



## Royal Ascot 2024 Preview

Wednesday 19th June 2024

### **QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group 2)**

Time: 2:30 PM GMT

2YO Fillies £115,000

Distance: Five Furlongs

2023 Winner: Crimson Advocate

**1. ADRESTIA** - Expensive breeze up purchase by leading young stallion Havana Grey. She was a little disappointing on debut when third in a novice at Windsor over six furlongs. The drop back to five furlongs will suit and she did show more ability in the breeze so is open to further improvement and is well over the odds.

**2. AMESTRIS** - Has shown plenty of ability on both of her starts. She finished second on debut at Newmarket over five furlongs in a novice in mid April (form has worked out well) before scoring impressively at Lingfield in a weaker contest at the start of June. A filly with plenty of speed and a leading chance if she takes another step forward.

**3. BETTY CLOVER** (pictured right) - Comes here with plenty of experience having raced three times already with a win on debut at Bath over five furlongs in mid April and a win in the Margate Fillies' Stakes (Listed) at York in mid May. The Marygate is normally a good form reference for this race and she must be respected.



**4. ENCHANTING EMPRESS** - Undefeated filly who is three from three including a win in the National Stakes (Listed) at Sandown on her most recent start. She also has good course form defeating the colts over five furlongs in a conditions race in early May which is the trial for this race. Her speed and experience will stand her in good stead but has some to find in terms of ratings. Place chance.

**5. ENGLEMERE** - Under-rated filly who has won two from three starts and only tasted defeat at the hands of the reopposing subsequent Listed winner Betty Clover when second on debut in a Bath five-furlong novice. She has registered good speed figures in winning two five furlong novice races since her good debut and is well over the odds. Place chance.

**6. FLASH THE CASH** - Twice raced maiden who has plenty to find on form.

**7. FLICKA'S GIRL** - Winner on debut in early April before being well beaten as a short-priced favourite under a penalty at Bath in a five-furlong novice. Got back on track with a second at Chester last time out but has a lot to find in terms of ratings to be competitive.

**8. GLORIOUS KITTY** - Breeze Up graduate who ran a great race first time out with a close fourth behind Betty Clover in the Margate Fillies' Stakes (Listed) at York. Can only have taken a step forward for that good debut performance.

**9. KASSAYA** - A Kingman half-sister to last year's 2,000 Guineas (Gr 1) winner Chaldean and 1 million guineas foal purchase who could not have been more impressive in winning a decent five furlong maiden at Nottingham. This is a big step up in terms of class but she is not short of speed and is a good place chance.

**10. KISS ME MY LOVE** - Broke through on her third start with a win in a six furlong maiden at Carlisle last week, but despite that win she has plenty to find in terms of ratings.

**11. KUWAITYA** - Modest level of form and well-placed to pick up some small black type in a poor 1000m Listed race at Vichy in France in mid May. A lot to find to be competitive in this field.

**12. LEOVANNI** - Taking five furlong maiden winner at Nottingham who is yet another first time out breeze up graduate for connections. Sure to progress for that run and a leading chance on everything she has shown to date.



**13. MAKE HASTE** (pictured left) - Blue Point filly who has registered very good speed figures and showed a strong turn of foot to convincingly win a five-furlong maiden at Naas in May. The subsequent form out of this race is poor but it was hard not to be impressed by her performance. Obvious winning claims.

**14. MAW LAM** - Good winner of a Thirsk five furlong maiden for small yard who then ran well when narrowly going under in the Hilary Needler conditions Stakes (formerly a Listed race) over five furlongs at Beverly. Has a tendency of being slowly away from the gates. Place chance at long-odds.

**15. MIGHTY ERIU** - Recently sold post her promising debut second in a Curragh six furlong maiden behind Tunbridge Wells. Improvement expected but also required to be competitive.

**16. MISS LAMAI** - Good winner of a Thirsk five-furlong novice before finishing a close second in the Marygate Fillies' Stakes (Listed) over five furlongs at York. Faces many of the same fillies here and a solid each way chance at long odds.

**17. MISS RASCAL** - Talented filly who took a big step forward second time out to win over course and distance in a maiden. The form out of her last start has worked out well and has solid place claims.

**18. OXFORD ROCK** - Well in the market on debut when second at Tipperary in a five-furlong maiden. Well-beaten on that occasion but connections would not be attempting this if she did not have the ability. Expect improvement.

**19. RUBY'S PROFIT** - Looks totally outclassed.

**20. SANDS OF HAVANA** - Decent enough debut when finishing a close third in a five-furlong maiden at Windsor. Should improve for the experience but will need to to be competitive here.

**21. SERAPHIM ANGEL** - Plenty to find on form to be competitive. Looks overfaced.

**22. SPHERICAL** - Blue Point filly who showed plenty of ability winning well on debut at Yarmouth over five furlongs in a maiden that usually is a good form reference for this race. Looks over the odds for leading connections.

**23. TRULY ENCHANTING** - Recorded a strong first time out win in a five furlong maiden at Tipperary responding well for pressure drawing right away to score by three and a quarter lengths. Showed a bit of temperament on debut, flashed her tail when hit with the whip. A leading chance on ratings.



**24. ULTIMA GRACE** (pictured left) - Showed great gate speed when pointlessly winning a four and a half further maiden at Keeneland in mid-April. She showed blistering speed on that day and it is normally this type of performance in the US that translates to this race. Winning chance.

**25. WHERE'S CLARE** - Progressed to win second time out in the five furlong maiden at Wolverhampton on the all weather at the start of June. Plenty to find in terms of ratings to be competitive here.

**26. XANTHE** - Not seen since early May when winning well over course and distance in a novice. Showed a decent level of ability on that occasion but will need to have progressed plenty to be competitive here.

Selections: LEOVANNI

Best outsider: AMESTRIS & ENGLEMERE

☑ POSITIVES	☒ NEGATIVES
Trained by Wesley Ward, Jack Channon or Richard Hannon	Beaten last time out
Drawn in double figures	Not sired by a stallion with a Sire Index of between 6f-8f
Ran well in the Marygate Stakes	Trained by Aidan O'Brien
The favourite	

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## **RP Key Trends**

- By a sire with stamina index between 5.9f and 8.4f, ten winners in last ten runnings
- Top-three finish last time out, 10/10 (eight won)
- Adjusted Racing Post Rating of at least 103, 9/10
- Rated within 9lb of RPR top rated, 8/10
- Distance winner, 6/10
- Two of the four not to have won over the trip were trained by Wesley Ward – one had won over 4½f, while the other was still a maiden.

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## **QUEEN'S VASE (Group 2)**

Time: 3:05 PM GMT

3YOs £265,000

Distance: One Mile, Six Furlongs

2023 Winner: Gregory

### **1. BIRDMAN** (pictured right) -

Undefeated in two runs in Ireland this season breaking his maiden over 12 furlongs before winning the Yeats Stakes (Listed) at Navan over 13f. Bred to get the trip and already proven over an extended distance. Needs to take a step up in terms of form but has a forward showing would not surprise. Winning chance.



### **2. GROSVENOR SQUARE** - Galileo half-brother to Irish Derby (Gr 1) winner

Santiago who showed a lot of ability at two when winning two of his three starts including the Eyrefield Stakes (Gr 3) on very heavy ground in late October. However, he put in a below par performance when resuming in the Chester Vase (Gr 3) as 7/4 favourite but could bounce back here after a break.

**3. HIGHBURY** - Another Adian O'Brien-trained colt who holds a strong hand in this field as would be expected. Finished third behind Birdman in a 12-furlong maiden at Cork in late April on debut before progressing to score by seven and a half lengths in a 12-furlong maiden at



Leopardstown posting some good figures. Sure to appreciate the step up in distance and is a sound winning chance.

**4. ILLINOIS** - Decent Galileo colt who has show a good level of ability when winning on debut in a Curragh maiden over nine furlongs in October before rounding out his two-year-old season with a close third in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud (Gr 1) behind the Epsom Derby (Gr 1) placegetter Los Angeles. A little below par when third as 8/11 favourite on seasonal reappearance in the Ballysax Stakes (Gr 3) before returning to form with a good second behind subsequent English Derby (Gr 1) runner-up Amiente Friendly in the Lingfield Derby Trial (Listed). Leading chance in an open race.

**5. IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN** - Maiden winner on the all weather over the winter who was well beaten in the Lingfield Derby Trial (Listed) last time out. Has a lot to find on form.

**6. LAVENDER HILL MOB** - Exposed colt who looks overfaced here.

**7. MEYDAAN** - Well-bred son of Frankel who has steadily progressed this season to break through for a Listed win in the Cocked Hat Stakes at Goodwood. Another step up is required and on trial at the trip.

**8. MINA RASHID** - Looks overfaced here on his fourth start. Did not look the most straightforward when breaking his maiden in a 12.5-furlong maiden at Chester in May. Looks like an ambitious entry.

**9. MR HAMPSTEAD** - A son of Galileo out of Daddys Lil Darling, a multiple graded stakes winner in America including the American Oaks (Gr 1). This colt showed moderate ability in two runs early in his three-year-old season but was out of his depth running as a maiden in the English Derby (Gr 1).

**10. PAPPANO** - A lot to find on form. Well-beaten in the Chester Vase (Gr 3) and Cocked Hat (Listed). Others preferred.

**11. SEE THE GREEN** - Winner of his last start in a maiden at Catterick. Likely wants soft grounds, looks outclassed.

**12. THE EQUATOR** - Winner of a ten-furlong maiden at Leopardstown in early April before disappointing a little when fourth in the Gallinule Stakes (Gr 3) at the Curragh behind his stablemate Chief Little Rock. This is a step up in distance and class. Others preferred.

Selections: ILLINOIS & BIRDMAN

☑ POSITIVES	✖ NEGATIVES
Start in the first four in the betting	By a sire with a Stallion Index of under 10f
A low draw	
Trained by Aidan O'Brien, Charlie Johnston or Sir Michael Stoute	
Owned by Godolphin	
Won this season	

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### **RP Key Trends**

- Top-three finish last time out, 9/10
- By a sire with a stamina index in excess of 1m2f, 8/10
- Adjusted RPR of at least 108, 8/10
- Won within last two starts, 7/10
- Rated within 8lb of RPR top-rated, 7/10 (exceptions rated 12lb to 18lb off top)
- The only trainers to have won this since 2000 are Sir Michael Stoute (three times), Saeed bin Suroor (twice), Mark Johnston (seven), Aidan O'Brien (seven), John Gosden (twice), Andrew Balding, Charlie Appleby and Roger Varian (all once).
- Five winners ran in a Listed or Group race last time out.

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### **DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (Group 2)**

Time: 3:45 PM GMT

4YO+ fillies & mares £225,000

Distance: One Mile

2023 Winner: Rogue Millenium

**1. OCEAN JEWEL** - Lightly raced progressive four-year-old filly who returned in career best form taking out the Lanwades Stud Stakes (Gr 2) and defeated many fillies who repose in this field. A slightly underestimated filly from a smaller Irish-based stable who is likely to go off bigger odds than her form warrants. Winning chance but does have to overcome a three pound penalty.

**2. BREEGE** - Consistent filly who finds it hard to get her head in front but never runs a bad race. Comes here on the back of a rare winning performance taking out the Princess Elizabeth Stakes (Gr 3) at Epsom. This is a step up in class but she has very good course form including being runner up in the Sandringham Stakes at the corresponding meeting last year. Place chance.

**3. DOOM** - Well-bred lightly raced filly who progressed steadily last season which culminated in her landing a minor Listed race in France. Took a big step forward returning with a close third in the Athasi Stakes (Gr 3) at the Curragh behind Gregarina who opposes. She will need to take another significant step forward to be a winning chance here.



**4. GREGARINA** (pictured left) - Talented mare who won well on debut for Joseph O'Brien, closing strongly from well back to land the Athasi Stakes (Gr 3). She should come on plenty from her good first up win and is well over the odds.

**5. JULIA AUGUSTA** - Fairly exposed five-year-old who has plenty to find on form to be competitive in this good field. Fourth last time out behind Breege in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes (Gr 3) at Epsom. Was a solid enough performance but this looks a lot tougher.

**6. LAUREL** - Very talented filly who has been off the track for over 12 months. Group One placed as a three-year-old on only her third start. Broke through for a Listed win on the All Weather at Kempton before failing in the Lockinge Stakes (Gr 1) behind Moden Games. Obviously very talented but is lacking in experience and will have to be right back to her best to be winning - market confidence is noteworthy.

**7. MAGICAL SUNSET** - Group Three winner last season who has not been in the best of form of late. A mile stretches her stamina and others are preferred.



**8. NIBRA'S ANGEL** - A handicapper who is totally outclassed.

**9 NOVUS** - Underrated mare who generally saves her best form for soft ground but comes to this race in career best form. Place chance at long odds.

**10. ORCHID BLOOM** - Progressed from handicaps to Listed level last season. A little disappointing on seasonal reappearance in a Listed race at Goodwood before running respectably when fourth in the Lanwades Stud Stakes (Gr 2) at the Curragh behind Ocean Jewel, Goldana and Rogue Millennium. Would need to run a career best to be in the placings.

**11. ROGUE MILLENIUM** - Winner of this race last year and comes into this year's edition without a penalty. She traded for 1.65 million guineas at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale and switched to Joseph O'Brien over the winter. Sure to improve in fitness for her seasonal reappearance when third in the Lanwades Stud Stakes (Gr 2) - obvious winning claims.

**12. ROYAL DRESS** - Taken a big step forward in terms of form since switching from Richard Hannon to James Tate over the winter and the application of a hood. Unlucky and fast finishing third in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes (Gr 3) at Epsom. Place chance.

**13. RUNNING LION** - Very talented filly who finds it hard to win. Her form is in and out and if she could return to the figures she ran first time out she would be very competitive. Hard to know which one of her will show up.

**14. SEA THE LADY** - Joined talented young trainer Christopher Head over the winter after selling for €300,000 at the Arqana December Sale. Returned with a good third in a Group Three at Longchamp over 2000m. She is dropping back in trip and soft ground would help her cause. Place chance.

Selections: ROGUE MILLENNIUM

Best outsider: GREGARINA

☑ POSITIVES	☒ NEGATIVES
The favourite or second-favourite	Running under a Group 1 penalty
Contested the Dahlia Stakes (the winner especially)	Yet to win a Group race
Winning course form	
Won or placed at Royal Ascot last year	
Trained by Sir Michael Stoute, John & Thady Gosden or in France	
Owned by Cheveley Park Stud	
The favourite	

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### **RP Key Trends**

- Distance winner, 8/10
- Rated within 6lb of RPR top-rated, 8/10
- Top-three finish that season, 7/10 (one exception making reappearance)
- Adjusted RPR of at least 121, 8/10
- Had won a Group race, 6/10
- Winners of the Dahlia at Newmarket finished 9412.
- Two winners had run at the previous year's meeting – one in the Coronation Stakes (1) and one in this race (2).

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### **PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (Group 1)**

Time: 4:25 PM GMT

4YO+ £1,000,000

Distance: One Mile, Two Furlongs

2023 Winner: Mostahdaf

**1. ALFLAILA** - Talented horse who has not raced this year after only a two-start campaign as a four-year-old which saw him reach a new level in his form winning the York Stakes (Gr 2) at York first up last year. Progressive horse but hard to get a line of his current well-being without a

run this season. Ambitious first up target but should be competitive if returning in good form. Could be worth a place bet at big odds.



**2. AUGUSTE RODIN** (pictured left) - High class colt who has mixed his form between brilliant winning performances in the English & Irish Derby along with the Breeder's Cup Turf (Gr 1) but these brilliant performances are mixed in with no shows and well beaten performances including a 127-length last the last time he raced at Ascot in the King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Gr 1). He disappointed on seasonal return in the Sheema Classic (Gr 1) in Dubai before bouncing back to a good second to the reopposing White Birch in the

Tattersalls Gold Cup (Gr 1) at the Curragh. If he shows up in good form a winning chance.

**3. HANS ANDERSEN** - Looked a promising two-year-old but has failed to deliver that level of form since. Listed class of horse that will be outclassed here by his rivals. He was last seen finishing down the field behind White Birch in the Tattersalls Gold Cup (Gr 1) at the Curragh. Likely in the field to make the pace for his more fancied stablemate.

**4. HORIZON DORE** - French-trained raider who was last seen finishing a very close second in the Prix d'Ispahan (Gr 1). He has good course and distance form having finished third in the Champion Stakes (Gr 1) behind King Of Steel last season. A continuation of his form this season should see him being worth a bet in the each way market.

**5. LORD NORTH** - Veteran gelding who is a three-time Dubai Turf (Gr 1) winner who finished third to Charyn in the bet365 Mile (Gr 2) at Sandown on his most recent start only beaten just over a length. His form this season suggests that we may have already seen the best of him. Improvement needed to return to his highest level of form in order to be competitive here.

**6. ROYAL RHYME** - Relatively unexposed in this company having only had one Group One start prior to this contest where he finished fifth in the Champion Stakes (Gr 1) over this course and distance last season. He returned to racing this season in career best form taking out a poor edition of the Brigadier Gerard Stakes (Gr 2) at Sandown which is normally a good lead up race for this. He saves his best form for soft ground.

**7. SNOBBISH** - Totally outclassed and presumably in the field as a pacemaker for stablemate Blue Rose Cen.

**8. ZARAKEM** - French-trained four-year-old son of high-class young stallion Zarak. A winner of the Prix d'Harcourt (Gr 2) already this season but disappointed in the Prix Ganay (Gr 1) on very soft ground at his next start. Could run well but big improvement needed and a bounce back to form.

**9. BLUE ROSE CEN** - Impressive four-time Group One-winning four-year-old filly by Churchill. She was last seen finishing mid-division in the Prix d'Ispahan (Gr 1) on her first start for relatively small and unknown trainer Maurizio Guarnieri. A return to her previous form will see her being extremely competitive but with a change of trainer it is hard to know if a return to form will be possible.

**10. INSPIRAL** (pictured right) - Six-time Group One winner who is a leading chance despite her poor performance in her seasonal reappearance in the Lockinge Stakes (Gr 1) when being beaten 13 lengths into fourth place behind stablemate Audience. She has good Ascot form including being runner up in the Queen Anne Stakes (Gr 1) behind Triple Time and winner of the 2022 Coronation Stakes (Gr 1) on the round course. A bounce back to her usual form sees her being a live winning chance.



Selections: AUGUSTE RODIN

Best Outsider: ALFALIA

☑ POSITIVES	☒ NEGATIVES
Last-time-out winners	Yet to win a Group/Grade 1
Contested last season's renewal	Aged 6+
	Unplaced last time out
	Likely to start bigger than 8/1
	Odds-on favourite

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### **RP Key Trends**

- From the first three in the market, 9/10
- Rated within 7lb of RPR top rated, 8/10 (six were top-rated)
- Had won or placed in a Group 1, 7/10
- Adjusted RPR of at least 132, 7/10
- Had finished in the first three in a 2,000 Guineas, 7/10
- Winners who had run in a Guineas finished 211211 at Newmarket and 11221 at the Curragh. The 2021 winner Poetic Flare also ran in the French Guineas (sixth) – the first since Excellent Art in 2007 (fourth).
- Four winners had run in the British and Irish Guineas, with all making the frame in both.
- Without Parole in 2018 and Palace Pier in 2020 (both trained by John Gosden) are the only two winners not to have run in a Group 1 that season since Shavian in 1990.
- Aidan O'Brien has won nine of the last 24 runnings.

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### **ROYAL HUNT CUP (Heritage Handicap) (Class 2) (Open)**

Time: 5:05 PM GMT

3YO+ £175,000

Distance: One Mile (straight course)

2023 Winner: Jimi Hendrix

Lightly raced five-year-old **WILD TIGER** won his last two starts with relative ease and is entitled to a winning chance here. The Godolphin homebred took a significant step up in Timeform ratings to run a lifetime best figure in his last start, piloted for the first time by Oisín Murphy who retains the mount. Highly consistent and progressive four-year-old **BESHTANI**



also took a huge step up in ratings when narrowly beaten in his last run, also a first time performance for new connections. The son of Siyouni has a winning chance if he can replicate the level of form displayed in his last run. **SONNY LISTON**, who ran second in this event last year, is another consistent performer at this level who comes into this race off a winning seasonal debut and career best Timeform rating. Although the five-year-old gelding carries top weight in this event, his previous form at the course and distance coupled with lifetime best ratings in his last run suggest a strong winning chance.

Selections: BESHTANI

Best outsider: TALIS EVOLVERE

☑ POSITIVES	☒ NEGATIVES
Previous quality straight-track Ascot form	Aged 6+
Four-year-olds	Set to carry 9st 6lb+
Carrying 9st+	
Irish-trained	
Respect Charlie Hills, James Fanshawe and Saeed bin Suroor	
First four in the market	
New headgear	

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### **RP Key Trends**

- Aged four or five, 9/10 (eight aged four)
- Carried between 9st and 9st 5lb, 9/10
- Officially rated between 96 and 103, 8/10
- Won or been placed in a field of at least 13 runners, 8/10
- Top-three finish at least once that season, 8/10 (both exceptions making reappearance)
- Ran between one and three times that campaign, 7/10
- Distance winner, 6/10
- There have been only three winning favourites in the last 35 years –True Panache in 1989, Yeast in 1996 and Forgotten Voice in 2009.

- Only three of the last ten winners were drawn in single figures, while 2022 winner Dark Shift was the only one drawn between stalls 12 and 20.
- Four winners wore some form of headgear.

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## KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES (Handicap) (Class 2) (0-105)

Time: 5:40 PM GMT

4YO fillies & mares £100,000

Distance: One Mile (round course)

2023 Winner: Villanova Queen

Very open 25 runner mares handicap that is a bit of a lottery to be frank. A race that has only been recently added to the meeting so no firm race trends provide a guide to the likely outcome. The race has switched to the straight course after being run on the round course for the past four years. **SUMMER OF LOVE** is lightly raced and seemingly well handicapped. A good winner of novice at Kempton over seven furlongs in early June should set up nicely for a good performance for Saeed bin Suroor who has a good record in Royal Ascot handicaps. There is a multitude of other chances but two at longer odds who should be running better than their odds suggest are the Joseph O'Brien trained pair **ADELAISE** and **KARSAVINA**. Both have had this race on their for some time and will hopefully be running bold races.

Selections: SUMMER OF LOVE

Best outsider: ADELAISE & KARSAVINA

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None	None

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## WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (Listed)

Time: 6:15 PM GMT

2YOs £100,000

Distance: Five Furlongs

2023 Winner: Big Evs

**1. AIN'T NOBODY** - Son of first-season sire and Royal Ascot winning two-year-old Sands Of Mali who won well on debut in a five furlong Novice at Carlisle in late May and posted some solid figures. Seems over the odds - place chance.

**2. ARABIAN COBRA** - Remains a maiden after three runs. Plenty to find on form.

**3. ARTAGNAN** - Ran reasonably well on debut to finish second behind the talented Loom who reopposes here. Sure to come on from his solid first start and a place chance at long odds.

**4. BRETTON WOOD** - Three start maiden who will find life tough here.

**5. BROSAY** - Has experience on his side with four races to date but looks a bit exposed and below the level required to be winning here.

**6. CALYXOH** - Showed some ability on debut when finishing second in a six furlong novice at Newmarket. Failed to build on that with a bit of a plain effort in a similar contest at Leicester at the start of June. Dropping back to five furlongs.

**7. CELTIC CHIEFTAIN** - Overcame greenness on debut to win a five furlong maiden at Navan well as the stable second string. Posted solid ratings in winning and sure to be a leading chance for a stable that commands respect. Winning chance.

**8. CHEVAL DE GUERRE** - Recruited by Jon Stewart's Resolute Racing for US\$450,000 at the Keeneland April HIT Sale after showing plenty of speed to go under by a neck at Keeneland in a Maiden Special Weight over five and a half furlongs on the turf. The stiff five furlongs here may be a concern but he will give you a sight and will be on the pace.

**9. END OF STORY** - Won a modest five-furlong maiden at Thirsk in May before leading and not getting home over six furlongs in the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom. A bit to find on form.

**10. FUJI MOUNTAIN** - Looks outclassed based on his two starts to date.

**11. GABALDON** - Showed exceptional early speed to win the Royal Palm Juvenile Stakes over five furlongs on the turf at Gulfstream Park. He will undoubtedly be leading the field but the stiff five furlongs may prove an issue based on the way he was stopping at the end of his debut win.

**12. HAWAIIAN** - Won well at Newbury in a five furlong maiden and then failed due to the soft ground at Sandown when 6/5 favourite in the National Stakes (Listed). Could bounce back if the ground is firmer.

**13. HONORARY AMERICAN** - Beaten short-priced favourite at Aqueduct in a five and a half furlong Maiden Special Weight who looks well under the odds based on that plain performance. Showed plenty of speed but faded in the run to the line.

**14. JM JHINGREE** - Modest form and looks exposed on his three runs to date.

**15. KARL CARLSTON** - Very green on debut when third as a 7/4 favourite at Bath in a five and half furlong maiden. Plenty to find to be competitive here.

**16. PONT NEUF** - Under-rated colt who is well over the odds. Won well on debut at Kempton over five furlongs before carrying a penalty to defeat subsequent impressive winner Kassaya. Looks to have been set for this race and a winning chance.



**17. REPOSADO** - Three-start maiden who only narrowly went under at his second start over course and distance in a novice in May. He then ran a solid enough race to finish fourth in the National Stakes (Listed) at Sandown. Not the roughest of hopes.

**18. ROCK N ROLL ROCKET** - Won well enough on debut at Cork over five furlongs in a Maiden before failing badly on soft ground at Tipperary in late May. Needs to bounce back to form to be competitive.

**19. RUDI'S APPLE** - Good breeze up colt who ran well on debut when finishing third at Tipperary over five furlongs. Sure to improve in terms of fitness and a place chance at big odds.

**20. SENSORIUM** - Did not show a huge amount on debut at Windsor. Hard to have.

**21. SEX ON FIRE** - Winner on debut on the All Weather at Southwell over five furlongs in late March before a decent third over course and distance behind Enchanting Empress and Rock Hunter. A further step forward would not surprise. Place chance at long odds.

**22. SHADOW ARMY** - (pictured below) Talented colt who won very well on debut at York in a five furlong novice before selling to Wathnan Racing. The form out of this race has worked out well and obvious winning chances.



**23. SIR YOSHI** - Progressing with racing and solid enough form for this race. Last start winner of a maiden at Tipperary over five furlongs. Place chance at long odds.

**24. TREASURE ISLE** - Second on debut at the Curragh before winning a five-runner five furlong maiden at Naas. Posted good ratings on his last start victory and his strength in the market is a very good sign from a stable which has to be

respected.

**25. VINGEGAARD** - Winner of a modest Chepstow five furlong maiden. Should come on for that run and the trainer has a good record at Royal Ascot.

**26. WEISSMULLER** - Breeze up purchase who showed some ability on debut. Will need to progress plenty to be competitive here.



**27. ZABEEL ROAD** - Winner on debut at Ayr over five furlongs before carrying a penalty to finish fourth behind Shadow Army at York. Possible place chance at long odds.

**28. AVIATION TIME** - Solid enough form and in receipt of the fillies allowance. Won a Kempton maiden on debut over six furlongs before finishing a solid third in the Hillary Needler over five furlongs at Beverley. Place chance.

Selections: SHADOW ARMY

Best outsider: RUDI'S APPLE

✔ POSITIVES	✘ NEGATIVES
Trained by Aidan O'Brien, Wesley Ward, Jack Channon or Jamie Osborne	Trained by Richard Hannon
Drawn very high or very low	
Do not be put off by big prices or overlook racecourse debutants	

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### RP Key Trends

- No more than three runs, 10/10
- By a sire with a stamina index of 6.5f-8.1f, 9/10
- Beaten last time out, 7/10 (two finished outside top three)
- Distance winner 6/10 (three exceptions were maidens)
- Drawn in double figures, 6/10
- Fillies won five in a row (1996 to 2000), but only one has placed in the last ten years.
- The 2022 winner Little Big Bear was RPR top-rated, but six of the other nine were between 7lb and 19lb off top.

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Stuart Boman has been a member of the Blandford Bloodstock team for over 15 years and became a partner in 2020. Stuart specialises in the horses in training market with a focus on selling horses abroad primarily to Australia, Hong Kong and America and has a strong network of connections in those regions. He has also enjoyed great success with yearling purchases and is an expert in the breeze up market.



His many horses in training successes are headed by the brilliant **ZAAKI** (pictured below) who was purchased with Annabel Neasham for 150,000gns at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale and



went on to win four Group One races and over \$10 million in prize money as well as Group 2 winner and Group One placegetter **FAWKNER PARK** who was purchased for 120,000gns at the 2022 Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale. He has now won over \$1.3 million in prize money.

Other notable purchases include Group One winners **BOIS D'ARGENT**, **TOP RANKED** as well as **EURO CHARLINE**, **EXCELEBRATION** and **CRACKERJACK KING**.

Stuart has also enjoyed success with his yearling purchases that include Royal Ascot winner **DOCKLANDS** (pictured right) (£16,000 purchase), Group winners **SYDNEYARMS CHELSEA** (£9,000 purchase - Group 3 winner), **WISDOM OF WATER** (\$70,000 purchase - Group 3 winner won \$1.1 million), **POSITIVE PEACE** (\$260,000 purchase - Group 2 winner and won \$550,000), **MISSYBEEL** (\$210,000 purchase - Group 3 winner and won \$450,000) and **UNENCUMBERED** (\$70,000 purchase - MM 2YO Classic winner and won \$1.8 million).



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