ROYAL ASCOT FESTIVAL - 10 YEAR TRENDS (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday)

A brief summary of key trends is detailed below for each race over the five-day meeting - trends alone will not usually find winners but they may help you to draw up a short-list and then use your own skill and judgement to find that elusive winner. The figure after each race name/detail is the favourites win rate e.g. 5 wins in 10 years = 50%. References to the draw assume the field in split into three equal parts (low/middle/high). For fuller details of the draw effects please use the N&M Racing Club Drawfacts Data website.

TUESDAY

(**Gr 1) QUEEN ANNE STAKES over (straight) 1M (60%):** Four of the last ten past winners were trained overseas. 4yo is the preferred age group with 7/10 wins. In most years the winners have been fairly well backed with odds of 11/2 or shorter seen although two of the last five winners were 33/1 & 14/1 shots. The last six winners all came from stall 4 or lower with stall 4 providing four winners and stall 1 three winners. 6/10 winners last ran 31 days earlier in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury with finishing positions there being 5th/1st/6th/UP/1st/1st Draw: Low 50%; Middle 30%; High 20%.

| Year | Form | Horse + Days since last run | Age/Weight | Jockey | Odds | Trainer | Draw |
|------|----------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| 2013 | 1/411-15 | Declaration Of War (31) | 490 | J O'Brien | 15/2 | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 6 of 13 |
| 2014 | 1/14216- | Toronado (300) | 490 | R Hughes | 4/5Fv | R Hannon | 8 of 10 |
| 2015 | 111-111 | Sollow (23) | 590 | M Guyon | 11/8Fv | F Head (Fr) | 4 of 8 |
| 2016 | 11-1111 | Tepin (38) | 5 8 11 | J Leparoux | 11/2 | M Casse (Can) | 12 of 14 |
| 2017 | 1312-31 | Ribchester (31) | 490 | W Buick | 11/10Fv | R Fahey | 1 of 16 |
| 2018 | 2140-36 | Accidental Agent (31) | 490 | C Bishop | 33/1 | Eve J-Houghton | 4 of 15 |
| 2019 | 3166-30 | Lord Glitters (31) | 690 | D Tudhope | 14/1 | D O'Meara | 1 of 16 |
| 2020 | 161204- | Circus Maximus (227) | 490 | R L Moore | 4/1Fv | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 4 of 16 |
| 2021 | 1113-11 | Palace Pier (31) | 490 | L Dettori | 2/7Fv | J&T Gosden | 1 of 11 |
| 2022 | 11111-1 | Baaeed (31) | 492 | J Crowley | 1/6F | (W Haggas) | 4 of 7 |

(Gr 2) COVENTRY STAKES over 6F for 2yo (35%): A P O'Brien is the leading trainer in the race with 3 wins since 2013. All winners from Ballydoyle were 1st/2nd in previous races with two sent off as favourites. Of the past O'Brien winners *Henry The Navigator* (2007) went on to win the 2000 Gns the following year whilst *Power* (2011) won the Irish 2000 Gns the following year. *Caravaggio* (2016) won the Gr 1 Commonwealth Cup the following year. Over the last 10 years 9/10 winners also won LTO with the exception being the shock 150/1 winner in 2020 *Nando Parado*. Since 2013, 6/10 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter. 7/10 winners had run just once before. Draw: Low 30%; Middle 30%; High 40%.

(Gr 1) KINGS STAND STAKES over 5F (10%): 7/10 winners were 4th or better LTO. Oldest winner since 2013 was aged 8yo and just one 3yo has won the race in the same period. Four overseas runners have won the race since 2013. Since 2013, three winners had last run in the Temple Stakes 24 days earlier (latest in 2016) (finishing 4th/UP/1st). 9/10 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter, including five 2nd favourites. Draw: Low 20%; Middle 30%; High 50%.

(Gr 1) ST JAMES PALACE STKS over 1M (Round Course) for 3yo (60%): 10/10 winners had also won on their first run of the current season. J Gosden the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2014. Longest SP of the last ten winners was 10/1. Stall 7 has provided four winners since 2014. Since 2014, four winners had last run in the Irish '2000 Gns' 24 days earlier, finishing either 1st/2nd. L Dettori is the top jockey in the race with 3 winners since 2016. Draw: Low 20%; Middle 40%; High 40%.

| Year | Form | Horse + Days since last run | Weight | Jockey | Odds | Trainer | Draw |
|------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 2013 | 1111-10 | Dawn Approach (17) | 9st | K Manning | 5/4Fv | J S Bolger (Ire) | 5 of 9 |
| 2014 | 11-121 | Kingman (24) | 9st | J Doyle | 8/11Fv | J Gosden | 7 of 7 |
| 2015 | 1111d-11 | Gleneagles (24) | 9st | RL Moore | 8/15Fv | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 5 of 6 |
| 2016 | 1113-12 | Galileo Gold (24) | 9st | L Dettori | 6/1 | H Palmer | 7 of 7 |
| 2017 | 1-12 | Barney Roy (45) | 9st | J Doyle | 5/2 | R Hannon | 4 of 8 |
| 2018 | 1-11 | Without Parole (26) | 9st | L Dettori | 9/4Fv | J Gosden | 2 of 10 |
| 2019 | 5134-16 | Circus Maximus (17) | 9st | R L Moore | 10/1 | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 7 of 11 |
| 2020 | /11-1 | Palace Pier (14) | 9st | L Dettori | 4/1 | J Gosden | 6 of 7 |
| 2021 | 01-1162 | Poetic Flare (24) | 9st | K Manning | 7/2Fv | J Bolger (Ire) | 7 of 13 |
| 2022 | 121-1 | Coroebus (45) | 9st 2lbs | W Buick | 10/11Fv | C Appleby | 2 of 12 |

2M 4F ASCOT STAKES H/CAP (20%): Trainers better known for their NH runners have won nine of the last ten races and Irish trained runners usually fare well with 5/10 recent winners (latest 2018), albeit none were allowed to run in 2020. All past winners carried at least 9st and max. 9st 10lbs. 4/10 had odds of 9/1 or shorter – however the last five winners were all 10/1+ odds. Of the last ten winners, three were making their seasonal return and six had run just once in the current season. Top trainer is W P Mullins (3 wins since 2015). Draw: Low 40%; Middle 20%; High 40%.

(LISTED) WOLFERTON STAKES over 1M 2F (10%): 4yo have won 5 of the last 10 renewals. Stall 5 has produced five winners since 2014. None of the last six winners had finished better than 4th LTO. Draw: Low 40%; Middle 40%; High 20%.

1M 6F 'COPPER HORSE' HANDICAP (33%): New race in 2020. All three winners to date had won at least one of their last three races and finished 6th or better LTO. Draw: Middle 67%; High 33%.

WEDNESDAY

(Gr 2) QUEEN MARY STKS over 5F for 2yo Fillies (40%): USA trainer Wesley Ward has won the race three times since 2015 (ridden by either L Dettori or R L Moore). Overall, all ten winners had finished 3rd or better on their previous race with 8/10 finishing 1st LTO. There have been some outsiders winning this race with two winners since 2013 having odds of 18/1 & 25/1 although all others had odds of 8/1 or shorter. Six of the last seven winners had a high draw. Draw: Low 10%; Middle 20%; High 70%.

1M (ROUND COURSE) 'KENSINGTON PALACE' HANDICAP for Fillies & Mares: New race in 2021.

(Gr 2) DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STAKES over 1M for 4YO+ Fillies/Mares (35%): A 4th place or better on last run seen for all ten past winners. 4yo have won 9/10 previous renewals of this race. 6/10 past winners had just one previous run in the current season. 7/10 winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter. Draw: Low 20%; Middle 60%; High 20%.

(Gr 1) PRINCE OF WALES STAKES over 1M 2F (20%): All winners were aged 4 or 5yrs. 8/10 past winners were placed 3rd or better LTO with six of the last ten winners also winning their last race. Three of the last six winners came from stall 6. Longest winner's odds were 16/1 with all others 11/2 or shorter. Draw: Low 20%; Middle 30%; High 50%.

| Year | Form | Horse + Days since last run | Age/Weight | Jockey | Odds | Trainer | Draw |
|------|----------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 2013 | 22/1-11 | Al Kazeem (24) | 590 | J Doyle | 11/4 | R Charlton | 6 of 11 |
| 2014 | 01122-0 | The Fugue (81) | 5 8 11 | W Buick | 11/2 | J Gosden | 7 of 8 |
| 2015 | 12/13- | Free Eagle (242) | 490 | P Smullen | 5/2Fv | DK Weld (Ire) | 4 of 10 |
| 2016 | 1011-15 | My Dream Boat (22) | 490 | A Kirby | 16/1 | C Cox | 3 of 6 |
| 2017 | 0212-01 | Highland Reel (19) | 590 | R L Moore | 9/4 | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 6 of 8 |
| 2018 | 1226-21 | Poets Word (27) | 590 | J Doyle | 11/2 | Sir M Stoute | 1 of 7 |
| 2019 | 1222-11 | Crystal Ocean (32) | 590 | L Dettori | 3/1 | Sir M Stoute | 6 of 8 |
| 2020 | 02121-1 | Lord North (10) | 490 | J Doyle | 5/1 | J Gosden | 7 of 7 |
| 2021 | 3/111- | Love (300) | 4 8 11 | R L Moore | 11/10Fv | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 6 of 7 |
| 2022 | 5/311-13 | State of Rest (24) | 492 | S Crosse | 5/1 | J P O'Brien (Ire) | 1 of 5 |

ROYAL HUNT CUP (0%): No winning favourites and just two winning 2nd favourites in the last ten years with only 3/10 winners having single digit odds. All winners were aged between 4-7yo with 4yo faring best with 7/10 wins. A weight range between 8st 9lbs & 9st 5lbs was seen for all of last 10 winners. Just three of the last ten winners finished worse than 4th LTO. If looking at all winners/placed horses in the last 10 years (including the 2020 consolation race) low stalls returned 14/44, middle 19/44 & high 11/44. Draw (wins only): Low 40%; Middle 40%; High 20%.

(Gr 2) QUEENS VASE over 1M 6F for 3yo (30%): Status upgraded from Listed to Gr 2 in 2018. A P O'Brien has the best record in this race with 5 wins since 2013. Ryan Moore has won the race three times since 2013 (all wins for A P O'Brien). 9/10 past winners since 2013 had finished 3rd or better LTO with 9/10 winners having odds of 15/2 or shorter. Race Facts: Estimate (2012), Leading Light (2013) & Stradivarius (2017) all went on to win the Ascot Gold Cup the following year after winning here whilst 2018 winner Kew Gardens went on to win the St Leger in the same year as did 2022 winner Eldar Eldarov.. Draw: Low 50%; Middle 40%; High 10%.

(LISTED) WINDSOR CASTLE STKS over 5F for 2yo (30%): All past winners had finished 1st/2nd/3rd in either of last two starts and last ran 6-39 days earlier with eight of the last ten winners having won at least once. 5/10 winners had odds of 12/1 to 22/1. Four of the last ten winners came from the highest stall used and two from the lowest stall – number one. Draw: Low 40%; Middle 10%; High 50%.

THURSDAY

(Gr 2) NORFOLK STAKES over 5F for 2yo (0%): 7/10 past winners also won LTO. 5/10 winners had just one previous race. Three of the last ten winners had odds of 12/1 to 14/1 and one at 50/1 and despite the lack of winning favourites most others were well backed at odds of 8/1 or shorter. Richard Fahey, Wesley Ward & Aiden O'Brien have each won the race twice since 2014. Draw: Low 30%; Middle 50%; High 20%.

KING GEORGE V H/CAP over 1M 4F for 3yo (10%): The last ten winners were all 1st/2nd LTO and 9/10 winners carried between 8st 9lbs & 9st 3lb. 7/10 winners had odds of 9/1 or shorter (others 12/1, 20/1 & 22/1). In the last 10 years the winners/placed horses were drawn as follows: Low 9/40; Middle 15/40; High 16/40. Draw: For winners only Low 10%; Middle 50%; High 40%.

(Gr 2) RIBBLESDALE STAKES over 1M 4F for 3yo Fillies (20%): 5/10 winners were trained in Ireland with A P O'Brien training three of them. J Gosden is the leading UK trainer with 4 wins since 2017. A 5th

place or better LTO was seen in 9/10 of the winners. 8/10 past winners had odds of 9/1 or shorter (others 10/1 & 18/1) although the much larger field this year may have an impact on the odds available. Leading jockey in the race is R L Moore (all were 9/2 or shorter) *Al Asifah* was an odds-on favourite overnight, but no odds-on winners have been seen since 1986 (when my records began). Draw: Low 50%; Middle 30%; High 20%.

(Gr 1) ASCOT GOLD CUP over 2M 4F (65%): A last run within 13-50 days was seen for 9/10 recent winners. 10/10 winners were aged between 4 & 6yo with 4yo winning seven of the last ten renewals. 8/10 winners also won their last race with none of the others finishing worse than 3rd LTO. In the betting only one winner had odds above 13/2. *Subjectivist* is the only previous winner in this year's renewal. As per the chart below there are two trainers with 3 wins each in the last 10 years and two jockeys have achieved the same feat. Draw: Low 40%; Middle 40%; High 20%.

| Year | Form | Horse + Days since last run | Age/Weight | Jockey | Odds | Trainer | Draw |
|------|----------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| 2013 | /1133-1 | Estimate (50) | 4 8 11 | R L Moore | 7/2Fv | Sir M Stoute | 5 of 18 |
| 2014 | 11110-1 | Leading Light (32) | 490 | J P O'Brien | 10/11Fv | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 14 of 15 |
| 2015 | 4-41112 | Trip To Paris (21) | 490 | G Lee | 12/1 | E Dunlop | 13 of 14 |
| 2016 | 2/2111-1 | Order Of St George (13) | 490 | R L Moore | 10/11Fv | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 10 of 18 |
| 2017 | 1030-41 | Big Orange (28) | 692 | J Doyle | 5/1 | M Bell | 7 of 14 |
| 2018 | 21133-1 | Stradivarius (34) | 491 | L Dettori | 7/4JF | J Gosden | 6 of 9 |
| 2019 | 11111-1 | Stradivarius (34) | 592 | L Dettori | 1/1Fv | J Gosden | 2 of 11 |
| 2020 | 11112-3 | Stradivarius (13) | 692 | L Dettori | 4/5Fv | J Gosden | 2 of 8 |
| 2021 | 30101-1 | Subjectivist (82) | 491 | J Fanning | 13/2 | M Johnston | 4 of 13 |
| 2022 | 16/14-11 | Kyprios (34) | 493 | R L Moore | 13/8Fv | A P O'Brien (Ire) | 5 of 10 |

BRITANNIA H/CAP over 1M (Straight) for 3yo (0%): 8/10 winners finished 1st/2nd LTO. In the betting only 1/10 winners had odds of less than 10/1. Only 1/10 past winners were worse than 5th LTO. Slight draw advantage seen (middle stalls) in the past, with winners/placed horses as follows: Low 10/40; Middle 18/40; High 12/40. Draw (wins only): Low 30%; Middle 40%; High 30%.

(Gr 3) HAMPTON COURT STKS over 1M 2F for 3yo (40%): All ten past winners had odds of 7/1 or shorter.5/10 winners had also won LTO with all nine of the ten 6th or better on their last run. Ryan Moore has won the race 3 times since 2014. Draw: Low 30%; Middle 40%; High 30%.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE HANDICAP over **7F** (0%): Prior to being re-instated in 2020 the race was last run in 2014 so only five past runnings in the last ten years. All five past winners were easy to back at odds of 12/1 to 33/1. The draw looks important in this race with four of the last five winners drawn 32/32, 29/32. 26/27, 31/32 with the other being 2/31. The five past winners all carried 9st 4lbs or less. Draw: Low 20%; High 80%.