



**Saturday, Ascot, post time: 16:05**

**THE QIPCO CHAMPION STAKES-G1, £1,417,500, 3yo/up, 9f 212yT**

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Almaqam (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	133
2 Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs Scea	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	133
3 Economics (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Isa Salman Al Khalifa	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	133
4 First Look (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	A. Fabre	James Doyle	133
5 Fox Legacy (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	P. J. McDonald	133
6 Ombudsman (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	133
7 Prague (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	A Dal Pos, L Zanin, R Zanin	Dylan Cunha	Benoit de la Sayette	133
8 Almeric (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Miss K. Rausing	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	129
9 Delacroix (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	129
10 Devil's Advocate (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	129
11 Mount Kilimanjaro (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	129

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Haras de Son Altesse l'Aga Khan SCEA, 3-Copgrove Hall Stud, 4-Haras de la Perelle, 5-King Power Racing Co Ltd, 6-J. Hanly, 7-Barronstown Stud, 8-Miss K. Rausing, 9-Tepin Syndicate, 10-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 11-Glen Hill Farm.

The Champion Stakes as it should be but not always is, with all the best 10-furlong performers squaring up on ground that neither favours nor compromises anybody. Second last year when it was soft, **Calandagan** will be a different proposition this time but he'll have to be to live with this season's success story **Ombudsman** who looks to settle scores with **Delacroix** for the third and last time. One apiece after a tactical Eclipse and farcical Juddmonte International, it is hard to say who will be the strongest off an honest tempo with **Devil's Advocate** and **Mount Kilimanjaro** having been at it hammer and tongs up ahead. Where **Economics** is even William Haggas doesn't truly know, but this is not a race to be having your seasonal debut in while **Almaqam** needed it to have been a lot softer than this. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, Ascot, post time: 15:25**

**THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II STAKES-G1, £1,156,250, 3yo/up, 8fT**

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Carl Spackler (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mr Zhang Yuesheng	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	132
2 Cicero's Gift (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Rosehill Racing	Charles Hills	Jason Watson	132
3 Dancing Gemini (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Fishdance Ltd	Roger Teal	Kieran Shoemark	132
4 Docklands (GB)	Massaat (Ire)	O.T.I. Racing	Harry Eustace	Tom Marquand	132
5 Facteur Cheval (Ire)	Ribchester (Ire)	Team Valor International LLC/Gary Barber	J. Reynier	Mickael Barzalona	132
6 Never So Brave (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mr Saeed Suhail	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	132
7 Quddwah (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Simon & Ed Crisford	Silvestre De Sousa	132
8 Rosallion (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	132
9 Alakazi (Fr)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Exors of the Late H.H. Aga Khan	J. P. Murtagh	Ben Coen	129
10 Fallen Angel (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Wathnan Racing	K. R. Burke	James Doyle	129
11 Field of Gold (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Colin Keane	129
12 Marvelman (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bond Thoroughbred Limited	Andrew Balding	P. J. McDonald	129
13 Tamfana (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Quantum Leap Racing VIII & Friends	David Menuisier	Rossa Ryan	129
14 The Lion In Winter (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	129
15 Exactly (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	126
16 January (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	W J Lee	126

**Breeders:** 1-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 2-Mrs F. S. Williams, 3-Fishdance, 4-Mickley Stud, 5-McCracken Farms, 6-C. O. P. Hanbury, 7-Godolphin, 8-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 9-H. H. The Aga Khan, 10-Branton Court Stud LLP, 11-Roundhill Stud, 12-Gigginstown House Stud, 13-Gestut Etzean u.Hans-Helmut Rodenburg, 14-Sunderland Holding Inc., 15-Coolmore, 16-Coolmore.

Back from the wilderness after his Sussex nightmare, **Field Of Gold** has the opportunity to wrap up the division honours that looked so certain after his St James's Palace display. If there are any vulnerabilities, they will be exposed by **Fallen Angel** who has proven anything but of late and enters this a filly in her prime. How **Rosallion** has managed to get himself beaten so many times this season is one of its biggest mysteries and there can't be a horse in training who has produced such impressive data without getting the all-important win. If it comes here, all will be forgiven and forgotten and he loves this track only marginally less than **Docklands**, one of the few thorns in his side this term. Another is **Never So Brave**, who is up in trip having mastered him at York from the stable that CAN DO NO WRONG in 2026. [Tom Frary].

### Saturday, Ascot, post time: 14:05

#### THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS SPRINT STAKES-G1, £562,500, 3yo/up, 6fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Art Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Tim Easterby	David Allan	130
2	Iberian (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Temer Valley & Ballylinch Stud	Charles Hills	David Egan	130
3	Inisherin (GB)	Shamardal	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	130
4	James's Delight (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	Paul & Clare Rooney	Clive Cox	Clifford Lee	130
5	Kind Of Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	130
6	King's Gamble (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Clipper	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	130
7	King Cuan (GB)	Tasleet (GB)	Red Lily Racing Syndicate	P. Twomey	W. J. Lee	130
8	Lazzat (Fr)	Territories (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	J. Reynier	James Doyle	130
9	Montassib (GB)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	The Montassib Partnership	William Haggas	Cieren Fallon	130
10	Quinault (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	TJE Racing	Stuart Williams	Sean Levey	130
11	Run To Freedom (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Mr Godfrey Wilson	Henry Candy	Rob Hornby	130
12	Ten Bob Tony (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	130
13	Witness Stand (GB)	Expert Eye (GB)	Scott Turner & Partner	Dr Richard Newland & Jamie Insole	Colin Keane	130
14	Big Mojo (Ire)	Mohaather (GB)	RP Racing Ltd	Michael Appleby	Tom Marquand	129
15	Powerful Glory (Ire)	Cotai Glory (GB)	Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum	Richard Fahey	Jamie Spencer	129
16	Spy Chief (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	129
17	Flora Of Bermuda (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	127
18	No Half Measures (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Mr R. P. Gallagher	Richard Hughes	Neil Callan	127
19	Rosy Affair (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Mr Shapoor Mistry	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	127
20	Rayevka (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs SCEA	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	126

**Breeders:** 1-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Ballylinch Stud, 3-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 4-Newtown Stud, 5-Mr & Mrs M Morris, Mr & Mrs P Hopper, 6-Centerville Bloodstock, 7-R. F. and S. D. Knipe, 8-1 S.A.S. Sumbe, 9-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 10-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 11-Mrs C. R. D. Wilson, 12-Knocktoran Stud, 13-Alvediston Stud, 14-Ringfort Stud Ltd & The Ladies, 15-C. Marnane, 16-Meon Valley Stud, 17-Mr Francisco Bernal, 18-Bumble Bloodstock & Mrs S. Nicholls, 19-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 20-His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs S.C.

One of the final dust-ups between the sluggers in this category this year, with none so far able to retain all the belts despite individual moments of superiority. All-powerful at the Royal meeting, **Lazzat** has developed a glass jaw in the interim while **Big Mojo** just gets more toughened and hardened with every bout. Undoubtedly one of the year's biggest disappointments, last year's winner **Kind Of Blue** may just have been keeping his powder dry for this glorious comeback moment but he gives the repeated impression he can't last all the rounds anymore. **Rayevka** needs a bit of a jump to get to the elite here, but it's all there in her pedigree and style of racing and hails from the stable that CAN DO NO WRONG in 2026. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, Ascot, post time: 12:55****THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS LONG DISTANCE CUP-G1**, £531,250, 3yo/up, 15f 209yT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Al Qareem (Ire)	Awtaad (Ire)	Nick Bradley Racing 33, Burke & partner	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	135
2 Sweet William (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Normandie Stud Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	135
3 Trawlerman (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Godolphin	John & Thady Gosden	William Buick	135
4 Saratoga (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
5 Stay True (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	128

**Breeders:** 1-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 2-Normandie Stud Ltd, 3-Godolphin, 4-Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud, 5-Newstead Breeding.

Nearing eight, **Trawlerman** has played the long game to perfection and now that all his enemies have been scattered is in command of this division. There isn't much hope for his rivals, even allowing for the potential of **Stay True**, and with **Sweet William** probably just going to be Sweet William again proceedings should get off to a comfortingly predictable start. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, Ascot, post time: 14:45****THE QIPCO BRITISH CHAMPIONS FILLIES & MARES STAKES-G1**, £531,250, 3yo/up, 11f 211yT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 Danielle (GB)	Cracksman (GB)	Mr A. E. Oppenheimer	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	133
2 Estrange (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Cheveley Park Stud	David O'Meara	Daniel Tudhope	133
3 Kalpana (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	133
4 Latakia (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Francis-Henri Graffard	William Buick	133
5 One Look (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	P. Twomey	James Doyle	133
6 Quisisana (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Haras de la Perelle	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	133
7 Ballet Slippers (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	127
8 Bedtime Story (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	127
9 Waardah (Ire)	Postponed (Ire)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Owen Burrows	Callum Rodriguez	127
10 Wemightakedlongway (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Cayton Park Stud Limited	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	127

**Breeders:** 1-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 2-A. Stroud, T. Stewart & J. Hanly, 3-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 4-Sarl Darpat France, 5-Tullpark Ltd, 6-Haras de la Perelle, 7-Coolmore, 8-Coolmore, 9-Godolphin, 10-Mrs Ann Marie O'Brien.

Another seeking to bookend a winless campaign with a successful title defence, **Kalpana** may be vulnerable having like **Quisisana** been asked to plumb the depths in the Arc. Spared that experience, **Estrange** is a formidable lurking presence by the sire that CAN DO NO WRONG in 2026. These end-of-term contests just love an improver and **Waardah** is tailor-made, having snuck up the ladder in the Lillie Langtry and she comes here dangerously fresh. Ballydoyle's biggest enigma **Bedtime Story** has been asked to try on a plethora of costumes but can't get comfortable in any. Perhaps that lightning bolt we witnessed in the Chesham last June was just that, but where this stable is concerned any eventuality is possible until completely exhausted. [Tom Frary].

**Saturday, Leopardstown, post time: 15:15****MONGEY COMMUNICATIONS EYREFIELD STAKES-G3**, €36,000, 2yo, 9FT

SC HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1 A Boy Named Susie (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Ana O'Brien	Donnacha Aidan O'Brien	Chris Hayes	131
2 Christmas Day (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Magnier,Tabor,Smith,Westerberg,Brant	A P O'Brien	J Cleary	131
3 Listentodwindblow (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Thoroughbred Racing Syndicate/Bronson Racing	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Wayne Hassett	131
4 Nil Bua Gan Dua	American Pharoah	A K Whelan & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	131
5 Piazza San Marco	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	131
6 Port Of Spain (Ire)	St Mark's Basilica (Fr)	Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,D Smith	A P O'Brien	S B Kelly	131
7 South Island (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	P Smith,Magnier,Tabor,D Smith,Westerberg	Donnacha Aidan O'Brien	Gavin Ryan	131
8 Thread Of Gold (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	Team Valor International LLC & Gary Barber	W P Mullins	J M Sheridan	131

**Breeders:** 1-Soho Susie Partnership, 2-Framont Ltd, 3-Mr Frank Hutchinson, 4-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 6-Mrs Sue Ann Foley, 7-Mr M. Matsushima, 8-Ringfort Stud Ltd.

One of Ballydoyle's crew of **TDN Rising Stars, Presented by Hagyard, Piazza San Marco** who is joined by the well-regarded **Christmas Day** could stir the Derby market a bit here. Obviously not content with pulling all the strings in the other code, Willie Mullins is looking to get into the action on the Flat with his impressive Curragh winner **Thread Of Gold**. He might mash this lot, but there'll be no Blue Riband next summer as he is gelded. [*Tom Frary*].

**Saturday, Leopardstown, post time: 16:20**

**KILLAVULLAN STAKES-G3**, €36,000, 2yo, 7f 30yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Daytona (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Tabor,Smith,Magnier,Westerberg,Brant	A P O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	131
2	Dorset (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	D Smith,Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg	A P O'Brien	J Cleary	131
3	Mumhan (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Mrs J S Bolger	J S Bolger	Seamie Heffernan	131
4	Spangled Sands (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Chris So Chun Hung	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	131
5	Yaupon De Replay	Yaupon	Munir/Souede/Middle Cow/Blake	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Chris Hayes	128

**Breeders:** 1-C. O. P. Hanbury, 2-Snowflakes Syndicate, 3-J. S. Bolger, 4-Castlehyde Stud, 5-Drumkenny Farm & American Equistock Inc.

One of her burgeoning sire's billboards, **Yaupon de Replay** takes on the colts en route to Del Mar. **Dorset** had begun to look a disappointing **TDN Rising Star, Presented by Hagyard**, but got it back together last time in the Goffs Million while Jim Bolger took this with Poetic Flare in 2020 and saddles the Curragh winner **Mumhan**. [*Tom Frary*].

**Saturday, Marseille Borely, France, post time: 12:31**

**PRIX DELAHANTE - PELLEGRIN-Listed**, €54,900, 2yo, 8 1/2FT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	8	Siciliano (Fr)	Time Test (GB)	Cottier	Besnier	126
2	4	Mefie Toi (Fr)	De Treville (GB)	Cottier	Grandin	126
3	3	Sorbetto (Fr)	Supremacy (Ire)	Reynier	Lecoeuvre	126
4	1	Ladja (Fr)	Golden Horde (Ire)	Escuder	Crastus	122
5	2	Tchikita (Fr)	Charm Spirit (Ire)	Mikhalides	Breux	122
6	5	Khalinskha (Fr)	Fas (Ire)	Reynier	Orani	122
7	6	Testerine (Fr)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Perret	Ruis	122
8	7	Zaraxia (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Perret	Demuro	122

**Zaraxia** and **Khalinskha** are the two nominees with an unbeaten record to defend and both come back off decisive maiden scores at Salon-de-Provence and Vichy, respectively, last month. The duo will be accompanied by winning stablemates **Testerine**, for Zaraxia's Nicolas Perret yard, and **Sorbetto** for Khalinskha's Jerome Reynier barn, with the former having **Ladja** back in fourth when breaking through over this course and distance three weeks ago. The Patrice Cottier-conditioned pair **Siciliano** and **Mefie Toi** boast an aggregate five unplaced efforts in stakes company, while Elias Mikhalides trainee **Tchikita** comes back off a claiming-race sixth at Chantilly. [*Sean Cronin*].

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