fair bit to learn, an athletic sort who will progress again and who will be suited by 1m in time. **Duke of Hazzard** in first-time tongue strap, showed much improved form, seeming to be well suited by the 2f longer trip, for all that he has the physique of a sprinter and a pedigree that suggests 7f/1m would be around his optimum; held up, effort over 2f out, challenged over 1f out, stayed on; well up to winning a race or 2 on this showing. **Beyond Reason** wasn't able to build further on the promise of her first 2 runs, having a bit more speed than the first 3 and not staying the 1f longer trip so well as they did in a proper test of stamina; handy, travelled well, led briefly over 1f out, no extra inside final 1f; she ought to be suited by 7f, but will likely benefit from less of a test than this provided, either at 7f or dropped back to 6f, for the time being. **Cardini** would have been easily dismissed on form from any other yard, yet he proved himself up to contesting this and showed much-improved form over 1f longer trip; tracked pace, travelled well, effort over 2f out, not quicken, plugged on final 1f; he's the only runner so far for his sire, who didn't come into his own on the track until 3 yrs, so it's encouraging that he's shown as much as he has, likely to go on again. **New Winds** was ridden in contrasting fashion to previously and wasn't at her best, all a bit laboured; raced off the pace, shaken up halfway, outpaced, kept on final 1f. **Natalie's Joy** was all the rage in the market, having won well in an outstanding time at Goodwood, but she just didn't look the same horse, on the back foot immediately, after fluffing the start; awkward leaving stalls, mid-division, ridden over 2f out, switched soon after, no extra over 1f out; this clearly wasn't her running and she's worth another chance to confirm the abundant promise of her debut, perhaps dropped back to 6f for the time being. **San Donato** over 1f longer trip (with a speedier pedigree than most of these), failed to progress from debut as anticipated, green and noisy beforehand and still in need of experience; held up, took keen hold, shaken up over 2f out, weakened over 1f out; remains with potential. **Aussie View** after just 6 days off, couldn't do to this quality of opposition what she'd done at Doncaster, well held after going off too hard; led, ridden over 2f out, headed over 1f out, weakened. **On A Session** who was a first runner in Britain for Frankel's brother Noble Mission, couldn't match his French form, probably closer to the pace than ideal and a bit too exuberant to last

home; handy, not settle fully, ridden over 3f out, weakened over 1f out; he should stay 7f. **Azor Ahai** had improved with each run and was likely to benefit from the step up to 7f, but the grade was beyond him and he finished well held; in touch, pushed along halfway, weakened under 3f out, eased final 1f.

Past Winners

2018	Arthur Kitt	2-9-3	13/2	Tom Dascombe	Richard Kingscote	11
2017	September	2-8-12	11/8f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	15
2016	Churchill	2-9-3	8/11f	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	13
2015	Suits You	2-9-3	14/1	E. J. O'Neill	Cristian Demuro	12
2014	Richard Pankhurst	2-9-3	10/1	John Gosden	William Buick	14

3.05 Hardwicke Stakes (Group 2) (1) 1m3f211y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	4		CRYSTAL OCEAN	4	9-1		Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	4/7f
2	3	2½	RED VERDON (USA)	5	9-1	(b)	Ed Dunlop	James Doyle	33/1
3	6	1¼	CLIFFS OF MOHER (IRE)	4	9-1	(t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	10/1
4	1	1	BARSANTI (IRE)	6	9-1		Roger Varian	Andrea Atzeni	11/2
5	2	11	IDAHO (IRE)	5	9-1		Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	4/1

5 ran Race Time 2m 28.08 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 35.35s (105.1%) Winning Owner: Sir Evelyn De Rothschild

The smallest field assembled for the Hardwicke since 1992, uncompetitive to boot for form and potential, Crystal Ocean outstripping his rivals on both counts, but he produced one of the best recent performances in the race, not hard pressed to do so either, with his rider not once going for the whip; the pace steadied around halfway with the field still well bunched over 2f out, masking the winners' true authority. **Crystal Ocean** is firmly on the way to establishing himself as a top-class performer, this the most high profile success of his still young career but it surely won't be the pinnacle, impressing with the authority in which he conducted matters; close up throughout, he travelled fluently before going into the lead over 2f out, the race over as a contest soon after but he still responded well to his riders' limited urgings, by no means subjected to maximum pressure; we're yet to see the best of him, rightly installed as favourite for the King George on the back of this with doubts over Cracksman's wellbeing, though a clash with that rival on-song would be a thing to savour. **Red Verdon** back in headgear, produced a career best back down in trip, excelling himself, no fluke about it on the day even if he was flattered to finish as close to Crystal Ocean as he did, the steady gallop mid-race probably helping in that regard, well positioned as a result; he was keen and close up by halfway having dwelt at the start, chasing the winner 2f out but just keeping on, making no impression on that one; he's worth another crack over further, still low mileage as a stayer, though even this form leaves him short of the first 4 from the Gold Cup, assuming that he can repeat it under less favourable circumstances. **Cliffs of Moher** matched the pick of this seasons' form, turned out just 3 days after the Prince of Wales's, reaffirming suspicions that this is as good as he is nowadays, waited with as long as possible, perhaps not the ideal tactics given the way this unfolded but he had his chance when eventually pulled out, keeping on without threatening to take second, let alone trouble the winner; he's never tried it, but does leave the impression that he'll stay further if asked. **Barsanti** ran about as well as could be expected, second in this race last year but nothing of the winners' calibre to deal with that time, shadowing Crystal Ocean early in the straight but lacking a change of pace when asked, run out of third late on; he's never run a bad race in his life, just short on ability against the real high-flyers, but he will continue to run well in minor pattern company. **Idaho** showed what he can do in this race last year but he's not been the same horse this time around, making the most of a good opportunity in the Ormonde but below-par on his other 3 starts, markedly so on this occasion, setting the pace but putting up no fight whatsoever when the winner swept by, eased off in the end.

Past Winners

2018	Crystal Ocean	4-9-1	4/7f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	5
2017	Idaho	4-9-1	9/2	Aidan O'Brien	Seamie Heffernan	12
2016	Dartmouth	4-9-1	10/1	Sir Michael Stoute	Olivier Peslier	9
2015	Snow Sky	4-9-1	12/1	Sir Michael Stoute	Pat Smullen	7
2014	Telescope	4-9-1	7/4f	Sir Michael Stoute	Ryan Moore	10

3.40 Windsor Castle Stakes (Listed) (1) 5f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	22		SOLDIER'S CALL	2	9-3		Archie Watson	Daniel Tudhope	12/1
2	27	½	SABRE	2	9-3		Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	12/1
3	9	1¾	DOM CARLOS (IRE)	2	9-3	(b)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	16/1

4	2	½	VAN BEETHOVEN (CAN)	2	9-3	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	6/1
5	6	½	TIN HAT (IRE)	2	9-3	Eve Johnson Houghton	Edward Greatrex	50/1
6	10	hd	JUNIUS BRUTUS (FR)	2	9-3	(t) M. Palussiere, France	Olivier Peslier	17/2
7	11	¾	ROCKIN ROY (IRE)	2	9-3	Archie Watson	Oisín Murphy	66/1
8	17	¾	WELL DONE FOX	2	9-3	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	40/1
9	25	1¼	LIFE OF RILEY	2	9-3	K. R. Burke	Ben Curtis	33/1
10	20	½	JAMES WATT (IRE)	2	9-3	Michael Bell	Hayley Turner	25/1
11	1	nk	LIHOU	2	9-3	David Evans	Fran Berry	66/1
12	13	½	ROLLING KING (USA)	2	9-3	(b) M. Palussiere, France	W. M. Lordan	20/1
13	28	nk	MOONLIGHT ROMANCE (USA)	2	8-12	(b) Wesley A. Ward, USA	Joel Rosario	7/1
14	16	1½	NORTH WIND (IRE)	2	9-3	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	50/1
15	4	nk	WORLD ORDER (IRE)	2	9-3	Declan Carroll	Jamie Spencer	50/1
16	19	½	THEGREATESTSHOWMAN	2	9-3	Amy Murphy	Dougie Costello	50/1
17	15	sh	QUEEN OF BERMUDA (IRE)	2	8-12	William Haggas	James Doyle	11/2f
18	14	1	ISLE OF INNISFREE (USA)	2	9-3	(t) Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	P. B. Beggy	20/1
19	24	¾	MAYSON MAC	2	9-3	David O'Meara	David Probert	100/1
20	21	nk	CHAPELLI	2	8-12	Mark Johnston	William Buick	16/1
21	7	¾	MUTAWAFFER (IRE)	2	9-3	Charles Hills	Jim Crowley	8/1
22	26	nk	COCOCABALA (IRE)	2	9-3	Richard Spencer	Tom Queally	66/1
23	12	hd	MURQAAB	2	9-3	David O'Meara	Martin Harley	66/1
24	3	1¾	KAPONO	2	9-3	Amy Murphy	Gerald Mosse	50/1
25	18	2¾	KESSAAR (IRE)	2	9-3	John Gosden	Frankie Dettori	8/1
26	8	3¾	JUNGLE INTHEBUNGLE (IRE)	2	9-3	Mick Channon	Andrea Atzeni	25/1
27	5	1¾	HIT THE TRACK JACK	2	9-3	George Baker	Silvestre De Sousa	33/1
28	23	2¾	LI KUI	2	9-3	Paul Cole	Luke Morris	100/1

28 ran Race Time 1m 00.25 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.45s (98.6%) Winning Owner: Clipper Logistics

A new slot for the Windsor Castle, previously the last race on the first day, and it's hard to think it deserves such a prominent pitch—the Jersey, for one, more deserving—plenty in a large field vanity runners, though the form of the principals was on a par with the supposedly superior Norfolk Stakes, the first 2 good enough to have gone close in that event; the field split essentially into 2 groups, Rolling King taking the larger far-side one along at an overly strong pace, the relatively more measured tempo on the stand side bringing the first 2 home in that group the main spoils, the second and third coming from a long way back. **Soldier's Call** made significant further progress to follow up his Haydock success, setting a better-judged pace than the leader on the far side and having enough stamina left to hold off late challengers; raced near side, led group, led 1f out, ridden out; he's an obvious candidate for the Molecomb, though more is likely to be required there. **Sabre** finished second in listed company for a second time, getting going just too late after getting run off his feet on firmer going; raced near side, outpaced, headway 2f out, kept on well final 1f; he may have more to offer. **Dom Carlos** ran a remarkable race, matching the improvement he showed last time, though the way he went about things in total contrast in this higher grade; raced far side, badly outpaced, hung left before halfway, stayed on strongly approaching final 1f, took third final 50 yds. **Van Beethoven** ran to a similar level to last time, even though the drop back down in trip looked against him, lacking pace mid-race before finishing well, a shade better than his finishing position too; raced far side, in touch, outpaced halfway, switched 2f out, kept on well final 1f; remains open to improvement. **Tin Hat** was as experienced as any in the field and ran up to his best, showing plenty of speed; raced far side, chased leader, driven over 2f out, kept on final 1f. **Junius Brutus** was unable to build further on his form in France after 7 weeks off, having changed hands for £300,000 at the start of the week, though he looks to have a bit more potential than a few of the other purchases at that sale for this owner; raced far side, chased leader, ridden halfway, not quicken over 1f out; he has a bizarre pedigree for a 5f horse and may yet progress as he goes up in trip. **Rockin Roy** ran about as well as could have been expected upped in grade, though never quite on terms; raced far side, mid-division, not quicken 2f out. **Well Done Fox** ran well upped in grade, encouragement for nurseries in his effort, a bit about him physically too; raced far side, in touch, headway 2f out, every chance 1f out, not quicken. **Life of Riley** ran about as well as could have been expected upped in grade, paying late on for trying to keep up with the winner; raced near side, chased leader, ridden over 2f out, not quicken over 1f out. **James Watt** lost his unbeaten record, up in grade, not fully helping his rider in the middle section; raced near side, chased leaders, driven halfway, hung right, one paced. **Lihou** wasn't disgraced, his form just not up to this standard; raced far side, mid-field, labouring halfway, plugged on final 1f. **Rolling King** was fired up by first-time blinkers and did far too much in front to have a chance of showing his

form; raced far side, soon led, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, weakened; one of the best types in the field—a proper sprinter on looks—he showed impressive speed and would be interesting in a similar race on a sharper/flatter track. **Moonlight Romance** was well held, unusually for a 2-y-o from this yard at this meeting finding the whole thing a bit of a struggle; slowly into stride, raced near side, in touch, off the bridle long way out, not quicken over 1f out; she's a well-grown sort and ought to have more to offer, better judged on her earlier efforts clearly. **North Wind** again failed to build on his debut form, though it was asking a lot of him to tackle this grade and he shaped a bit better than the bare result after getting involved with the overly strong pace; raced far side, chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, not quicken over 1f out, eased final 100 yds. **World Order** has the ability to win a race, but not this one; raced far side, held up, headway over 2f out, not quicken final 1f. **Thegreatestshowman** was flying too high, a long way from a class 5 at Brighton, and unable to make the leap forward required; slowly into stride, raced near side, raced off the pace, headway when carried right 2f out, no extra. **Queen of Bermuda** disappointed, though she probably did too much in the far side group, very much all about speed; raced far side, chased leader, ridden over 2f out, weakened inside final 1f; she had looked very promising previously, her form franked elsewhere this week, and is likely to be worth another chance. **Isle of Innisfree** had improved significantly from first to second run and is a brother to the Norfolk winner Sioux Nation, but he never looked likely to make a similar impact; raced far side, raced off the pace, never on terms. **Mayson Mac** was an optimistic runner and wasn't involved at any stage; raced near side, never on terms. **Chapelli** lost her unbeaten record, up in grade, just not in the same form as last time; slowly into stride, raced near side, raced off the pace, headway halfway, hung right over 1f out, weakened. **Mutawaffer** has a very speedy pedigree, but he failed to show it in a higher grade back down in trip; raced far side, soon handy, outpaced halfway. **Cococabala** was better away than has been the case but it was all to no avail, out of his depth; broke well, raced near side, outpaced soon after start. **Murqaab** had failed to break his duck in 3 starts in novices, so not surprisingly found this much too competitive; raced far side, mid-division, labouring halfway. **Kapono** was well held, this a very different kettle of fish from a small field at Goodwood; raced far side, raced off the pace, ridden halfway, made no impression. **Kessaar** well backed, over 1f shorter trip, failed to progress as anticipated from debut, isolated in the centre but just seeming to find the test all too much at this early stage of his development; raced centre, always behind; he looked promising at York, looks the part too, and may yet do better. **Jungle Inthebungle** was unable to confirm the marked improvement shown last time (when ahead of the fifth), despite similar conditions, seeming to find the demands of the race all too much; raced far side, labouring halfway. **Hit The Track Jack** tried to keep up with the tearaway leader and paid for it out of his class; raced far side, chased leader, hung right 2f out, weakened soon after. **Li Kui** had done nothing to justify his place in this field; raced near side, chased leaders until halfway, looked awkward.

Past Winners

2018	Soldier's Call	2-9-3	12/1	Archie Watson	Daniel Tudhope	28
2017	Sound And Silence	2-9-3	16/1	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	22
2016	Ardad	2-9-3	20/1	John Gosden	Robert Havlin	22
2015	Washington DC	2-9-3	5/1	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	27
2014	Hootenanny	2-9-3	7/2f	Wesley A. Ward	Victor Espinoza	24

4.20 Diamond Jubilee Stakes (Group 1) (1) 6f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	11		MERCHANT NAVY (AUS)	4	9-3	(b+t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Ryan Moore	4/1
2	8	sh	CITY LIGHT (FR)	4	9-3		S. Wattel, France	Christophe Soumillon	12/1
3	1	¾	BOUND FOR NOWHERE (USA)	4	9-3		Wesley A. Ward, USA	Joel Rosario	16/1
4	10	nk	THE TIN MAN	6	9-3		James Fanshawe	Tom Queally	5/1
5	7	1	PROJECTION	5	9-3		Roger Charlton	Kieran Shoemark	25/1
6	4	3	D'BAI (IRE)	4	9-3	(b+t)	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	20/1
7	12	ns	SIR DANCEALOT (IRE)	4	9-3		David Elsworth	Sean Levey	33/1
8	9	3	SPIRIT OF VALOR (USA)	4	9-3	(b+t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	20/1
9	3	2½	LIBRISA BREEZE	6	9-3		Dean Ivory	Robert Winston	10/1
10	2	2	REDKIRK WARRIOR	7	9-3	(b+t)	David & B Hayes/Tom Dabernig, Australia	Frankie Dettoni	4/1
11	5	10	HARRY ANGEL (IRE)	4	9-3		Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	5/2f
12	6	7	INTELLIGENCE CROSS (USA)	4	9-3	(b+t)	Aidan O'Brien, Ireland	Seamie Heffernan	66/1

12 ran Race Time 1m 12.09 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.45s (98.3%) Winning Owner: Merchant Navy Synd/Smith/Magnier/Tabor

An exciting finish to one of the premier sprints of the year, though a race that will be remembered most for the start, which ruined the chance of the best horse in the race, even worse resulting in an injury which may prevent Harry

Angel contesting the July Cup; although no blame was apportioned to the starting team and the rider had given the starter an indication that he was ready, it was clear to anyone watching on television that Harry Angel's chance was very likely to be compromised if the start took place when it did; the pace was a strong one and the field raced as a single group, more or less, from a fair way out, the form looking pretty straightforward to interpret, though the connections of all the first 4 could argue that their horse was better than the bare result. **Merchant Navy** had looked a high-class sprinter when winning at the Curragh on his Irish debut and fully confirmed that with a last-gasp success, doing well after being hampered late on (though the second had blown the start); handy, shaken up 2f out, keeping on when hampered inside final 1f, stayed on to lead final 100 yds, all out to hold on; clearly his task was made easier by the mishap to the favourite, but he may yet progress, likely to be of interest through the summer. **City Light** has made great strides this year and ran a fine race in defeat, just denied in the final stride, doing really well to recover from such a poor start; missed the break, raced off the pace, headway over 1f out, stayed on strongly inside final 1f, just failed; the Maurice de Gheest would seem an obvious next step. **Bound For Nowhere** is a more mature runner than finished fourth in the Commonwealth Cup last year and ran a fine race after 11 weeks off, fully confirming the improvement shown this year, showing excellent speed and likely to have done even better had he not hung so markedly in the closing stages; broke fast, led, rather isolated after 2f, ridden 2f out, hung badly left, headed final 100 yds, one pace close home; he's still relatively lightly raced and would be well up to winning at pattern level if continuing to race in Europe. **The Tin Man** couldn't repeat his success of 12 months previously, but he ran with plenty of credit, a shade better than the result after getting checked, not well positioned as a result; in touch, shaken up over 2f out, lost place when hampered soon after, still plenty to do 1f out, kept on well. **Projection** acquitted himself with credit on his first try at Group 1 company, competitive until well into the closing stages, a pattern sprint within his compass at some point this summer; touch, effort 2f out, every chance 1f out, no extra final 100 yds. **D'bai** was entitled to split the fourth and fifth on Windsor running, but wasn't in quite that form, though he ran respectably, essentially not quite up to the task; chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, hung right, weakened final 1f. **Sir Dancelot** wasn't disgraced, this grade a bit beyond him, never in the hunt but making late progress; held up, effort 2f out, not quicken, kept on inside final 1f. **Spirit of Valor** had a fair bit to find with the winner from last time, but he just wasn't in the same form as last time, paying for trying to keep pace with the leader; pressed leader, every chance 2f out, weakened over 1f out. **Librisa Breeze** was well held after 12 weeks off, never competitive and yet to find his form this year, the ground not really an excuse, having run creditably under very similar conditions when fourth in the 2017 running of this; held up, labouring over 2f out. **Redkirk Warrior** looked an interesting challenger from Australia, reinvented as a sprinter having won twice over middle distances for William Haggas in his younger days, but he was well held after 4 months off, producing a laboured effort; chased leader, ridden over 2f out, lost place soon after. **Harry Angel** held strong form claims, but very unfortunately didn't get the chance to show his true colours, upset in the stalls and with his leg caught on the frame when the gates opened, obviously easy to put a line through this run; lost all chance at the start, always behind; he's reportedly not certain to defend his title in the July Cup. **Intelligence Cross** had a lot to find on his own merit and didn't serve much of a purpose on behalf of his stable companion, in contrast to last year's Commonwealth Cup; chased leaders, lost place 2f out, eased.

Past Winners

2018	Merchant Navy	4-9-3	4/1	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	12
2017	The Tin Man	5-9-3	9/2	James Fanshawe	Tom Queally	19
2016	Twilight Son	4-9-3	7/2	Henry Candy	Ryan Moore	9
2015	Undrafted	5-9-3	14/1	Wesley A. Ward	Frankie Dettori	15
2014	Slade Power	5-9-4	7/2f	Edward Lynam	W. M. Lordan	14

5.00 Wokingham Stakes (Heritage Handicap) (2) 6f

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	16		BACCHUS	4	9-6		Brian Meehan	Jim Crowley	33/1
2	8	nk	DREAMFIELD	4	9-4		John Gosden	James Doyle	2/1f
3	26	½	MAJOR JUMBO	4	9-2		Kevin Ryan	Jamie Spencer	22/1
4	5	sh	TIS MARVELLOUS	4	9-0	(t)	Clive Cox	Adam Kirby	20/1
5	27	1½	SILENT ECHO	4	9-2	(h)	Peter Hedger	Tom Marquand	20/1
6	21	hd	GEORGE BOWEN (IRE)	6	9-1	(v)	Richard Fahey	Sebastian Woods (5)	20/1
7	14	ns	GILGAMESH	4	9-1		George Scott	Edward Greatrex	10/1
8	22	½	MR LUPTON (IRE)	5	9-7		Richard Fahey	Tony Hamilton	14/1
9	10	hd	SPRING LOADED (IRE)	6	9-2		Paul D'Arcy	Shane Kelly	33/1
10	18	1	FOOLAAD	7	9-2	(t)	Roy Bowring	Kieran O'Neill	33/1

11	12	1¼	RECKLESS ENDEAVOUR (IRE)	5	9-2	Jamie Osborne	Dougie Costello	66/1
12	3	hd	AL QAHWA (IRE)	5	8-13 (s)	David O'Meara	Kieran Shoemark	50/1
13	25	½	BRIAN THE SNAIL (IRE)	4	9-1	Richard Fahey	William Buick	14/1
14	29	¾	GROWL	6	9-3	Richard Fahey	Paul Hanagan	8/1
15	6	½	INTISAAB	7	9-10 (s)	David O'Meara	Martin Harley	66/1
16	20	hd	ICE AGE (IRE)	5	9-5	Eve Johnson Houghton	Tom Queally	25/1
17	23	hd	DANZENO	7	9-3	Michael Appleby	Andrea Atzeni	16/1
18	13	nk	UNDRRAFTED (USA)	8	9-4	Wesley A. Ward, USA	Frankie Dettori	14/1
19	30	hd	ULTIMATE AVENUE (IRE)	4	8-13	Ed Walker	Pat Cosgrave	20/1
20	17	hd	SIR ROBERT CHEVAL	7	9-4	Robert Cowell	Gerald Mosse	50/1
21	15	sh	TOMMY TAYLOR (USA)	4	9-6	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	50/1
22	9	½	VICTORY ANGEL (IRE)	4	9-0	Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	14/1
23	7	½	BLUE DE VEGA (GER)	5	8-13 (s)	Robert Cowell	Oisín Murphy	25/1
24	11	1¼	TUPI (IRE)	6	9-1	Richard Hannon	Ryan Moore	16/1
25	4	2½	UPSTAGING	6	9-1 (s)	Paul Cole	Luke Morris	66/1
26	31	1¾	FLYING PURSUIT	5	9-0 (s)	Tim Easterby	Fran Berry	66/1
27	24	½	LANCELOT DU LAC (ITY)	8	9-8 (h)	Dean Ivory	Robert Winston	50/1
28	2	¾	OUT DO	9	9-1 (v)	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	33/1

28 ran Race Time 1m 12.43 Closing Sectional (2.00f): 24.55s (98.3%) Winning Owner: G P M Morland, D J Erwin, John G S Woodman

A quality edition of the Wokingham, notable for well-handicapped 4-y-os filling the first 5 places, among them the runner-up Dreamfield, who at 2/1 was an exceptionally strong favourite for a race of this nature; unusually for a big-field Ascot handicap it was the prominent racers that did best and while two groups formed—7 raced on the stand rail with the rest centre to far side—there didn't seem much in it draw-wise. **Bacchus** built up a solid record in good 3-y-o handicaps last season and improved further still to land this big pot on his first outing for 9 months, clearly lacking nothing for fitness (also won first time back in 2017) and wearing down the favourite late on; raced centre, in touch, challenged under 2f out, kept on well, edged ahead final 50 yds; races like the Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup are obvious targets for the reason of the season, though winning this race from a mark of 105 puts him at listed/minor pattern standard. **Dreamfield** couldn't justify remarkably skinny odds for a race of this nature but shaped very well, lack of experience possibly the difference between first and second, having once again powered through the race; raced centre, close up, travelled strongly, led over 2f out, effort approaching final 1f, edged left, worn down final 50 yds; a July Cup entry is a clue to the regard in which he's held, though he'd take all the beating in a race like the Stewards' Cup if connections want to take things a bit more steadily. **Major Jumbo** under a fully-fledged rider for the first time this season, ran a cracker, doing the best of the stand-side runners, looking well suited by the return to 6f; raced stand side, led group, travelled fluently, edged right 2f out, ran on; there's surely a good handicap with his name on it this season. **Tis Marvellous** confirmed himself back on track by producing his best effort since winning the Robert Papin as a 2-y-o; raced centre, mid-division, headway 2f out, chased leaders final 1f, ran on; he's very much on the radar for a big handicap after this. **Silent Echo** back in a hood and under a 5-lb penalty, continues in good heart, doing second best of the stand-side runners; dropped out, headway under pressure from 2f out, stayed on. **George Bowen** claimer ridden, ran respectably; raced centre, in touch, outpaced 2f out, kept on final 100 yds; he's still on a fair mark judged on his York win. **Gilgamesh** ran creditably from 4 lb higher than when winning a far less competitive handicap at York, seeming a little caught out by the drop back to sprinting, though meeting trouble didn't help; raced centre, held up, not clear run 2f out, headway entering final 1f, switched final 100 yds, never nearer; he remains with potential, especially back at 7f. **Mr Lupton** back up in trip, ran respectably; raced centre, mid-division, chased leaders 2f out, no extra inside final 1f. **Spring Loaded** shaped as if retaining all ability after 7 months off and should sharpen up for this; raced centre, held up, not clear run 2f out, headway entering final 1f, one paced; his mark is still fair judged on the form he showed when winning the Portland by a wide margin last season. **Foolaad** shaped as if still in good form, in the firing line for a long way; raced centre, close up, every chance 2f out, one paced. **Reckless Endeavour** wasn't disgraced after 12 weeks off, having his first turf start for this stable, showing enough to think he's worth another chance on this surface, though his mark demands some improvement; raced centre, held up, headway under 2f out, never landed a blow. **Al Qahwa** back in headgear, shaped as if still in form; raced centre, raced well off the pace, ridden over 2f out, late headway; he's probably best on softer ground. **Brian The Snail** under a penalty after 6 days off, failed to repeat last effort but at least didn't bomb out completely; raced stand side, mid-division, ridden over 2f out, not quicken. **Growl** without the headgear this time, was below form, not for the first time finishing a little weakly; raced stand side, chased leader, effort 2f out, weakened inside final 1f. **Intisaab** was below form tackling handicap company for the first time this year, having a job on under top

weight; raced centre, held up, never involved. **Ice Age** was below form; raced centre, helped force pace, weakened over 1f out. **Danzeno** was below form; dwelt, raced stand side, held up, met some trouble 2f out, never involved. **Undrafted** has regressed markedly since winning a Group 1 at this meeting in 2015; raced centre, in touch, ridden over 2f out, weakened. **Ultimate Avenue** was below form; dwelt, raced stand side, carried head bit awkwardly, always behind. **Sir Robert Cheval** who goes well at this track, was below form after 9 months off; raced centre, chased leaders, ridden over 2f out, weakened final 1f. **Tommy Taylor** was below form; raced centre, chased leaders, weakened over 1f out. **Victory Angel** failed to build on the promise of last run, though wasn't well placed; dwelt, raced centre, raced well off the pace, effort out wide 2f out, made no impression. **Blue de Vega** back up in trip, was well held; raced centre, in touch, weakened over 1f out. **Tupi** out of form in Dubai when last seen, is potentially well treated but isn't at all consistent and was always out the back in the centre group. **Upstaging** might have needed the run after 8 months off, ran below form; dwelt, held up, brief headway over 2f out, weakened. **Flying Pursuit** is potentially well treated but doesn't seem to be in any form; raced stand side, chased leader, weakened under 2f out. **Lancelot du Lac** was well held; raced stand side, mid-division, weakened 2f out. **Out Do** who won this race last year, was always right out the back

Past Winners

2018	Bacchus	4-9-6	33/1	Brian Meehan	Jim Crowley	28
2017	Out Do	8-8-13	25/1	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	27
2016	Outback Traveller	5-9-1	10/1	Robert Cowell	Martin Harley	28
2015	Interception	5-9-3	10/1	David Lanigan	George Baker	25
2014	Baccarat	5-9-5	9/1	Richard Fahey	George Chaloner (3)	28

5.35 Queen Alexandra Stakes (Conditions) (2) 2m5f143y

Pos	Draw	Btn	Horse	Age	Wgt	Eq	Trainer	Jockey	SP
1	1		PALLASATOR	9	9-2		Gordon Elliott, Ireland	Jamie Spencer	11/2
2	7	1½	RENNETI (FR)	9	9-10		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Andrea Atzeni	40/1
3	11	sh	COUNT OCTAVE	4	9-1		Andrew Balding	Oisín Murphy	4/1
4	12	5	LIGHT PILLAR (IRE)	4	9-1	(t)	Joseph Patrick O'Brien, Ireland	Donnacha O'Brien	20/1
5	4	3¼	GLENCADAM GLORY	4	9-1	(h)	John Gosden	Robert Havlin	14/1
6	3	7	THOMAS HOBSON	8	9-2		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Ryan Moore	11/8f
7	5	¾	UBER COOL (IRE)	4	9-1		Jane Chapple-Hyam	Adam Kirby	20/1
8	8	7	FUN MAC (GER)	7	9-7	(t)	Hughie Morrison	Jim Crowley	8/1
9	10	10	NEARLY CAUGHT (IRE)	8	9-7		Hughie Morrison	James Doyle	9/1
10	2	8	TEMPESTATEFLORESCO	10	9-2	(t)	Colin Tizzard	Fran Berry	66/1
11	13	3¼	PEARL DRAGON (FR)	7	9-2		C. von der Recke, Germany	Ben Curtis	50/1
12	9	3¼	MERI DEVIE (FR)	5	8-11		W. P. Mullins, Ireland	Martin Harley	20/1
13	6	1½	GUARD OF HONOUR (IRE)	7	9-2	(b)	George Baker	Trevor Whelan	50/1
14	15	20	FORT JEFFERSON	5	9-2	(s)	Oliver Greenall	Paddy Pilley	66/1
15	14	95	L'ATTESA (IRE)	9	9-2	(s)	Mark Gillard	Kieran Shoemark	100/1
16	16	1	LE MAITRE CHAT (USA)	7	9-2	(s)	Micky Hammond	Dougie Costello	66/1

16 ran Race Time 4m 45.24 Closing Sectional (3.00f): 36.85s (107.3%) Winning Owner: Qatar Racing Limited

The Queen Alexandra is such a different test that the form very rarely works out, but at least the 2018 renewal makes sense so far as the principals are concerned, the pace lifting far enough from home to sort the wheat from the chaff for a change, Pallasator proving himself still smart performer on his first start on the Flat for Gordon Elliott. **Pallasator** was a bit better than this level in his prime for Sir Mark Prescott (won Doncaster Cup in 2015) and, whilst retaining his quirks, is clearly still a smart performer on the level at the age of 9, no surprise if connections give him another try in pattern company in this sphere before the season is out; mid-field, steady headway from 3f out, produced to lead over 1f out, wandered, ridden out. **Renneti** was in a much better mood and bounced back to best, proving himself over extreme distances on the Flat, though whether he'll continue at this sort of level remains to be seen; patiently ridden, steady headway from 4f out, ridden over 2f out, ran on. **Count Octave** was up considerably in distance and certainly not beaten for stamina for all this form might be several pounds shy of his best, just not the easiest to place for all his smart level of ability; mid-field, steady headway from 2f out, stayed on. **Light Pillar** ran about as well as could have been expected in this company, doing enough to believe he's fully effective at extreme trips for all he was swamped late in the day by 3 superior ones at the weights; upped in grade; handy, travelled fluently, went on over 2f out, headed over 1f out, no extra. **Glencadam Glory** didn't get home on this first attempt at an extreme distance but did more than enough to believe he's still in good form; handy, led under pressure 3f out, headed over 2f out, faded final 1f. **Thomas Hobson** looked a worthy favourite on his first start since the Melbourne

Cup 8 months earlier but didn't get a proper chance to show what he could do, simply left with too much to do; held up, going well when hampered approaching straight, never landed a blow. **Uber Cool** faced a stiff task in this company, especially with the much longer trip to contend with, but certainly shaped as if still in good form all things considered, likely to prove it when he gets back into handicaps; patiently ridden, headway from 4f out, not quicken straight. **Fun Mac** is following the same route as last year and it's a similar story, too; mid-field, headway approaching straight, shaken up soon after, not sustain effort. **Nearly Caught** might be a stayer but he didn't settle well enough to see out such an extreme distance this time; in touch, took strong hold, effort entering straight, faded from 2f out. **Tempestatefloresco** might be a useful jumper but this was a really tough task for his Flat debut aged 10 and he was unable to make any sort of impact, merely passing a few beaten ones late in the day; dropped out, ridden over 4f out, never dangerous. **Pearl Dragon** was well held back on the Flat/on first outing since leaving Gordon Elliott (for just £7,000) after 3 months off; in touch, ridden approaching straight, soon beaten. **Meri Devie** turned out again quickly for her second race of the week at the meeting, was much too free; tracked pace, pulled hard, went on 4f out, headed 3f out, weakened quickly. **Guard of Honour** was flying too high in this grade; slowly into stride, always behind. **Fort Jefferson** has been in excellent heart but wasn't up to this better company and can have this run ignored, probably a non-stayer over such an extreme distance, too; made running, headway 4f out, weakened quickly. **L'Atesa** was hopelessly out of depth on first outing since leaving Shane Nolan (for just £1,000) after 9 months off, always behind. **Le Maitre Chat** was back in headgear but made no impact, this hardly the race to try and judge how much ability he retains; raced wide, mid-field, weakened approaching straight, heavily eased.

Past Winners

2018	Pallasator	9-9-2	11/2	Gordon Elliott	Jamie Spencer	16
2017	Oriental Fox	9-9-5	10/1	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	16
2016	Commissioned	6-9-2	12/1	Gordon Elliott	Adam Kirby	18
2015	Oriental Fox	7-9-2	4/1	Mark Johnston	Joe Fanning	10
2014	Pique Sous	7-9-2	11/4	W. P. Mullins	Ryan Moore	13