

## ROYAL ASCOT PREVIEW DAY ONE WEDNESDAY

### 2.30 QUEEN MARY STAKES (GROUP 2, 5f)

1. **ARTOS** - USA-bred filly. Small filly. Question her form but Frankie on and well in the market. Not convinced but have to respect.
2. **BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE**- Blandford purchase as a foal. Improving with each run. Had a tough time in each of her races but finds plenty for pressure. Not sure she is good enough but she is game and tries.
3. **CHEERUPSLEEPYJEAN** - Won a weak maiden at the Curragh and then failed in Listed race. Others preferred.
4. **CHOUX** - Won a poor race at Thirsk well. Scratched since on vet cert. Small sharp filly. Good enough?
5. **COUP DE FORCE** - Won a restricted novice at Chepstow. Question whether she is good enough.
6. **CRAZYLAND** - Won well at Windsor on debut. Every chance when third in the Marygate. Quick stride. Place chance.
7. **DESERT DREAMER** - Keen going. Small. Good form but races did not rate highly. Question the quality of the last race. Back to 5f will suit. Winning chance.
8. **EVE LODGE** - Won a bad race well at Lingfield. Talented but good enough?
9. **GET AHEAD** - Won well (plenty in hand) at Ascot on debut beating Eve Lodge. No run since. Rest of the form out of the race is only fair. Place chance.
10. **HARMONY ROSE** - Quick / short stride. Had plenty of racing. Not good enough.
11. **ILLUSTRATING** - Won well on debut / ears pricked. Good action. Second filly that day then finished 5th in the Marygate. Winning chance.
12. **JAZZY PRINCESS** - Looks outclassed based on her only start to date.
13. **MAS PODER** - Very small. Goffs UK breeze up filly. 4th in Marygate first time out - hampered late on. Tries hard. Place chance.
14. **MISTY AYR** - Purchased at the Guineas Breeze Up Sale. Slowly away and closed well without pressure on debut. Can improve on that but will need to.
15. **NYMPHADORA** - Blandford yearling purchase. Tired late on debut behind Desert Dreamer. Improved a lot to win the Marygate well second time out. Winning chance.
16. **ORINOCO RIVER** - Travelled best / last off the bridle and just tired a little late on debut. Galloped out strongly that day. Ryan Moore rides stablemate but on that run this filly has a winning chance.
17. **POPPY PETAL** - Won a poor race at Catterick. Not for me.
18. **QUICK SUZY** - Talented filly quick good stride. Will be suited back to 5f. Only run down late only in a Gr 3 last start. Winning chance.
19. **TWILIGHT GLEAMING** - Looked much better on the turf as compared to her debut on the dirt. She is talented but not entirely convinced by her / seems under the odds. Respect.
20. **VERTIGINOUS** - Green on debut. Will need to improve a lot.
21. **WHITE JASMINE** - Fair form should struggle.
22. **YET** - Touched off Orinoco River at Dundalk on debut - both drew well clear. Preferred the run of the second filly but Ryan chooses this one.

**Pace:** Big field and should be run at a good pace. Likely leaders Artos and Quick Suzy are drawn at the extremes. Hard to know where the best place to race will be.

### 3.05 QUEEN'S VASE (Gr 2, 1m6f)

1. **ARTURO TOSCANINI** - First off the bridle and stayed on well last start on heavy ground. Better on top of the ground. Proper stayer. Plenty of speed on the dam side but both of his brothers have won over 16f+. Should stay the trip without an issue. Winning chance.
2. **BENAUD** - Gelded and stepped up in trip from 2 to 3. Came from last first up at Naas and won with ears pricked. Question whether he will get the trip on pedigree. Needs to take a step up.
3. **DANCING KING** - Won four in a row. Looks and races like an older horse. Won off 94 last start. Keeps winning. Not well placed last start and still won well. Already won over the trip. Winning chance.
4. **DIRHAM EMIRATI** - Bred to get the trip - out of a half sister to Master Of Reality. Needs to take a big step up but the trainer would not run here if he did not think he would be competitive. Does need to improve a lot to be competitive.
5. **GOLDEN FLAME** - Typical Mark Johnston horse who won very well last start. Only won off a mark of 85 but looks to have a bit of class. Good pedigree, 2nd dam Spirit of Tara, should get the trip. Needs to step up but place chance.

- 6. KEMARI** - Very lightly raced and stepping up in class and distance. Won well last start and obviously has promise for connections to come here. Will definitely stay based on pedigree. Might surprise and take the step up.
- 7. KYPRIOS** - Well bred horse (brother to Free Eagle). Won maiden well and then ran well enough in the Lingfield Derby Trial. Poorly drawn but can bounce back.
- 8. LAW OF THE SEA** - Big slow striding horse. Won well enough at Leicester in a moderate novice then failed up in class. Trainer would not run her for no reason but needs to improve. Half to Le Don De Vie - should get the trip.
- 9. PIED PIPER** - Not quite up to this class but will stay the trip.
- 10. RECOVERY RUN** - Very good form last year but has been very disappointing this year. Needs to improve sharply. Looks like he will get the trip but not bred for it at all - a lot of speed on the dam side.
- 11. RULING** - Lightly raced and has a decent level of ability. Question how genuine he is. High head carriage. Enough stamina in pedigree but not certain to stay.
- 12. STOWELL (Aus)** - Up in class and distance. Looks promising but up against much more seasoned rivals. Frankie rides. Question mark to get the distance on pedigree.
- 13. TAIPAN** - Decent level of form but well beaten last start on heavy ground - improve back on top of the ground? Big step up in distance, not a certain stayer. Question how genuine he is. Not bred for the trip.
- 14. WORDSWORTH** - Lightly raced / inexperienced. Travels strongly in his races. Will need to be able to settle better over a longer trip. Ryan Moore rides which is significant. Big quicker stride / knee action. High head carriage. Very good pedigree. Rightful favourite but up against more experienced horses.
- 15. ZINC WHITE** - Won very well on soft ground at Sandown. Don't think he will go as well on firmer ground.

**Pace:** Should be run at a solid tempo. Kemari, Dancing King and Golden Flame likely leaders.

#### **3.40 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES (Gr 2, 1m)**

- 1. CHAMPERS ELYSEES** - Poorly placed carrying a Group 1 penalty. Not in as good a form as last year / action not great this year (issues?). Place chance if she can regain her form.
- 2. LADY BOWTHORPE** - Taken the next step this season. Good turn of foot. Has good Ascot form and best trip is 1m. Very hard to beat.
- 3. QUEEN POWER** - Very good at York over 10f. Back to 1m. Questionable form at Ascot. Definite winning chance but a few question marks.
- 4. AGINCOURT** - Listed class older mare. Had wind surgery and wears a tongue tie. Not really up to this grade.
- 5. BOUNCE THE BLUES** - Listed class filly who should have won her last start. Place chance but step up in grade here.
- 6. DOUBLE OR BUBBLE** - Big step up in class but bolted up last start in a handicap. Could take the step up in class. Has good Ascot form. Place chance.
- 7. FOORAAT** - Well bred and lightly raced. No run since April. Needs to take a step up but a place chance if she does.
- 8. INDIE ANGEL** - Consistent enough Listed class filly. Should be outclassed here but does try.
- 9. LAVENDER'S BLUE** - Has to have a chance but needs to take a step up to be able to win a Group 2. Better over a little further and with more give in the ground. Place chance.
- 10. ONASSIS** - Royal Ascot winner last year. Progressed really well as a 3YO from handicapper to Group filly last year. First up at a mile is a question mark also best form with some cut in the ground. If she has improved again and is forward enough she has to have a chance.
- 11. PARENT'S PRAYER** - Has been well placed. Won a weak Group 3 last start. On pace runner. Racing consistently. Place chance.
- 12. POSTED** - Should be well held in this grade.
- 13. VALERIA MESSALINA** - Far from the worst. Talented filly. Showed a lot of ability last year. Failed first up on soft ground. Could improve sharply here. Has a chance at big odds.

**Pace:** Good pace on paper. Fooraat and Parent's Prayer drawn on either side of the field.

#### **4.20 PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES (Gr1, 1m2f)**

- 1. ARMORY** - Second in the Cox Plate last year. Very talented horse. Won well in Group 2 at Chester first up in a slowly run race showing a good turn of foot. Needs to take the step to Group 1 level but has the ability. No firm ground form?

2. **DESERT ENCOUNTER** - Needs further and not really up to this class. Likeable older horse but not the right race for him.
3. **LORD NORTH** - Won this race last year showing a fantastic turn of foot. Won the Dubai Turf very well last time out. If slowly run should be advantaged. The one to beat.
4. **MY OBERON** - Solid G2/G3 horse. Not really up to this class. Place chance.
5. **SANGARIUS** - Very talented but has had two wind operations and not really up to Group 1 standard. Should race on the pace.
6. **AUDARYA** - Took the step to Group 1 level last season. This is another step forward but if she has improved again and if forward enough she would have a winning chance.
7. **LOVE** - Exceptional 3yo filly who has been off the scene for a long time. Need the run and further? If near her best should just win as she is very good.

**Pace:** Slow pace on paper.

#### 5.00 ROYAL HUNT CUP (Class 2, 1m)

30 runner handicap - impossible race if you are betting. A few horses to note:

1. **BELL ROCK (UAE)** - Talented horse but is carrying top weight. Group quality horse and suited by the mile and big field.
2. **HAQEEQY** - Blandford purchase at the breeze up sales. Very talented / Group quality horse. Can forgive last start. Winning chance.
6. **BRUNCH (UAE)** - Talented and underrated. Weighted to his best form. Not a big fan of his jockey but has a chance.
11. **ASCENSION** - Consistent handicapper. Drawn high / not the worst.
15. **MATTHEW FLINDERS (UAE)** - Has shaped with ability a number of times. Slightly disappointing last start but down in the weights.
16. **FINEST SOUND** - Progressive / potentially well in. Trainer has a good record in Ascot handicaps.
19. **ASTRO KING (Aus / UAE)** - Lightly raced and progressive. Finest Sound better in at the weights.
23. **IRISH ADMIRAL** - Trainer always does well in big handicaps. Quite lightly raced and might be better back on firmer ground.

**Pace:** Should go very fast - truly run race.

#### 5.35 WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES (Listed, 5f)

1. **ADMIRAL D** - Cheap Goffs UK Breeze Up horse. Quick stride. Dropping back from 6f to 5f which should suit. Only fair on debut then won well next time out in a weak field.
2. **ALBION SQUARE** - Had three runs. Improved at each start. Small / short stride. On pace runner. 5f horse.
3. **AMALFI COAST** - Took three starts to win. Won well enough last start.
4. **AMAZONIAN DREAM** - Should be outclassed here.
5. **ARMOR** - Won well on debut at Doncaster. Sharp type / short stride. No run since April. Slightly inexperienced for such a big field but has ability.
6. **BARGING THRU** - Typical Archie Watson 2yo - hard trained. Free going on pace. Suspect he won't be good enough but not the worst.
7. **BICEP** - On pace winning performance on debut in fairly average race. Doubt he is good enough.
8. **BOND CHAIRMAN** - Should be well held.
9. **BOONIE** - Has ability. Won well on debut and then unlucky not to win again under the penalty. Will be over the odds. Has a chance.
10. **CHIPOTLE** - Has Ascot form. Suited back on firmer ground? Tired poorly late on last start. Not sure.
11. **DIG TWO** - Improved with each run. Won carrying a penalty last. Should be suited back to 5f.
12. **DUSKY PRINCE** - Speedy 2YO type. Doubt he will be good enough.
13. **ERNIE'S VALENTINE** - Narrowly won an average race at Leicester. Prefer others.
14. **FLAMING RIB** - Shown a decent level of form. On pace and tries. Place chance.
15. **HOME CITY** - Will need to improve a lot on his debut to be competitive here.
16. **KABOO** - Not sold at the breeze up sales. Big More Than Ready colt who ran quick times. Bit of an ask first time out but did showed some ability at the sale.
17. **LORD GORGEOUS** - Sharp 2YO type. Short quick stride. Big step up but doubt he would just come over from Ireland for a day out but needs to step up on form

- 18. **PODEROSO** - Got speed but has been disappointing overall.
- 19. **ROBASTA** - Raced consistently without winning. Not hopeless but doubt he will be competitive here.
- 20. **ROYAL EMERTHER** - Not good enough.
- 21. **SILKS PASS** - Won well enough on debut in an average race. Doubt he will be good enough.
- 22. **SPRING IS SPRUNG** - Progressed well from first to second start. Has some ability to place.
- 23. **SUPERIOR FORCE** - Not the worst but prefer others.
- 24. **TIPPERARY SUNSET** - Talented colt - won both of his races well. No firm ground form. Not sure he is running after being sold in the Goffs Ascot Sale on Monday.
- 25. **FREYBELLA** - No chance
- 26. **GOLDEN BELL** - Typical Wesley Ward maiden winning performance at Keeneland - sprung the gates, led and far too good. Race on the dirt. Looks uncomplicated.
- 27. **GUILDED** - Improved a lot from first to second start. Needs to step up again.
- 28. **RUTHIN** - Won very well at Keeneland on the turf but was very green. Surprised they have chosen Windsor Castle. Looks better than that. Winning chance

#### 6.10 KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES (Class 2, 1m)

- 1. **LIGHTS ON** - Rapidly improving. Did not win by far last start but gave the impression she had the upper hand on the runner up. Very consistent / winning form and good Ascot form. May be able to defy top weight. Ryan Moore an advantage but a high draw is a worry on the round course.
- 2. **TOMORROW'S DREAM** - First time back to handicap in quite a while. Last winning mark was 84. Been consistent without threatening in stakes company. Handicapped right to her best.
- 3. **WALIYAK** - Fairly consistent lightly raced filly. Second in the Sandringham at Royal Ascot last year. Similarly handicapped to her best form and first up / may be better at 10f. Place chance.
- 4. **STUNNING BEAUTY** - Lightly raced / talented filly. Did no measure up in Dubai but put in a career best last start in an open handicap beating a decent field. Winning chance and drawn well.
- 5. **DREAMLOPER** - Very similar form to Lights On. Not much between them - slight preference for Lights On but concerned about the draw for her. Good Ascot form.
- 6. **SO I TOLD YOU (USA)** - Progressing well for Joseph O'Brien. Big TF ratings but best winning mark is only 77. Big jump in the weights. Apprentice is very good and is good value for his claim.
- 7. **PHOLAS** - Had a lot of racing of late. Form going the wrong way.
- 8. **MOSTLY** - Lightly raced and has ability. Failed in a Listed race last start can bounce back. Has had a wind operation. Question whether she will handle firm ground?
- 9. **APRICOT MOON** - Had wind surgery. Has never raced off her handicap mark. Been out classed in stakes races. Hard to know where she is at.
- 10. **DECLARED INTEREST** - Won an average race well enough first up. Up six pounds in the handicap. Tries and takes a position. Place chance.
- 11. **SEPERATE** - Form is in and out for new trainer. On best form has a chance and might improve back on top of the ground.
- 12. **CASPIAN QUEEN (USA)** - Came from a long way off them to win at Kempton last start. Progressing well for new stable. Might step up again.
- 13. **ANGEL OF THE GLEN** - Down in the weights but needs to bounce back after a poor run in a Listed race at her last start.
- 14. **DALANJUJO (USA)** - Running consistently in much weaker races. Will need to improve to be competitive here.
- 15. **LOLA SHOWGIRL (USA)** - Possibly very well handicapped especially with the five pound claimer. Definitely has a chance.
- 16. **FFION (USA)** - Again potentially quite well handicapped. Lightly raced and has some ability. Place chance.
- 17. **MISS MULLIGAN** - Unlikely