

Pedigree analysis

DOSAGE PROFILE OF 2,000 GUINEAS CONTENDERS

Colt	Sire/damsire	Profile	DI	CD
Al Hilalee	Dubawi/Authorized	1-0-6-3-2 = 12	0.50	-0.42
Kick On	Charm Spirit/Marju	1-1-5-3-0 = 10	0.82	0.00
Azano	Oasis Dream/Hurricane Run	1-3-11-4-1 = 20	0.90	-0.05
Duke Of Hazzard	Lope De Vega/Invincible Spirit	0-1-6-1-0 = 8	1.00	0.00
Dark Vision	Dream Ahead/Dansili	0-1-2-1-0 = 4	1.00	0.00
Walkinthesand	Footstepsinthesand/Alzao	4-1-20-3-2 = 30	1.00	0.07
Magna Grecia	Invincible Spirit/Galileo	3-3-14-6-0 = 26	1.00	0.12
Emaraaty Ana	Shamardal/Cape Cross	2-1-23-2-0 = 28	1.07	0.11
Great Scot	Requinto/Mr Greeley	2-3-9-4-0 = 18	1.12	0.17
Madhmoon	Dawn Approach/Haafhd	2-3-6-3-0 = 14	1.33	0.29
Set Piece	Dansili/Kingmambo	6-2-16-4-0 = 28	1.33	0.36
Urban Icon	Cityscape/Shamardal	3-0-8-1-0 = 12	1.40	0.42
Royal Marine	Raven's Pass/Singspiel	4-3-8-3-0 = 18	1.57	0.44
Sporting Chance	Kodiac/Giant's Causeway	3-3-15-1-0 = 22	1.59	0.36
Skardu	Shamardal/Iffraaj	1-4-13-0-0 = 18	1.77	0.33
King Of Change	Farhh/Echo Of Light	1-4-8-1-0 = 14	1.80	0.36
Shine So Bright	Oasis Dream/Sir Percy	2-3-8-1-0 = 14	1.80	0.43
Name The Wind	Toronado/Dansili	3-5-8-2-0 = 18	2.00	0.50
Ten Sovereigns	No Nay Never/Exceed And Excel	1-2-5-0-0 = 8	2.20	0.50
The Irish Rover	No Nay Never/Danehill Dancer	2-3-7-0-0 = 12	2.43	0.58
Van Beethoven	Scat Daddy/Montbrook	6-3-8-1-0 = 18	2.60	0.78
Raakib Alhawa	Kingman/Sea The Stars	0-6-6-0-0 = 12	3.00	0.50
Momkin	Bated Breath/Raven's Pass	1-3-4-0-0 = 8	3.00	0.63
Advertise	Showcasing/Pivotal	4-6-10-0-0 = 20	3.00	0.70

Key to Profile: Left to right columns, ranging from speed to stamina: Brilliant, Intermediate, Classic, Solid, Professional. DI = Dosage index; CD = Centre of distribution. The Centre of Distribution (CD) scale complements the DI. The CD covers the range from +2 to -2, where +2 corresponds to the Brilliant aptitudinal group in the Dosage profile (DP), +1 corresponds to Intermediate, 0 corresponds to Classic, -1 corresponds to Solid, and -2 corresponds to Professional. A low (close to zero) or negative CD indicates enhanced stamina potential



Galileo link a key pointer to stamina-laden Magna Grecia

A FRESH generation of thoroughbreds are pushed to the fore in the Qipco 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas, in which we gauge brimming potential against often scant form.

Where the form is inconclusive, we look to the Dosage system to point the way in identifying those with the best relative blend of speed and stamina to succeed in these early-season Classics.

Two distinct types tend to run with credit in both races, the traditional speed-miler and those who are not only able to step up to middle distances but are destined for such trips.

Galileo has had a disproportionate influence on the two races, appearing in the pedigrees of no fewer than seven of the last ten 2,000 Guineas winners and two of the last three 1,000 Guineas winners (as either the sire, grandsire or damsire). This has caused the average DI (Dosage Index) for 2,000 Guineas winners to move to 0.98 in the last ten years, compared to the traditional speed-miler type of around 2.0.

The two large tables show those left in the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas at the confirmation stage. As usual, those with the most stamina potential appear at the top of each table and those with the least at the bottom, ranked in order of the Dosage Index (DI).

Magna Grecia

Invincible Spirit – Cabaret (Galileo)

Winner of the Vertem Futurity Trophy last season and boasts the type of pedigree – by Invincible Spirit out of a Galileo mare – to perform with great credit here before having the scope to develop into a decent middle-distance performer.

He sits on a DI of 1.00, in line with the recent average of winners with Galileo in their pedigree, and must have a big chance.

Ten Sovereigns

No Nay Never – Seeking Solace (Exceed And Excel)

Unbeaten in three outings, including the Middle Park, but has never raced beyond 6f and his pedigree looks all about speed over stamina.

The son of No Nay Never has just eight points in his Dosage profile, indicating a shortage of data, so it's not impossible that he could get a mile in his three-year-old season.

However, the testing Rowley Mile could well find him out and it would be surprising if at least one or two of those lining up don't see it out better.

Skardu

Shamardal – Diala (Iffraaj)

By Shamardal, a multiple Group 1 winner including the French Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes at this trip, while his damsire won at Group 2

level at 7f and his dam, Diala, took a Newmarket maiden at the same distance.

On a DI of 1.77, Skardu falls in line with the more traditional type of speed-miler who did well in this race prior to the advent of Galileo's influence.

More of a concern is that the form of his Craven Stakes win still leaves him needing to improve significantly again as runner-up Momkin isn't a strong stayer at the trip according to his DI and Royal Marine was below his best.

Madhmoon

Dawn Approach – Aaraas (Haafhd)

Holds a secure position in our table and has already shown he gets the required trip having won a Group 2 at Leopardstown over a mile last season.

He could be almost anything and he should have a big say in the outcome.

Advertise

Showcasing – Furbelow (Pivotal)

On a par with the best of these in terms of ability judged on last season's strong juvenile form – apart from finishing second to superstars Too Darn Hot and Calyx, he won all three of his other races, including the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes – and shouldn't be dismissed.

However, featuring at the foot of our table on a DI of 3.00, the Showcasing colt is

almost certainly more of a sprinting type.

Royal Marine

Raven's Pass – Inner Secret (Singspiel)

Fourth in the Craven when short of room and lacklustre at Meydan when occupying the same position in the UAE 2,000 Guineas, but the Raven's Pass colt had won the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp last season and is surely better than his most recent performances would suggest.

His damsire is Singspiel, himself a son of the prepotent stamina influence In The Wings, so there are no issues with seeing out this trip.

Al Hilalee

Dubawi – Ambivalent (Authorized)

Supplemented for the race by Godolphin, the Dubawi colt won a mile Listed race last year and certainly won't fail through lack of stamina, featuring at the top of our table for stamina aptitude.

Out of a Group 1-winning mare at 1m2f, his damsire being Derby winner Authorized, he has been considered more of a Derby type and that is borne out by his Dosage reading.

However, the fact that trainer Charlie Appleby feels he is entitled to take his chance in this race speaks volumes.

Set Piece

Dansili – Portodora (Kingmambo)

Craven third has the right sort of breeding, being by Dansili out of a Kingmambo mare, and a DI of 1.33 puts him midway in our stamina aptitude table.

Great Scot

Requinto – La Rosiere (Mr Greeley)

Has already won over a mile and a DI of 1.12 suggests he will improve for stepping back up in trip after his Greenham second, but he was put in his place behind Magna Grecia in the Vertem Futurity Trophy.

Urban Icon

Cityscape – Fauran (Shamardal)

Only third in the Greenham but is a big colt and further improvement is expected. He will undoubtedly stay this trip when he has strengthened into his frame and is suited by fast ground.

Momkin

Bated Breath – Contradict (Raven's Pass)

Second behind Skardu over this course and distance in the Craven but sits at the foot of our table on a DI of 3.00 and others are likely to prove more effective over the stiff mile.

Shine So Bright

Oasis Dream – Alla Speranza (Sir Percy)

Newmarket's Free Handicap

winner was placed in Group 2 company last season at 6f and has a good turn of foot, being by July Cup winner Oasis Dream.

Nonetheless, a mile should not be out of the question for the colt, who has a DI of 1.80 with stamina derived from the dam side of his pedigree.

Kick On

Charm Spirit – Marika (Marju)

I can't imagine that the connections of Calyx are more gutted than I am that he hasn't made the line-up here, but John Gosden was, no doubt wisely, reluctant to throw him in at the deep end after such a long layoff and hopefully other top mile targets await him after Wednesday's comeback run. Too Darn Hot is another to have fallen by the wayside for Gosden.

However, Feilden Stakes winner Kick On is another top three-year-old from an embarrassment of riches at the yard. On a DI of 0.82, he has a perfect balance of zero in his speed/stamina centre of distribution (CD).

He looks destined for middle distances but could still make an impact here.

Emaraaty Ana

Shamardal – Spirit Of Dubai (Cape Cross)

The Gimcrack winner finished down the field behind Ten Sovereigns in the Middle Park and, like that horse, has yet to