



Thursday 16th June

NORFOLK STAKES (Group 2)

Post time: 2.30PM GMT

Distance - 5f

2YO £110,000

2021 Winner : Perfect Power

1. BAKEEL - trainer Andrew Balding, UK

By first season sire Sioux Nation and created a good impression winning over course and distance in late April. He was the first off the bridle that day and stayed on strongly under hard riding to win. The form out of the race is only fair and he has not run for seven weeks. A leading chance but a few question marks.

2. BRAVE NATION - trainer Michael Bell, UK

Also by first season sire Sioux Nation. Very impressive debut winner at Doncaster at the end of April. The form out of the race has worked out well and he won untouched that day. A talented colt who is a winning chance here.

3. CRISPY CAT - trainer Michael O'Callaghan, IRE

Experienced on pace colt who won well on debut before being touched off in a pair of Listed races over five furlongs. He was forced to commit a little too soon at Sandown last start and a forward showing here should be expected again. Looks well over the odds. This colt received a promising form update on Wednesday when Maria Branwell, who beat him by a neck in the Coral National (Listed, 5f) at Sandown, was third in the Queen Mary (Gr 2, 5f).

4. JUNGLE FEVER - trainer Charlie & Mark Johnston, UK



Won a modest race at Brighton last start. Will have to take a big step forward to be competitive here.

5. MY FIRST RODEO - trainer John Ryan, UK

Aptly named colt making his career debut here. Cheap purchase from the breeze up sales. Looks a tough spot to start his career.

6. REDEMPTION TIME - trainer Clive Cox, UK

Took three starts to get off the mark. Has plenty of speed and must respect connections but he will need to step up again to be competitive in this race.

7. THE ANTARCTIC (right) - trainer Aidan O'Brien, IRE

Brother to Battash who costs 750,000gns as a yearling. Has scored two narrow hard fought victories over five furlongs in Ireland which seemed to suit him. Obviously has ability but was hanging a little late on at Naas last start and month between runs. Winning chance.



8. THE RIDLER - trainer Richard Fahey, UK
Winner of one race from three starts. Looks well held here.

9. THUNDER MOOR - trainer Kevin Ryan, UK

Won well at York at his second start over five furlongs. Form has worked out well. Will be over the odds and has a good chance.

10. WALBANK - trainer David Loughnane, UK

Expensive breeze up purchase who ran well on debut behind Noble Style at Ascot over five furlongs before streaking away to a seven length victory at York over five furlongs. Quality sprinting colt who is a definite winning chance here.

11. PILLOW TALK - Trainer Karl Burke, UK

Good run on debut when overcoming a poor run to just go under before taking a big step forward to win a good Listed race over five furlongs at York next time out. She has plenty of speed and experience on her side. Get a three pound filly allowance. Place chance.

KING GEORGE V STAKES (Heritage Handicap)

Post time : 3:05 PM GMT

Distance : 1m 4f

3YO £100,000 Rating 0-105

2021 winner: Surefire

POST IMPRESSIONIST is a lightly raced and consistent gelding whose form received a boost today when Eldar Eldarov, who he was second behind in a Newcastle novice at his last run, won the Queen's Vase on Wednesday (Gr 2, 1m 6f). The son of Teofilo is both well handicapped and will be piloted by current leading jockey at the Royal meeting, Daniel Tudhope. Godolphin's **SECRET STATE** comes into this race from two wins, one in a maiden defeating another Godolphin horse in Honiton which has since won and second victory in a novice event at Newbury quite nicely. This horse looks able to see out the step up in trip and has a winning chance here if he runs to form. Jessica Harrington trainee **YASHIN** also comes into this race off two wins in his last two starts. The Churchill gelding won at this distance in a three-year-old handicap at Leopardstown this spring, then again in a ten furlong handicap at Navan. Yashin carries joint top weight in this event, however, he could be formidable enough to make an impact running back at 12 furlongs.

RIBBLESDALE STAKES (Group 2)

Post time: 3:40PM GMT

Distance: 1m 4f

3YO £200,000

2021 winner: Loving Dream

1. HISTORY - Trained by Aidan O'Brien, IRE

A 2,800,000gns yearling purchase by M.V Magnier, this filly took three runs to break her maiden as a two-year-old but did so nicely enough when stepped up to a mile. She won the Cornelscourt (Gr 3, 1m) in her three-year-old debut by three quarters of a length over Agatha before disappointing when seventh in the Irish 1,000 Guineas (Gr 1, 1m). A step up in trip and the firmer ground may see a more forward showing.

2. LIFE OF DREAMS - Trained by Charlie Appleby, UK

This talented daughter of Dubawi is out of Lancashire Oaks (Gr 2, 12f) winner Endless Time who won her maiden on debut over ten furlongs at Newbury by a comfortable three and a half lengths. This filly then ran second in the Musidora Stakes (Gr 3, 10½f) beaten five and a half lengths by Emily Upjohn who was subsequently second in the English Oaks (Gr 1, 12f) by a short head. This filly should be capable of seeing out the trip and should be competitive.



3. MAGICAL LAGOON (left) - Trained by Mrs John Harrington, IRE

Winner of the Flame of Tara (Gr 3, 1m) as a two-year-old, this daughter of Galileo was then well held in the Fillies' Mile (Gr 1, 1m) at Newmarket at the end of the season, possibly not appreciating the cut in the ground that day. In one start at three she appears to have improved with maturity, enjoying a step up in trip in the Salsabil Stakes (Listed, 10f) to finish an unlucky second in a photo finish with Concert Hall, who was then third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas

(Gr 1, 1m) and fourth in the English Oaks (Gr 1, 12f). She is likely to improve from that run and should be tough to beat here.

4. MUKADDAMAH - Trained by Roger Vagian, UK

A consistent filly in three runs to date who was most recently third in the Fillies' Trial (Listed, 10f). The form from that race has held up well with the winner Nashwa running third in the English Oaks (Gr 1, 12f) and the second placegetter winning a Listed fillies' stakes last week. Those three were well clear of the rest of the field. This filly is possibly over the odds for a place chance.

5. MYSTIC WELLS - Trained by George Boughey, UK

A daughter of Kitten's Joy who was placed in a Listed fillies' race in her last start. Very consistent performer this year in her three starts and likely to set the pace in this event. She might find life difficult in this company.

6. SEA SILK ROAD - Trained by William Haggas, UK

Winner of both her starts at three, including the Height Of Fashion (Listed, 10f). A daughter of Sea The Stars who looks well capable of getting the trip and if she runs back to the form of her last start is a place chance here.

ASCOT GOLD CUP (Group 1)

Post time: 4.20PM GMT

Distance: 2m 4f

4YO+ £500,000

2021 Winner: Subjectivist

1. **ALIGNAK**- Trained by Jamie Osbourne, UK

Six-year-old horse by Sea The Moon, has been busy over the winter running in Dubai at Group and Handicap level. Stays well but not good enough to win a Gold Cup on current form

2. **EARLOFTHECOSTWODS** - Trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, UK

Bought as a National Hunt store horse as a three-year-old for £19,000 in 2017. Decent dual purpose horse who won a decent race on the all weather at Newcastle on last start. Stamina is guaranteed but will likely lack the class to win this but could stay on for a place.

3. **STRADIVARIUS** (right)- Trained by John & Thady Gosden, UK

A three-time winner of this race and crowd favorite. The eight-year-old has been a dominating force in the global staying scene for the past five years. Questions arose at the end of last season whether or not he retained his former ability when suffering defeat in this race to Subjectivist and coming second to Trueshan in the Prix du Cadran (Gr 1, 4000m) on very soft ground and finishing third behind Trueshan in the British Champions Long Distance Cup (Gr 2, 2m)



over a good to soft course. In his seasonal debut this spring he looked back to his best when comfortably winning the Yorkshire Cup (G2, 1m6f). He will have his ground for this race and is a winning chance as always.

4. **TRUESHAN** - Trained by Alan King, UK

Unbeaten in his last four races including the Goodwood Cup (Gr 2, 2m) and the Prix du Cadran (Gr 1, 4000m). This horse has done his best work to date over soft and heavy ground and will face a good to firm course on Thursday which he likely will not appreciate.

5. KYPRIOS - Trained by Aidan O'Brien, IRE

This son of Galileo defeated his dual Irish St. Leger (Gr 1, 1m6f) winning sister Search For A Song in the Vintage Crop Stakes (Listed, 1m6f) and subsequently took the Levmoos Stakes (Gr 3, 1m6f) by a staggering 14 lengths. This horse is lightly raced to date and has the pedigree to become the next big name in the international stayers' ranks. He has a good chance to challenge in this event if he handles the extended trip. Hard to beat.

6. MOJO STAR - Trained by Richard Hannon, UK

English Derby (Gr 1, 12f) runner up in 2021 as a maiden. Disappointed in the Irish Derby (Gr 1, 12f) but bounced back to finish second in the St Ledger (Gr 1, 1m6 ½f) behind Hurricane Lane. Trip a complete unknown but it high class and could outrun his odds

7. TASHKHAN - Trained by Brian Ellison, UK

Ended last season with a lifetime best effort running second to Trueshan in the Long Distance Cup (Gr 2, 2m). Beaten in two starts this season by Stradivarius and Princess Zoe. A talented horse that enjoys a bit of cut in the ground. Difficult to see him reversing the form of his last two races on this ground.

8. BUBBLE SMART - M. Delzangles, FR

A smart French staying mare who will likely get the distance, however, she will need to step up to be competitive in this company and will not have the cut in the ground she prefers.

9. BURNING VICTORY - Trained by Willie Mullins, IRE

Finished second in last year's Cesarewitch Handicap but has been plying her trade over jumps throughout the winter. Trainer knows what it takes to be competitive in this as he finished second with Simenon in 2013. Trip will not be an issue but might be short of class to be a winning chance.

10. PRINCESS ZOE - Trained by Tony Mullins, IRE

A daughter of Jukebox Jury who began her career in Germany before entering the yard of Tony Mullins in the Spring of 2020 where she climbed the ranks of high class handicaps and blossomed into a top class stayer. She won the Prix du Cadran (G1, 4000m) on heavy ground in 2020 then finished a strong second to Subjectivist on a good to firm course in this race last summer. She did not run up to form in Riyadh on her seasonal debut, however, her winning effort in the Sagaro Stakes Gold Cup Trial (Gr 3, 2m) indicated that she is back to her best. A versatile and consistent performer with a good place chance.



BRITANNIA STAKES (CLASS 2 HERITAGE HANDICAP)

Post time: 5.00pm GMT

Distance: 1m

3YO £120,000 Rating 0-105

2021 Winner: Perotto

Godolphin has two good chances in this race with **KING OF TIME** and **TRANQUIL NIGHT** who is undefeated from three starts coming into this race. A tough Kingman gelding that is improving with each run, is well handicapped in this event and should have a competitive chance. **TRANQUIL NIGHT** has won each of his three starts as a three-year-old, including an impressive three and three quarter length victory in a handicap over a mile at Newmarket in his last start. Although rated higher than his stablemate, William Buick has chosen to pilot **KING OF TIME**, giving James Doyle the mount on this son of Invincible Spirit. **WHOPUTFIFTYINYOU** is an unbeaten colt in four starts for Clive Cox who will likely be able to close off a strong pace in this event to be effective. **SAGA** has shown the ability to be quite competitive here if forgiven for an inexplicably poor showing in his handicap debut last time out. At two this colt was second on debut to multiple Group One winner Modern Games, then second to English 2,000 Guineas (Gr 1, 1m) and St. James's Palace Stakes (G1, 1m) winner Coroebus. In his three-year-old debut he was second to Maljoom, who was beaten half a length in total for fourth in the St. James's Palace Stakes yesterday behind Coroebus. It is difficult to excuse his last run, however, he has won at Ascot before and based on how his previous race form has developed he is deserving of an outside place chance.

HAMPTON COURT STAKES (Group 3)

Post time: 5:35PM

Distance: 1m 2f

3YO £100,000

2021 Winner: Mohaafeth



1. CLAYMORE (left)- trained by Jane Chapple-Hyam, UK

An impressive winner on debut in the Autumn of his two-year-old season. He ran in the Craven (Gr 3, 1m) in his three-year-old debut and finished second to multiple G1 winner and last year's European Champion Juvenile Native Trail. This colt did not run up to form in the French 2,000 Guineas (G1, 1600m), racing prominently and weakening in the final stages. He has the ability to be competitive here but needs soft

ground to be at his best.

2. CRESTA - trained by Freddie & Martyn Meade, UK

Talented colt who was sold on Monday at the Goffs London sale for £490,000 with the entry for this race. A Group Three placed son of New Bay was most recently second in a Listed event over 1 mile 2 ½ furlongs. A leading chance here.

3. HOWTH - trained by Aidan O'Brien, IRE

First time stretching out beyond a mile, finds it difficult to win. Prefer others.

4. KINGMAX - trained by David Loughnane, UK

This colt has been running against some extremely tough company in his last two starts and has not disgraced himself. Finished behind Claymore in the Craven (Gr 3, 1m) and was then fifth in the Dante Stakes (Gr 2, 1m2½f) to subsequent English Derby (Gr 1, 12f) winner Desert Crown. Possibly better over farther as his dam stayed up to 1 mile 7 furlongs. Possibly above odds for a placing.

5. MAKSUD - trained by Hughie Morrison, UK

Lightly raced gelding bred by Shadwell on the up and up for Hughie Morrison. This will be his third career start and he has every right to improve based on his last experience. Place chance.

6. REACH FOR THE MOON (right) -

trained by John & Thady Gosden, UK

Highly talented and consistent colt that keeps improving for owner/breeder The Queen. Already a Group Three winner and Group Two placed. He will stretch out for the first time beyond a mile here but his pedigree suggests he will handle it. Dettori, who also rode this colt last year to a second place finish in the Chesham (Listed, 7f) rides again. Should be difficult to beat here. Winning chance.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE STAKES (CLASS 2 HANDICAP)

Post Time: 6:10PM GMT

Distance: 7f

3YO+ £100,000 Rating 0-105

2021 Winner: Highfield Princess

After more than a year since his debut victory as a two-year-old, **MONTASSIB** made an impressive return to the races and winning ways in both of his runs over this spring. The four-year-old gelding looks like a useful and improving horse for William Haggas. The Godolphin gelding **SILENT FILM** has won his last three races, each a handicap over seven furlongs. The Charlie Appleby trainee is a very consistent horse who has won or placed in six of seven lifetime starts and makes his first start back in England here after a winter in the Middle East. Charlie Hill's **TANMAWWY** is undefeated over six furlongs with his only career loss coming in his sole try over seven. That seven furlong run was his first race back off more than a year long absence from the racecourse and as such he could possibly be forgiven his failure to settle or stay. The son of Invincible Spirit is well handicapped here and will be ridden by James McDonald, who has already ridden two winners this week at the Royal meeting.