

## DONCASTER ST LEGER MEETING - 10 YEAR TRENDS

A brief summary of key trends is detailed below for each race over the four-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 Drawfacts comments assume that the stalls are split into three equal parts – low~middle~high.

The main **Group** race of the day is also highlighted with the last 10 years results summarised.

### FRIDAY

**7F Maiden for 2yo (67%):** New race in 2018. All winners to date had odds of 11/2 or with one debutant and the others placed either 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> on their only previous run. All three past winners were trained at Newmarket. Drawfacts: Low 67%; High 33%.

**(Listed) 'Flying Scotsman' Stakes over 7F for 2yo (50%):** Race status was upgraded to listed in 2013. All past winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> LTO with just one maiden winning in 2013. In the years when favourites did not win, no second favourites won and they had odds of 11/2 to 17/2. Stalls 2&5 have provided three winners each since 2013. Drawfacts: Low 50%; Middle 37%; High 13%.

**(Gr 2) 'Flying Childers' Stakes over 5F for 2yo (30%):** 6/10 winners came from the first two in the betting with just two winners at odds of more than 8/1. R Hannon is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2012. Just one Irish trained winner seen since 1986. Drawfacts: Low 60%, Middle 10%, High 30%.

**Gr 2 Doncaster Cup over 2M 2F (60%):** The last ten winners all had odds of 11/2 or shorter with six winning favourites and one winning second favourite. All of the winning favourites last ran in either a Gr 2 or Gr 3 race. The Lonsdale Stakes at York has thrown up four past winners since 2012 with *Stradivarius* & *The Grand Visir* entered from that race in 2021. Drawfacts: Low 30%, Middle 50%, High 20%.

Year	Form	Horse + Days since last run	Age/Weight	Jockey	Odds	Trainer	Draw
2011	-05113	Saddlers Rock (20)	3 8 11	N McCullagh	11/2	J M Oxx (Ire)	2/8
2012	15-4401	Times Up (20)	6 9 1	E Ahern	5/1	J Dunlop	4/10
2013	011-603	Times Up (21)	7 9 3	R L Moore	3/1	J Dunlop	8/10
2014	110-202	Estimate (21)	5 9 0	R L Moore	11/8F	M Stoute	10/12
2015	013-044	Pallasator (27)	6 9 3	A Atzeni	9/2F	M Prescott	1/11
2016	33-1033	Sheikhzayedroad (43)	7 9 3	M Harley	10/3	D M Simcock	4/9
2017	236232	Desert Skyline (26)	3 8 5	S De Sousa	2/1F	D Elsworth	6/9
2018	2026-65	Thomas Hobson (20)	8 9 5	R L Moore	2/1F	W P Mullins (Ire)	6/8
2019	11-1111	Stradivarius (21)	5 9 10	L Dettori	1/9F	J Gosden	4/6
2020	31-6121	Spanish Mission (22)	4 9 5	W Buick	6/4F	A Balding	2/7

**1M 6F+ 'Mallard' Handicap (30%):** Apart from the three winning favourites, all other winners had odds of 4/1 or greater (no winning 2<sup>nd</sup> favourites). Only one past winner has carried more than 9st 10lbs to victory. No 6yo or 9yo have won the race since 1986 (when my records started) with 4yo winning 6/10 races. Just one of the last ten winners was rested more than 23 days before winning

here. No Irish trained winners seen since 1986 either. Drawfacts: Low 30%, Middle 30%, High 40%.

**6.5F Handicap (5%)**: Just one winning joint favourite and three winning second favourites it is often worth casting the net a little wider. 8/10 past winners carried a weight of 8st 13lbs or less. No past winner had also won LTO. Just one 3yo has won the race in the last ten years with just one apprentice jockey with a weight allowance winning previously. Drawfacts: Low 50%, Middle 20%; High 30%.

**1M 4F Fillies Handicap (20%)**: Previously run on the Wednesday of this meeting. New race in 2016 with all winners to date finishing 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO. All five also carried a weight of 9st 4lb or less. 4yo have won three of the five previous renewals with 3yo winning the other races. Drawfacts: Low 40%; Middle 40%; High 20%.

## SATURDAY

**1M Nursery Handicap for 2yo (20%)**: The Hannon yard has won the race three times since 2012. The stable's past winners all carried a weight of 8st 13lbs to 9st 1lb. 9/10 past winners were 3<sup>rd</sup> or better LTO with 6/10 winners coming from the first two in the betting. A weight of 8st 12lbs or more was carried by 9/10 past winners since 2011. Drawfacts: Low 30%; Middle 50%; High 20%.

**5.5F 'Portland' Handicap (15%)**: In years when the favourite did not win all others had odds of 12/1 to 25/1. 5yo have won 4/10 races with 4yo taking 3/10. 6 of the last 10 winners had a middle draw and 21/40 winners/placed horses also had a middle draw. 8/10 past winners carried a weight of 9st or greater. 2020 winner *Stone Of Destiny* is attempting to win the race again and races off a 7lbs higher weight. There have been two dual winners since 1986 although both of these were back-to-back wins. Drawfacts: Low 0%; Middle 60%; High 40%.

**(Gr 2) 'Champagne Stakes' over 7F for 2yo (55%)**: 8/10 past winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites. The Hannon yard sent out five past winners since 2011. Since 1986 there have been only two Irish trained winners of the race. Only 2/10 winners had more than three previous runs. Drawfacts: Low 30%; Middle 20%; High 50%.

**(Gr 2) 'Park Stakes' over 7F (40%)**: 9/10 winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter. All past winners were 7yo or younger.. Drawfacts: Low 40%; Middle 20%; High 40%.

**(Gr 1) 'St Leger' Stakes over 1M 6F+ for 3yo (45%)**: A P O'Brien has won four of the last eight renewals with all being 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> or better LTO. 6/10 winners were 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> favourites with all but one of the remainder having odds of 15/2 to 25/1. A last run at York in the Great Voltigeur was seen for four past winners since 2012 (finished 3<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> ). Drawfacts: Low 30%; Middle 30%; High 40%.

(10 year results summary on next page)

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2011	16-5101	Masked Marvel (65)	9 0	W Buick	15/2	J Gosden	3/9
2012	21-123	Encke (24)	9 0	M Barzalona	25/1	M Al Zarooni	1/9
2013	41-111	Leading Light (85)	9 0	J P O'Brien	7/2F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	7/11
2014	111-024	Kingston Hill (70)	9 1	A Atzeni	9/4F	R Varian	4/14
2015	-1212	Bondi Beach (24)	9 1	C O'Donoghue	2/1JF	A P O'Brien (Ire)	8/8
2016	21124	Harbour Law (65)	9 1	G Baker	22/1	Mrs L Mongan	9/9
2017	13-4361	Capri (77)	9 1	R L Moore	3/1F	A P O'Brien (Ire)	9/11
2018	320113	Kew Gardens (24)	9 1	R L Moore	3/1	A P O'Brien (Ire)	8/12
2019	-1111	Logician (24)	9.1	L Dettori	5/6F	J Gosden	4/8
2020	5-111	Galileo Chrome (14)	9 1	T Marquand	4/1	J P O'Brien (Ire)	12/12

**1M 4F Handicap (45%):** All but one past winner were rested at least 17 days before winning here. 8/10 past winners finished 5<sup>th</sup> or better LTO. Drawfacts: Low 50%; Middle 30%; High 20%.

**1M Handicap (30%):** Since 2011 we have seen three sole/joint favourites and one second favourite winning. All but one of the others had odds of 9/1 or shorter. The last ten winners all carried a weight of 8st 9lbs or greater. Drawfacts: Low 50%, Middle 30%; High 20%.

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