

# YORK DANTE (MAY) FESTIVAL - 10 YEAR TRENDS

A brief summary of key trends is detailed below for each race over the three-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%. The main race of the day is also highlighted. Draw facts data of past winners assumes the stalls are split into three parts ~ Low/Middle/High. N&M RC members can find fuller Drawfacts data on the club website [www.northernracingclub.com](http://www.northernracingclub.com)

There was no meeting in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions.

## WEDNESDAY

**1m 4f 'Ebor Jorvik Stakes' Handicap (66%):** 9/9 winners to date had finished 3<sup>rd</sup> or better on at least one of last two runs. Just 2/9 winner's odds were 9/1 to 12/1 with all others being 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. The last nine winners were aged 4yo. Stall 7 has produced 3 winners from the last 4 renewals. Drawfacts: Low 22%; Middle 56%; High 22%.

**6 Furlongs Handicap for 3yo+ (4%):** A difficult handicap comes next! 7/9 winners had finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better on at least one of their last two races. 7/9 winners had odds of 10/1+ (including three at 14/1, one at 18/1 and two at 25/1). *Dakota Gold* seeks a back to back wins although is now 6lbs higher in the ratings and no 9yo has won the race since 1987 (when my records started!). The last nine winners were all trained in the North of England or Scotland. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 22%; High 45%.

**(Gr 2) '1895 Duke of York' Stakes over 6 Furlongs (27%):** Considering its Group 2 status, this race throws up quite a lot of long priced winners with 4/9 having odds of 10/1+. 7/9 winners were 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO. Stall 4 has produced three winners since 2014 and this year it will house the Australian raider *The Astrologist* who has Ryan Moore booked to ride. Five of the last six winners were aged 4yo. *Highfield Princess* seeks back to back wins and carries 5lbs more this year – the last dual winner was in 1987/88 (*Handsome Sailor*). Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 45%; High 22%.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2012	00100-0	Tiddliwinks (27)	6 9 7	J Spencer	25/1	K Ryan	7 of 14
2013	0/35315-	Society Rock (207)	6 9 13	K Fallon	10/1	J Fanshawe	18 of 18
2014	0110-02	Maarek (16)	7 9 13	D McDonogh	12/1	E McCutcheon (Ire)	4 of 14
2015	6254/6-0	Glass Office (11)	5 9 8	J Crowley	40/1	D Simcock	7 of 15
2016	13113-1	Magical Memory (27)	4 9 8	L Dettori	5/2F	C Hills	4 of 12
2017	212/10-2	Tasleet (18)	4 9 8	J Crowley	14/1	W Haggas	9 of 13
2018	212114-	Harry Angel (207)	4 9 13	A Kirby	4/9F	C Cox	3 of 7
2019	2/1200-1	Invincible Army (46)	4 9 8	P J McDonald	7/2JF	J Tate	8 of 10
2021	/1110-	Starman (207)	4 9 8	O Murphy	5/1	E Walker	4 of 12
2022	36-3521	Highfield Princess (26)	5 9 7	J Hart	11/2	J J Quinn	1 of 11

**(Gr 3) 'Musidora Stakes' over 1m 2f for 3yo Fillies (55%);** Recognised by many as a strong Oaks trial albeit only two winners, *Sariska* (2009) & *Snowfall* (2021), have gone on to win at Epsom since 2009 (with both doubling up at the Curragh equivalent). Trainer John Gosden has an excellent record in this race with 4 wins since 2015 (ridden by L Dettori) and all started as odds-on favourites. Indeed, all five winning favourites since 2013 were odds on and when a 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourite did not win the race during this time the winners odds were 8/1 and 14/1 (twice). Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 22%; High 45%.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2012	1-4	The Fugue (10)	8st 12lbs	W Buick	15/8	J Gosden	3 of 6
2013	1-	Liber Nauticus (253)	8st 12lbs	RL Moore	4/6F	Sir M Stoute	1 of 6
2014	1-	Madame Chiang (204)	9st	K Fallon	8/1	D Simcock	10 of 10
2015	31-1	Star Of Seville (26)	9st	L Dettori	4/6F	J Gosden	4 of 5
2016	1-1	So Mi Dar (21)	9st	L Dettori	4/5F	J Gosden	6 of 7
2017	1-1	Shutter Speed (26)	9st	L Dettori	4/7F	J Gosden	1 of 5
2018	221-2	Give And Take (19)	9st	J Doyle	7/2	W Haggas	5 of 7
2019	/1-4	Nausha (25)	9st	A Atzeni	14/1	R Varian	2 of 10
2021	014500-	Snowfall (215)	9st	R L Moore	14/1	A P O'Brien (Ire)	7 of 7
2022	1-1	Emily Upjohn (19)	9st 2lbs	L Dettori	4/7F	J & T Gosden	3 of 5

**7 Furlong Handicap for 3yo (55%);** 9/9 winners had finished 4<sup>th</sup> or better LTO. Only one of the last nine winners had odds of more than 8/1 being an 11/1 shot. Drawfacts: Low 44%; Middle 33% High 23%..

**5 Furlong Novice Stakes for 2yo (33%);** Four debutants have won the race with the others all 6<sup>th</sup> or better LTO. 7/9 winners had odds of 11/2 or shorter with the others 7/1 shots. Stall 4 has supplied three winners since 2013 with no higher drawn horses winning since 2011. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 67%;

**1m 4f Handicap for 4yo+ (33%);** After a drought dating back to 2004 the last three favourites have prevailed with 6/9 recent winners being either 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites – remainder had odds of 12/1, 14/1 & 20/1. 9/9 winners to date had finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better. 4yo have won 6/9 races since 2013. *Kihavah* won in 2022 and is seeking a follow up win and is now 2lbs higher in the ratings with the (same) jockey claiming 4lbs lesser allowance this year. All winners since 2013 came from stall 7 or higher with stall 14 producing three winners since 2014. 9st 7lbs is the highest weight carried by a winner since 2003. Drawfacts: Low 12%; Middle 44%; High 44%.

## THURSDAY

**5f Handicap (0%);** The last nine winners were all aged between 5-9 years old. 8/9 winners finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO (in current season). 6/9 winners since 2013 had odds of 8/1 or shorter. Whilst the favourite's record is poor there have been four winning sole/joint 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites in the last nine renewals. Drawfacts: Low 67%; Middle 33%.

**(Gr 2) 'Middleton Stakes' over 1m 2f for 4yo+ Fillies (44%):** Only two of the last nine winners had odds greater than 5/1 thus the betting market is generally a good guide. There have been five 4yo winners and four 5yo winners since 2013. 8/9 winners were 5<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run. Three past winners since 2016 had last run 208 days earlier at Ascot in a Gr 1 race, where all finished 3<sup>rd</sup> LTO. Drawfacts: Low 78%; Middle 11%; High 11%.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2012	D3131-1	Izzi Top (11)	4 8 12	W Buick	7/2F	J Gosden	6 of 11
2013	15315-4	Dalkala (39)	4 9 0	C P Lemaire	2/1F	A De Royer Dupre (Fr)	3 of 8
2014	23102-3	Ambivalent (47)	5 9 0	A Atzeni	9/2	R Varian	3 of 8
2015	0/21235-	Secret Gesture (194)	5 9 0	A Atzeni	7/2	R Beckett	8 of 9
2016	36153-	Beautiful Romance (208)	4 9 0	J Doyle	5/1	S Bin Suroor	4 of 8
2017	100210-	Blond Me (207)	5 9 0	O Murphy	11/1	A Balding	2 of 5
2018	514253-	Coronet (208)	4 9 0	L Dettori	2/1F	J Gosden	1 of 7
2019	11123-	Lah Ti Dar ((208)	4 9 0	L Dettori	1/3F	J Gosden	2 of 6
2021	4/2343-2	Queen Power (11)	5 9 0	S De Sousa	6/4F	Sir M Stoute	1 of 6
2022	32012-5	Lilac Road (11)	4 9 2	T Marquand	15/2	W Haggas	2 of 6

**1 Mile 'Hambleton' Handicap (5%):** The highest weight carried by the last nine winners was 9st 5lbs. 7/9 winners had odds of 10/1 or shorter with just one joint favourite and no 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites winning since 2013. Stalls 1 & 16 have provided three winners since 2013. None of the last nine winners had also won LTO. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 22%; High 45%.

**(Gr 2) 'Dante Stakes' over 1m 2f for 3yo (16%):** The best backed horses often fare poorly in this race with just two winning sole/joint favourites and no winning 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite since 2013. The most likely reason for this is that many runners are trying a longer trip for the first time. Often referred to as a 'Derby trial' and since 1986 the winners of the race have produced nine Epsom winners (latest 2015 – *Golden Horn* 2022 – *Desert Crown*) and three Irish Derby winners (latest 2021) whilst the 2014 winner won the French Derby. J Gosden remains leading trainer with 3 wins since 2015. Since 2014, three winners had last run 12 days earlier at Newmarket. As can be seen from the chart below, 6/10 winners had also won LTO. 8/10 recent winners had all run in the current season. Drawfacts: Low 22%; Middle 45%; High 33%.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2012	13-	Bonfire (200)	9st	J Fortune	3/1	A Balding	4 of 7
2013	-14	Libertarian (20)	9st	W Buick	33/1	Mrs K Burke	4 of 8
2014	1220-20	The Great Gatsby (12)	9st	R L Moore	9/1	K Ryan	6 of 6
2015	1-1	Golden Horn (29)	9st	W Buick	4/1	J Gosden	1 of 6
2016	-31	Wings Of Desire (19)	9st	L Dettori	9/1	J Gosden	9 of 12
2017	153-321	Permian (12)	9st	F Norton	10/1	M Johnston	7 of 11
2018	1112-35	Roaring Lion (12)	9st	O Murphy	3/1F	J Gosden	4 of 9
2019	-21	Telecaster (31)	9st	O Murphy	7/1	H Morrison	5 of 8
2021	1-1	Hurricane Lane (27)	9st	W Buick	5/1	C Appleby	11 of 11
2022	1-	Desert Crown (190)	9st 2lbs	R Kingscote	7/2JF	Sir M Stoute	3 of 9

**5 Furlong (Listed) Westow Stakes for 3yo (11%):** New 'conditions' race in 2009 and upgraded to listed status in 2015. D Tudhope has ridden four of the last nine winners. Three of the last four winners had also won their previous race. In the betting we have seen one favourite and one 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite winning the race since 2013 with 6/9 having odds of 9/1 or shorter. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 33%; High 33%.

**6 Furlong Maiden for 2yo (33%):** 6/9 winners were making their racecourse débuts with all others finishing 4<sup>th</sup> on their last run. Only two winners had odds greater than 9/1 (winning odds were 14/1 & 28/1) thus the market tends to be a fairly good guide. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 45%; High 22%.

**1M 4f Handicap for 3yo (44%);** All past winners finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better on their last run. Five of the last seven renewals were won by the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. 9/9 winners carried a weight between 9st and 9st 7lbs. M Johnston is the leading trainer with four wins since 2015 (all 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites). In the betting 7/9 winners had odds of 7/1 or shorter with the others sent off at 10/1 & 12/1. Drawfacts: Low 45%; Middle 33%; High 22%.

## FRIDAY

**(Listed) 'Marygate Stakes' over 5 Furlongs for 2yo Fillies (16%):** 6/9 past winners had won at least one previous race and 6/9 were well supported at odds of 13/2 or shorter – the others were largely unbacked at odds of 10/1, 20/1 and 33/1. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 56%; High 11%.

**(Listed) Oaks Farm Stables Stakes' over 1M for 3yo Fillies (22%):** 7/9 winners finished 6<sup>th</sup> or better on last run. *Lustrous* was a surprise 20/1 winner in 2014 and *Primo Bacco* a slightly lesser shock at 14/1 in 2021 but no other major shocks with all other winner's odds being 7/1 or shorter. Stall 2 has produced 4 of the last 9 winners. Drawfacts: Low 67%; Middle 33%;

**1m 2f Handicap for 4yo+ (44%):** 6/9 winners had odds of 7/1 or shorter with all other winners having odds of 12/1. No past winner had run more than twice in the current season. None of the last six winners had finished better than 4<sup>th</sup> on their last run. Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 22%; High 22%.

**(Gr 2) 'Yorkshire Cup' over 1m 6f (55%):** 7/9 past races were won by the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. R L Moore has won three of the last nine renewals (all for Sir M Stoute). Since 1986, just five winners of this race also won the Ascot Gold Cup (including *Stradivarius* in 2018 & 2019). Stall 2 has provided three winners since 2014. Drawfacts: Low 56%; Middle 44%;

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2012	05323-2	Red Cadeaux (16)	6 9 0	T McLaughlin	4/1	E Dunlop	4 of 8
2013	524604-	Glen's Diamond (244)	5 9 0	T Hamilton	25/1	R Fahey	4 of 9
2014	0/015-41	Gospel Choir (13)	5 9 0	RL Moore	7/2F	Sir M Stoute	2 of 13
2015	141230-	Snow Sky (152)	4 8 13	R L Moore	5/2	Sir M Stoute	3 of 6
2016	1542-22	Clever Cookie (16)	8 9 1	P J McDonald	5/2	P D Niven	2 of 6
2017	111322-	Dartmouth (215)	5 9 1	R L Moore	11/4F	Sir M Stoute	3 of 8
2018	121133-	Stradivarius (209)	4 9 1	L Dettori	4/6F	J Gosden	5 of 8
2019	3/11111-	Stradivarius (209)	5 9 4	L Dettori	4/5F	J Gosden	4 of 8
2021	6110-25	Spanish Mission (48)	5 9 4	W Buick	11/2	A Balding	2 of 5
2022	141123-	Stradivarius (209)	8 9 6	L Dettori	6/4F	J&T Gosden	1 of 5

**7 Furlongs Novice Stakes (n/a):** New race in 2023.

**7 Furlongs Handicap (n/a);** New race in 2021. Both winners to date were well backed at odds of 4/1 or shorter; both had won LTO; both had a mid-high draw of stall 13 or 14.

**5f Handicap for 3yo (33%);** 7/9 winners were in good form finishing 6<sup>th</sup> or better on last run. 9/9 winners carried weights of 8st 9lbs to 9st 9lbs. 6/9 winners had odds of 8/1 or shorter with the others being 12/1, 16/1 and 20/1. Three winners since 2015 had last run 20 days earlier, finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or unplaced. Drawfacts: Low 22%; Middle 56%; High 22%.