

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 (where televised on ITV) is also highlighted with the last 10 years results summarised.

THURSDAY

6f Apprentice Handicap (n/a): New race in 2022.

6.5F Nursery for 2yo fillies (35%): 8/10 winners were 4th or better on their last run with 7/10 finishing 1st/2nd LTO. 8/10 winners all had odds of 9/1 or shorter. Stall 3 has produced three winners since 2016. Drawfacts: Low 40%, Middle 40%, High 20%.

6.5F 'Weatherbys Scientific' Stakes for 2yo (10%): Another of these very valuable yearlings' sales races. R Fahey/R Varian/K Ryan are the leading trainers in the race with 2 wins each since 2014. 8/10 past winners had finished 6th or better on their last run (within last 54 days). Stall 3 has provided three of the last six winners of the race and has produced the winner/placed horses in six of the last seven renewals. This race sometimes throws up a long-priced winner with 33/1 & 100/1 winners seen since 2013. Drawfacts: Low 40%; Middle 20%; High 40%.

(Gr 2) 'May Hill' Stakes over 1M for 2yo Fillies (30%): 7/10 winners started as either 1st/2nd favourites. 9/10 past winners had also won on their debut with two past winner's having a single run ahead of winning here. Stalls 1 & 7 have both produced 3 winners since 2014. Drawfacts: Low 40%; Middle 30%; High 30%.

(Gr 2) Park Hill Stakes over 1M 7F (30%): J Gosden/J&T Gosden are the leading trainers with four wins since 2015. 8/10 past winners finished 5th or better LTO with five also winning their last race. All winners since 2013 were rested at least 21 days since their last race. Drawfacts: Low 20%, Middle 10%, High 70%.

| Year | Form | Horse + Days since last run | Age/Weight | Jockey | Odds | Trainer | Draw |
|------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 2013 | /41-335 | The Lark (81) | 3 8 6 | J Spencer | 15/8F | M Bell | 8/10 |
| 2014 | 43-1351 | Silk Sari (39) | 4 9 5 | A Atzeni | 8/1 | L Cumani | 4/14 |
| 2015 | /1501 | Gretchen (40) | 3 8 7 | R Havlin | 5/1 | J Gosden | 13/13 |
| 2016 | 111-240 | Simple Verse (82) | 4 9 5 | O Murphy | 3/1 | R Beckett | 14/14 |
| 2017 | 1101-03 | Alyssa (68) | 4 9 5 | P Dobbs | 25/1 | R Beckett | 2/10 |
| 2018 | 6-41243 | God Given (25) | 4 9 5 | J Spencer | 5/1 | L Cumani | 6/7 |
| 2019 | 14-1211 | Enbihaar (40) | 4 9 8 | J Crowley | 6/5F | J Gosden | 8/8 |
| 2020 | -011 | Pista (28) | 3 8 9 | W Buick | 6/1 | J P O'Brien (Ire) | 7/8 |
| 2021 | 4-1121 | Free Wind (25) | 3 8 9 | L Dettori | 15/8F | J&T Gosden | 4/9 |
| 2022 | 0-2110 | Mimikyū (21) | 3 8 11 | L Dettori | 13/2 | J & T Gosden | 8/8 |

1M 2F Handicap for 3yo (n/a): New race in 2023.

1m 4f Handicap (n/a): New race in 2023.

7F Nursery for 2yo (50%): Seven of the last ten winners started as 1st/2nd favourites. All winners had a 3rd or better placing on either of their last two runs. Drawfacts: Low 60%, Middle 30%, High 10%.

FRIDAY

7F Maiden for 2yo Fillies (n/a): New race in 2023.

(Listed) 'Flying Scotsman' Stakes over 7F for 2yo (44%): Race status was upgraded to listed in 2013 and not run in 2022. 8/9 past winners were 1st/2nd LTO with the other 4th on its last run. Just one maiden has won the race in 2013. In the years when favourites did not win, no second favourites won and they had odds of 11/2 to 9/1. Stalls 2&5 have provided three winners each since 2013. Drawfacts: Low 55%; Middle 33%; High 12%.

(Gr 2) 'Flying Childers' Stakes over 5F for 2yo (10%): 5/10 winners came from the first two in the betting with just two winners at odds of more than 8/1 (at 18/1 & 40/1). R Hannon is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2013. Just one Irish trained winner seen since 1986. Stall 3 has produced three winners since 2013. Drawfacts: Low 50%, Middle 30%, High 20%.

(Gr 2) Doncaster Cup over 2M 2F (70%): 9/10 past winners all had odds of 9/2 or shorter with seven 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 five past winners since 2013 with *Coltrane & Broome* entered from that race in 2023. Drawfacts: Low 20%, Middle 50%, High 30%.

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| 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 |
| 2021 | 200-141 | Stradivarius (21) | 7 9 8 | L Dettori | 4/11F | J&T Gosden | 5/7 |
| 2022 | 221142 | Coltrane (23) | 5 9 7 | D Probert | 9/1 | A Balding | 6/8 |

1M 6F+ 'Mallard' Handicap (20%): Apart from the two winning favourites, all other winners had odds of 4/1 or greater (no winning 2nd favourites). Only three past winners had carried more than 9st 12lbs to victory. No 6yo or 9yo have won the race since 1986 (when my records started) with 4yo winning 6/10 recent races. Just two of the last ten winners were rested more than 23 days before winning here. Drawfacts: Low 30%, Middle 30%, High 40%.

1M 4F Fillies Handicap (16%): New race in 2016 with all winners to date finishing 5th or better LTO. All six also carried a weight of 9st 4lb or less. All winners to date were aged 3 or 4yo.. Drawfacts: Low 33%; Middle 50%; High 17%.

6.5F Handicap (5%): Just one winning joint favourite and four winning second favourites. 7/10 past winners carried a weight of 8st 13lbs or less. No past winner had also won LTO with four recent winners finishing 2nd LTO. No 3yo has won the race in the last ten years with just one apprentice jockey with a weight allowance winning previously. Stall 4 has produced four winners since 2014. Drawfacts: Low 40%, Middle 30%; High 30%.

SATURDAY

(Gr 2) 'Champagne Stakes' over 7F for 2yo (55%): 8/10 past winners were 1st/2nd favourites. The Hannon yard sent out three past winners since 2013. Since 1986 there have been only two Irish trained winners of the race. Only one winner since 2013 had more than three previous runs. Drawfacts: Low 30%; Middle 20%; High 50%.

5.5F 'Portland' Handicap (25%): In years when the favourite did not win most others had odds of 12/1 to 25/1. No 6yo or 8yo horses have won in the last ten years. 6 of the last 10 winners had a middle draw and 22/40 winners/placed horses also had a middle draw. 9/10 past winners carried a weight of 9st or greater. 6/7 recent winners were either 3rd or better LTO. Drawfacts: Low 10%; Middle 60%; High 30%.

(Gr 2) 'Park Stakes' over 7F (40%): 10/10 winners had odds of 9/2 or shorter. All past winners were 6yo or younger. Four of the last five winners had last run 21/22 days earlier at York in the Gr2 City of York Stakes, finishing 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 1st there. Drawfacts: Low 40%; Middle 30%; High 30%.

(Gr 1) 'St Leger' Stakes over 1M 6F+ for 3yo (55%): A P O'Brien has won four of the last ten renewals with all being 1st/2nd favourites and finishing 3rd or better LTO. 8/10 winners were 1st/2nd favourites with the others 4/1 & 22/1. A last run at York in the Great Voltigeur was seen for three past winners since 2015 (finished 2nd 2nd 1st). Stall 4 has produced three winners since 2014. Drawfacts: Low 10%; Middle 50%; High 40%.

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|------|---------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 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 |
| 2021 | 1-11311 | Hurricane Lane (59) | 9 1 | W Buick | 8/11F | C Appleby | 4/10 |
| 2022 | 1-114 | Eldar Eldarov (59) | 9.3 | D Egan | 9/2 | R Varian | 5/9 |

1m 2f Handicap (n/a): New race in 2023.

1m Maiden for 2yo (n/a): New race in 2020 with both winners to date trained in Newmarket with odds of 8/1 or shorter.

1M Handicap (40%): Since 2013 we have seen four favourites and two second favourites 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. The last six winners were all 5th or better LTO. Stall 1 has produced three winners since 2013. Drawfacts: Low 40%, Middle 40%; High 20%.

SUNDAY

1M 2F Handicap (n/a): New race in 2023.

7F Handicap for 3yo (30%): Only three winning favourites and no winning 2nd favourites seen in the last 10 years. 8/10 winners carried a weight of 8st 11lbs or greater. 5/10 winners had odds of 12/1 or greater. Drawfacts: Low 50%; Middle 30%, High 20%.

1M 'Leger Legends' Stakes (10%): Just one winner since 2013 was favourite with just one winning (joint) second favourite with 5/10 winners having odds of 8/1 or shorter (others at 11/1 (twice), 12/1 (twice) and 33/1). 9/10 winners were 6th or better LTO. Younger horses (3/4 yo) have won 7/10 races. Drawfacts: Low 40%; Middle 50%, High 10%

(Gr 3) Sceptre Stakes over 7F (10%): Prior to the 2021 winner, the last winning favourite was in 2010 (with last winning 2nd favourite in 2011) so it generally pays to look for some 'value' elsewhere. 3yo have the best record in this event with 5/10 wins. The last nine winners were 5th or better LTO Drawfacts: Low 30%, Middle 40%, High 30%.

(Listed) Scarborough Stakes over 5F (45%): 6/10 winners started as 1st/2nd favourites. C Hills is the leading trainer with 3 wins since 2015 and has 2019 winner *Equilateral* entered this year. Stall 2 has provided four winners since 2014. Drawfacts: Low 60%; Middle 30%; High 10%.

1m Nursery Handicap (2yo): New race in 2022.

5.5F Handicap (n/a): New race in 2022

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